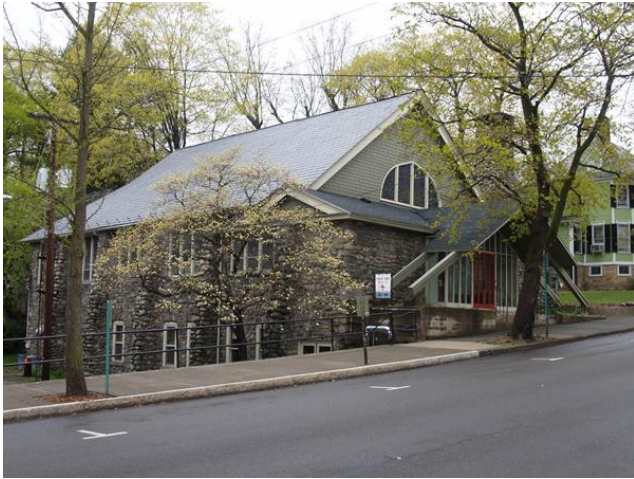


Christ Church Newsletter

May 2011



**WELCOME
TO CHRIST CHURCH**

***A WELCOMING,
COMPASSIONATE
AND HEALING COMMUNITY***

Service Hours:

Wednesday: 12:00 Noon
Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers

Saturday: 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

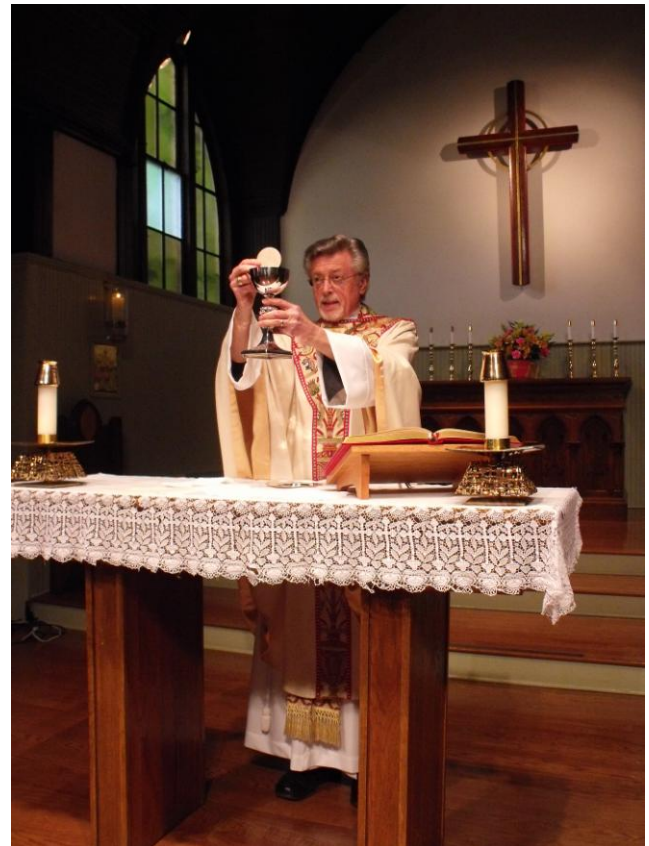
Children's Sunday School: 9:45 am

Christian Education Hour for Adults:
Sundays: 9:00-9:45 am

Phone: (570) 421-7481
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A Message from Father Gaeta

To the Saints at Christ Church,



Alleluia!!! Christ is risen!!!

Finally, the 'A' word is shouted out.

It's been a long journey since the 'Alleluia' was hidden.

(That was done by the kids at the conclusion of the last Eucharist before Ash Wednesday.)

The 'Alleluias' are all over the place now...ever since the end of the Great Week with the final section of the Paschal Triduum – the Easter Vigil.

At each Eucharist through the rest of the year, the joy-filled 'Alleluia' will be called out...for Christ is risen!



'Alleluia' is the most appropriate word to describe our lives in Christ – lives of joy, love and peace. These are the gracious gifts of God the Father

who wondrously raised Jesus from the dead thereby securing our salvation.

Yet, if this is news only for our Sunday worship, then something is missed.

The resurrection of our Lord is more than just a Sunday 'yippee!' 'Alleluia' is the word that best describes our daily walk in faith.

God's work for us in Christ is more than a different liturgy on Sunday morning. It's differently living each day of our lives.

Where are the 'Alleluias' in your daily lives? Oh, they're there, to be sure.

The truth is that often we miss them, ignore them, and unseeingly walk around them.

During this great Easter Season, take time to watch for the 'Alleluias' in your daily lives. Why miss what's already there by God's grace in Christ???

Grace & Peace,

Gerard R. Gaeta+



RENEWAL ASSEMBLY II

Saturday, June 11, 2011

9 AM – 1:30 PM

Required for all members of Christ Church

The Diocese of Bethlehem meets (at various sites) for Renewal Assembly II.

This part of the journey leads us in Congregational Assessment. This very important process is based on the assumption that congregations must focus on their strengths, what they do well, rather than on their weaknesses.

The starting point is the recognition of the abundance of God's gifts and talents. With this, the Congregation can find an exciting new and positive energy to break out of the negative cycles of need, dependency, and the inaction that folks in congregations sometimes experience.

The process begins with a discussion around three questions:

- Who are we?
- What has God called us to do or be?
- Who is my neighbor?

The gathering on 11 June is for **all members of Christ Church**, not just Vestry members.

Registration is a must (so the luncheon can be properly prepared) and can be done at the Diocesan WEB site: www.diobeth.org ... note the link "Register for Diocesan events" at the right side of the link.

Once folks are registered, the locale will be assigned (not more than 45 minutes away). Yes, there will be car-pooling.

Registration needs to be done *now!* At www.diobeth.org.

ADULT FORUM

“Jesus loves you!” “You are claimed by the grace of God.” “Salvation is by faith, not works.”

These and so many other affirmations of the gospel need to be heard by us all again and again. That’s true.

What *also* needs to be heard is “*What are you going to do now that you already have it all?*”

St. Paul will not leave the question unanswered. Neither can we!

His most significant letter – to the Roman Christians – grounds that question in a brilliant discussion of God’s work in Christ (Chapters 1 – 8) in which he affirms God’s lavish love for us in Christ.

Then, near the end of that letter (Chapters 12 – 16), Paul dives into the thick waters of the discipline, obedience and responsibility of life lived in the gospel.

Participants in the Adult Forum will examine the question “*What are you going to do...*” during the next several sessions.

**The Adult Forum meets
9 AM to 9:45 AM on Sunday
mornings in a 2nd floor class
room.**

**All are invited and are most
welcome.**

No previous knowledge of Paul’s letter or other Scripture are prerequisites. And! There are no pop quizzes, texts or final exam. At least, not in this life!!!



Someone posted this CS Lewis quote on the House of Deputies list this morning.

"The practical problem about charity (in one’s prayer) is very hard work, isn’t it?"

When you pray for Hitler and Stalin how do you actually teach yourself to make the prayer real? The two things that help me are (a) A continual grasp of the idea that one is only joining one’s feeble little voice to the perpetual intercession of Christ who died for these very men. (b) A recollection, as firm as I can make it, of all one’s own cruelty; which might have blossomed under different conditions into something terrible.

You and I are not at bottom so different from these ghastly creatures."

*Letter to Dom Bede Griffiths, 16 Apr
1940*

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE



**Submitted by
Jennifer
Sutherland**

If you are interested in giving of your time and sharing the word at least one day a month, here is a great way to do it.

The Evangelism committee will be meeting on **May 15th, after the 10AM service** during coffee hour. Canon Ginny Day will be attending the meeting.

We will be brainstorming on ways to volunteer our services. Services such as knitting, crocheting, companionship for the elderly, food, or clothing drives etc. will be considered.

Our goal is to raise the profile of Christ Episcopal Church in the community. Please contact Jennifer Sutherland at 1(917) 541-3766, if you are interested in joining.

Share, Save, Spend Seminar



RESCHEDULED TO:

**Sunday, September 11,
2011 from Noon until
2:30 pm**

Joan Duckloe, Sharon Kessler & Chris Potter will be conducting a Share, Save, Spend seminar. It is designed to help parents, children and grandparents understand the relationship of money, values and habits in today's hyper-consumer culture and move toward financial sanity.

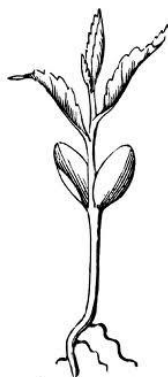
The seminar will take place in the Parish Hall from 9:30 until 3:30.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The cost of \$11.00 per person includes the workbook. Please bring lunch.

Jesus Loves a Growing Seed (May 14)

A workshop to help parishes become healthy and help them move from maintenance to mission.

Keynote speaker is The Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina - The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry.



Bishop Curry looks at the parable of the growing seed (Mark 4:21-29) and asks: *"How is it that this seed planted in good soil continues to grow faithfully?"*

Learn how this parable applies to the practices of good evangelism and stewardship, and how it leads to the creation of the spiritually healthy individuals and parishes we seek.

Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if

someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

Cost: \$10 per person

Cost includes Breakfast snacks, beverages and lunch.

Schedule:

- 8:45 - 9:30am - Gathering time
- 9:30 - 9:45am - Opening Prayer and Introduction
- 9:45 - 10:30am - First Talk
- 10:35 - 11:05am - Table Discussion
- 11:15 - 11:45am - Reflection on Table Discussion
- 11:45 - 12:00pm - Noonday Prayer
- 12:00 - 12:45pm - Lunch
- 12:50 - 1:30pm - Second Talk
- 1:35 - 2:05pm - Table Discussion
- 2:15 - 2:45pm - Reflection on Table Discussion
- 2:45 - 3:00pm - Summary of Day's Work
- 3:00pm - Closing Remarks & Prayer

Note: Registration for this workshop is limited to 300 people.

Registration will close on Friday, May 13th. Registration is now open at diobeth.org.

PRAYER CHAIN

Intercessory prayer is a quiet, hidden ministry ~ so hidden, in fact, that you may not know Christ Church has a Prayer Chain. In addition to the Prayers of the People in worship, there are a dozen faithful and committed people on our Prayer Chain who pray each day for those concerns and others which



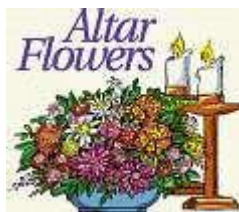
are kept completely confidential.

If you or someone you love needs prayer, you can feel safe adding your concern to the Prayer Chain. Call or e-mail Barbara Cramer at 424-6921 or bjcramer@ptd.net. There can never be too many intercessors. Let Barbara know if you would like to be a part of this hidden ministry.

Altar Flowers

Submitted by Kathy Miller

To request flowers, contact me at 421-0763 or send an email to kathmark89@hotmail.com



Or you can call the church office at 421-7481

The cost is now \$35.00

Available dates:

May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 24, July 31, August 7, August 28, September 11, October 2, October 16, October 30, and November 6.

May Altar Flowers:



May 8th: In loving memory of Roy & Helen Houser by their granddaughter's family Kathleen, Mark, Kaitlyn and Emily Miller

May 15th: In loving memory of Oliver A. Stecher by his family.

Youth Group News



Wish List for TEEN room:

2 Couches, Small refrigerator, x-box system, home ipod system, fuzzy floor rug, bean bag chairs, board games, markers, drawing paper, art supplies, ping-pong or other gaming tables, Paint (bright colors). Please see Mike Shands if you have items to donate.

Any teens wishing to join please contact either Michael Shands or Sue Wilkins on any Sunday after the Service.

Newsletter articles:

may be e-mailed to me, or called in to me at 421-0763. All articles must list their source.



kathmark89@hotmail.com

The more news we can share, the better in touch we are!

Please help keep us updated:

I received a wonderful suggestion from a parishioner asking if we could include updates about our members and their families in our newsletters; life's events including births, baptisms, graduations, accomplishments, struggles and deaths.

If you know of someone or something you would like to see included in the newsletter, please contact Kathy Miller with information to be shared.

Dates to Remember:



- 5/14/11:** Jesus Loves a Growing Seed Workshop
5/15/11: Evangelism Committee Meeting
6/11/11: Renewal Assembly II
9/11/11: Share, Save, Spend Seminar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAYS



2nd	Charlene LaBar
4th	Wanda Haas
5th	Joan Duckloe
6th	Jessie Eisel
9th	Tyler Littlewood
9th	Bob Nelson
12th	William Clary
12th	Alison Gray
12th	Tom Wetklow
16th	Laura Pankratz
17th	Elena Casey
19th	Leticia Dipipi
19th	Rachael House
22nd	Howard Alleger
22nd	Amani McRae
29th	Jeanne Armitage
29th	Alex Linne

*****Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday.**

*We'd love to add you to our list.****

COFFEE HOUR

Every Sunday.....

Immediately following the 10am Eucharist.

Please join us for coffee and conversation.



Spend time with family & friends!

There is a sign-up sheet for host families to provide a light snack to go along with the beverages.

Christ Church Ministries:

There are many opportunities for people to join a ministry at Christ Church. Lay people are needed at every Sunday service. The ministries include:

Altar Guild
Chalice Bearer
Choir Member
Counter
Greeter
Lector
Usher

There are also many "behind the scenes" ministries that you can join.

Altar Flowers
Eucharistic Lay Minister
Newsletter
Outreach
Social Events

If you are interested in joining any of these ministries or would like more information, please contact Father Gaeta, the church office or any member of Vestry.



CHRIST CHURCH CELEBRITY CORNER!

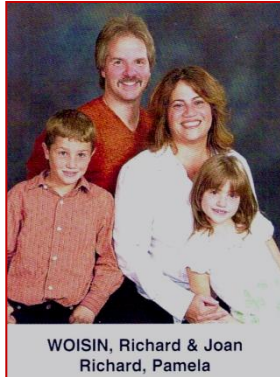
OLIVETTE TAYLOR*

MAY 2011

“Monthly Spotlight”

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD & JOAN WOISIN and Children: Richard and Pamela!

Celebrating A Wonderful Generously Plan, Prepare Episcopal Church Family Fellowship after our on Sunday mornings!



WOISIN, Richard & Joan
Richard, Pamela

Family Who Graciously & and Present The Christ With A Weekly Coffee Hour of 10:00am Holy Eucharist Service

RICHARD, JOAN and their children: the May edition of this monthly the role as “caregiver and nurturer” to Pamela delight us on most Sundays culinary delights. It is this devoted from others for our Fellowship on Sundays too. We never know what will be prepared – so I, as most of you, cannot wait to partake in their giftings after mass (which featured our main course – the “*Holy Eucharist*” – which sustains our spirit) which further nourishes us physically until we have another meal later in the day...

Richard & Pamela – were especially chosen for column because of their dedication in fulfilling our beloved church. Joan, Richard I and II and with their coffee (tea and juice) as well as family who also coordinate the contributions

As we cherish in loving memory and/or celebrate all of our MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS – MOST OF WHOM HAVE SACRIFICED, ENCOURAGED, SUPPORTED AND PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN WHO WE EACH ARE AND ARE TO BECOME, IT IS MOST BEFITTING TO NOT ONLY PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO GAVE US LIFE, BUT ALSO HONOR THOSE OTHER CAREGIVERS & NURTURERS WHO ENHANCE & GREATLY IMPACT OUR LIVES! In this regard, we celebrate the “Woisin” Family today, too, by openly thanking them in appreciation for their faithful service to us...

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

**TO ALL WHO WILLINGLY & UNCONDITIONALLY SERVE,
SHARE, CARE, SACRIFICE, NURTURE & LOVE
THOSE WHO ARE DIVINELY ENTRUSTED TO THEM,
BIOLOGICALLY, SOCIALLY & SPIRITUALLY!**

**HONORING THE LEGACY OF “SERVICE,” SACRIFICE & VALOR
OF ALL VETERANS ~ OUR COUNTRY’S HEROES & SHEROES ~
AND ALL OF THE “SERVICE PROVIDERS”
WHO CARED/CARE FOR THEM, ESPECIALLY ON ...**

MEMORIAL DAY!

I invite ALL of you to participate in the assignment of sharing with me via email: vetteenterprises@aol.com of your experiences and knowledge acquired in “*getting-to-know*” other church family members, including our children and teens! YOU NEVER KNOW WHO WILL BE CHOSEN FOR THE CHRIST CHURCH CELEBRITY CORNER “*Monthly Spotlight!*”
Olivette Taylor

WEIS Markets Register Tapes

Keep bringing in those Weiss register tapes.

The stores give us 1% of the receipts. It's a great little money maker!!



They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletin Bloopers! This sentence actually appeared in a church bulletin:

“The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'”

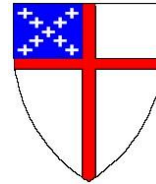
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