

# CHRONICLES

May 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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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

**Assisting**

The Rev. Rollin Norris  
The Rev. Canon William Logan

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The Rev. Joyce Treppa

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Mrs. Carolyn Lucas

## Heads Up!

### Coming Events:

*Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost*

Wear your best red outfit and come celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

High School Senior address – Anna Basse

Baptism Sunday

Welcoming of New Members



*Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm*

Dedication of the new chapel space, Bishop Gibbs will preside.

*Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 11 am*

Christ Church volunteers needed at the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen.

See Jon Miller

*Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 am*

Gleaners Food Bank - See Seth Lloyd

*Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>*

Last Sunday School date. A special event will be held.

### Reminder:

Gordon Bugbee Memorial Boat Cruise, benefiting the Spirit of Hope Community Kitchen Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-7:00 pm. Cruise and dinner, \$22 per person. Call Fr. Bode at 313-964-3113.

## Chapel Dedication

The Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr. will be visiting Christ Church on **Tuesday evening, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** to celebrate the dedication of the chapel in the south transept. Please mark your calendars and plan to be here to welcome him on this special occasion. A reception will follow in Ledyard Hall. Members of the Chapel Planning Team are Jim Perry, Lauren Leney, Claire Brown, George Ellenwood, Elsie Peck and Margaret Hammond. Some of the furnishings we have in hand and others are being ordered or commissioned. The plan is to make the furnishings as mobile as possible so the space can be used for purposes in addition to worship such as larger gatherings for committals in the columbarium, and guest musicians. We are excited that plans are coming together and hope you will make every effort to be here!

The Reverend Carol Cole Flanagan

## Sunday School News

**Christopher Jackson** was confirmed by Bishop Gibbs at the April 22nd Easter Vigil at the Cathedral.

**Anna Basse** will give her high school senior address on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Anna is graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Megan Norris** and **John Williams**, advisors/teachers of the **J2A class** tell us that they will be beginning plans for next year's pilgrimage. The youngsters include **Nick Galli, Will Basse, Christian Warner, Kasey Faust, and Marisa Leney.**

**Lauren Leney** and **Tom Cragg**, leaders for the **Rite 13 group**, will be moving students into J2A. This includes **Nick Beck, Rachel Berlage, Caroline Galli, Mike Gerlach, and Hugh Wilbert.**

All of our kids are special, but these are all moving out of the "kids" label and need to have encouragement from all of us.



## Cheers for Christ Church Sunday School

*While vacationing during Easter break, Carolyn Maher found this in USA Today.*

"Spirituality is a major contributor to a child's overall happiness a study from Canada's University of British Columbia finds. The study tested 315 children ages 9-12 measuring spirituality and other factors such as temperament and social relations that can influence a person's social happiness. The study found 6.5% to 16.5% of children's happiness can be accounted for by spirituality."

"From our perspective, it's a whopping big effect," (the author) Holder says, "I expected it to be much less. I thought their spirituality would be too immature to account for their well being."

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## A Message from the Rector Search Committee

The Search Committee recently invited four fine candidates to become finalists for consideration as Rector. After much discussion and prayer, three of the four candidates withdrew from consideration, and no consensus could be reached to call the final person. As such, the Search Committee decided to take a step back and look for new candidates to consider. While the Committee is disappointed that the four finalists did not produce Christ Church's next Rector, we feel it was important to take the time to find the right person -- someone who will help the Parish grow and prosper. We are confident that we can find that person. The Committee is united and committed to the task assigned to them. We believe that this step back could delay calling a new Rector by as much as five or six months. Nevertheless, we have faith that God is with us and will lead us as we move forward to successfully complete this important task.

Phil Campbell  
David Chivas  
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Tom Cragg, co-chair  
David Jackson, co-chair  
Howard Matthew

Marilyn Shahly, co-chair  
Lisa Staif  
Betty Warner  
Sue Webb  
Jan Weir  
Theresa Zajac

## Coffee Hour Openings

Several Sundays in the next few months are open for Coffee Hour hosts. Please consider hosting coffee hour with family and friends to add to fellowship after the service. The sign-up sheet is in Ledyard Hall.

As of 4/16, the following Sundays are open:

May 25  
June 1, 22, 29  
All of July, August, October & December  
September 7, 14, 21  
November 2, 16, 23, 30

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## We Bid Farewell to Fr. Piper

We had the pleasure and privilege of Geoff Piper as our Assistant Rector, but on Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, we had to say goodbye. As you all know he leaves to take over his own church in Massachusetts. We wished him God's blessings and gave him our loving thanks. We will miss him and his leadership, especially with the children. It did, however, provide us with the opportunity to have some fun. The coffee hour was a huge success, thanks to your attendance and to Michelle and Ben Wilbert and all of the volunteers who made and brought all the goodies. Thanks, too, to Art Shahly and John Williams for the photo memories.



## Stand up, Stand up for...Easter!



During the Great Fifty Days of Easter it is the custom throughout the church to stand for the Great Thanksgiving. In the 6<sup>th</sup> century the canons provided that anyone caught kneeling during the Great Fifty Days was to be excommunicated as a heretic! Happily, we no longer go *that* far! Here is what the Commentary on the American Prayer Book, has to say.

“Standing was the universal posture...until late in the Middle Ages and continues to be the posture in Eastern churches. The council of Nicaea forbade kneeling for prayer on Sundays or during the Great Fifty Days of Easter, days when the Eucharist would be celebrated. Late in the Middle Ages, when the focus of the congregation had changed from participation in the great Thanksgiving and receiving of communion to being present for adoration, at the “moment of consecration,” we find evidence that some people had begun to kneel for the elevations which had been introduced into the rite at the institution narrative.”

“The 1549 Book assumed standing to be the posture for this prayer; Prayer Books have traditionally embodied the principle that people stand for prayer unless expressly bidden to kneel...Standing for this prayer symbolizes our new life in Christ and the congregation’s participation in the prayer offered in their name.” (Hatchett, Marion J., Commentary on the American Prayer Book, Seabury Press, 1982, p. 364)

The Reverend Carol Cole Flanagan

## St. John Hospice Offers Grief Support Group

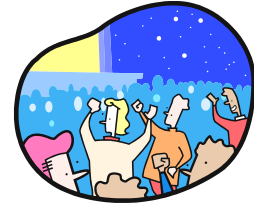
By The Rev. Deacon Joyce Treppa

We've all heard the old adage "time heals all wounds". This is not necessarily so, there is no timetable for grief. If you are dealing with issues concerning a loss, we feel our group would be helpful for you.

The grief support group provides a personal, caring and Christ-centered ministry for those who have experienced a loss in their lives. We offer a safe atmosphere of support, where you can share experiences, develop coping skills and gain information and knowledge. Marie Herbon, a Parish Nurse and Joyce Treppa, Hospice Chaplain will lead the six week Grief Support Group beginning Wednesday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m. Location: Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 29860 Dequindre, Warren, MI 48092. For more information, call Deacon Joyce (248) 569-3831.

# You Did It!

With the great leadership of Margo Norris and Mary Basse, Christ Church parishioners once again served our guests well. Thank you to all.



## Rotating Shelter Volunteers 2008

Yvonne & George Abdullah  
 Chuck & Armand Atwater  
 Sue Barber  
 Genet Barthwell  
 Mary & Will Basse  
 Grace, Charlie, Tim &  
 Katherine Brandon  
 Bob Brown  
 Katie Buda  
 Patsy & Dave Coleman  
 Miriam Costandi  
 Tom & Melissa Cragg  
 Andrew & Susan Diehl  
 Kathy Ellis  
 Laura Sanom, Bill, Andrew,  
 Megan, & Emily Fleming  
 Nick & Christine Galli  
 Louis George  
 Margaret Hammond  
 Eamon & Joey Harnois  
 Lucinda Keils

John, Lauren, Marisa, Dana  
 & Erin Leney  
 Seth Lloyd  
 Mary & Bill Logan  
 Carolyn, Kevin, Elizabeth, Jacob,  
 & Katherine Maher  
 Thelma McCrary  
 Jon Miller  
 Tom Moore  
 Margo Norris  
 Megan Norris and  
 Howard Matthew  
 Elsie Peck  
 Josephine Powell  
 Bethany & Americo Proenca  
 & David Gerlach  
 John & Sue Shirkey  
 Lisa Staif  
 Chrissy, Mary & Billy Stegelman  
 Lee & Barbara Stevens  
 Mary Vitolins

Gina Walker  
 Pat Warner  
 Merle Watts  
 Sue Webb  
 Jan Weir  
 Michelle Wilbert  
 Pam Wilkins  
 Shirley Worthman

### Christ Church Dearborn

Kevin Green  
 Joe Hines  
 David Ledue  
 Barbara Murkowski  
 Tripp, Teddy, George, Erika  
 & Mary Ann Morrison  
 John & Pam Penk  
 Matt Piernicle  
 Edwina Simpson  
 Helena & Georgia Thornton  
 Marshall Wehr



# Parish Committee List

Our Interim Rector Carol has been continually striving to make a smooth path for our next Rector. She has been able to establish this updated list of our parish committees.

Revised April 9, 2008

## Buildings and Grounds

Bob Lane, Chair  
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 Steve Berlage  
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 Josephine Powell

## Chapel Planning Team

Claire Brown  
 George Ellenwood  
 Margaret Hammond

Lauren Leney  
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## Christian Education

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Jane Forbes, Chair  
 Tom Cragg  
 Roger Basse  
 Bob Brown  
 Jon Campbell

Oliver Coleman  
 Melissa Cragg  
 Jan Weir  
 Megan Norris, liaison with Stewardship

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# Christ Church Civil War Mystery Solved Treasure Located!

By Tom Cragg

Some years ago, the cornerstone for the old chapel (now the choir room) on the Woodbridge side of the Church was examined to see if it contained any deposit placed there when it was laid. Nothing was found. However, quite by chance, while doing research for a history class, I came across a *Detroit Free Press* article from July 17, 1861 which described the ceremonies attendant to the laying of the main Christ Church cornerstone. This stone is located at the Jefferson Avenue entrance to the Church and is marked with the inscription "Christ Church A.D. 1861."

The *Free Press* article includes a list of the deposits placed within the cornerstone. The list, as it was described in the article, is as follows:

1. A record on parchment of the laying of this cornerstone, the object of the structure to be there-upon erected, and the names of the Rector and Vestry of Christ Church, and the building Committee, architect and builders
2. A list of the Episcopal churches of Detroit, and their respective rectors
3. A list of the officers and teachers of Christ Church Sunday School
4. A copy of the Holy Bible and the Book of Common Prayer
5. The Journal of the General Convention and the Digest of the Canons, 1859
6. The Journal of the Diocese of Michigan, 1861
7. The Church Almanac for 1861
8. Copies of the various Church papers
9. The New York *Weekly World* July 13, containing the President's message to the special session of Congress and the reports of the Secretaries [unclear]
10. The *Detroit Free Press*, July 16, 1861, and copies of the other city dailies same date.
11. The City Directory for 1861, and map of the city
12. A sermon by the Reverend William N. Lyster preached at the opening of the Church in Cambridge Mission
13. The Reverend Benjamin H. Paddock's sermon before the Detroit Light Guard
14. Bishop A. Lee's sermon on "The Christian Citizen's duty in the Present Crisis"
15. Bishop McCoskry's sermon on "Trust in God the Strength of a Nation"
16. The General Convention Lay Committee Address to the Laity, 1859
17. Judge Campbell's oration, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1861, at Lansing
18. Report of the Society for the increase of the Ministry, 1860
19. Yearly schedule of services in Christ Church
20. The Vestry's printed report on church edifices, [unclear] and the printed report of the parish meeting 1861; also their circular of invitation to the laying of the cornerstone.
21. The form of services used at the laying of this cornerstone
22. The Report of the Trustees of Elmwood Cemetery
23. The Board of Trade's Review of the Commerce of Detroit for 1860
24. A fragment of Roman brick from the walls of St. Martin's Church, Canterbury, the oldest church edifice in England.

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## Christ Church Civil War Mystery Solved (cont'd from p. 8)

The parchment included in the cornerstone included, among other things, the following statement:



On this cornerstone, it is purposed to erect, God willing, an appropriate and [unclear] church edifice to be forever consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, according to the forms and usages of the branch of the Catholic Church known as "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," and to be forever appropriated to the preaching of the blessed gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the administration of His Sacrament and Ordinances, and to the offering of acceptable sacrifices of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. May this foundation of God stand sure so long as His holy name is here preached and His holy name honored. May he bring it to naught whenever (which may God forbid) is here proclaimed "another gospel than that of Jesus Christ!"

I have consulted with some knowledgeable parishioners about what should be done about these newly discovered Civil War treasures held within the cornerstone. These 'experts' suggest that while it might be permissible to open the stone for the purpose of examining, copying and preserving the contents, all of the items should be placed back in the stone thereafter. Perhaps in July 2011, at the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original laying of the stone, it could be opened for this purpose.

## Psalms and Then Some

We have started reciting the psalms antiphonally and are practicing pronouncing an-tiph-onally. Easier said than done!

If you have ever wondered about these things you might try p. 582 in the Book of Common Prayer. This is especially worth checking out when you just don't connect with the sermon. The heading reads, "Concerning the Psalter," and tells you lots. Here are some tidbits.

**Direct recitation** is the reading or chanting of a psalm in unison.

**Antiphonal Recitation** is the verse-by-verse alternation between groups of singers or readers, between choir and congregation, men and women, or one side of the center aisle and the other which is what we are doing.

**Responsorial recitation** is the method in which verses are sung by a cantor with the choir and congregation singing a refrain.

**Responsive recitation** is the practice of alternating verses between the leader and the congregation.

Every so often someone will raise the question of whether we are doing this by whole or half verses. The prayer book only describes verse-by-verse alternation. The first time I came across "by half verse" was at Virginia Theological Seminary and since then it appears that wherever VTS graduates have served there is this "half verse" practice. I can't swear that they started it but I haven't got a better guess yet.

It's helpful to remember that all of the things we do in worship, however peculiar, were actually taught to us by someone somewhere at some point! We couldn't make them up.

The Reverend Carol Cole Flanagan

## Parish Committee List (cont'd from p. 7)

### Millennium Development Goals

Seth Lloyd, Chair  
 Erich Vom Steeg  
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 Margo Norris  
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 Terry and Seth Lloyd  
 Jo Mashour  
 Jon Miller  
 Michelle Wilbert  
 John Williams  
 Pamela Wilkins  
 John Vetrano

### Parish Activities Committee

Co-chair needed  
 Co-chair needed  
 Josephine Powell  
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 Jim and Karen Fleming

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 David Jackson, Co-chair  
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Marilyn Shahly, Co-chair  
 Lisa Staif  
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 Betty Warner  
 Sue Webb  
 Theresa Zajac

### Staffing Plan Working Group

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 Chuck Atwater  
 Bob Brown

Marjorie Hughes  
 Jo Mashour

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## Parish Committee List (cont'd from p. 10)

### Stewardship

Megan Norris, Chair  
Roger Basse  
Bob Brown  
David Chivas

Jim Fleming  
Pam Wilkins  
Jane Forbes, liaison with Finance

### Technology Team

Howard Matthew, Chair  
Chuck Atwater  
Jack Barthwell

Chris Beck  
John Williams

### Web Team

Jack Barthwell  
Chris Beck

Sue Webb  
Saundra Richardson, staff liaison

## Seventh Annual Worldviews Seminar June 23 – 28, 2008

(12 Diocesan Continuing Education Units CEUs)

A six-day experience based seminar at the U of M—Dearborn. Learn about beliefs & practices of some of the world's religions

Discover the multi-religious nature of Metro Detroit.

Learn concepts, vocabulary & practice in interreligious dialogue

Develop skills helpful in multi-religious America.

Featuring **Dr. Lucinda Mosher**, noted scholar, educator, and consultant on interreligious relations and America's religious diversity.

### General Seminar Information

Sessions will be at U M-Dearborn, Christ Episcopal Church (Dearborn), and various religious centers in the Metro-Detroit area.

The basic fee for this six-day seminar is \$450 includes:

- Transportation to religious centers
- Breakfast, lunch and some dinners
- Course notebook of readings

Please **register by May 23, 2008** - Registration is limited.

To reserve a place, contact:

Christ Episcopal Church (Rev. Dan Appleyard): (313) 565-8450 or

## Christ Church May 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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## May/June Calendar

### May

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|----|---------|---|
| 1  |         | Feast of the Ascension                                      |
| 4  |         | 7 Easter, Preacher from Food for the Poor, African Art Sale |
| 8  |         | June Chronicles Deadline                                    |
| 11 |         | Pentecost, Baptisms, Senior Speech, Mother's Day            |
| 15 | 6 pm    | Vestry Meeting, Cary Lounge                                 |
| 18 |         | Trinity Sunday  |
| 25 |         | 2 Pentecost   |
| 26 |         | Memorial Day—Church Office Closed                           |
| 27 | 7:30 pm | Dedication of new chapel space, Bishop Gibbs here           |



### June

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| 1  |      | 3 Pentecost                                    |
| 8  |      | 4 Pentecost, Last Sunday School, Special Event |
| 12 |      | July Chronicles Deadline                       |
| 15 |      | 5 Pentecost, Father's Day                      |
| 19 | 6 pm | Vestry Meeting, Cary Lounge                    |