

The Courier

Christ Episcopal Church

20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, New York



Sunday Worship

8 AM Eucharist & Sermon
A quiet, traditional service.

10 AM Eucharist with Music
Summer music is led by the Choir Director and Organist, and features occasional anthems sung by the Christ Church Choir and appearances by guest musicians.

10 AM Sunday School
On Summer Sundays, a drop in program from 10:00 to 10:45 am. Children rejoin the congregation at the Peace. Ages 3-11, Lay Ministry Room.

1 PM Misa en Español

Dear Friends,

I am still amazed.

- ❖ I'm amazed each time that I drive up to the Christ Episcopal Church campus, and realize that God and you have called me to ministry in this incredible place.
- ❖ I'm amazed each time that I stand in the pulpit and at the altar, and realize that God has called us all to worship together in this stunningly beautiful space.
- ❖ And especially, I'm amazed each time that I have occasion to meet a long-time member, or greet a newcomer, work with the Vestry or a committee, or plan with a member of the staff. I'm amazed at the wonderful collection of God's children that call this place their spiritual home.

I'm grateful to the hospitality and welcome afforded to me by so many in the parish, especially so to David Lumb, and Julia & Art Dutton, who have opened their homes to me during these early months. You'll be hearing more soon about the plans for bringing the Rectory back to its original design as a home for the parish priest. It is my desire and plan that the Rectory will become a center of parish hospitality. A place where we can gather as a parish family for significant events, celebrate the many important ministries that abound in this place, and especially, to welcome visitors and newcomers to our community.

We have been called into ministry together "to do the work that God has given us to do." In the weeks and months to come, we'll have many conversations about just what that work might look like. We will reason and struggle together, to determine how we can best proclaim the scandal that is the good news of God that we have in Jesus Christ.

Pray for peace in the world. Pray for the ministry of the church. Pray for all who come to this place, seeking to know more of God.

Grace & Peace
Blake†

Parish House Renewal

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT OUR NEW RECTOR, BLAKE RIDER, has chosen to live in the Parish House. This will become the center of Christ Church's hospitality ministry and will see many group gatherings.

A committee composed of Blake, Paul Conrad, Louise Crans, Michael George, Carlie Graves, Cynthia Lee, Denise Quis, Yvonne Poley, Laura Russell, Marge Bliss and Michael Wood has been created to examine different ways of relocating our programs to provide space for living quarters for the Rector. Several different plans were generated that yielded apartments in either the west side of the building, or the east side of the building.

In the end the committee has recommended unanimously that the Parish House be used as a rectory only. All rooms in the main church building will share space for more than one purpose. An example of this is that the room downstairs that was used for the PASSWORD program will now be shared between the Sunday School and adult meeting space. Daybreak has found a new home in the Beulah Baptist Church.

We expect many benefits from rethinking this space – a center of hospitality, a Sunday School in the main church building, a substantial reduction in energy and other costs, and better planned office space.

-Michael Wood

Property Notes

- **THE RED CARPETING** in the crossing of the chancel area of the nave – affectionately known as ‘The Red Sea’ - has been removed, the wood floor underneath refurbished, the torn carpeting in the side aisles repaired, and a newly rewoven piece of carpeting has been installed in the aisle heading into the Sacristy.
- **A NEW DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND FLOOR** has been installed in one of the church basement classrooms. During the summer, the space is used for the Summer Camp program. During the school year it will be used by the Sunday School and Climb the Beanstalk.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) 2006 Annual Appeal

AMAZING RESPONSE: \$2,276 was contributed toward our goal of \$2,500 for all of 2006!!!

Because of you, Christ Church stands firmly within the ranks of the Anglican Community in its common ministry to a suffering world. We encourage you to remember ERD as your own response to new manifestations of human need: tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, famine, epidemics, refugee relief, children with AIDS.

-Sam Im and Barry Menezes, Co-Chairs, ERD Annual Appeal

♪♪ Summer Music Highlights ♪♪

Music during the 10 o'clock services on Sundays And Special Concerts

MUSIC IN THE SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Sally Vasse, flute, Shari Hubner, cello, and Laura Russell, piano, perform the Andante movement from a Haydn's Flute Trio, as a prelude to worship. Don't miss it!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

As part of the Hudson Valley BachFest, works by J.S. Bach, sung by the Christ Church Choir.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Jonathan Russell, clarinet, watch the Service Bulletin for musical selections.

CONCERTS OF INTEREST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

BachFest @ Christ Church
2:00 PM Young Persons Concert, NCR

3:30 PM BachFest Chamber Choir, *Jesu, Meine Freude*; organ works; chamber music

7:30 PM 60-voice BachFest Choir, three sacred Cantatas with orchestra

Suggested donation: \$8 each

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

4:00 PM Benefit Concert
Original compositions by Jonathan Russell, Mozart opera arias sung by Heather Klein and Paul Frazer,

Klezmer music from Eastern Europe for soprano, clarinet, & piano.

Freewill donation to benefit The Sacred Bridge, a Jewish-Christian interfaith choir.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00 PM- Interfaith Service
Commemoration of the 5th Anniversary of the 9/11 Tragedy. Hosted here at Christ Episcopal Church, featuring excerpts from Mozart's *Requiem*, as well as music, readings, and prayers from other faith traditions.

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**Sunday, August 13, 9:00 am
Parish Breakfast**

All welcome. *With thanks to Karla Friedle for organizing.*

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**Sunday, August 20
Renegades Game!**

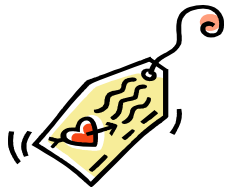
Join fellow parishioners in rooting for the local favorites in an afternoon of hotdogs and baseball. All welcome. Watch Service Bulletin for details.

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**Sunday, September 10
Ministry Fair**

Sunday School Registration
An invitation to join in the life of your church beyond the pew...reading, chalice bearing, acolyting, ushering, and more . . .

THE TAG SALE RAISED JUST OVER \$1,300 FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRY PROGRAMS!!! Many



thanks to the efforts of seventy-five members of our dynamic church. We encourage parishioners to continue storing items to donate for the next sale and thanks again to everyone!

-Yvonne Poley & Karla Friedle

New Courier Layout

A NEW COURIER LOOK is being tried out. We hope it is easier to read and just as newsy. Interested in being on the Courier editorial board? Have feedback? Contact Carlie Graves, cagraves@vassar.edu, 485-9596

New Room Assignments for Parish Ministries, Programs & Sunday School

With the conversion of the Parish House back into a Rectory, it has become necessary to re-think how we use the space in the church building. At this point in time, we are moving towards room assignments as per the following. It is the intention of the Vestry and various committees working on this project to have these moves completed by the beginning of the new Sunday School year on September 17.

Name / Location of Room	Former Use	New Use
Parish Administrator's Office	Parish Administrator Bookkeeper & Treasurer All Office Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Administrator
Rector's Office – next door to Parish Administrator's Office	Rector's Office only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Volunteers during the week Adult meeting space during the week A new Nursery space on Sunday mornings
Music Director's Office	Music Office & Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Office & Library Bookkeeper & Treasurer
Lay Ministry Room	Adult Meeting Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rector's Office With conference table for meetings Senior High Youth Program (J2A) on Sundays
Pasword Room in Basement	Designated for Pasword program only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School for ages 7-11 (Catechesis II) on Sundays Lay Ministry Room during the week
Old Chapel in Basement	Designated for Beanstalk Arts & Crafts only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School for ages 3 – 1st grade (Catechesis I) Beanstalk Arts & Crafts
Climb the Beanstalk Room	Designated for Climb the Beanstalk only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climb the Beanstalk Committee meeting space weeknights and Sundays
Guadalupe Activity Room	Designated for Guadalupe use only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guadalupe use on Sunday afternoons Middle School Youth Program (Rite 13) on Sundays

The Newton Community Room will continue to serve as a multi-purpose room for the parish and indeed the community at large.

'Multi-purpose use of space' has become our new model. There will be some remodeling, renovation and upgrades performed in both the present Rector's office – to make it acceptable as a Nursery on Sundays – and to several of the rooms in the basement. The restrooms in the basement will also see some upgrades.

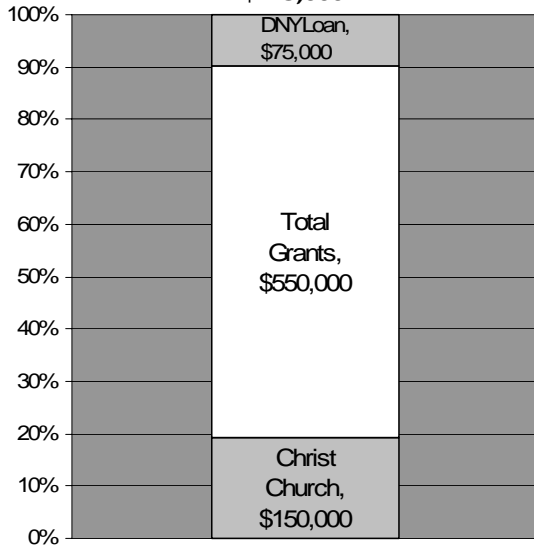
Stay tuned for more details and be on the lookout for the renovations and upgrades.



Capital Campaign ♦ Stewardship

Tower Restoration Funding

\$775,000



CHRIST CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN contributions of \$150,000 have been turned into \$550,000 in additional grants.

A big thank you to former Rector Michael Phillips and parishioner Bill Graff for their work on this funding and to Michael George for his ongoing efforts. Thank you also to our funding organizations for having faith in our work:

- New York State Environmental Protection Fund: \$250,000
- Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust: \$250,000
- New York Landmarks Conservancy: \$25,000
- The Episcopal Diocese of New York: \$25,000 in grants and \$75,000 in loans

– Michael Wood

Delegates to Diocesan Convention & Regional Council

In August the Vestry will be selecting two delegates who will represent the parish at the upcoming meeting of the Mid-Hudson Region Council (Saturday, October 7) and at Diocesan Convention (Friday & Saturday, November 10 & 11) in Tarrytown. Anyone interested in finding out more information may contact with Warden Michael Wood or the Rector.

Breaking News on the Renegades Outing – Sunday August 20



Sunday, August 20, we'll be taking a trip down to Dutchess Stadium in Fishkill to watch the Hudson Valley Renegades take on the Aberdeen IronBirds in minor league baseball action. It's a fun experience, even if you're not a huge baseball fan, and it's a real slice of Americana. The game begins at 5:05 PM.

Our tickets will be in the reserved section – real seats with real backs, near home plate. The cost is \$8 per person. Since the Renegades sell out many of their games and come close to filling up the house on most other occasions, time is of the essence. Please let Stephen Currie know as soon as possible if you are interested so we can make sure we all sit together: sa.currie@verizon.net, 485-5105. Let him know how many tickets you need, and we'll take it from there!

In Memoriam
Jean Stevenson

Jean Stevenson loved to travel, loved the ocean, loved history. She traveled to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Columbia, and at one point, to Panama with Armine Isbirian to visit Fr. John Kater. She was active for many years in the life of Christ Church, becoming the first female warden in the early 1980s, serving as the chair of the investment committee, on the finance committee and later as parish historian. She was a physician at Vassar College for many years, and after retiring served as doctor for the boys reform school in Highland. We thank Jean and her family for her generous donation to Christ Church and for her many years of service.

Rector: The Rev. Wm. Blake Rider

Senior Warden: Marge Bliss

Junior Warden: Michael Wood

Parish Administrator: Michele Haynes

Property Steward: Notoe Hodge

Information For Visiting

Church Entrance: Academy & Barclay Sts.

Office Entrance: Carroll Street

Parking: Lots on Carroll or Barclay Sts.

SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8 AND 10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 10 AM

MISA EN ESPANOL @ 1 PM

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