

CHRONICLES

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CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD...

Matthew 6:28b

By the time this issue of the *Chronicles* is written and assembled Thanksgiving will be just around the corner. One of the gifts of the season is the wonderful gospel reading for Thanksgiving Day. (Matthew 6:25-33) "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

Repeatedly, Jesus says to his followers, "Do not worry..." While the pace of life in the ancient Mediterranean world was certainly not as frenetic as it is today, even then people worried. And yet, anxiety is the antithesis of faith. If God provides so abundantly for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, how much more lavishly does God provide for us?

Some years ago I found that when my faith and my temper are getting a bit frayed, I have only to look around. I was doing errands the other day and saw an eye-catching notice saying, "Kitten found" posted in the various establishments where I was shopping – evidence of someone's care and concern. Inside the door of the restaurant where I lunched was an arresting vase of cattails surrounded by brilliant red and gold leaves. The floors were beautifully varnished and shimmered in the sunlight. Our Blessing of the Animals is now a matter of history, and who will forget the funny parrot who talked throughout the service? Last Sunday after announcements Lamar Richardson snagged me to say he would take charge of the Afternoon Tea the weekend of the Detroit Free Press Marathon. When he came in during the week to check on the tea service, supplies and set-up he was concerned about the scones. Two days later Genet Barthwell came in and agreed to provide the scones. God does indeed provide.

Those of us involved in planning are looking forward to the baptisms on All Saints' Sunday and the Rite 13 Celebration of Adulthood. The parish web site, which has caused us considerable angst for some time now, has a new lease on life thanks to the labors of lots of folks. Anyone visiting the site now has a good snapshot of the mission and ministry of Christ Church. Our construction proceeds apace under the vigilant eye of our construction team, and we are in the midst of planning for the dedication of the space on December 9th.

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Parishioners News

Welcome to the World, Julia Williams. Our newest parishioner arrived October 4th at a healthy 8 lbs. 4 oz. Julia is the daughter of Tracy and John Williams and sister of Meghan. Congratulations.

With heartfelt sympathy, we extend our thoughts and prayers to our former Rector, The Rev. Phillip Jackson and his wife Page. They mourn the loss of their nephew who died much too soon.

A friend of our congregation, Ed Deeb, has received the Dolores and George Riley Stewardship Award for Distinguished Service for dedicated service in helping people, small businesses and our youth. Wayne State awarded him the Community Peacemaker Award for helping to bring our communities together while providing opportunities for youth at Metro Detroit Youth Day each year, giving more than 40 scholarships..

Our condolences are extended to Catherine Barthwell and Magellan McCrary and families in the death of their niece, Kathleen McCree Lewis, Esq.



Nicholas Berlage Joins Essex Singers -- Lindsay Barr Ousted

Not really. As an assignment to participate in an AP World History class, Nick, who is a junior at Troy High, was selected to represent Leonardo da Vinci. A round table discussion of major male and female figures of the Renaissance was followed by debating on who was the ultimate man or woman of that period. In regal dress, Nick, that is da Vinci, proficient in so many areas, was the ultimate choice. Thanks to Lindsay who very graciously loaned his Essex Singers outfit.

Consider the lilies of the field (from p.1)

It is in moments such as these that we encounter the Divine, and learn once again that the sacred is most often found in the ordinary. It does not come in moments of high drama trailing clouds of glory. It comes in the smile of a toddler, and the spontaneous and gleeful offer of a soggy cracker. It comes in the joy of a little girl who tells her grandfather the dress he gave her is so beautiful that she's going to wear it *every day!*

As the Christian year draws to a close, consider the lilies of the field, and the abundance of a gracious God who knows our needs before we ask, and who provides more than we can ask or imagine.

Grace and peace,

Carol

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Vestry Highlights of September 2007

The Wardens and Vestry present these highlights, in order to better communicate their meeting results, to the congregation. Melissa Cragg, Senior Warden, will be submitting notes monthly to the Chronicles.

Opening devotions were lead by the interim rector, the Rev. Carol Cole Flanagan. All but one member of the vestry was in attendance as well as two parishioners who were present to observe.

Treasurer Jan Weir presented a summary of the named funds, brokerage and savings accounts, and funds dedicated to the Capital Campaign. Several pledges are in arrears and there was some discussion of follow-up.

The Diocesan Pledge of 10% for 2008 was approved for the sum of \$63,711.

The Interfaith Trust Fund investments for low income loans and community development come due at different times. The vestry approved the renewal of a \$50,000 investment.

A Bridge Loan by Comerica Bank to help fund construction was approved on the recommendation of the senior warden. Her efforts in securing it were much appreciated by the vestry.

Transfer of Accounts from Chase Bank to Comerica Bank, which has provided the loan and better service, was approved.

The 2006 Audit will be prepared before the end of 2007 and bids are being sought by the Finance Committee.

The MDG Committee will be requesting a commitment to the Millennium Development Goals of 0.7% of the 2008 budget at the next meeting. One member asked to know what percent we spend on local outreach at the time of the discussion.

Space Allocation was reviewed by the Rev. Geoffrey Piper. He also reported that the front door of Sibley House would have a volunteer monitor each Sunday until the new classrooms are ready for occupancy.

Web Development is under construction. Carol Cole Flanagan reported that we have engaged Jay Hunter who designs web sites, and has done those for Crossroads and Christ Church, Grosse Pointe among others. John Williams, who had been involved in the web development originally, was able to provide good information and support. Carol has also appointed a Web Team that will be meeting in the course of the next month.

Construction was addressed by John Williams in some detail. He reported the good news that the project is still on schedule with a projected dedication date of December 9th. The bad news is that the cost overrun for unforeseen maintenance matters is at \$46,746. Since a decision not to correct them would result in damage to new construction, the cost was approved.

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A Beautiful Blessing of the Animals

By Claire Brown



The third annual (?) Blessing of the Animals, brought to you by St. Francis of Assisi, took place on October 6 this year, just 2 days after St. Francis' feast day of October 4. Our interim, Carol, planned a terrific liturgy fashioned around the wonders of creation and nature's bounty.

From Genesis: "And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind.' Really. Just think about iguanas and elephants. Who could have thought them up? And from Matthew's gospel, this exhortation to be humble and live simply:

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear....Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them."

And we sang: "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful- the Lord God made them all." And while we praised the beauty of the earth in song, intermittently, a parrot --brought to be blessed-- croaked, "Hi, Bob." "Hi, Bob."

Thirty to 40 people and pets attended the park ceremony plus the denizens of two petting zoos. Carol blessed Lucinda Keils' dog Sadie, the Lloyds' poodles, and my garden earthworms, among others. We missed the Wilbert family's ferret. A nonparishioner stopped by with a kitten, a puppy, and a turtle to be blessed before being taken to start new lives at the Humane Society. A donkey, llama, calf, pony, a pygmy pig, and ducks, chickens, and rabbits attended and got poked, petted, and pursued by numerous adults and children. Maribodine Robinson and the sweet rabbit on her lap were the picture of peace, while one particularly patient duck allowed Maya Hughes, a particularly persistent and affectionate three-year old to squeeze her and drop her intermittently for about an hour. Another wonderful photo op.

The kids rolled hula hoops, blew bubbles, danced, and got really dirty. It was lots of fun.

We'll always be grateful to Russell Johnson and Beth Perry for introducing this fall celebration of life.



Construction Report

By David M. Coleman
Architectural/Construction Chair
16 October, 2007

Dear Christ Church Parishioners:

It's now a race to the finish!! We remain pretty much on-time and, as mentioned last month, a little bit over budget. At our weekly coordination meeting last Friday we bit the bullet and made the commitment to have the project completed, and a Certificate of Occupancy issued, in time for a gala December 9th dedication and grand opening. To accomplish that, the construction workers, your team, and everyone involved will be working over-time ... likely be long hours 6 – 7 days/week. It will be frenetic, but all are excited about moving this to completion.

The appropriate (pre-enclosure) mechanical, fire, electrical, etc. inspections are now complete and everything passed with flying colors. All of the interior walls are up, sanded, and will be painted by the time this issue of the *Chronicles* arrives. The open areas between the Cary/Ledyard buildings and the Church proper were enclosed (in temporary fashion) this week. Shortly the window tracery in St. Michael's Chapel (the north one) will be magically converted to the new entrance door. Everything is now on a common elevation and it's at times difficult to 'remember' what it all used to look like!

The revised St. Michael's Chapel will be complete in time for the dedication. This smaller chapel will be for private meditation. The new chapel on the other side is still evolving conceptually under the guidance of our Interim Rector and the designated *ad hoc* committee.

Elsewhere in this issue Jim Perry will comment on the progress in actions to do the badly needed work on the exterior of Sibley House. He deserves high praise for his work. Please pray for 'good news!'

We again thank you for your continued understanding, patience, and prayers as we all strive to do the right things. Of course this hasn't always been easy as we deal with dirt, dust, construction debris, displaced space, and even port-a-potties! My grandmother used to say, "it will feel better when it stops hurting!" In very short order we will soon be there! If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Blessings,

David (Architecture/Construction Chair)

Jim Perry (Carpentry & Chapels)

Bob Lane (Grounds, Sibley Move, & Photo Documentation)

John Williams (Vestry, Security)

Jan Weir (\$\$\$\$)

Jones, Lang & LaSalle (Greg Worthington)

J. C. Beal (Fred Beal, Brian Mooney, and Monica Monjeau)

Gunn Levine Architects (Ed Francis, Tom Roberts & Donald Vanderworp)

Plus countless Christ Church and other support staff, construction workers, engineers, etc.

Christ Church Receives a Major Gift to Help Fund the Exterior of Sibley House

By Jim Perry

It is with great pleasure that I announce the receipt of a cash gift of over twenty thousand dollars from Margie H. Johnson. This gift is given in memory of her late father, George Marshall Hornblower and in honor of her friend and relative, our own Deborah Gillespie.

Ms. Johnson lives in Golden, Colorado. While visiting Detroit, Deborah acquainted her with Sibley House and told her of her efforts to seek the assistance of Sibley descendants from around the country in support of Christ Church's ongoing restoration and maintenance of Sibley House. It didn't take long for Ms. Johnson to become captivated by the grandeur and historic significance of Sibley House and her commitment to it is now evidenced by this magnificent gift.

Christ Church will honor Ms. Johnson's stipulation that this gift be used solely for the exterior restoration of Sibley House. Though the interior restorations and modifications to Sibley House have been completed and funded by our Capital Campaign, we were unable to include within the scope of our project, the sorely needed exterior work. Thus, Ms. Johnson's gift could not have come at a better time.

Additionally, we are hopeful that the Detroit Downtown Development Authority will soon see fit to provide matching funds through their Façade Improvement Fund to further assist us with the exterior renovation of Sibley House. A grant was initially approved over two years ago but was shelved as a result of a legal proceeding that should be fully resolved in the near future. If this grant is realized, Christ Church will be in a position to move forward with major elements of the restoration (e.g., siding, painting, fascia work, etc.). However, it is unlikely that this work can begin before the spring of 2008.

On a personal note, I believe that the Lord intends for us to care for Sibley House just as we do for our Church and its adjoining halls. Budget constraints are very real obstacles and yet, when wonderful friends like Margie Johnson emerge, it renews my faith that we will accomplish this aspect of His work.

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Sibley House exterior some years ago— from www.detroit1701.org/SibleyHouse.htm

Our Rector Search Proceeds



The Search Committee is proceeding very nicely in its quest for a new Rector for our parish. As we told you earlier, we are guided by the well-defined diocesan practice which outlines steps taken during a search. At this point, we are receiving names of prospective candidates interested in becoming our next Rector. Information such as resume, profile, etc. accompanies the names of these people. The committee members will determine which, or perhaps all, are of interest to pursue. The initial contact will be made in the form of written questions. From these responses a group of the most desirable clergy will emerge. In the next weeks, other more defining forms of contacts will be made.

Our new church website (www.christcd.org) has links to many of the areas of interest for any priest who may wish to seek information about us. The site includes our Parish Position Profile, the Interim Rector process, Parish Narrative Profile and an e-mail link, ccdsearch@gmail.com to the committee, with more to come.

Search members are:

Phil Campbell	Marilyn Shahly
David Chivas	Lisa Staif
Tom Cragg	Betty Warner
Miriam Costandi	Sue Webb
David Jackson	Jan Weir
Howard Matthew	Theresa Zajac

UNITED THANK OFFERING

by Margaret Hammond, Representative for UTO

November 11 has been set as the date of the United Thank Offering fall ingathering. For more than a century UTO has encouraged us to give thanks for our own blessings while we pray for the needs and concerns of others. In addition they ask that we express our thanks by giving monies to help meet some of those needs.

This year 104 applications were funded at a total of \$2,439,423.46. Unfortunately, monies were not available for the remainder of the 202 grant requests which totaled \$8,141,476.97. Many of the grants were used for vehicles, equipment, or building renovations and improvements to improve accessibility and safety as well as to expand services.

Locally \$14,062 was approved for The Episcopal Student Foundation Canterbury House in Ann Arbor for upgrades to make the building more welcoming for university students and visitors. Please consider making donations to the UTO a part of your prayer life.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee will meet Sunday, November 11th after the 10:30 Service in the Sibley House Front Office.

Bishop Riah to Visit on November 18

A reminder: We will have the pleasure of greeting The Rt. Rev. Riah H. Abu El-Assal on Sunday, November 18th. We're certain that he looks forward to seeing all of us as we welcome him once more to Christ Church. He has corresponded with us often, and the following is the most recent letter we have received.



Message from the Rt. Rev. Riah H. Abu El-Assal-September 2007

Dear Friends,

Salaam and grace and greetings from Nazareth.

This comes first and foremost to say how grateful I am to the thousands in our Global Village who continue to hold me, my family, and the Ambassadorial role, that God placed on my heart, in their prayers. God does work in mysterious ways and is opening doors and windows to bring His message of peace and reconciliation in the world, especially in the Middle East where God placed us.

September brought us both pain and joy: Pain from our 'own' in Jerusalem in relation to the invasion of my privacy. May God forgive them. Joy when God lead me to new avenues where I found Him already there to fulfill His purposes.

There was over a thousand people celebrating the Global Peace Festival in London on 9/9/2007, and to whom I spoke on the necessity of becoming "peace makers" not only "peace talkers." I also reminded all that Jesus did not say "blessed are the peace-talkers." He said: "Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God." Visa versa the children of God are able to make peace, while others continue to talk about it. The challenge left with us may be summed up: "WALK THE TALK."

From London, I proceeded to Birmingham at the invitation of Dr. Peter Patel of **Saving Lives Holy Land Medical Project** where I was taken on a fact-finding visit to a children's Hospital and a home for Chinese senior citizens. This before being welcomed by Cllr. Randal Brew OBE, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and the Lady Mayoress where exchange visits for the young from Birmingham and Palestine was part of the discussion as well as a possible visit by the Mayor to Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

September 21-26, 2007 I participated in a conference in New York on the **Role of Religion in the Search for Peace**, for Justice and Reconciliation, especially in the Middle East. Some 400 representing most of the nations of the world took part in panels and work shops. Important to note that among those former P.M. and many Parliamentarians.

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Bishop Riah (continued from p. 8)

The conference coincided with the U.N. special session that brought many, many Heads of States, among them President of Iran, Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Few of us participating in the conference were invited for *Iftar* at President Ahmadinejad's table who graciously gave me time to speak to him and the others. After thanking him and wishing him and his people for Ramadan, I said: "The breaking of bread, especially during the month of Ramadan, must remind us not only of those without bread, but also the urgent need to break down barriers, pull down separation walls; and replace these with bridges of understanding on the way to healing, peace and reconciliation." I also challenged him to open wide the doors of dialogue and to welcome a delegation of religious leaders to promote the same. In his response, he welcomed and endorsed the idea. I have already started contacting people who expressed readiness and who are committed to building bridges rather than simply pulling down barriers.

On returning home, some 300 people joined an Iftar at the invitation of our Educational Campus in Nazareth. People who came from as far as Tel-Aviv, the Northern Part of Galilee, Mount Carmel, Nazareth and the Galilee made a most joyous company of friends and supporters of our Educational Institution. All who spoke expressed gracious support for the work done and for the accomplishments so far realized. Kindly keep the Administration, the 1550 students and the 135 members of staff in your prayers.

Know God loves you. Continue to love one another so that the missions viewed impossible by some human beings will become possible by Him who is able.

May God in His mercy count us worthy to be instruments for His Peace in His World.

+ Riah H. Abu El-Assal



Two World Views: Ruffles and Doritos (Scarcity and Abundance)

Several years ago there was a Ruffles potato chip ad showing two Eskimos sitting in the midst of a vast, uninhabited, frozen wasteland. One fellow was having a wonderful time eating the contents of his bag of Ruffles, while the other was looking longingly in his direction. In reply to his request for a chip, the first man declares to his lone companion, "But if I gave one to you, I would have to give one to everybody."

At the same time, there was an ad for nacho cheese Doritos running which employed comedian Jay Leno as philosopher-spokesperson. After extolling the chips' great flavor and radical crunch, Leno gave us Doritos eaters free rein: "Crunch all you want...we'll make more!"

The Christian theology of abundance is more Doritos than Ruffles. Share all you have. God will provide! We live in abundance. We just need to open our eyes and realize it, open our hands and share it!

Check Out Our Updated Website at www.christcd.org

The Christ Church web site has been updated to include picture galleries, Vestry, Staff and Search Committee information, various ministries, sermon archives, current bulletin, Chronicles Newsletter, schedule of events, etc. There will be more to come.

Girls' Friendly Society

Several weeks ago we received a report on the 2007 National Assembly of the Girls' Friendly Society. This organization once played an important role in the life of Christ Church so we thought you might be interested to know more about its history, and Jo Zedan has provided an account of its role in this parish and her memories as a participant.

The GFS was founded in 1875 in England by Mary Elizabeth Townsend. It was the first organization for women in the Church of England. Its purpose was to provide a place for girls who were not married and who had been sent to the city by their families to work in textile mills, to experience friendship and recreation in a fellowship of Christian love and service. As this new organization was a place for finding comfort and friendship, the name Girl's Friendly Society was decided upon.

In 1877, Elizabeth Mason, the rector's daughter from St. Anne's Church in Lowell, Mass., saw girls leaving their homes to find jobs. In 1877 she organized the first GFS branch in the United States. In the late 1800's, GFS members assisted young women entering this country by providing housing and helping them find jobs. In 1887, it played a role in establishing the Traveler's Aid Society. During the war years, members could be found sheltering and aiding refugees and raising funds to help the Red Cross purchase ambulances. Its missionary work has spread across the country and around the world.

Today, the GFS is a national volunteer organization in the Episcopal Church for young women from the ages of 5 to 21. Diocesan and local branches develop and create their own programs with the commitment to serve the needs of young women in this changing world. The purpose remains the same, to provide an organization dedicated to helping young women grow within a fellowship of love and mutual respect.

The Girls' Friendly Society at Christ Church, Detroit

By Josephine Zedan

On February 22, 1894 the Girls' Friendly Society was organized at Christ Church. After a rocky start it was launched again in 1897 with success. In 1923 Miss Margaret Wilson became the Parish Visitor and moved into Sibley House until the Neighborhood House operation was moved to Brady House, where the parking lot is now. The daughter of a physician she came to Christ Church as a child and continued to be active after her family moved to the west side. She was patient, kind and understanding, and a teacher by profession. She taught Sunday School for six years and in 1929 became Hostess at Neighborhood House where she had oversight of the Girls' Friendly Society among many other parish responsibilities.

GFS met monthly at Neighborhood House, known now as Sibley House. In addition to meetings we attended chapel on the 3rd floor and participated in games. The GFS had a camp we attended during the summer for a week. Holiday House was located at Pine Lake in Oakland County. There were three cottages for the girls. Birds Nest was the cottage for preteens, Holiday House for teens, and Rest Cottage for post-teens. There were rowboats, a dock for swimming and a raft, hiking, games and chapel. The girls enjoyed this week at camp and we often saw the lady in charge riding her horse around the grounds.

As times changed, many of the girls moved away and Miss Wilson allowed me to advance to the next group so I was able to join the senior members. At that time I also began teaching Sunday School and served on the altar committee. At that time we always had to wear a hat and white gloves. How times have changed!

I continued to participate in the Girls' Friendly Society until the Christ Church Chapter merged with the Episcopal Women's Evening group some time in the 1950's; and the Women's Evening Group, originally the Business and Professional Women's Group, was active well into the 1970's.

For more on the history of the local chapter see pp. 69, 81, 86-90 and 134 of *Christ Church Detroit: A Beacon of Hope*.

10 REASONS NOT TO MAKE YOUR HOUSE PAYMENT

1. The only time I ever hear from the bank is when they want my money. They never pay attention to my other needs.
2. I'm upset at the bank president. He said some things I don't agree with.
3. The bank's parent company in New York did some things I don't agree with.
4. That house payment is a tenth of my income. That's a whole lot more than I can really afford.
5. I'll give them what I can every month. But, I don't want to make any long-range promises.
6. We went on vacation last month. The bank will have to wait until we catch up on other bills.
7. I'll support the bank with my prayers. That ought to do more good than my measly little payment.
8. The bank spends too much money on its own administration. When it starts giving more away then I'll start making house payments again.
9. The bank has a lot of rich customers. It can get along fine without my little payment.
10. I believe in capitalism. But I have a lot of doubts about the institutional bank.

-Tattled from David E. Sumner of Knoxville, TN

The Devil's Dictionary

church budget: The means by which we notify the Lord of the limitations we intend to impose on his gifts for the coming year.

--Terry Parsons, Stewardship Officer for the Episcopal Church

Swords and Wallets

In days of old, when a king converted to Christianity and ordered his knights to be baptized, many of them would hold their right arms out of the water. As they were submerged in the baptismal waters, they kept their swords and weapons dry so they could continue to use them for war.

I sometimes have a picture of us modern-day Christians undergoing our baptisms while trying to hold our wallets and checkbooks out of those converting waters.

And I have another, sometimes scary, vision that when I reach that checkpoint between heaven and the place downstairs, St. Peter is going to ask to see my checkbook. I'll say, "Wouldn't you like to see my letters of reference and my resume?" I have here a list of good things I have done."

"The checkbook will do just fine," Peter will say. "More than anything else it will tell me about how you spent much of your time and energy and the things you were most concerned about in life. You remember our Lord's words: 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'"

--The Rt. Rev. Frederick Borsch, Bishop of Los Angeles

Advent Home Eucharists

During Advent we will have three Home Eucharists on **Wednesdays at 7pm** to include scripture reading and discussion. Light refreshments will follow the services. Please contact the hosts to let them know you are coming and to obtain directions.

December 5th, 7pm Margo & Rollin Norris 1626 Strathcona, Detroit 313/369-9017

December 12th, 7pm Joyce & Richard Esse 23173 Westbury St., St. Clair Shores 586/771-5397

December 19th, 7pm Theresa Zajac & Chris Beck 1538 Chateaufort Pl, Detroit 313/393-0701

Christmas Music and Flowers



If you would like to help provide music and flowers for Christmas please find a card in your pew. The cost is \$25.00. Please note in the memo line whether your gift is for music, flowers or both. Also check off one of the following:

In memorial if remembering someone deceased _____

In thanksgiving for a person or gift, e.g. a new baby or the restoration of health _____

In honor of a particular person or event _____

To the glory of God _____

Please have your information and donation to the office no later than December 17th. You can put it in the alms basin or mail it to:

Christ Church Detroit,
960 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, MI 48207.



Save the Date – Party Time

Since so many people get extra busy at this time of year, we want to remind everyone again of our **Church Christmas Party**.

The date for our annual parish Christmas Party this year is **Friday, December 14th**. Be sure to mark your calendars now, to save the date during that busy time of the year. More information will come later.

A special request from the Parish Activities Committee: They are looking for a new DJ. If anyone has a suggestion, please see Marilyn Shahly. Remember, however: the committee is operating under a limited budget and needs a reasonably priced DJ in order to keep ticket prices low.



Looking from new nursery area toward St. Michael's Chapel where a new door will be constructed.



New restroom in Cary Lounge area.

Save the Date - December 9th

Sunday, Dec 9th is the tentative date for the New Space Dedication at the 10:30 Service. It is our hope that we will have Certificate of Occupancy by that time. The Rev. Ervin Brown, former rector will be the preacher.

Christ Church Autumn Schedule

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

9:30am

Sunday School

Adult Bible Study Front Office, Sibley House
 YAC Next to St. Michael's Chapel
 J2A Rector's Office, 1st Floor Sibley
 Rite 13 Asst. Rector's Office, 2nd Floor, SH
 Grades 5-6 South Balcony (parking lot side)
 Grades 3-4 North Balcony (St. Michael's)
 Grades 1-2 Rear of Church
 Kindergarten 2nd Floor, Sibley House

9:30am - 12 Noon

Nursery

2nd Floor, Sibley House

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

&

Worship Center

2nd Floor, Sibley House

Tuesday

1:30 p.m.

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 Sibley House

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November/December Calendar

November

- 4 Time Change—Fall Back one Hour**
Sunday After All Saints with Baptisms
Celebration of Adulthood
- 8** November Chronicles Deadline
- 11** 24 Pentecost, Proper 27
- 15** 6pm Vestry Meeting
- 18** 25 Pentecost, Visit of Bishop Riah
- 22** 9 am THANKSGIVING, Meals on Wheels
- 22-23** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED, THANKSGIVING
- 25** Last Pentecost, Christ the King Sunday

December

- 2** I Advent, Year A
- 8** 9am Gleaners
- 9** II Advent, New Space Dedication at 10:30 Service
- 14** Parish Christmas Party
- 16** III Advent, J2A Bazaar & Luncheon
- 24** 5pm Pageant & Eucharist
9pm Candlelight Holy Eucharist

