

# The Spire



A Newsletter by and for the people of Christ Church Bronxville

## Health and Wholeness

It's October and I've got magic on my mind. Candy corn is in my cupboard, we're narrowing down costume choices for Hallowe'en, and I'm planning our October 30th ONE Tuesday with its Harry Potter theme. Speaking of Harry Potter, my older sons and I are in the middle of Book Seven and Ron has just been splinched again. For those of you unfamiliar with the term, "splinched" is what happens to wizards when they disapparate clumsily and leave a part of their body behind. It's terribly painful, and poor Ron requires ministrations from clever Hermione who carries a little bottle of magical oil in her handbag for just such occasions.

Magic is something of a theme in our culture. It's not just for witches and wizards, and not just for birthday parties and favorite sit-coms from the 1970's. According to Avery Brooke in "Healing in the Landscape of Prayer," the word magic can apply to the countless ways we think we should try to be in control over our desires, our illnesses, our very lives. We may not have wands or incantations, but if we are faced with something broken in our lives, we assume there is something we can do to fix it. There must be a prescription, a procedure, a product, a new school, a new relationship, a new job. We spend a lot of energy, time and money on such magic. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't.

Our faith offers a different perspective. It is God who is in control, not us, and God's will for each human life

is health and wholeness. "As we surrender to God and follow God's lead in our lives," writes Avery Brooke, "we are healed. We may or may not be physically cured, but we are healed in the sense that our lives are in God's hands and we know it."

Not one of us will be spared suffering. Some of us are on a first name basis with pain and brokenness. Others of us will be surprised by a fracture, suddenly terrified and grief stricken. But our God is the God who suffers with us, who is with us in the darkness as well as in the light. It is no accident that the gospels are filled with stories of Jesus's healing ministry, and no surprise that healing was considered central to the witness of the early church. But somewhere along the way, the practice of laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil became associated with magic.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with oil is not magic. It is a sacrament, an "outward and visible sign" of God's grace at work in our lives. Receiving this sacrament, we acknowledge our own brokenness and invite God to be with us. We admit that we are not in control and we open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit working through healing prayer and human hands.

For more on the sacrament of Laying on of Hands and Anointing, please see Fr. Bird's elegant exposition on page 5.

*Faithfully,*  
Mother Kate Malin +



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## School Calendar

### Godly Play (Pre-K-1st Grade)

Oct 7th The Story of Moses  
 Oct. 14th Youth Sunday  
 Oct. 21st The Story of David  
 Oct. 28th The Story of Elijah

### Second Grade

Oct. 7th Forgiving  
 Oct. 14th Youth Sunday  
 Oct. 21st Caring and Belonging  
 Oct. 28th Giving and Sharing

### Third Grade

Oct. 7th The Story of Abraham (2)  
 Oct. 14th Youth Sunday  
 Oct. 21st Jacob  
 Oct. 28th Joseph

### Fourth Grade

Oct. 7th Jesus' Baptism  
 & Temptation  
 Oct. 14th Youth Sunday  
 Oct. 21st Jesus' Early Ministry  
 Oct. 28th Jesus' Early Ministry (2)

### Fifth Grade

Oct. 7th The Bible in English  
 Oct. 14th Youth Sunday  
 Oct. 21st The Church begins –  
 A Summary of Acts  
 Oct. 28th The Ancient Church Era

### Sixth Grade

Oct. 7th Overview of Christian  
 Denominations  
 Oct. 14th Youth Sunday  
 Oct. 21st Comparison of Christian  
 Denominations  
 Oct. 28th Catholics & Episcopalians  
 – What's the Difference?

## Nursery

Located on the third floor of the Child Center, this resource is staffed by two loving and caring professionals from 9:45 A.M. to noon each Sunday. Parents are also welcome and encouraged as extra volunteers.

## Children's Christian Formation

### Halloween Party

October 28th  
 at 3:30pm in TAYLOR HALL

*followed by a special Eucharist in costume!*



## Children's Chapel & Event Schedule

Oct 7th	9:45am	Children's Chapel: The Parable of the Mustard Seed
	5:00pm	Blessing of the Animals
Oct 14th	10:00am	YOUTH SUNDAY (No Children's Chapel or Church School. Primary choir and Sing'n Ring sing in church)
Oct 21st	9:45am	Children's Chapel: The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge
Oct 28th	9:45am	Children's Chapel - The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
	3:30pm	Halloween Party in Taylor Hall.

*-Barbara Potgeiter*

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## All Creatures Great & Small!

We celebrated the Feast of St. Francis (Oct.4) with our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday afternoon, October 7th. The nave of Christ Church looked more like Noah's Ark just before the flood! In a marvelously chaotic service the parish pets, cued up to received their individual blessing from Fr. Bird, Mother Malin & Fr. Jernagan. Treats for all were then enjoyed in the Columnbarium.

The expected dogs & cats of all breeds, sizes & and temperaments were in attendance, as well as the GEICO lizard! A good time was had by all.



## The Arts at Christ Church

### Vibes, Voice, Cello & Percussion Chamber Jazz and Beyond

*Chris Lee & Colleen O'Brien* are a contemporary chamber jazz duo in which vibes, voice, cello and percussion come together to form an inspired original repertoire. Their music combines the attention to composition and form of chamber music with the freedom and improvisational interplay of jazz. The music includes, songs and poetry which provide for an eclectic blend which has been described as an "intelligent and sensual sound"\* What they create is music with vision; a unique, sometimes haunting and mesmerizing journey through an intimate musical landscape.

Music allows words and lyrics to penetrate more deeply into human feeling & experience. This helps to connect human suffering and transcendence in one moment. Chris and Colleen will be presenting a collection of songs devoted to peace by Herbie Hancock, Bobby Hutcherson, Steve Swallow, Keith Jarrett, Paul McCandless, Kenny Wheeler, John Surman, Stanley Cowell and others, and original lyrics / compositions devoted to Peace and Protest.

*October 19th 7:30pm Taylor Hall  
\$10 Admission*

**Embodied Prayer** is a half day retreat with Honi Brasco and Krista Miller. The experience of God is something that is impossible to describe with words alone. The arts can help us experience the soul's longing in symbolic forms and reveal the holy in ways we might not have imagined. We discover in the process of creating images, aspects of our soul that were not available through other means. Similarly, movement puts us in touch with a bodily experience of prayer, and alerts us to the subtle differences in prayer postures and ways of knowing God that go beyond word or image. Join Honi and Krista as we use art and movement as vehicles to open us to the presence of God. Feel free to bring your own materials. Materials will also be provided. All are welcome, regardless of artistic/movement ability.

*Saturday, Oct. 27th, 9:30 -1:30PM  
\$15 Registration Includes Lunch and Materials*



## Heritage Lunch

The Fall Heritage Lunch scheduled for Sunday, October 14th, celebrating MacGregory's 90th birthday will be postponed. A new date will hopefully be announced soon. Stay tuned!

## Happy Birthday

**October:3:** Nikolaus Bender, Gordon James O'Brien, Barbara O'Donoghue, Dr. Robert Singleton ; **4:** Velma Dougherty, Henri Gourd, Margaret Gourd; **5:** Kendall Connors, Claire Kraemer, Allison Hoover; **6:** Stewart MacGregory, Liam Neild, Frederick Romley, Nicolette Romley, ; **7:** James Murphy; **9:** Charles Camp; **11:** Michael Bird, Linda Blakely, Helen Noone; **12:** Thomas Brasco; **14:** Jamie Carroll, Diana Horne, John Zygmunt; **15:** Garvey, James Leo, Michael Hoover, Peter Johnson; **18:** Richard Bower; **19:** Barbara Deller, Catherine Sica, ; **21:** William Murphy, Izaak Thoms; **23:** Brigid Buendia, Timothy Cushman; **Patricia Garvey;** **25:** Betsy Goodell, Betsy Callicott, **26:** Lauren Allan, Jeffrey Barrett; **28:** Pamela Humbert; **31:** Centes Williams, Phil Hamlin and Thomas O'Donoghue

Save the Date  
for *Outreach Sunday*  
*November 18th.*

## Adult Christian Formation

ONE TUESDAY:

### *Supper à la Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry*

October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Join us on Tuesday October 30 for an All Saints'/All Hallows' Eve extravaganza. The entire parish family is invited to meet in Taylor Hall at 6:00 pm for supper à la Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. At 6:30 pm, the kids will break off for a presentation on "The Gospel and Harry Potter" while the adults join Deirdre Good, Professor of New Testament at the General Theological Seminary, for a forum on "Why We're Missing the Saints." Childcare will be available for kids four and under and we'll gather together for a closing prayer at 7:45 pm. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Malin.

## Working Mothers' Fellowship October 17th

Our first WMF meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday October 17 at 7:00 pm in the Crispell Lounge. If you are a mom who works outside the home, please stop by for wine, cheese and lively conversation about how we can feed our own souls while raising faithful children in an increasingly secular world. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Malin at [kmalin@ccbny.org](mailto:kmalin@ccbny.org).

## Asking Tough Questions: A Conversation with the Children of Abraham

The Center for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Understanding presents Dinner and Dialogue with Rabbi Marc Gellman, Fr. Patrick Ryan and Imam Kareem Adeeb on Thursday, October 25 from 7:00-9:30 pm at Fordham at Marymount: RSHM Dining Room in Rita Hall, 100 Marymount Avenue, Tarrytown, NY. RSVP by October 15th to The Church of St. Barnabas (914) 591-8194. The event is \$50.00 per person, including dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Malin.

## The Sacrament of Healing at the 10:00 Service

The Sacrament of Unction, which is the laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing, has been part of the church's larger ministry from the very beginning. Jesus's ministry of healing is evident throughout the Gospels, as is his call for the disciples to carry on that practice. And in James 5:14-15 we read: "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven."

Christ Church has historically offered a healing service once a week on Thursday mornings. But attendance over the years, despite the beauty and meaning of that liturgy, has dwindled to almost nothing.

In our complicated and confusing world, the power of Christ to heal and restore us has never been more needed. So to reclaim the sacrament of healing in the life of this congregation the clergy have decided to add a healing component to our Sunday 10:00 A.M. service once a month. At that service the Prayers of the People will be replaced with the Litany of Healing, and during communion one of the clergy will be in the Lady Chapel to anoint people for healing. The prayer said by the priest is this:

*I lay my hands upon you and anoint you with oil in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May Almighty God uphold you and fill you with his grace, that through the healing power of Christ's love you may be brought to wholeness of mind, body and spirit in his name. Amen.*

People choose to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil for many reasons. Perhaps they themselves are ill. Perhaps they are soul weary from the stresses of this life. Perhaps they need the strength to care for their loved ones who are ill or dependent on them. No matter what the reason, we believe that healing does work. We believe that God is present in that sacrament and that God's presence makes a difference. This is the concluding prayer, after communion on those Sundays:

*O God, the Source of life, of health, and of healing; may we be conscious now of your healing, saving power, manifesting itself in our lives. May we with the eyes of faith behold the hands of your Son Jesus Christ resting upon us, and may we believe that his touch has still the ancient power to heal. May we be conscious that the divine life of God is now supporting and comforting us and shall be with us always. Complete now, dear Lord, the work begun in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Please know that this sacrament is here for you; that it is yet another way for God's love to be made manifest in your life.

*This sacrament will next be administered during the 10:00 am service of Holy Eucharist on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH.***

*If you are feeling broken yourself, or simply desire prayers for healing because you are caring for someone else, offer yourself for a moment of prayer in the Lady Chapel after communion.*

*May we all be blessed to know the healing power of God's love.*

### *Will you prepare a meal for a member of our parish family?*

There is a quiet and wonderful ministry going on at Christ Church Bronxville as members of our parish are providing meals to some of our parishioners who are homebound, ill or just need a little help and loving care. Please consider signing up to provide one meal for a family of three or four, either homemade or take out. Contact the Rev. Kate Malin for more details.

## EYC Calendar

## October

For Further Information about the EYC contact Director of Youth Ministry Krista Miller at [kmiller@ccbny.org](mailto:kmiller@ccbny.org)

**Regular Meetings**

Mondays 7:30-8:30

Wednesday Lunch During  
Bronxville School's Lunch Hour

**October 14th**

Volunteer Day - Party for San  
Andres 12-3:30pm in Taylor Hall

**October 15th**

Registration for the Pilgrimage to  
Taizé and trip to Barcelona due

**October 26th**

Midnight Run – 7:45 in the church  
kitchen

## November

**November 1st** - Registration for  
the Mission Trip to Costa Rica Due.

**November 9-10th**

Save the Date! Diocesan Youth  
Convention Hosted by Christ  
Church

Christ Church will be hosting  
the Episcopal Diocese of New  
York's first Diocesan Youth  
Convention. The event, hosted  
in conjunction with the larger  
Diocesan Convention, will give  
high schoolers from all over the  
New York area an opportunity  
to have their voices heard in the  
church, learn about hot issues in the  
Anglican Communion and have a  
lot of fun.

## Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

*Outreach With Yonkers  
Church Iglesias San Andres*

Teens in the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) spent September developing an outreach program with Yonkers church Iglesias San Andres. Teens from San Andres have attended regular EYC meetings at Christ Church. They are both worshipping with our EYC and working with Christ Church to develop service projects and fellowship opportunities with San Andres. On October 14th the teens from both churches will kick-off their project. They will host young children from San Andres in an afternoon of cooking, pumpkin painting and All Saints' Day fun. The party will take place from 12:00 – 3:30 in Taylor Hall.

The work will continue in the form of a flooring project at San Andres. The EYC has learned many skills on past mission trips. One of those skills was flooring. They will spend their volunteer day in November at San Andres ripping up the floor and installing a new one. These projects are only the beginning. The EYC hopes to work with San Andres throughout the year, building friendships with people who live lives different from their own, right next door in Yonkers and helping friends in need.

*Pilgrimage to Taizé and  
Cultural Experience  
in Barcelona***Registration Due October 15th**

During February break the EYC will spend a week in personal prayer at the Taizé Monastery in France as well as a three day excursion in Barcelona. Taizé is a monastery for all Christians focused on peace and reconciliation that draws tens of thousands of young people between the ages of 14 and 30 each year. It is a place where teenagers from around the world gather to spend time in prayer and silence, build friendships and learn about other cultures. When Christ Church was at Taizé this past February there were teenagers from thirteen different countries present. We learned the same game and its accompanying song in four languages! Many teens on the trip went home feeling that Taizé was the place where they truly discovered their personal relationships with God and began to understand the things we all have in common. Registration is available at [ccbny.org](http://ccbny.org) or by e-mailing Krista Miller at [kmiller@ccbny.org](mailto:kmiller@ccbny.org)

*Mission Trip to Costa Rica August 2008***Registration Due November 1st**

During the first week of August 2008 the EYC will travel to Costa Rica for the first International EYC Mission Trip. Hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Costa Rica, the teens will work with a local church on construction and repairs as well as building a relationship with the church. The EYC will also have time to experience the culture and landscape of Costa Rica through activities such as surfing, hiking, viewing volcanoes and more. Contact Krista Miller at [kmiller@ccbny.org](mailto:kmiller@ccbny.org) for more information.

# Music

**Music on October 14**— Choristers in Sing 'n Ring , Voice for Life and Primary Choir will sing the 10:00AM Service of Holy Eucharist (Youth Sunday). Please have your chorister here, ready to get their robe on at:

8:50AM – Sing 'n Ring and Voice for Life

9:20AM – Primary Choir

## Solemn Evensong

Solemn Evensong will be sung by Schola Cantorum and The Christ Church Choir on October 14th at 5:00PM. This Evensong will celebrate our organ and bid it farewell. Robert Richter will play the organ masterpiece by Franz Listz “Prelude and fugue on B A C H” for the opening voluntary. Canticles for Evensong are from the “Collegium Regale” service by Herbert Howells. The Anthem “Let my prayer rise up as the incense” by Peter Hallock will be accompanied by organ and handbells.

Organ Voluntary begins at 4:45PM.

**Congratulations** to the following 26 choristers who participated in the sixth annual Choir Camp which was held at Camp Warwick the weekend of September 28-30th:

Henry Anderson	Asia Bond	Jayttaa Grant
Joan Hancock	Malika Laurence	Alaya Martin
Taber Minich	Ridge Nurse	Talia Oliveras
Analisa Olsen	Paul Philips	Will Rabsey
Nicolette Romley	Lyla Rose Barwick	Brandon Schneider
Caleb Smith	Walker Smith	Alleigh Thoms
Wilyem Thoms	Robert Villavicencio	Caroline Yerkes
Hadley Barr	Caroline Beit	Ella Hogan
Claire Kraemer	Hannah Potgieter	

**Special thanks to the chaperones:** Joan Forsythe, Deborah Ross, Sarah Kraemer, Gladys Olsen, Tracey Minich, Andrew Sheranian, Mo. Kate Malin, Robert Richter, Christopher Wells

## HANDBELL SESSION I

Rehearsals:

Monday October 15 7-8:30PM

Monday October 22 7-8:30PM

Performance:

Sunday October 28 9:00AM Warmup  
10:00AM Ring in Church

Session I is for all ringers to be a part of a large Handbell ensemble. Children who have rung handbells before and are in Grade 3 or above are welcome. Any adult who can recognize a quarter note is welcome.

## Parish Choir Dates for 2007-08

November 18, January 27, March 30, May 25

## Calling Volunteers!

Iglesia San Andres, a small, Hispanic church in Yonkers with which we have a strong outreach-based relationship, needs our help!

They have an after-school tutoring program with over 40 kids, grades K- 6, designed to help the kids with their basic skills (reading, writing, etc.) and provide a safe place for them to spend their afternoons.

The program is desperately in need of adult volunteers to help the kids with their school work. The program is from 3:30 - 5:30 every weekday afternoon. If you are interested in helping with this (you can help as much or as little as you want!), please call or email Dorothy Thomas (667-1625 dorothy.acee.thomas@gmail.com)

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Thanks!

## First Friday Films

Our series this year on “Evil and Good” continues on November 2 with a screening of “Deliver Us From Evil.” This 2006 Oscar-nominated documentary investigates the life of 30-year pedophile Father Oliver O’Grady and exposes the corruption inside the Roman Catholic Church that allowed him to abuse countless children. The film provides a view into the troubled mind of a spiritual leader who moved from parish to parish gaining the trust of congregations, all the while betraying so many.

First Friday Film begins in Taylor Hall with refreshments at 6:30 PM. The movie starts at 7:00 PM. Afterwards, all are invited to remain to discuss the theological implications of the film and how the film speaks to our understanding of the presence of evil in God’s good creation.

## October Highlights



<b>Sunday October 7</b>	5:00PM	Blessing of the Animals
<b>Sunday October 14</b>	10:00AM	Youth Sunday
	5:00PM	Solemn Festival Evensong in farewell to our current organ
<b>Friday October 26</b>	7:45PM	Midnight Run
<b>Saturday October 27</b>	9:00AM	Embodying Prayer Workshop with Honi Brasco and Krista Miller
<b>Sunday October 28</b>	3:30PM	Halloween Party in Taylor Hall followed by Worship at 5:00PM

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