

The Grateful Heart

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
February 2011 NEWSLETTER

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever."

That's how Psalm 136 begins. The psalmist continues, reciting how it is that the Lord has carried his people. Twenty-six times in the psalm, the psalmist steps back to declare "his steadfast love endures forever."

It has been said that "thank you" may be the prayer God receives most joyfully. By it, we honor that the Lord is the source of our being, and the author of our salvation; that what we are and have is pure gift. Through this prayer, gratitude finds a deep home in our hearts and souls, and we live with arms outstretched fully...both to receive, and to give.

Give thanks is what we do every time we worship. After all, the word "eucharist" comes the Greek "eucharisto," meaning "thanksgiving." That's what we do at the table...give thanks.

And on the weekend of February 19 & 20, we will give thanks with special intention and heartiness. As you know, the building work that has been so much part of our life the last several years is coming to a close. The worship space and music room are completed, and we're down to the punch list with the new Youth/Multi-Purpose space (called "The Garage at Christ Church," "The GCC"). Soon, the youth will be gathering there on Sunday afternoons and evenings, and at other times. And soon, other gatherings in our life and the life of our neighborhood will happen there, as well. We're moving in.

So that weekend of the 19th and 20th, we're celebrating and giving thanks. We're thanking God for taking us through this journey. We're thanking one another for the gifts we have shared to make it possible...our financial gifts, and the spiritual gifts and earthly talents we have offered selflessly to arrive at this point. It has been a heroic effort on the part of this people, one that has asked great trust of us.

I remember writing in *The Grateful Heart* about this project several years ago...that the most important thing would not necessarily be the end result, but the practice we would have throughout the process in trusting God and one another. We have practiced well. We worked things out; we showed courage when we could have fallen back; we even had to change plans. But we trusted God and one another, and here we are...just about finished.

So while it's always good to give thanks to the Lord, this is an especially good time to pause and declare our gratitude. That's what we'll do at worship on February 19th and 20th, and at the celebration in the Garage at Christ Church on that Sunday evening, beginning at 6:00 PM.

And we'll give thanks not just for all this, but for everything...for life, and hope, and God's saving grace, and the kingdom that is God's good pleasure to give us (Luke 12:32), and the love of Jesus that endures forever. We'll remind ourselves that it is God's very nature to give; that we have been the recipients of God's generosity; that it's a good life to live with open hands and open arms...that a life lived thankfully is a blessing to the generations.

So come be part of the festivities on the 19th and 20th...at worship on Saturday and Sunday, and then on Sunday evening to celebrate the opening of the Garage at Christ Church. We'll give our thanks; but also, consider what you are thankful for. And come, and together we'll give thanks.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever." That is what we declare. Not just twenty-six times; but with every breath, and forever.

Paul

Growing for the Generations

Please remember...*Growing for the Generations* continues through December 31, 2011.

Though the building work is coming to a close, our ability to complete this project without long-term debt depends on us fulfilling the promises we made in *Growing for the Generations*.

So please, remember your pledge. Thank you.

Caritas

CARITAS is Coming to Christ Church.....

Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter

Become the hands and feet, the heart and the face of Jesus.

Christ has no body now but yours

No hands, no feet on earth but yours

Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

St. Teresa of Avila

Christ Church will be hosting the women of CARITAS **Saturday April 2 through Saturday April 9.** Discipleship is about focusing on Jesus, following in His footsteps, and becoming His hands and feet in the world. If you are looking for a way to **become the hands and feet, the heart and the face of Jesus** to those less fortunate, prayerfully consider helping Christ Church provide a home to the homeless for one week. There are **many** ways you and your family can help—pack some lunches, prepare a meal, serve as an overnight guest. You may give of your time, but you will receive much, much more in return. Sign up will begin the weekend of March 5 in the milling area

Thank you for your support.

If you have questions concerning our CARITAS Outreach activities, please contact:

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Easter Egg Hunt

Christ Church's Annual
Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo
will be held April 10th, from 3-5pm.



Candy needed !

We can not do this great community
outreach event without your help.

We will be collecting wrapped candy for the
Egg Hunt from now through March 27th.
Please place your donations in the "Egg Hunt"
bin in the milling area.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Mark your calendars for VBS July 11-15.

This year's theme is

"Inside Out and Upside Down on Main Street"

...where Jesus makes a difference every day!

Clothing and Toy Consignment Sale



**Christ Church Episcopal
Saturday, March 12, 2011**

**Public Sale – 7:30am-11:30am
½ price sale – 12:00pm-1:30pm**

(Clothing, toys, bikes, books, games and more.... ages 0-14)

To sign up as a consignor or for more information, please go to
www.christchurchsale.org or call Susan at 747-9636

Haiti Mission Trip

A mission trip is scheduled for March 14-March 21, 2011.

Anyone originally planning for the January trip, or anyone newly interested in going to Haiti in March, please contact Susan Bruce
(273-1977 shornsbybruce@verizon.net)

Lenten Retreat

Drawing Closer to God Through Prayer

Saturday, March 19th
9:00—12:30

As a follow up to our time with Brother Geoffrey in the fall, the Adult Ministry team will be presenting a second on campus retreat. Led by Shawn Dunham and Rick Rowland, the retreat will offer teaching on two ancient forms of prayer that focus on scriptural reading: Lectio Divina and Ignatian prayer. Lectio Divina is often called "sacred reading" and uses a 4 step method that progresses from hearing the word of God, to studying it, reflecting upon it, praying upon it in order to see how it may speak to our present situation. This "ladder of prayer" is one that seeks to lead us deeper into our relationship to God. Ignatian prayer is similar to Lectio Divina, but will add the dimension of imagining oneself in a scene depicted by the Gospels. The purpose is to make scripture become so alive and real to us that we can make a personal application of the teachings. The workshop will be designed to offer times of group teaching, personal reflection and small group sharing.

There is no fee for this retreat, but a suggested donation of \$10 would be welcome to offset costs of this and future offerings. Look for more information and sign ups on the Christ Church website soon!

Monument Avenue 10k

Come join Christ Church at the Monument Avenue 10K race on April 2nd!

We plan to form as many teams of five as will accommodate those who sign up with us. We will have Christ Church t-shirts, Saturday training sessions for all fitness levels and race goals (unlike others, we will run after the frost melts and the air warms up) and who knows, maybe a big group breakfast along the way.

To sign up or for more information, call
Joe Jagdmann at 310-5762 or write him at jjagdmann@verizon.net.



CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

Greetings from the preschool! Snowflakes, snowmen, hibernation, igloos, moon shoes, volcanoes, letters, numbers, and nursery rhymes are just a few of the concepts we've been learning about at CCEP. Oh...and don't let me forget to mention donuts! Dads attended our annual "Donuts with Dad" complete with juice, Krispy Kreme donuts, and classroom activities held during their child's free center time. Many dads exited the building sporting some innovative, one of a kind ties, created especially for them by their child. Move over Franco's! In addition to our classroom activities, we have several guests and field trips scheduled this month. Debbie Halbritter, a church member and dental hygienist will teach our children about dental health. Kamp Kreatures brings one of their interactive puppet shows as seen on PBS to our children, and our PreK children will travel to St. Mary's Teddy Bear Clinic for an educational and popular program designed for preschoolers. No matter what we're studying, time flies when you're having fun!!

Each Wednesday Hillary invites our children to attend Chapel. This month our Bible verse is "Do Not Be Afraid" – Luke 1:13. In addition to our Bible verse, our threes will learn about King David, The Lost Son: Luke 14, Miriam Sings: Exodus 15, and Prayers as Rhymes. Our fours and PreK children will learn about Apostle Paul, Hide it Under a Bushel: Luke 15, The Surprise Visit: Genesis 42-46, and The Wind and the Waves: Luke 8. The children clearly understand the Chapel message that "Jesus is the Light of the World!"

Laura Monica, our music and movement teacher keeps our children "Moving & Groovin'" throughout their music class time. This month the children will be moving and singing to traditional nursery rhymes, enhancing literacy development and promoting the concept that learning is fun! Children will also move through an obstacle course encouraging spatial relations & balance, use the parachute, play instruments to different tempos of songs, and learn about different genres of music. It's always a good time in music!

If you are interested, or know of someone that might like to attend our preschool for 2011-2012, please call the preschool office at 364-5905 to schedule a tour. You can also find more information on our website at www.christchurchpreschool.com. All children must be potty trained. Our 2011-12 class offerings are as follows:

- PreK 5 Day (Must be 4 by 9/30/11)
- PreK 4 Day (Must be 4 by 9/30/11)
- Young 4's (Must be 4 by 12/31/11)
- 3 Day Older Threes (Must be 3 by 9/30/11)
- 3 Day Younger Threes (Must be 3 by 12/31/11)

We still have a few spots remaining. Let your child's light shine by enrolling them in Christ Church Episcopal Preschool!

"Let Your Light Shine"
Cheri Erk
Executive Director

Love Without Borders

Youth Auction & Pasta Dinner

March 20 5:00 pm



This year we are partnering with the Sudan Mission Team to raise funds for

- our Youth Scholarship Fund
- the Sudan Mission Team
- Hope and Resurrection School in the Southern Sudan

The evening promises to be fun for all ages & includes a silent and live auction, entertainment, and a delicious dinner !

Auction items are needed ...and the possibilities are endless !

Would you host a dinner/party or outing? Could you teach a yoga class, a painting class, a cooking class? Could you give a tennis lesson, a skiing lesson, a horseback lesson? Do you have a vacation house to offer? Could you create a gift basket ? Would you donate tickets to a sporting event or cultural event ?

*Just use your imagination and join the fun and excitement of the
3rd annual Youth Auction and Pasta Dinner!*

You may submit your auction item by using the form on page 7 or go to the Christ Church website and complete the form online.

www.christchurchrichmond.com

Christ Church Episcopal Auction Donation Form

Third Annual Auction, Sunday, March 20th, 2011
To Benefit The Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund of Christ Church,
Hope & Resurrection School in Sudan and the Sudanese Mission Trip Fund

Silent Auction Donation Record *(This portion to be retained by with the donated item)*

Christ Church Auction Solicitor _____ Telephone _____
(please print)

Donor Name *(exactly as it should appear in the program)* _____
(please print)

Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Website *(either donor website or website with more info on donation)* _____


Item Donated *(please describe in detail and include any restrictions i.e. vacation home available for specific dates)*

Estimated Retail Value _____

Gift Certificate? ___ Merchandise? ___

Delivery *(if item or certificate is not included with this donation form, indicate when and how will item be delivered)*

Donor's Signature _____ Date _____

 *(cut along dotted line)*
(This portion to be given to the donor)

Christ Church 2011 Auction Donor Receipt

Donor Name _____

Item Donated _____

Christ Church Representative Signature _____ Date _____

On behalf of Christ Church Episcopal Youth Team, Sudan Mission Team and Hope & Resurrection School we would like to express our gratitude for your gift. Christ Church Episcopal, 5000 Pouncey Tract Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059 is a non-profit organization and your gift is deductible to the extent allowed by law. The only goods or services provided in return are intangible religious benefits. We sincerely appreciate your contribution to our important endeavor. Thank you.



made to **worship**
christ church music ministry

a worship concert

Saturday, February 26, 2011 5:30 p.m.

By the Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs of
Christ Church Episcopal
Guest Choir - The Virginia Girls' Choir

5000 Pouncey Tract Road Glen Allen, VA 23059 (804) 364-0394

www.christchurchrichmond.com

Worship is the desire and destiny of every human soul. The worship of God in Christ Jesus is the heart of the Music Ministry.

Altar Flower Dedications

If you would like to make a dedication for Altar Flowers on a particular weekend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway off the Milling Area(near the restrooms...on the way to the parlor). Suggested donation for a dedication is \$40.

(The church office will call you to get the wording for your dedication.)

Welcome Cleous Bwambale

Cleous Bwambale, the Deputy Headmaster from Hope and Resurrection School in Southern Sudan is visiting the US and will be spending time with Christ Church to update us on the progress of the school. Cleous and his family live in Uganda, and he views his work at the school as a missionary role. You are invited to come to hear Cleous speak and extend him a warm welcome!

Following are the dates and times to meet Cleous:

Saturday, February 12

8:00 AM Missions and Outreach Meeting

Sunday, February 13

Youth Group meetings:

Mid High 3:30 PM

Senior High 6:30 PM

For more information, please contact Jennifer Ernst at jpe60@aol.com. Thank you!

Vibrant Stewardship

If you are yet to complete the survey, you may pick up a copy in the Milling Area or complete it online by going to the Christ Church website.

The final day for participation in the survey is **TUESDAY, February 15th.**

Thank you for being part of this ministry of teaching and learning.

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10 GREAT DATES[®]

to Energize Your Marriage

Looking for a night out with your spouse? The Family Support Ministry of Christ Church is providing you with an easy way to “date” your spouse!

What is 10 Great Dates?

This insightful book and video course by David and Claudia Arp helps spark romance with memory-making evenings built on key, marriage-enriching themes such as communication, conflict, encouragement, creative love life, and balancing roles of parent and partner.

Is this some sort of marriage therapy?

No, this is program to focus on marriage enrichment. The goal is to take a marriage and make it even better through one-on-one time with your spouse. You will never be asked to share information with the other participants. Whether newly wed or newly retired, parents of toddler, parents of teens or not parents at all, all types of marriages can benefit from the investment in great dates.

What will we be doing?

After meeting at the church you and your spouse will watch a short video that covers the night's topic. You are then sent out for your own private date. You can go out to dinner, pack a picnic, take a walk, what ever you choose to focus on each other.

The program will run the first Friday night of each month (with an occasional change) from 6:30-9:00 p.m. (The first three dates are March 4, April 1, and May 6). There will be an eleventh “bonus date” in early January 2012 to wrap up the program and socialize with other cou-

ples. Even if you cannot make it to all the dates you can still do the program. Just make as many dates as you are able.

What do we do if we need childcare?

Bring the kids! Christ Church will provide a fun, age appropriate, and supervised play environment. Ages infant-5th grade.

What is the cost?

Each couple will pay a fee of \$15 that includes the cost of the book. Money will be collected during the first date on March 4th. Books will be given out at that time.

*If you need childcare there is an additional cost of \$85. This is a great deal! Over the 12 total dates you will get close to 28 hours of childcare—that works out to under \$3 per hour. Where can you find a sitter for that? Payment options and scholarships are available.

What dates will we meet?

We'll meet once a month - usually the first Friday of each month (unless it is a holiday weekend). Here are the dates: March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, 2012 (Social)

Please register by February 25, by going to the Christ Church website.

Questions? Contact

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or

Casey Torrence (caseytorrence@gmail.com)

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FEBRUARY 2011	February 6		February 13		February 20		February 27	
	9:00AM	10:45AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:45 AM
S1	Daniel Jagdmann	Robert deWolff	Stephen Plotz	Kimberly Borden	James Sylvester	TBA	Daniel Jagdmann	Drew Anderson
S2	Jonathan Plotz	Carsten deWolff	Jonathan Plotz	Kathleen Kelso	Haley Bunting	Peter Andrews	Alexander Stokes	Brittany Anderson
J1	Kristen Lafayette	Stephen White	Ransom Schulz	Eliza Duckworth	Brady Goode	Phillip Crump	Sara Moncure	Eliza Duckworth
J2	Veronica Will	Emma Garrett	Mee Shan Bright	Anna Phares	Barrett Goode	Tyler Phillips	Sahana Tharakan	Anna Phares
J3	Anne Robertson	Sierra Loudermilk	Anne Robertson	Emma Garrett	Morgan Castellano	Stephen White	Mee Shan Bright	Sierra Loudermilk
Acolyte Master	Sheryl Will		John Franklin		Greg Phillips		Charles Moncure	
Lay Worship Leaders								
FR	Jim Heck	Joe Gallagher	Tom Nicholson	Jen Rose	Hugh Greene	Rebecca Maguire	Doug Elliott	Brock Vaughn
PP	Lee Heck	Elaine Champion	Mason Harper	Ken Royston	Steve Foster	David Maguire	Kevin Kinter	Lilly Andrews
Chalicers								
1	Sharon Fairbanks	Harry Kelso	Michele Damasco	Judy Heppert	Charis Schools	Mac Thayer	Nancy Rieckman	Susan Rowland
2	Nancy Rieckmann	Margaret Crews	Chris Schools	Bill Beattie	Laura Lafayette	Margaret Crews	Kevin Kinter	Amy Goodman
3	Robbi Schleicher	Tom Tyler	Gerry Escalera	Susan Darden	Lee Heck	Diane Muska	Page Gravely	Judy Heppert
4	Pam Board	Diane Muska	Page Gravely	Jen Rose	Jim Heck	Elaine Champion	Pam Board	Sue D'Alessandro
5	Kevin Kinter	Adair Roper	Mason Harper	Lee Muckey	Steve Foster	Bill Beattie	Michele Damasco	Marc Halbritter
6	Chris Robertson	Susan Manning	Doug Elliott	Ken Royston	Addison Jones	Lee Muckey	Barry Hayes	Laura-Jane Owen
7	Lorraine Gawronski	Jen Wasik	Laura Lafayette	Libby Bush	Hugh Greene	Libby Bush	Robert Nicol	Shawn Dunham
8	Robert Nicol	Marc Halbritter	Melinda Hancock	Diane Muska	Kim Ferguson	Susan Manning	Barbara Case	Kay Holmes
Bread 1 & 2	Jim Heck	Paul / Hillary J. Gallagher	A. Jones	Paul / Hillary Gray Glass	John Napier	Paul / Hillary Tricia Williams	Doug Elliott	Paul / Hillary Rick Rowland
Distributor 3 & 4	Lee Heck	Elaine Champion	Tom Nicholson	Susan Ann Glass	Carol Napier	Marc Halbritter	John Franklin	Brock Vaughn
Bread Baker (2 loaves)	Chris Turner	Janet Willis	Beth Pemberton	Susan Ann Glass	Pam Board	Gale Hawes	Jon Fairbanks	Carrie Kuzemchak
Tellers								
	Holly Borden/Coordinator	Lin & Carol Bottoms, Bob Watts	Jim Sowers & Jeanne Walker/Coordinators	Beth Pemberton, Judi Goldneitz	Laura Armour & Gary Farrar/Coordinators	B. J. Duerson, Valerie Walls	Pete Gallagher & Anne Atwood/Coordinators, Donna Weed	Martin Atwood, Paul Kuzemchak
	Kammy Hambrick, Lisa Radez		Jenn Satych					
Greeters / Hosts								
	Jim Heck	Susan & Frank Ashby	Lauren Reed	Gwen Harding	Hunter Stott	Shelley Putney	John & Carol Napier	Sudan & Frank Ashby
	Kathleen Dracos	Margaret Popik	Tom & Susan Crockett	Debbie Noble	Tom Valiquett	John Kent	Tom Valiquett	Ken & Marilyn Wayland
	Doug Elliott	John Daylor	Jennifer Robertson	Harry Kelso	Anne Atwood	John Daylor	Nancy Elliott	
	Mark Brandis							
Ushers								
	Will & Henry Watkins	Flora & Sons	Andy Reisinger	Mike Heppert	Donna & Tom Weed	Debbie Bornholdt	Mindy & Doug Elliott, Don Miles	Mike & Peggy Neely
	John Dracos	Jay Theado	John Napier	Darryl Ernst	Martin & Anne Atwood	Dutch Bumgartner	Bruce & Janet Willis	Dave Hasek
	Sharon & Jeff Jahn	Gray Glass	Chuck Hall	Bonnie & John Shelhorse	Betsy & Pete Gallagher	Mike Nelligan	Grayson & Revere Johnson	Lisa & Theo deWolff
	Steve Canella	Roy Goodman	Bob & Barb Slate	Andy Hagy	Lee Heck	Carla Beattie	Mike Barnett	Cynthia Oliver
	Gerry Escalera	Cynthia Oliver	Chris Schools	Linda Anderson			Carol Napier	
Altar Guild			Barb Slate					
Vestry Person	Bill Beattie							Louanna Heuhsen
Activity Bags	Debbie Bunting		Susan Schools	Christine Frei			Andrea Macgill	
S. Board/ Computer	Lee Bowles	Lee Bowles	Lee Bowles	Brian Sullivan	Lee Bowles	Lee Bowles	Jeff Smith	Jeff Smith
	Joe Wiertel	Bill Manning	Lin Merritt	Peter Andrews	Warren Swanson	Jeff Smith	Darryl Ernst	Darryl Ernst

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The Garage at Christ Church
Grand Opening
Mark your calendar

Sunday, February 20
6:00 - 8:30 pm

This will be a worship celebration.
Everyone is invited to attend this
joyous occasion!

*If you would prefer to receive the monthly newsletter electronically,
please send an email to Josie, at j.sicheri@christchurchrichmond.com*

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