

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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Welcome Back

Proposed Autumn Schedule

Subject to Changes due to Construction

SEPTEMBER

- 2 8:15 & 10:30 Blessing of Bookbags, Backpacks & Briefcases
- 9 Choir Returns this Sunday
- 16 Start Up Sunday for Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A, YAC and Worship Center (sites TBD)
- 20 6pm September Vestry Meeting
- 23 Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A, YAC & Worship Center
- 30 Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A, YAC & Worship Center



OCTOBER

- Date TBD Blessing of the Animals
- 7 Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A, YAC & Worship Center
- 14 Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A, YAC & Worship Center
- 20 5pm Sunday Eucharist on Saturday due to Marathon
- 21 Free Press Marathon Sunday, service on Saturday
- 28 Sunday School, Children's Choir Rehearsal & Worship Center



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News of the People

There's news from **Katie Marr**. She's moved to Sacramento, CA, to work for a regional accounting firm – Gallina, LLP. She is quite happy with her new position, and the apartment she has begun to arrange. We wish her good luck on the CPA exam she will take next spring/summer. Katie's new address: 7306 Huntington Square Lane, Apt. #26, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Not to be outdone, another of our recent graduates, **John Coleman**, has news for us. John is taking his U-M degree in Sports Marketing and Management to Washington, DC. He will be joining Venture Marketing Solutions, Virginia's only outsourced sales and marketing firm, as an Account Executive. His new address: 450 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Apt. #916, Washington, DC.

If you are in the Wayne State University/Mid-Town area, be sure to visit **Pizzeria Venti** co-owned by parishioners **John and Tracy Williams**. Located in the Towers at Wayne State, Pizzeria Venti www.pizzeriaventidetroit.com is casual dining with a Tuscan flair. As Wayne State alumnae, Tracy and John are proud and blessed to be a part of the Midtown community in this capacity.

Help for Gleaners

You can help at Gleaners Food Bank. The dates Christ Church is to assist are all on Saturdays, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. During this next school year the dates are:

September 22	February 9
October 20	April 12
December 8	June 8

Sign up for all of them, or just one. Seth Lloyd will be posting the sign-up sheets, in the Narthex for now.



Simba Returns

Here is an opportunity to see *The Lion King* in the comfort of your own private box:

The Parish Activities Committee has arranged to have these box seat tickets for December 6th, 7:30 PM, at the Detroit Opera House for \$68 per ticket.

Payment for tickets will be due on September 5th. You may write checks to Christ Church with a memo line notation – “Lion King”. If you have any question, please see Harold Cherry or Marilyn Shahly.

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KIDS, PARENTS AND MONEY

by The Rev. Carol Cole Flanagan

Rearing children today is as much if not more of a challenge than it has ever been. It is all the more complicated by the fact that our culture shapes our children's values in ways that may not be ours and may not be Christian.

According to David Walsh, Ph.D., American children are bombarded with thousands of value messages every day. Here are a few.

1. Happiness is found in having things
2. Get all you can for yourself.
3. Get it all as quickly as you can.
4. Win at all costs
5. Violence is entertaining.
6. Always seek pleasure and avoid boredom.

If you are looking for an alternative to the values of our culture, here are some websites for kids and parents.

www.mmforkids.org
www.kidscanmakeadifference.org
www.newdream.org
www.zillions.org
www.sharesavespend.com

You might also see Nathan Dungan's book "Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not to be Your Child's ATM."



Ramp entrance to Sibley House.



Outside the former office entrance.

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A Pilgrim Speaks

By Megan MacDonald

The word “pilgrimage” is defined as “a journey to a sacred place or shrine”, or “a long journey or search, especially one of exalted purpose or moral significance”. This summer, I was lucky enough to make such a journey.

On July 16th, 2007, **Christopher Jackson, Nicholas Berlage, Anna Basse, Katherine Ealy, Jennifer Osborne, Emma Wilbert and I** departed from the Detroit Metro Airport, starting out on our very own pilgrimage. We were accompanied by four adults who were charged with not only making sure we survived the experience, but that we took something away from it.

Sally LePla, Cliff Vance, Tina Hunter, and Father Phil Jackson all met and exceeded their roles as our guides. [Of course, they also taught us many important life lessons, such as how to use a “chew stick” (courtesy of Cliff), how to brew the perfect cup of tea (a task which Tina took much to heart), the trick to persuading someone into giving you more money for dinner (Sally used this skill to help us dine like kings), and of course, the infamous clown joke, which I will leave to Father Phil to tell.]

This voyage took us to many sacred places, but in the end, the most meaningful aspect was the search that each of us embarked upon - a search to find a closer connection with God.

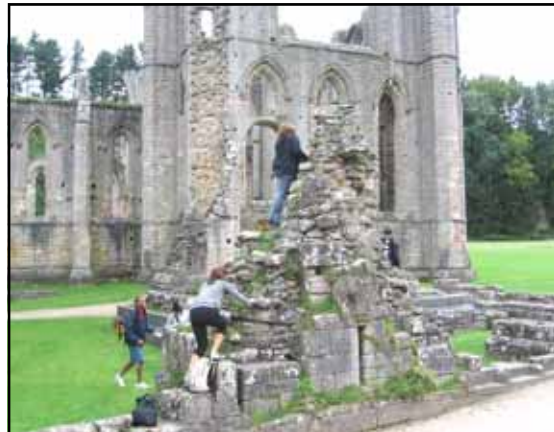
Throughout the course of our ten day journey, we were bombarded by the utterly fantastic - exposed to unbelievable experiences left and right. We climbed 463 stairs to the very top of St. Paul's Cathedral and looked out across all of London, then walked around the graves of past monarchs of England in Westminster Abbey. We piled out of our trusty coach in Lincoln and turned around to find an enormous gothic cathedral right in front of us, a site where pilgrims have been traveling for centuries. After touring the impressive Yorkminster, we walked along the original Roman city walls before heading back to our hotel.

Time after time, we were jolted out of everyday thoughts by the sight of something that quite literally took your breath away. It might have been the trip to Fountains Abbey, where we were free to explore the ruins of what was originally one of the wealthiest abbeys in the country, or stopping to eat lunch next to Loch Lomond, the largest loch in all of Britain. For many of us, it was our stay on the Isle of Iona; a place where many say you can “feel the holiness”.

We grew closer through our experiences and came away with a healthy stock of memories, which I feel confident I will never forget. It is impossible to fully capture all that we experienced, except to say that it truly was the trip of a lifetime.



Our group braves the 3 hour pilgrim's walk on the Isle of Iona.



Anna and Jennifer climb part of the ruins at Fountains Abbey.



Lincoln Cathedral Interior



Fountains Abbey



The pilgrims walk around the ancient city of Lincoln.



The view from outside our hotel on the Isle of Iona.



Chris poses at the end of our pilgrim's walk on the Isle of Iona

Also,

Tina Hunter authored a very moving article about her experiences with our J2A group. Written for St. Paul's Cathedral news, she vividly describes the emotion and spirituality of visiting the holy places in England and in Scotland. Brevity requires that we may only include here her opening and closing paragraphs:

Four days ago I returned from visiting some of the great cathedrals in England. With seven young people and three other adults, I prayed in St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey in London, in the Lincoln Cathedral and Yorkminster. I heard tour guides talk of history, of architects, of materials, of bishops, of saints, and the throngs of pilgrims, like we, who had traveled long distances in search of the holy. I thought of our cathedral all along my journey and strove to connect with those who make a cathedral their home....

...One of the blessings of a pilgrimage is taking time to pray and hear God's word daily. I was singing in my head for most of the trip—"surely it is God who saves me," from the First Song of Isaiah, the doxology and "be still and know that I am God" as I walked across the hills of Iona and looked out to the sea. It's pretty easy to listen for God's voice in the ruins of an abbey or on an island that you can only get to when the tide is out. It's quiet there. The only sounds are the baaing of the sheep and the sound of the water. How do we hear God's voice when we have deadlines to meet or children to be fed or classes to teach or budgets to balance? How do we hear God's voice on a corner of a noisy city street? However we accomplish it, let's make sure that we're striving to listen.

Peace - Tina Hunter

Christ Church Parish Questionnaire Summary

Wednesday, July 25, 2007



The following is a summary of the *Christ Church Detroit Parish Questionnaire* responses from parishioners which were returned to and compiled by the Search Committee. The Questionnaire was divided into five categories:

- Tasks of the Church
- Organizational characteristics
- Congregational Identity
- Priorities of the Rector
- Ministry Activities

Most of the summary is self explanatory. Hopefully the summary will help identify challenges and strengths that we may not have considered individually. The Search Committee is grateful for the effort put into filling out the surveys and we believe that useful information was gained.

“Tasks of the Church”:

There were very few items where respondents felt upon which too much emphasis is placed. “Supporting the world mission of the church through study and giving” had the highest number of those responses although it, too, was still a small number.

Most questions had a majority of “generally satisfied” responses. All questions had a number of parishioners who felt that “more emphasis” was needed (14-70%). The higher percentage questions that fell into this category were:

- Sharing the good news of the Gospel 70%
- Providing ministry for shut-ins, the sick, the bereaved and those in crisis 67%
- Helping members discover their gifts for ministry 58%
- Helping members deepen their relationship with God 49%
- Encouraging members to act on the relationship of the Christian faith to social, political, and economic issues 47%

50% of respondents felt that what Christ Church did best was, “Providing worship that deepens members’ experience with God and the Christian Faith.” 25% felt that, “Providing worship that expresses the Gospel in contemporary language and forms was the best thing we do. From a personal point of view, the most responses to “What would you like to see strengthened?” was “Providing ministry for shut-ins, the sick, the bereaved and those in crisis.”

“Organizational Characteristics” of Christ Church:

A much wider spread of responses resulted in a range from “To a Great Extent,” to “Not at All.”

69% of responders felt that the community around the church is not well informed about our activities, while 85% felt that members were well informed about activities within the congregation.

70% felt that cooperative projects and joint worship with other churches was not highly valued. (This was also listed as a relatively low priority for the Rector [Ecumenical] later in the questionnaire.) “Perceptions of the effectiveness of new member recruitment were split between “to some extent” and “not much”.

64% felt that theological and biblical implications of important decisions are discussed, while 46% felt the opposite.

90% felt that we help each other in times of need.

“Congregational Identity”:

In this section, respondents were to identify by marking their responses toward the left of the choices to indicate what was felt we are “most like.” Leftward skews resulted on most questions except in the statement “our members are very different from people who live immediately around the church” [We felt that this statement may have not been well understood.] And also, “we are not involved with our surrounding community”.

Leftward skews indicated that we are influenced by history and tradition, oriented to serving our members; and that, Christ Church feels like one big family. The respondents felt that our approach to individual salvation emphasizes education and gradual growth in faith; and that, we have a strong denominational identity.

“Priorities of the Rector”:

This section tended to have respondents express the greater number of responses into either “Top-High Priority,” or “Moderate-Low Priority,” grouping.

The Top-High plurality included:

- Providing administrative leadership
- Involving the laity in planning and leadership
- Worship sensitive to the needs of the congregation
- Maintaining a deep personal prayer life
- Attending to the spiritual development of members
- Visiting the sick, shut-ins and bereaved
- Counseling members with personal, family or work problems
- Supporting youth Religious education

The Moderate-Low plurality included:

- Participating in the regional larger community (40% low priority)
- Visiting members in their homes (43% low priority)
- Supporting the world mission of the church (43% low priority)
- Participating in denominational activities at the diocesan or national level (38% low priority)
- Active in Ecumenical activities with other denominations/faiths (52% low priority)

The High-Moderate responses included:

- “adult education,” “staying current on Parish growth and development,”
- “supporting stewardship,”
- “new member recruitment” and “participating in the local community”.

“Ministry Activities”:

Several areas were considered very important. These included:

- Ministry with youth
- Teaching at all ages
- Preaching
- Spiritual guidance
- Pastoral care

Most other questions showed a fairly significant spread. Questions with high numbers of responses labeled, “least important,” were “Ecumenical,” and “Consulting/Transition Ministry.”

Respectfully submitted,

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Construction Report

By David M. Coleman
Architectural/Construction Chair
10 August, 2007

Dear Christ Church Parishioners:

By the time you receive this issue of the *Chronicles* the evidence of *new* construction (as opposed to demolition and preparation for new construction) will be evident with the structures rising like a Phoenix from the earth. All excavation is complete and the concrete footings have been poured. The accompanying photographs will document some of this progress as of this date.

The *final* building permits (with the City of Detroit) were issued this week based on the last details and construction documents, and final blueprints including some value engineering to maintain costs. Essentially all of the structural steel, HVAC system, and other construction elements have been ordered for timely delivery as construction progresses.

Here is an *approximate* partial 'road map' of what to expect next:

- a.) New water service (8/6 – 8/10) (completed)
- b.) New rough electrical service (7/30 – 10/12)
- c.) Rough framing (8/13 – 8/24)
- d.) Rough plumbing (8/6 – 8/24)
- e.) Rough mechanical (8/20 – 9/7)
- f.) Rough fire protection (8/20 – 9/5)
- g.) Structural steel (8/13 – 9/5)
- h.) Interior framing (8/6 – 9/21)
- i.) Handicap lift install (8/20 – 9/7)
- j.) Exterior framing, masonry, walls, roofing (8/13 – 9/21)
- k.) Architectural masonry (8/27 – 9/14)
- l.) Stained Glass removal / St. Michael's (9/10 – 9/11)
- m.) Finish carpentry, electrical, mechanical (10/8 – 10/25)
- n.) Paint, flooring install, doors & hardware, glazing (10/8 – 11/16)
- o.) Inspections and cleanup (11/14-11/30)

This is an aggressive and complicated multi-faceted approach. To date we have been blessed with an excellent design and management team and many skilled craftsmen. Given all the vagaries of construction, and a bit of optimism (or pessimism!) this project should be completed sometime between Thanksgiving and early December.

Since the needed additional funds were raised, two additional classrooms will be included in the lower level.

Work on the Chapels, in terms of both design and physical labor, continue as described last month. Our Interim Rector Carole Cole-Flanagan appointed a small *ad hoc* committee to refine and oversee configurational details of the two chapels. Membership includes Claire Brown, George Ellenwood, Margaret Hammond, Lauren Leney, and Elsie Peck. Jim Perry continues to spearhead this effort with considerable construction acumen from Steve Hughes.

Installation of the new state-of-the-art security system is nearly complete. This system greatly enhances our situation. Included are numerous motion detectors throughout the *entire* Christ Church campus, magnetic card access for staff, several modern cameras that provide computer-based photographic documentation of all activity. New cameras are located around the perimeter of the building (including the front door of Sibley), in the nursery and classroom areas, panning the west parking lot, etc. [Authorized individuals will, for example, have secure Internet access to archived and current camera activity in the middle of the night to help assist determination if an alarm is 'false' and to provide documentation should a culprit be apprehended.] John Williams spearheaded this effort with all coordination by Greg Worthington (JLL), and valued input from Bill Fleming.

The evolving courtyard and garden design continues under the leadership of Bob Lane w/ generous donation of time from Alan Gorgas and *pro bono* design work by GL architect Ed Francis. It is assumed that most of the actual landscaping work will take place very early next spring.

In short, to date we are close to our intended schedule and have been able to contain costs to remain in budget. Pray for 'no surprises'!

We again thank you for your continued understanding, patience, and prayers as we all strive to do the right things. 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 support staff, construction workers, engineers, etc.



Inside what used to be the parish office w/ the new steps to the basement (near the wall facing Sibley). This photo is looking toward what used to be the entry way and office window facing the church.



Footing walls and rough plumbing installed (south breezeway).

Autumn Adventures in Christian Education

By The Rev. Geoffrey Piper

Our ancestors in the Biblical narrative knew what it meant to "walk by faith, and not by sight." We will continue in that spirit through the autumn months as we resume our programs without the rooms and supplies to which we have become accustomed.

While we don't know all the details, we do have some good plans for our Christian Education kids , our *Journey to Adulthood* teens , and our YACs (Young Adults in the Church) as we move toward our refurbished buildings.

Given the importance of our nursery program and worship center for our young families, we're planning to locate those gatherings in Sibley House's large, carpeted room at the top of the stairs. Our adult education group can meet around the table in our first floor main office. Some of our teens can meet in clergy offices. We're exploring office spaces in adjacent buildings for *ad hoc* "classrooms." Parents and teachers will be brainstorming special activities we might do in this transitional period that might be less-reliant on classrooms. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome, and are so much more interesting to work with than complaining or grumbling! Thanks for being people of faith, hope and love!

Included in this issue of *Chronicles* is a proposed summary of our fall Christian Education schedule. Please try to make worship, study, and fellowship in Christ a priority. If we don't, our kids' hearts and minds will be formed by the patterns of their world. If we make Christian formation a priority--through regular worship and Christian Education at church, with personal devotions and prayers at home--our youngsters will be disciples of Jesus who bring health and light to their world.

Parents and teachers of youth, please check your email inboxes over the coming weeks for important updates. If you have not been receiving emails, please phone the parish office, 313-259-6688, and let us know your current email address.

Your loyalty and dedication to the Christian formation at Christ Church is a beautiful feature of our parish life! Let's continue to make it flourish, and to draw others into our common life of faith, fellowship and service. I know we will, with God's help.

Pray with me: *Almighty God, heavenly Father: You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love all that is true and pure, lovely and excellent, following the example of their Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Diocesan Youth in *Compassion at Work* Habitat for Humanity (more later)



Mercedes Hawes,
Geoffrey Piper,
Danyale Williams



Three guys and the auger

Proposed Autumn Schedule

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OCTOBER

Date TBD	Blessing of the Animals
7	Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A, YAC & Worship Center
14	Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A, YAC & Worship Center
20	5pm <u>Sunday Eucharist on Saturday due to Marathon</u>
21	Free Press Marathon Sunday, service on Saturday
28	Sunday School and Children's Choir Rehearsal & Worship Center

NOVEMBER

4	Time Change Fall Back! All Saints' Sunday: Sunday School and Children's Choir rehearsal. All youth attend worship in Family Service with Baptism . Youth help lead prayers & musical worship; read lessons, assist ushers, etc.
11	Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A, YAC & Worship Center
18	Bishop Riah, retired, of Jerusalem to visit and speak Sunday School & Worship Center
25	Christ the King Sunday, Sunday after Thanksgiving <i>Possible Dedication of New Space</i>

DECEMBER

2	1st Sunday in Advent: Pageant Rehearsal
9	2nd Sunday in Advent: Pageant Rehearsal
16	3rd Sunday in Advent: Pageant Rehearsal
23	4th Sunday in Advent: Pageant Dress Rehearsal and Greening of the Church
24	Christmas Eve: Early evening pageant & Eucharist

Note: **Vestry Meetings** have been moved to the
3rd Thursday — Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 21, Jan 17, Feb
21, March TBD (Maundy Thursday), Apr 17, May 15, June 19.

Christ Church Autumn Schedule

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

9:15am

Sunday School, Rite 13, J2A,
YAC, Adult Bible Study and
Forums. Sites TBD

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
&
Worship Center

Tuesday

1:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study
Sibley House

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September/October Calendar

September

- 2 8:15 & 10:30 14 Pentecost, **Blessing of Bookbags, Backpacks & Briefcases**
- 9 15 Pentecost, Proper 17, **Choir Returns**
- 13 October Chronicles Deadline
- 16 16 Pentecost, Proper 18, **Opening of Church School Year**
- 20 6pm September Vestry Meeting
- 22 9-11:30am Bagging at Gleaners Food Bank
- 23 17 Pentecost, Proper 19
- 30 18 Pentecost, Proper 20



October

- Date TBD Blessing of the Animals
- 10 6-9pm NOAH bag lunch preparations, Site TBD
- 11 9am NOAH bag lunch distribution at Central UM
- 20 5pm Sunday Eucharist due to Marathon
- 21 Free Press Marathon Sunday, service on Saturday