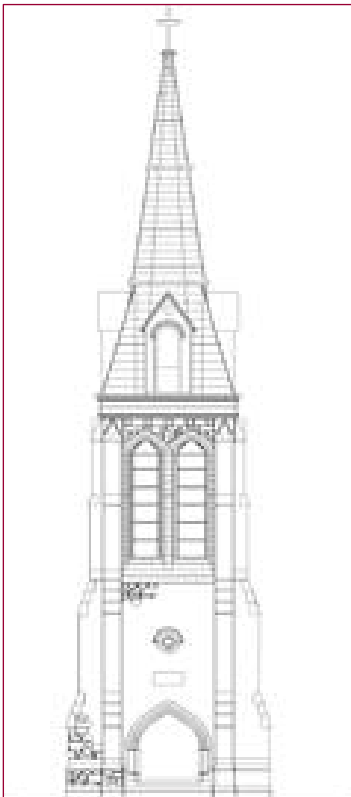


# The Courier

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## Worship

### Sundays

**8 AM Eucharist and Sermon**  
*A quiet, traditional service.*

**9 AM Junior Youth Group**  
*(Rite-13) Basement classrooms.*

**10 AM Eucharist with Music**  
*Choral and organ music provided by the Christ Church Choir, led by Laura Russell, and by organist John Sullivan. Nursery care available.*

**10 AM Sunday School**  
*Basement classrooms, ages 3-11.*

**1 PM Misa en Español**

### Thursdays

**10 AM Eucharist**  
*In the Rector's office*

## *The key to mission is always worship.*

You can only be reflecting the love of God into the world if you are worshipping the true God who creates the world out of overflowing self-giving love. The more you look at that God and celebrate that love, the more you have to be reflecting that overflowing self-giving love into the world.

*N. T. Wright, Interview in Christianity Today, January 2007*

This quotation from Tom Wright, the Bishop of Durham in England, has been rolling over me for the past few weeks. It captures the vision that is beginning to come together for our ministry together.

At the January Vestry meeting, Michael Wood asked each person what impassioned him or her about Christ Church. Two aspects of our life together were mentioned again and again: our corporate worship, Sunday by Sunday; and our heritage of outreach in the local community and the world. Bishop Wright's comments are right on target: *The key to mission is always worship.* We are not a civic club, going about doing good works. We are a community of faith, always experiencing the abundant – infinite is probably a better word – overflowing self-giving love of God. Our response to that love? To reflect God's love outward, to our community and to the world.

Later in January we were enlightened and challenged by two guest teachers at our Adult Education series that is examining the difference between loving justice and doing justice. We've learned that in the scriptures of the Hebrew Bible, our Old Testament, justice is about making innocent. Not about vengeance or punishment. We also learned that the work of God's people in bringing justice to our world is best realized when there is a foundation of liturgical worship.

There we have it again. The key - be it to mission or justice - is worship.

The Lenten season provides an abundance of opportunities to experience worship. Worship as strength for the journey that is in the mind of God for us as a community. We continue to study, pray, discuss, and ponder where that journey of mission and justice will take us. My hope is that each of you will be a part of that journey. My prayer is that we all experience a holy Lent, and that everyone will be present at one of the Ash Wednesday services later this month.

Grace & Peace,

Blake†

## **In Memoriam: Loyd Lee** **1939-2007**

Loyd Lee, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, died suddenly on January 9th while on vacation in Panama with his wife Cynthia. He has been involved in the parish for many years, most recently as Treasurer, and he is sorely missed.

Loyd was born the 5<sup>th</sup> of five sons and one daughter to Frances and Chester Lee. He was brought up on a small chicken farm in Bidwell, Ohio. His family was far from wealthy, and his upbringing on the farm formed his life long work ethic and gave him the confidence to invent hands-on solutions to many challenges throughout his life. He had scarlet fever at the age of seven, and spent the year recuperating at home, learning to knit, sew, and upholster, skills he kept throughout his life. He left Bidwell in the middle of high school to pursue academic excellence elsewhere, moving on to Ohio State University where he developed an interdisciplinary major. He brought many speakers to campus, risking expulsion over the alleged communist background of at least one. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in history from Cornell University.

Loyd and Cynthia met while on a Methodist-sponsored retreat in college. They married in 1963, and son Philip and daughter Jenifer soon followed. They participated in many civil rights marches, including the famous 1963 march led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the early 1960s Loyd worked in a Bowery soup kitchen and met Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker movement for social justice.

Loyd's scholarly interests included 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century European history, and he wrote six books based upon his research. He was also a dedicated teacher, and early in his career he received a two-year Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship to teach at AM&N College, a historically black college in Arkansas. His time there bears witness to his commitment to civil rights and equal access to education. Throughout his career, he cultivated the awareness of his students in the moral and ethical challenges of the world around them.

Love of travel and adventure began early in Loyd's life. While in high school he won an essay contest – the prize being a trip to Europe. He left Ohio with \$100 in his pocket for a rough ocean voyage to another continent very different from his Ohio farm. He found work on a Welsh farm to support his stay. This was the first of many trips abroad, in which finances were often precarious but a willingness to meet adversity head-on always won the day. He was an astute observer of the places he visited – China, Japan, Israel, many European countries, Central America, and the Galapagos Islands, among others. He spoke German fluently and could get by in French. He also studied Russian and Chinese.

Loyd and Cynthia moved to the Hudson Valley in 1967, when he took a teaching position in the History Department at SUNY New Paltz. Cynthia discovered the house on Maple Avenue, in Highland, while canvassing for signatures for the Hughes-McGovern-Hatfield bill to end the war in Vietnam. The owner refused to sign but agreed to sell. The subsequent repairs were quite an undertaking even for a Jack-and-Jill-of-all-trades. The house is now, through their hard work and ingenuity, a unique historic treasure. Loyd insisted on planting trees before any work on the house was done, and they now form the backdrop for this lovely house and garden which has been the site of many Sunday School picnics.

Loyd and Cynthia first came to Christ Church soon after they moved to Highland, attracted by the idea of a 'big' church after growing up in much smaller churches. The active congregation, the music, and the tradition of worship captured them, and they have been with us ever since.

In December 2006, the Vestry gave Loyd a black leather-bound Book of Common Prayer, which was autographed by each vestry member. Loyd brought it with him on the trip to Panama, and it was put to use when prayers were offered after his unexpected death. Those present for the prayer gathering also signed it.

We will all feel the loss of Loyd. But we can all also take comfort that this community of which we are all a part can grieve together, and help to heal the loss felt by the Lees, and by all who loved Loyd and relied on him. *A Memorial Service for Loyd Lee will be held at Christ Church on Saturday, February 24 at 10 a.m.*

*Mary Flad & Carlie Graves*

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## Pledge Update

Thank you! We have received about \$190,000 in pledges as of this writing, with a few more expected. Total pledge income is about the same as 2006, however average pledge income is up substantially over last year (\$2030 vs. \$1560), some indication that we are doing something right! The number of people who pledge is less than last year, due to death (several), moving, and transfers, so that we have about 95 pledgers, vs. 122 last year. We have six new pledging families and individuals. Thank you very much for your support!

*Carlie Graves, Treasurer*

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## Children's & Youth Formation

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders** – we have been reading the scriptures about Zachariah and John the Baptist and are now learning about Jesus' passage into adulthood. Combining scriptures with some hands-on activities and discussing how scriptural reading relates to our everyday lives has helped us get to know each better and understand the relationship between our religion and our daily lives.

*Celia Serotsky & Herman Harmelink*

**Rite-13 Group (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)** – we recently spent some time looking in detail at the Lord's Prayer, its meaning, and its origins. Look for several Rite-13 ceremonies coming up this spring.

*Stephen Currie*

**J2A (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades)** – is embarking on a study of comparative religious beliefs using the Internet. We plan to visit various places of worship, including Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, and Russian Orthodox.

*Amity Currie*

### Bardavon Trip a Hit

On Friday, January 26, nearly 20 rite-13ers, J2Aers, parishioners and friends braved the cold and joined the crowd to watch a showing of Monty Python and the Holy Grail at the Bardavon. We all had a great time visiting Britain circa 934 A.D.

*Stephen Currie*

### Nursery Update

Amanda Tavarez, our caregiver, has left Poughkeepsie to continue her child development studies at SUNY-Oneonta. The nursery room is available to children during the 10 am service as long as they are accompanied by an adult, until we have another caregiver. Thank you for your patience-

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## Daytop Speaker and/or Craftsperson Wanted

Daytop Meadow Run is an all female residential drug rehabilitation facility. We are looking for an artist or craftsperson who would enjoy sharing their knowledge during one or two sessions. Another possibility would be a motivational talk that has lots of interaction. We can't pay, but the thought of sharing with women who need to hear from folks who truly care that they can heal and be whole again is love in action.

*Julett Butler, 876-3789 x43 (days)*

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**Church Repairs** – The Property Committee is currently updating the inventory of repair needs of the physical plant, as well as beginning preparation of an annual cyclical maintenance plan. Please pass along any information on identified repair needs to the committee, so that we may (it is hoped) begin an orderly process for repair and rehabilitation. Thanks!

*Jim Brown, [jlkabrown@earthlink.net](mailto:jlkabrown@earthlink.net)*

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**The Center of the Square** has added new board members Susan Avery and Andrea Colombo. Elected to office was Denise Quis, President, Angela Gomez, Vice President; Rosemarie Calista, Secretary; and Kim Ryder, Treasurer. The Climb the Beanstalk after school mentoring program, directed by Corey Manning, continues to provide excellent instruction to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from the Clinton School area. To learn more about it, go to [www.freewebs.com/climbthebeanstalk](http://www.freewebs.com/climbthebeanstalk) We have just begun our second set of **Spanish to English cooking lessons**. If you are interested in joining this class please contact us.

**Summer Camp 2007** is in the planning stages again and the search for a new camp director has begun. Please contact us if you are interested or pass the word along. Thank you-

*Denise C. Quis, 471-3068*

**CC Happenings • Save the Dates**

Please Post!

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## Adult Forums February 2007

*What is the difference between 'loving justice' and 'doing justice'?*

**Sundays 11:30-12:30, following worship:**

**February 11** *Justice in the Gospels*,  
led by The Rev. Richard Witt, Rural & Migrant Ministries

**February 18** *Will We Love Justice or Do Justice?*  
Where will our dreams take us?

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## Lenten Activities

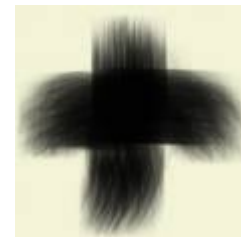


**February 21, Ash Wednesday**

**7:00 am Eucharist**

**12:00 pm Eucharist**

**7:30 pm Eucharist**



*The 7:30 pm service will include a combined choir from Christ Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First United Church of Christ. The Rev. Dearthrice DeWitt, pastor of First UCC, will deliver the homily that evening.*

## Wednesday Evening Study & Supper

**February 28-March 28**

*In cooperation with the First Presbyterian and First Congregational Churches  
To be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 100 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie:*

**6:00 PM Simple Supper**

**6:30 PM Stand-up Eucharist**

**6:45 PM Program**

### *Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today*

*"It is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again . . . [because] Pharaoh has immense power always to draw us back into slavery."*

--Walter Brueggemann

A new study for Progressive Christians: *Countering Pharaoh* will feature meditations by Walter Brueggemann presented on DVD, followed by small group discussion.

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## Concerts

**Sunday, Feb. 11, 3:00 pm:** Gospel Concert at Dutchess Community College

**Palm Sunday, April 1, 7 pm:** Rutter's Requiem, Christ Episcopal Church

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## Become pen pals with an AIDS orphan in Uganda

It is quite a long wait for an answer after you write, but it is worth it. You are holding a piece of paper that was lovingly written,

probably copied over, by a child whose parents are no longer alive. The child now lives with someone else in the village--an aunt, a grandmother, a cousin, or a friend of the family--because that is what happens in African villages. People care and think of the orphan as their responsibility. But not every situation is good. There are school fees, uniforms, an extra mouth to feed. So the child who has answered your letter has already known some very tough times. Your letter gives him or her a special status, lighting up a life that can be pretty dreary. It also brightens your life when you get a response. Suddenly you are connected in a very personal way to that fearsome thing--the AIDS pandemic in Africa.

Christ Church people, including kids, have been pen pals with Kyampisi village orphans for over a year now. We have only had a couple of letter exchanges because there is no regular mail. We rely on Edward, the village leader, to come in to the city (Kampala) to pick up and mail our letters. We are waiting now for a reply from the last packet sent in early December. If you would like to connect in this way, please contact me.

Alice Bunnell, 452-7031

**Interested in the behind-the-scenes at CC?** Think about joining a committee. Here's the regular meeting schedule. All meetings at 7:30 unless otherwise noted. Use Carroll St. entrance for building admittance.

- 1st Tuesday of the month- Growth & Communications. Contact Carlie Graves for more info.
- 1st Wednesday Finance & Budget, Carlie Graves
- 2nd Tuesday Property Committee, contact Michael George
- 2nd Wednesday Parish Life, contact Phyllis George
- “ “ 8:30 Community Ministry, contact Fr. Blake
- 3rd Tuesday Vestry. All welcome to attend.
- 4th Tuesday Center of the Square Board
- 4th Wednesday Worship Committee. Contact Michael Wood or Fr. Blake.
- Occasional Saturdays Youth and Children's Formation Committee. See Marge Bliss or Yvonne Poley.
- Occasional Fridays, 12:45 Adult Formation. Contact Fr. Blake.

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**SUNDAYS**

Worship @ 8:00 AND 10:00 AM.

*Nursery open during 10 am service.*

Junior Youth Sunday School @ 9:00 AM

Pre-K and Grade School Sunday School @10:00 AM

Senior High Sunday School @ 12:00 PM

Adult Forum @ 11:30 AM

Misa en Español @ 1:00 PM

**THURSDAYS**

Eucharist @ 10:00 AM (RECTOR'S STUDY)

**RECTOR'S DROP IN HRS 4-6 pm**

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