

The Chart

October, 2006

Letter from the Rector

October 1, 2006

Dear Friends,

Enclosed in the *Chart* is a detailed letter about the Vestry plan for the future of Christ Church. Although we have tried to keep the Christ Church parish family well informed about our concerns for the present and our hopes for the future. Clearly we are making progress in attracting new members for Christ Church; in the long-run this is crucial. However, we need to get through the short-run to succeed in the long-run. The Vestry has clearly in mind both of those challenges.

On the first Sundays of each month we will use the traditional (Rite I) service of the Holy Eucharist at the 10:00 am service. I have become increasingly aware that many people in the Episcopal Church today are unaware of our rich heritage and traditions: liturgical, musical and theological. I would like us to become more aware of that aspect of the Episcopal Church.

On Sunday, October the 8th we will have the blessing of the animals as part of our celebration of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis' actual feast day is celebrated on October the 4th. St. Francis lived in a time not unlike the time in which we live today. There was impressive economic growth throughout Europe and Francis was from a wealth merchant family. He struggled with the meaning of life in a world obsessed with growing wealth. Francis' decided that poverty and simplicity was his response to wealth. For that choice he received adulation and struggled with rejection. His 'oneness' with animals was but one part of his desire to identify fully with the simplicity and poverty of God's creation. The actual blessing of the animals will take place at the end of the 10:00 am service in the green space between the Parish House and the Rectory.

A calendar of events for the month, including news of the Progressive Dinner and adult, teenage and children's education programs, can be within the *Chart*. I commend those articles to your attention.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

David B. Lowry
Rector

Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis

We will be celebrating the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 8 with the Blessing of the Animals. Children may bring their pets into class if the pets are contained; i.e.; fish, birds, lizards. Immediately after the 10am service all pets, including any dogs, cats, horses, unicorns, camels and llamas should be brought to the green space between the Parish House and the Rectory where the blessing will take place.

Fellowship—Progressive Dinner

On Saturday, October 14 the Annual Progressive Dinner will be held. It begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the home of William and Valerie Siener at 7pm and at that time all attendees will receive an invitation to join with other parishioners at a home for dinner. Following the dinner everyone is invited to the home of Andy and Elaine Phillips for dessert. This is a wonderful occasion and opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with old friends and to make new friends. We are especially interested in having those who are new to Christ Church attend and become part of our hospitality and parish family. A sign up sheet will be available in the Church so that you can indicate your desire to bring with you either an appetizer or a dessert and join with us for an evening fun and *Fellowship*.

♪ Music notes from Kyle Babin, Organist & Director of Music:

The adult choir is back in session and doing a fantastic job, and we are still hoping to attract more members. Anyone interested in singing with the choir is welcome to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in St. Christopher Chapel. Beginning on Sunday, October 15, we welcome a new tenor section leader, Scott Mendelsohn. Scott currently lives in New York City and has sung with various choirs in the Manhattan area. I am also thrilled about organizing a junior choir within the next month or so, continuing the successful one established by my predecessor Nancy Ludwig. There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, October 15 immediately following the 10 a.m. service for those interested in joining this choir; parents are invited to attend. At this point, we will determine a rehearsal time and location that will hopefully work for everyone involved. I am excited to be here at Christ Church, and I look forward to expanding and enriching our parish music ministry.

The Children's Orchestra Society Opens its 38th Season

All parishioners and friends of the Children's Orchestra Society are cordially invited to a Faculty/Student Recital on Friday, October 13 at 6pm in the Christ Church Parish House for the opening of their 38th season. Admission is free.

Around the Parish:

Sunday Offering Envelopes

Anyone who did not already receive Sunday offering envelopes for this year, and would like to be given envelopes for 2007, please let Gloria Ryan know or call the parish office at 627-2184 and we will see that you get them.

Adult Education

We will begin our fall season with the study of the issues in which science and religion interact. Our sessions will start on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30pm and continue on Wednesday, October 18 and October 25 in the Parish Hall Guild Room.

Youth Group

The first meeting of the *Cherubim* will be on Thursday evening, October 5 at 5pm for dinner discussion, fellowship and outreach. Father Lowry will join the Cherubim at 6:15pm to add Christian Education to the work of group.

Happy Birthday!!

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

Doris Finn, Kathryn Schmidt, James Kelly, Elizabeth Hopkins, Fred Horne, Warren Mazek, William Riggin, William McMahon II, Terry Riggin, Kristina Schmidt, Wyndham Stopford, Marge Trapp, Jonathan Siener, Diana Tadler, Alexandra Conrad, Adam Faeth, Heather Bennett, Zachary Field, George Faeth, Dorisene Roberts, Nicole Sternemann, Pamela Storozum

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month... Claude and Yoshi Mapes

SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 1, 2006

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19: 7-14; James 4: 7-12; Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Altar flowers are given in memory of Andrew J. Imperatore
by Linda Imperatore

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 8, 2006

Genesis 2: 18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 2: 1-8, 9-18; Mark 10: 2-9

Altar flowers are given in memory of David Finn by Doris Finn and
in memory of Ferenc Czeglédý by Debbie Czeglédý

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 15, 2006

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90; Hebrews 3: 1-6; Mark 10: 17-27, 28-31

Altar flowers are given in memory of Edwin Towl and Daniel Burr Towl
by Mary Louise Gallo

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 22, 2006

Isaiah 53: 4-12; Psalm 91; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 35-45

Altar flowers are given in memory of Bill Bancker, Thelma, Dudley
& Doria Sinitsch by Luba S. Norton

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 29, 2006

Isaiah 59: 1-4, 9-19; Psalm 13; Hebrews 5: 12-6: 1-9, 12; Mark 10: 46-52

Altar flowers are given in memory of William Angus by Amy Angus & Family
and in memory of Kenneth Fribush by Louise Fribush

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