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This Christmas: Buy a Brick. Build a School.

Looking for a meaningful gift this Christmas? Look no further. This Advent, a gift as small as \$10 will help build a secondary school in our companion Diocese of Renk, Sudan. Even better. Your gift will be doubled, thanks to the generosity of parishioners George and Amanda Hanley, who have committed \$10,000 in matching funds for the school this year. Buy a "brick" for someone on your list, receive a lovely card to let them know a gift has been given in their honor, and know that you're helping build a better world. Look for the "Buy a Brick" display in the New Cloister beginning Sunday, December 6th through Sunday, December 20th. With your help, the future may be brighter for as many as 400 children in Renk, Sudan. Buy a brick. Build a school. Help build peace in Sudan. Questions? Contact Lisa Kerpan at 847.251.0920 or lkerpan@kerpan.com



Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday, December 6 - II Advent

8 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 am - Advent Lessons & Carols

11:30 am - Holy Eucharist

5 pm - Taizé

Sunday, December 13 - III Advent

8 am - Holy Eucharist

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

11:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 20- IV Advent

8 am - Holy Eucharist

9:30 am - Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

11:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 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 27 - Christmas I

8 am - Holy Eucharist

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist

(no Church School & no 11:30 service)

Downtown Lunch Group

Thursday, December 17
12 – 1 pm
10 S. LaSalle St, Suite 2900
(SW corner of LaSalle & Madison)

Please RSVP to Jeanne Stewart
(847-446-2850)
by Tuesday, December 15.

**Our guest will be
The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee,
Bishop of Chicago.**

Lunch will be arranged.
We will reimburse our host.

Rummage News

Not Accepting Donations During Christmas Break

We will **not be accepting donations** from
Monday, Dec. 21 until Friday, Jan. 1.
It will be business as usual starting Saturday,
January 2.

Dec. 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 14.**

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. 12/21.

Monthly Saturday Sorting

If your schedule allows, please join us on Saturday, **December 19** from 9 - 12 noon in the West Building. You will become an expert in no time!

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 15

4 - 5 pm OR 7 - 8 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

Adult Christian Formation Committee

What topics have drawn you into a Sunday Forum? Which speakers have you found captivating? Who would you like to hear from? What topics are of interest to you? Our faith is an ongoing relationship with God, which calls us to continue to explore and grow in our faith throughout our lives. Our Sunday Forum meets approximately once per month after the 9:30 service to offer insight into how we incorporate our faith into our lives.

The Adult Christian Formation Committee is looking for new members. We meet quarterly to discuss possible topics and speakers and plan for the monthly forum. Please join us – we welcome new ideas!

Looking for a new way to get involved at Christ Church? Please contact Kim Dougherty, Vestry, (847-256-8248) or Jeanne Stewart (847-446-2850) for more information.

Family Christmas Caroling Party

Bring your family and friends to a wonderful seasonal event!! Sunday, December 13th, from 5 - 7pm the annual Caroling Supper will be held in the Great Hall. The cost is \$8 per person, \$40 max per family (kids 4 and under eat free.) After dinner we will join our voices to sing your favorite Christmas carols led by Richard Clemmitt. Rsvp to Rena at 847-446-2850 or via email rena@christchurchwinnetka.org. Fa La La, Frosty AND No Cooking? It Doesn't Get Much Better Than That! There will also be a visit from St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra.

Enjoy Advent Lessons & Carols at 9:30 AM on December 6

Music for this liturgy will include beautiful, traditional readings, hymns and anthems for the season of Advent. 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!)

Christmas Flower and Music Donations

Please use the enclosed envelope to make a contribution to our Christmas music and/or flower offerings. To be included in the Christmas service bulletin you must **return your envelope and check to the office by December 11.** Many thanks.

Vestry Notes - October 27, 2009

The Rector gave his report which included thanking everyone for their efforts thus far in our Stewardship efforts. He also commented on Josh Walters last Sunday with us on October 25th and how Josh's thoughtful preaching and his extraordinary work with our young people will be missed. The Rector also noted that our Seminarian Assistant, Jim Harrison, will be playing a more significant role in our Sunday worship services as well as helping to lead and educate our young people. The Rector also commented on the continued improvement in the health of our sexton, Mario Ruiz, and the heartfelt gratitude that Mario expressed to the Parish last Sunday. The Rector also commented on our highly successful Rummage Sale which he referred to as the "best ever".

Associate Rector Jeanne Stewart commented on the programs for our upcoming Adult Forum which include a visit from Bishop Lee in December. She noted that our parishioner Heath Missner will become a Deacon in February.

Kathy Shanley (Treasurer) provided an update on the finances for Christ Church noting that we are still tracking our initial budget which projects that we will end the year with an overall budget shortfall which will need to be funded from existing reserves.

Steve Hudson (Warden/Stewardship) and Dan George (Stewardship) noted our efforts to complete our Stewardship program quickly so we can develop our 2010 budget knowing what financial support we have from our parishioners. Initial Stewardship results have been positive but we have a goal to increase our total Stewardship pledges by \$150,000 as compared to last year so we can fund all of the ministries of Christ Church that our parishioners continue to believe are important. Dan George reported that feedback from our Stewardship campaign callers was generally supportive and also reflected the overall concern many parishioners continue to have about the economy.

Pat Corrigan (Buildings) reported on the numerous building projects that have been undertaken this year. Given our budgetary constraints, the projects have been focused on needed repairs and life safety expenditures. Given the scope and age of our buildings, we discussed how to prioritize the projects and repairs that will be needed in the years to come.

David Russell (Investments) reported on the recent positive results of our various investment funds including the Memorial & Gifts, the Churchyard and our Endowment funds which reflect the significant improvement in recent returns in the equity markets. David will be convening a meeting of the Investment Committee in November to discuss any recommend changes to our current investment allocations.

KD Foster (Personnel) reported that our current Personnel Manual is in the process of being reviewed and updated by the Personnel Committee.

Robin Anstaett (Outreach) reported that our Fall Rummage sale generated \$237,000, our best year since 2003. Although we had fewer overall items for sale, due to our efforts to get the word out about the sale with more publicity, we had more shoppers at the sale and we were able to sell more of our merchandise at full price. It seems that the tougher economic times may have had a silver lining as it actually was likely a positive for our results with our Rummage sale.

Other Business: The draft Audit Financial Report for Christ Church for the year ended 12/31/08 was approved. The Nominating Committee will be meeting on November 11th to recommend four new Vestry members and to recommend a new Junior Warden.

The Vestry meeting ended with prayer and compline.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Anstaett, Vestry Clerk

Sunday Forum December 6

Please join us in the McClain room between the 9:30 and the 11:30 am services for a visit from **Lisa Lee**, wife of our Bishop. She will address "Observing Advent - A Family Perspective." Lisa will also be lending her amazing voice to our choir for the 9:30 service of Lessons & Carols.

Planned Giving Expertise?

Christ Church is looking for a parishioner who has some experience in Planned Giving to help the Church more fully develop this aspect of giving. We are looking to provide more information on our web site as well as to have an annual Sunday Forum on the topic. If you can help us establish a good baseline for planned giving for our parish, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can assist or know of someone who can help, please call Steve Hudson (h-847-446-5024) or David Russell (h-847-256-2295).

Taizé Service

December 6 - 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.



Alpha – Winter 2010
January 12 – March 23
Tuesday mornings 9:15 am – 11:15 am
Christ Church – 784 Sheridan Rd., Winnetka

Alpha is an 11-week practical study of our Christian faith. We will explore such questions as: Why did Jesus die? What does the Holy Spirit do? How does God guide us? Does God heal today? Why and how do I pray?

Responses from previous participants of our Alpha Program:

“My participation in Alpha was rich with opportunities to link the teachings of the Bible to personal experience. It’s the first such opportunity I’ve had where I’ve felt comfortable doing that in a group situation!”

“As the course progressed, it became apparent that we all had our own experiences and our own interpretations. As a result of sharing our faith journeys during the Alpha Course, my own faith has been broadened and enriched.”

“Thank you for giving us the chance to experience Alpha. Our group of 9 all felt we gained something in our lives. I know that I have looked forward to Wednesday mornings for the past 11 weeks. I was shocked to know that it had been 11 weeks!”

Join us – all are welcome! Childcare will be provided.

Alpha – Winter 2010

Please fill out this form and return it to the church office
 (470 Maple St., Winnetka) by **January 5th**
 to let us know you will be participating.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Stewardship Update

Our Stewardship effort continues to show the wonderful commitment of our families towards OUR church. We have 239 pledges totaling \$874,994 which includes 96 increased pledges and 35 new pledges. **We still need your pledge.** We are working to confirm all pledges before year’s end. We have much to do in terms of planning for our programs and ministries for the upcoming year and your pledges will allow us to do this work properly. Thanks to all who have so graciously and generously responded to the needs of OUR church.

**Three Year Olds
See Everything**



On a recent sunny, windy Sunday morning the Three Year Olds’ Class went outdoors on an outing in the Churchyard. They skipped happily around the lawn looking for unusual visions through their handmade binoculars. The children giggled as they spied ants, spiders, birds and squirrels. They had fun imitating them in sound and antics. They also collected colorful leaves, which they later pressed and took home for their bedroom windows. The teachers: Mrs. Gormanous, Mrs. George and Mrs. Christopoulos admitted they had almost as much fun as the children.

Save The Dates

January 23
Annual Youth Choir Benefit

January 24
Annual Meeting

Four Siblings - One Choir



(l to r) Noah, 15, Addison, 9, Dylan, 17, and Keenan, 12, the four children of Jenny Smith and Eric Hillerbrand join forces in the Youth Choir. Eric is also a member of the choir. We are waiting for Jenny to join proving that it is possible to bat 1000.

Christ Church's Resident Julia Child

OK, she may not be the subject of a recent movie. And she may not have sold a million copies of her cookbook (yet). But, parishioner Mary Jo McMillin's entire life has been steeped in the world of food ever since her sixth birthday. She wrote *Mary Jo's Cuisine: A Cookbook*, ran her own restaurant for 18 years, wrote food columns for newspapers, created a weekly 90-second radio spot complete with a brief story and recipe (not an easy feat), has taught at numerous cooking schools (one of them in Ireland) and has many years of catering experience. In mid-September she baked the bread used in our 9:30 Eucharist. The reviews were so good that Mary Jo has graciously offered to continue baking the Eucharistic bread for us once a month.

The eldest of four children Mary Jo grew up in western Colorado (Grand Junction) long before it was trendy. (Vail was sheep grazing land and Aspen was a ghost town.) Her love of cooking developed "out of necessity." In fact Mary Jo's cookbook is dedicated to "my mother, Cleo, whose vision and trust left me alone in the kitchen." As soon as Mary Jo could read, her mom let her entertain herself by cooking the most basic recipes. By age 12 she was cooking for the entire family while her mom, a nurse, worked at night.

Mary Jo was an English major at Colorado State College where she met her first husband, Robert. In 1963 they answered President Kennedy's plea to "Ask not what your country can do for you ..." and headed off for a remote village in the southwest corner of East Africa (then Tanganyika, now Tanzania) to teach for two years in a government secondary school. With no phones and mail delivery once a week (with luck), Mary Jo's passion for cooking was the glue that held her together during her African adventure. "After teaching there would be blocks of free time and the weekends were long. Despite the language barrier I spent hours in our Indian neighbors' kitchens learning about their food, then I'd go home and try to duplicate the same meal." Mary Jo bought all her food locally because that was the only option and was "green" well before the current "green" movement. Everything had to be prepared from scratch. Monday would be "bake bread" day. Tuesday would be "grind meat" day, etc. It gave her week structure and she rose to the challenge.

She and her husband returned from Africa, spent some time in Colorado where Mary Jo got a Masters degree in English and their son, David, was born. Life soon brought them to DeKalb, IL where Robert taught at Northern Illinois University. Mary Jo created a niche for herself in the local food scene and their daughter, Catherine, was born. Mary Jo taught cooking classes at a community college and wrote a weekly cooking column ("Wire Whisks & Pepper Mills") for the *Daily Chronicle*.

In 1974 they moved to Oxford, OH which would be Mary Jo's home for the ensuing 35 years. In 1983 she spent three weeks in Ireland working in the kitchen of the Ballymaloe House which ignited her dream of having her own restaurant. After a three-year gestation period she opened the doors of "Mary Jo's Cuisine" in a prime location across the street from Miami University. For 18 years it grew from a take-out only establishment to a hopping lunch spot accompanied by a fixed-price dinner menu offering on the weekends. "It was a labor of love. Everything was home made and as much as possible was locally grown."

Although it was a difficult decision, she sold the restaurant in 2004 but cooking continues to be the major theme in her life. She produced 96 ninety-second cooking segments for WMUB with subjects like "what to do with a butternut squash?" (I have always wondered about that one.) She spent two winters returning to Ireland to teach at The Ballymaloe Cookery School and worked on her cookbook. In 2008 Mary Jo relocated with her current husband, Jim Reiss who is a poet and literary critic, to Wilmette to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Mary Jo found her way to Christ Church and has been singing in our choir and serving as an excellent lay reader ever since. Oh, yes, she is also a Rummage volunteer. Guess where? In our Kitchen Department. Thank you, Mary Jo.



Mary Jo McMillin

Watch the January Parish Paper for information on new, fun cooking classes with Mary Jo to be held at the church.

December 09 - Lay Ministry Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Lectors & Intercessors</u>	<u>Chalice Bearers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Vestry Ushers</u>	<u>Flower Guild</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
Sunday December 6							
<u>8:00 AM</u>	J. Henderson	J. Carton G. Packer		G. Harmon	P. Corrigan	M. Hickey S. Galloway	M. Hickey A. Ryan
<u>9:30 AM</u> Lessons & Carols	J. Neaylon S. Peregrine L. Peterson A. Peterson			G. Ware T. Tubekis	L. Gorman	Deliveries: B. Erwin	S. Sprowl B. Jones A. Snyder K. Shanley
<u>11:30 AM</u>		J. McClure		J. McClure	G. Ware		
Sunday December 13							
<u>8:00 AM</u>	M. Peregrine	M. Pyle		E. Gray	R. Anstaett	C. Koepfgen MJ LaViolette	C. Woodhead S. Petry
<u>9:30 AM</u>	L. McGuiggan C. Hickey Alice Ryan S. Findlay	K. Dougherty N. Hillerbrand MJ LaViolette	L. McGuiggan N. Challenger B. Prevost T. Gorman B. Koepfgen K. Koepfgen	C. Reed B. Rasmus	L. Kerpan	K. Ancell Deliveries: S. Mead	G. Packer C. Potter A. Taft
<u>11:30 AM</u>		J. Richards		G. Ingwersen	K. Dougherty		
Sunday December 20							
<u>8:00 AM</u>	L. Sprowl	M. Peregrine S. Sprowl		C. Fowler	D. George	J. Whitesides	J. Whitesides K. Gould
<u>9:30 AM</u> Pageant	P. Martin F. Coladarci J. Coladarci S. Peregrine		P. Martin J. Whitesides C. Healy D. Hambleton T. Kuhns P. Pendry	A. Smith L. Whitesides	D. Russell		J. Harmon J. Brace M. Powell
<u>11:30 AM</u>		D. Tribble		N. Forsberg	K.D. Foster		
Thursday December 24							
<u>4:00 PM</u>	L. Peterson C. Montgomery K. Millar A. Peterson	B. Peterson M. Millar	L. Peterson S. Canfield P. Pendry A. Clevenger	Peregrine Family	M. Cody	Christmas Festival Flower Team	M. Champagne S. Lump B. Balyeat J. Price
<u>8:00 PM</u>	R. Voges C. Koepfgen C. Myefski E. Russell	S. Peters MJ McMillin E. Parkinson	R. Voges J. Whitesides N. Challenger S. Stewart J. Challenger M. Cody	G. Scully R. Lump	J. Keller		B. Jones M. Hickey
<u>11:00 PM</u>	A. Stoddart J. Neaylon C. Hickey M. Gorman	B. Tubekis D Hillerbrand S. Sprowl	A. Stoddart B. Prevost C. Healy	G. Walther	B. Ervin		
Sunday December 27							
<u>8:00 AM</u>	M. Peregrine	J. Carton		L. Petry	S. Hudson	M. Heald E. Howell	A. Snyder MJ LaViolette P. Pendry
<u>9:30 AM</u>	P. Lind M. Findlay S. Findlay	E. Clemmitt N. Challenger	P. Lind	D. Kreisa G. Montgomery			

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.

All church services are at the
Church on the Hill,
784 Sheridan Road, Winneka,
unless otherwise noted

Christ Church

December 09

Regular Meetings & Events:
Families Anonymous: Weds., 7:30pm
Soup Kitchen: 2nd Tues., 5:30pm
 & 4th Sat., 5pm
Meals-at-Home: every Tues.,
 first & last Fridays
Boy Scout Troop 18: Tues. pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			9:30am - HE Chapel			
		7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting - Library				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8am - HE 9:30am - Lessons & Carols , Church School, Sunday Forum 11:30 - HE 5 pm - Taize	9-10am - Friends In Faith - COH 10-11am - Book Discussion - COH		9:30am - HE Chapel	9:15-11:30am Rummage Sorting		
		5:30pm - Soup Kitchen				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8am - HE 9:30am - HE, Church School, 11:30 - HE 5-7 pm - Caroling Party - Great Hall	9-10am - Friends In Faith - COH 10-11am - Book Discussion - COH Rummage Furniture Pickup 12:30 - 3pm Rummage Sorting	Christmas Stocking Stuffing Party 4-5 pm & 7-8 pm Guild Room	9:30am - HE Chapel	9:15-11:30am Rummage Sorting 12-1 pm Downtown Lunch		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8am - HE 9:30am - Christmas Pageant & Coffee Hour 11:30 - HE	12:30 - 3pm Rummage Sorting		9:30am - HE Chapel	Christmas Eve Services 4, 8 & 11 pm	No services on Christmas Day	
						5pm - Soup Kitchen
27	28	29	30	31		
8am - HE 9:30am - HE No Church School No 11:30 am Service			9:30 am - HE Chapel			

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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;

Wednesdays: 9:30 am HE (Chapel)

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