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December 5, 2005

THE CALENDAR

3 Advent 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	December 11th Holy Eucharist Bible Study Church School Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	4 Advent 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	December 18th Holy Eucharist Bible Study Church School Pageant Holy Eucharist
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	December 13th Children's Choir Rehearsal Women's Dinner	Monday 7:45 p.m.	December 19th Vestry Meeting
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.	December 14th Book Discussion	Thursday 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	December 22nd Holy Eucharist Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	December 15th Holy Eucharist Book Discussion Adult Choir Rehearsal	Saturday 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	December 24th Family Eucharist & Building the Crèche Festal Eucharist
		Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.	December 25th Holy Eucharist

Dear Friends,

Apologies for the late publication of the *Chart*; events, including the Holly Fair delayed our production schedule.

The fair was a great success. The new format (Friday night preview and streamlined activities on Saturday) worked well and we learned some things that will help us in planning for future fairs. Special thanks go out to Phyllis Sternemann, Valerie Siener, Oriana Cyprus, Jane Lightcap and Audrey Eisser for all their special work on the Fair—and to all those whose work on Thursday, Friday and Saturday assured the success of the Fair.

We are now busy with Christmas at Christ Church. Please remember that the schedule of services for Christmas Eve has changed. At the request of many families and as a reflection of changing family and social patterns, the 'early' family Eucharist will be held at 5:00 p.m. and the Festival Choral Eucharist will take place at 8:00 p.m. This reflects a general pattern, especially in suburban communities, away from late-night services. For those of us who grew up with the excitement of midnight service on Christmas eve, the change is difficult, but for many others getting out late at night has become a burden and, in some cases, a danger.

We are working on making both services special in their own unique ways. The 5:00 p.m. Eucharist will be very informal, will be family and child friendly and will be brief. The children's choir will sing at that service. The 8:00 p.m. service will be a full choral Eucharist with special music during and before the service, with the Christ Church choir and brass. For those who prefer Christmas worship on Christmas day, there will be a Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. This year Christmas will fall on Sunday. We will not have services at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Christmas day.

The Sunday before Christmas (Advent IV—December 18) we will have the Christmas Pageant at the 10:00 a.m. service. The Holy Eucharist will not be celebrated at that service, but it will be at the 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services.

This comes with my best wishes for a blessed Advent.

Sincerely,

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(Form 3579 requested)

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Parish Notes:

Special Literature Groups in December: On Friday the 9th of November the movie *Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* will open. It is based on one segment of C. S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*. These fantasy works are deeply imbued with Christian symbolism and can be read on a number of levels. On Sunday the 11th at 4:00 p.m. we will have two group meetings to discuss the book *the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. One group will be for children through the sixth grade and the other for teenagers through adults. Copies of the *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (and the complete *Chronicles of Narnia*) are available at most local bookstores. In our regular November book group we replaced Charles Williams' book *War in Heaven* with Joan Didion's memoir *The Year of Magical Thinking*. Several people have requested a 'special session' for Charles Williams, which we will do on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. Since the book is not easily obtained, seven copies of the book have been ordered and will be available next week.

Women's Christmas Dinner: Please join us, and bring a friend too, on Tuesday, December 13 for the Christ Church Women's Christmas Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. The Admission is \$20 and we are asking everyone to bring along a wrapped, inexpensive ornament to put under the tree. After dinner, we will let everyone take home a new ornament from our *Secret Santa's!*
Checks should be made out to Christ church and you may call the parish office or Carole Beinecke at 922-5196 if you have any questions.

Christmas Pageant on December 18th at 10:00 a.m.: Lisa Carr, Director *par excellence*, will lead the Christ Church Sunday School Players (and guests) in the annual presentation of the Christmas story. The performance will take place on Sunday the 18th at the 10:00 a.m. service. The pageant will be supplemented by congregational hymns and anthems. A special reception will follow the pageant. Please make every effort to attend and join in the pre-Christmas festivities.

The **Every Member Canvass** is coming to a close. If you have not sent in your pledge for 2006, please do so. This will enable the Vestry to make financial plans for the coming year.

Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners this month on their birthdays...

Elaine Phillips, Peter Ciaccio, Clayton Tadler, Beth Morningstar, Robert Rexer, Linda Imperatore, Kathleen McGill, Susan Mazek, Austin Bennett, Valerie Siener, Katherine Stackler, Christopher Sherwood, Kelly Whalen, Tom Chaly, Jerome Blocker, Elizabeth Pavlovich.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... William and

Valerie Siener, Earl and Peggy Diener

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are delighted to congratulate grandparents Lou and Marge Trapp on the baptism of their granddaughter Abigail Jia Trapp on December 4, 2005

SUNDAY READINGS & ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

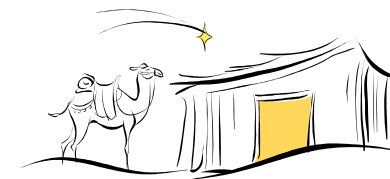
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 11, 2005
Isaiah 65:17-25; Canticle 15; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15, 1-28; John 3:23-30

The altar flowers are given in memory of Kenneth Rider and Ellen Rider Meath
by Janet Rider and Francis X. Hoart
by Gladys Hoart

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 18, 2005
2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16; Psalm 132:8-15; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

The Children of Christ Church present a Pageant at 10 a.m.

The altar flowers are given in memory of Dorothy Jamal
By Ruth Mishrich and Family



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve, December 24th at 5 p.m.

A Family Eucharist and Building of the Crèche

Christmas Eve, December 24th at 8 p.m.

A Festival Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day, December 25th at 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Traditional Carols

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the joy of our Christmas worship through the gift of altar flowers, please fill out this form and place it, along with your check (*designated Christmas Flowers*), on the offering plate. Or you can mail it to Christ Church, 1355 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, NY 11030.

All offerings for Christmas Flowers need to reach the church office no later than Monday, December 19th.

My offering is
“In memory of...”

(List names)

- Or -

“In Thanksgiving for...”

(List your thanksgiving)

Flowers are given by:

(See reverse for Christmas Music contributions)

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

If you would like to contribute to the joy of our Christmas worship through donations for special music, please fill out this form and place it, along with your check (*designated Christmas Music*), on the offering plate. Or you can mail it to Christ Church, 1355 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, NY 11030.

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