



TIDINGS

The Newsletter of Christ Church – St. Michael’s Parish (Episcopal)

March 2014

Mardi Gras: Fat Tuesday ***Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is March 4th***



The last day of the *Season After the Epiphany* is also known as Fat Tuesday, or *Mardi Gras* in French. In the life of the Church this day is referred to as Shrove Tuesday—the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday—so named from the “shriving”, i.e. confession and absolution of the faithful that day. We mark Shrove Tuesday with our annual Pancake Supper, hosted by our Men’s Club and the scouts of Boy Scout Troop 741 and Cub Scout Pack 741. So join us on **Tuesday, March 4th from 5:00-7:00 PM** in Etherton Hall. The cost is \$6 per person; or \$18 per family. All proceeds benefit the Scouts.

Sunday, March 30th at 5:00 PM

Altars in the World

FINDING AND WORSHIPPING GOD IN ALL PARTS OF LIFE

Beginning in the fall of 2013, we began offering a new monthly alternative service of Holy Eucharist for those seeking a more experiential form of worship that uses movement, audio-visual images and prayer centers to connect with the Divine. Please plan to join us this March.



Ash Wednesday **March 5th**

Since at least the early sixth century, Christians have approached the church altar on the first day of Lent to have ashes of blessed palm leaves scored on their forehead in the shape of a cross, during which the priest says the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” This year, on Ash Wednesday, we invite you to observe “a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (*BCP, p. 265*).

At Christ Church, we offer the Ash Wednesday Liturgy with imposition of ashes at three services throughout the day:

Wednesday, March 5th

Ash Wednesday Liturgy - 8 AM

Ash Wednesday Liturgy - 12 Noon

Ash Wednesday Liturgy w/choir - 7 PM



Lenten Programs for Adults

Mondays at 7 PM
Popcorn Theology

Tuesdays at 6 PM
Covenant Churches Dinner

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Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday-Thursday
Weekly Service Schedule:
Morning Prayer – 9:00 AM Mondays through Fridays
Holy Eucharist (Londonderry) – 1:30 PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

Submissions to the *TIDINGS* monthly parish newsletter are due on the **10th of the previous month**. Please email items for publication to peterhouck@aol.com or leave in newsletter editor's mailbox located at the parish house.

Newsletter editor: Peter Houck



God as an Orange

OK, that is an admittedly weird image, so let me explain. Because, I don't mean that God is *really* an orange, like the kind that grows on a tree. But then I don't *really* think that God is a boulder, or a stream of living water, or a dove, but those images still help me articulate something I have come to know about God. Maybe they do for you too.

One of the things I discovered in an earlier season of my life was the way that the sacred poetry, prayer and images of non-Christian religions fed my own relationship with the God I know through Christianity. Take, for example, this line from a poem by the Muslim mystic Rumi: "We are the flute, and the music in us is from Thee." This theme, that we are vessels who are created to carry God within us, is also found in the writings of Christian mystics (those who have had direct experience of God). Over a

half century ago, Roman Catholic author Caryll Houselander wrote an Advent meditation called The Reed of God which explored Mary as an icon of carrying God within. Before her, in the 13th century, Christian mystic Meister Eckhart wrote these memorable words: "We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born." And, of course in our own Christian scripture, we find these words from Jesus found in Luke: "The kingdom of heaven is within you," or from Paul, writing to the Corinthians, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?"

Recognizing that many spiritual themes occur in not only our Christian tradition but also in the writings of other faith traditions is a good reminder that Christians are not the only ones who know something about the nature of God. It calls us into a posture of humility before one another, and ultimately before God. Simply put, we can't know, or probably even contain in our minds, the fullness of that ultimate reality we call God, and whom we Christians come to know best through the teachings, life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. So, what does that mean when it comes to being a faithful Christian? What does it mean to understand that through Jesus we have a particular lens through which to understand the fullness of God? If other religious traditions use other images and other words to describe how God has been revealed to them, does that in any way undermine our own Christian witness to the nature of God, as we have come to know God through Jesus? I believe it does not. We are the recipients of a tradition that emerged in response to a unique revelation of God that happened in a particular way, at a particular time, in a particular place. It is our vocation as Christians to understand and articulate as best we can the teachings by and about Jesus of Nazareth. And, to the best of our ability, to learn to follow them, because they are a unique way for us to know God, the Holy One who has been articulated in various ways and by various traditions in other times and places.

If God *were* an orange, we have been given one perspective on that orange; we see well only a part of the wholeness of God. Others, standing opposite of us, gazing at that same orange, might well know something about that orange which we do not see. That makes neither of us right or wrong; only human, and limited in our ability to grasp the fullness of God. None of us has a 360-degree view! To be faithful Christians, we need not discount what others have discovered about God; if anything, we are called to wonder at the mystery of God, and to humility before God's presence. And, to be faithful Christians, we are called to understand deeply the teachings, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, so that we can faithfully tell the story of God that has been given us, as Christians, to tell.

Lynn+



Embracing Lent...Embracing Change...

Now that the shortest, and some say dreariest, month is behind us, we stand on the precipice of another Lenten season. Lent conjures up a variety of images and feelings, many from childhood, about sober self-denial—no feasting, no parties, and just no fun. Yet, if we move beyond popular conceptions (and misconceptions), Lent is actually an opportunity for real change—or, as we say in church, conversion. The focus of Lent is, after all, to strengthen our spiritual lives. In Lent we very intentionally step back and consider the ways we need to repent, turn around, change, or be converted. Ideally, we come out the other side with a deeper faith and a clearer vision for our lives and our future.

Last month, in preparation for our annual parish meeting, I published an unusual “Rector’s Report to the Parish,” which instead of simply reflecting on the past year, looked ahead to the challenges facing us in the current year. Much of the report is given over to naming our situation by articulating our current circumstances and trends in the life of Christ Church—facts, figures, data, and analysis. Nevertheless, reading beyond the analysis, there is a particular vision for our future. Much like a boat sailing a race, Christ Church has to sail in the air or wind in which it finds itself. We cannot really change the economic and demographic factors shaping the Bay Hundred/St. Michaels area. And, after 341 years in St. Michaels, we are not suddenly going to sell the building and move to a growing region and construct a new building with acres of parking.

While that may be the classic “church growth” approach favored by many newer denominations, it doesn’t fit well with our parish-based, diocesan model. So, we take what we are given and endeavor to live into the current reality with a “weather eye” to the future. It’s been said that “nostalgia is the opiate of the age” and, as such, we have to guard the impulse to look for future success by replicating what we may have done in the past. Moreover, we can no longer afford to maintain the parish model that we built and could barely sustain when we were at our highest pre-recession attendance levels during the three-year period of 2006-2008. My report can best be described as a “mountain top” document wherein the “religious leader” goes off on a solitary journey like Moses and comes back with a vision or plan. It is a “one-man plan” that now needs to be vetted by a larger body, or multiple bodies. In effect, my report needs to serve as a beginning point for a larger process. In early March, the “Council of the Wise”—an unofficial group that consists of ten or so former and current wardens—will have an opportunity to reflect upon the report. Next, in late March, the report will go before the newly elected Vestry at its annual retreat. Ideally, the next step is to create a larger process that invites you to assist us in shaping a vision and future for Christ Church. The goal, of course, is for you to help the clergy, wardens, and vestry in discerning an answer to the questions: What do we believe that Christ Church is really all about at its heart and soul? Over the past decade, we have done a great job of keeping the machinery going; but at this point in time, we need to stop and ask what God is calling us to be, as opposed to do?

As we enter into Lent and begin to discern our future, let me leave you with two quotes from characters in our upcoming Popcorn Theology films series: Charlie (*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*): “My doctor said we can’t choose where we come from, but we can choose where we go from there. I know it’s not all the answers, but it was enough to start putting these pieces together.” And, from Evelyn (*The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*): “There is no past that we can bring back by longing for it. Only a present that builds and creates itself as the past withdraws.”

I find this an exciting time to be a Christian and to be a part of Christ Church. As we move through this season of Lent, I ask that you use this period of time as an annual spiritual check-up; a time to consider your own personal spiritual health as we consider the spiritual well-being and future for our Parish as we strive to be and to make faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully, Mark

Mark’s report may be found at: <http://christstmichaels.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Rectors-Report-to-the-Parish-February-2014.pdf>.

PARISH LIFE

Scenes from the Annual Meeting and Dinner

– February 9th photos by Jim Proctor



More PARISH LIFE

In the early church, the weeks prior to Easter were a time for adults who were to be baptized at the Easter Vigil to learn about the Faith. They were not so

much learning the teachings of the Church, as they were learning how to *be* Christian.

For Christians today, Lent is an open invitation to delve more deeply into our Christian tradition, so that we might progress in the life-long process of learning to be Christian. There are good resources available to support us in our time of Lenten re-discovery of our Christian faith.

This year, I invite you to join me in making an online Lenten retreat through the insightful writing and marvelous artwork of Jan Richardson. There is a cost for the retreat, but the cost is reduced if we sign up as a group. You can learn more about the retreat at this address: <http://janrichardson.com/lentenretreat.html>. Please contact me no later than March 1st if you are interested in joining the retreat. **Lynn+**

Popcorn Theology - *Lenten Discussion Series Begins March 10th*

This year's Popcorn Theology series explores the themes of relationships or communities which have been lost and the birth of new relationships or communities that give life. The films are presented chronologically by the ages of the protagonists, beginning with high school, moving through young adulthood, middle age and then retirees and those moving into their final stage of life. Movies are wonderful vehicles for exploring life's stories, and they allow us to recognize the ethical and spiritual themes that touch the characters and, perhaps, us as well. Each film will be viewed in its entirety and will be followed by a group discussion. Movies begin promptly at 7:00 pm, and popcorn, soda and water are provided. This year's films are:



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| Monday, March 10 th | The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 2012 |
| Monday, March 17 th | Lars and the Real Girl (PG-13) 2007 |
| Monday, March 24 th | Intouchables (R) 2011 |
| Monday, March 31 st | The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 2012 |
| Monday, April 7 th | Quartet (PG-13) 2013 |

March Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

3/2	Roger Clark, Jackson McKay, Joyce Rall	3/15	Lisa Rey
3/3	Connie Lindeman, Alice Utterback	3/16	Frances Maffitt, Louise Woods
3/4	Charlene Woodard	3/19	Gillian Lewis
3/6	Joan Schneider	3/21	Pat Janson
3/7	Margie Steffens	3/22	Gary Clarke, Claudia Frantz, Judy Hause, Marge Rue
3/8	Lesley Moyer, Ray Wasdyke	3/23	Susan Armstrong
3/9	Rick Morgan	3/24	Bert Boon, David Brandon
3/10	Margaret Naeny	3/25	Tony Vaughn
3/11	Mary Ellen Olcese	3/29	Sue Kilmon, Anne Pilert, Maye Soulsman, Thomas Stolz
3/12	Martha Austin	3/30	Karen Burger, John Masone, Sid Smith
3/13	Sherri Atkinson, James Keating, George Raitt	3/31	David Frantz
3/14	John Loflin, Penny Rhine, Thomas Stevenson		

Anniversaries

3/3 Rick & Elizabeth Morgan; 3/22 Shannon & Mary Jane Wyant

From the Parish Register

Funeral: Kenneth Joseph Doubrava; June 20, 1930 – February 10, 2014

A Lenten Quiet Morning, March 1st -- The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These are the words that will mark the beginning of our Lenten journey. On Saturday, March 1st, 8:30-11:30 am, there will be a quiet morning at All Faith Chapel in Tunis Mills that will set the stage for a holy season of self-examination and prayer. The morning will be organized by the Reverend Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt and Ms. Eugenie Drayton. The Reverend Karen Larson from Grace Lutheran Church in Easton will lead the opening meditation. Please email QuietMorningSeries@gmail.com to register or for more information.

PARISH and COMMUNITY LIFE

Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th



Join your fellow parishoners at a pancake supper Tuesday evening, March 4th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. It will be hosted by the Men's Group and Boy Scout Troop 741. The proceeds benefit the Boy Scouts. The cost is \$6.00 a person and \$18 for a family. Come and enjoy fellowship and a low-cost, hot pancake supper!

Left: The “Pancake Boys,” who cooked the pancakes for last year's annual pancake supper. Photo by Elizabeth Foulds.

REACHING OUT

The St. Michaels Community Food Pantry

--Beth and Howard Eckel

We are constantly grateful to all our generous benefactors who enable us to keep the Pantry shelves well stocked. Kind donations from our parishioners, neighboring churches, community organizations, and area residents have assisted us in offering the addition of meats and fresh vegetables (potatoes, carrots and onions) to the folks who visit the Pantry each week. They are very grateful for the healthy additions. As our number of hungry neighbors increases, we appreciate the financial resources to assist them. Of course, we couldn't operate without the always constant, loyal and enthusiastic volunteers who help our neighbors-in-need.

"Thank You" shout-outs to Neil Armstrong, Bill Corba, Lee D'Zmura, Jim Ellis, Babs and Fred Humphrey, Katie Hunnicutt, Carol Kilbourn, Lois Lindsley, Pamela McCloud, Mary Ellen Olcese, Linn Ong, Alice Petizon, Alison Sanford, Dianne Shaw, Judy Tanczos, Gillian and Chris Wyman, Esther and Bob Ziegler. Our new year is off and running full steam!

Right: St. Michaels Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 741 members helped stock the food pantry shelves recently. Shown here: Blake Rogers, Ryan Batley, Brandon Foy, Jeremy Foy and Ryan Foy. Assisting were Scout Leader Bill Roth and Cub Scout Den Mother Sherry Foy. Photo by Howard Eckel.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation for Children -- Lee Thomas (text and photos by the author)



This month we'll continue with our 'hero' stories of courage and deliverance. The stories reiterate the theme that God is not found in just one land; God is everywhere. God does not need a temple of stone, made with human hands; God's temple can be in our hearts. We share the stories of Daniel and his continuous faith, even in the den of lions, and the legend of Jonah, who defies God and then finds his faith in the belly of a whale. We're also preparing for Youth Sunday on March 30th, and the children will be creating another colorful altar frontal in honor of the occasion. We're hoping to have an Open House in the classroom that day too, so be sure to stay after the service and join us upstairs for some refreshments!

On this and the next page are some pictures from our February activity, when the children were making crowns to wear for their Purim party. Purim is a celebration we learned of in the story of Esther, and is a day of feasting and gladness, marking the victory of the Jews over their enemies. **Left:** Sophia Esposito working on her crown.



Above: Alison Sanford teaching the story of Esther. Listening are, **L-R:** Eli Mabe, Luci and Sofia Esposito, while Eli's grandfather, Harry Lowe, observes from the rocking chair. **Right:** Eli creating a crown.

Youth Ministry News:

Youth Group Outing:

We've Stuffed the Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets; Let's Go Bowling!

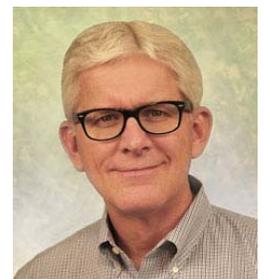
One of the aspects of Youth Ministry that is often enjoyed are the activities that fall under the heading: *Just for F.U.N.N. (Functional Understanding Not Necessary)*. In keeping with that, all young people in grades Six through Twelve are invited to go bowling as a group on Sunday afternoon, March 30th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Youth Confirmation Course Begins Sunday, March 9th / Bishop Shand Visits Sunday, May 4th

Calling all 9th and 10th graders! It's time to begin thinking about being Confirmed when Bishop Shand makes his official visit to Christ Church. Confirmation is the rite reserved for those who were baptized as infants or young children and who wish to affirm their baptismal promises in the presence of a Bishop. (At one point in our denomination's history, Confirmation was treated as admission to Holy Communion, but this changed with the advent of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, which explicitly states that baptism is admission to all the sacraments of the Church.) As we look forward to Bishop Shand's visit, those young people in grades nine or higher who wish to explore Confirmation are invited to meet with Mark to begin the process. **We will meet after the second service on Sunday, March 9th to begin planning.** If interested, please email any questions to Mark at revmark@christstmichaels.org.

Reminder -- Adult Forum's Guest Speaker: Dr. Clayton Railey

In October of 2013, Dr. Clayton Railey gave a wonderful presentation on the topic "*A New Pope; A New Direction?*" examining Pope Frances and his Jesuit background. On March 2 and 9, Clay will speak on the topic "Exploring Christian Ethics" by examining Jesus' teachings about God, relationships with neighbors, and how these shape our faith. Clay, now Dean of Delaware Community College, spent 20 years as a Jesuit priest working in the area of education before resigning his vows and leaving the order.



re:form Continues to Meet on Sundays at 9:15 AM

Please join us in the Conference Room off the Lea Library on Sunday mornings throughout the program year for our **re:form** Youth Course for all students in grades six through nine. Friends are always welcome!

The Men's Club, Saturday, March 8th, at 8:00 am – George Dixon

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Over the last year, we have heard from a retired congressman, a TV anchor, an environmentalist, a bank president, a college president, a health care CEO and a historian, among others -- all with the objective of giving us better understanding of our world on the Eastern Shore. On March 8th, we focus on charitable giving, which is big business in Talbot County and the Eastern Shore, as noted in a recent issue of "What's Up Eastern Shore."

No one is better qualified to discuss all this than **Stuart Clarke** (pictured above), the Executive Director of the Town Creek Foundation since October of 2004. He brings a regional view within a national context of experience. His philanthropic experience includes assignments as a Program Officer with the Turner Foundation and as Development Director of the Southern Partners' Fund, both in Atlanta, GA. He has also served on the faculty of Williams College in Williamstown, MA and as Director of the Atlanta Outward Bound Center and is currently a Trustee of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. He earned his undergraduate degree from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania and did graduate work at Yale University. Join us in this timely discussion led by a true authority. Make your reservation now! Call George Dixon at 410-745-6307 or e-mail at: georgedixon@mindspring.com. Join your fellow parishioners. Bring a friend to join you. Have a hearty breakfast for only \$12, and listen to a great speaker.

Men's Club Meeting on February 8th

On Feb. 8th, the Men's Club heard Dr. William C. (Bill) Boicourt, professor at the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Sciences (CES) at Horn Point, discuss the impact of global warming and climate change on the Chesapeake Bay. Using several slides to illustrate his talk, Dr. Boicourt noted that apparent sea level is rising more rapidly in the Chesapeake Bay than in any other U.S. coastal region, because land in our area is subsiding at a rate roughly equivalent to the rise of sea level -- effectively doubling the apparent rate of sea level rise. This is at least partly due to the extraction of ground water, resulting from the population growth here. One of Dr. Boicourt's slides predicted the eventual inundation of the entire St. Michaels / Tilghman Island peninsula over the next 100 years.



The Docents' Guild – Linda Makosky

At the Docents' Guild fall meeting last Nov. 2, Treasurer Carol Kilbourn recommended that we consider ways to use some of the year's surplus funds. A group chaired by Terry Fulton was formed to evaluate our options.

In the month that followed, we were shocked by the tragic fire at the church of St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City and then moved by a letter from Bishop Shand requesting support for the bereaved community. The Bishop wrote: *I appeal to you to support St. Paul's by-the-Sea and the Shepherds Crook ministry that provides for the most vulnerable in the Ocean City community...Your contribution will have a bigger impact than you may ever know.* The Bishop's letter of appeal inspired Guild members to donate \$1,000 to that ministry, for which Bishop Shand thanked the Guild.

The Docents' Guild spring meeting is coming up on Saturday morning, March 29th, at 10:00 am. We will gather in Etherton Hall for planning, fellowship, and coffee. Our scheduler, Lillian Watts, will note which day of the week members would like to serve. She especially needs volunteers for Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. For anyone thinking of becoming a docent, the meeting is a helpful introduction and an opportunity to ask questions. Newcomers are welcome. Please call Lillian at 410-745-9999. Or just come to the meeting!

~ March 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Morning Prayer Monday – Friday 9:00 AM						1 8:30-11:30 AM Quiet Morning at All Faith Chapel, Tunis Mills
2 Last Epiphany 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum; Church School; Youth Grp.. 10:15 AM Parish Family Eucharist 11:30 AM Cider in the Hall 5 PM Evensong	3 1 PM Book Discussion 7 PM Adult Inquirer's Class	4 Shrove Tuesday 10:30 AM 'Saving Jesus Redux' Part II 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5 PM Pancake Supper 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Society of Eastern Shore Board Meeting	5 Ash Wednesday 8 AM; 12 PM; 7 PM Ash Wednesday Liturgy & Imposition of Ashes 9:30 AM Welcome Committee Meeting 11 AM Book Discussion 12 PM Women's Club Meeting	6 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Londonderry 8 PM AA Meeting	7 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	8 8 AM Men's Club Breakfast 10 AM Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby
9 1 Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum; Church School; Youth Group 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Cider in the Hall 12 PM Worship & Music Meeting	10 Tidings Deadline 1 PM Book Discussion 7 PM Popcorn Theology	11 10:30 AM 'Saving Jesus Redux' Part II 11 AM ECW Board Meeting 12 PM ECW Meeting 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6 PM Covenant Churches Lenten Program	12 11 AM Book Discussion 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 4 PM Disaster Preparedness Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	14 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 2 Lent 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum; Church School; Youth Group 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Cider in the Hall 12 PM Pastoral Care Team Meeting	17 9 AM St. Michaels Art League Meeting 1 PM Book Discussion 5 PM Christmas in St. Michaels Meeting 7 PM Popcorn Theology	18 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6 PM Covenant Churches Lenten Program	19 1 AM Book Discussion 6 St. Michaels Community Center Appreciation Party 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Londonderry 8 PM AA Meeting	21 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	22 9 AM Vestry Retreat
23 3 Lent 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum; Church School; Youth Grp.. 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Cider in the Hall 12 PM Prayer Chain Mtg.	24 1 PM Book Discussion 7 PM Popcorn Theology	25 2:30 PM Staff Meeting 4 PM Christmas in St. Michaels Board Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6 PM Covenant Churches Lenten Program - here	26 11 AM Book Discussion 3 PM Communications Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 8 PM AA Meeting	28 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	29 10 AM Docents Meeting
30 4 Lent Children & Youth Sunday 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum; Church School; Youth Group 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Cider in the Hall 5 PM "Altars in the World" Service	31 1 PM Book Discussion 7 PM Popcorn Theology					

Ministry Areas of Christ Church



Finances for One Month Ended Jan. 31, 2014

Revenues

Actual – Current Month **	\$ 98,913	
Budget – Current Month	106,273	
Over / (Under) – Current Month	(7,360)	Unfavorable

Pledges

Actual – Current Month	96,599	
Budget – Current Month	104,185	
Over / (Under) – Current Month	(7,586)	Unfavorable

Expenses

Actual – Current Month	60,456	
Budget – Current Month	60,241	
Over / (Under) – Current Month	215	Unfavorable

Excess of Revenues over Expenses or (Expenses over Revenues)

Actual – Current Month	38,457	
Budget – Current Month	46,032	
Over / (Under) – Current Month	(7,575)	Unfavorable

** Revenues include prepaid pledges in the amount of \$68,245, which were received in 2013, covering pledges for 2014.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Forum	Ray Wasdyke
Adult Inquirers	Mark Nestlehutt
Church School:	
Ages 3-Grade 4	TBD
Youth Group	Mark Nestlehutt
Youth Confirmation	Mark Nestlehutt

OUTREACH & WIDER MISSION

Back to School Project	Gillian Whyman, Judy Sandground
Children's Home Found.	Nance DuPont, Martha Austin
El Hogar Project	Bill Corba
Environmental Issues	Margie Steffens
Episcopal Relief & Dev.	Pamela McCloud
Grants Committee	TBD
Habitat for Humanity	John Hunnicutt
Honduran Dental Mission	Jim Campi
St. Michaels Food Pantry	Beth and Howard Eckel
Talbot Interfaith Shelter	Pamela McCloud
United Thank Offering	TBD

PARISH & COMMUNITY LIFE

Coffee Hour	Mike Clark
Covenant Churches	Mark Nestlehutt
Disaster Preparedness	Linda Norris
Docents' Guild	Irmy Webster
Episcopal Church Women	Lynn Freeburger
Lay Weeders	Lin Clineburg
Lea Library	Robert & Marilyn Barrett
Lemonade/Cider in Hall	Carolyn Houck
Men's Club	George Dixon
Parish Paparazzi	Jim Proctor
Tidings Newsletter	Peter Houck
Welcoming Committee	Cathy Mendenhall

PASTORAL CARE

Eucharistic Visitors	Jessie Weddle
Pastoral Care Team	Mark Nestlehutt
Prayer Chain	Mark Nestlehutt, Lynn Hade
Stephen Ministry	Lesley Moyer

STEWARDSHIP

Finance Committee	Tom Orem
Property	Elizabeth Foulds, Phil Dinkel
Stewardship	Jim Vail, Lisa Felts
Teller	Larry McCanna

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Acolyte Guild	Sparrow Rogers, Ann Roe
Altar Guild	Judy Hause
Choirs:	
Chancel & Youth	William Thomas
Handbell	Lynne Phillips
Euch. Ministers & Readers	TBD
Flower Guild	Susan Armstrong
Greeters/Oblation Bearers	Carolyn Houck
Ushers	Robert Burger

Staff

The Reverend Mark S. Nestlehutt, *Rector*
The Reverend Lynn A. Hade, *Associate Rector*
Mr. William R. Thomas, *Director of Music*
Ms. Carol A. Osborne, *Parish Administrator*
Mr. George E. Short, *Sexton*

Vestry

George Dixon, *Senior Warden*
Pat Martin, *Junior Warden*
Larry McCanna, *Treasurer*
Nancy Besso, *Registrar*

Elizabeth Foulds 2015
Tom Orem 2015
Sparrow Rogers 2015
Hanna Woicke 2015

James Vail 2016
Ray Wasdyke 2016
TBD 2016
TBD 2016

Don Buxton 2017
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Pamela McCloud 2017
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