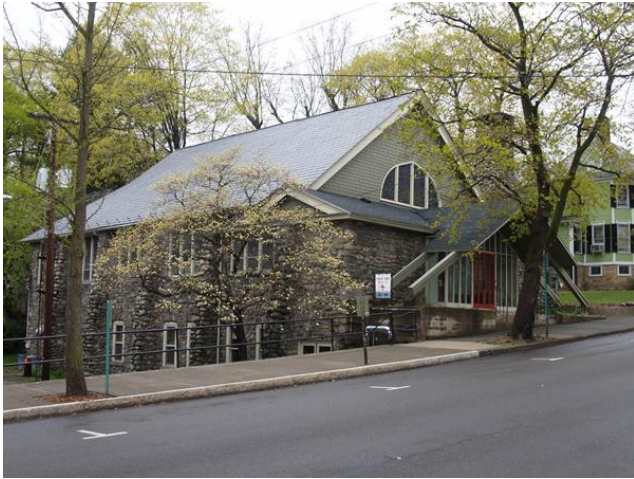


Christ Church Newsletter

June 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: Will
resume in September**

**Christian Education Hour for adults:
Sundays 9:00-9:45 am**

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A Message from Father Gaeta

To the Saints at Christ Church,



The Lord be with you.

Surely by now all have heard that in early May, the Bishop – through Canon Jane Teter – provided the Search Committee with an “extensive list” of candidates for Call. This was grand news and eagerly welcomed by all.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, it will also be common knowledge that the Search Committee is in active conversation with those candidates.

It is quite understandable that the first question on the minds of Congregants is: “Who are the candidates?” While this is understandable, it is a question that is unanswerable.

Here's why...

1st of all, note, please that clergy are Called to their post in the Church, they are *not* 'hired'. To begin with, clergy are Called by God to the Office of Word and Sacraments. A Call issued by a Vestry for service in a particular congregation verifies God's Call.

Thus, 2nd, both the Search Committee and candidates are seeking God's will and purpose through these interviews. This means that the process is not a popularity contest, and it certainly isn't one of trying to figure out who'll bring in more people and money. The process is all about seeking God's will and purpose – for both the Congregation and the candidates.

Further, 3rd, if either the Search Committee or a candidate decides that a further relationship is not of God then all part company most amicably.

Now, finally, imagine if someone on Christ Church's Search Committee decided to 'blab' the names of candidates (to partner, spouse, friend, neighbor), and imagine that a candidate's congregation heard that their Rector was in conversation with a Search Committee. Well...the damage that can be done in that relationship is quite obvious.

So, in conclusion, "Who are the candidates?" NEVER MIND!!!

What we can be doing is to be in prayer together (note the petition added now in the weekly Prayers of the People), and individually for the work of the Spirit, the skills of the Search Committee, the mind of the candidates, and the integrity of the process.

That we can and must do.

Next question..."How long is this going to take?" Answer..."Yes!"

The process dare not be rushed as the integrity of the quest must be respected. Speed is not the issue; integrity and care are.

Meanwhile, as we are in prayer, we all eagerly look forward to the announcement of the new Rector for Christ Church.

Grace & Peace,

Gerard R. Gaeta

Search Update

Submitted by Patti Alleger, Search Chair



The search team is busy at work preparing for the interviews of the candidates we have received from Canon Jane Teter at the Diocese. We are all very impressed by the caliber of the candidates we received. They all have wonderful resumes on paper and now on to the personal interviews. The interviews will take place over the summer months as the schedules of the committee members and candidates permit.

I am very grateful to the members of the committee who have given of their time and talent to find the new rector that God will call to come to Christ Church. I ask that you keep them, and the process in your daily devotions and pray that the Holy Spirit show us the way.

Share, Save, Spend Seminar



Is two sessions:

**Sunday, September
11, 2011**

And

**Sunday, September
18, 2011**

from noon until 2:30 pm each day

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 after the 10 o'clock service.

Please call the church office or Joan Duckloe at (570) 421-4325 to sign up.

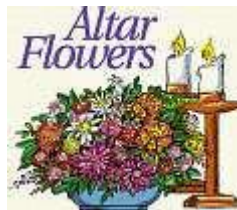
Altar Flowers

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:

June 26, July 24, July 31, August 7, August 28, September 11, October 2, October 16, October 30, and November 6.

Newsletter articles:

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



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JUNE BIRTHDAYS



3rd Blaine Mars
5th Kathy
6th Allison Forth
7th Don Metzgar
9th Paige Vant Hoogt
11th Stacey Bardonnex
11th Jean Roth
13th Stephen Ott
15th Doris Milloy
15th Barbara VanBuskirk
17th Emily Ott
18th Jenna Smith
21st Veronica Figueras
23rd Taylor Cloke
24th Patti Allegger
24th Wanda Chabal
28th Jessica Starr

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

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

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.

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!!



Christ Church Vestry

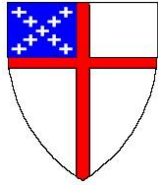
Cheryl Cloke; Senior Warden
Bob Nelson; Junior Warden
Frank Colletta, Jr.
Sharon Kessler
Andrea McQueen
Michael Shands
Ardelle Starnadori
June Sucre
Jennifer Sutherland

Stephen McQueen - Treasurer
(Not a vestry position)



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