
New Vestments Debut



A new altar cloth, altar scarves, and chasuble made their debut this Christmas Eve. This 'white and gold' set will be appropriate for the Christmas season, Easter, weddings, and funerals. These new additions to the liturgical life of the parish are made possible through generous gifts to

the Christ Episcopal Church Memorial Fund. Gifts were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the following individuals:

Louis Endsley, Loyd Lee, Elizabeth Frost, Leon & Connie Kromer, Richard Taylor, Duane Smith, Margery Steppacher, Barbara Harmelink, and Gloria Gilmour.

Pictorial Directory Sign Ups

We will be taking pictures for the new Pictorial Directory on Friday February 13th, Saturday February 14th, and Tuesday February 24th. You can sign up at church, or by calling the parish office at 845-452-8220.

Everyone who has their picture taken will receive a free print, and a copy of the directory. There are also opportunities to purchase picture sets - although there is no obligation to do so.

Pictorial Directories are wonderful tools to increase the fellowship and show the hospitality of the parish. Please consider being a part of this endeavor.

Christ Episcopal Church

Rector: Fr. Blake Rider †

Music Director: Laura Russell

Parish Administrator: Michele Haynes

Property Steward: Notoe Hodge

Rector's Warden: Michael George

People's Warden: Bill Moran

Rite 13 Celebration for Davaugn Griffin

On December 14, 2008 we all celebrated the Rite-13 Liturgy for Davaugn Grrffin, our last such rite for the current class. Davaugn led the congregation in reading Psalm 139, and his mother, the congregation, and the other youth in our Journey to



Adulthood program joined him in making the promises in recognition of his starting on the path to becoming a man. At the reception following in the Newton Community Room there was LOTS of chocolate (as requested by Davaugn) and congratulations all around. The Rite-13 class is taught by Mary Flad and John McCleary.

Intergenerational Activity

For one of our multi-age activities during Advent, we decorated gift boxes and bags and then filled them with presents for some of the women released from prison and folks at the Homeless Shelter. Every age from our youngest parishioner to some of our more *mature* people participated.



The gifts were brought to the crèche and the baby Jesus by the children at our Family service on Christmas Eve.

18th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

On Friday, January 23, 2009 at 7:15AM, the 18th Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast will be held at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center.

Tickets are \$35. Contact Mary Flad at 471-5376 to add your name to the list, and give her a check made out to Catharine Street Community Center by January 11. If you can't attend yourself, but would like to contribute the price of a ticket for a student to attend, that can be arranged also.

Special Outreach Collections at the Offertory

Sunday-by-Sunday our community is invited to bring non-perishable food items to the Offertory. These offerings are provided to the food pantry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for distribution. Items that are in high demand include: Juice, cereal, pancake mix, soup, crackers, macaroni and cheese, tuna, canned fruits and vegetables, spaghetti noodles and sauce.

Sock Sunday



On January 25th we will have a specific "Sock Sunday". All are requested to bring a couple of pairs of new socks – the warmer the better. We'll divide this offering between the St. Paul's *Small Blessing Thrift Shop* and Dutchess Outreach.

Souper Bowl Sunday



On February 1st (Super Bowl Sunday) we will have our annual *Souper Bowl Sunday* at Christ

Church. Bring a couple of cans of soup to the offertory on February 1st. We'll also divide that special offering between the St. Paul's Food Pantry and Dutchess Outreach.

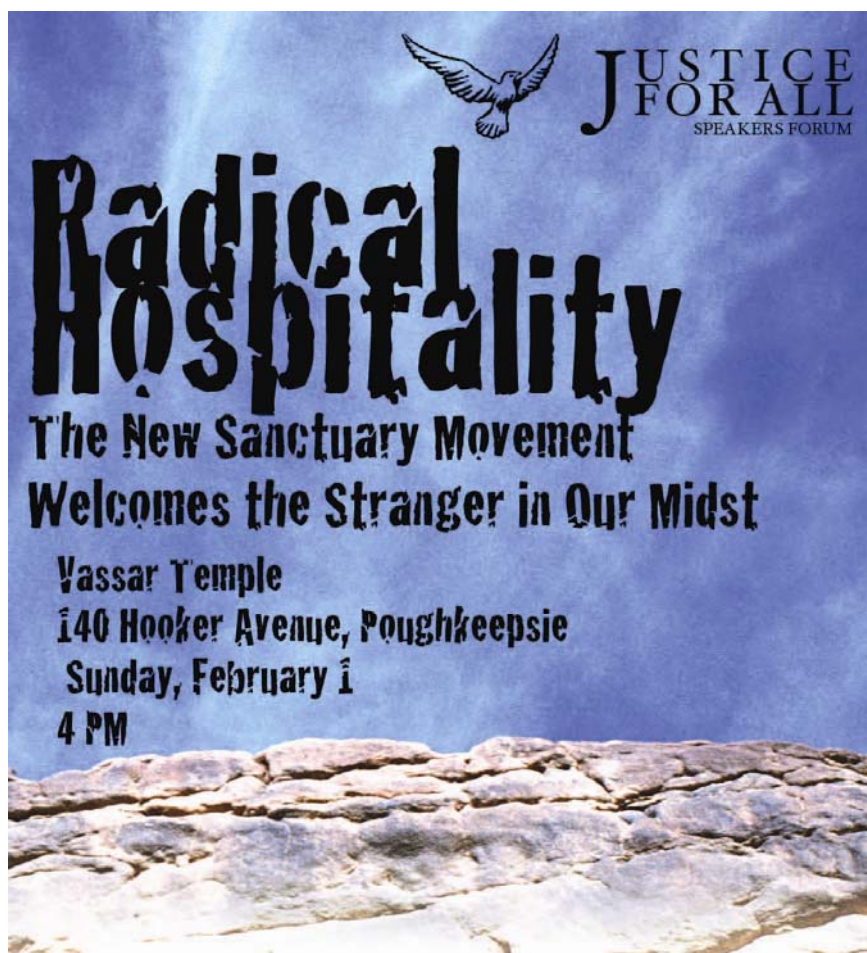


Christ Church Youth Bake Cookies

Dante, Davaugn, Emily and Shawn, the four young people in the Rite 13 program, met after church on December 7 to bake cookies and brownies.

Half of what they produced was taken to the Vassar Warner Home, and the other

half divided among the bakers to take home with them. Well, at least some of them made it home!



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Radical Hospitality

The New Sanctuary Movement Welcomes the Stranger in Our Midst

Vassar Temple
140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie
Sunday, February 1
4 PM



Rabbi Michael Feinberg,
Executive Director of the Greater NY Labor-Religion Coalition

Michael Feinberg is a Reconstructionist (progressive) rabbi and educator, and has been an activist in social change movements in the US, Britain and Israel for over twenty-five years. He has worked at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, and has served as a congregational rabbi in London, England. Since 1997, he has been Executive Director of the Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition, an interfaith worker rights and economic justice advocacy organization in New York City.

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8 AM Eucharist and Sermon
A quiet, traditional service.

10 AM Eucharist with Music
Childcare available in the nursery.

10 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM Rite 13 and J2A

1 PM Misa en Español

Wednesdays

11 AM Eucharist
In the Rector's Study



Rural and Migrant Ministries Interfaith Benefit Concert Sunday January 25, 2009 7:30pm at Christ Church

A Benefit Concert for Rural & Migrant Ministry, featuring the "Jazz Cantata" by Gretchen Gould and "Chichester Psalms" by Leonard Bernstein. Combined choirs of the Shalom Singers, the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church Choir, and our Christ Church Choir. Mexican Folk Dancers, Jazz Saxophone, and harp will also be featured. Suggested donation \$12 to benefit the Rural & Migrant Ministry.



PRAY FOR PEACE

Our Mission is to provide a spiritual home for all people, demonstrating God's unconditional love in the world around us.

Our Vision: Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, worshipping and learning together, we seek to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, serving our neighborhood, our city, and the world beyond – doing the work God has given us to do.



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