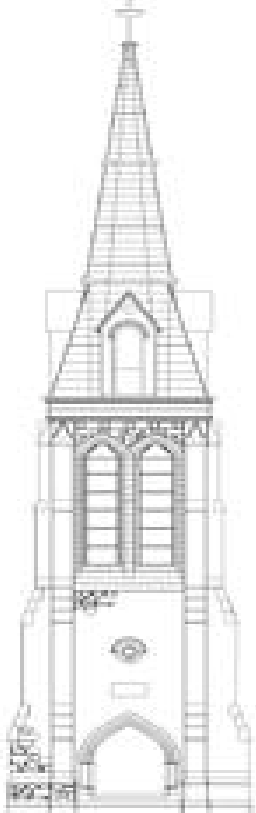


The Courier

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Worship

Sundays

8 AM Eucharist and Sermon
A quiet, traditional service.

9 AM 7&8th grade class
(Rite-13) Downstairs classroom

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

10 AM Sunday School
Downstairs classrooms, ages 3-11.

1 PM Misa en Español

Thursdays

10 AM Eucharist
In the Rector's Study

Dear Friends,

The nave was full of parishioners, friends, and members of the community on Earth Day. The sounds of the jazz saxophone, cello, humpback whales, timber wolves, and the choirs were indescribable. We are blessed to have a music program led so incredibly well by Laura Russell and John Sullivan. The ministry of the choir was truly a gift to the greater community on Earth Day.

We are moving into a very busy period in the life of the parish: the Sunday School year begins to draw to a close; we prepare to say goodbye to John Sullivan as he retires; and we prepare for two visits from Bishop Roskam within three weeks of each other! The Center of the Square is hosting a neighborhood Block Party on June 2nd, to increase awareness of the Center and its programs, and to raise funds in support of the Summer Camp program. There are many details in this issue of *The Courier*. I hope that those of you in the Poughkeepsie area will be able to participate in these ministries and activities.

May is also the month when we observe *Endowment Sunday*. We have been blessed with a legacy from previous generations in the income that the parish endowment funds provide. Sunday May 13th we will take a special collection in support of the Endowment. On that day we will also recognize members of the *King George III Society*. There is more information about the *Society* in this issue of *The Courier*. The Prayer Book encourages every member, as they are able, to make provision for the church in their will. It is through the faithful observance of that call by generations-gone-by that we are blessed with the endowment funds we presently have. I ask your prayerful consideration of whether-or-not, and how-to, remember the parish in your estate planning.

As the first year of our life and work together in this parish comes to a close, I am reminded again and again how truly blessed I am to be in ministry with you. The vitality and excitement that is alive in the parish are a blessing to me. Thanks to each of you for calling me into ministry in this place.

Blake

For the past several months, the Community Ministry Committee and the Rector have been engaging the parish in a conversation about 'the work God has given us to do' in the arena of restorative justice –exploring the possibility our becoming active participants in a ministry of engagement with men and women who have previously been incarcerated, and who are beginning their journey towards re-entry to civil society.

In March the Vestry unanimously agreed to engage our parish in support for the work and ministry **ICARE** [Interfaith Coalition of Advocates for Reentry and Employment]. ICARE is an interfaith ministry with two points of interest: the work of advocacy at the local and state levels; and the development of local, individualized Circles of Care. The parish is now preparing to do the work of providing active support to a formerly incarcerated person through a Circle of Care ministry. We are making contact, through a social worker, with a woman who has been in jail – assisting her directly in her re-entry into the community

This is an invitation to each member of the parish to enter into this journey. Our work will be to build a relationship with this daughter of God: to lend a sympathetic ear, a contact with a helpful service, transportation, assistance and support in getting re-connected with children, parents, family, a job, a probation officer, or a myriad of the many challenges and barriers to a successful re-entry to civil society.

Training will be provided, we will learn from members of other churches engaged in the Circle of Care ministry, and from the social worker at the jail where our new neighbor will be released for re-entry into a world of multiple immediate challenges.

For more information about this new ministry, please contact with either Alice Bunnell (452-7031) or Fr. Blake (452-8220)

to serve as host to two programs offered by BOCES. An ESL program is offered twice a week. A GED program, working with a different clientele also meets twice a week. The addition of these community-based programs adds significantly to the outreach ministry of the parish.

Center of the Square receives grants from Episcopal Charities

The Summer Camp and Climb the Beanstalk programs of The Center of the Square have each received grants from Episcopal Charities, in recognition of the value of these two programs. Summer Camp provides a six-week long experience for nearly five dozen young school-age children in Poughkeepsie. The Camp was managed as a direct ministry of Christ Church for over forty years. In recent years the program has been administered by The Center of the Square. The Camp program received a \$6,000 grant from Episcopal Charities.

Climb the Beanstalk is a reading program directed towards children in the first and second grades. Each afternoon during the school year, the basement classrooms at the parish are host to an eager group of children, who work on their reading skills, participate in craft projects associated with what they are reading, and enjoy a snack. Episcopal Charities awarded Beanstalk \$4,000 for next year's programming.

Members of Christ Church are always welcome to participate in these programs. Readers and Mentors in the Beanstalk program are always welcome as are volunteers to help set up and prepare meals for the Summer Camp. Cash contributions toward a specific outing or portion of the program are also always welcome.

Please contact with Board President Denise Quis at Denisecq14@aol.com or 454 – 0060 to volunteer. Thanks!

will buy one copy. A gift in memory or honor of an individual can be acknowledged in a bookplate inside the front cover.

- Large pots & pans with lids (kitchen)
- Bulletin Boards (Center of the Square)
- Water Fountain for the summer camp (Center of the Square)
- Computer Desk (music/bookkeeping office)
- Office chair(s) (offices)
- Children's Bible Stories (nursery & children's table)
- Art supplies - crayons (children's table)
- Drivers to help take folks to church & home afterwards once or twice a month.
- New Hymn Numbers for the Hymn Boards.
- Musical Instruments (for donation to South African group – see Julia Dutton).

Thanks!

Please see Fr. Blake for any questions

Psst! Got a minute?

Have a minute? Lend a hand . . .

Drivers needed once or twice a month to give rides to worship & back home again for folks with no transportation. Contact Carlie Graves (485-9596) or Fr. Blake (452-82220).

Ushers & traffic directors needed for Bishop Roskam's visit on May 15. Let Fr. Blake know if you can help.

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Next Courier Deadline: May 20

Please send articles to Carlie Graves
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Summer Worship & Sunday School

Summer worship will continue on the same 8 & 10 am service schedule. Musical offerings will include soloists, young musicians, and many others— thanks to Laura Russell for organizing.

An informal drop-in Sunday School program will begin in June. The nursery will be staffed over the summer as well.

-Fr. Blake

Special thanks....

To **Laura Russell, John Sullivan**, the Christ Church Choir, and many, many others, for **the Earth Mass concert**. This joyful, foot tapping piece of music drew over 200 people and raised \$400 for the Clearwater. Thank you! Thank you!

Also thanks to **Jackie Vierno** for her donation of a much needed computer desk and to **John McCleary** for its transport and set up,.

Thanks also to **Filippo Diaz**, from the congregation of the Virgen de Guadalupe, for shampooing the hallway carpet.

Special thanks to **John Colclough** for his 20+ years of service on the Investment Committee

-the Editors

continue to be offered on the first Sunday of each month. On all the other Sundays, we will be providing a new Cold Breakfast. Cereal, milk, bagels & spreads, and plenty of coffee.

The breakfast will be available from 9:00am. If getting the kids - or yourself - out of the house without breakfast on Sundays is a problem, just head on down and you'll find a bite to eat every Sunday!

Adult Confirmation Re-Affirmation Class to Begin

Bishop Catherine Roskam will be with us on Sunday, June 10th for our annual Bishop's Visitation, and to preside at the Rite of Confirmation. Andrew Morgan and John Graves-McCleary will be confirmed on that date.

There will be an Adult Confirmation & Re-affirmation class on Sundays May 6, 13, and 20 at 4 pm for those who find that this would be a good next step in their spiritual journey.

Please let Fr. Blake know if this strikes a chord in your soul.

Kadeisha Weise Celebrates Rite-13



Sunday, April 29
Kadeisha Weise celebrated her Rite-13 ceremony today to mark her entrance into early adulthood. Kadeisha, the daughter of Ruth Hibbert, is a 7th grader at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel who loves school and whose favorite class is Spanish. She has been a part of Christ Church for many years, participating in the Sunday School, the Rite-13 class taught by Stephen Currie, the acolyte ministry, and more

to our Kadeisha League. We are blessed to be part of Kadeisha's church family.
-Carlie Graves

May 13 Endowment & George III Society Sunday



The apple tree is an appropriate symbol for Endowment Sunday – a day offering the opportunity to contribute to the church's endowment. This year it falls on May 13th, the 119th anniversary of the first service in the current sanctuary.

Special envelopes will be provided to contribute to the Endowment Fund of Christ Church. This Sunday provides an opportunity for us to make a donation to the endowment today.

Christ Church also has a planned giving society – the George III Society recognizes members who have provided for the church in their wills. King George III signed the grant establishing Christ Church as one of the 10 original parishes of the New York colony.

Planned giving to the church can be accomplished in many ways. One of the simplest is to add a line to your will designating a specific amount that will go the Christ Church.

You need only notify the Rector or Wardens that you have provided for Christ Church in your will to become a member of the George III Society. Thank you!

*-Mike George,
People's Warden*

Nuts & Bolts Corner

Thanks to Warden Michael Wood for tracking heating costs at Christ Church. Current analysis indicates that the church itself is responsible for 60% of total heating costs. Utilities costs account for about 10% of CC's budget, or over \$30,000 annually. The Property Committee is working to improve boiler efficiency.

■ *Carlie Graves, Treasure* ■

THANKS FROM KYAMPISI VILLAGE




Our parish has provided financial support for the past several years to the village of Kyampisi in Uganda. Many members of the parish have also become pen pals with village children who are AIDS orphans, school fees, uniforms, and notebooks for many of the children. Our support also helped the village to buy a cow, who this year gave birth to a bull calf that was sold for meat. The cow's milk has also been sold to a dairy. The money from the meat and the sale of milk buys medicines to treat opportunistic diseases that threaten the lives of the village people whose systems have been weakened by AIDS. Profits earned by the village provided a bottling machine and labels for processing and bottling the juice of Passion Fruit trees every year. This is a task that AIDS patients are able to do, working in the orchards; making and bottling the juice.

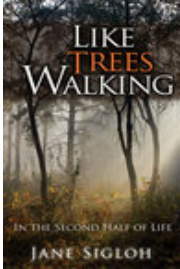
Alice and Fred Bunnell have visited this village 3 or 4 times in the past several years.

If you are interested in becoming a pen pal, or would like more information about the parish's ministry with Kyampisi Village, please contact Alice Bunnell.

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Christ Church Events Calendar May, 2007

Sunday, May 6	<p style="text-align: center;">2 PM AT ST. GEORGE'S, NEWBURGH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Discussion and Signing with Deirdre Good <i>Jesus' Family Values by Deirdre Good</i> Professor of New Testament, General Theological Seminary St. George's Episcopal Church, 105 Grand Street, Newburgh</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 PM ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>
Sunday, May 13	<p style="text-align: center;">ENDOWMENT SUNDAY (SEE COURIER ARTICLE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 PM ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>
Tuesday, May 15	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p style="text-align: center;">7- 9 pm A CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP CATHERINE S. ROSKAM <i>ANGLICANS AND/OR EPISCOPALIANS</i> <i>WHAT'S AT STAKE IN THE CURRENT CONTROVERSIES</i></p> <p>Our parish will act as regional host as we gather to hear from one of our Bishops. We'll need extra hands to direct parking, ushers & greeters and for hospitality. Please contact the parish office (452-8220) if you are able to assist in this special event.</p> </div> </div>

<p>Friday, May 18</p>	<p>6 PM: PARISH POT LUCK SUPPER Bring your favorite dish to add to the table as the parish gathers for good food, socializing and video watching. We'll enjoy an evening of socializing, good food, and also view videos of projects that the children & youth of the parish and Center of the Square have developed over the past several years. Questions about the Pot Luck Supper? Contact Marge Bliss: 462-4566 or Mbbliss1@aol.com.</p>
<p>Sunday, May 20</p>	<p>10 AM: RITE 13 CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE Alice Friedle and Tonia Scott-Overfield</p> <p>11:30 AM: LIKE TREES WALKING – IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE</p> <div data-bbox="370 422 548 688" style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: top;">  </div> <p>Retired priest Jan Sigloh will present the Adult Education program featuring her new book – <i>Like Trees Walking</i>. The book is a series of meditations on aging in which the author pushes us to self-reflection by reflecting on her own aging in ways that are comic, bemusing, assured and self-doubting, searching and finding; just like life itself. Each reflection is a journey, self contained and complete but each is also part of a longer journey into a deepened awareness of the pleasures, pains, absurdities and oddities of old age. She is possessed of both reverent awe and irreverent honesty about the facts and fantasies of growing old. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing on May 20th.</p> <p>4 PM ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>

June 2007
Save the Dates

<p>Sunday, June 3</p>	<p>END OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION PARISH PICNIC & ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY <i>following the 10:00am Service</i></p> <p>Sunday School for our children will come to a close on Sunday, June 3rd. During the 10:00am service we'll recognize both the students and teachers who have participated in and led this ministry for the past year. Following the service a hot dog and macaroni & cheese picnic will be hosted by the Children & Youth Christian Formation Committee. Another special part of the day's events will be a celebration of Fr. Blake's one-year anniversary as our Rector.</p> <p>GAY PRIDE PARADE IN NEW PALTZ</p> <p>Several area Episcopal parishes are planning to have a 'walking float' in the upcoming Gay Pride Parade. If there are any budding float designers out there who might be interested in the design and/or construction of a more involved float, please be in touch. Christ Church will also have a table display in the Festival following the parade. If participating in the Parade or Festival sounds like something you'd like to do, please be in touch with the Rector.</p> <p>Although it should probably go without saying – you don't need to be gay or lesbian to join in this parade. The New Paltz parade is designed as a 'family event'. Come be a part of the fun.</p>
<p>Sunday, June 10</p>	<p>Bishop Roskam Visits and Presides at Rites of Confirmation</p>

Saturday, June 16	<p>TAG SALE (Rain Date June 23) 10AM to 4PM Needed: Volunteers to set up, clean up, and manage the tables. 1-2 hours would be great. More help = more sales! Little packages of homemade cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, etc. are welcome for the food court. We will serve coffee/donuts in the morning followed by soda, water, hot dogs, beans, mac & cheese and pulled pork BBQ. If you'd like to contribute toward the food court or make a food donation, we would love your help.</p> <p>Please collect items for the tag sale including household items, yard and garden tools, knick-knacks, children's toys, gently used clothing, nearly new shoes, books, picture frames, etc. All items must be in good shape. Thanks!</p> <p>Please contact us to volunteer or with any questions- Yvonne Poley (471-0865 eves) & Karla Friedle (kfriedle@hfmus.com)</p>
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