

January, Chart

Letter from the Rector

January 1, 2010

Dear Friends,

We begin the New Year (as we generally do) with hope that the coming year will be one in which we have peace and justice in the world and health and happiness in our own lives. The year 2010 is certainly one in which we have every reason to hope for better times. It is my hope and prayer that the world will find the new year one in which many good things will happen—in our families, our church, our nation and throughout the world.

At Christ Church, we ended the year 2009 with beautiful Christmas services filled with the beauty of music and flowers. The snow of the week before Christmas was still on the ground, but the temperatures were pleasant, which helped make it a special Christmas, indeed. Thanks are owed to Diana Tadler and the Altar Guild (along with Enrique Valdes and John Mallon) for the decorating of the church; to Andrew Yeargin, Laura Pavlovich and the choirs for the music at the Christmas services; and to Kathy Hoffmann for the service bulletins: all worked hard to make our Christmas worship memorable.

The year 2010 will be a year of continued changes at Christ Church. Kathy Hoffmann will start a 'partial retirement' and will work half-time. She will be in the office all day on Mondays, half-days on Tuesday through Thursday and will be off on Fridays. This will give Kathy more well-deserved leisure time and will allow Christ Church to continue its extensive cost-cutting program. I will try to arrange my work schedule so that I am in Manhasset on Fridays to keep the office covered.

We will have the Epiphany Pageant (aka the postponed Christmas Pageant) on Sunday, January 10 at the 10:00 AM service. That means that there will be no celebration of the Holy Eucharist at that service; there will be celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM that day.

I will be away to give the community lecture on Sanabel Island on Sunday, January 24. The Reverend Kent Johnson will celebrate and preach and the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services that day. At 6:00 PM there will be Evening Prayer. I will also be away with my family for a short vacation in New Orleans from Tuesday, January 5 through Saturday, January 9. The Feast of the Epiphany falls during that time. The Reverend Debra Low-Skinner will celebrate the Eucharist for the Epiphany on Wednesday, January 6 at 10:00 AM in the chapel.

The Vestry nominations have been completed. Heather Bennett has accepted nomination as warden (she will relinquish her seat on the Vestry to run for warden). Peter Andel has agreed to run for a one year term on the Vestry, replacing Heather. Nominees for the three full three-year terms on the Vestry are Arlene Blocker, Ariana Patterson and Paul Peters. All the nominees have been long-term members of Christ

Church and all but Peter grew up at Christ Church. In an age of mobility, having so many life-long members of a church serve together on the Vestry is most rare.

Within this edition of the *Chart* is an update on the Parish House and the Christ Church campus. I commend that to your attention.

This comes with my best wishes for health and happiness in the New Year.

Sincerely,

David B. Lowry, Rector

On the Christ Church Parish House and Campus

The option for a portion of the Christ Church property (including the current Parish House) by Gothic Church, LLC., concludes on December 31, 2009. Gothic Church has indicated that they desire close on the property and to revote the Parish House for commercial use (not for senior housing as first envisioned). If that is to take place, the contract needs to be re-negotiated. We are awaiting a meeting with the principles of Gothic Church to discuss their plans. In any case, approximately \$101,000 that is being held in escrow will be released to Christ Church on or about January 4, 2010. If Gothic Church and Christ Church want to extend to agreement, there will need to be an new agreement for the extension that will include further payments to Christ Church on a monthly basis through the time of closing on the property. The current contract stipulates that the funds from escrow that have been turned over to Christ Church (\$262,000 already received and \$101,000 to be received) are creditable against the sale price. Any monthly payments to extend the agreement will not be creditable.

The original plans for the sale of property and the Parish House assumed that Christ Church would build a new, smaller Parish House. The cost of such a Parish House was expected to be in the \$1.5 to 2.0 million range. Since entering into the agreement with Gothic Church the overall economic situation has changed substantially. In 2006, our assumption was that invested funds would grow in value at a 5% rate per year. Current projections are for about half that rate for an extended period of time. The goal was to have \$3 million in endowment and \$1.5 million for the building of a Parish House. It was expected that the \$3 million endowment would produce \$150,000 in annual income for Christ Church. That would more than allow the church to balance its budget and use rental income from the new Parish House to create a building maintenance fund. However, with project income from the endowment at \$75,000, there would be a shortfall on our budget. Therefore, the Vestry is beginning the process of talking with the Community Reformed Church about a long-term agreement to share the parish house at the Community Reformed Church. As those discussions proceed, we will keep the congregation informed about what is being considered and the implications for the life of Christ Church. Since Christ Church and the Community Reformed Church share a campus and the Community Reformed Church's parish house is about as close to Christ Church as the current Parish House is, it appears that some sharing of facilities will work to mutual benefit. However, only careful discussions will show what will work and what won't.

A Christmas 'Thank-You'

Christmas at Christ Church was especially wonderful this year for many reasons. The church was beautiful (thanks to the Altar Guild—with much help from Enrique Valdes and John Mallon); the liturgies were most solemn [and grand] (thanks to Laura Pavlovich and Andrew Yeargin, the choirs, acolytes, lay-readers, lay Eucharistic ministers, ushers etc., etc.); and the outreach to the community through the Samaritan's Purse, the Adopt-a-Family and Coats-for-Kids projects made Christmas 2009 most enjoyable and memorable. Thank you to all for making it so.

Winter Adult Education

Although winter brings uncertain and, sometimes, unpleasant weather, we will have a new adult education offering for January and early February. The topic will be the **Revelation to John**. The Book of Revelation is the most mysterious and difficult book in the New Testament—and one of the most interesting. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, January 13, 20 and 27; and February 3 and 10.

Another Men's Dinner

The men of the parish (and friends are always welcome) for a men's dinner on **Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 PM**. Father Lowry is working on new recipes for the event.

Christ Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place in the church on Sunday, February 7, 2010, immediately following the 10am Eucharist. All interest members of the parish are invited to attend.

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Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners this month on their birthdays... Elaine Erica Ryan, Charles Rexer, Arthur (Ward) Wright, Susan Bunyon, Caroline Carr, Holly Melichar, Decker Paterson, Corinne Riffin, Nicole Sevely, Nicole Winters, Joseph Sevely, James Carr, William Riffin, Robin Cuthbert Daly Stopford, William Siener, Lisa Carr, Elizabeth (Lisa) Ciaccio, Debbie Czeglédy, Audrey Eisser, Christine Bunyon, Brian Wedeking.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... Mark and Susan Bunyon, James and Carole McCarvill, Joseph and Ida Miletich.

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

CHRISTMAS II – JANUARY 3, 2010

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Gregory Hills
by the Carr family

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 10, 2010

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8 14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Nancy and Joseph Cioffi
by Louise Fribush

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 17, 2010

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Albert and Irene Field
and Richard and Lucy Siegel by Dick and Lucy Field

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 24, 2010

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Harold Roberts
Dorisene Roberts and family

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 31, 2010

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

There is an opening for altar flowers on this Sunday. Please call Diana Tadler at 627-0128 or the Parish Office at 627-2184 if you would like to donate as either a memorial or a thank offering.

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Calendar for the Month of January, 2010

Friday, January 1	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:30 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Saturday, January 2			
Sunday, Jan. 3/2Christmas	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, January 4	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, January 5	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, January 6	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
Thursday, January 7	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Friday, January 8	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, January 9			
Sunday, Jan. 10/1 Epiphany	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	10:00 AM	Epiphany/Christmas	Church
		Pageant by Church School	
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, January 11	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, January 12	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, January 13	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Adult Education	Parish House
		Revelation to John	
Thursday, January 14	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Friday, January 15	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel

Saturday, January 16

Sunday, Jan. 17/2 Epiphany	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist and Church School	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel

Monday, January 18	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:45 PM	Vestry Meeting	Parish House

Tuesday, January 19	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
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Wednesday, January 20	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
	7:30 PM	Adult Education Revelation to John	Parish House

Thursday, January 21	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
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Friday, January 22	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
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Saturday, January 23

Sunday, Jan. 24/3 Epiphany	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel

Monday, January 25	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
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Tuesday, January 26	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:00 PM	Men's Dinner	Parish House

Wednesday, January 27	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	7:30 PM	Adult Education Revelation to John	Parish House

Thursday, January 28	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
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Friday, January 29	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
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Saturday, January 30

Sunday, Jan. 31/4 Epiphany

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist and Church School	Church
6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel