

CHRONICLES

March 2008

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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Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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

Interim Rector

The Rev. Carol Cole Flanagan

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The Rev. Cn Sandra Richardson

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Mr. Keith Lucas

Mr. Craig Lucas

Nursery

Mrs. Carolyn Lucas

Holy Week and Easter 2008



- March 16 The Sunday of the Passion: **Palm Sunday** – Holy Eucharist at 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. with the blessing of the palms and procession to begin Holy Week
- March 20 **Maundy Thursday** – Holy Eucharist at 12:00 and 7:30 pm
Lamb Dinner at 6 pm. Sign up sheet is in Ledyard Hall
\$7 adults, \$3 children 12 & under, family \$16 max
- March 21 **Good Friday Liturgy** at 12 pm, Fauré Requiem
- March 23 The Sunday of the Resurrection: **Easter Day** – Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11 am (note service time changes)
Children are asked to bring canned goods to the service to present as they receive flowers for the cross.

Il Maseeh Ahm - The Messiah has risen!

Baptism Sundays

The next scheduled date for baptisms is on **Easter Day, March 23rd**. If you are interested in being baptized or have a child to be baptized, please contact the church office to schedule a pre-baptismal conference. The remaining baptismal dates for this year are on Pentecost, May 11th, and All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd.



Parishioners News

We said, "Goodbye," to our longtime friend and sexton, **Alvin Clark**, on Friday, February 29th. His memorial service was held here at 11:00 that morning. Alvin served us for many years, and in the last few, his health declined until he was taken from us. The service was followed by a reception in Ledyard Hall which Evelyn Sanom coordinated, but, in tribute to him, was supported by many, many parishioners who knew and loved him.

Our former Rector, **The Rev. Ervin Brown**, recently experienced a fall which caused a broken leg, and he will be in a cast for six weeks. Erv had just completed a year as Interim Rector at All Saints Church in Worcester, Massachusetts. During the move back to Baltimore, the fall occurred. Another unfortunate event has happened as well. **Tish Brown** was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on Tuesday, February 26th, for heart bypass surgery. Thanks be to God, the surgery went well. They will be staying at a friend's home which happens to be very near to their daughter Laura's home. We're sure both Tish and Erv would love to hear from you. You may write them at:

The Rev. and Mrs. Ervin A. Brown
c/o 313 Dutchman's Lane
Easton, MD 21601

New Vestry Officers

We are pleased to announce the new Vestry Officers, who will serve until January, 2009:

Sr. Warden	John Williams
Jr. Warden	Howard Matthew
Secretary	Marilyn Shahly
Treasurer	John Leney

We congratulate them and pray God's Blessings on them as they help guide us all through this coming year.

Easter Flowers & Music

If you would like to help provide music and flowers for Easter, please find a card in your pew. The minimum donation is \$25.00. Please have your information and donation to the office **no later than March 17th**. Please note in the memo line whether your gift is for music, flowers or both.

Also check off one of the following:

In memorial
In thanksgiving
In honor of
To the glory of God



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You Can Help

Coming in the next few weeks are activities where anyone, young and old alike, can give a helping hand. Plan on giving your time and help with one or all of them. **Sign up sheets are in Ledyard Hall.**

Easter Day, March 23rd, 9am, **Meals on Wheels Deliveries.** Be here at 9 in Ledyard and you'll be back for 11am service.

Saturday, March 29th, is a 5th Saturday and so our parish will be at the **Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen** on that day, 11a.m.

The next **Gleaners Food Bank** date is Saturday, April 12th.

Mark Your Calendars - Construction precluded our traditional February hosting of the revolving shelter. **March 29th-April 5th is Shelter Week.** Carol, Margo Norris, and Mary Basse are looking at our wonderful new space, and will have new ways of offering our hospitality and therefore new opportunities. Help needed will include dollar donations, Breakfast and Dinner Crews, Evening Hosts, and Overnight Stays. Keep your eyes open for the Sunday Bulletin requests.

Search Committee Visits Prospects

At this time the Search Committee members are visiting prospective candidates in their home parishes. In the next weeks, these will be completed and a discussion relating to the findings will ensue. If a consensus is reached, the members will be submitting a name(s) to the Vestry to consider for a Call. (This would mean that the candidate(s) would return here to visit with the Vestry.) The other possibility could be to ask our deployment officer to seek out additional prospects.

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

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



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Coffee Time



You can sign up to host a Sunday Coffee Hour with your family or friends. It can be for a special occasion or simply because you appreciate all those Sundays when someone else provides a gracious offering.

There is a **Sign-Up Sheet in Ledyard Hall as well as one that will be passed around at coffee hour.** You may select any date available. If you are generously hosting a coffee hour, here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions:

Basic white napkins and paper plates are available for your use.
 The coffee and tea are usually prepared and ready.
 Currently, there is no one working in the kitchen to help with the set-up.
 We have several sizes and colors of linen tablecloths for your use.

Since the church does not have a working washer or dryer, we ask that if you use the linens you will take them home and wash and return them to the church on the following Sunday. The linens are permanent press, and if removed from the dryer in time, will not require ironing. We thank all for their very kind efforts.

From the January, 2008 issue of *Networking*, Newsletter of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

Networking has been sponsoring a Contest – part 1 of which seeks submissions of inspiring offertory sentences – beyond the traditional selections in The Book of Common Prayer. Part 2 asks for inspiring stories you know or have heard, stories having to do with money. “To get the ball rolling,” the following example was given, taken from *Watch For the Light* (now out of print), p. 202.

You could more easily catch a hurricane in a shrimp net than you can understand the wild, relentless, passionate, uncompromising, pursuing love of God made present in the manger.

In 1980, the day before Christmas, Richard Ballinger's mother in Anderson, South Carolina, was busy wrapping packages and asked her young son to shine her shoes. Soon, with the proud smile that only a seven-year-old can muster, he presented the shoes for inspection. His mother was so pleased, she gave him a quarter.

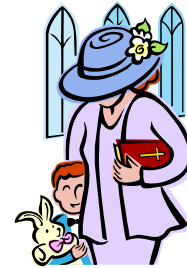
On Christmas morning as she put on her shoes to go to church, she noticed a lump in one shoe. She took it off and found a quarter wrapped in paper. Written on the paper in a child's scrawl were the words, 'I done it for love.'"

Networking's home page: <http://TENS.org>

The Easter Parade



William Augustus Muhlenberg
1796-1877



In the 1860's, St. Luke's Hospital at 5th Avenue and 54th Street in Manhattan was on the outskirts of town. An Episcopal institution run by Sister Anne Ayers, it was the companion of the Church of the Holy Communion where the Sisterhood of the Holy Communion had been founded, along with the church and the hospital, by the Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg, Rector. Holy Communion Church was "in town" at 6th Avenue and 20th Street.

At a time when the Episcopal Church still reveled in the effects of the Reformation, when ceremony was minimal and colors predominantly black and white, flowers were not used. Coming from a German background, Mr. Muhlenberg restored the presence of flowers in the church, particularly at Easter.

After the Easter services were over, the ladies would gather the flowers from the church. Then, together with their husbands and other members of the parish, they carried the flowers, walking across to 5th Avenue and then thirty-four blocks uptown to St. Luke's Hospital. This was an unusual event in the life of Manhattan – a large group of finely dressed individuals walking with flowers (in the days when horses still dominated the streets) – and people came out to watch them pass. And so was born the Easter parade.

The Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg's ministry was, at the time, often bold and innovative, anchored by its concern for sacramental worship and evangelism. Patients in hospital were to him "guests" to whom we might minister in Christ's name. He died in 1877 and the observance of his feast day is April 8th.



Fire, Fire!



During an ecumenical gathering, someone rushed in and shouted, "The building is on fire! The building is on fire!"

The Methodists gathered in a corner and prayed.

The Baptists cried, "Where's the water?"

The Quakers quietly praised God for the many blessings that fire brings.

The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring fire to be evil.

The Roman Catholics held a raffle to let the winner get the best view.

The Jews posted symbols on the door hoping the fire would pass by.

The Congregationalists shouted, "Every man for himself!"

The Fundamentalists cried, "It's the vengeance of God!"

The Christian Scientists agreed among themselves that there was no fire.

The Presbyterians appointed a committee to search for the source of the fire and make a written report to the next meeting of the Presbytery.

And the Episcopalians formed a procession and marched out.



11th Annual Household of God Conference

Offered by the Whitaker School of Theology, this Conference will be held **April 4-5** at St. John's, Royal Oak. Entitled "Standing in Faith at the Crossroads of Life! – the Stewardship of Faith," The Very Rev. Tracey Lind of the Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio will be the keynote speaker.

Dean Lind, the author of Interrupted By God, was a week-long preacher at the Chautauqua conference in New York, and has been doing transformative work at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland and is a photographer. She is quoted as saying, "in my 20 years of congregational ministry, I have been motivated by a strong belief in God's boundless love embodied in acts of justice and mercy. My work has focused on church growth and renewal grounded in a vision of radical hospitality, stewardship, intellectual vigor, and real-life spirituality. I have demonstrated a strong track record of institutional development, community planning and fund raising; and am considered a leader who encourages excellence, collegiality and creativity."

Brochures are available in Ledyard Hall. For more information, contact Whitaker School of Theology, Nanette Lutz at nlutz@edomi.org or call 313-833-4423.

Scholarship Info for Teens

Jack Barthwell, son of Genet Barthwell, and a member of our web team sent us some information which may prove to be beneficial to our young members as they begin their college searches. He says that he knows "you're looking for money for college and wants you to find it on FastWeb."

Jack tells us that by becoming a member of FastWeb, you will get help to

Find scholarships just for you,
Search for colleges,
Get financial aid advice,
Locate internship and part-time job opportunities

FastWeb has many "great tools," and it's all free. You may visit FastWeb at <http://www.fastweb.com/ib/vmremuinew-1f/Ry3TEP06IXDI>

Equipment Offered

The Starkey family has offered some **home care equipment** to anyone who may be in need of them. There are 2 walkers and a "hospital type" bed available. The bed is in good condition; it is adjustable (head and feet) and also has a massage. If any member can use these items, or knows of someone who may need one or both, please call Ben at 248-709-2580.



Christ Church's Recycling Efforts

For the months of October, November, and December, 2007, Christ Church recycled 265 pounds of paper. These efforts had the following effects on the environment:

2.253 trees saved
0.398 cubic yards of landfill space saved
927.5 gallons of water saved
129.1 kilowatts of energy saved

Christ Church March 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

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

Al-Anon 8:30 p.m. Ledyard

G.A. 7 p.m.—Cary Lounge

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March/April Calendar

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
- 12 6pm Lenten Study & Supper in Cary Lounge
- 13 April Chronicles Deadline
- 16 Palm Sunday
- 20 12N & 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Services
6:00pm Lamb Dinner
- 21 12N Good Friday Service & Fauré Requiem
- 23 8am & 11am Easter Services (note service time changes)
9:30am Meals on Wheels
- 29 11am Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen
- 30 2 Easter

April

- 6 3 Easter
- 10 May Chronicles Deadline
- 12 9am Gleaners Food Bank

