

The Chart

September 2007

Letter from the Rector

September 1, 2007

Dear Friends,

This edition of the *Chart* is filled with important news about programs at Christ Church in the month of September and until the end of the year. I hope you will want to keep this edition of the *Chart* for reference over the coming months.

Let me start with the up-coming events for the month of September. Our regular schedule returns on Sunday, September 9th. Our 8am and 6pm services remain as they are throughout the year. However, our main 9:30/10am service changes substantially. At 9:30 a children's *pro-anaphora* (that is the first part of the Holy Eucharist service) is held in the children's chapel in the Parish House. The service has a children's hymn/song, prayers, and a scriptural lesson, a short story about the lesson, the creed and the exchange of the peace. Following the service the children have instruction for 35 to 40 minutes, after which most of the children go to the church to join their parents for communion. Some families, especially those with very young children, pick the children up after 10:30 and go home.

The 10am service is a choral Eucharist with sermon. It is intended to last for one hour, although at times the preacher may lack in 'terminal facility.' Following the Eucharist, all are invited to the Parish House for refreshments.

We are rightly proud of our Sunday School. For the past few years we have ended formal Sunday School at sixth grade. This year we will extend Sunday School to eighth grade. We will, however, continue to have youth group on Thursday evenings. This year we will extend the youth program to 10th grade. The youth programs will begin in October. More details about the weekday-youth program will be forthcoming over the coming weeks.

On Sunday, September 9th the Sunday School will welcome back its students with an 'Ice Cream Sunday' following the 10am service. The Sunday School invites all to share with them in enjoying the ice cream. On Sunday, September 23rd the Sunday School will have a picnic for all students and their parents. This is a good time to invite neighbors and their children to join you at Christ Church.

On Sunday, September 30th Christ Church will begin its outreach project for 2007/2008. Food and hunger will be our topic for the year. We hope to focus both on local hunger and the larger issues of national and global food production, food distribution and (ironically) on obesity. The Rev'd Dr. John Moulton from *Food for the Poor* will preach at all services.

Inside this edition of the *Chart* there is much more information, including the adult education program description. I commend that (among other articles) to your attention.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

DAVID B. LOWRY, RECTOR

Adult Education at Christ Church

There will be two three education offerings at Christ Church during the fall.

The first is a study of the **Psalms**. Many believe they know the psalms; in truth most of us know a psalm or two (Psalms 23 and 103 are among the best known).

In reality, the 150 psalms in the Hebrew scripture are a complex collection of ancient prayers, laments and songs of praise, most of which began as individual oral expressions. After the return of the Israelites from exile in the fifth century BC (BCE), the oral renderings were written down (after editing) and put in the form in which they are found today. Although pious tradition calls them the 'psalms of David', in reality David wrote few (if any) of the psalms, which originated with many people over long periods of time. We will look at a representative number of psalms that represent praise and lament, both individually and within groups. In addition to reading the psalms themselves, I suggest Claus Westermann's, *Psalms: Structure, Content and Message*. Copies of Professor Westermann's book will be available at the church office. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, September 19th, October 10th, October 24th, November 14th, and November 28th at 7:30 pm.

The second study is **Religion in the Global Community**. Globalization is mainly viewed as an economic and technological phenomenon. However, it has many implications for religion and specifically for Christianity and Islam, the two largest and most powerful global religions. While religion in the 'north' has become more tolerant of other religious faiths and personal beliefs, in the global south has become exclusive and militant. In the north (and especially in Europe), Christianity has lost many members and influence; in the south, the opposite has been true. Using the second edition of Philip Jenkin's *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity* and his newest book, *The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South*, we will look at Christianity and other religions as they interact with each other and changing global community in the 21st century. Copies of *The Next Christendom* will be available at the church office. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, September 26th, October 17th, November 7th and December 5th at 7:30 pm.

The third study opportunity is the on-going Bible study on Thursday mornings, beginning at 9:15 am and ending at 9:55 (in time for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist). The topic is **theology and ethics in Paul and the formation of the Christian faith**.

Christian Education – Sunday School

Hooray for Sunday School! We're back in session on September 9 at 9:30 and again this year we will have our annual Welcome Back "Ice Cream Sunday" party during coffee hour on that day.

Parents, please note that chapel begins each Sunday at **9:30** and the children will all have their chapel assignments shortly so they can be prepared. We ask that those children assigned as chapel acolytes, lector, offertory and particularly usher be **ON TIME** each Sunday.

A current registration form must be submitted for each student so that we can update our database and keep our classroom records current. Forms have been sent home and extras will be available on the September 9th.

The Sunday School children, their parents and their teachers will have a picnic on the back lawn on Sunday September 23rd after church. We are excited to have new families join our church and look forward to this opportunity for them to get to know each other better. It is also a chance for teachers to get to know their students' parents and for the parents to discuss any questions they may have with the teachers. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church and ask that each family bring a small salad or dessert.

We will be celebrating the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals on October 7th. Children may bring their pets into class if the pets are contained; i.e.; fish, lizards.

Finally please do check the schedule for the Sunday school which appears elsewhere in The Chart.

Fellowship

The Fellowship has scheduled the Progressive Dinner for Saturday evening October 13th. The Progressive Dinner is a long standing Christ Church Tradition. It begins with hors' d'oeu-vre's and cocktails at the home of one the church members and then participants go to several different homes for dinner. At the completion of dinner everyone comes together again in a single home for dessert. It is a wonderful way for members of the congregation to get to know each other and to enjoy a more intimate time of dinner and discussion as well.

The second major 'fellowship' event is the *Advent to Christmas* party on Sunday, December 2nd. This parish gathering follows the *Lessons and Carols for Advent*, which will be offered in the church at 5pm. The *Advent to Christmas* party will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, soft drinks and music for the season.

It will also incorporate a 'Christmas auction.' Parallel to the adult party, the young people will have their own party with pizza, soft drinks, making of Christmas treats and a visit to the Secret Room. Donations to cover the cost of each of the parties will be requested. Reservations will be required for both parties. Further details will be in later editions of the *Chart*.

Music Notes

I hope that you all have had a nice and restful summer. Our first choir Sunday is on September 9th, and this fall comes with some changes (hopefully welcome ones!), as well as a return of previous traditions. We welcome Joseph Flaxman as our new bass section leader in the Adult Choir. Joseph is a second-year graduate voice student at the Manhattan School of Music, and we are delighted that he has agreed to share his talents with us. We also welcome back our section leaders from last season: Amanda Sidebottom, soprano; Harriet Kapner, alto, and Adam Carman, tenor. In addition, our faithful volunteer choir members will be returning as well to offer their talents and time, which we greatly appreciate. On this note, I *strongly* encourage any of you who may have been considering joining the choir to act on those considerations and join us for a rehearsal, and hopefully, a service. We are always in need of more choir members (particularly basses!). So, please don't be shy, and at least have a word with me about joining if you have any interest.

I also invite all young members of the parish to consider becoming a Junior Chorister. We will resume rehearsal on Sunday, September 9th after the 10am service and practice regularly every Sunday. The Junior Choir will sing roughly once a month. All that is required is ability to read and a willingness to learn and have fun!

We also hope to initiate the singing of the Lord's Prayer during the Eucharist this fall. We will start slowly and gradually, allowing the congregation to practice. Ultimately, I think singing this beautiful prayer will enhance our liturgy and worship at Christ Church.

Finally, although it's a long way off, we have an Advent Lessons and Carols service to anticipate on December 2nd, as well as a sung choral Mass setting on Christmas Eve, with string quartet. I'm excited about music at Christ Church this fall, and I hope you all will join us in whatever way possible to share in the joy of worship through music.

Sincerely,
Kyle Babin

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Happy Birthday!!

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

Robert Pavlovich , Lauren Koch, Alexander Bennett, Hope Whalen, Janet Rider, Marissa Mazek, Andy Phillips, Ted Beinecke, Julianne Scherer, Walter Stackler , Michelle Deosaran, Harold Olson, Dylan Field, Michael Henahan, Hannah Pavlovich, Matthew Horne, Walter Edward Stackler, Lucinda Pavlovich, Elizabeth Hegyesi, Katherine Allen, Bradford Lightcap, Graham Siener, Phyllis Sternemann.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month... Walter and Lesley Stackler, Tom and Lucy Chaly, Nicholas and Oriana Cyprus, Jeff and Jane Lightcap, Jerome and Arlene Blocker.

Christ Church, Manhasset Schedule September through December 2007

	<u>Events and Notes</u>
September 2 (Pentecost 14)	Summer Schedule Wedding@3:30pm
September 9 (Pentecost 15)	Sunday School Begins Ice Cream Sunday Fr. Kent Johnson
September 16 (Pentecost 16)	
September 23 (Pentecost17)	Sunday School Picnic
September 30 (Pentecost 18)	Hunger Awareness Fr. John Moulton Junior Choir Sings
October 7 (St. Francis)	Blessing of the Animals Sunday School Sings
October 13 (Saturday)	Progressive Dinner
October 14 (Pentecost 20)	Fr. Kent Johnson
October 21 (Pentecost 21)	
October 28 (Pentecost 22)	Reformation Sunday Junior Choir Sings
November 1 (Thursday)	All Saint's Day Eucharist at 10am & 7:30pm.
November 4 (All Saint's Sunday)	All Saint's Commeration Fr. Kent Johnson Sunday School Sings Samaritan's Purse
November 11 (Pentecost 24)	Samaritan's Purse Thanksgiving Project
November 18 (Pentecost 25)	Thanksgiving Celebration Junior Choir Sings Sunday School Sings
November 22 (Thursday)	Thanksgiving Service

November 25 (Christ the King)	10am No Sunday School
December 2 (Advent I)	Fr. Kent Johnson Lessons and Carols 5pm Advent Party 6:30 pm.
December 8 (Saturday)	Almost New Shop Greens & Baked Goods 10am to 2pm
December 9 (Advent II)	
December 16 (Advent III)	
December 23 (Advent IV)	Christmas Pageant No Sunday School Christmas Reception
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	Services@ 5pm & 8pm
December 25 (Christmas)	Service@ 10am.
December 30 (Christmas I)	No Sunday School

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

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-20; Luke 14:25-33

Altar flowers are given in memory of Milton Hopkins
by Elizabeth Hopkins

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

Isaiah Exodus 32:1,7-14; Psalm 51:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

*There is an opening for altar flowers on this Sunday
The flowers may be given as a memorial or thank offering. If you would like
to make a donation to the flowers please call the office at 627-2184
or Mrs. Diana Tadler at 627-0128.*

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Amos 8:4-12; Psalm 138; 1 Timothy 2:1-18; Luke 16:1-13

Altar flowers are given in memory of Steve Kambourian
by Blanche Kambourian and Family

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Amos 6:1-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-19; Luke 16:19-31

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