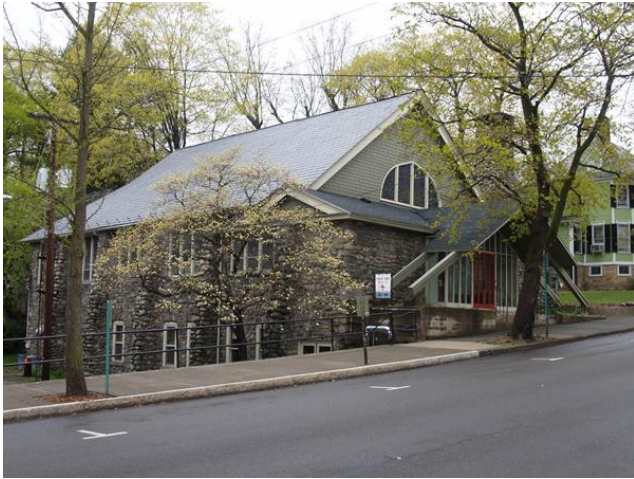


Christ Church Newsletter

July/August 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: Begins
September 11, 2011 at 9:45 am**

**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.

The excitement builds as the Search Committee brings its work to a conclusion. It may well be possible that an announcement will be made within a few weeks.

The announcement? That a Rector for Christ Church is on the way!

This is an exciting – if anxious – time.

At first, there is the joy that there is someone who actually wants to be with you!

There is the anticipation of your new Rector's arrival.

There is eagerness to learn as much as possible about your new Rector.

Then, too, there is some anxiety.

What will the Rector do?

What changes will the Rector make?

What can we expect from the Rector?

So many questions...and so little information.

Of course, and it's only natural to do, we'll make up answers.

Since we don't know the answers to our questions, the tendency is to make up answers. It just happens. Funny.

During these weeks since the Search Committee began its work, the call to prayer has been made. It was imperative that the Congregation be involved in active prayer on behalf of the Search Committee and the candidates with whom they were in conversation.

Perhaps it's best that the call to prayer be issued again.

This time there is need to pray that the Rector bring her/his ministry well to a close, that s/he have safe travel to us, and that we all prepare to welcome her/him with openness and honesty.

That is a fine prayer for this time in the life of Christ Church.

Grace & Peace,

Gerard R. Gaeta+



Adult Forums

The Adult Forum (9 – 9:45 AM, Sundays) participants chose to continue the opportunity for study during the summer months.

Beginning and continuing a study of the Acts of the Apostles, there was a chance to hear from Prof. Sidnie Crawford who presented a lively conversation on the topic of the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. In fact, she was able to make the presentation twice!

Meanwhile, the Forum now continues with its study of Acts.

All are welcome!



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A Visit from the Rev'd Canon Anne Kitch, Canon for Formation of Christian Faith

A special visit from a very special person is scheduled for the day on which Sunday School begins – that's.....

Sunday School Start-up

Sunday 11 September at 9:45 AM

Canon Kitch is a well known facilitator of Christian Education in the Diocese of Bethlehem and beyond. She has written several fine books on this and other topics as well as lectured in many settings.

It is our privilege to invite Canon Kitch to our worship services over this weekend.

She will meet with the Sunday School Staff and preach at all liturgies.



Funeral – Bettie Brooks, died 25 July 2011. There was a Funeral Liturgy at Christ Church on Wednesday, 27 July.

Search Update

Submitted by Patti Alleger, Search Committee Chairperson



The search committee has been very busy this summer interviewing a highly qualified list of candidates for the position as our new Rector. The candidates come from far and wide, with a wonderful list of experiences.

We hope to conclude our part of the search and make a recommendation to the Vestry by the end of the summer. The process is long by design and I feel we are well on our way.

Once the recommendation is made, the candidate will meet with the Vestry, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, decide if there is a match. Remember they have to want to come to us as much as we want them to come.

If so, a contract will be worked out and a call will be issued. I believe our new Rector is out there if we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and let it be our guide.

I would also like to thank the search committee for their cooperation in forming search teams for visitation, and especially Barbara Cramer, for filling in while I was vacationing in the UK with my family for 2 months.

Their dedication has been invaluable in allowing the search to move forward.

Thank you all!

Evangelism Committee Update

Submitted by Jennifer A. Sutherland, Evangelism Committee, Chairperson

The request for the development of an Evangelism Committee came from Father Gerard Gaeta during one of our Vestry meetings. My initial reaction was that of “ I don’t know the first thing about developing an Evangelism Committee let alone being a Chairperson”. Once my heart stopped racing and the question mark that was floating in front of my eyes disappeared, I remembered a verse that always calmed me down and kept me focused on any task that is requested of me. Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The main goal of this committee is to raise the profile of Christ Episcopal Church in the community. We held our first meeting on May 15th, 2011. Canon Ginny Day was in attendance and was a monumental help in leading us in the right direction. Our second meeting was held July 3rd. Despite it being 4th of July weekend, we were able to stay focused and brainstorm to come up with many new ideas. Jessie Eisel and Antonia Harewood-Harris came up with the idea of us still focusing on our members through visiting the sick and shut in. Other ideas from the team were, making our presence known in Golden Living Center –Stroud Nursing Home through giving of our time through volunteerism, crocheting prayer shawls, knitting blankets for babies, creating quilts, and afghans for the elderly.



We decided to start our mission by visiting Golden Living Center- Stroud

for the first time on July 23rd. The day was very hot outside, but nice and cool inside. We were instructed by Jennifer Bayer the Activities Director to visit residents who refuse to participate in the day room

activities. One of the reasons one resident said of her refusal to participate in the day room was it was too noisy and confusing. She preferred to watch T.V and relax because of this. A couple residents refused to speak with us due to not feeling well. We acknowledged their wishes and reassured them we will be back another time if they would like that. A few just wanted to get out of there and would ask could we help them with this request. After explaining to them, that we could not do that, they settled with the idea of just talking. There were however, residents who were eager to speak with us. They shared their life stories and past accomplishments. They were happy to speak and hold our hands if it was okay with us. At the end of our visit we left there feeling fulfilled and happy that we were able to make someone smile and reminisce.

Our future venture with Golden Living Center-Stroud Nursing Home is having visits by our church youth. I spoke with Susan Stillo Wilkins –Organist/Choir Director, who has shared some of her ideas with me regarding what our church youth can do. I will be speaking with Jennifer Bayer to see how we can incorporate this new venture.

The visits made a few of us realize how fragile life is and that we are not promised tomorrow. We do not know what the future holds for us, but we know that if we trust and believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we will be able to cope with life's daily stressors. With that, we must give of ourselves to help make someone's life a little brighter.



The Evangelism Committee will be a source of providing comfort and joy to all members of the human race regardless of race, gender, or creed. It is albeit a daunting task

that will require all of the input of all our members. The Evangelism Committee is in the growing phase and like a small child we

must take baby steps. Baby steps that will eventually help us walk and then run to win the prize when we are all called upon and asked, **“What have you done to help your fellow man”?**

God Bless

EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

**A letter from Robert W Radke,
President**



“Thank you for Christ Church’s generous contribution of \$780.00 to Episcopal

Relief & Development. Your gift was designated for the Japan Earthquake Response Fund.

Donations to this fund will support the initial relief work of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (NSKK, the Anglican Communion in Japan) in response to the 9.0 magnitude earthquake that struck off the north-eastern coast on Friday, March 11. We stand in solidarity with the Church of Japan. As the NSKK assesses its needs and makes long-term recovery plans, we will provide additional support as necessary. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the earthquake and the tsunami that followed, and the threat of radiation from the Fukushima nuclear power plant.

Episcopal Relief & Development works with more than 3 million people in over 40 countries. We are helping to ensure that families have access to a stable, long-term food supply. Our programs also prevent disease through education, vaccinations and mosquito nets, lift up women through micro-finance opportunities and help rehabilitate communities after disasters. We couldn’t do this important work without your compassionate support.

To learn more about our programs, please visit www.er-d.org .”

Habitat for Humanity

A letter from Leslie M. Howes

Executive Director



“As summer is in full swing we find ourselves in the middle of a great build season. We have just completed a rehabilitation in Mt. Pocono which will be home to a wonderful mother and her three children. Two more projects have already begun, both in Mt. Pocono.

In the next couple months we anticipate rolling out a new project called “A Brush with Kindness”. This will focus on home preservation for current home owners in our county who are unable to afford repairs otherwise. Repair items could include – gutters, deck, roof, painting, window replacement and landscaping.

We are hoping that the faith community could assist us in spreading the word about this opportunity and possibly identifying potential families to work with.

If you would like more information on this program and our current projects, please call us at 570-476-9846.”



Share, Save, Spend Seminar



Is two sessions:

Sunday, September 11, 2011

And

Sunday, September 18, 2011

from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm each day

Start a discussion with your family (children 10 and up) about needs, wants, the effects of our spending choices and defining our money values.

The seminar will be led by Joan Duckloe (570-421-4325), Sharon Kessler & Chris Potter. 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.

It will take place from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm both Sundays.

Please bring lunch and \$11 per person for a take home workbook.

Sign up in the Narthex or call the Church office (570-421-7481), or Joan Duckloe at (570) 421-4325.

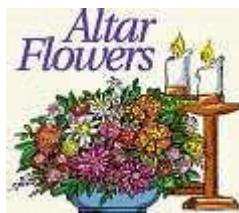


Altar Flowers

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 \$35.00

Available dates:

August 28, September 11, October 16, October 30, and November 6.

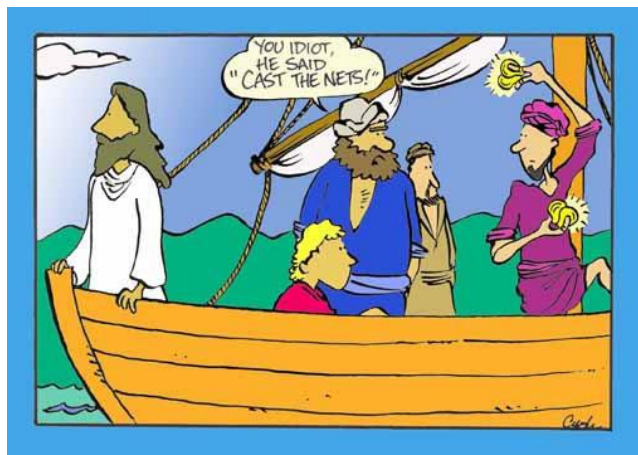
Newsletter articles:

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



kathmark89@hotmail.com

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



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO OUR JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Kaitlyn Miller
- 3rd Paula George
- 3rd Ben Potter
- 8th Jacob Adamski
- 8th Joshua Adamski
- 8th Barbara Cramer
- 8th Carol Gabrielan
- 10th John Barnak
- 11th Cassandra Shands
- 13th Courtney Larsen
- 14th Candace White
- 16th Samuel Loedel
- 17th Matthew Gibson
- 19th William Haynes
- 23rd Justin McQueen
- 24th Arielle McRae
- 25th Samuel Whiteley
- 29th Marilyn Gondell
- 30th Erica Brooks

AND...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Winnai Hoyt
- 1st Laura Emert
- 1st Sarah Emert
- 2nd John McCartney
- 3rd Alexis Mars
- 5th Bob Barker
- 8th Richard Woisin
- 15th Alison Barnak
- 16th Elaine McFadden
- 17th Cydney Branch
- 18th Darell Covington
- 18th Brian McCartney
- 25th William Baumann
- 30th Kayla Messex



***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
Evangelism
Stewardship

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!!

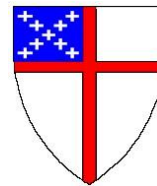
Christ Church Vestry

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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compassionate
and
healing community.*



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Youth / Teen Group Fundraiser

Support your church

Our church will be holding a

used

clothing collection



Contact person: Sue **Date:** Sat. October 22nd

Time: 1:00

The church will receive a donation for the total poundage that we can collect. Please put clothing items in well tied plastic bags.

WHAT WE COLLECT

- **CLOTHING AND SHOES**

USABLE AND WEARABLE CLOTHING

CLOTHING FOR ALL SEASONS (MEN'S, LADIES', CHILDREN'S)

- **ACCESSORIES**

POCKETBOOKS

BELTS

BABY ACCESSORIES

BACKPACKS

HATS

SCARVES

BRIEFCASES

GLOVES

TIES



- **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS **MADE OF** FABRIC IN GOOD CONDITION

BLANKETS

KITCHEN AND BATH ACCESSORIES MADE OF FABRIC

BED SHEETS

TABLE CLOTHS

BEDSPREADS

DRAPERY

PILLOWS

CURTAINS

QUILTS

TOWELS

COMFORTERS

BATH RUGS



- **TOYS**

SOFT TOYS

STUFFED ANIMALS

RAG DOLLS

BEANIE BABIES

HARD TOYS

CARS

TRUCKS

AIRPLANES

ACTION FIGURES

DOLLS

DOLL HOUSES



PLEASE NOTE:

1. WE **DO NOT** ACCEPT BOOKS, VCR TAPES, CDS, KITCHEN APPLIANCES AND FURNITURE
2. HARD TOYS SHOULD FIT A BOX 24" X 24" X 21"

