
This Week At Christ Church

Today, January 17

- 9:30 AM **Sunday School** for all ages
 10:30 AM **Worship** followed by coffee and fellowship
 4:00 PM **Martin Luther King Celebration**
 Bethel Baptist Church

Tuesday, January 19

- 9:00 AM **Worship Planning**
 10:30 AM **Bible Study**

Wednesday, January 20

- 6:00 PM **iGen & Chime Choir**
 7:00 PM **Bell Choir**

Thursday, January 21

- 7:00 PM **Church Council**

Sunday, January 24

- 9:30 AM **Sunday School** for all ages
 10:30 AM **Worship** followed by coffee and fellowship

2009 Giving Statements are ready

Help save postage ... please see Ron Burgin after church for yours and let him know of any discrepancies.

Haiti Emergency

Bishop Hassinger has ask all congregations in our conference to receive a special offering this week and next for the UMCOR response to the devastation caused the earthquake early this week in Haiti. 100% of the money donated through UMCOR goes directly to the relief efforts. If you would like to contribute, please write "Haiti" in the memo line of your check. Cash can be put in an envelope available in the back of the sanctuary; please mark "Haiti" on the outside. There will be more information available next week on other efforts being organized within our conference that we, as a congregation or individuals, can participate in.

Enjoy the City / Save Around Capital Region

2010 books are now available in the church office for \$20.

Martin Luther King Celebration

The annual celebration for the life and witness of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. organized by TAUM, will be held on January 17th and 18th. The Interfaith Worship Service will be held on Sun, Jan 17th at 4:00PM at Bethel Baptist Church, 2165 Fifth Ave., Troy with the Rev. Leonard Comithier of Macedonia Baptist Church preaching. The Community Breakfast will be on Mon, January 18th, 8:00AM at the Franklin Terrace, 126 Campbell Ave., Troy with Ms. Janet Sapio-Mayta, of "100 Hispanic Women" as the guest speaker.

For more information or to reserve your breakfast seat, contact TAUM at 274-5920 or email their office: sbraymer@knick.net

Church Council

Thursday, January 21st at 7:00pm.

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations: Intentional Faith Development. In preparation for an end of winter day retreat to dream and vision and respond to what God is calling us to do and be as an increasingly diverse, growing, downtown Troy congregation, please join us for this conversation. All are welcome!

Other important business:

- Review of Radical Hospitality and Passionate Worship "reasonable and expected" priorities
- Coffee Fellowship Conversation
- Fundraising Priorities for 2010

Habitat for Humanity – Church Build Update

The rehab of 99 Ingalls Ave is progressing. Site supervisors are in place and work is occurring every Thurs and Sat starting at 8:30am. Volunteer forms are available in the church office or speak to Curtis Dunagan 674-1101 or curtis.dunagan@yahoo.com

Spiritual Development Opportunities

4 week study of parables

Tuesdays @ 7:30 during February 2010

We will look at 4 parables, 2 being The Good Samaritan and the Parable of the Talents and the other 2 to be chosen by participants. We will take these 4 parables and look at the different ways they have been interpreted, and even the different ways they are told in the various gospels. We will consider traditional interpretations and we look to see how some scholars today are reappraising their message. You will be encouraged to find the understanding that makes sense for you personally in the light of the various options. Not so much teaching as facilitated discussion of what Jesus' stories means for us today.

Further 4 week studies will include reading the Book of Amos, a surprisingly relevant ancient book.

Eclipsing Empire

This 12 week DVD series has been remarkably well appreciated by those able to attend all the sessions. Part travelogue-part study; it helps us understand what the early Church community must have been like. If you want to take this course but need a time other than our usual study times, let Pastor Janet.

Mid-week Bible Study: Job

Our Tuesday morning study group will be spending some weeks reading through the book of Job, often regarded as the most difficult book of the Bible because of it's difficult subject matter. We have fun and share plenty of questions and some of the group head off for lunch and chat in downtown Troy.