

# The Courier

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One of the things that has happened by pulling the altar forward into the “Red Sea” is the creation of a sense of being “gathered around” the holy table, like an extended family gathered for a festive celebration. With the full choir and acolytes on the east side of the altar, and the celebrant and deacon seated back and to the sides, the congregation completes the circle to the west. Rather than situated to one side, the altar now stands in the center of our worship, as the eucharist stands in the center of our community. We are welcomed Sunday after Sunday at that table, to be nourished in God’s holy feast.

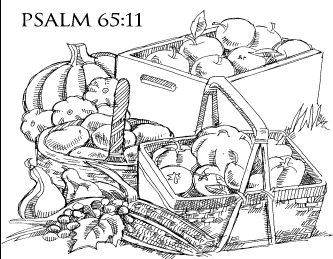
It would take a little getting used to, as any new arrangement would, but I have heard generally positive comments about our trial. The magnificent sound of our choir now fills the nave from front to back. I also suspect there is great appreciation for receiving communion without having to climb steps (except for choir members who must climb down, and back up again.) I am asking that everyone join me on Sunday, November 14, at 11:30 am, to share thoughts and feelings about this new design. It is important not only that people express their impressions to the rector, but to their fellow parishioners as well.

The other trial comes in the format of the Sunday worship bulletin. I am trying to put everything onto a single document that flows from one item to the next. The goal is to make sure that those who are new to Episcopal worship can follow the service without having to juggle between prayer book to hymnal, to biblical readings, and then back to another section of the prayer book. To those of us who have been around for awhile it doesn’t seem to be a problem, but to someone new, it seems unnecessarily confusing. The new format will pull from the various books whether hymn, prayer, or reading, and put them in order. We will lose a sense of the fullness of the Book of Common Prayer, but first things first. As people become accustomed to the worship service itself and settle into its rhythm and beauty, they can then be introduced to various parts of the prayer book. We can even offer workshops on the prayer book to discover some of its many “secret” treasures. We need to be welcoming, especially on Sunday mornings. I believe the new format says “We want you to be here and to feel comfortable with what we value the most.”

Michael

YOU CROWN  
THE YEAR  
WITH YOUR  
BOUNTY...

PSALM 65:11





The **DEADLINE** for the November, 2004 "Courier" is Sunday, November 21. Please bring items to the parish office, or you may e-mail articles to me at [christchurch@mindspring.com](mailto:christchurch@mindspring.com). Thank you, Michele

### NEW ADDRESS

Barry & Jean Menuet  
17 Prestwick Court  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

454-2382

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

I am in the process of updating the Parish Directory. Please check your copy of the directory to ensure the information about your entry is correct. If there are any changes to be made, make them on this form and drop it in the mail slot on the Parish Office door. You may also contact me at 452-8220 or e-mail me at [christchurch@mindspring.com](mailto:christchurch@mindspring.com). Thank you.

Michele Haynes, Parish Secretary

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE VISIT, CALL, OR WRITE

Katherine (Geege) Moore is recuperating at the Lutheran Care Center. She would love a visit, phone call or a card. You can send a card to her attention at The Lutheran Care Center, 965 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Her phone number is 845-486-9494x503.

### A NOTE FROM GOD

Nov. 7 Psalm 17:1-8 Job 19:23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5  
Luke 20:27(28-33) 34-38

Nov. 14 Psalm 98:5-10 Malachi 3:13-4:2a,5-6 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 22:15-19

Nov. 21 Psalm 46 Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:35-43

Nov. 28 Psalm 122 Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

"The Courier" is a monthly publication of Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie, New York. Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sunday mornings at 8:00 (Rite I) and 10:00 (Rite II), and in the afternoon at 1:00 in Spanish.

Deadline for submission of material for "The Courier" is the **third Sunday** of the month. Photographs are welcome with articles for the newsletter, and to be best reproduced should be developed on a CD.

The Rev. Michael Phillips, Rector  
The Rev. Arnulfo Arámbulo,  
Latino Ministry  
Mary Gregorius, Deacon  
Laura Russell, Music Director  
John Sullivan, Organist  
John Colclough, Senior Warden  
Peggy Kraft, Warden  
Michele Haynes, Parish Secretary  
J. Peter Pelton, Property Steward  
Richmond Notoe Hodge, Sexton

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## WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL BE YOUR HEART, ALSO

Luke 12:34

As of September 26 the Stewardship Campaign for 2005 is now under way at Christ Church. In conjunction with our kick-off, Michael Phillips presented an Adult Forum by defining the four types of giving which are: charity, philanthropy, fund-raising and stewardship.

The generosity of our parishioners has a well established record. Not only have we succeeded in raising money for the Capital Campaign, but we have also raised funds for the Community Room floor and we have also mobilized for specific out reach appeals which Deacon Mary has made. We are hoping that once again you will step up to the plate.

As we hope you all know unfortunately last year we had a shortfall in our pledging of some \$20,000. This had an immediate impact upon our operating budget. Various programs had to be curtailed such as fellowship, staff for nursery care, travel allowances for the clergy and we are still one quarter behind in our Diocesan assessment (\$10,677). We may not be able to allow our own delegates to vote if we are unable to make it up. However, we are hopeful.

We are happy to report that as of October 27 we have received back 37 pledge cards bringing the total amount received to \$ 63,414. This represents 31% percent of our goal of \$205,000. Luckily, over 50% of the pledges show an increase. And we hope it will continue. If each of the pledgers could increase their pledging between \$4.00 and \$5.00 per week then we could make up the short fall of last year. Think of it. That is the amount most of us spend in a week on coffee and newspapers.

The amount each member pledges is kept confidential which is as it should be. But as informed parishioners it is good for us to keep in mind that at Christ Church between 110 and 120 members pledge. A final thought for our newer members, please remember that a first time pledge is an important and meaningful step for all of us. By making a commitment to us, we as a church can then return the commitment to you - since you are in effect helping to insure our continuance and growth. Any amount, be it large or small is welcome. Our community's well-being is underwritten by an act that might not seem much to you but the accumulated numbers really do add up fast.

We hope to have the pledge cards back by Sunday, November 21. If you have not by now been contacted by one of our team captains, or if you have misplaced your pledge card either pick one up from Michele in the office or contact James Monteith or Peggy Kraft. Please do your part at this point by returning your pledge cards to us. They either can be mailed or put in an envelope and placed in the collection plate or dropped off with Michele during the week.

Both Peggy Kraft and James Monteith, Co-chairs of the Campaign, wish to thank our 19 team captains and the members of the congregation for all of their efforts and good energy in helping to make this endeavor a success.

Many thanks to you all.

James Monteith and Peggy Kraft

## UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Organ Recital – John Sullivan at Christ Church

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM

Evensong in Celebration of the Life of Asta Lang

Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

[do we want to include a supper and choir party to follow?]

Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

Christ Church Choir and the Choir of St. Gregory's Russian Orthodox Church

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM

Christmas Eve Concert and Service

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Concert at 10:30PM – Pergolesi "Magnificat" and Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on Christmas Carols"

Festive Eucharist at 11:00PM

Gift to the City Concert

Sunday, January 2, 2005 at 3:00PM

Please think of friends, neighbors, or co-workers without a church home, and invite them to one of our musical events. They are a wonderful introduction to Christ Church.

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE POST ON YOUR FRIG



October 3 to November 28, 2004 Acolyte Schedule  
All dates are Sundays at 10am unless otherwise noted.  
DATE: Acolytes - Crucifer/Server, 2 Torchbearers

Nov 7 Nick Currie, Kadeesha Weise,  
Nov 14 Irene Currie, Alice Friedell  
Nov 21 Jason Gregorius, Kadeesha Weise  
Nov 25 Thanksgiving, volunteer?  
Nov 28 Gracie Phillips

**If you cannot serve on the date listed, please contact another acolyte to substitute for you. Thank you all for agreeing to serve Christ Church this year in this special way.**

Irene Currie 485-5105 snacurrie@mhv.net  
Nick Currie 485-5105  
Alice Friedle 473-1337 (torchbearer) Kfriedle@hfmag.com  
Jason Gregorius 297-0253 confuzeakatld@aol.com  
Gracie Phillips 485-5981 mike72541@aol.com  
Tonia Scott-Overfield 454-4671 (torchbearer)  
Kadeesha Weise 473-1792 (torchbearer)

### NOVEMBER LEM VISITATION SCHEDULE

Catherine& Charles Arena	Nov. 7/Phyllis George	Nov. 21/Jean Winne
Mildred Botsford	Nov. 7/Leonard Lewis	Nov. 21/Michael Wood
Louis & Grace Endsley	Nov. 7/Betty Olson	
Elizabeth Frost	Nov. 7/Becky Nielsen	Nov. 21/Angela Colclough
Regina Givler	Nov. 7/Kathryn Moran	Nov. 21/Dcn. Mary Gregorius
Betty Long	Nov. 7/Jim Oppenheimer	Nov. 21/Julia Dutton
Geege Moore	Nov. 7/Becky Nielsen	Nov. 21/Angela Colclough
Elizabeth Oakes	Nov. 7/Martha Thornley	Nov. 21/Phyllis George
Patricia Upham	Nov. 7/Michael Wood	

### ANNUAL MEETING

If you are responsible for submitting an annual report, please remember that you need to submit it by Thursday, November 11. This will allow me enough time to prepare it for timely distribution.  
Thank you, Michele.

### MUSIC INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

**DEACON MARY** is looking for either a student alto saxophone or clarinet to be used by a member of the Poughkeepsie Boy's Choir.

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Noon AA CR	2 <b>ELECTION DAY VOTE!!</b> BAKE SALE Noon AA CR	3 9-12-B. Menuz Mtg./LMR Lindy Hop 7:30/ CR	4 Noon AA CR Beanstalk Mtg.3PM/LMR  Choir Reh.7:30PM/CR	5 Noon AA/CR	6   AA/7PM/CR
7 <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 8AM/HE Parish Breakfast/All Generation Service 10AM/HE 1PM Santa Misa 4:30-6 Piano recital 7PM AA/Bard. Reh.	8 Noon AA CR 7PM/AA/CR	9 Noon AA/CR 7:30pm-Center of the Square  7:30pm-Property Com. Mtg./LMR	10 Lindy Hoop 7- 9:30pm	11 Noon AA/CR 7:30pm Choir Reh./CR	12 Noon AA/CR SCA Dance 8-10PM	13   AA 7PM/CR
14 8AM/HE 10AM/HE 1PM Santa Misa	15 Noon AA CR 7:30pm-Property Com. Mtg./LMR 7PM-AA/CR 7PM Pastoral Care Team Mtg.	16 10am HE Noon AA/CR Bardavon Reh. 7:30-9:30/CR 7:30pm-Vestry/ CR	17 <u>Lindy Hoop</u> 7- 9:30pm	18 Noon AA/CR .7:30pm Choir Reh./CR	19 Noon AA/CR Dignity/Integrity 7:30/CR	20   AA 7PM/CR
21 8AM/HE 10AM/HE "The Courier" Deadline 1pm Santa Misa Bardavon Reh. 7:30- 9:30/CR AA7PM/CR	22 Noon AA CR 7PM-AA/CR	23 10am HE Noon AA CR	24 Lindy Hoop 7- 9:30pm	25 <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING- Service</b> <b>10AM at Christ Church</b> Noon AA/CR NO CHOIR REH.	26 <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> Noon AA/CR SCA Dance 8-10	27   AA 7PM/CR
28 8AM/HE 10AM/HE 1PM Santa Misa AA -7PM/CR	29 Noon AA CR 7PM/AA/CR	30 10am HE Noon AA CR				

**HE-Holy Eucharist**  
**MP-Morning Prayer**  
**LMR-Lay Ministry Room**  
**PLE-Parish Life**  
**CME-Community Ministry Team**  
**ESL - English as a Second Lang.**  
**CR - Community Room**

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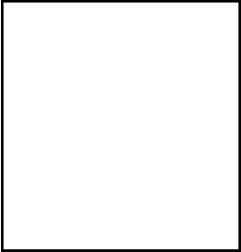
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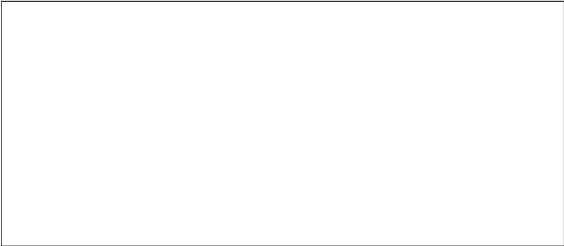
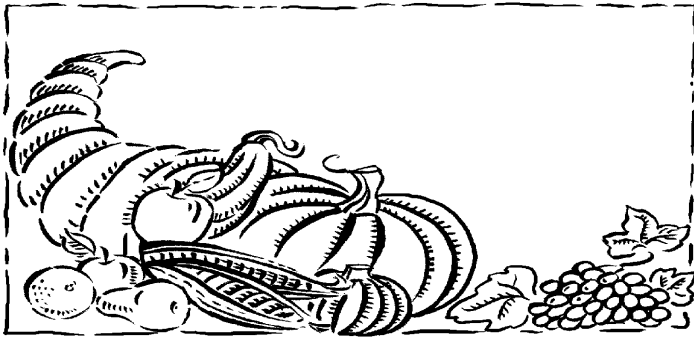
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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



### November Prayer Cycle

In order to give emphasis to our ministry to one another, we have a Parish Prayer Cycle. Each parishioner or family is prayed for on a particular day. Here is the list of names to be kept in our prayers for each day during the month of November.

<p>1. Valda Cornish</p> <p>2. Forrest &amp; Faith Cousens and Matt &amp; Amie</p> <p>3. William &amp; Edith Cranston</p> <p>4. Dan Cuccia</p> <p>5. Stephen &amp; Amity Currie and Nick &amp; Irene</p> <p>6. Florence Daly</p> <p>7. Noel &amp; Debbie DeCordova</p> <p>8. Michael &amp; Anna DeCordova</p> <p>9. Andy &amp; Margaret Dietsche</p> <p>10. Sally &amp; Laura Doe</p> <p>11. Laura Gomache and Weaver &amp; Logan</p> <p>12. Art &amp; Julia Dutton</p> <p>13. Debbie Easton and Andrea, Derek, &amp; Caroline</p> <p>14. Lillian Easton</p> <p>15. Louis &amp; Grace Endsley</p>	<p>16. Ruth Fairbanks</p> <p>17. Stephen &amp; Anna May Filor</p> <p>18. Bill &amp; Bente Eckert and Kai, Emily, &amp; Kira</p> <p>19. Harvey &amp; Mary Flad</p> <p>20. Bob &amp; Ernie Fortna</p> <p>21. Paul Frazer &amp; Laura Russell</p> <p>22. Paul &amp; Phorn Frazer and Maggie</p> <p>23. Michael &amp; Karla Friedle and Alice</p> <p>24. Elizabeth Frost</p> <p>25. Gail Gardner</p> <p>26. Emogene Gates</p> <p>27. Mike &amp; Phyllis George</p> <p>28. Pres &amp; Shari Gifford</p> <p>29. Regina Givler</p>	<p>30. Lillian Goldsbery</p> <p>31. George &amp; Sandra Goloway</p> <p><i>Almighty God, look with favor on our brothers and sisters of this parish, especially (names). Strengthen them in their journey of faith, fill them with compassion for one another, and give them an awareness of your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i></p>
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