



Communion

Dear Christ Church Members and Friends,

Once in a great while, something comes along and unexpectedly captures our minds and hearts. That has been my experience in planning for our special churchwide emphasis called Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving. You will not want to miss any of the four Sundays planned, as we explore and celebrate matters of our hearts. This will be a very meaningful time for our congregation.

Each Sunday beginning on October 2nd you will receive a Heart Card in worship to complete and return as a part of your offering. In preparation for this first offering from your heart, please consider what it is you love most about our church. Space is limited, so give it some thought. Maybe it is your adult study group, worship or your worship planning team, the Block Party or Spaghetti Supper or Spill Out, your Sunday school class, or the welcoming spirit of the church; what is that special something that is at the top of the list for you?

You will receive your Heart Card with your bulletin on Sunday and have time to write your "love notes" on it. We will gather and display Heart Cards at special places throughout the church, so we can share and celebrate what we love about our church.

What do you love most about our church?

Sincerely,

Nina Nichols, Pastor and Dorcas Rose, Program Director

- Sunday, October 2nd is also World Communion Sunday. We look forward to having special global music, Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius and Heard, as a part of our worship experience.
- As we share bread around the Communion table we pray for there to be enough bread at every table. Through the month of October we hope your Extravagant Generosity will include bringing donations of food items for the Roarke Center Food Pantry.
- The Special offering for World Communion Sunday will provide scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic-minority students and international students.

TROY NIGHT OUT Friday, October 28 - 5pm to 8:30pm

Italian Buffet

Includes:
eggplant parmigiana, rice balls, pasta, garlic bread, salad and sides, meat sauce or vegetarian sauce, dessert, coffee, tea, beverages

Adults \$10
Children (ages 5 to 11) \$5
Children (under 5) Free

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God intends the church to be a community that embodies love, grace, and justice for all people. As a Reconciling Congregation, we therefore affirm the sacred worth of and welcome persons of any sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, marital status, race, ethnic background, economic condition, and physical or mental ability as full participants in our community of faith. God's love includes everyone, as does Christ Church United Methodist.

Two New Space Sharers

English Country dance

An English Country Dance group will be meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month upstairs in Fellowship Hall. On October 16th they will hold a beginner workshop from 2-5pm and it is free of charge. Don Bell writes:

“If you’ve seen any Jane Austen films, you’ve had a glimpse of this graceful dance form that appears in many of her novels including “Pride and Prejudice”. English Country dancing is easy to learn and highly social; you get to dance with a lot of different people and don’t need a regular partner.”

See poster on the Office window

Transition Towns: Troy

This group meets monthly in Wesley Hall on Sunday at 4pm and share a potluck supper as they discuss and look ahead. They write “Your neighbors invite you to join in a conversation about how we can enhance and strengthen our community in changing times. Energy costs are predicted to continue rising over the coming years, increasing the cost of food, home heating, transportation, and nearly everything in our lives. Economic deterioration, climate instability, and more frequent weather emergencies pose challenges that require stronger action. “ See their flyer for more information.

Devotion:

Nancy Burgin

We were on vacation, thousands of miles from home. A couple we had never met came up to us and asked “Are you Ron & Nancy?” When we admitted that we were, the husband said, “See! I told you!” Earlier that week, we were wearing matching shirts with our names on the back. Out of all those people, they had not only seen us but remembered our names.

While I am impressed by this story, I am even more amazed at this: Out of all the billions of people on earth, God knows your name! “Thus says the Lord, Your creator... ‘I have called you by name; you are Mine!’” (Isaiah 43:1) Not only does the Holy One know our first names, but he gives us a family name as well- His own. We belong to Him, and by extension, to one another.

Moving Forward Together

September has been a busy month at Christ Church and we would like to share some of what has been going on.

First, we would like to report that the Block Party on 9/11 was a huge success. By the numbers the Christ Church was host to more than 350 guests. Our Church family cooked up and served 200 Hamburgers, 160 Hot Dogs, 20lbs of Sausage & Peppers, 70lbs of Pulled Pork as well as 50lbs of Potato Salad and 12lbs of Macaroni Salad. At the end of the day there were some leftovers and these were taken to Joseph’s House. From planning to set up and the eventual clean up many members of the church helped make our 9/11 celebration a welcoming and memorable event for friends and neighbors.

Second, we would like to share an update on the renovations. As announced at Church Council the Trustees have committed to and are moving ahead with the implementation of Phase 1 of the Christ Church renovation plan...the bathrooms. We are entering into a contract with the TAP, who we worked on for the initial design portion of the renovation, to produce construction documents, manage the bid process and directly oversee phase 1 of the renovations. At the same time we are working with a local bank to secure the loan necessary move forward and renovate the bath rooms. The current time line would allow us to start construction in January 2012, with an 8 to 10 week completion time.

Thirdly, we are happy to report that the first meeting of the “This Old Church Club” met on Sunday the 18th and painted the ramp. As reported last month the trustees will be leading a monthly (third Sunday of the month) small maintenance project. We welcome anyone who wants to lend a hand and share their time and talents doing those little things that keep our Church home in good order. The current plan for Sunday October 16th will be work on the plaster, so please consider joining us.

Christopher F. Greagan

This Old Church Club
meets 3rd Sundays for building maintenance

This month: October 16

For hands-on people that don't mind getting a little dirty for a good cause. Share your skills.

Learn from others. Make some friends.

Take pride in a job well done.

Speak to a Trustee or a Pastor for more info.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 6:30pm Wshp Planning	Regular Sunday Schedule 9.30am: Church School (All ages) 10:30am: Worship 11:30am Coffee fellowship				1
2	3 6:30pm Wshp Planning	4	5	6 10:30am Study 7pm Finance	7	8
9	10 6:30pm Wshp Planning	11	12	13 10:30am Study 7pm Church Council	14	15
16	17 6:30pm Wshp Planning	18	19	20 10:30am Study 7pm Trustees	21	22
23	24	25 Spire Deadline 9am Wshp Planning 10:30am Study	26	27	28 Italian Buffet	29

September Flowers

11 th	Given by the Cooper-Smith Memorial in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Cooper.
18 th	Given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dennie B. Riggs, Thelma J. Riggs and Mr. & Mrs. Bruce J. Riggs by Anne Riggs McNaughton, Carol Riggs Purdy and Gail Riggs Kelley.

October Birthdays.

1 st	Rebecca Pollock	2 nd	Vivian Johnston	8 th	Janice Urzan
9 th	Dolores Fletcher	10 th	Betty Sopchak	11 th	Roberta Fath
15 th	James Christian	20 th	David Rose	20 th	Mark Campbell
21 st	Timothy Farrell	22 nd	Diane Kelly	24 th	Wyn Braun
25 th	Ashley Fenimore	25 th	Micah Torres	27 th	Sue Blom
30 th	Ryan Kemp	31 st	Brian Pryor		

Wedding Anniversaries

5 th	George and Mary Baker	5 th	Betty & Nick Sopchak
7 th	Helen and Bruce Bassett	14 th	Harry and Thila Bell

Adult Forum: Ken Rose

Adult Forum this fall will be several series of short studies mostly taken from the Thoughtful Christian Website (www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com) on the basis of participants' interest. The first two series will follow the worship themes for those weeks.

September 19th and 25th were on Wesleyan Spirituality

On October 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd we will be discussing extravagant generosity.

We meet from about 9:30 to 10:15 on Sunday mornings in the parlor, but feel free to drop in at any time to join the discussion.

November Spire Deadline

The November Spire deadline is Tuesday October 25th.

New Equal Exchange Coffee program

Each month we can purchase one coffee variety, chosen by Equal Exchange, at a special one dollar off price to encourage people to give that variety a try. We already sell his coffee well under retail - during September, for example, French Roast was on offer making it \$6.50 instead of a suggested price of \$9.75. All of these coffees are fairly traded (the grower gets a fair price for them, unlike most supermarket brands), super-fresh and most are organic. October's variety has not yet been announced - stop by the Office to see what it is.

New Blue CCUM logo shirts

older stock is now on sale!

People have been admiring the new blue shirts, so if there is sufficient interest an additional order may be placed. meanwhile there are two XL embroidered T-shirts not yet claimed and available for \$15 each. meanwhile we have some of the older logo wear available and these are now reduced for clearance. There are a couple of jackets, plenty of children's gold T-shirts and a few other items. Ask in the Office to look through available stock.

Coupon Books available: \$20, church keeps half

SaveAround (once called In the City) coupon books are available in the Office for \$20 with half of going to church funds. Stop by and see if the businesses featured are ones you patronize. Just the page of Bruegger's coupons more than pays for the books if you eat there. There is fast food (12 Burger King; 12 MacDonald's buyone-get one); there are restaurants: La Serre, Jack's Oyster House;

Friendly's; TGIFriday's; 8 IHOP coupons; Moe's; Irish Mist and Pig Pit; plenty of pizza places (Inferno, Pizza Hut, Domino); Indian food (Shalimar, Curry House, Zaika, Latham Biryani) as well as skiing, museums, golf and hockey. We'd love it if you could see if your friends are interested in buying one - or how about giving one as a gift? On sale through mid- January.

Sponsor Child

At the beginning of the year 12 of you signed up to pay for one month sponsorship of our Sri Lankan sponsor child, Hirusha. The sign up sheet was taken down to make space and has not been found! If you offered to pay for a month's sponsorship please hand in your money as soon as possible as we have had several months now without payment. The monthly cost is \$30.

Church Calendar

Christ Church's website features a new and improved calendar. Our old calendar only showed you what was happening for the current week. The new calendar will allow you to look at what is happening at Christ Church well beyond the current week and can be updated in real time. Feel free to check it out on the website. It will be useful in posting any last minute cancellations due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen issues. So, if you are uncertain as to whether or not an event is still on, just check the calendar. We will do our best to keep it updated. If you need to have something posted on the calendar please feel free to contact me at davemac2007@gmail.com.

Thank you. David MacDonald

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