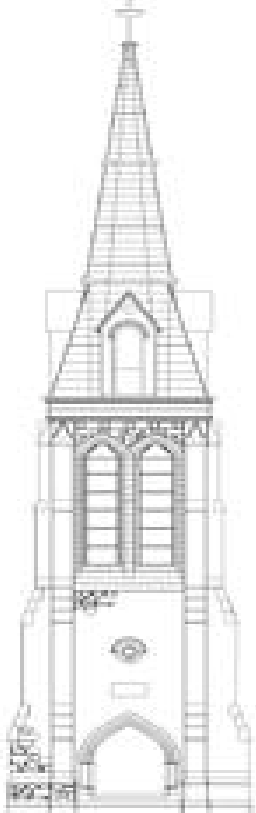


The Courier

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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

*How does the Church pursue its mission?
As it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes
justice, peace, and love.*

Dear Friends,

The Prayer Book provides a thumbnail sketch of the mission of the church. These words describe in good measure the work and ministry of our life in community together here at Christ Episcopal Church.

Much of our corporate life is framed by prayer and worship. The principal 'public' face of our life in and with God is expressed in our Sunday worship. We pray for the church and for the world; for those who are sick and for those who are in danger. We hear the word of God proclaimed in scripture and in song; we break open the word of God in the pulpit and in our time spent in education. We receive 'strength for the journey' in the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that we share at the altar rail.

We express our love for one another in the ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors. By the ministry of engaging our youngest children and our youth in their journey. By the ministry of rejoicing with each other at births and baptisms and weddings. And by crying with each other at moments of death.

Our ministry in the neighborhood surrounding the church and in our city, and much of our engagement with the wider church brings us the opportunity to promote justice and peace.

On Trinity Sunday (June 3 this year) our ministry together will mark its first anniversary. *How time flies when you're having fun!* Truer words were never spoken, at least in the context of my own experience of life and ministry in this place. We'll soon be undertaking a serious consideration of our mission statement, perhaps the development of a vision statement and specific goals. The Prayer Book provides a broad framework of the ministry of 'the church' as noted above. We have our own work to do, as we begin to pray and discuss and pray some more, about the specifics of the work that God has given us to do here in Poughkeepsie. I hope that many in the parish will be able to engage in those conversations, and that each one of us will spend time in prayer about the next steps in our life and ministry together.

Grace and Peace,

Blake

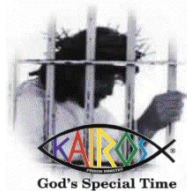
Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Would you like to enhance your own spiritual life while helping to nurture the spiritual lives of our children and youth? We are looking for assistants for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (PK – Grade 5) and leaders for Journey to Adulthood (Grades 6 – 12). Assistants and Leaders serve 1 – 3 Sundays per month, and don't need any special knowledge or expertise—you just have to be on your own spiritual journey, and be willing to grow together with our children and youth. Those of us who have done this work in the past have found it to be a real blessing, and we hope that there are those of you out there who will feel called to embark upon this ministry.

Sample lessons will be taught in June to provide more information, and there will be training and planning work at all levels during August so that new leaders and assistants start off confidently in the fall. If you are interested in being considered for a position as a teacher or assistant, please get in touch with Yvonne Poley-Angstrom at 471-0865 or yvonne.poley@marist.edu.

Thank you!

Kairos



Our Church family wrote 71 letters and the weekend Coordinator was so thrilled and thankful that she shared the letters among the 18

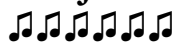
participants. They were so amazed that folks would write them notes of encouragement that many just sat and cried with happiness. Many said how overwhelmed they felt with emotion.

I would like to offer a blessing to all who supported Barbara Harrington and me as we represented Christ Episcopal Church as part of the Body of

Christ to the women in Beacon. Special thanks the women who made cookies (Sally Vasse, Carlie Graves and Phyllis George), donated money and other snacks to make our weekend more special. We also received beautiful place mats made by the Sunday School class and Cynthia Lee. We ate so much that on Sunday we could not eat any more. The women in Beacon were very, very blessed to have Christ Episcopal Church show Agape love to them despite what they have done.

--Julett Butler

Farewell to John Sullivan



After 6 years as organist at Christ Church, John Sullivan is leaving us to move to a new home in Maine and the new adventures that retirement brings. He is not retiring as an organist (perish the thought!), but from his position as a teacher of music at Poughkeepsie Day School, where he has been for 15 years.

John's relationship with the organ is intimately tied up with Christ Church. After taking a degree in English from Marist College, becoming a Marist brother, and five years of teaching high school English in the Bronx, John chose to follow an interest in music, earning a Master's in Music Education degree from NYU before coming back to Poughkeepsie to teach at Marist. He sought out Don Pearson, then the Vassar College organist, to teach him the organ. Don was willing to teach John, but because he had so many students at the college, there was no free time to practice on the Gress-Miles in Vassar's Chapel. Don suggested his wife, Kay, might let John practice on the Gress-Miles organ at Christ Church where she was Director of Music. Kay was happy to let John practice there, but added that it would be a lot easier if he joined the choir as well (an interesting recruitment tool). John joined Kay's choir and found

a spiritual home and community here at Christ Church.

A Fellow of the American Guild of Organists (FAGO), John brings a wealth of talent, experience and discipline to the organ. His preludes and postludes range over a startling breadth of the organ literature, often including works of contemporary organists he has met through the AGO. He has supported the choir and the congregation through a huge swath of the hymnal, and in anthems of all sorts. For him it isn't that the music makes a moment holy, but that the music itself is sacred and his playing makes that sacredness here for all of us listening. We will miss him (and his good humor) a lot.

--John McCleary



Flower Calendar

Dates still available!
Check it out, across
from the Newton Community Room.

--Sally Vasse

Rectory Update

Roof work and plastering are proceeding well, kitchen cabinets have been ordered, and bathroom renovation is about to start ... all signs are good for a move-in date this summer.

--Mike George

A Prayer for the Anglican Communion

Holy and gracious God, you cast your net of love so wide and gather us from the ends of the earth: So bless and guide our Anglican Communion that we may be held fast in the bonds of our affection for one another and in our love and service of you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns now and for ever. Amen. (Bishop Catherine S. Roskam, found in *The Woman's Book of Uncommon Prayers*)

--Jeanne Marie Perry

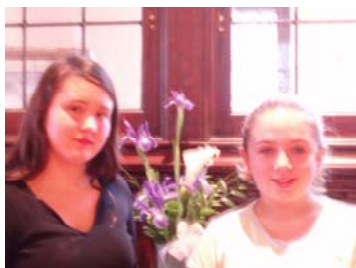
Year Round Stewardship Committee Forms

Christ Church has begun the formation of a group to guide stewardship efforts year round. Some of the questions we are focusing on are:

- What does it mean to be a steward?
- Of what are we stewards?
- What is the role of money in our lives, as members of the body of Christ?

Remembering God's love for us, that all that we have are gifts from God, and that regularly giving of time, energy, abilities, and money are all parts of good spiritual practice are key concepts of stewardship..

Planning celebratory and educational gatherings, communications (flyers, posters, letters, articles), planning and scheduling are all integral to good stewardship. If you are interested in participating in the group, please contact Mike George, Warden (pmgeorge@worldnet.att.net, 473-1726,) or Carlie Graves, Treasurer (cagraves@vassar.edu, 485-9596).



Alice Friedle and Tonia Scott-Overfield, acolytes and ushers. Alice and Tonia had their Rite-13 ceremony in April.

Thanks from the Future

Thanks to the folks who donated to the endowment and in so doing are providing for the future of the church:

Marcia Richter, Shari Hubner, Mike & Phyllis George, Arnie & Celia Serotsky, Jim & Marge Bliss, Eduard & Lori Kossman, Eric Zavadil, Mike & Karla Friedle, Dean Avery, Ruth Anderson, Sandy Braungard, Michael & Anna deCordova, Margaret & Ralph Smith, John McCleary & Carlie Graves.

Thanks also to **Michael Wood**, the latest member of the King George III Society, for remembering Christ Church in his estate planning.

-Carlie Graves, Treasurer

Christ Church Wish List

- New pew copies of the Book of Common Prayer. A gift of \$18 will buy one copy. A gift in memory of or in honor of an individual can be acknowledged in a bookplate inside the front cover.
- Large pots and pans with lids (Kitchen)
- Bulletin board (Center of the Square)
- Water fountain for the summer camp (Center of the Square)
- Computer Desk (Music bookkeeping office)
- Children's Bible Stories (nursery & children's table)
- Art supplies – crayons, paper (children's table)
- Drivers to help take folks to church & home afterwards once or twice a month.
- New Hymn Numbers for the Hymn Boards.

Thank you to **Teresa Vilardi and Eric Zavadil** for pots & pans, and to **Pres Gifford and Mary Flad**, for several musical instruments to be transported and donated to a South African group by **Julia Dutton**. Please see Fr Blake for any questions or email the editor for additions or thanks for donations.

A Generous Bequest and Gift

Christ Church has been blessed with a gift of 50 hymnals from **Philip Lee and Jenifer Gamber**, in memory of their father, Loyd Lee, a very active and long time parishioner. The church has also been blessed with a very generous bequest received from Loyd's estate. Many, many thanks to the Lee family.

--Carlie Graves

Youth Confirmands 2007



L-R Rhajae Chambers, John Graves-McCleary, Jodiann Collier, Andrew Morgan. Rhajae has since moved to Chicago. John, Jodi, and Andrew will be confirmed by Bishop Roskam on June 10, along with adult confirmands.

Gay Pride Parade June 3

Come join the fun after church in New Paltz on Sunday! Parade is open to all. Several Episcopal parishes are sharing in a float and table- *-Fr. Blake*

Rector: Fr. Blake Rider †
Music Director: Laura Russell
Organist: John Sullivan
Parish Administrator: Michele Haynes
Property Steward: Notoe Hodge

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Next Courier Deadline: June 17 Please send articles to Carlie Graves at cagraves@vassar.edu

Celebrating Children's & Youth Ministry and Fr. Blake's 1st Anniversary

Sunday June 3rd

The regular Sunday School year comes to a close on Sunday, June 3rd. During the 10 am service, we'll recognize the students and the teachers who have participated in and led this ministry for the past year. **Summer Sunday School begins on June 10.**

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers: **Jennifer Hammond-King, Cynthia Lee, Stephen Currie, Rosemary Proctor, Jackie Vierno, Marge Bliss, and Amity Currie, and to the mentors for confirmands Jim Bliss (John Graves-McCleary), Martha Thornley (Jodiann Collier), James Monteith (Andrew Morgan), and Lorenzo Colombo (Rhajae Chambers).**

This Sunday also marks Fr. Blake's 1st anniversary at Christ Church – thank you Fr. Blake!

Sunday, June 10

Bishop Roskam visits for youth and adult confirmations!

**June 16 Spring Tag Sale
10am – 4pm**

Needed: strong bodies to set up tables in the morning and break them down in the late afternoon, and lots of volunteers during the sale. Baked goods, and donations in good condition all welcome beginning at 8 am. Set up starts at 7am, clean up at 4 pm.

Rain date June 23. Thanks!

--Yvonne Poley & Karla Friedle

June 29

Deadline for Youth & Children's Trip to Lake Compounce (Monday July 16) Sponsored by Mid Hudson Region of the Diocese of New York. See posted flyer or Fr. Blake for details.

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