

September, Chart

Letter from the Rector

September 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

Well, the summer is coming to an end and the fall is about to begin. As I get older, time seems to go by much more quickly and I am hard pressed to believe that summer is almost over—but it is and the fall and, hence, the fall schedule is upon us.

Enclosed in this edition of the *Chart* are articles about what will be going on at Christ Church through Christmas. Please note carefully those articles because there are a number of activities that are new and there is a major change in the Sunday worship and Church School schedule.

I do want to update you about my activities and some of their implications for Christ Church. As most of you know, in addition to my work at Christ Church, I became the Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at the General Theological Seminary in New York City as of the beginning of March. As often happens, my responsibilities at the Seminary have expanded to meet some critical needs at the Seminary. The Tutu Center, which was envisioned as a conference center, has transitioned into a graduate education center, as well as a venue for conferences. We are working to establish two master's degree programs at the Tutu Center, one in *Ethical Values, Stewardship and Business* and the other *Religion, Spirituality and the Urban Environment*. The first we hope to open in September 2010 and the second the following year. The process of establishing new graduate degree programs is complex and time consuming. It is also most stimulating and exciting. I am also teaching one course each semester. Luckily, in the academic year 2009-2010 the two courses I will teach are mostly the same in content, although not in structure. In the fall (which we call the *Michaelmas Term* because long-ago the classes started on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels [September 29]) I will teach a required course to all seniors on church and society. In the spring term I will teach an expanded form of the course called *Theology and History of Church and Society*. I will offer a shortened form of those courses as part of the Christ Church adult education program this fall.

I continue to be at Christ Church four days a week and at the Seminary three days a week. My teaching responsibilities in the fall will require me to make a temporary change (for the months of September and October) in the Thursday schedule of Bible study and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Details of the change can be found inside the *Chart*.

I hope you have had a good summer with much rest and recreation. I look forward to seeing all of you when we resume our regular Sunday schedule on Sunday, September 13.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,
David B. Lowry, Rector

Parish Notes:

Church School and Sunday Worship Schedule:

For a good number of years, Christ Church has had a service and Church School schedule that brought the children to the Church School at 9:30 AM and the rest of the congregation at 10:00 AM to the church for the Eucharist. It was never an optimum set-up, but it was the best we could imagine. It was clear, however, that it caused stress, especially for the Church School students and their parents. We are trying a new schedule this fall in hopes it will enhance the 'church experience' for students, their parents and the entire Christ Church community.

When the fall schedule starts on **September 13**, everyone will come to the church at 10:00 AM (except those who go to the 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM services!). The Church School students will be in the church for most of what we properly call the *pro-anaphora* (the first half of the service of Holy Eucharist). The students will be in the church for the lessons of the day and a short homily. After the children's homily there will be a hymn and the children will process from the church to their Church School classes. Then there will be a sermon and the remainder of the Sunday Eucharist will proceed as usual, with the

exception that the Church School students will not come to the church for communion. Rather, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers will bring the consecrated bread and wine to the St. Christopher's Chapel for the Church School students and teachers (and any parents who would wish to receive communion with their children).

On the **last Sunday of each month** (in September, the 27th) there will be a **Family Eucharist**. The Chapel Choir will sing (along with the Christ Church Choir) and Church School students will usher, bear the oblations, read the lesson of the day and lead the prayers. There will be no Church School on the last Sunday of each month.

Chapel Choir

Chapel Choir - Singers needed for the Chapel Choir! Please attend our first rehearsal on Tuesday, September 15th from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Parish House. All singers or instrumentalists in grades 2 through 8 are encouraged to participate. We are trying an exciting new Sunday School format this fall, which changes the role of the Chapel Choir. We will have even more opportunities to sing in the big church! In addition we have already been invited to sing at Lord and Taylor's on November 10th, and we will be singing at a nursing home in December. For more information email Pavlovich.Laura@gmail.com or Andrew.Yeargin@gmail.com or call the church office.

Sunday School Teacher

With Susan Bunyon's retirement this past June, the Sunday School is looking for someone who would like to teach. The hours are Sunday mornings from 10:00 till it's over and occasional teacher meetings. The pay is, well ... you know. The rewards are enormous. Pre-requisites include but are certainly not limited to faith, a smile, love of God, Jesus and kids, too. Anyone interested should contact Heather Bennett (627-2727), Fr. Lowry (627-2184) or any of the teachers.

Adult Education for the Fall:

There will be two education offerings at Christ Church this fall. The first offering will be a course called *Church and Society*. In this course we will look at the various ways the church has related to society over the past 2000 years. We will consider church and society both theologically and historically. The text for the class is H. Richard Niebuhr's classic study entitled *Christ and Culture*. We will provide books. The class will be held on Wednesday evenings September 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 14 and 21.

The second adult education offering will be the early history of Israel. We will be reading the First and Second Samuel. These are the works of the so-called Deuteronomist. It encompasses the stories of the Prophet Samuel, the establishment of the Israelite monarchy of Saul, the calling of David to succeed Saul, the long reign of David, the insurrection of David's son, Absalom and David's death. It is a fascinating tale of faithfulness and faithlessness, courage and cowardliness and strength and weakness—and it is always a great tale to boot. Classes will be offered on Wednesday, October 28 and November 4, 11, 18 and December 2 and 9. The only book required is the Bible.

Happy Birthday!!

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

Robert Pavlovich, Hope Whalen, Alex Bennett, Janet Rider, Andy Phillips, Ted Beinecke, Walter Stackler, Michelle Deosaran, Tom Pritchett, Harold Olson, Dylan Field, Michael Henahan, Hannah Pavlovich, Walter Edward Stackler, Lucinda Pavlovich, Katherine Allen, Charles Bindert, 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, Robert and Laura Pavlovich, Jerome and Arlene Blocker.

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

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10-(11-13)14-16; Mark 7:24-37

*There is an opening for altar flowers as a memorial or thank offering.
If you would like to make a donation please call Diana Tadler at 516-627-0128
or the Parish Office at 516-627-2184*

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3,6-8; Mark 9:30-37

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of the Ferraro Family
by Marie Ferraro

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Esther 7:-6-9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Steve Kambourian
by Blanche Kambourian

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