



The Chi Rho News

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Upward Mobility

by Pamela Willey

Ah, the visions that phrase places in the mind! Promotions, increase in salary, moving to a nicer part of town, a penthouse, a corner office, travel, Mt. Kilimanjaro!

Following the penitential days of Lent, the moving Maundy Thursday service, vigil at the Altar of Repose, the horrendous depths of Good Friday, I have great empathy for the disciples. How would it have felt to be Peter, James or any of the disciples and watch their hero, their rescuer be killed! I cannot conceive of the pain their hearts must have felt. His life was ended! His temple, His kingdom gone! Their perceived future destroyed!

I often wonder how the disciples interpreted or understood the words of Jesus. If it is so difficult for me to understand their meaning in this day and age, how could they understand anything that Jesus said, speaking in parables? Many are the times when my mind cannot absorb what the Bible is telling me and I have 2000 years of archeology, records and wonderful clergy to interpret them and convey their meanings!

Psalm 84:2-3 tells us: How lovely is thy Dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul *yearns*, even *faints* for the Courts of the Lord, My heart and my flesh cry out for the Living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself...a place near your Altar, O Lord God Almighty, my King and my God!

We, as Christians, are promised that one day we will see the Courts of the Lord and be with Him in Heaven and after the disciples' total despair and confusion, they saw the Lord again! The joys of Easter Sunday are hard to contain! The music is still lifting my heart and soul to such levels it is difficult to contemplate anything more wonderful!

As we approach the celebration of the Ascension, I cannot help but get excited about what it means to us mortals! Think of the joy in Heaven when Jesus returned to them! Just imagine the angels singing their glorious songs of praise! I rather feel there are no appropriate words to describe the beauty and grandeur of that time.

There is a song written by Bill and Gloria Gather produced in 2009 by Spring House Productions entitled 'Temporary Home'. Some of the words are: 'Then I remember I'm not part of this world. I'm moving higher each day. Upward mobility sounds mighty good to me, and I just want to get away. I got to remember, I'm not here to stay. I'm lookin' forward to a brighter day. I got to remember I'm not here for long, I'm just living in my *temporary home*. If you are bothered by the problems of life, don't you let 'em get you down. Just look to Jesus. You will not be denied. He'll move you up to higher ground. Don't you forget you're a child of The King, That you're an heir to His Throne. He'll take us to our happy home.'

So we continue to study His words, we endeavor to live as His commandments direct and would lead us (to the best of our ability) ever striving to become what will be acceptable to Him in the Heavenly realm. So, as ever, the upward journey continues...

Clergy and staff members may be contacted by using the listed extensions and phone numbers. Please follow the prompts on the menu to leave a voice mail.

The Clergy

The Rev. Joel J. Morsch, *Rector*, ext. 227
 The Rev. Ed Rich, *Assisting Priest*
 The Rev. Russell Amend, *Assisting Priest*
 The Rev. Gretchen M. Platt, *Deacon*

The Vestry

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 Wylene Graham, John Kendzior
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Our Parish Mission Statement

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Hospitalization and Other Pastoral Concerns:

As a result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), parishioners and family members who find themselves hospitalized can no longer expect the hospital authorities to inform the clergy of their pastoral needs. The **clergy depend on you** to call the Parish office (747-3709) with as much information as possible.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FOR THE JUNE CHI RHO

IS MAY 13TH

DO NOT MISS IT!

Editor : Mary Braine

E-mail your article to:

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All submissions are welcome, subject to space availability and editing. **Please DO NOT format your article.** We just need the text without graphics or boxes. We still need your name so we can attribute the article to the correct person. The official website for Christ Episcopal Church is:

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“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”

Ephesians 2:19-21.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

You may reach the Church staff by calling (941) 747- 3709

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

(See phone extensions for staff on Page 2)

The Church office is closed Memorial Day, Monday, May, 28.

BIBLE STUDY AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

CHECK OUT THE CHOICES BELOW.....

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION takes place in the Parish Hall from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Father Joel and Robert Baker began teaching on April 29 from the book "The Cruelty of Heresy" by C. FitzSimons Allison. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the Church office.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Father Joel resumes the study of **THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** every Wednesday evening in May in the Parish Hall at 7:15 p.m.

MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY The group always welcomes new members. Currently we are studying "**ABBA'S CHILD**" by **BRENNAN MANNING**. Come and join us in Meeting Room 1 at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

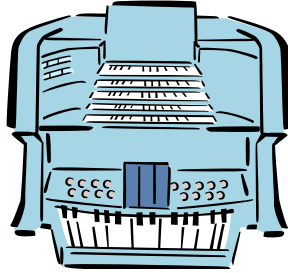
DAUGHTERS OF THE KING The Daughters meet on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor and would like to invite all Churchwomen to join them for an adventure in discipleship. They are studying "**Jesus Instead**" by **Harry C. Griffith**. This is a Bible study that will lead participants to discover what Jesus would have his disciples do in today's world.

THE EVENING DAUGHTERS OF THE KING are studying the book entitled "**Calm My Anxious Heart**". The 12 week study will provide help to change from a life of worry and anxiety to godly peace and contentment. This study takes place on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 1. Everyone is welcome, so please join us.





Dear members of Christ Church,



Did you know that an estimated 2,400 attended music events during 2011-2012? This includes attendance at noon-time organ concerts during Lent and Advent, other special concerts, and attendance at the two special services during the year with the liturgy presented in settings by Mozart, performed by the Christ Church Chorale, soloists, and guest instrumentalists.

As the festival season of the Church year draws to a close and summer approaches, we want to take this opportunity to mention and thank the following, whose help and support made music flourish at Christ Church:

The Christ Church Chorale continues to grow, and is also somewhat flexible. As the summer recess for the Christ Church Chorale approaches, we want to thank each singer for his/her dedication and commitment, and friendship too. Some for their participation all year long, while others for part of the year, or for special occasions. When you see them, please join us in thanking sopranos Tanya Burr, Anne Catellina, Cindy Eccher, Joan Hayward, Clarissa Kramer, Janet Lindsey, Ruth Miller, Julane Rodgers, Margaret Sanford, Sarah Stephenson, and Mardi Woodarek; altos Paula Bennett, Susan Brooke, Jeanne Garrison, Trish Handy, Debbie Holt, Lee Hooie, Audrey Kow, Jennifer Kreisel, Carmen Letelier, Cecilia McEnaney, and Melinda Weis; tenors Ed Bennett, Rob Brooke, Alex Friedlander, Roger Hayward, and Russell Kennedy; and basses Joe Bruska, Bob Campbell, Steve Eccher, Bill Holt, John Jull, Larry Kramer, Richard Lilley, Ed Lindsey, and Robert Parrish. You'll notice that about half the Chorale consists of husband-wife pairs; I guess "the family that sings together stays together." Some of the above have also enriched worship with solos or duets; special thanks to them. These singers have shown dedicated and unwavering support, loyalty, and commitment – no director could ask for more!

Other people, too, have helped the music program continue to grow this past year. A partial list, with equal gratitude to all, includes...

- Fr. Joel Morsch, for his support;
- The Vestry, for their foresight and leadership in facilitating the growth of the music program, and for their vision of the same;
- Bill Holt, associate organist and choirmaster, who not only laid the groundwork for my work at Christ Church, but continues to be a valued colleague and friend;
- Members of the Music Committee (English Des Champs, Trisha Lawton, Janet Lindsey, and Heather Whelan) for their guidance and wisdom;
- Janet Argeros, Joe Bruska, Joyce Cory, Pat Ferretti, Bebe Fink, Sue Gould, Ruth Miller, and Joanne Steiner, who prepared and helped with lunches after Thursday noon organ recitals in Advent and Lent, under the leadership of Mardi Woodarek;
- Marcella Kissick, for her ever-present camera and willing attitude;
- Richard Odell, who arranged for overall facilities, including closed-circuit broadcast of performers;
- The corps of ushers at concerts, led by Joe Bruska, who served diligently at music events during the year; and
- Victoria Holt, Clarissa and Larry Kramer, Casey Odell, and Joanne Steiner, who played instrumental solos during the year.

Look for another outstanding year of special music events, beginning next fall. We'll publish the schedule in next month's *Chi Rho*.

Dr. Richard Benedum
Organist-Choir Director



MINISTRY NEWS

E. C. W.

by Joyce Cory

The women of Christ Church join in fellowship for the purpose of deepening their spiritual life and to foster active participation in the whole Church program. All adult churchwomen in Christ Church are members of the ECW and are cordially invited to become active in the Church.

ST. ANNE'S CHAPTER

by Joyce Cory

We are meeting **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9**, for lunch with **THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING** after the noon service in the Chapel. We will meet in the Parlor at 12:45. Guests are always welcome.

THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT is staffed by Mary Buonagura. Mary has a degree in theology and special expertise to complement the Rector in spiritual and pastoral matters. The Center offers free and confidential pastoral counseling, guidance and direction for various challenges we all face such as grief, depression, marriage and family, addiction, conflict resolution, and spiritual growth.

OUR LORD'S PANTRY

by Sue Gould

Over the past year and a half that I have overseen the operation of The Lord's Pantry, you have responded generously to our many pleas for food. All of the volunteers are so grateful for your willingness to keep our shelves stocked so that we can help to change the face of hunger in our community. Thanks to the Thrift Shop, we are also able to supply, free of charge, clothing and shoes, to men, women and children. As of the first of May, The Lord's Pantry will be in the capable hands of Pat Ferretti and Christina Mason - both of whom have been dedicated volunteers to this very important part of Christ Church's outreach ministry. With your help, we will continue to respond to the needs of our neighbors.

THE CHRIST CHURCH THRIFT SHOP

by Eileen Alleman

Christ Church Thrift Shop is blessed by your donations and a wonderful group of volunteers. Put these together and we have a place where people want to stop by for coffee, a chat and to shop. Donation reminders: We do not take electronics such as TVs or computers and their accessories. We do take kitchen appliances. We do not take beds, frames or mattresses. We do take linens of every kind. Furniture is always in demand. Remember that what you need in your home others also need.

Until October 1st hours are 10:00 to 2:00. Stop by for fun shopping. Christ Church Thrift Shop is blessed by your donations and a wonderful group of volunteers.



Welcome back Alex



On June 4th we will welcome back to our Parish family Alex Andujar. Alex was Chaplain at Saint Stephens School during the 2010-2011 school year and has been attending Sewanee as a Diocesan seminarian. When Alex returns to us, he will be on a 10 week Field Education Program in association with his studies at Sewanee. Alex will teach the Adult Christian Education class during June and July, assist in pastoral care, preach and perform other such duties as directed by the Rector. Please be sure to give Alex a warm Christ Church welcome upon his return.



OUTREACH BAKE SALE FOR MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 13.

8:30 TO 12:00 IN THE CHURCH COURTYARD.

"A GIFT READY TO GO ON CHINA PLATES"

Sign up in the Narthex or the Office to donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS



June 3, 2012
Senior Sunday



June 3, 2012
Last day
of Sunday School



June 10, 2012
Acolyte
Recognition
Sunday

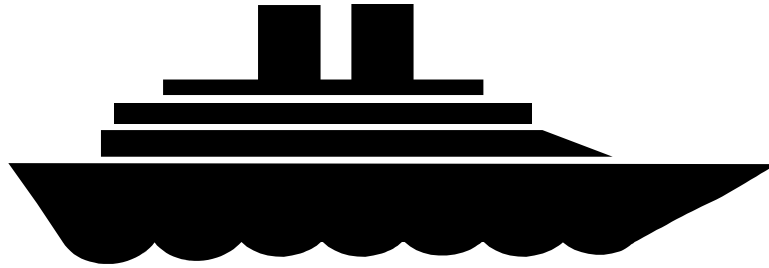


CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**On April 22, 2012, the following were presented by the Rev. Joel Morsch and confirmed, received or reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church by
Bishop Dabney Smith .
Welcome and God bless you all.**



**Evelyn Daniel-Baker, Joyce Cory, James Christopher Elmore
Mandy Elmore, Peter Escobar, Doreen M. Bell Estes
Ivan Earl Estes, Holly Evenson, Kimberly Kay Haberkorn
David Hepburn, Jr., Nina Hepburn, Jennifer Kreisel
Richard J. Kreisel, Jennifer P. Mida, Maureen Priya Mida
Jean C. O'Fee, Brenda Page, Megan Alissa Pletcher
Donna Satterlund, Robert Joseph Shufelt, Sydney Van Alostyne
Destiny Joy Wadsworth, Sky White**



7 NIGHT CRUISE - SAILING ON THE RYNDAM

NOVEMBER 25, 2012 - DECEMBER 2, 2012

Nov. 25 (Sunday) - Tampa - Departs 5 PM

Nov. 26 (Monday) - Key West, FL - Afternoon

Nov. 27 (Tuesday) at Sea

Nov. 28 (Wednesday) Mahogany Bay, Roatan, Full Day

Nov. 29 (Thursday) Santo Tomas de Castilla (Gutemala), Full Day

Nov. 30 (Friday) - Costa Maya - Full Day

Dec. 1 (Friday) at Sea

Dec. 2 Tampa, FL (Welcome Home)

RATES

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. RATES INCLUDE ALL TAXES.

(GRATUITIES ARE NOT INCLUDED) PRICE INCLUDES A \$25.00 PER PERSON DONATION

OUTREACH WILL RECEIVE A \$100.00 PER CABIN DONATION

CATEGORY "K" (INSIDE) \$770.00 per person

CATEGORY "E" (OUTSIDE) \$978.00 per person

CATEGORY "B" (BALCONY) \$1,610.00 per person

(Book early for best cabin and pricing)

DEPOSIT OF \$350.00 PER PERSON DUE WHEN BOOKING

(DEPOSIT IS FULLY REFUNDABLE PRIOR TO FINAL PAYMENT)

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Holland America Lines reserves right to impose a fuel supplement on all guests.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL VICKI BRENEMAN

TRAVEL NOW

941 794-8245 OR EMAIL: travelnow@verizon.net

Anglican Cycle of Prayer



May 6, 2012 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pray for The Anglican Church of Korea, The Most Rev'd Paul Kim, Primate of the Anglican Church of Korea and Bishop of Seoul.

May 13, 2012 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pray for The Church of the Province of Melanesia, The Most Revd David Vunagi, Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia.

May 20, 2012 Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 27, 2012 Pentecost

Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, The Most Revd Carlos Touche-Porter, Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico & Bishop of Mexico.



I CALL UPON THE LORD

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalm 18:1-3

Congratulations!



May Birthdays

1 Ashley Armstrong	11 Sharon Hansen	23 Brooke Abbott
Robert Baker	12 Sandra Andrews	Audra Adams
Valarie Kreisel	Caden Kendzior	Judy McQueen
Ernie Ryder	Sadie Kendzior	Kyle Whelan
Fred Swetland	Brook Somerville	25 Gail Derick
John Woodarek	Ken Thomas	Peter Forkgen
2 David Smith	Sky White	Max Grant
Rhonda Zoller	13 Jeremiah Baker	Bud Healey
4 Paula Adams	15 Paul Chapin	Elijah Heskin
William King	Phil Derick	Peg Huse
Jamie Newby	Dianne Dixon	Maddy Kaklis
5 Joe Bruska	16 Chandra Moore	26 Anne Doss
John Norris	Jan Pullen	Glo Hecker
Alexandra Thomas	17 Dylan Brennan	27 Courtney Fensterle
6 Ken Fraser	Caroline Kelly	Trish Handy
Janet Perry	Kathleen Kelly	Jane Johnson
7 Sabrina Partridge	Trent Marshall	Alice Valentine
Lynda Spiros	Mary Elizabeth Woodward	28 Jim Pullen
8 Palin Morris	20 Emma King	29 Judith Clay
Aidan Roehl	Wesley Quick	John Thompson
9 Justin Brown	Grant Somerville	30 Donna Ahrendt
Ernest Leemon	21 William Grant	Dan Miller
Lindsay Sanford	Ro Kennedy	Helen Morris
Kara Zoller	22 Will Enneking	31 Julie Ennis
11 Henry Baker	Wylene Graham	Richard Patton

Congratulations!

May Anniversaries

4 Barney & Heidi Scott	18 Craig & Michelle Rioux
5 Ed & Ruth Mary Gill	20 Robert & Judy McQueen
5 Edison & Lucy Newman	20 Rick & Terri Teigland
6 Eric & Tammy Geraldson	21 Mike & Sandra Connolly
6 Richard & Kelly Seagreaves	21 George & Sally Marcello
7 John & Lola Bregger	23 Robert & Evelyn Fudge
8 Dick & Bev Marlet	24 Fred & Susan Crooker
11 Ken & Gretchen Platt	24 Matt & Lyndsey Morris
17 Ed & Cathy Brown	27 Bruce & Linda Braithwaite
17 John & Rachel Kendzior	28 John & Robin Argeros
17 Rudolph & Helen Morris	28 Dozier Lee & Juli Hilliard
17 John & Noel Whitney	



Saint Stephen's Episcopal School is pleased to offer Saint Stephen's World-Class Summer Series open to all school-age children in the community. Providing the same level of excellence for which the school is known, Saint Stephen's World-Class Summer Series is tailored to provide enriching programs to stimulate the social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of a child. Students can explore new subjects, discover a creative talent, and strengthen a sport's skill while creating new friendships – all at an affordable price.

For more information, visit <http://www.saintstephens.org/summer> or contact Scott Sauerbeck, Coordinator of Community Activities, at ssauerbeck@saintstephens.org or call 941-746-2121 ext.123.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

These lectionary citations are from the Episcopal Lectionary as used by the Episcopal Church. We are now in Year B.

Celebration

Lessons

May 6, 2012
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8;
Psalm 22:24-30.

May 13, 2012
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17;
Psalm 98.

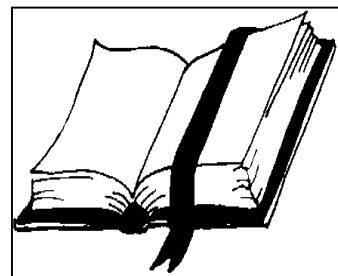
May 20, 2012
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13;
John 17:6-19; Psalm 1.

May 27, 2012
Pentecost

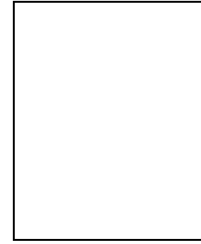
Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21;
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15;
Psalm 104:25-35.

Scripture readings can be found on biblegateway.com.





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SUNDAY COMMUNION

**All Sunday Services are
held in Church**

7:30 a.m. Rite I

(Traditional Music)

9:00 a.m. Rite II

(Contemporary Music)

11:00 a.m. Rite II

(Traditional Music)

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR WORSHIP

WEEKDAY COMMUNION

**All Weekday Services are held
in the Chapel of the Good
Shepherd**

Monday, 12:00 p.m. Rite I

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. Rite I

with anointing

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rite I

with anointing.

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