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New Committee. New Color. Ongoing Effort.

We are all called to be effective stewards of God's gifts to us, including our fragile earth. When we are asked to consider the role of stewardship in our lives it is not just about money and time. It's also about how we treat our planet.

We are launching a new committee to brainstorm ways we can help our Christ Church community be greener. We are already doing some great earth-friendly things. Some big: In 2007 in the Parish House eight rooms were outfitted with new, energy-efficient windows. Some small: Did you know that this paper is printed on 30% post-consumer paper? These are good things

The committee is called the Go Green Committee (notice this month's green masthead?). All are invited to the next meeting at 11 am on Sunday, March 9 in the Lea Room.

You will also notice a new monthly column in this paper (see page ?) called The Green Corner. Here you will find ideas from the Go Green Committee and helpful ideas from environmental expert (and parishioner - aren't we lucky?), Sarah Warren, that you can easily fold into your home life. Your awareness and actions all make a difference in extending the sustainability of our amazing, beautiful, earth. It's just plain, good stewardship.

Annual Lily Sale

Use the enclosed pink flyer to reserve your spectacular Easter Lilies (notice the plural). All proceeds will benefit our sister parish, Jesus de Nazaret Church in Southeast Mexico.

Expand Your Horizon And Your Life

For the last ten years or so, you have prayed for the Diocese every Sunday in our Prayers of the People.....you have read articles in the Parish Paper about Christ Church parishioners' trips to Southeast Mexico.....you have attended Adult Forums over the past three years to see presentations about our trips to Southeast Mexico.....hopefully you personally experienced the charm and "warmth" of the Rt. Reverend Benito Juarez Martinez, Bishop of Southeast Mexico, when he celebrated at all of our Services on Sunday February 3rd..... and, perhaps you were moved by Bishop Benito's wonderful homily at the 9:00 service and remarks at the Adult Forum that same day. Hopefully, you too can be personally touched by the people of the region, to experience the incredible hospitality of our partner parish, Jesus de Nazaret, in the small village of La Esperanza.

Experience it yourself. Join us for Christ Church's 4th Trip to Southeast Mexico, this summer. A group of 14-16 parishioners (High school and older) will be going back to Mexico from Monday June 16-Friday June 20, 2008. As in past years, the trip will be a combination of project work and "relationship building". Minor projects will be completed, but most importantly, we will renew acquaintances we have made over the years....and meet new friends. Our planning meeting was held on February 24 but it's not too late to join the group.

Keep your eye out for two great events this Spring to raise money to help offset some of the costs of the trip and, most importantly, to provide funds for the Village of La Esperanza and Jesus de Nazaret Church. This month we will hold our Annual Easter Lily sale and in May, we will be holding our Annual Cinco de Mayo festival in the Great Hall of the Parish House. Keep your eye out for more details.

So, think about joining us for a truly "life changing" experience. Space is limited so please let trip leader, Gary Martin (847-446-3744), know if you would like to attend. We'll be securing plane tickets in April so will need a solid decision by mid-April at the latest.



June 2007 Mexico Trip Participants

Rummage News

You Just Never Know... Until you ask. We are wondering if anyone out there is an **ebay expert** who might be willing to help bolster our bottom line? We often get "special items" that we feel would sell for a higher price on ebay. If you are adept at selling things on-line and would be willing to donate your expertise and time to Rummage, please contact Rummage Coordinator, Charlotte McGee, at the office, 847-446-2850 or email to Rummage@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Weekly Sorting Opportunities:

Mondays 12:30-3 pm
Thursdays 9:15-11:30 am

Please note: No sorting during Spring Break week (3/24 & 3/27)

Work Full Time? Still Want to Help?

Come to our once-a-month Saturday Sorting opportunity. This month's date is **March 15**. Join us in the West Building from 9am to noon.

March Furniture Pick Up Date

We will be making local furniture pickups for Rummage on **March 17**. Please call the Rummage Office to get on the schedule. For a list of items that we are unable to accept (because they just don't sell) visit the church web site.

Book Department Open For Spring Break Reading

Stop by the Book Department on Sunday, **March 16 from 10am to 12 noon** to stock up on some great Spring Break reading.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Children ages 10 and under are invited to join us outside (weather permitting) for our annual Easter egg hunt following the 9 am service on **March 23**.

******* Holy Week Services *******

**Annual Parish Seder
March 18, 6:30 pm**

Join fellow parishioners in the Great Hall to experience a Seder dinner with president, Marilyn Price. RSVP to the Parish Office.

**Maundy Thursday
March 20, 7:30 pm**

The Maundy Thursday Eucharist commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Maundy, from the Latin Mandatum or Commandment, refers to Jesus' commandment that his disciples love one another. Jesus shows them how to do this by washing their feet. Following the washing of feet and communion at this service, the altar is stripped and the sacrament is reserved on the Altar of Repose as we anticipate remembering Christ's death and burial. (Child care is offered.)

**Good Friday
March 21, 12 Noon - 3 pm**

Clergy and laity of Christ Church, The Winnetka Congregational Church, the Winnetka Presbyterian Church, The Winnetka Covenant Church, Saints Faith Hope & Charity Roman Catholic Church and the Winnetka Bible Church participate in our ecumenical Service of the Cross. We are invited to all or any part of this service as schedules allow. (Child care is offered until 3 pm.)

**Easter Vigil
March 22, 7:30 pm**

The Great Vigil of Easter includes the lighting of the new fire and a candlelight procession from the Churchyard, Holy Baptism and the first Eucharist of Easter. A wonderful party follows in Church House, with each of us willing to bring food to share. (Child care is offered.)

**Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day
March 23, 9 & 11 am**

Identical celebrations include Choral Eucharist with a brass quartet. An egg hunt in the Church yard follows the 9 am service, weather permitting. Parking is available at Lloyd Park and Tower Beach parking lots, Sheridan Road. (Child care is offered at both services.)

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*Angels, Ministers & Exorcists:
Rummage on Wed. 7:30
Rummage on Thurs. 9:15-11:30
and Fri. 9:15-11:30
Mundy - 7:30
Rummage on Thurs. 9:15-11:30
Rummage on Fri. 9:15-11:30
Rummage on Sat. 9:15-11:30*

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unless otherwise noted*

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That can describe our spirituality which is our connection to God and to our neighbor, and is essentially and fundamentally a cause for hope.

If this kind of truthfulness and this kind of hopefulness can characterize us as the Episcopal Church at large and as Christ Church in particular, it can also characterize us as individuals, taking on the discipline of looking deep within ourselves with all honesty and courage in order to find that inner core of God which can then provide us with hope for the future. In my own life I find that to be a process which is a constant need not only for the renewal of my ministry but also for a purely personal sense of wellbeing. Facing the truth is not especially easy, but I had occasion to do that 2 ½ years ago because of an increasing dependence upon alcohol, albeit a very private dependence that I needed to confront. Since that time and with the support of my family and others I have sought out, I am recovering from that dependence and find my life renewed with even more hope for the future. I realize I'm not alone in a culture that promotes and relies upon various ways to cope with the pressures and tensions of daily living. Some of us, however, by virtue of genetics and other influences, are more susceptible to dealing with pain and pressure inappropriately. Yet I am finding a certain freedom to be the person God intended me to be, and I'm just a little more relaxed about things over which I have no control and a little more capable around things I can change. I realize I am taking a risk here of being more personal than I might otherwise be, but with the hope that this might simply provide another testimony of how Christ Church is our home and how Christ Church is a place of care and welcome and support and love for God and neighbor. Whatever my story might be, there are hundreds of stories we can tell that attest to the place of God in our lives, the strength we receive from that reality, and the forgiveness we are offered for "what we have done, and what we have left undone."

I'd like to conclude with my letter which is to be published with the pictorial directory this coming Easter. It reflects how I think of Christ Church as "home" and what it means to be a family. And so I say:

Dear Friends,

One of the great joys of my life is my family. My wife, Bev, and our daughters, Elizabeth and Mar-
nie and their guys, Mike and Matt, are such an amazing blessing for me. God has given us to one another to love and to be loved, to share joys and sorrows, successes and failures. Families are meant to be there for one another, and when we know that to be the case, it is one way that we also know God.

Many of the photographs in this (upcoming) directory depict families. But there are also photographs of individual members as families have moved away or were unable to be included. However, that's why we think of Christ Church as a larger family for all its members and friends. In this parish family we are also called to love and to be loved, to share our joys and sorrows, and to be there for each other's successes and failures. This is what Christ does for us, for we are truly Christ's Church

May God bless all of you in your families and in this family.
My love in Christ,
Ned Prevost



March Adult Forums

10:15 - 11 am - McClain Room

March 2 - Jane Mentzinger, Executive Director of Communities in Schools of Chicago, will speak about her organization's work to connect children and their families with social services in an effort to address critical unmet needs.

March 9 - Lynn Cole will enlighten us about the work of RISE - A Winnetka-based organization that partners with churches in Angola to build much needed schools.

March 16 - Susanne Donoghue will be with us to talk about the importance of "fair trade" products. Susanne is with the Evanston based store, 10,000 Villages, which imports such products from around the world.

March 23 & 30 - No Adult Forums - Spring Break

A Unique Opportunity To Enhance Your Dinner Conversations

Way back in 1969 a young social worker from the Netherlands was a participant in the Counsel Of International Programs where she spent a year living and working in the United States and was able to experience "what an American family was all about." Flash forward to 2008 and that same social worker and now Christ Church parishioner, Annette Peck, is trying to locate a host family (for the month of April) for a 32 year old, Spanish social worker who is currently working with the Counsel of International Programs. Isn't that nice symmetry?

The host family would provide room and board for a month while this woman works for a social agency in Highland Park. In exchange they would get the fun and culturally enriching experience of having a European, bilingual person enhancing their family life.

If you are interested, please contact Annette directly at 847-446-2685. She will be happy to tell you how much the experience meant to her and help you understand how much it will mean to you!

Youth Group Invited To Area-Wide Sleep Over

After the successful, August, multi-church, youth group event "Episcopalooza" our high-schoolers are invited to a spiritual and social overnight on Maundy Thursday, March 20, at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette. (9 pm to 9 am). (Yes, it is a week night. But there is no school on Good Friday.) We will join forces with the youth of St. Augustine's, Holy Comforter, St. Elizabeth's, St. Giles, St. James the Less and Trinity Church. Friends are also welcome. All are welcome to attend the service and AGAPE meal at St. Augustine's starting at 6:30 pm.; or arrive after our own Maundy Thursday service which starts at the Church On The Hill at 7:30. The cost is \$5 per youth to help with the food expenses. Questions? Call Missy Harrison - 847-446-2850.

Big Election In Our Companion Diocese of Renk, Sudan

On Wednesday, February 13, 2008, our friend, Bishop Daniel, the bishop of our companion diocese of Renk, Sudan, was elected Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. Many of you met Bishop Daniel and his wife Deborah in their visit to Christ Church, most recently in the fall of 2006. Christ Church also financially supports two priests at the parish of St. Michael's in Paloch, Renk. The Church of Sudan has 5 million members in 24 dioceses. Our diocese, Diocese of Chicago, has been in a companion relationship with the Diocese of Renk since 2001. Bishop Daniel's enthronement will be held at All Saints Cathedral in Juba on April 20.

Please continue to keep Daniel, Deborah and their children in your prayers as they exercise their ministries in such challenging circumstances.

Downtown Lunch Group

Work downtown?
Please join other parishioners and Todd Young, Chancellor of the Diocese of Chicago, for lunch.
We will reimburse our host.

Thursday, March 6
12 - 1 pm
Bank of America
231 S. LaSalle St.
2nd floor (up the escalator)

Please RSVP to Jeanne Stewart
(847-446-2850)
by Tuesday, March 4.

Major Music In March

March 2 - 9 am service

The Christ Church Chorale will sing Mozart's *Tantum ergo* and three choruses from Handel's *Messiah*.

March 9 - 9 am service

Special horn ensemble including parishioners Jessie Clevenger, Alice Clevenger and some of Alice's students from Roosevelt University will enhance this service.

March 16 - Taize Service - 5 pm

This will be the last Taize service until the fall. Our Organist and Choirmaster, Richard Clemmitt, claims that once you have experienced the serenity of a Taize service you will be hooked. "It's just so different and beautiful. If you want a beautiful, peaceful, moment of prayer, this service is for you." Why not join us and make this the first of many Taize services in your life?

Reaching Out

The Samaritan Counseling Center, our upstairs neighbor is seeking a Board Treasurer. They provide pastoral counseling and therapy on an "ability to pay" basis to individuals, couples and families who reside in the northern suburbs. The principal responsibilities of this position include reviewing and analyzing the organization's financial statements as prepared by its accountant, assisting the board in understanding the organization's financial position and outlook, providing leadership and direction in the annual budgeting process, and participating in the monthly meetings of the board and executive committee. Interested parties should contact: Dick Sawday at 312-294-5746 (day) or 847-256-2996 (evening) or Rev. Wendy Lane at 847-234-7633 x 13.

A Request From Our Rector



Dear Friends,

I have recently received the following letter from Dr. Ikenye who was the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Evanston, for a number of years before returning to his native Kenya as an official missionary from the Episcopal Church in the United States. Several individuals from Christ Church are supporting him financially, but in light of his e-mail I want to extend an invitation for any members and friends of Christ Church to contribute toward his support.

You may send checks to Christ Church and made out to "Christ Church" with "Ikenye" in the memo. I know Ikenye and his wife Rose will be very, very appreciative of your support.

Thank you, Ned Prevost

Dear Ned,

Greetings, peace and love to you, Bev and the Christ church Family. With your daughter's wedding behind, I hope you feel order but more so, thankful to God for that experience and gift.

First we to confirm that, the political situation has not improved in the whole country. Things are getting out of hand, but the government last night started a reconciliation and healing process for the whole country. They have formed a committee to develop long-term and short-term methods and strategies for dealing with the present and future problems. Then, we see a light at the end of the tunnel.

It is pretty unsafe in most parts of Kenya. Many have died, lost properties through arsonists, or are maimed, and displaced. Many people are returning to the areas around St. Paul's University and Thika Diocese. These returnees are needy, because they return with nothing except the clothes on their backs. These returnees are increasing insecurity in these areas, previously secure. There is curfew from 8pm to 6am around here.

Rose and I are safe. We are able to do our work. My sister has been affected, with her seven children and husband. They have been relocated, and children will begin school this week. Rose's cousin living in Nakuru feels he can wait, but they do not sleep at night. They are supposed to watch for arsonists. At the diocesan level, we continue to gather food and clothing, even diapers for the children for the returnees and for those still in camps of refuge.

With those updates, let me turn to some urgent proposals: 1. We have a desperate need to upgrade security inside and around the house. These recommendations were made by a security firm secured from Nairobi by our office at 815. We need you and other supporters at Christ Church to support us financially for this upgrade. We would really appreciate a gift of \$ 4,000. 2. Mid last year, you suggested that since you were not planning to come to Kenya, you would donate that money as a gift for Rose's car. We would appreciate your consideration in this area. With more responsibility here at St. Paul's, one car has become difficult to share. 3. As you remember, our budget before we left to come here was very tight. Every single pledge that goes unpaid means that Rose and I are not given our stipend. Those who pledged need encouragement to keep up, and if new people are invited, life would be a little comfortable as we do our ministry. 4. Dr. Githiga, our bishop asked me last night, if there was a way for our American friends to support the people in crisis. If your community and others around you can be mobilized to do something, this would be highly appreciated.

I know this is a lot of information, I also know you are resourceful and have committees and individuals that you could delegate to for action. I also notice, we shall be having a new bishop next weekend. Please pass our love to the Lees and the diocesan community.

God Bless You and Take care.

Rev. Dr. NJB Ikenye

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she loved and who loved her. Missy Harrison was subsequently called to be our new Director of Children's Ministries, and I simply want to say to Missy how grateful we all are for your sensitivity in following Melly but also your leadership and especially in your attention to our older youth. For those of you who may not know, Missy and her husband Jim moved to Evanston from Michigan for Jim's three years at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. God has been good to us in Missy's ministry and so we continue to both welcome and thank her.

I also want to say a few words about a member of the staff whom most of you don't know but who deserves a great deal of recognition, namely, Jim Caldwell. Jim has been our Facilities Manager for the last seven years. How we ever "managed" without Jim I've completely blocked out! He is a part-time employee because he also works full-time as the Director of Buildings and Grounds for Lincolnwood Schools, but for this small college campus we have to take care of Jim has been absolutely invaluable, and every Buildings chair of the Vestry has testified to Jim's patience and good humor and expertise in keeping these buildings maintained and functioning properly. Jim's salary is more than covered by the amount of money he saves us and the peace of mind I for one have that we are being so well served by Jim and the sextons he supervises.

This parish could not be more blessed by the attention of all our staff, with Molly and Richard with me from the very start of my time as your Rector, but up to and including Charlotte McGee as our new Rummage Coordinator. They are all simply fabulous. We are especially conscious of praying for Ed Ethridge's recovery from the aortic dissection he suffered, and I'm glad to announce that Ed is doing well, and we pray he will continue in his recovery.

I also want to say that having Bev Prevost as my helpmate, friend, and life partner has been God's gift to me that is simply immeasurable but deeply profound. Her support of my ministry and her own ministry of deep caring blesses me beyond telling but I shall tell of that blessing nonetheless with my utmost gratitude to God.

A little over a year ago, Forward Movement Press published a little booklet entitled *Truth and Hope*. It was co-authored by Jim Lemler, former Dean of Seabury, and for the last few years Director of Mission for the Episcopal Church, and Charles Fulton, Director of the Congregational Development program of the Episcopal Church. Their attempt was to be both truthful and hopeful about the Episcopal Church in light of the problems we face as a mainline denomination in this country and in light of our being part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. So often when we talk about the Church we define ourselves by our divisions rather than by the faith all Christians share and the mission of our particular niche among the two billion people who call themselves Christians. This is not new for the Church, namely defining ourselves by those internal divisions we face. Going back to the 16th Century in England, the Church there had to decide whether to be Catholic or Reformed. That particular tension has been called Anglican Comprehensiveness or a Via Media, a middle way between Catholics and Protestants. In the late 19th and throughout the early to middle 20th Century, we had arguments about being "high church" or "low church." In the last half of this past century those particular arguments are a bit like arranging deck chairs on the Titanic as we confront what some have called the "Post-Christian Era" and the demise of denominationalism. Whether one makes the sign of the cross or we still have Morning Prayer on Sunday morning are quaint distinctions at best if not entirely irrelevant in light of contemporary challenges facing Christianity both in this country and throughout the world.

Jim Lemler and Charles Fulton have the task of presenting us with the sober realities facing the Episcopal Church but also reasons for enthusiasm, thus their title *Truth and Hope*. Essentially, the truth about the Episcopal Church is that we are part of the decline in mainline churches of this country. The reasons for that decline are part sociological, part cultural, and part spiritual. We can take comfort, as it were, that Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, Congregationalists, and others are in exactly the same boat we are. It's got nothing to do with making the sign of the cross or whether or not Morning Prayer is a Sunday service. Also, statistically, it doesn't matter if you are especially liberal or conservative as a denomination or as identities within denominations. It is a bigger picture we have to look at however much I treasure the heritage of the Episcopal Church and would be concerned pastorally about its internal divisions.

All that being said, we have every reason to celebrate our hope for the Episcopal Church. A renewed emphasis on the mission of the Church is being felt across the country in both large and small parishes. Seminarians are being trained to understand the challenges we face and the urgent need for vision and appropriate action. The National Church, dioceses, and many parishes are finding resources to address decline, evangelism, and growth. The vitality of individual congregations, and I would certainly include Christ Church in that category, are serving as models for the wider Church and are clear evidence of God's hand at work in the Episcopal Church.

Truth and hope can also play a significant role in understanding ourselves as a parish and as we look at our history. One piece of historical truth is the challenge we faced as a parish in confronting the debilitating and draining "two-campus" divide which so dramatically affected our lives of worship and Christian education particularly on Sunday mornings. The truth was that by the late 80's and early 90's the mission and ministry of our church were being adversely affected by that divide and that it had to be addressed as the elephant in the living room. The hope we envisioned for this renovated space was realized and facilitated the renewal of our mission and ministries we are enjoying today. Steve Hudson's stewardship video captures that renewal as we see the very young and the very not-so-young engaged in mission and ministry, and our heartfelt, even urgent desire for every person to know themselves as valued and as contributing toward the wellbeing not just of the Church but of the world.

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Bud, Daisy and Billie Cary

Yearning To See More of the USA

Mention the American open road to parishioners Billie and Bud Cary and watch a sense of awe, serenity and excitement permeate every fiber of their being. Their love of nature and wildlife, appreciation for our country, sense of adventure, interest in history and innate curiosity have fueled their travels ever since their marriage in 1964. When their two sons were growing up they roughed it by camping in a tent. Although Billie offers this aside "most people wondered how we could ever sleep on the ground. No. We always had a cot and mattresses." In 2002 they realized that it was no longer fun trying to get dressed inside a tent where one couldn't stand up so they then purchased a VW Euro "Weekender" van. (From the outside it looks like your standard suburban mini-van; inside it is outfitted with a queen size bed, small refrigerator, table and, once you pop the top up, it also includes the much-sought-after standing room.) Along with their ever present traveling canine companion, Daisy, they have spent a portion of every September and October from 02 on exploring many nooks and crannies of our amazing country. Bud allows how they always encounter many Europeans on their travels. He is fond of telling them that they "are experiencing parts of the country that most Americans never see." This is a major heaping of wanderlust for a man who has lived most of his life within a six block radius of his current home on Spruce Street in Winnetka.

Bud was born in Chicago and moved to Winnetka at the age of three. He has been attending Christ Church since 1946 when he was a "Christmas/Easter" participant until Bill Broughton, an Associate Rector at the time, nabbed him and got him involved with the Youth Group. Bud offered that "He was someone you just couldn't say no to." Bud did leave Winnetka long enough to attend Parsons College in Iowa, find the love of his life, Billie Neyensch, marry her and return to Winnetka to raise his family. Currently their eldest son, Gregg, a Project Manager for Abbott Labs, lives with his wife and three daughters in Highland Park. Their younger son, Trevor, an Account Executive for Novum, lives in Wisconsin with his wife and two boys. (All five grandchildren have been included in many camping trips.)

Billie has been an active participant here at Christ Church from day one. Her "claim to fame" is that she was a first grade Sunday school teacher for recent Christ Church Curate, George Smith. She was very involved with the now defunct Junior Women's Guild, worked closely with Cara Beebe on the Christmas Basket program and the Lobster Party, served on the Benevolence committee for many years, started the current Pastoral Care Committee in 1992 with Ginny Packer and Elise Covey and still coordinates a Valentine's Day effort where Sunday School students make cards for parishioners on our prayer list. Billie has also been involved with Rummage for over 40 years. She started by making a phone call to the church office to volunteer. "They stuck me measuring curtains. They're lucky I ever came back!" (Wisely, there is no longer a Curtains Department at Rummage.) At one time she gamely chaired the Toy and then the Sporting Goods department.

Now back to the spiffy Weekender van. Since 2002 Bud, Billie and Daisy have travelled to twenty-five states. Among their many experiences they have visited Civil War battle fields, followed portions of the Lewis & Clark trail, witnessed a buffalo round up (their favorite experience to date), watched the sun set over Mt. Rushmore, visited the Spam factory, watched salmon fight their way upstream in Michigan, and woken up with the horses on Chincoteague Island in Virginia. They only camp in National Parks (including Bryce Canyon, their favorite place so far), National Forests and State Parks because their Golden Pass (available to anyone over the age of 60) gets them in at the rate of \$5 per night. They have this camping thing all figured out and their enthusiasm for our country is infectious. Where will they go this fall? Bud is leaning towards the Maritime Provinces out east. Billie is longing to head west to Yellowstone and Glacier National Park. My guess is that they will do both. Next time you see the Carys at the 7:45 service stop them and ask about their travels. As Bud says, "What could be better than hiking among five different waterfalls and then watching the sunset over the lake?" What could be better indeed.

Christ Church Launches an "Ark of Hope"

Are you "on board?"

It's not too late! Heifer Ark Banks are still available at the Church on the Hill. Pick one up and join us in sending an "Ark of Hope" to hungry people all over the world.

During Lent, fill your bank with small change. Return the bank April 13th. It's that easy. If everybody gives a little, together we give a lot.

Questions? Want to get involved? Contact Lisa Kerpan at 847-251-0920 or LSKerpan@kerpan.com

Mark your calendars now for our ingathering

Celebration of Giving on April 13th.

Fill the Ark.
Change the World.
Two Animals at a Time.

Rector's Annual Address to the Parish
January 27, 2008

Hard on the heels of "Here Comes the Bride," or more accurately, "Trumpet Tune" by David N. Johnson, it is my privilege to address Christ Church at its 132nd Annual Meeting. Marnie Prevost and Matt Weir were married a week ago yesterday at the Cathedral in New York City. Some of you may remember Elizabeth Prevost and Mike Guenther's wedding here at Christ Church in 2002, and while Bev and I were kind of hoping Marnie could be married here too, the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City wasn't all that shabby. It made sense for Marnie to be married there because that's where she works and in its own way that's her parish church. It was truly a wonderful day for my family, and Bev and I appreciate all of your best wishes and your support.

Last year at our Annual Meeting I began my address with the "Muslim Call to Prayer still ringing in my ears," quite a bit different from David Johnson's *Trumpet Tune*. It might appear that the Rector will do anything to delay preparing for the Annual Meeting from year to year, but I must attest to the fact that these last two Januaries have been very special albeit from the perspective of very different venues.

I don't know whether or not it's your experience, I suspect it is, but I for one find that whenever and however I'm away from Christ Church I always return with a deep sense of gratitude for this place as home. At every Annual Meeting we've had, I am struck again and again by not only what it is we do but fundamentally who we are as a place we all call "home." It's not a perfect place, because no place of human association is perfect, but it is vibrant, welcoming, generous, and faithful. I love Robert Frost's description of "home" as "that place where, if you have to go there, they have to take you in." The addendum to that definition is also telling in that it's a place "you haven't somehow had to earn." It's a wonderful definition and could even describe our Christian vocation as a people who take in those who have to be here but haven't especially earned it. It is every bit a vision of Luke's famous parable of the Prodigal Son with the picture Luke paints of the Prodigal's father rushing out to embrace his son before the Prodigal has even had a chance to voice his repentance. It is a vision of grace that could describe this place as that home where if you have to go there, they have to take you in, and is, somehow, something you haven't had to earn.

As a parish, Christ Church continues to be a leader in this Diocese in ways that are described in great detail in the Annual Report. Clergy, staff, members of the Vestry, committee members, program facilitators and volunteers, all are engaged in loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus says that that work is a summary of all that he embodied in his life and ministry and which you and I are endeavoring to embody here.

At the risk of excluding anyone, I want to read the names of all who wrote reports, and I'd like you to stand and stay standing.

Kurt Anstaett	Jennifer MacRitchie	Curt Voges	Charlotte McGee
Elisha Gray	Steve Hudson	Elise Covey	Susan Boatman
Gary Walther	Liz Lind	Dietrich Knoer	Julie Flood
Jeremy Farmer	David Russell	Missy Harrison	Deb Emry
Jeanne Stewart	Lindsay Gorman	Betsy Balyeat	Tika Walsh
Josh Walters	Susie Sprowl	Kristen Koepfgen	Gary Martin
Elizabeth Clemmitt	Richard Clemmitt	Tom Kuhns	Buffy Ervin

If you serve on the Vestry but were not responsible for a written report, please stand. If you serve on the Rummage Steering Committee or on the Benevolence Committee, please stand. If you've just been elected to the Vestry, please stand. If you participated in Rummage or in Christmas Angels, aka Christmas Baskets, please stand. If you are Staff at Christ Church, please stand. If you teach in Church School, please stand. If you serve on any of the committees described in the Annual Report, please stand. If you are an Usher, Altar Guild member, Flower Guild member, chorister, lector, intercessor, or chalice bearer, please stand. If you've ever snipped euonymus in the Churchyard, please stand. If you are on the Hospitality Committee or have provided a meal for a fellow parishioner or have driven a parishioner to church, or have delivered a loaf of bread, please stand. If you have delivered the Sunday altar flowers to someone, please stand. If you have ever been to a Church School class, please stand. If you've ever been to a service at Christ Church, please stand. If this is your first Sunday here, please stand. If anyone is still sitting, you shouldn't be, so please stand. And let's congratulate each other on another terrific year!

There are four members of the staff I'd like to just say a few words about, even though all the staff at Christ Church are extraordinary by any measure. Jeanne Stewart came to us last summer to join Josh Walters as an Assistant. As Josh had followed George Smith, Jeanne followed Patti Snickenberger in assuming specific clergy oversight for particular programs. Those four shoes have been big ones to fill, but both Josh and Jeanne have been wonderful colleagues of mine and very much up to the task. Jeanne was ordained a Priest just this last December, and I would like to exercise my prerogative as Rector to say that I'd like both Josh and Jeanne to assume the title "Associate Rector" with all our thanks and enthusiasm.

2007 was a sad year for us as we accepted Melly Turner's resignation as our Director of Children's Ministries and then mourned her death after a long battle with colorectal cancer. Three weeks before Melly died, we had a thank-you party in the Great Hall of the Parish House, and as frail as Melly was at that point, we will remember her dancing with Joe and enjoying the company of all those children

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Please join us for a night of fun
with Christ Church friends at

A PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008

6:00 PM COCKTAILS and APPETIZERS
THE HUDSON'S HOME
1230 WESTMOOR ROAD
WINNETKA

7:45 PM DINNER and DESSERT
PARISHIONER'S HOMES

Dress is casual . . . like you are going to a friend's
house for dinner . . . because you are !

RSVP by April 6th

Please mail your check for \$50.00 per person to:
Christ Church, 470 Maple Street, Winnetka, IL 60093

During cocktails you will pull a name out of a basket - the name you choose will be your
Host or Hostess for dinner.

Annual Parish Passover Seder

All are invited to the Christ Church annual parish Seder on **Tuesday, March 18** at 6:30 pm at the Parish House. Our guest presider will be Marilyn Price who weaves a finely crafted performance filled with storytelling and wisdom. Combining entertainment with some of life's most treasured values, this nationally-acclaimed Jewish storyteller and educator inspires her audiences to open their minds and their hearts. (For more about Marilyn visit www.MarilynPrice.com) The third grade class will be your hosts for the evening.



Marilyn Price

The Seder is a dramatic yet playful dinner rich with stories, food and song. A full dinner is included in the celebration. It is the highlight of the Passover celebration.

Christians are particularly interested in this ritual meal because it was during the Passover that Jesus instituted Holy Communion. It should be realized, however, that the Passover clearly predates and is entirely separate from the Eucharist.

Please join us for a great evening. Please RSVP to the Church Office 847-446-2850 by Friday March 14.

The Green Corner

A radical idea? Possibly. Is it for everyone? Probably not. But if you are someone who gravitates towards the electronic world, you might want to consider receiving your "hard copy" Parish Paper via your email. The Parish Paper comes out twice a month with different news and articles in both. In the beginning of the month it is mailed out in printed or "hard copy" form. At the end of the month it is already disseminated in an on-line version. We are now offering parishioners the option of receiving both versions via email. This would help the church save money on postage and paper and cut down on waste. If you are interested, please send an email to us at, parishpaper@christchurchwinnetka.org and we will make it happen. We realize that many people enjoy physically holding what they are reading. That's OK too. We will continue to offer the hard copy version.

Great Green Website: Do you receive too many catalogs on a daily basis? Go to Catalogchoice.org on the web and they will help you eliminate this waste (at no cost to you.) Try it. Your mail carrier will thank you too!

From parishioner and environmentalist, Dr. Sarah Warren: Did you know that if we all changed three of our light bulbs to compact fluorescents, it would equal taking 3.5 million cars off the road? If everyone in the US changed all of our light bulbs, it would be the equivalent of keeping 62.5 million tons of CO2 emissions out of our atmosphere. Light bulbs by themselves have that much power!

Don't Forget To Set Your
Clocks Forward on March 9

