

CHRONICLES

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The mission of Christ Church is to be a diverse, inclusive community which, through its lively worship of Jesus Christ and witness in His name, serves the Christ in all persons and stands as a beacon of hope in the heart of Detroit.

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Saturday Mornings by Appointment

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education

Sunday 9:30am

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Lent and Easter 2008

February 5 6-7:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



February 6 12 N & 6pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Imposition of Ashes

February 10 8:15 & 10:30am First Sunday in Lent – Holy Eucharist

February 13 6pm Lenten Study Group meets in Cary Lounge every Wednesday in Lent Soup and light supper provided

March 16 8:15 & 10:30am The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – Holy Eucharist with the blessing of the palms and procession to begin Holy Week

March 20 12:00 & 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday – Holy Eucharist Lamb Dinner

March 21 12 pm Good Friday Liturgy

March 23 8 and 11 am The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day Holy Eucharist (please note service time changes)

March 24 Easter Week



Parishioners News

We welcome into our Christ Church family, **Julia Mae Williams**, who was baptized here on Sunday, January 13th. Julia's family includes Mom & Dad, Tracy and John Williams, and big sister Meghan.

Helen Staif sends very appreciative thanks to everyone in our congregation. She has received get-well wishes, visits from many of us, including our clergy, flowers, and cards to help brighten her lengthy hospital and rehab stay. She is making good progress in her recovery, and considers all of our prayers responsible!

“What to Know Before You Go”: An end-of-life preparation workshop.

Saturday, March 8, 2008 at St. John's, Plymouth, 8:30am

Workshops:

- preparing for a holy death
- funeral planning
- advance medical directives
- will preparation
- dealing with grief and the celebration of life.

To register, contact Kristine Miller of the Diocesan Planned Giving & Stewardship Office, kmiller@edomi.org or call 313/833-4414.

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We give thanks to God for the gratitude, blessings and generous commitments made by these additional members of Christ Church to the glory of God for the mission and ministry of this parish and its work at home and abroad.

Charles Atwater
Jon Clark
Betty Cooper
Doug & Rosemary Esse
Charlotte & Peter Gerrits
Steve & Anne Hughes

David & Darlene Jackson
Ben & Kristin Starkey
Ben & Michelle Wilbert
John & Tracy Williams
Anthony & Erin Younan

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A Grateful Congregation

Christ Church is alive and well! There could be no better proof than to look at the inspiring list of dedicated, devoted parishioners who each offered up a ministry to our congregation to serve them as Vestry members. We in the congregation give thanks for the acceptance of a nomination from thirteen faithful and committed members of our church family.

This remarkable list includes:

Claire Brown	David Jackson	Gail Smith
Oliver Coleman	John Leney	Sue Webb
Betty Cooper	Eileen MacDonald	Jan Weir
Kathy Ellis	Aretha Marshall	Pam Wilkins
	Marilyn Shahly	

We are very fortunate to have so many express their willingness to serve us.

Following the Annual Meeting of January 27th, Claire Brown, Oliver Coleman, David Jackson, John Leney and Marilyn Shahly will be on the Vestry for 2008 until the Annual Meeting of 2011. Eileen MacDonald will serve a one-year term for 2008.



Back row, left to right— John Leney, David Jackson, Oliver Coleman, Marilyn Shahly. Front row, left to right—Eileen MacDonald, Claire Brown. Photo by Betty Warner

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The Peregrination of the Lord's Prayer

One of the first requests I received when I arrived at Christ Church was for the contemporary version of the *Lord's Prayer*. More recently, someone asked me to write about the *Lord's Prayer*, why it exists in various forms and where they come from. Before this prayer appears in scripture, it had already begun its pilgrimage through centuries, cultures and languages. It appears twice in the New Testament, in Matthew's gospel and in Luke's. Scholars believe they used a common source called Q or *Quelle* meaning source.

In the *New Revised Standard Version* of the bible, Matthew writes:

Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. (Mt. 6:9-13)

Then there is Luke's version.

He said to them, 'When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.' (Luke 11:2-4)

Neither of these look much like those we use in worship nor are they very familiar in the English-speaking world.

The Lord's Prayer has existed in English at least as far back as a Northumbrian translation from about 650 C.E. in a dialect of Old English we would not recognize.

The versions best known today are those from the *1662 Book of Common Prayer*, (Our Father, which art in heaven,) the *1928 Book of Common Prayer*, (Our Father, who art in heaven,) and the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*, (Our Father in heaven) which is the ELCC version – more on that later.

Centuries from now when scholars study church history, this period will be known for the global movements in ecumenism and liturgical renewal. *The Lord's Prayer* is one place where they come together. The most recent phase of its journey began with the Second Vatican Council which approved the use of vernacular languages in the Roman Catholic liturgy which influenced Christian practice around the globe.

In 1963, during the second session of the Second Vatican Council, the International Consultation on English in the Liturgy was formed by ten national conferences of bishops to begin work on common texts. Participants came from Australia, Canada, England and Wales, India, Ireland New Zealand, Pakistan, Scotland, South Africa and the United States. Almost immediately ecumenical groups began to gather for the same purpose of developing common texts for use in worship. The hope was that every Christian could walk into a church of any denomination anywhere in the English-speaking world and be able to participate.

Most of you are familiar in passing with the Revised Common Lectionary or RCL from which our Sunday readings come. As of the last General Convention it has replaced the lectionary now in the Book of Common Prayer. Now Christians throughout the world are using the same readings on Sundays except when the liturgical churches have the observance of holy days. The RCL was a result of this sort of collaboration. 2003 saw the publication of a work called *Opening Prayers* which are new, scripture based collects for worship.

The International Consultation on English in the Liturgy has been succeeded by various groups of liturgical scholars who survey and update this work, the current body being the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC). This is the source of the most recent translation of the *Lord's Prayer* used in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. The other texts that Christians share in common are the *Kyrie Eleison*, *Gloria in Excelsis*, *The Nicene Creed*, *the Apostles' Creed*, *Sursum Corda*, *Sanctus and benedictus*, *Agnus Dei*, *Gloria patri*, *Te Deum laudamus*, *Benedictus*, *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*.

This year our practice at Christ Church is to use the 1928 version during Advent and Lent, and the 1979 version in other seasons. There are at least two reasons for that. The 1928 version has us pray, "Lead us not into temptation," which isn't a good translation and is also not our theology. We do not believe in a God who takes delight in leading us into temptation. The second reason is that the 1979 version is the version of the present and the future as opposed to the past. Whatever we say in our private prayer, we owe our children the current version. This is the language and theology of today's children and tomorrow's. This is the version to be teaching your children and grandchildren. So we use it in worship to reinforce the best in our scholarship, theology and practice.

All of which may be more than you ever wanted to know!

Grace and peace,

Carol

Youth Ministry Visits - March 2, 2008

The Rev. Susie Shaefer, Interim Missioner for Youth and Young Adults will be our preacher at both services on March 2nd. Diocesan Staff make official visitations to parishes not on the Bishop's Sunday visits for that year.

The 9:30am Sunday Forum on March 2nd will have a presentation by Dan Smith, Executive Director of Living Waters Ministries. Living Water Ministries is the umbrella organization that operates two residential camps and conference centers as a partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan and the lower Michigan Synods of the ELCA. There are opportunities to use Michi-Lu-Ca Camp and Conference center in Fairview, Michigan and Stony Lake Lutheran Camp in New Era, Michigan. Come and hear the offerings for this summer. Sunday School classes will attend the forum as an intergenerational event to learn about the summer opportunities.

From the Search Committee



All of the current candidates for the position of Rector of Christ Church have now come to Detroit and met with the Search Committee. The Committee continues discussions regarding each of these prospective clergy persons. In order to further investigate the possibility of a call to any one of these candidates, the next step could be to visit the candidate in their current home church. If this decision is made, the visit(s) would be made in February. We continue to ask for your prayers in determining God's will for the future of Christ Church.

Phil Campbell
David Chivas
Miriam Costandi
Tom Cragg
David Jackson
Howard Matthew

Marilyn Shahly
Lisa Staif
Betty Warner
Sue Webb
Jan Weir
Theresa Zajac

Circulating on the Web - Apples

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE -- He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did.

The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.



Gleaners - February 9th

Anyone 5 years of age and up can help at the Gleaners Food Bank. The next date Christ Church is to assist is Saturday, February 9th, from 9:00 to 1130 am.

A sign-up sheet is posted in Ledyard Hall. Please see Seth Lloyd if you have questions. Mark your calendar for our next two dates, Apr 12 & Jun 8.



**Remember March 9th to
Spring Forward 1 Hour**

Christ Church February Schedule

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

9:30a.m.

Sunday School

Adult Bible Study—Cary Lounge

YAC Lower Level

J2A "

Rite 13 "

Grades 5-6 "

Grades 3-4 "

Grades 1-2 "

Kindergarten "

9:30a.m. - 12 Noon

Nursery

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

&

Worship Center

Tuesday

11:30 a.m. — G.A., Ledyard

1:30 p.m.

Bible Study - Cary Lounge

Wednesday

9 a.m. Walk-In Ministry, Ledyard

Thursday

G.A.—11:30 a.m. Ledyard

Saturday

in Ledyard Hall

A.A. 10:30 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.

G.A. 7 p.m.

Al-Anon 8:30 p.m.

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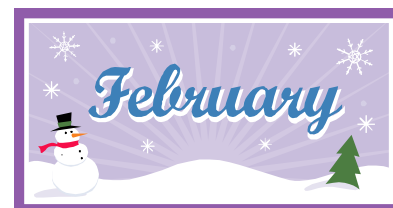
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February/March Calendar

February

- 3 Last Epiphany
- 5 6pm SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper
- 6 12N, 6pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
- 9 9am Bagging at Gleaners Food Bank
- 10 I Lent
- 13 6pm Lenten Study in Cary Lounge each Wednesday in Lent
- 14 March Chronicles Deadline
- 17 II Lent
- 20 6pm Lenten Study in Cary Lounge
- 21 6pm Vestry meeting in Cary Lounge
- 24 III Lent
- 27 6pm Lenten Study in Cary Lounge



March

- 2 8:15 & 10:30am IV Lent, The Rev. Susie Shaefer, Youth and Young Adult
Missioner as Preacher
- 9:30am Forum: Living Waters Ministries Camping Program
- 9 Spring Forward Time Change V Lent