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Church School Year Closes June 8th

Look for some fun activities to round up the Church Year for our youngsters. Thanks to the hard work of all of the teachers, it's been a great year.



A picnic in Sperry Park will follow the 10:30 service. There will be some surprises. A sign -up sheet is in Ledyard Hall to give the committee an idea of the number to expect. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments and ice cream will be provided. Kindergarten families are asked to bring chips; grades 1&2 and 3&4 - beverages; grades 5&6 dessert; J2A watermelon.



Parishioner News

Sylvia and Allan Gazoul have become grandparents for the first time! **Darren Raziel Gazoul**, son of David and Cheryl Gazoul was born on May 10th. Darren's great-grandmother is Katherine Albert.

This past month we said goodbye to two of our loving church members. The funeral services for both **Marlene Moses** and **Anne Solomon** were held here. Each will be inurned in our Columbarium in the next weeks. Marlene's husband is Donald Moses whom many of you know as the guy who stepped up to many a chore for us. Marlene served for a time on the Altar Guild. Anne is the sister of Tom and Mary Lou Solomon, Helen Marwick, Jo George, Lillian Ferschneider, Catherine, and Bill. They will be missed by many and especially from our Syrian community.

A Note from 'Papa Pipes'

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks to all of you for your extraordinary kindness and generosity at the farewell reception on April 13th. Leslie and I were both touched and blessed by your friendly words and recollections. We are grateful for the delicious treats you provided. We are enormously grateful for the gifts you presented. The purse will be put to good use as we prepare to purchase and furnish of our first home. (We hope that we may have the good fortune of hosting many of you in the years to come if you are able to migrate out to southeastern Massachusetts.) The engraved Prayer Book and Hymnal has been in constant use since I received it. I'll cherish it, and will try to wear it out as diligently as I can! Thank you all for the hugs, handshakes, and good wishes, and for all you shared with me as fellow sojourners in Christ during my brief term among you.

I do believe that the coming true of my good dream--as young Eric Jackson described it--was possible because of the good things that took place as we served our Lord together at Christ Church. And I continue to believe that Christ Church is a place that always has, and will continue to attract excellent clergy. Keep your courage in this search/transition; continue giving thanks; and know that Christ's light does shine wonderfully in your midst!

Unto God, who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or imagine, be glory in your fellowship at Christ Church, and in the fellowship of all the saints.

I bless you and thank you with all my heart, in Christ's love,

Geoffrey+
"Papa Pipes"

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Senior Speech

Anna Elizabeth Basse, daughter of Mary and Roger Basse graduates this year from high school. Anna has been a member of Christ Church since birth. She participated in all of our activities, including Sunday School attendance, being an Acolyte, and more. On Pentecost/Mother's Day Sunday she gave this lovely Senior Speech:



Anna & proud dad, Roger

Good morning and Happy Mother's Day! My name is Anna Basse, and I am very happy to have the opportunity to speak to you all today. I am currently a Senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, and am very excited to be attending the University of Michigan in a few short months. I am a lifelong member of Christ Church. Reverend Brown baptized me on Christmas Eve in 1989, and Reverend Jackson led me through my confirmation classes during my time in the Journey to Adulthood program. Throughout the span of those years, I have many wonderful memories of Christ Church Detroit, thanks to all of you.

A few memories that come to mind from the past years are the combination of excitement and nervousness I felt on my first day as an acolyte, the various roles that I played in the annual Pageant presented every Christmas Eve, having the opportunity to help others during the Homeless Shelter Week each year, and the energy that filled the room when everyone came together to do the Dubke dance at the Hafllis.

While these could be considered fleeting moments in my time here, there have been many other things that have remained constant, and have truly helped me to define my experiences here as memorable. First, I have had the privilege of knowing my fellow Journey to Adulthood classmates for many years now, and could not have asked for a more spectacular group of people to share such an important part of my life with. Megan, Emma, Nick, Chris, Jen, Terrance, and Katherine, I have truly cherished everything that we have gotten to experience together. After getting over the brief initial awkwardness of the first lockdown, I feel like our group was really able to work well together all the way through the time of our pilgrimage to England and Scotland this past summer. Going on that trip with you and our four leaders, Cliff, Sally, Tina Hunter, and Father Phil, was something that I will never forget. You all have taught me so much, and I know that we will keep in touch when I am at school next year.

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Pentecost, Holy Baptism, Mother's Day

Our newest young members, **Andrew Timothy Gerrits**, son of Peter Matthew and Charlotte Jarvis Gerrits, and **Stella Ruby Hughes**, daughter of Steve and Anne Hughes were baptized on Pentecost Sunday, May 11th. Appropriately enough it was also Mother's Day!



On Pentecost we had the pleasure of acknowledging those who are new to Christ Church since the last Pentecost. In addition to the newly baptized we welcomed Sue and John Shirkey and Judy Lewis who were kind enough to write a bit about themselves.

Sue and John Shirkey

John is a teacher of drafting, Computer-Aided Design & Animation at Southfield High School. Sue is a portfolio accountant at the Kresge Foundation. We moved to midtown Detroit in June 2007 after living our whole lives in Port Huron, MI and we love our new home. We have 2 daughters, Sarah who is 27 years old and lives in Chicago, and Kristen, 20, who is a vocal performance major at Cleveland Institute of Music. Kristen will be home for the summer months beginning May 11th, so the congregation will have a chance to meet her very soon.

John is an avid sailor who is looking forward to his 7th Port Huron to Mackinac race in July. We both love theater, biking and traveling. We are thrilled to have found our new church home at Christ Church. Thanks so much to all the members, but most especially to Miriam Costandi, Betty, Mike Johnston & the Norris' for being so very welcoming, from our very first visit!

Judy Lewis

I am originally from Ohio where I grew up as a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Columbus. I came to Michigan 5 years ago to accept the position as Associate Dean for the McAuley School of Nursing at the University of Detroit Mercy. I have one daughter who lives in Scottsdale Arizona where I spend Thanksgiving, Christmas, and vacation in the summer. I have visited many Episcopal Churches in the area in search of a home. Christ Church was referred to me as a place that was truly committed to its members and the community. I have found this to be especially true and felt welcomed enough to join last July after attending only four Sundays. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the Christ Church Family.



The high altar on Pentecost.

Thank you to Art Shahly and Bob Lane for taking pictures on Pentecost. These pictures and others may be seen in color in the picture galleries at www.christcd.org.



Susan & John Shirkey



Processional Gets a Grander Look

Thanks to **Ben Starkey**, we had the pleasure of two beautiful sets of streamers added to our Processional on Pentecost. You'll be seeing more of them as we celebrate special Sundays and occasions throughout the year. Thank you, Ben, for creating the streamers for us to more joyfully enter in to our Worship Service.



Miriam Costandi & Cathy Berlage



The Holy Eucharist



Within the last ten days or so several people have asked me to think about doing an Instructed Eucharist on a Sunday morning. For the uninitiated, an Instructed Eucharist generally takes place during the primary service on a Sunday. In lieu of a sermon the service proceeds as usual except there are designated places in the service where we pause and the person presiding will say a bit about what we have just done, where it originated, why it is located here and not at some other place in the service, and so forth. I don't know at this writing whether we will be able to do that before Sunday School breaks for the summer. However, it does prompt some reflections.

Patrick Malloy in his new book *Celebrating the Eucharist* discusses the principles by which he makes liturgical decisions, and one of those is, "It is far more fruitful to ask what the liturgy and its components *do* than to ask what they *mean*." He goes on to say, "When people come up against an unknown *language or a secret code*, they ask what it *means*. They do not *experience* it; they *decipher* it. When people come up against *a thing of mystery or beauty*, they wait to see what it will *do* to them; what impact it will have. They do not *decipher* it; they *experience* it." (Emphasis supplied.)

You might think of a piece of music for instance. It draws you in. It has an impact on you. You may find it captivating or disturbing. You may find yourself humming along hours after you first heard it. You may even complain that you can't get it out of your head. How it impacts people varies. It may awaken long lost hope or pull you down into the depths of despair. Music we learned as small children, or the golden oldies of our teen and young adult years may awaken memories of another time in life. And how you experience it may differ from your neighbor's experience even if you are hearing the same piece of music.

Bruce Reed, in his book *The Dynamics of Religion*, tried to capture something of the experience of worship with a theory of oscillation. As I recall, he described a scene in which a small child is taken by a parent to the playground. As the parent sits on a park bench observing, the child goes off to engage in the world of the sandbox buildings roads, forts and castles with great enthusiasm. However, at some point the child's work is disrupted, perhaps because someone kicked sand in his face, or knocked down the castle she just finished. The child bursts into tears, and flees to the arms of the parent. The parent comforts and reassures the child, dusts him off, gives her a hug, and in due season sends the child back to the sandbox ready to engage again. That process of engagement, retreat, restoration and renewal and re-engagement is what Reed means by the oscillation process. He says this is what we experience in worship and ministry as we engage in the work of the world, return to God for restoration and renewal, and are sent back to do the work God has given us to do.

John Westerhoff, a theologian and Christian educator is often quoted as having said, "We need to send our children to church and our adults to Sunday School." What he means is that children learn experientially. The capacity for abstract thinking develops around the age of 15, so Westerhoff would put the children around the altar each week to experience the Eucharist. Adults on the other hand sometimes behave as if their Christian education was completed at Confirmation. It is pretty difficult to teach your own child or someone else's if your own education stopped when you were all of 12 years of age.

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While I suspect he is being provocative, I do want to commend those parents who make a concerted effort to teach children to participate in worship, to make the responses out loud “in front of God and everybody,” to sing the hymns and say the Amens. We don’t expect this of the younger children in the Worship Center, but by the time children reach third grade they can read, follow along in the bulletin, make the responses, and sing the hymns – without which they are not likely to experience much. If we can encourage a higher level of participation we can foster a deeper experience of worship and a more lively faith.

Grace and peace,

Carol



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Second, the ability to know that every Sunday I am able to spend time with my loving and undeniably entertaining family consisting of my Mom and Dad, brother Will and sister Rachel, my wonderful cousins, uncles, and aunts, and my Grandma and Grandpa is something that I will never take for granted, and provides me with an immeasurable amount of thanks that I have all of you in my life. Grandma and Grandpa, you both have been such great role models, and your unconditional support has helped me so much. Mom and Dad, thank you for providing me with the opportunity to be a part of something that has had such a tremendous impact on my life. For waking me up every Sunday morning and reminding me to ask myself, “What’s more important: sleeping in or being involved in your church which has given you so much for the past eighteen years?” The answer, of course, was always obvious, and brings me to my third and final memory which I will be taking with me to school next year. The memory of not only being able to see my cousins and aunts and grandparents every Sunday, but an extended family that a person could only dream of having in their lives; and I consider all of you to be a part of that family. Everyone here has always been so thoughtful and supportive of me and of each other, and this has taught me that an extremely valued characteristic of someone is to be welcoming of those around them. From supporting a fundraiser to asking about how school is going, to simply smiling as we passed each other on our way to and from communion, I know that every gesture was genuine, and I hope that you know how appreciative I was and am of all of your kindness. Thank you for making this church my second home. Although I know that I will not be able to see you very often next year, I will always take with me the love and support that my Christ Church family has provided me.

Thank you.

Christ Church June Schedule

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

9:30a.m.

Sunday School

June 1 & 8

Adult Bible Study—Cary Lounge

YAC Lower Level

J2A & Rite 13 "

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

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

AI-Anon 8:30 p.m. Ledyard

G.A. 7 p.m.—Cary Lounge

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June/July Calendar

June

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| 1 | | 3 Pentecost, Proper 4, Adult Forum |
| 7 | 9 am | Bagging at Gleaners Food Bank |
| 8 | | 4 Pentecost, Last Sunday School, Picnic in Sperry Park |
| 12 | | July Chronicles Deadline |
| 15 | | 5 Pentecost, Father's Day |
| 19 | 6 pm | Vestry Meeting, Cary Lounge |
| 20-23 | | Detroit River Days |
| 22 | | 6 Pentecost, Proper 7 |
| 23 | | <i>Fireworks night (Monday this year)</i> |
| 26 | 7 pm | Diocesan Budget hearing at Christ Church Detroit |
| 29 | | 7 Pentecost, Proper 8 |

July

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| 6 | | 8 Pentecost, Proper 9 |
| 10 | | August Chronicles Deadline |
| 13 | | 9 Pentecost, Proper 10 |
| 20 | | 10 Pentecost, Proper 11 |

