

# The Courier

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*The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ*

Dear Friends –



The Prayer Book lays eloquently before us our role as a Christian community. We exist as a people in community – locally here in this parish. Regionally within the Diocese of New York. As a part of The Episcopal Church. And as a member of the Anglican Communion.



All that we do as a people must stand in the light of our mission. This month our Ministry Fair will provide many of us an opportunity to examine our life and work within the parish in that context. I hope that for many of us, our involvement within the parish is seen as fulfilling our mission:

- engaging our children and youth in their formation as Christians
- greeting visitors and members at our door each week
- providing musical leadership in our worship services
- tending to our Christian formation as an adult – surely a life-long process
- welcoming all who enter our doors in the ministry of hospitality
- proclaiming God's written word and leading our corporate prayers
- tending to the vessels, linens, vestments, and flowers that adorn our worship
- extending an open heart, ears, or hands to someone in need of pastoral care
- visiting the sick and those in prison
- feeding the hungry



There are many, many more areas of ministry in our life together.

Our common life together is blessed by all the people who undertake this work. We also have faithful members whose life circumstances – be it health, age, personal obligations or distance – do not allow them to participate in a direct manner. Even so, we are blessed by their prayers, concern, and support for those who are presently picking up these tasks. At the end of the Eucharist, we are sent out . . . *to do the work that God has given us to do*. That is a truly awesome – challenging – and happy life to which we are called together. *Thanks be to God.*

*Blake +*



## Center of the Square Haunted House

The Center of the Square is putting on a Haunted House for ages 10 and under, \$2.50 per person, Friday and Saturday Oct 26 & 27 from 6PM to 9PM.

Teenagers or the young at heart are needed as volunteers. Please contact Denise Quis: 454-0060.

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## An Evening In Ecuador With Susan Hackett Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm

The Center of the Square will host Susan Hackett, who volunteered as an ESL teacher with Center's Conocer program before leaving for Ecuador. She spent one year in the country teaching ESL and gathered many things and interesting stories she would like to share with us. Please join us for homemade desserts, coffee, tea and cordials. There will be no admission or tickets just a free will offering to benefit Center of the Square's programs--Climb the Beanstalk, Summer Camp and Conocer.

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## The Newest Member of our Parish

Pictured at the left is Miss Mackenzie Ava Winkler, daughter of Darrin & Karlee Winkler, and granddaughter of Jerry and Diane Winker. Mackenzie was baptized on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Also pictured are Karlee's brother and Darrin's sister, who are the Godparents of MacKenzie.

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## Conference on Caregiving

*Using Your Head & Your Heart*

Saturday, November 17

Our Lady of Lourdes High School

9:30am – 3:30pm

A FREE conference dealing with issues surrounding the provision of care for the ageing will be held in November

Parishioner Shari Hubner will be speaking on

*Understanding Elder Law.* Call 845.483.5528 for more information.

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## APPLE CROP



The members of the Rite 13 youth group will become "apple-pickers for a day" on October 13, and will be selling the apples they have harvested on Sunday, October 14 during the hospitality hour after church, and donating the profits to Dutchess Interfaith Council's annual Crop Walk, to benefit the hungry here in Poughkeepsie and around the world. Please plan to buy one of these "very special apples" for a good cause!

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## Gourmet Dinner Fundraisers



The Indian dinner, hosted by at Susan Russell and Carol Reichert, was a total Indian experience, prepared and presented by Dinesh and Hema Trivedi who were their houseguests from India. It was complete with a talk on Hinduism, a ceremony where the guests were all made brothers and sisters and had special bracelets tied on their wrists. After prayers for the event, participants ate a scrumptious dinner, and were treated to an Indian dance. Guests at this dinner were Betty Olson, Laura Russell, Louise and Sam

Im, Jim and Marge Bliss and Trudy, an upstairs neighbor of Susan's and Carol's.

The Italian dinner, hosted by Marge and Jim Bliss, was attended by Jeanne Marie Perry, Andrea, Lorenzo, and Dante Colombo, Celia and Arnie Serotsky, Jeffrey and Elizabeth Graham, and Stephen and Kerry Bliss. The menu featured an excellent assortment of Grandma Barone's recipes including appetizers, Italian Wedding Soup, antipasto, and farfalle with red sauce and a variety of meats. The conversation was lively and entertaining. Even more important than the money that was raised, this event, was an excellent opportunity to share in fellowship with other Christ Church parishioners.



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## Blessing Of The Animals



The strains of the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" lifted in the breeze along with the meows and woofs of a number of extremely well-behaved animals as Christ Church co-sponsored its first annual interdenominational Blessing of the Animals with the SPCA.

The Reverends Christina Hindley of the First Presbyterian Church and Dea Dewitt of the Congregational Church joined Rector Blake Rider (who appeared in his alb, stole, sandals, and a green SPCA cap) to bless the animals, and to give them medallions and treats.



## KAIROS #22

Christ Church again made the love of Christ tangible to the women at Beacon correctional facility. Your letters (over 40), boxes of cookies, prayers and financial contributions told the women, as words alone can't, that they are not forgotten castaways. It made them feel special. When the Christian community pours out unconditional love it is a joy to see the healing that can take place. And it was wonderful for me as a team member to feel the support of my church family. Thank you so much. -

*Martha Thornley*

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### Center Prayer Workshop

Saturday October 13, 9:30am – 3:00pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Paltz

Centering Prayer is an ancient form of praying in the Christian tradition. Its origins are traced to the Desert Father and Mothers of the fourth century.

A workshop led by the Rev. Dan Webster will provide an introduction to this practice. Dan was trained to teach Centering Prayer by Contemplative Outreach. The cost is \$15 (\$5 for students) and includes lunch.

Optional follow-up sessions will be held at St. Andrew's on Wednesday evenings: 7:00 – 8:30pm, October 17, 24, 31, November 7 & 14. For more information, contact St. Andrew's at 845.255.5098. Register with Val Stelcen at [vstelcen@dioceseny.org](mailto:vstelcen@dioceseny.org).

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### Litany of Dedication for the new J2A class

On Sunday McCleary, Paul with a special Christ Church. Caroline presented the book, *My Faith* (Jennifer is culminates in discernment for confirmation. Jackie Vierno and Martha Thornley are back up and substitutes for this level.



September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 Alice Friedle, Anthony Graves-Lawson and Tonia Scott-Overfield were dedicated liturgy as the newest Journey to Adulthood class at Christ Church. Other members of the class are Kadeisha Weiss and Easton. Teachers Celia Serotsky and Harvey Flad presented youth with Bibles and copies of Jennifer Gamber's *My Life, A Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church*. (Cynthia Lee's daughter.) The two-year class

**Imagination of Their Hearts**  
**Saturday November 17 10a,-3pm**  
**St. Paul's in Poughkeepsie**

The Rev. Charles Dupree will explore ways to put imagination back into the worship experience. Believing that God is first and foremost artist and creator, Charlie will empower the artist in each of us and awaken the imagination of a people whose central practice is worship. Come learn about

- the purpose of the visual arts in the worship experience
- the role and formation of the Artist gild
- the design and implementation of large-scale installation pieces.

Registration \$10 (includes lunch)

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**Notes from the Stewardship Committee**

The annual fall pledge campaign, a vital part of our stewardship program, began on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a visit from The Rev. Jerry Keucher, Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese. Fr. Keucher preached at both services and led the adult education hour.



The campaign continues with a series of gatherings in the nearly renovated rectory. Dates and times are: Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at noon; Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm; Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. Children are welcome and child care will be provided if requested. You are invited to attend one of the gatherings, tour the rectory, enjoy some food, drink, and a brief program, and join a discussion about stewardship at Christ Church. Please

sign up at least one week prior to the event by calling Michele at the church office (452-8220), Carlie Graves (485-9596), or sign up at church.

The pledge campaign will conclude with an in-gathering on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 service when our pledge cards will be presented with the other gifts at the offertory, in grateful response to God for all God's blessings. Our gifts to God through Christ Church help support the life of this part of the body of Christ, and they are expressions of our spiritual journeys.

While the pledge campaign will end on November 4<sup>th</sup>, the stewardship committee will continue to meet throughout the year to explore the meaning of Christian stewardship and to look for ways to bring all of us, God's people, closer to God through our use of God's

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**Lector Training – Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

*God has given me a well-trained tongue,  
that I may know how to speak to the weary, a word that will rouse them (Isaiah 50:4)*

All Lectors – as well as those interested in exploring this ministry – are invited to Lector Training on Saturday, October 27. Lectors are those in our parish who minister at the lectern, proclaiming the scripture and leading our public prayers.

The training session will begin at 10:00am, include lunch, and finish in the early afternoon. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the parish office: 845.452.8220 or office@christchurchpok.org.

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## **Usher Training – Sunday, October 28 at 9:00am**

*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house for the Lord. (Psalm 122)*

Ushers are often the first representative of the parish that a visitor meets when they first arrive. Our strong desire is that each person who enters the doors to the church – whether visitor – returning friend – or first time visitor – will find this to be a place of Sabbath, of renewal, and of celebration.

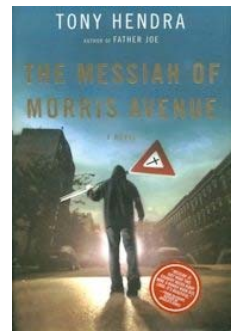
All current ushers are encouraged to attend this brief “refresher course” later in October. Anyone interested in becoming an usher, please be in contact with Carlie Graves: 845.485.9596 or cagraves@vassar.edu.

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## **Ecumenical Study Group**

*The Messiah of Morris Avenue*

The First Presbyterian Church, First Congregational Church and Christ Episcopal Church have launched an Ecumenical Study Group. Meeting on Wednesdays during October, the group will discuss Tony Hendra’s novel, set in ‘the projects’ of a hypothetical Christian American in the future – where Church and State are no longer separated – but rather joined at the hip.



Hendra’s modern-day characters help us hear and experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ with new ears and passion. The group will be offered at two different times – depending upon whether a daytime group works best for you, or if an evening group is better suited.

Wednesdays – Noon – 1:30pm

Christ Episcopal Church

Bring your own brown-bag lunch and book – beverages provided

Wednesdays – 7:00 – 8:30 pm

First Congregational Church

Bring your book. Dessert/beverage provided

This novel is a little ‘edgy’ – so be prepared for some perhaps rough images and language.

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## Fall Stewardship Campaign



Our stewardship and annual pledge campaign celebrates the reopening of the Rectory. Gatherings will feature a slide show of the renovation and a discussion of stewardship at Christ Church. You are invited to a celebration of stewardship at the newly renovated Rectory. Each gathering will have an identical program.

**Sunday, October 14 at 5:00pm**

**Sunday, October 21 at Noon**

We are nearing the time when Fr. Blake will have a home and a gracious space for extending parish hospitality. We give thanks to God for this blessing. Please contact Carlie Graves (845-485-9596) or the Church office to place your reservation. Children are welcome at each of the gatherings.



**Bich Ha Pham presents:**

*"Building One New York"*

*Welfare, Poverty, and Economic Security in New York State*

**Sunday, October 20th at 4:00pm**

Bich Ha works on public policy research and advocacy, community organizing and community food and nutrition. Bich Ha grew up in Vietnam and eastern Washington State. After earning her Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law, Bich Ha started at Hunger Action as the Downstate Policy Coordinator and later became the Executive Director in 2002.

*Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church* - 2 Fiddler's Bridge Road, Staatsburg, New York 12580  
845-889-4019

**Wednesday, October 17, 2007 7:00 pm**

Nellie Goletty Theater, Marist College



**"Catholic Mexico and Protestant America: Good Neighbors and Bad"**

**Richard Rodriguez**, journalist and memoirist

**Richard Rodriguez** is best known for his landmark autobiography, *Hunger for Memory: The Education of Richard Rodriguez* (1982). The book recounts Rodriguez' journey as a gifted minority student who becomes painfully alienated from his Mexican-American roots. As as

exploration of the tensions inherent in the "hyphenated" American identity, *Hunger of Memory* possesses universal appeal and has become one of the central texts of the modern multicultural curriculum. In his latest nonfiction book, *Brown: The Last Discovery of America* (2002), Rodriguez attacks accepted notions and definitions of race.

In 1988, June and Aaron Gillespie were honored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie with the establishments of a forum, named in their honor, whose mission was "to bring to the community noted speakers presenting viewpoints on current significant issues that will affect the quality of life." Since then, the June and Aaron Gillespie Forum, in cooperation with local colleges and organizations, has brought many speakers to the Poughkeepsie area to discuss diverse issues, ranging from the Roosevelts to terrorism, social security to human rights, and the bonds that bring us together as citizens of Dutchess County, New York, the United States, and the world.

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**New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty  
Friday, Oct. 19 at 7:00 pm**

The National Weekend of Faith in Action (NWFA) is an opportunity for faith communities, interfaith groups, human rights activists, and others to examine the death penalty from a faith-based or values-based perspective. A Poughkeepsie area event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Poughkeepsie, 100 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie NY. Call First Pres at 845-471-1214 for more information.

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**Trinity Wall Street Choristers  
Benefit Performance – St. George's Episcopal Church in Newburgh  
Saturday, October 20 at 7:00pm**

A concert benefitting Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh will be held in that city later this month. Episco-Build, a partnership between Habitat and Episcopal parishes in the Mid-Hudson Region, is now working on their second renovation project to provide quality housing for low-income residents of Newburgh. Tickets at the door: \$20 adults; \$15 seniors; \$30 the whole family. Location: 105 Grand St in Newburgh. 845.561.5355.

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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

**8:00am Eucharist and Sermon** – *A quiet, traditional service.*

**10:00am Eucharist with Music** – *Childcare available in the nursery.*

**10:00 am Sunday School**

**11:30am Christian Formation for Youth & Adults**

**Wednesdays – 11 AM Eucharist**

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