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Worship

Sundays: Church On The Hill
8 am HE; 9:30 am HE & Young Children's Liturgy of the Word; 10:40 Adult & Children's Formation; 11:30 am HE

Wednesdays: 9:30 am HE (Chapel)

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A Gift of Serenity

Taize Service

December 14
at 5 pm
Church on the Hill

A contemplative liturgy
of readings, music
& meditation

Join us to become
refreshed and renewed
in a place where silence,
music and candlelight
fill the soul.

If you have never attended
a Taize service, give yourself
a gift and make this
your first.

Be Sure To Check Out This
Month's Insert for
**THE Perfect* Christmas Gift for
Every Person On Your List**

* Perfect because:

- a) One size fits all
- b) Kind to your budget
- c) Helps others
- d) Easy to wrap
- e) Appeals to all ages

Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday, December 7 - II Advent

8 am - Holy Eucharist
9:30 am - Lessons & Carols
11:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 14 - III Advent

8 am - Holy Eucharist
9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
11:30 am - Holy Eucharist
5 pm - Taize

Sunday, December 21 - IV Advent

8 am - Holy Eucharist
9:30 am - Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist
11:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4 pm - Family Christmas Eve Service
8 & 11 pm - Choral Holy Eucharist
Caroling begins at 7:30 & 10:30 pm

Sunday, December 28 - Christmas I

8 am - Holy Eucharist
9:30 am - Holy Eucharist
(no Church School)



Heath Missner

Spiritual Journey Is a Work In Progress

Many of the '8 o'clockers' have witnessed Heath responding to a series of 'calls'—to be an acolyte, then a lector and a lay parish chaplain, all culminating in Heath's call to the Diaconate. Now, Heath is in her final year of Deacon School and hopes, "God and the people willing" to be ordained as a Deacon in February, 2010.

Heath is a native New Englander, raised in Farmington, Ct., where she enjoyed a very outdoorsy childhood with her 3 brothers. Heath attended Westover School, then Wellesley College, followed by a graduate degree from Northwestern. In 1966 Heath married Richard Missner and the next few decades were happily spent in Cambridge, Ma., raising 4 children: Atticus, Bok, Emily, and Lincoln. The family moved to Winnetka in 1981.

Heath was an avid tennis and paddle tennis competitor on Winnetka teams through the 1980's. Family vacations were spent in Wilson, Wy., enjoying skiing in the winter and hiking in the Tetons in the summer. In 1995, her grand-daughter, Olivia, then 4 years old, was adopted into the family. When Heath began taking 'Forward Day by Day' on her solo hikes, for lunchtime reading, she knew a spiritual deepening was at work. A cradle Episcopalian, Heath became a regular church-goer, now truly listening to Scripture. The racquet sports were replaced by yoga and Centering Prayer (a meditative practice.) In 2003 Heath began working with a Spiritual Director, exploring how God might be at work in her life. At Christ Church, she attended Bible Study and what is now our Friends in Faith Monday morning group. In 2004, Heath and Richard, their children grown and their interests diverging, amicably mediated the ending of their marriage.

In recent years, Heath has been active in interfaith work, serving as President of the Winnetka Interfaith Council 2006-8 and she is also serving on the Board of St. Leonard's Ministries. While attending Deacon School, Heath also trained at The Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Hyde Park, to become a Spiritual Director and now has a small private practice. Heath also has taught Sacred Contracts, based on the work of Caroline Myss, at The Women's Exchange in Winnetka and has been a regular presenter at the Women's Spirituality Conference. Presently, as part of her diaconal formation, Heath is completing a chaplain training program at Lutheran General Hospital. After taking her exams for Deacon School, Heath hopes to be placed in a parish next fall, to assist as a Deacon, prior to her ordination. She plans to return to serve at Christ Church. Aren't we blessed.

A Behind The Scenes Peek At Rummage

Here is a bit of Rummage background you may not be aware of: In addition to over fifty monetary grants awarded from the proceeds of our sale, we also support many worthwhile organizations through "in-kind" efforts. During the 2008 "season" we made the following donations:

- Furniture & kitchen items to Burmese refugees through St. Paul's Church By The Lake in Rogers Park
- Mugs to Christ Church to support its Go Green initiative
- Summer sports equipment, swim suits & towels to Camp New Happenings in Gary, Indiana
- Soccer shoes & uniforms to our companion church, La Esperanza, in Southeast Mexico
- Furniture for a new Associate Rector's Christ Church office
- Prescription eye glasses to the Lion's Club in Northfield, IL
- Six kitchen blenders to Do Your P'Art Foundation in Winnetka, IL
- Thirty-three cell phones to the YMCA in Evanston for their Women In Need program
- Six bags of clothing to the Winnetka Thrift Shop
- Monthly clothing & toiletries donations to the Cathedral Shelter in Chicago
- Many new items to our Christmas Angel program supporting low income families through the Cathedral Shelter in Chicago

In addition, at the end of every fall sale, we donate some furniture to H.O.M.E. in Chicago - a non-profit agency that sets up apartments for low income seniors. Finally everything that doesn't sell during the fall sale is donated to the Salvation Army.

Regular Meetings & Events:
 Families Anonymous: Weds, 7:30 pm
 Soup Kitchen: Weds, 6:30 pm
 Adult Bible Study: Tues, 6:30 pm
 Men's Home: every Tues.;
 first and last Fridays;
 Boy Scout Troop 18: Tues, pm

**Christ Church
 December 2008**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9-10 am Friends In Faith - COH 10 - 11 am Book Discussion COH 12:30-3 pm Rummage Sorting	2 Stocking Stuffing Party 3-6 AND 7-9 Guild Room 7:30 pm - Vestry Mtg. Library	3 9:30 am - HE (Chapel) 6:30 pm - Alpha	4 9-11:30 Rummage Sorting	5	6
7	8 am - HE 9:30 am - Lessons & Carols 10:15 - Church School & Coffee Hour 11:30 am - HE 5 pm - Caroling Supper Great Hall	8 9-10 am Friends In Faith - COH 10 - 11 am Book Discussion COH 12:30-3 pm Rummage Sorting	9	10 9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	11 9-11:30 Rummage Sorting Downtown Lunch	12	13
14	8 am - HE 9:30 am - HE 10:15 - Church School & Coffee Hour 11:30 am - HE 5 pm - Taize	15 9-10 am Friends In Faith - COH 10 - 11 am Book Discussion COH 12:30-3 pm Rummage Sorting	16	17 9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	18 9-11:30 Rummage Sorting	19	20 Saturday Rummage Sorting 9 am - Noon
21	8 am - HE 9:30 am - Pageant & Holiday Reception 11:30 am - HE	22	23	24 4 pm - HE 8 pm - HE 11 pm - HE	25 Parish Office Closed	26 Parish Office Closed	27 5 pm - Soup Kitchen
28	8 am - HE 9:30 am - HE (no Church School)	29	30				

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December 08 - Lay Ministry Schedule - Continued

Date	Acolytes	Lectors & Intercissors	Chalice Bearers	Ushers	Vestry Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild
Sunday Dec. 28							
8:00 AM	J. Henderson	M. Pyle J. Carton		J. McClure	D. Russell		
9:30 AM	M. Gorman E. Russell J. Neaylon A. Stoddart Hickey	E. Clemmitt MJ LaViolette	M. Gorman	Gorman Family	B. Anaclerio		
11:30 AM				W. Imberman	S. Sprowl		

If you are not able to meet your commitment, please switch with someone on the schedule.
Please call the Parish Office (847-446-2850) to advise of the change.

Rummage News

Not Accepting Donations
During Christmas Break

We will not be accepting donations from Monday, Dec. 22 until Friday, Jan. 2. It will be business as usual starting Saturday, January 3.

December
Furniture Pick Up

Do you have some furniture (in good condition) that you would like to donate to Rummage? Call the office to be put on the schedule for December 15.

Weekly Sorting
Opportunities

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

Stop by the West Building when you have time. You'll be an expert in no time.

Final Dec. sorting date is Mon. 12/22.

The Green Corner

Are We Raising and Educating Global Citizens
for the Age of Global Warming? (Part 1)

By Sarah B. Warren, Ph.D.

Climate change represents the greatest challenge—and opportunity—humanity has ever faced. Today's children will need well-developed strengths, qualities and competencies in order to thrive in the age of global warming. How will we cultivate the necessary competencies and qualities?

For instance, within our children's lifetimes, we will be adapting to the presence of millions of "climate refugees" who will be displaced by rising sea levels in coastal areas both here and abroad. How will we accommodate a whole new influx of people who arrive all at once from very different cultures? What will this mean for our social relations? How do we prepare our children for that new social world?

Another example: Water shortages are projected within the next few decades, even here adjacent to vast Lake Michigan. Water shortages can be hard to imagine when we're sitting next to the Great Lakes which represent 90% of the world's fresh water. But lake levels are down, and demand is up, and projected to rise yet further. And much of Chicagoland gets its water from underground aquifers that are drying up.

The right to the use of the Great Lakes water is determined by Supreme Court Consent Decree. The States and Canadian Provinces that share the shores of the Great Lakes are each given an allotment. But such decrees may be revisited. And when they are, will we be prepared to address the moral dimension of deciding who gets access to 90% of the world's fresh water when much of the rest of the world is dealing with dire water shortages?

Parts II & III of this article will offer my thoughts as a psychologist and environmentalist about how we can prepare our children for our ever-changing world.

Sunday Coffee Hour

10:40 - McClain Room

Instead of formal Sunday Forums during the busy month of December there will be fellowship and coffee in the McClain Room. During this time on the 21st young and old will gather to celebrate the Pageant.

Reaching Out

The Soup Kitchen Still Needs You

Serving at the Good News Soup Kitchen is one of our most necessary and appreciated outreach ministries. Unfortunately, we are short on volunteers and could really use your help! This is a VERY family-friendly ministry. Officially children age 10 and above are invited to participate. Unofficially younger Christ Church children have participated and had very positive experiences. If you would like to purchase food, cook and/or serve, please contact Tika Walsh at (847) 251-6544 or Deb Emry at (847) 501-4648.

Enjoy Lessons & Carols
at 9:30 AM on December 7

Music for this liturgy will include beautiful, traditional readings and hymns for the season of Advent. Choral anthems will be by Handel, Palestrina, Poston, Sirett and Stanford. The opening procession will be a highlight of the service and will include the singing of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" accompanied by handbells and organ (a great reason to arrive for church on time that morning, if you possibly can!)

Clergy Set With Second Alpha Offering



Mark your calendars:

Starting in January and running through March the Alpha Journey will be offered on Wednesday Mornings. More details to follow.

Childcare will be provided

Downtown Lunch Group

Do you work downtown? Please join us for our monthly lunch and opportunity for conversation and fellowship. Lunch will be arranged. We will reimburse our host.

Thursday, December 11
with Clarence Langdon,
Canon for Leadership Development
in our Diocese
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, December 9.

Save These Dates

January 25
Annual Meeting

February 21
Lobster Boil

Make This Part Of Your
Christmas Tradition

An ever-popular event in the life of our parish is the Annual Stocking Stuffing Party where we come together to assemble fifty stockings for the homeless of Chicago. Bring a pair of scissors and a roll of holiday wrapping paper to the Guild room on

Tuesday, December 2

4 - 6 pm OR 7 - 9 pm

Ages 3 to 97 are invited!

For further information contact
Elise Covey 847-446-4333 or
Sherry Gormanous 847-256-0549 or
Nina Gray 847-446-7195



Luke, Eleanor, Nick & Grace Anaclerio

Four Children In The Same Activity? Heavenly!

In October when Luke Anaclerio graduated from the Primary Choir to the Youth Choir he moved his siblings into an exclusive club: Christ Church families with four children singing in the choir in the same year. The last time this milestone was reached was in 2005 when Ben, Peter, Betsy and Paul Kuhns graced the choir pews.

The eldest Anaclerio, Eleanor, a senior at New Trier joined the choir in fifth grade when her good friends, Elisabeth Ward and Blair Anstaett, applied some positive peer pressure. "They said it was so fun and they were right. I love how everyone works together." Eleanor is a Head Choirster and hopes to sing in college. Next in line, Grace, a sophomore at New Trier, joined the choir the same year her older sister did. Grace noted that, "as a third grader I pretty much did whatever Eleanor did." Grace especially likes coming to rehearsal on Wednesday night. "With all the stress of school and homework it is nice to have the break of choir practice in the middle of the week." Nick, a seventh grader at Washburne, is the first Anaclerio to have started in the Primary Choir. He especially likes the travel opportunities associated with the choir. "The trips are cool because you see the inside of churches you wouldn't see on vacation." Nick also notes that, "It's strange. You make great friends in choir even though you don't get to talk much. You just sing together."

Finally, number four Anaclerio, Luke, a third grader at Hubbard Woods, joined the Primary Choir two years ago and moved up to the Youth Choir with the big boys and girls last month. Luke admits that the Youth Choir is different from the Primary Choir. "It's a bit stressful and confusing because there are so many pieces of paper. It's great to have my brother and sisters with me because they tell me when to bow, if I forget. But I really like it because we get to sing a lot of fun songs."

It's a pretty safe bet that the Knoer family will be next to join this exclusive group.

Great New Book For December

During Advent, the Christ Church Book Group will be reading Finding My Way Home: Pathways to Life and the Spirit, by Henri Nouwen. We will begin by discussing the first chapter on Monday, December 1. We meet on Monday mornings from 10 to 11 am in the McClain Room. Please note that we will NOT be meeting on December 22 or 29. If you go to the below web address, you will learn more about the book.

<http://www.amazon.com/Finding-Home-Henri-J-M-Nouwen/dp/0232524351>

Fa La La, Frosty AND No Cooking? It Doesn't Get Much Better Than That!

Bring your entire family, bring your friends to a wonderful seasonal event!! Sunday, **December 7** from 5 - 7pm is our annual **Caroling Supper** in the Great Hall. The cost is \$8 per child, \$10 per adult (family max of \$40) which covers dinner, drinks and Christmas cookies. After dinner we will join our voices to sing your favorite Christmas carols lead by Richard Clemmitt.

RSVP to Lucia Webster (lbwebster@comcast.net / 847-822-4194) or Mehpara Suleman (suleme@yahoo.com / 312-237-0194) or to Rena Kowalski in the church office 847-446-2850.

2009 Stewardship Update

As of November 18 we have received 197 pledges totalling \$726,386.

If you have not already done so, please mail us your pledge card today.

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Date	Acolytes	Lectors & Intercessors	Chalice Bearers	Ushers	Vestry Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild
Sunday Dec. 7							
8:00 AM	H. Missner	H. Missner P. Mohling		P. Mohling	KD Foster		S. Sprowl J. Harmon J. Price MJ LaViolette K. Shanley
9:30 AM	P. Lind K. Corrigan Con. Koepfgen			Challenger Fam.	L. Gorman		
11:30 AM		J. McClure		E. Forsberg, Sr.	B. Ervin		
Sunday Dec. 14							
8:00 AM	L. Sprowl	K. Synnstedt G. Packer		M. Powell	G. Harmon		E. Parkinson J. Whitesides J. Carter A. Ryan S. Robertson
9:30 AM	W. Sido F. Colardarci J. Colardarci M. Findlay S. Findlay	B. Tubekis MJ McMillin D. Clevenger	R. Voges Car. Healy J. Whitesides Ann Ryan T. Kuhns D. Hambleton	Gorman Family	L. Kerpan		
11:30 AM		B. Brantley		N. Forsberg	B. Ervin		
Sunday Dec. 21							
8:00 AM	M. Peregrine	M. Peregrine		G. Ware	G. Walther		
9:30 AM	P. Martin S. Peregrine W. Rosenbloom K. Corrigan Con. Koepfgen		P. Martin B. Prevost MJ McMillin S. Stewart A. Clevenger B. Koepfgen	Montgomery Fm A. Parkinson Fm	P. Corrigan		
11:30 AM		D. Tribble		C. Hinshaw	S. Hudson		
Wed. Dec. 24							
4:00 PM	A. Stoddart L. Peterson F. Colardarci J. Colardarci P. Lind	B. Peterson K. Knoer	M. Gorman J. Colardarci M. Cody P. Pendry	J. Keller A. Campbell	D. Knoer		
8:00 PM	W. Sido M. Findlay S. Findlay M. Gorman S. Peregrine	S. Sprowl A. Sido N. Challenger	W. Sido Chris Harris B. Prevost L. Whitesides J. Challenger T. Gorman	E & N Gray R. Lumppp	L. Lind		
11:00 PM	R. Voges J. Neaylon Alice Ryan J. Ryan	B. Prevost A. DiNicola J. Farmer	R. Voges Car. Healy N. Challenger	T. Tubekis Ryan Family	M. Cody		