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ALL-PARISH MEETING AGENDA

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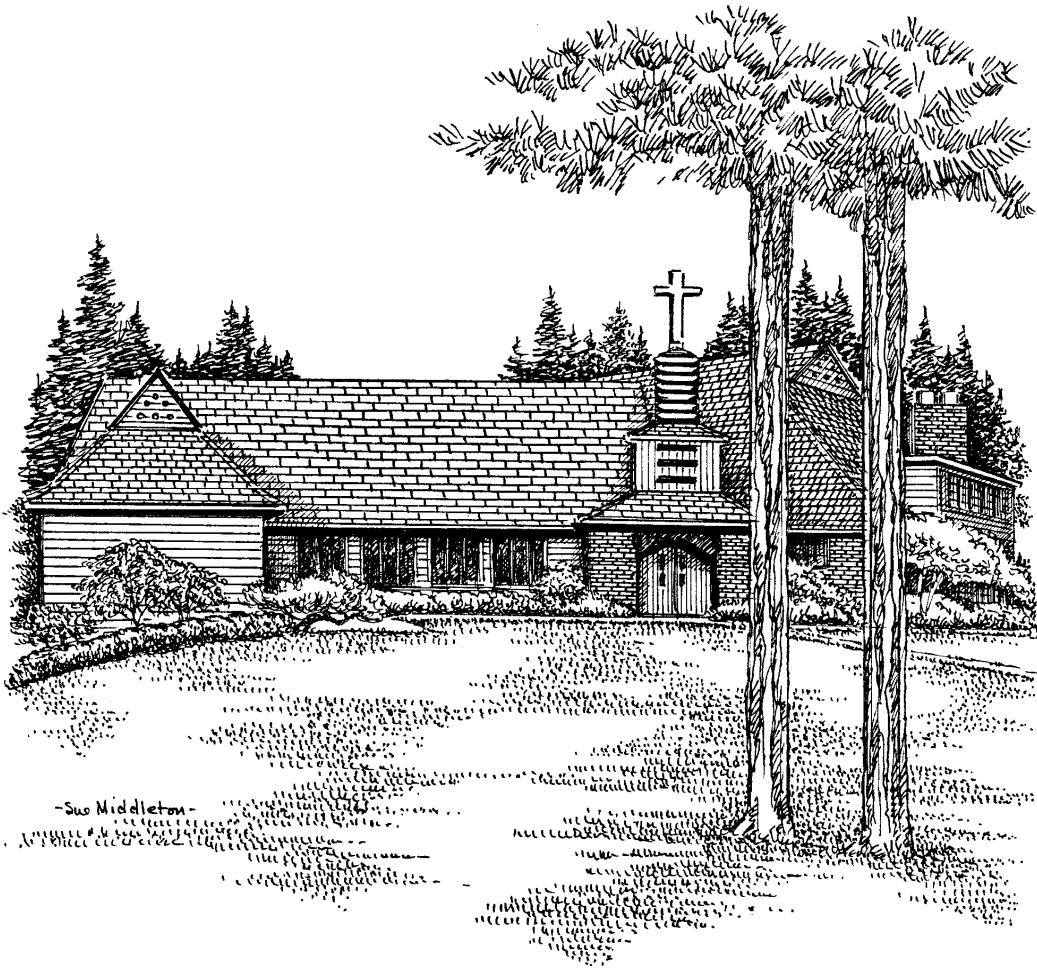


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MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The 65th Annual Meeting of the members of Christ Church Episcopal Parish, Lake Oswego, was held at 11am, Sunday, January 30, 2011. The Rev. Shannon Leach, Rector, presided and opened the meeting in Cummins Hall after having given his annual report during the regular 8 am and 10 am services. Shannon talked about living “the Beatitudes According to Christ Church” by getting involved in one or more Christ Church ministries “not only by your monetary participation at the annual auction but also with your hands which in turn will engage your hearts.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION AND ELECTION OF VESTRY CANDIDATES: Candidates for election to the Vestry, Craig Brown, Barbara Davis, Diana Fisher, and Ted Washburn were introduced. No new nominations were made, so nominations were closed. The four nominees were elected to the Vestry by unanimous acclamation.

RECOGNITION OF VESTRY: Shannon recognized current Vestry members Shelley Engle, George Gross, Steve Ingram, Dave Macemon, Candace Trotter, Cliff Christianson, Matt Seibt and Tracy Swartley. Outgoing members, Pattianne Carmical, Jack Eft, Mary Spence and Diana Fisher (who finished Kathy Araujo's term) were recognized.

FUTURE VISIT OF BISHOP: Shannon announced that Bishop Michael Hanley will visit Christ Church on Sunday, March 6, 2011.

DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION: The next Diocesan Convention is scheduled for November 10-12, 2011. Nominees for convention include: Mike Anthony, Kim Lindstrand, Joy Hessian, Ken Hessian, Ann Frazier, Monica Schneider, and Sue Hall. Alternates include: Sean Wall, Patty Burke, and Sara Sather. Candidates were elected by acclamation.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT: Dave Macemon has agreed to continue as Senior Warden in 2011. Dave encouraged everyone to choose a group at Christ Church and become more involved. The Vestry companion groups help to keep everyone connected to Christ Church.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS: Shannon recognized Terry Crawford for his work with Habitat for Humanity—“It’s a way of doing Christ’s work.” Shannon also thanked Anne Black for her many years of dedication as flower scheduler for the Altar Guild. Shannon recognized Cliff Christianson, Jr. Warden, whose report is included on page 8 of the 2010 Annual Report.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011 BUDGET: Bonnie Umland mentioned the loss of Murray Evans, our former business manager and announced Chuck Mansfield as our new business manager. Bonnie thanked Dale Boss, the staff, Marcy Shaw, the Finance Committee, the Financial Oversight Committee, the Audit Committee, Shelley Engle (vestry liaison), Cliff Christianson, Bob Luhr and Glen Lowe (Monday morning money counters) for their efforts and commitment to maintaining the budget and investments in a most responsible way. Bonnie mentioned the “Angels in the Rafters” whose three endowments provide 11% of our budget each year. The Financial Oversight Committee plans to present a workshop on planned giving later in the year. Time was allowed for budget questions.

RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVINGS OF PARISHIONERS: Members of the parish stated their appreciation of others who have done outstanding work in our church community.

Submitted by Julia Simpson, Vestry Clerk

WORSHIP

STATISTICS

Submitted by: The Reverend Shannon Leach, *Rector*

Services	260
Baptisms	7
Burials	19
Marriages	4
Confirmations	16
Average Sunday Attendance	314

NECROLOGY—January—December 2011

Murray Evans	William Peterson	Floyd "Duke" Harmeyer	Woodrow Dickey
Ross Garner	Edwin Zuck	David Bass	Lester Jones
Herbert Gladstone	Clifford Herrall	Harriet Bennett	Margaret "Peg" Patterson
Josephine Simpson	John Muir	Ann Irving	Jenny Wood
Herbert Yandle	Heather Webb	Edward "Ted" Hall	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS AND VISITING EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Submitted by: JoAnn Leach, *Associate Rector*

We have been blessed with a group of faithful ministers for our worship. We have lectors who prepared the lessons for Sunday worship and read them to us. The Eucharistic Ministers sometimes read but always serve the chalice at Holy Communion. There is also a team of Eucharistic ministers who bring out the Sacrament to those who are unable to come to church. We added new members to this ministry this year. We also had mandatory training for the Eucharistic Ministers so that they could be relicensed or licensed by the Diocese. Throughout the Church year, we need lectors and Eucharistic Ministers each Sunday for four services (usually we schedule at least 10 lectors and Eucharistic Ministers) and more for additional holy days such as Easter, Christmas and Ash Wednesday.

We give a special thanks to Sean Wall for his past scheduling and we welcome Mervyn Brockett as the new scheduler of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. JoAnn Leach coordinates the Eucharistic Ministers that bring the sacraments to those who cannot come to church. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Sacraments and is unable to come to church, please let JoAnn know.

ACOLYTE REPORT

Submitted by: Lori Dierckes, *Acolyte Coordinator*

2011 was another good year for our acolyte program. Our current roster stands at 25 young people from our parish ranging in age from 4th grade through 12th grade. Our total acolyte count decreased at the beginning of the fall term after bidding farewell to a large number of graduating seniors over the summer. In the fall, our acolyte program welcomed five new youth accepting the commitment to serve in our worship services.

The Reverend JoAnn Leach and Deacon Tom Stanwood conducted three training sessions in the fall with good attendance from both new and continuing acolytes. Michael Sanchez has realized his new duties as our Verger in part by taking an active role in the training of our acolytes and their organization on Sunday mornings. Shelley Engle has returned to support the Acolyte program by ensuring all acolytes are properly fitted in their albs and that the albs are kept looking top notch. The acolyte scheduling duties continue to be done by Lori Dierckes.

Our acolytes currently serve the 10:00 am Sunday service with one crucifer, one book bearer, and two torch bearers, and serve the 11:45 am Sunday service with one crucifer.

We are most grateful to our acolytes and their families for supporting this important ministry.

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

Submitted by: Barb Randall, *Directress*

The Altar Guild has 28 members, three substitutes and eight alumnae. The members of the Altar Guild prepare for approximately 260 services plus Holy Week, Easter and Christmas Services, as well as weddings and funerals. The group is divided into 5 teams, lead by team captains. Serving as team captains in 2012 are Kris Gates, Nancy Stephenson, Sue Chapel, Liz Shelly and Carolyn Shank. Each team has a flower mistress: Roberta Gilley, Liz Hendricks, Alison Gilmore, Shirlee Perkins, and Lynne Maginnis serve in this capacity. The teams are responsible for preparing for services that occur during their assigned weeks.

Georgia Aas serves as the wedding coordinator, Carolyn Shank maintains the flower schedule and Lizzie Hendricks is the keeper of the Fair Linens. We plan to form other specific ministries within our group such as Vestment Designers and Recruitment chair. The Altar Guild meets the first Monday of each month with the exception of January, when we hold a potluck luncheon, and the months of June, July and August.

We welcome all interested men, women and children to join us.

MUSIC REPORT

Submitted by: Bob Mensel, *Minister of Music*

Bob Mensel, Minister of Music, and Michael Sanchez, Assistant to the Minister of Music, both continued their service to Christ Church during the past year. Beyond his traditional duties of working with TEC, the Christ Church Brass Ensemble, and preparing instrumental music for services, Michael Sanchez also assumed directorship of the Handbell Choir in the spring. We welcomed Jane Mendenhall Smith as our new organist in June, after Jim Denman accepted a position as director of music at All Saints Parish in SE Portland. Jane brings to Christ Church impressive experience as a performer and music educator.

Canterbury Choir remains the backbone of the Christ Church music program, and they sing regularly at Sunday morning services each month. While their repertoire is mostly drawn from the canon of sacred masterworks, Canterbury also delves into contemporary literature on occasion. Highlights of this past year were special concerts in the winter ("In My Father's House") and autumn ("In Gratitude") as well as our major feast services in Holy Week, Eastertide, and Christmas.

The Handbell Choir has typically played on the second Sunday of each month for the 10 am service. Owing to the participation of volunteers outside of our congregation, the Handbell Choir has been able to better stabilize its membership over the past year; but we continue to look for qualified ringers to be both regular and substitute ringers. We are currently undertaking a long-needed overhaul of the bells and look forward to their continued service to the church.

The Music Ministries continue to be an integral part of the worship experience at Christ Church, as well as providing opportunities for fellowship among its participants. And the foundation of all our music making is our parishioners. All members of Christ Church are encouraged and welcome to be a part of our music program.

GREETERS

Submitted by: Lynn Kenyon, *Coordinator*

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary gives the definition for Greeter as "someone who addresses with expression of kind wishes." I truly like that definition as it describes what we do. A greeter is assigned a particular Sunday to arrive at church by 9:40 am and stand at the Narthex or Chandler Rd. doors and welcome parishioners, newcomers and guests to our house of worship. Each greeter is committed to one Sunday a month. It is a wonderful way to meet fellow members, develop friendships and act as an ambassador for Christ Church. We always have room for a new friendly face.

USHERS

Submitted by: Donna Fowlks, *Coordinator*

The ministry of the ushers at Christ Church is one of serving the needs of all who come to our church home by providing them a welcome, safe, and friendly atmosphere in which to worship. The ushers may be the first people you see upon entering our narthex. Currently we have 35 dedicated ushers serving the congregation at the Sunday morning worship services and the other special services throughout our liturgical year. We are most visible to the congregation as we welcome you with a hello and a smile, provide you with a bulletin, read your intercessions, present your gifts at the Altar, and assist you as needed throughout the service. We are also available to answer questions regarding the service and Christ Church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Submitted by: Susie Coffman, *Minister of Religious Education*

We have five Sunday School classrooms running each Sunday and about 225 children registered to attend. Children join their families for the first portion of the 10:00 am Liturgy followed by their own Sunday School classes.

We continued to use Living The Good News for Kindergarten through eighth grade. Much of the content capitalizes on the appointed Gospel reading, but it offers alternative topics and activities as well. We dot the entire school year with outreach projects that keep our kids thinking of others. We supported Harbor Lights by stuffing socks with travel sized personal care items for the homeless. We made blankets for Project Linus and have contributed to over one million blankets made and gifted to children in crisis. We raised money for children's outreach during Lent. We made sandwiches and treat bags for Potluck in the Park. Through Advent, we had a wonderfully successful toy drive in honor of Saint Nicholas which supported many kids in need right here in Lake Oswego and West Linn.

Godly Play is going strong in our Pre-School program. This program was developed by an Episcopal Priest named Jerome Berryman under the guidelines of the Montessori approach. We have adopted some of the principles and visuals of that program in the other primary grades. If your child came out of their classroom telling you it was a "red" day or a "purple day" or a "green growing day," they were telling you where we were in the Liturgical Year. The room is staffed by a large team of teachers and is specially designed for little people. Altars, lecterns, and the credence table are tiny but still magnificent to represent their importance. It is a most Holy Place. Whether or not you have children at this age, go back and peek at their classroom...it is a sight to behold!

SUMMER PROGRAMS: Children & Youth

Submitted by: Susie Coffman, *Minister of Religious Education*

While some may think that summertime is a down time for the Parish, they need only to spend a summer day wandering the halls of Christ Church to find out how busy we are!

Spirituality and The Arts and Art Fusion was in full swing in June. We were gifted with the artistic talents of Gyllian Davies, Lesley Sepetoski, Marianne Rollinson, and Lynne Maginnis. The building was filled with kid's grade 4 - 12 working with paint, glass, fabric, metal and other wonderful materials. As always, we left a display of Art in the Narthex for all to admire. Our focus this year was on dreams...a beautiful way for God to reach our souls.

Vacation Bible School was busy transforming the Education Wing during July into an Upside Down and Inside Out Main street. With the help of co-director Ruth Caldwell, the week came together with a bang! The age group attending ranged from pre-school through fifth grade. We spent half-days together all week telling stories, singing, doing art projects, eating together and making friends. We had about 95 children and more than sixty adults that week. We could never do the camp without our wonderful middle school and high school kids assisting in classrooms, art rooms and music. What a glorious time we had together.

Wrapping up the summer camps was a week spent at Suttle Lake Camp just outside of Sisters, Oregon. This was the third year into our partnership with the Methodist Camping Network. This was Diocese of Oregon Week and kids from Episcopal Churches around the state came for a week of outdoor fun. Blast Off Camp was for beginners (1st and 2nd graders) who were getting an introduction to overnight sleeping in a cabin with friends! Awesome Adventures was for kids grade 3-5 and Outer Limits was for grades 6-8. The week included campfires, Art, Hiking, Swimming, Boating and Rafting. Christ Church brought the most campers from anywhere in the state!

Sunday School continued through the summer in a format suited to varied attendance. A great group of parents, grandparents and teens met with the children each week to have a fun and lively lesson including games, discussion and art projects. This group of adults and teens gave a much needed break to those folks who teach all year long. However, we always seemed to see the faces of those regular teachers showing up here and there - they just could not get enough of our children!

NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOMSubmitted by: Susie Coffman, *Minister of Religious Education*

We continued to care for the littlest members of the congregation in a manner that was most conducive to their energy level. Infants and babies spent their time in the nursery either snoozing or looking about at bright colors and friendly faces. The rambunctious toddlers sped around doing what toddlers do best - exploring. Kristin Coffman continued as our Nursery Supervisor and mentored some wonderfully energetic teenagers. We provided nursery care during both the 10 am Liturgies as well as the special evening services of Christmas and Holy Week. The Nursery is continually full and we appreciate having all our special teenage babysitters keeping the little ones entertained and happy!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPSubmitted by: Sara Sather, *Youth Minister*

Our Junior High/Middle School group meets twice a month. The churches of the Sunset Convocation have come together to form WE Youth (Westside Episcopal Youth). The youth ministers of the various parishes have worked together to provide one event a month where our children can connect. We have focused on the areas of outreach, fun, and fellowship. We also have a monthly in-house event where we have enjoyed coming together to celebrate one another while helping others and having fun. Each Fall the group has an outreach fundraising element. This past year we raised money for the Episcopal Church in Haiti. This is a high energy, wonderful group of sixth through eighth graders, and it has been fun getting to know them.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPSubmitted by: Sara Sather, *Youth Minister*

In 2011, Senior High met for fellowship, outreach, education, and personal and spiritual growth. Our youth have really enjoyed prepping for Potluck in the Park, and bowling and Frisbee golf have been fun. We had a popular retreat to kick off this past September and a very well attended overnight Christmas Party with caroling and a visit from Santa. Over the summer we met (along with Junior High) for a monthly Summer Softball Tournament following our outdoor Contemporary Service and BBQ. The youth have made a big push to return a second TEC weekend to the yearly calendar and many meetings have focused on the weekend.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST - TECSubmitted by: Sara Sather, *Youth Minister*

TEC is a Cursillo-type weekend offered by teenagers for their peers sharing the unconditional love of Christ. In 2011 we gathered in February and again in November for this unforgettable experience full of singing, laughing, learning and communicating with their equals. Many of our Sunday evenings throughout the year were spent preparing for this important weekend with talks given by nine of the teens, Liturgical practice sessions, planning sessions and team meetings.

This past year marked our twenty- eighth and twenty –ninth TEC weekend here at Christ Church and our 36th and 37th in total as we helped start and facilitate programs in Mercer Island, Washington; Bend, Oregon; Reno, Nevada; Moab, Utah, and Durango and Grand Junction, Colorado.

ADULT EDUCATIONSubmitted by: Susie Coffman, *Minister of Religious Education*

Adult Education was a regular offering following the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy. The Forum was a great opportunity for our adults to learn about topics of social, economic, spiritual and human importance and value, as well as find out what the National Church has to say about what is happening in our world

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL

Submitted by: Candace Ray, *Director*

We provide a well-rounded, age appropriate education for preschool aged children. The Christian curriculum develops a child's social, emotional, physical, cognitive and spiritual growth, while they are learning through play in an enriching, nurturing, and child centered environment. Our program appeals to a child's sense of wonder and curiosity as they discover new things about the physical and spiritual world in which they live.

We started a new program that extends the preschool day until 5:30. In the afternoon enrichment club children explore through the outdoors, art, literacy, math, science and other learning centers. This program is a great extension to our morning preschool classes. We have been offering this program for a month and the kids and families are loving it.

We have also begun using a program called Handwriting Without Tears. The program helps Pre-K children learn to recognize and write their uppercase letters. So far it has been a great addition to our curriculum. This year the teachers have been incorporating the weekly bible story daily in the classroom so that the children are really grasping the stories they are told.

We enjoy chapel on Wednesday mornings with Ms. JoAnn, and our older students act as crucifer and acolyte during the service. Besides the fun activities in the classroom and on the playground, the children love music and movement in Canterbury Chapel.

Our Advisory Board continues to work diligently to expand and improve our school. We continue to grow, thanks to the support, both financially and spiritually, from everyone at Christ Church Parish.

WOMEN AND SPIRITUALITY

Submitted by: The Reverend JoAnn Leach, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Carol Hull led a Bible Study on Matthew from January to May. This was not a Women and Spirituality group but met at the same time and was open to men and women. Everyone thought it was great and the and many people attended. Carol continues with the Gospel of John this January - March. The Reverend JoAnn Leach, with the assistance of Donna Fowlks and Christine Boyd, led the group for women each Monday at noon in the Guild Room this fall. The emphasis is to deepen our faith by education and learning new spiritual practices. This group averages in attendance from 12-25 over the course of the year. We read Rob Bell's book, Love Wins and Harvey Cox's book, The Future of Faith.

THE TREE HOUSE

Submitted by: Susie Coffman, *Minister of Religious Education*

The Tree House, a youth group for fourth and fifth graders, began its sixth year last January. We started right after Sunday School and finished at 2:30 p.m. This program ran from January through May and was just perfect for building community and friendships among kids who are just on the cusp of middle school. The mission and focus of this Youth Group continued to be: To foster caring friendships within our parish community and establish an environment where friends and guests are welcome, to examine our relationships with others and strive toward interaction that is compassionate, inclusive and responsible, to join God and participate with Him in reaching out to the world and to prepare for the transitions ahead as we move into middle school and the teenage years.

HEALING MINISTRY STUDY GROUP

Submitted by: Liz Washburn, *Coordinator*

As an outgrowth of the Service of Healing, a follow-up Bible study was established in 2008. Our goal is to study the Biblical accounts of Jesus' healing ministry in depth and to explore healing encounters between God and man in both the Old and New Testaments. We seek to blend what we learn from the healing stories with a deepening of spiritual life. In addition to the healing stories in the Bible, we learn from the many books on healing such as Healing and the Landscape of Prayer by Avery Brooke, Deep Peace by Ellen Nunnally, Called into Healing by Linda Smith and Addiction and Grace by Gerald G. May, M.D. to name a few.

We rotate our study group leadership under the mentorship of the Rev. JoAnn Leach with guest clergy visits on specific topics such as "The Sacraments and Grace". We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Guild Room. Drop-in participation is always welcome!

CENTERING PRAYER

Submitted by: Marilyn Depew, *Coordinator*

Christ Church established centering prayer seven years ago to provide a space for those in our community who feel called to contemplative prayer. A centering prayer group meets in the Guild room on Saturday mornings for an hour and a half. Each session consists of thirty minutes of training on subjects related to contemplative prayer from VCR tapes CD's or DVD's, thirty minutes on conversation around those tapes; and twenty minutes for centering prayer. Participants come either for the entire meeting, or only for prayer.

Marilyn Depew is the coordinator of this ministry, and is assisted by Associate Rector JoAnn Leach. The group is connected to Oregon Contemplative Outreach, which presently holds regular workshops in the method, and other activities in which the group may participate at other churches. Three beginning workshops have been held at Christ Church in the past, and will be held as the need arises. All faiths are welcome. Advance training is not needed to join this group at 10:00 am each Saturday.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Submitted by: Terry Crawford, *Coordinating Mentor*

The Spiritual Journey "seminar" is a participant led discussion group that uses a wide range of resources to discuss, in depth, subjects to aid all along our spiritual journeys in life, wherever our starting points might be. We explore important theological issues, and how our perception of God, our faiths, and our lives are shaped by those issues. The group is very open-minded and provides a safe and welcome place for participants to share their ideas and thoughts around the topics we discuss. We do not try to reach consensus but to learn and grow from the diverse opinions and understandings each of us offers. We encourage listening, growth and participation. The next session will begin Friday, February 24th. We will be using the Living the Question DVD series "Jesus: First Light and the kingdom of God" as the base of our discussions. This is a 12 week series. We meet every Friday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Church conference room. Bring a sack lunch. All are welcome to all or as many as you can attend.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY - EfM

Submitted by: Julia Simpson, *Coordinating Mentor*

Education for Ministry is a four year program developed by the University of the South School of Theology in an effort to "foster a theologically informed and articulate laity as committed leaders of the Church." The curriculum, worship and community life, as experienced in EfM, combine to "develop servant leaders aware of God's presence in their lives and in the lives of those they serve." This small group meets every Tuesday evening for two hours to read, study, share and discuss our questions, our spiritual lives, our spiritual journeys, our sense of mission and our Christian faith all in a spirit of community. The nine-month year begins in mid-September and ends on May 31. Each September, we welcome new "year one" members. It's possible that a new daytime group could form, if three more people decide to join (for a total of 6 people). If you are interested in learning more about EfM, please contact Julia Simpson at [503-655-9819](tel:503-655-9819) or juliasimpson.pdx@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE

OUTREACH

Submitted by: Barbara Davis and Stewart Bartlett, *Co-chairs*

Every year brings new and exciting things for Christ Church Outreach. We continue to support over 14 programs including building homes for the working poor, helping support the Masaka School in Uganda, providing food and shelter for the homeless, shelter for families temporarily homeless and, our biggest/longest running program, Pot Luck in the Park, which celebrated its 20th Anniversary of their annual BBQ this year, serving over 1,400 guests. Big Star Ranch in Beavercreek continues to thrive and provide "equine assisted activities and therapies" to children. We support this program, as we do all programs, by providing funding and volunteers.

You'll see another new name, Sam's Attic. Sam's opened in December and is a resale shop in Sellwood. It is run totally by volunteers and all monies go to Uganda to support teachers' salaries. Come see the treasures they offer and you can drop off gently used items at the same time.

You can help Outreach by attending the auction, our main source of income, and by volunteering with any of our agencies. Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we will again be able to raffle two tickets to the Civil War game this year.

The 2011 Outreach Auction "Hooray for Hollywood" raised \$43,579.00 which will help 16 Outreach programs. Of that total the Paddle Raiser for Habitat for Humanity was \$12,000. The success of the auction is credited to all those who donated their time, talent and treasures. The Outreach Commission thanks you! This year's Auction *Mardi Gras Spectacular* and will be held on Saturday, May 5th.

The following is a list of our current programs. Check them out and talk with a member of Outreach to see how you can help:

Christ Church Food Pantry	Diocesan Commission on Prison Ministries
Dress for Success	Willamette West Habitat for Humanity
Health Bridges International – HBI (Peru)	The Giving Tree and Easter Baskets
Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter Ministry (LOTSM)	Inner City Sports Ministries (ISM)
Knitting for the Needy	Masaka School (Uganda)
Northeast Food Bank	Potluck in the Park
Tender Loving Care/Think 'n Try (TLC/TnT)	William Temple House
Big Star Ranch	Sam's Attic

PASTORAL CARE

Submitted by: Barbara Smith, *Chairperson*

Pastoral Care Coordinator, Barbara Smith, has served in this capacity since 2001. The responsibility of the Pastoral Care Coordinator, who is appointed by the Rector, is to oversee certain aspects of lay pastoral care. She works closely with The Revs. JoAnn and Shannon Leach to meet the needs of the Parish. She tends the Pastoral Care line (503-635-0955) daily and updates the Intercessions, Prayer Chain, Martha's Guild and Angels on Wheels as needs arise. She also attends weekly staff meetings and communicates daily with staff. JoAnn Leach is her direct supervisor.

The groups included under the umbrella of Pastoral Care and their 2011 activities are as follows:

Stephen Ministry - Trained lay caregivers available for short or long term confidential support (this group met twice monthly for supervision). These were active care-givers who provided vital support throughout the year.

Health Ministry - Under the direction of Cheryl Dotten and Joe Emmerich, the health group tends to the Parish needs. Trained nurses offered monthly blood pressure screenings under the direction of Gina Allison, MD. There is also a group of parishioners trained on the AED machine ready to respond to emergency situations.

Angels on Wheels - Parish members who provided a week's worth of meals to those undergoing surgery or other short-term medical situations. This group is overseen by Phyllis Clark.

Martha's Guild - Provided transportation to and from the Parish, medical appointments and procedures. This group is coordinated by Elizabeth Shelley.

Healing Ministry - The Laying on of Hands is offered every Tuesday at 12:00 noon with a service of healing and Holy Eucharist. Clergy also visited and prayed with Parishioners in the hospital.

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Recovery Ministry - This ministry helped persons and their families who were coping with addiction. The Rev. JoAnn Zwart Leach continues to lead this group.

Prayer Chain - The persons in this group prayed for special needs for an intensive two-day period (all prayer requests are confidential). Prayer chain requests are communicated by email to the group by Helen Lindgren, the coordinator, Barby Smith or the Clergy. All calls for the prayer chain should come through the Pastoral Care Line, 503-635-0955 or directly to the clergy.

Intercessions - This was an ongoing written list (short and long term) which was read at weekly Liturgies. All requests for prayer should come through the Pastoral Care Line, 503-635-0955 or you may fill out a pink card provided in the pews.

NOTE: Prayer requests are carried on the intercessions list for thirty days. You must contact Barby Smith with an update to extend the time period of the listing.

Neighborhood Groups – There is an ongoing emergency list of geographical groups in the parish. Marie Johnson updates the list regularly so that we can reach groups of people in case of needs or emergencies.

The Parish is very grateful for the many people who serve Pastoral Care. They are highly dedicated, receive little attention for their work, but serve faithfully with love, dedication, confidentiality and concern for others.

RECOVERY MINISTRY

Submitted by: Eleanor Suman, *Co-Chair*

The ministry assists parishioners and their families who are coping with addiction. Eleanor Suman and Monica Schneider are co-chairs of this group both for our parish and as an outreach to the Diocese.

The Recovery Commission at Christ Church supports the active recovery of those in our community suffering from addiction. Within our faith community we give thanks for the willingness of Christ Church and the staff to host a Women's AA meeting on Monday night, an Al-anon meeting on Tuesday night as well as a mixed AA meeting Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We also added a Men's AA meeting at Noon on Wednesday and Thursday. These resources have been invaluable to us as we refer people who want to know more about the miracle of recovery. The Commission provides written resources to both Christ Church and the broader Diocesan community. We act as an invaluable resource to parishes in the diocese that understand the need for recovery in their community.

We have developed a user friendly page that is linked to the diocesan website. This link can help anyone in need of resources. Included on the site are guidelines for parishes when serving alcohol at church functions. These guidelines were passed at the diocesan convention last November. If you or a loved one would like support in recovery, do not hesitate to contact our Commission members from our parish: Monica Schneider, Patty Burke, Eleanor Suman, Jane Massey, and JoAnn Leach.

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD

Submitted by: Carolyn S. Muir, *Directress*

In 2011, St Catherine's Guild was pleased to present 16 receptions with a total of 395 man hours involved. We also participated in the Christ Church Palm Sunday Market Place. Our share of the profits was \$472. The fees received from these receptions allowed us to contribute \$400 to the clergy's discretionary funds. St. Catherine's was pleased to contribute \$2,748.76 to non-profit organizations benefitting women & children. Our disbursements totaled \$3,148.76. In 2012, St. Catherine's will continue to present receptions as requested by the clergy.

PARISH LIFE

SPECIAL EVENTS

Submitted by: Susie Coffman, *Minister of Religious Education*

The entire year was dotted with numerous special events that either helped children to better understand their Christian year or to just plain have fun. Here is a list of the things we did: Passion Walk, Easter Egg Hunt, Pentecost Party, Homecoming Sunday, Advent Wreath Making, Saint Nicholas Visitation, Christmas Pageant, Epiphany Party, Halloween Party, Blessing of the Animals and One Room School House.

VOLUNTEERS

Submitted by: JoAnn Leach, Associate Rector

Janice Carlson coordinates the volunteers at Christ Church. She has visited every program area of the church and written volunteer positions that each staff or program needs. They are compiled in notebooks that are available for perusal the second Sunday of each month after 10:00 a.m. If you want to offer a volunteer opportunity within the life of Christ Church or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Janice and she will work with you. Janice's email is hometownorgon@yahoo.com and her phone number is 503.675.2598.

MOMS' GROUP

Submitted by: Susie Coffman

Being a brand new mom is an awakening experience for women. It's a time of little sleep, questions, wonder and joy. As babies grow into toddlers and preschoolers and enter Kindergarten, those questions, wonder, and joys continue. This past year, we gathered moms of kids birth through kindergarten one evening a month to enhance our friendships and enjoy our common lives as moms. Each month, one of our moms hosted an evening in her home and we spent 2-3 hours together getting to know one another.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

Submitted by: Mary Spence, *Coordinator*

Dinner for Eight organizes groups of parish members that meet for dinner on their own schedule at one of their own homes. The groups may be more or less than eight, and is open to those single or married. Registration begins each September on Homecoming Sunday or by contacting Mary Spence.

ST LAWRENCE GUILD

Submitted by: Chuck Mansfield, *Chair*

St. Lawrence Guild is a group of men with an interest in cooking and cooking arts to serve the parish. We have traditionally benefited the youth group by preparing the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. We provide as an Outreach auction item a theme dinner prepared in the home of the successful bidder. We meet periodically in our member's homes, preparing a meal for the group to further our skills and fellowship. We currently have ten members and look for more men to join our guild. St. Lawrence, a patron saint of cooks, one of the seven famous deacons of the early church, lived in the third century and there is a lively tradition about his martyrdom. His feast day is August 10th.

FIRST FRIDAY

Submitted by: Joy Hessian, *Coordinator*

All parishioners are welcome to First Friday, started by Sue Chapel in 1993, which is held the first Friday of each month (except January) at a parishioner's home where soup, dessert and refreshments are served along with plenty of warm fellowship from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Salads are served during the summer months. Volunteers prepare and donate the food, and the five dollar donation per person covers the cost of paper products, bread, wine, soda and water. Generally we have between 25 to 35 people at the host home. Linda Schultze plans for home and food donations, Sue Chapel, Phyllis Clark, Donna Fowlks, Mary Spence and others help. Monthly directions are on the round table in the Narthex. It's fun to host an evening and easy to make a soup or salad. When we all pitch in and take a turn a couple of times during the year, we truly become a community blessed beyond measure. Come join us! This year our income was \$1,025.00 and our expenses were \$798.28 leaving a profit of \$226.72 which goes into the hospitality fund.

ADMINISTRATION

VESTRY CANDIDATES

Holly Marcus

I am a life-long resident of the area having attended St. Paul's Church in Oregon City and Epiphany Mission/Church as a youth before joining Christ Church as an adult. For over 30 years, I worked as a high school or elementary teacher teaching English, History, and ESL. Since retiring last July, I have participated in the Women and Spirituality Group and recently joined the Altar Guild. I am deeply impressed by the caring and committed clergy and parishioners here at Christ Church and also the openness to questioning and diverse ideas. I am honored to be asked to serve on the Vestry and look forward to contributing to the continued growth and vibrancy of this wonderful sanctuary and service-provider in our community.

Jill Mertens

As a child I attended The Park Ridge Community Church in Chicago, a wonderful, welcoming place that rejoiced in the scripture. When Dave, a Lutheran, and I got married my in-laws wisely guided us to the Episcopal Church. Dave's work has taken us to three states. With each move locating the best school district AND a loving Episcopal parish has helped us transition successfully. Our journey to Christ Church began at St. James, in Marietta, Georgia and then St. Matthew's of Parker, Colorado. Dave and I have two children, Meredith, who lives in Denver and Jack, a freshman in college. My background is in Physical and Health Education. While our children were young I chose to volunteer in their classrooms, for their sports teams, our church and the community. Two of my favorite volunteer jobs have been as team manager for Jack's traveling soccer team and the Grant and Spring Gifting Chair for the Laker Parent Club. For the last four years I have enjoyed learning more about the workings of Christ Church by volunteering in the office every Wednesday morning and by participating in the St. Catherine's Guild. I look forward to serving on the vestry and continuing on my journey of service and worship at Christ Church.

Clay Shank

I came to the Episcopal Church over 40 years ago when I met and subsequently married Carolyn, the love of my life, in Southern California. My traditional farm-girl Danish mother insisted that my brother and I would be raised, baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Central Iowa. So the transition was easy. I am currently retired. After graduating from college in Iowa, I was an artillery officer overseas, returning to a career in sales of over 30 years in banking equipment and systems, followed by 10 years as an auditor, first for the State of California and then the State of Oregon. We found Christ Church when visiting family before moving to Oregon. Shortly after our move, the Christ Church family truly welcomed us with open arms. It has been a story book experience where the "happy ending" just keeps getting better and better and never ends. I am honored to be called to serve on the vestry of Christ Church and will humbly accept but energetically strive to meet the challenge.

Melissa Tosti

My family has been a part of the Episcopal church for over 50 years. I was baptized at St. Timothy's in Salem and confirmed here at Christ Church. My grandparents were well thought of elders within the Episcopal church, and I look forward to following in their ways. At Christ Church I have worked in the nursery, attended Sunday School, gone through TEC and was the Prayer Rector, visited the Appalachia Mountains and Russia for Outreach, and helped start Adults Rediscover Christ (ARC) in September 2011. I feel that the church has helped mold who I am today, and I would be honored to be a part of the Vestry at Christ Church.

DELEGATES FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Mike Anthony
Kim Lindstrand
Sara Sather

Sue Hall
Ann Frazier
Julia Simpson

Bonnie Umland

Sean Wall (alternate)
Monica Schneider (alternate)

SR. WARDEN REPORT

Submitted by: David Macemon, *Senior Warden*

Well, all fun things must come to an end, or so they say. My term as Senior Warden and vestry member come to an end today. It has been a pleasure working with Shannon, JoAnn, the office staff and the vestry. I'd also like to say thank-you to George Gross and Steve Ingram who have completed their term on the vestry. They have been very faithful and committed to their obligations in their role as stewards of our parish corporation.

I'd like to share some observations (in no particular order) that I've had over the last two years as Senior Warden.

This parish likes to gather, especially when there is food involved. I've enjoyed helping put these events together and watching them grow in size. I enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners and getting to know you during these events.

Next, we have come a long way with how we communicate with each other. Having the on-line membership list, email lists for groups, and the vestry companion groups have made it very easy to get the word out about events and concerns. If you're not currently getting a weekly email from Renee that means we do not have your email on file. Please let Renee add you to the database. This communication channel does not get abused.

There is no way the parish would be able to operate without volunteers. We are feeding the hungry, we are teaching, we are maintaining the building and grounds, we are enhancing the services with music, we are doing so many things. If you have some time, we'd love to help you find a way to volunteer.

As always, if you have needs or concerns, please feel free to contact the Rector, the staff or your vestry liaison.

Thank you for your support of Christ Church.

JR. WARDEN REPORT

Submitted by: Cliff Christianson, *Junior Warden*

The Building, Grounds and Safety Committee, as usual, has been busy with a wide variety of tasks keeping the lights working, water flowing and the HV/AC systems pumping.

One major cost saving project was painting stripes in the upper parking lot. Many hours were put in by Jim Goodheart and Malcom Miller, measuring, laying-out and painting. This included curb painting, fire lane painting (red) and stencil lettering

Working with the Business Manager, we were able to replace the ice maker in the kitchen. This savings in cost is significant and we will have a consistent supply of ice.

We were able to contract siding repair and exterior painting for the outside of the south facing wall of the old portion of the church (Undercroft & Nave, balcony & sexton quarters). This did not include the newer wings (Education Wing and Office/Cummins Hall).

Agenda for 2012: Continue routine maintenance by the Building Grounds & Safety Committee. We hope to be able to set up another major section of the building for exterior repair and painting, paint striping in the lower parking lot just east of the undercroft and replace the failed under counter freezer in the kitchen.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Submitted by: Renee Brambilla, *Parish Administrator*

Christ Church's 51 Office volunteers are an integral part of the church's overall operation. In 2011 dedicated office volunteer groups met to count money from Sunday's collection plates, print, collate, label, stuff, stamp, staple and/or mail over 250,000 pieces of paper or envelopes, prepare and mail weekly worship reminders, stock the coffee carts, enter data, prepare certificates, sew baptismal banners, answer phones and much more. All office volunteers' are highly valued by the staff and deserve a special thanks for making the office an inviting place to work and visit.

ST. FIACRE'S GUILD

Submitted by: Patsy Sweet, *Coordinator*

Each weekend 17 dedicated men and women of St Fiacre's Guild lovingly work in the Memorial Garden. Each Fall we plant Spring bulbs and violas and in the Spring we plant Summer annuals. We also commit to 10 people donating 2 hours of garden time to the Outreach Auction.

BUDGET & TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by: Bonnie Umland, *Treasurer*

	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
Income			
4102 Monthly Collections	573,781	577,773	592,350
4103 Prepaid Pledges	114,854	114,854	123,060
4105 Plate Offerings	13,484	13,000	15,000
4109 Initial Offerings	155	150	150
4110 Post Paid Pledges	9,131	10,000	10,000
4112 Interest	140	2,000	360
4113 Miscellaneous	0	2,600	2,600
4116 Building Endowment Income	32,707	32,707	0
4117 Endowment Income	19,252	19,252	18,711
4118 Previous Year's Surplus		0	13,792
4121 Children/Youth Endowment	30,649	30,649	35,930
Total	794,153	802,985	811,953
Expenses			
5100 Compensation	334,507	339,312	351,177
5200 Benefits	123,389	128,834	125,011
5300 Building & Grounds	106,065	110,720	113,950
5400 Office	23,774	25,000	25,100
5500 Diocesan Program	139,469	139,469	140,290
5600 Music	7,628	6,000	5,800
5700 Worship	2,057	2,600	2,600
5800 Parish Life	1,171	1,200	1,200
5900 Pastoral Care	104	300	300
6000 Finance Department	14,215	13,550	10,575
6100 Children's Ministries	18,312	25,500	19,300
6200 Youth	6,971	8,200	8,400
6300 Adult Programs	-775	300	250
6400 Vestry Programs	3,806	3,800	4,800
6500 Clergy	1,919	3,200	3,200
Total	782,612	802,985	811,953
Net	11,541	0	0

ANGELS IN THE RAFTERS are individuals and families of the saints in heaven who made provisions for the ongoing life of Christ Church by generous contribution of resources upon their death.

1980 Joseph Am Minott
 2004 Carol Fulton
 2005 Mary Webber
 2006 Mabel Bishop
 Robert Floweree/Floweree
 Foundation
 2007 Margaret (Peggy) Hollabaugh
 2008 Rosalie Knudson
 2010 Betty Folliard
 Doyce Leach
 2011 Madalyn Christian
 Duke Harmeyer
 Lester Jones

Won't you considering being an Angel in the Rafter?

The Annual Outreach Auction raised an additional \$43,579.00

CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL PARISH

CLERGY

Rector	The Rev. Shannon P. Leach
Assoc.	The Rev. JoAnn Zwart Leach
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Tom Stanwood*
Assistant Priest	The Rev. LeRoy Hammon*
Assistant Priest	The Rev. Dr. Carolynne Fairweather*
Assistant Priest	The Rev. Carol Hull*

STAFF

Minister of Religious Education	Susie Coffman
Youth Minister	Sara Sather
Minister of Music	Bob Mensel
Asst. to the Minister of Music	Michael Sanchez
Preschool Director	Candace Ray
Nursery Supervisor	Kristin Coffman
Pastoral Care	Barbara Smith*
Parish Administrator	Renee Brambilla
Bookkeeper	Dale Boss
Business Manager	Chuck Mansfield*

* Non-Stipendiary

VESTRY

Class of 2011	George Gross Steve Ingram David Macemon, Sr. Warden
Class of 2012	Shelley Engle Candace Trotter Cliff Christianson, Jr. Warden Tracy Swartley
Class of 2013	Craig Brown Barbara Davis Diana Fisher Ted Washburn
Clerk of the Vestry	Julia Simpson
Treasurer	Bonnie Umland