

# The Courier

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## EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

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Human suffering has, it seems, exploded in our world in recent months. The need for food, shelter, clean water, medicines, life saving supplies, and caring for people to help restore life and hope is greater than we can imagine.

"It is overwhelming and all I can do is so little". **YET IS IT A LITTLE! AND MILLIONS OF LITTLES EQUAL MASSIVE HELP**, both in emergency relief for immediate needs and development for restoring and rebuilding communities and lives.

The Christ Church Annual Offering for Episcopal Relief and Development, by Vestry Action of February 2004, has been moved from Advent to Lent/Easter. So our First Annual Lent/Ester ERD Offering will be in March. This year you can designate your gift to go to one of the following, or elsewhere if you so desire:

1. **DARFUR, SUDAN**—Rebels and the Sudanese Government recently signed a peace treaty. Still the killing campaign by armed militias continues in this California sized region. Families who survive are driven out into the baking-hot desert.
2. **HIV/AIDS** epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa. ERD is helping HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children (more than 15 million) to cope with the loss of parents and other family members. Malnutrition, disease and starvation abound.
3. **HURRICANE VICTIMS**: Caribbean countries (especially Grenada, Jamaica, and Haiti) and the Southeastern United States (4 struck Florida) have been devastated by 2004 hurricanes. Children and families still need our help in rebuilding their lives and communities.
4. **TSUNAMI VICTIMS** in Indian ocean Countries—News reports of January told us the story.

Meanwhile ERD has been working with local dioceses. While some relief agencies struggle to reach the victims, the local dioceses are already there and helping, ensuring that our gifts will promptly be used where needed.

**NOW IS THE TIME** to begin saving for your March Episcopal Relief and Development Annual Offering. In March you may write a check to Christ Church marked for ERD, or a check to ERD noting your designation and we will speed your help on its way.

**THANK YOU FOR CARING!** Gordon & Betty Plowe  
ERD Representatives at Christ Church



Dear Christ Church Parishioners and Friends,

Sarah and I were overwhelmed by the farewell dinner and program on January 14. It was just great to see everyone and share the bonds we have known these past ten years. I want to thank everyone who came, those who spoke with me before who had scheduling conflicts that night, those who contributed to the gifts, and especially those who worked so hard to make the evening a success. The chalice and paten were made by a potter, Polly Myhrum, with whom I served on the Regional Council, so they are very special to me. The rock paintings by Becky Nielsen are nothing short of treasures, and recall for me some of the most important moments of my time as rector of Christ Church. The financial gifts will help enormously as we make a move and establish a household in Manhattan.

In addition to a delicious meal, the tributes were received with gratitude. The "Guy Noir" radio play was incredibly creative and expertly performed by Stephen and Nick Currie. They literally brought the house down!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the rector of this remarkable parish for ten wonderful years. I hope and know that our paths will cross at Diocesan events and through visits northward to see family. With every good wish and blessings for the future.

Michael

**RECTOR'S FORWARDING** Michael's address and phone number at Holy Trinity Church will be: 316 East 88<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10128-4909, and (212) 289-4100. His aol email address will remain the same.

## A NOTE FROM GOD

Feb. 6	Psalm 99 Philippians 3:7-14	Exodus 24:12(13-14) 15-18 Matthew 17 -1-9
Feb. 13	Psalm 51:1-13 Romans 5:12-19 (20-21)	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17, 25-3:7 Matthew 4:1-11
Feb. 20	Psalm 33:12-22 Romans 4:1-5 (6-12) 13-17	Genesis 12:1-8 John 3:1-17
Feb. 27	Psalm 95:6-11 Romans 5:1-11	Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:5-26 (27-38) 39-42

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Deadline for submission of material for "*The Courier*" is the **third Sunday** of the month. Photographs are welcome with articles for the newsletter, and to be best reproduced should be developed on a CD.

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## A FINAL DEACON'S BENCH

The kindness, good humor and spirituality of the Christ Church family has always amazed me and made me glad to be a part of you. Now, being on the receiving end of your graciousness, I am overwhelmed. The farewell evening was great fun and I am deeply moved by the words of so many of you. Thoughts of the skit performed by Stephen and Nick Currie, will continue to bring tears of laughter, and memories of Angela's delicious salmon will continue to delight. So many worked so hard to make Friday night an evening to remember for the Gregorius and Phillips families; Marge Bliss, Peggy Kraft, Anne Strain, the set-up and tear down crews, and the speakers. Thank you from the bottom of this deacon's heart.

I especially want to thank Becky Nielsen for her wonderful, beautiful, creative triptych, given to me on behalf of the parish. For those of you who missed seeing it, please give us a call and stop over. Becky is incredibly talented, and we are grateful to have such a meaningful piece of art become part of our home.

Thank you for including my family and I in the life of your community these last 6 1/2 years. You made us feel welcomed from the start, and you have blessed our lives in so very many ways. We worked together on many projects, many of them ministries long a part of the rich Christ Church tapestry. I pray that God's continued presence in your work will bring growth and strength to all that you undertake.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Yours in Christ,  
"Beacon" Mary



The **DEADLINE** for input in the March issue of "The Courier" is Sunday, February 13. Please be sure to have all information to Michele Haynes (452-8220 or [christchurch@mindspring.com](mailto:christchurch@mindspring.com)) by that date. Any form of input is gratefully received. You don't have to be experienced in writing to submit anything. I will make it work for you! Thank you.

## NEW PRIEST

The Rev. Karin Lee Chambers MacPhail, a former member of our church and daughter of Susan Russell of Poughkeepsie and Charles Chambers of Odessa, Texas, was ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church on January 18, 2005, by the Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, Bishop of Virginia, at Christ Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia. Karin is an associate and chaplain at St. Paul's Memorial Church, Charlottesville, and her husband, the Rev. Alexander D. MacPhail, is rector of Christ Church, Gordonsville.

## FEBRUARY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Feb. 6                    Nick Currie, Ladeesha Weise  
 Feb. 13                  Irene currie, Alice Friedle  
 Feb. 20                  Jason Gregorius, Kadeesha Weise  
 Feb. 27                  Alice Friedle, Tonia Scott-Overfield

Please make arrangements to switch with someone if you are unable to serve on your appointed Sunday.

## FEBRUARY EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE

Feb. 6                    Becky Nielsen—Catherine & Charles Arena  
                              Kathryn Moran—Mildred Botsford  
                              Angela Colclough—Liz Frost, Sam Im, & Geege Moore  
                              Phyllis George—Regina Givler  
                              Julia Dutton—Betty Long  
                              Betty Olson—Betty Oakes

Feb. 20                  Martha Thornley—Catherine & Charles Arena  
                              Jean Winne—Mildred Botsford  
                              Julia Dutton—Liz Frost, Sam Im & Geege Moore  
                              Angela Colclough—Regina Givler  
                              Lillian Garrett-Thomas—Betty Long  
                              Phyllis George—Betty Oakes

**THE COMPANIONS OF CHRIST CHURCH OFFER  
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**THE CENTER OF THE SQUARE, COMMUNITY CENTER  
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 ROUTE 9, POUGHKEEPSIE**

**JOIN US FOR THIS FUN FILLED EVENING!**

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                                  **ANTIPASTO, CHEESES, VEGETABLE SPRINGROLLS, BRIE AND PEAR**  
                                  **BUNDLE, SMOKED CHICKEN, AND BRUSCHETTA**  
                                  **7:30PM DINNER—CHOICE OF**  
                                  **GRILLED SALMON**  
                                  **PAN SEARED SNAPPER**  
                                  **STUFFED FRENCH CHICKEN BREAST**  
                                  **INCLUDES CHOICE OF VEGETABLE & STARCH**  
                                  **ASSORTED BREADS OR ROLLS AND BUTTER**

**DESSERT: MINI CAKES AND PASTRIES**  
**COFFEE, TEA & SOFT DRINKS INCLUDED**

**RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR DINNER WHILE THE CAST OF CHARACTERS REVEALS THE PLOT.  
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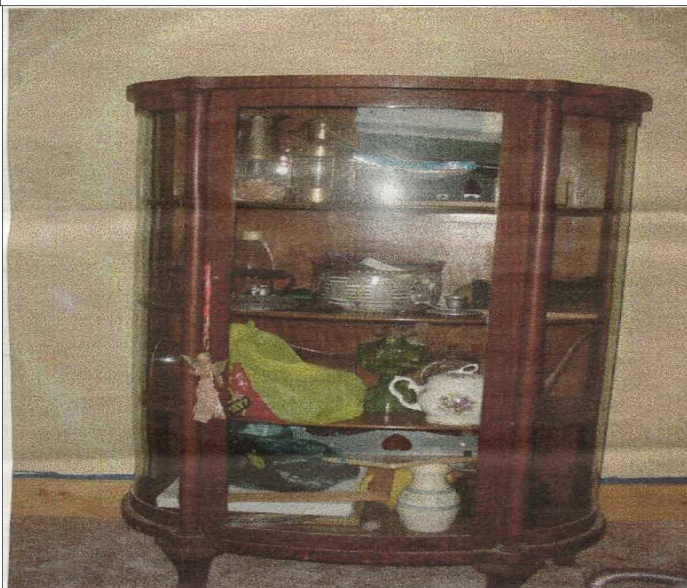
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# FEBRUARY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Noon AA CR  Choir Reh.7:30PM/CR	4 Noon AA/CR Recital 4-6PM/CR  SCA Dance 8-10PM	5    AA/7PM/CR
6 8AM/HE Parish Breakfast 9AM/HE/10AM 1PM Santa Misa 7PM AA	7 Noon AA CR 7PM/AA/CR Capella Festiva Rehearsal	8 10AM/MP Noon AA/CR Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6PM 7:30pm-Center of the Square	9 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30PM Lindy Hoop 7- 9:30pm	10 Noon AA/CR Choir 7:30pm/CR	11 Noon AA/CR SCA Dance 8-10PM	12    AA 7PM/CR
13 8AM/HE 10AM/HE <b>"The Courier"</b> <b>Deadline</b> 1PM Santa Misa Fiesta de Guadalupe	14 Noon AA CR  7PM-AA/CR 7:30pm-Property Com. Mtg./LMR  Capella Festiva Rehearsal	15 10am MP Noon AA/CR	16 Lindy Hoop 7- 9:30pm  <b>7:30pm-Vestry/ LMR</b>	17 Noon AA/CR Choir 7:30pm/CR	18 Noon AA/CR Dignity/Integrity 7:30/CR  SCA Dance 8-10PM	19    AA 7PM/CR
20 8AM/HE-10AM/HE  1pm Santa Misa 3PM Vocal Concert AA7PM/CR	21 Noon AA CR 7PM-AA/CR Capella Festiva Rehearsal	22 10am MP Noon AA CR	23 Lindy Hoop 7- 9:30pm	24 Noon AA/CR  Choir 7:30pm/CR	25 Noon AA/CR  SCA Dance 8-10PM	26  10AM HE at St. Paul's  AA 7PM/CR
27 8AM/HE10AM/HE 1PM Santa Misa AA -7PM/CR	28 Noon AA CR 7PM/AA/CR Capella Festiva Rehearsal					

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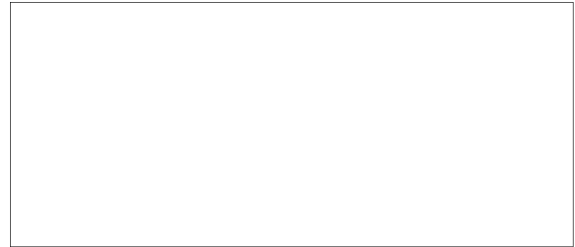
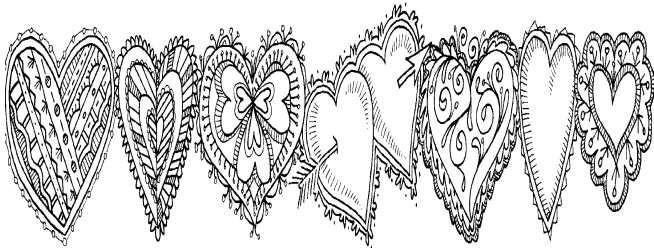
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### February Prayer Cycle

In order to give emphasis to our ministry to one another, we have a Parish Prayer Cycle. Each parishioner or family is prayed for on a particular day. Here is the list of names to be kept in our prayers for each day during the month of February.

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|---|--|
| 1. Joan Aldrich                                     | 15. LeRoy Bowen  |
| 2. Jack & Yvonne Angstrom-Poley and Mikhail & Robin | 16. Robert Brigham & Monica Church & Taylor                |
| 3. Ruth Anderson and Kadeesha                       | 17. Sandy Braungard  |
| 4. Charles & Catherine Arena                        | 18. Jim & Kathleen Brown                                   |
| 5. Dean Avery                                       | 19. Fred & Alice Bunnell                                   |
| 6. Claudia Battaglia & Steven                       | 20. Julett Butler  |
| 7. Hugo & Arlene Becker                             | 21. Vinian Cadbury   |
| 8. Tess Berry & Maxine                              | 22. Francine Cabill  |
| 9. Ronald Blass, Jr.                                | 23. Rosemarie Calista                                      |
| 10. Jim & Marge Bliss                               | 24. Bob & Patty Carter and Daniel & Kyle                   |
| 11. Geoffry Borggaard                               | 25. Grace Cherry and Olivia                                |
| 12. Bill Bornander                                  | 26. Richard & Sonia Chilcott and Tonia, Deanna, and Dustin |
| 13. Mildred Botsford                                | 27. John & Angela Colclough                                |
| 14. Hugh & Arlene Boulware and Kayla & Hugh         | 28. Fred & Anne Conrad                                     |

*Almighty God, look with favor on our brothers and sisters of this parish, especially (names). Strengthen them in their journey of faith, fill them with compassion for one another, and give them an awareness of your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*