

The Grateful Heart

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
July 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Christ Church Friends,

I am excited to announce that our search for a Senior Youth Minister has come to fruitful closure! Last week Joe Torrence accepted our call to come and serve with Christ Church.

Joe is energetic and fun, and has been a delight to be with during his visits with Christ Church. He brings several years of experience to his service here, and a proven record in youth ministry. He is a gentle spirit and gifted teacher, and brings to his work a heart for youth, their households, and the entirety of the Church. He also brings a heart for the broader neighborhood, and a desire to serve and be with those in our community who do not enjoy some of the same blessings in life many of us do. He carries with him a great desire to walk with students and their households into what God has in store for us next.

Joe's wife name is Casey, and they are the parents of three daughters: Ellie, Riley, and Carter. Joe will begin his service here that last week of July, at which time we'll have a chance to welcome him and his family. Please keep your eyes open for opportunities to say "hello" to Joe. Until then, please keep him, his family, and the youth ministry to which we are all called in your prayers.

Our great thanks to the Search Team. Lisa DeWolff and Joe Jagdmann served as chairs. Other members are Jeff Bush, Kristi Nelligan, Jennifer Sullivan, Mac Thayer, Jean Watkins, and Jim Wheeler. They have met almost weekly for over four months to help bring Joe to Christ Church. Scores of others have also participated in this process, meeting with candidates and hosting them in their homes. On behalf of all of Christ Church, we extend our thanks to all who have given and served greatly to help us take this new next step.

Blessings to you,
Paul

Dear Christ Church Friends,

I know...I normally don't write two letters for *The Grateful Heart*. But this edition calls for additional words...

...as I write this, we are about halfway through our second CARITAS ministry of the year. Hundreds of you participate in this ministry of love and service. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner is prepared and served. Fellowship happens at dinner and during the evening. We pray with our friends, watch movies together, sing songs at supper; and study the scriptures with one another. We do laundry. We've had dentists provide dental care; eye doctors provide eye care; hair dressers provide haircuts. We sew and mend; we teach computers; we stay overnight; and we bring furniture and pack the storage bins. On Thursday night, we'll worship together. As well, merchants in the area and the YMCA have offered their services and assistance. This is a ministry with a broad reach, the sum of which is greater than the parts. Inevitably I am missing something. But on behalf of everybody, thank you for altering your life this week to be part of this time together.

What I have just written, of course, is only half the story. If you have participated in CARITAS you know that this is a mutual ministry. Our friends who make their home here for a week are blessing givers. In their presence we experience hope, and trust, and faith, and joy. We are the recipients of kind words, and warm smiles, and infectious laughter. We have modeled for us what Jesus teaches in Luke 10 about graciously receiving the hospitality of others, and are reminded that being a kind guest is as great a ministry as being a kind host. By sharing meals and lingering with one another, we become more of who God intends us to be and have new and grace-filled truths revealed. Our common life is made richer because for a short while, we are together. So on behalf of everybody, thank you to our friends who have been with us for this time.

We participate in the CARITAS ministry three times each year. The next opportunity to be part of this blessing is October 16th through the 23rd. Please mark this time on your calendars, and when the time comes, sign up.

Blessings to you,
Paul

Dear Friends,

For many of us, summer is a time where we're intentional about an unhurried way. We practice activities that renew our health and spirit. We celebrate liberation from packed schedules of school, sports activities, and tight work schedules. We seek ways to renew and reconnect with those we love and those we want to learn to love; God, family, friends, and neighbors.

During the month of July I invite you to take an unhurried way with some practices - four practices that help us draw closer to God and to one another. We'll talk about these practices at worship and give you suggestions for reinforcing the practice throughout the week. You can read and post to the [Christ Church Practices blog](http://christchurchpractices.wordpress.com/)...we hope you will keep in touch and share your thoughts and experiences as you move through your week.

Because worship is one of our most common practices of renewal and strength from the Lord, we invite you to come to worship. Worship is purposeful time to give thanks and praise to God; and to get fueled up for the week ahead.

You'll notice during this time some slight adjustments with worship. First, for those worshipping on Sunday, the bulletin will look a bit different. While our worship is ordered and often predictable, some of us, including our children, don't fully understand why we do what we do in worship. So, beginning July 11, you'll notice in the bulletin, words in italics, called *rubrics* that explain why we practice what we do. Please, take a moment to read the rubrics. Take your bulletin home. Teach your children and one another our worship practice. My guess is worship will have more meaning.

Also, in worship, we'll gather the children, just before the message, to hear a children's message. This message will then be reinforced during Children's Chapel. As always, adults will receive a similar message, then, when the children return, all will gather to share in the Lord's Supper.

You will also notice a "post it" note attached to your bulletin during this time. It is the **Practice Challenge** for that week. Challenge your family and friends to share in your practice challenge each week. Log onto the [practices blog](#) and share your thoughts as you move through the week with each practice.

Here are the four practices:

Compassion. (July 10-11) In worship we'll be looking at the story of the **Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)**. This week, your practice challenge is *to connect with a person in your family or circle of friends and ask how you can help.*

Hospitality. (July 17-18) Again, come to worship. We'll be looking at the story of **Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)**. Your practice challenge is *to invite a friend or acquaintance to spend time doing an activity of their choosing. Leave your burdens at home.*

Prayer. (July 24-25) In worship we will be looking at the story of **Seek and Ye Shall Find (Luke 11:1-13)**. Your practice challenge for the week is *to find at least one day this week, all day, pray before you speak. If you don't know what to pray, pray, "God be in my words."*

Generosity (July 31-August 1) During worship we'll spend some time with the story of **The Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)**. This practice challenge will be *to help others when you clean out your closet. Bring your gently used clothes to the milling area during the week to be given to Boaz and Ruth.*

Some of us find ourselves elsewhere during the summer, at the lake or the beach or the river; traveling to catch up on those family visits. Vacations call for rest and amusement. We miss you when you're absent. But, we know you're with us in Spirit. Stay connected through the common practices and by sharing your thoughts and ideas at the blog. I look forward to learning of your time with the practices and especially how you experience God at work in the ordinary.

Blessings,
Hillary

More about "practices" : Practices are a way of life that help us listen for God in every encounter and every effort; to put Christ as the center of all that we do. As early as the 5th century **Benedict of Nursia**, searching for a more meaningful way of life, and how to live it, designed the simplest of practices, for everyday life. In this stuff of every day, he found the holy; a healing in brokenness, sense in the overwork, and overscheduled, goodness in the ordinary. This summer, may these basic practices ignite in you a sense of living where you discover the power of God's love and mercy in all that you do.



Ministry News

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Scavenger hunts, prayer box making, shrinky dinks, tambourines, and hat games. Sound like fun? Then Summer Book Club might be for you!

Wednesday mornings
July 7 & 21 and August 11 & 25, 9:30-10:30.

Learn more and register [here](#).

Questions? Ask Rebecca:
r.guzman@christchurchrichmond.com



Vacation Bible School

August 2-6, 2010

Register online to participate or volunteer [here](#).

Mandatory Volunteer Training (pick one):

Sunday July 18, 3:30-4:30
Thursday July 22, 9:30-10:30
Tuesday July 27, 6:30-7:30
Thursday July 29, 9:30-10:30

All in Room 202
Childcare provided

**We are still accepting
volunteers of all kinds!**



On Vacation!

Rebecca will be out of the office June 24 through July 1, returning emails and phone calls on July 2.

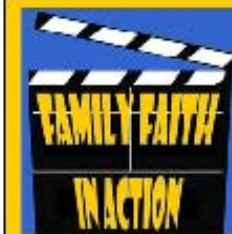


Summer Program

Parents, stay and play!
Littlest ones will be in the nursery, older kids outside.

All ages (nobody too small)
9:30-11:30 am

July 14, July 28, August 18,
Sept. 1



Second Sundays, 3:00

July 11: We'll be having an open mic, karaoke, and refreshments. Bring a gently used stuffed animal to donate and leave your stage fright at home!

August 7/8: Make a special effort to invite VBS friends without a church home to worship and help them feel welcome when they're

Womens Summer Bible Study

Ladies, are you looking for some “me” time over the summer? The Tuesday Night Women’s Bible Study is beginning a new series, “Savor the Moment; 6 sessions on Patience.” This study focuses on God’s timing and how to have patience in things both big and small. Each week is an independent session, so drop in when you can; there is no homework.

We will be meeting Tuesday nights in the Ed Building Room 207
from 7:00-9:00p, July 6 through August 10.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Susan Francis at 741-6358 or suzefrancis@yahoo.com; Laura McNally at 747-9789 or l.mcnally@comcast.net; or Becky Hansell at 270-1395 or bhansell@verizon.net.

Music Ministry

Summer Choir

Would you like to sing in the choir, but you can’t make
Thursday night rehearsals?

Now’s your opportunity! During the Summer months (4th of July through Labor Day weekend) we will have a “pick-up” choir at the 10:45 service each Sunday. All you have to do is be in the Music Space on Sunday morning at 10:15 am. We’ll give you everything you need for the service and have a brief time of warm-up and preparation for worship. If you have any questions, just get in touch with Missy at m.jennings@christchurchrichmond.com or 364-0394, ext. 32. Everyone is welcome; so come and bring a friend!

Missions and Outreach Ministry

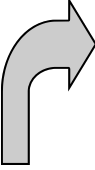
Haiti Mission Trip:

The next mission trip to Haiti has been scheduled for November 1-8.

Think you might be interested?

Want more information?

Contact Susan Bruce at 986-3195



There will be NO senior high youth group on Sunday, July 4...see you on the 11th !

Youth Ministry Summer Trip Forms Request

Is your youth going on a summer trip with our youth ministry? If your youth is attending any of our summer trips **we are asking that you get the appropriate paper work to us two weeks prior to the trips departure date**. Please feel free to drop the forms off to our office mailbox or hand them to Jenna. If you have not received the trip mailing, you may find all the forms as well as the packing list available on the ccgarage.org website on the events page. If you have any questions please contact Jenna Vinci at j.vinci@christchurchrichmond.com

Mid High Cow Appreciation Day: July 9

...at Chik-fil-a . Our Middle School Youth Group will be participating in Cow Appreciation Day on July 9th during regular youth group time. Please bring cow-like attire. We will take a few minutes to gear up and head over to Chik-fil-a for some free food.

ONE TIME (loads of fun !) opportunities to help out with the Youth Ministry:

Friday, July 9: We need drivers for Cow Appreciation Day. Our youth will be dressing like cows, going to Chick Fil-A and getting some free food. Come to church at 6:15 pm....and we'll load up for a trip to Chick Fil-A.

Tuesday, July 20: We need drivers and chaperones for a day at the beach. Come drive and enjoy the sun !

Wednesday, August 11. Busch Gardens. If you have a 7 passenger vehicle ...we need you ! Com e be a driver and enjoy the park with us!

If you can help with any of these, please contact Jenna at j.vinci@christchurchrichmond.com

YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING

CSM- Philly Trip Meeting

When: Sunday, July 18th 10:00-10:40am

Who: Those attending CSM Philly Trip

What: Pre-Trip Orientation Meeting, *We will be viewing videos and discussing our upcoming trip. We will also be checking in on paper work! See you there.*



Youth Ministry Opportunities
Check it out here.....

If you are shy, funny, short, tall, musical, can't carry a tune. introverted, extroverted, talkative, pensive, quiet, loud, with or without children, organized, artistic, creative, into sports or not into sports at all... **the Garage Youth Ministry wants you!**

The Garage Youth Ministry is **recruiting Volunteers** for this upcoming Fall.

We are eagerly seeking members of Christ Church interested in leading a **small group** for Middle or High School guys or girls. Small Groups will meet for a thirteen week session in the Fall and again in the Spring. Please contact Jenna Vinci at j.vinci@christchurchrichmond.com

We are also looking for volunteers who want to be active in other areas of our ministry, to be present at youth group and love our youth! Let us know if you are interested. **We look forward to talking to you!**

1st Wednesdays

1st Wednesdays Contemplative Worship

...a healing service

Wednesday, July 7 7:00 pm

1st Wednesdays is a gentle time to for us to gather in peaceful silence with space for the Spirit to move. We'll share in spoken prayers and songs of prayer, and time for meditation over a brief reflection on the Word and Holy Eucharist. Just as with the healing service, those wishing, may step to the back of the worship space to receive the laying on of hands and pray with trained prayer ministers. Come, worship on *1st Wednesdays*. Bring a friend.

Thanksgiving for the adoption of a child

The gift of receiving a child through adoption is a glorious event for parents, and other members of the family, as well as the larger community of the Church. We know through the teachings of Christ that “whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself”. The Episcopal Church recognizes the sacred nature of this act of incorporating a new member into the family. As we recognize all major events in the life of the Church such as baptism, confirmation and marriage, the Church also honors the gift of adoption of a child.

The community of Christ Church would like to share in the joy of having received, through adoption, newest household members. As a sign of support and thanksgiving Christ Church invites all households with newly adopted children, to come forward **Saturday July 10 and Sunday July 11 at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.** to receive special prayers and a blessing. The congregation will be honored to recognize and witness this new relationship within your household.

Please prayerfully consider this invitation. Feel free to contact Hillary West at 364-0394 ext. 23 or through e-mail at h.west@christchurchrichmond.com should you have questions.

If you would prefer to receive the monthly newsletter via email,
please send an email to Josie,
in the church office: j.sicheri@christchurchrichmond.com

Peter Paul Summer Camp

July 19-23...at Christ Church

Christ Church will host a summer camp for Middle School Students from the Peter Paul Development Center during the week of July 19-23. This is a great way to give back to the community, make new friends and spend some time this summer with others from Christ Church.

We'll be teaching life skills as well as sewing, cooking, manners, and workshop (how to do simple household repairs by familiarizing students with basic repair tools).

Here's how you can help:

- Monday and Tuesday: help teach sewing and workshop (simple repairs with household tools) (8:45—noon)
- Wednesday: help teach manners (8:45—noon)
- Thursday: help students learn how to plan a meal
- Friday: Help students prepare a simple meal (8:45—noon)
- Prepare and serve a snack to the students (Mon.-Thurs...from 9:30—11:00)
- Lead games/outdoor play: each day from 10:30 -11:00
- If you are a high-school or college student: be a mentor.

Share your talents, share your time...select your area of interest or expertise...Call Betsy to volunteer (708-0645)

Volunteers are needed in all areas.

Questions?
or
to sign up to help:

Contact Betsy Gallagher
708-0645
pfgmiami@aol.com
by July 2.

The program will take place on the Christ Church campus from 9:00—noon , July 19-23

We are looking for high school and college age students who are willing to be mentors.

Contact Betsy Gallagher:
708-0645
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