

The Spire



A Newsletter by and for the people of Christ Church Bronxville



Welcome Back!

I would like to personally welcome you back from what I hope was a wonderful and restorative summer. I always find this time of year exciting and energizing. After a summer of vacation travel and activity for many of us, our parish family is back together again – breaking bread, sharing summer stories, and looking forward to a busy and fulfilling fall and winter together.

It has been yet another summer of important construction here at Christ Church, with dramatic changes being made to the Sagamore entrance and corridor shared by the Church Offices and the Eliza Corwin Frost Child Center. In their spare time Christopher Wells, Robert Richter and friends built a beautiful new archive storage room in June, just in time for the Winthrop Group Archival Consultants to come in and fully inventory, catalog and store our precious memories. Detailed tests have been completed on our flat roofs and plans are being made to make them waterproof again. Bids have been solicited for work to the church walls and the rectory. Lightning damage to the organ and computer systems has been repaired and claims filed. And during it all, the members of the church staff have continued to do their work with grace and a very necessary sense of humor. (Reports on all of these ongoing projects will be made available in future Spires, on the website and in the Sure Foundation capital campaign newsletter).

Each of these projects, in some way, shape or form will contribute to our mission – will allow us to do more of what God asks of us.

To Love God

To Love Each Other

To Serve the World *Mark 12:30-31*

When the staff met in June to plan and evaluate our fall and winter programs, we used this passage from Mark as our guide. “Will these events or classes, activities or services, help each of us to love and to serve?” This question, in combination with “What will the impact of the Wellington (Kensington) Development be on our life together?” led us to some hard fought decisions to let go, for now, of some good but not “essential” things. The old saying that “less is more,” especially as we try to respect the increasingly busy lives of most parishioners, seems to make sense.

Such careful measurement of our programs also means that we will invest greater effort in some of the programs that we are already doing well and introduce some new things that fit our goals. Please do take a few moments to reflect on the many programs offered within these pages. There is indeed something for everyone, including even more ways to bring all of our generations together. And as always, please do not hesitate to offer suggestion.

This will be an exciting and joyful fall for us and I can’t wait to welcome you back.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Michael A. Bird, Rector

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Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Fridays
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Welcome Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 9:00 AM IN
TAYLOR HALL

Please join us for breakfast in Taylor Hall before Children's Chapel. This is your opportunity to reconnect with one another after the summer break, meet our Church School teachers, and confirm that your child's registration information is correct (or to register your child for the first time). The classroom assignments for each grade will be posted so you can show your child their Church School room.

September School Calendar

Sept. 9th, 9:00 AM
Welcome Breakfast

Sept. 16th, 6:00 PM
Confirmation Parents Meeting

Sept. 16th, 9:45 AM
Church School and Children's Chapel

Sept. 23rd, 9:45 AM
Church School and Children's Chapel

Sept 24th, 7:30 PM
Start of Confirmation Classes

Sept. 24th, 7:30 PM
Confirmation Class

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

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR CHILDREN'S FORMATION AND FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES

Christian Formation begins Sunday, September 9th. Barbara Potgieter has agreed to serve as the new Coordinator of the Children's Christian Formation program. We gratefully acknowledge Barbara's commitment and creativity over the past few years, and look forward to her expanded role in this ministry. Krista Miller will move from her position with Children's Formation to the role of Director of Youth Ministries, building upon the wonderful work she did with our teens last year. Look for a full schedule of children's and youth events coming soon.

What Matters to Us

The goal of Children's Christian Formation at Christ Church is to help our children learn the Bible more fully, grasp their faith more deeply, and gain a tangible sense of God's love for them. Much of the curriculum revolves around the art of storytelling and active engagement with the great stories of our faith. Additional crafts and activities will be offered each week to augment the learning of this material, but at the end of the day it is these stories of God's relationship with humanity that we want our children to know.

Godly Play

Age Three Through Grade One

The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language, parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence around them and in their lives. Godly Play is Montessori-based and uses high-quality wooden pieces to focus the children's attention on the wonder of the story and

encourage them to internalize their faith through the rhetorical questions that are part of the story-telling. A good place to learn more is www.godlyplay.com.

Godly Dialogue

Grades Two through Six

Building on the philosophy of Godly Play, Godly Dialogue allows children to build an awareness of God's presence by actively engaging with the stories of our Faith. Each weekly session is focused on dialogue and discussion about the class topics and stories, allowing the children to explore the ways they are relevant in their own lives. Each year has a special focus:

2nd grade: The Eucharist (Communion)

3rd grade: The Old Testament

4th grade: The New Testament

5th grade: Church History

6th grade: World Religions

Confirmation classes begin in 7th grade.

Children's Christian Formation Schedule (Weekly)

9:45 AM Children's Chapel in Taylor Hall

9:55AM Children to classrooms, escorted by their parents.

(Nursery care is available for babies and children too young for Church School.)

Presentation Hymn

Grades 2 through 6 enter church from the Narthex and sit with their parents.
(approximately 10:40 AM)

At Communion

Children 3 years old through first grade enter church through the door by the pulpit and go to their parents.
(approximately 10:50 AM)

-Barbara Potgieter

Children's Christian Formation Coordinator
bpotgieter@ccbny.org

Music

All Choirs Meeting – Sunday September 16 following the 10AM service. ALL parents of choristers and ALL teen and adult choristers should attend this meeting. The meeting will be over by 11:00 AM.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules

detailed schedules can be found online at <http://www.ccbny.org/music/index.html>

Voice for Life - boys and girls Grades 2-8

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-5:30PM

Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM

(choose two of three rehearsals)

Sing n' Ring – boys and girls Grades 2-8

Tuesdays 6:15-7:30PM

Primary Choir – boys and girls Kindergarten and First Grade

Wednesdays 3:45-4:30PM

Schola Cantorum – teens

Thursdays 7:00-8:15PM

Christ Church Choir – Adults

Thursdays 7:30-9:00PM

Parish Choir Dates for 2007-08

Attention all singers! Have you sung in choir before? Maybe you could return for even ONE of these dates. It's easy, just come at 9:00 AM to rehearse and sing at the 10:00 AM liturgy.

Sunday, November 18th

Sunday, January 27th

Sunday, March 30th

Sunday, May 25th

Fall 2007 Music Events

Choir Camp- September 28th – 30th

Youth Sunday-October 14th -10:00 AM

Evensong- October 14th at 5:00 PM
(the last time we hear the Christ Church Organ before it is rebuilt and reinstalled in 2009)

Choir Tour to Boston- November 9th-11th
(VFL, Schola Cantorum, Christ Church Choir)

Lessons and Carols with the Kensington Brass-December 2nd

Bickley Park, Bromley UK -
December 16th-Choir sings at 10:00 AM

HANDBELL SESSION I RINGS OCTOBER 28TH

Rehearsals Mondays October 15th and 27th – 7-8:30PM

If you can ring a bell and follow along in a music score, we need you!

See Christopher Wells for details.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Youth Ministry

There has been a staffing change at Christ Church. For the past two years Krista Miller has been working with the Church School as Children's Christian Formation Coordinator. In February Krista went to the Taize monastery with the teens in Schola Cantorum and has since been working with them to start a youth group. This year Krista continues on staff as Director of Youth Ministry. She has planned an exciting year for the high schoolers. If you are interested in attending any of the events just stop by or e-mail Krista at kmiller@ccbny.org

Confirmation Classes

Seventh and Eighth Grade Confirmation Classes will begin in September. Introductory meeting for parents and kids at 6:00 PM Sunday September 16th in Taylor Hall. Confirmation classes for seventh and eighth graders will begin on Monday, September 24th from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. For more information and a complete schedule, visit our website at www.ccbny.org or contact Fr. Bird.

First Friday Films

First Friday Films begins its new season on Friday, October 5th. Our theme this year is "Evil and Good." First Friday Films are held the first Friday of every month. We meet in Taylor Hall for refreshments at 6:30 PM and begin the movie at 7:00 PM. Afterwards, all are invited to remain to discuss the theological implications of the movie and how the film speaks to our understanding of the presence of evil in God's good creation.

Our first screening will be "The Omen (1976)." This classic film mixes gothic horror and mystery into its plot about a young boy suspected of being the personification of the anti-Christ. A superb cast includes Gregory Peck and Lee Remick, with a spot-on turn by Billie Whitelaw as the creepy nanny. "The Omen's" biblical portent, effective Academy-Award winning score, discrete use of violence and deft direction combine for an entertaining and provocative kick-off to this year's First Friday Films season. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Malin. For a complete schedule, see our website at www.ccbny.org.

DMT Goes to Tennessee

Young at Arts

*Young at Arts Fall Registration
Classes begin on September
24th*

*Drama, Voice, Chorus, and
Orchestra*

*You can register online at www.youngatarts.us or by calling
914 562 1938*

Heritage Lunch

Mark your calendars now for the Fall Heritage Lunch on Saturday, October 14th from 11:30 in the Crispell Lounge. We will be celebrating MacGregory's 90th at a luncheon!

Happy Birthday

August: 1: Willard Mahood, Laura Villani, Nancy Yohannan; 2: Steve Kraemer, Teresa McRoberts; 3: Chandler Clarke; 4: Eugene Elliott, EmilyAnn Krusz; 5: Annie Freed, Julia Bruton, William Howard; 6: Mia DelBene, Dr. James Clarke, Cecily Moffett; 7: Robert Krusz; 8: Katharine Kranenburg, Mae Theodora Thomas; 11: Joseph Philips, Shruti Philips; 12: Edward Kenney; 13: Betsy Goodrum; 15: Andy Bender, Helen Clarke, Laura Dean, Margaret George, Linda Frankenbach, Elizabeth Tighe; 17: Scott Freed; 18: Marianna Bruton, Holly Castle; 19: Courtney Bogle; 21: Callie Ewy; 23: Cary Watson; Cia McAlarney; 25: Benjamin Holland, Martha Thomas; 26: Douglas Wisner; 27: Emily Brasco, Cameron McKhann, Luke Sears; 29: Nicholas Foley, Charles Luce, Addison Morse, Amber Taylor, Barbara Potgieter; 30: Alexandra Kenney and Kira Parks



Twenty-one teenagers in the Christ Church Youth Group donated a week of their summer vacations to mission work in August. The group, led by Father Bird and Krista Miller, traveled by van to the Appalachian community of Copperhill Tennessee with hammers, safety glasses and work gloves in hand to help people in need. While in Tennessee they worked with Eagle Adventures, a local organization that hosts mission trips and identifies area people who need home repair. Christ Church worked in two groups at four different homes. The work included: laying laminate floor; demolition; building a stone foundation; installing new pressure treated sills, joists and subfloor; roofing; building stairs; and painting at each site.

Most of the residents were not able to assist the group with the work due to physical ailments. Despite this, all of them exhibited a strong desire to help in small ways. Clyde, a homeowner who was a favorite among the group, especially touched the teenagers by buying them popsicles and sodas while they worked.

Representatives from Eagle Adventures told the teens that helpful behavior is typical for Clyde. Despite being heavily

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT

September 14th-15th in
New Jersey

Come eat, pray and play for the
weekend!

RSVP to Director of Youth
Ministry Krista Miller at kmiller@ccbny.org

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

September 14th and 15th-
Youth Retreat in New Jersey

September 21st-Midnight Run

September 23rd-EYC Family Picnic
(Columbarium/Taylor Hall) 12:00-
2:00 PM

medicated for Arthritis, Clyde regularly helps elderly Copperhill citizens get to the post office and do their shopping.

Our Eagle Adventure guide David was also an inspiration to the teens. About a year ago his home was destroyed by fire. Since then Eagle Adventure has been sending groups to his property to aide in the rebuilding process. David was so touched by this service that he now donates his time and carpentry skills (of which he has many) to Eagle Adventures. He took us to our more challenging worksites, showed us what to do and helped us finish our projects.

Each night at Eagle Adventures concluded with a youth led prayer and Taize songs. During the service our teenagers had a chance to reflect on their experiences of the trip. The incredible generosity and kindness of Clyde, David and other Copperhill residents were consistent topics for reflection. David and Clyde's capacity for love and kindness despite the obstacles they each faced was inspirational to them. Other highlights included a low ropes course, rafting, and a trip to an Atlanta Braves game.

The Youth Group learned many new skills and accomplished more than expected in Tennessee. They also learned a lot about life and the ability to love. On our last day the people who run Eagle Adventures told us that Christ Church was their favorite group of the season. A job well done!
-Krista Miller





Eleven Travelers on Christ Church Bronxville's Mission to Malawi

Dr. Etta Eskridge, the Rev. Kate Malin and a group of nine other travelers left Christ Church Bronxville for the south-central African country of Malawi late Tuesday afternoon July 31st. After an eighteen-hour flight, we landed in Johannesburg late Wednesday and flew out the next morning to Lilongwe, Malawi's capital. Our home-away-from-home was a modest lodge called "Annie's," and we made day trips to a variety of villages and projects funded by GAIA (the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance), an organization Christ Church has helped support for several years.

Our goal for this trip was to meet leaders on the ground who are making a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty in Malawi; to see for ourselves how GAIA funded projects are carried out; to bring a message of friendship and love from Christ Church to the people of Malawi, (and connecting with the Anglican church in the Diocese of Lake Malawi); and to open our hearts to a possible hands-on mission project in the future. Parishioner Dr. Etta Eskridge organized our daily adventures through contacts established on her previous two trips to Malawi with GAIA.

Our days were exhausting and exhilarating, both physically and emotionally. The group's strong bond, which had developed over months of preparatory meetings and fundraising, deepened every day. Our time together was shaped by worship, as we shared Holy Communion on our first and last days, attended Sunday Services together, held spiritual reflection each evening, and closed each day praying the service of Compline.

Highlights of our trip included visits to Dzama Village (directly supported by Christ Church Bronxville's grant to



GAIA); the Infant Crisis Center (which cares for orphans and ill infants); the Youth Care Ministry (which provides shelter and schooling to teen street boys); Ndi Moyo, (which provides palliative care to those with HIV/AIDS and cancer); and Lunzu Parish (an extraordinary amalgam of self-sustaining enterprises, clinics and home health care services).

For a full report on both mission trips, please save the date!

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th for the first "ONE Tuesday."

A light supper will begin at six in Taylor Hall, followed by presentations by the Malawi Travelers and those who went on the Tennessee DMT. Childcare will be available for kids four and under, and a separate project for elementary school aged kids will take place after dinner. The evening will close with prayer. Please RSVP to the church office to help us in our preparations for the evening.

For more pictures please visit www.ccbny.org for Etta's Photo Diary.

The Carpenter's Kids

The program is underway at Christ Church. Thanks to the parish's commitment to support fifty needy children in Tanzania by pledging \$50 a year per child for five years, we will be joining the growing number churches in our diocese who are making the Carpenter's Kids program work. Soon, Christ Church will be linked with a parish in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika and the most vulnerable children in that village will receive school supplies, breakfast, shoes and uniforms. We will receive progress reports, photos and messages from the parish, which will permit our relationship to grow. For more information, contact the Rev. Kate Malin or click on Carpenter's Kids on our website, www.ccbny.org.

Save the Date

Save the Date: Blue Tulip Fundraiser for Mission to Malawi Wednesday September 19th. Do some early holiday shopping at Blue Tulip on Wednesday September 19th and 20% of all money spent will be donated to Christ Church's Mission to Malawi. Dr. Etta Eskridge and the Rev. Kate Malin will be on hand with photos and reports from this summer's mission trip, and to discuss plans for the future.

Happy Birthday

September:1:

Jerri Andersen, Caroline Yerkes;
2: Nicole Clarke, Caroline Kirby;
3: John Barrett, Ron Cappello, Lea Kelsey; 4: Karen Bevan, Dylan Richardson; 5: Constance Kleiner, Peter Gross, Elizabeth Maitland, David Morse; 6: Royden Connors, Warren Ilchman, Nancy Whitney;
7: Jane Kratovil;
9: Sara Marshall, William Rabsey;
10: Natalie Beit, Harold Bogle; 11: Elizabeth Holland, Arthur Nagle, James Wilson;
12: Priscilla Newman, Jeff Minich;
13: Willis O'Brien;
14: Parker Callaway, Maria Hayes;
15: Claire Bowen, Emma Donahue, Sarah Reynolds ; 16: Lucy Hanna;
17: William Campbell, Katharine George; 18: Cindy Ahmuty; 19: Michelle Ruhm; 21: Frederick Engelhardt, Mary Thaler, Mark Wood; 22: Caroline Beit, Ann Petersen; 23: Nicole Sears, William Turino; 24: Shelby Goodrum, Elizabeth Zambelli; 25: Nora Foley, Sarah Heintz, Mona McArlarney; 26: Jason Cushman, Bob Devlin, Jack Marshall; 27: Mary Anderberg, Hershell George, Piper Gilliam; 29: Amelia Buendia, Patricia Mutolo, John Redpath, Judith Wilson, Bill Zambelli; 30: Jack Godfrey, Olivia Cappello and Helen Wood.

Christ Church Welcomes

NEW SEMINARIAN

Joining us this year is Jennifer Brown-Lanier: Bronx resident, cradle Episcopalian and second-year seminarian at the General Theological Seminary. Jennifer's home and sponsoring parish is St. Peter's Church, Westchester Square in the Bronx, where she has been a member for over thirty years. At St. Peter's, Jennifer was actively involved in the Sunday School and the Youth Group. She was a lay reader as well as the chairperson of the Pastoral Care Committee. This past summer, Jennifer served as a chaplain intern at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, satisfying the seminary's Clinical Pastoral Education requirement. Jennifer is delighted to be joining the team at Christ Church, where she plans to develop her interest in children and youth ministries. She is looking forward to her continuing formation for ministry through her service at Christ Church, and we hope you will give Jennifer a warm welcome as she joins us in September.

...AND GREETING RETURNING SEMINARIAN

Dolores McKay returns for her second year as seminarian with Christ Church. Dolores is a Lutheran Synodical Deacon of the Metropolitan New York Synod and a third-year seminarian at the General Theological Seminary. She will graduate in May 2008 with a Masters of Divinity and then begin an internship in a Lutheran Church. Dolores, has been married to Harry, a retired New York City Fire Captain, for 50 years. They have 5 married children and 7 grandchildren. Last year, Dolores regularly assisted in Sunday services as well as various pastoral care and outreach programs. She is looking forward to serving the congregation of Christ Church, and we are delighted to welcome her back.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Regular Meetings

Monday Night Live -Monday Nights
7:30-8:30 PM

Monday Night Live is a time to gather, ask questions, pray, and discuss our faith in the context of teenage life today. We also eat snacks, build lifelong friendships and have fun!

Lunch-Wednesdays During Bronxville School's Lunch Hour

Once a week, usually on Wednesday, the EYC meets Youth Minister Krista Miller and Father Bird for lunch. Locations alternate between Fr. Bird's house and a location in town. During lunch we engage in the very serious activity of hanging out and filling our bellies. Sometimes we get to play with toy trains too!

Christian Service-Two Days Each Month
The EYC puts Spirit to work in regular active Christian mission throughout the greater New York metropolitan area. One Friday a month we bring food, clothes and toiletries to Manhattan's homeless population through work with the Midnight Run organization. One Sunday a month is spent, painting, building and repairing area churches, soup kitchens and other places in need. Weeklong Pilgrimages

The EYC takes very seriously the Christian formation of its members. One powerful way we practice this is by traveling together in pilgrimage and in service. During the weeklong February break as well as the first week in August, the group spends time together in active Christian mission, praying and working on a building project.

Midnight Run and Breakfast Run Needs You!

Friday September 21st Christ Church will operate a Midnight run. Your help is needed in this outreach activity.

How You Can Help

To Volunteer: Adult chaperones and teenagers to go on the run and help in the preparation are needed. Please contact PG Costa at 914-961-4050 or pg@piercosta.net.

To Donate Clothing: Gently used and clean clothing. It would be even better if you could purchase some of the items listed at your favorite discount store.

- Durable pants-** Large sizes are preferred, waist sizes 32 - 40 and above. Men's Blue jeans preferred.
- Socks- Only new, white or dark** tube socks.
- Underwear-Only new** Jockey style, Sizes 34 -42. Bring a few pairs of women's briefs as well.
- Sweatshirts and long-sleeve shirts-** LG and XL dark colors preferred. Hooded sweatshirts are especially useful.
- T-shirts- Any color** M-XL.
- Hats-** Baseball caps.

•**Shoes-**Sizes 9 -12 and above.

Lightly worn sneakers or athletic shoes (no spikes), soft-soled shoes and work boots are preferred.

•**Backpacks-** Not essential, but coveted by folks on the street.

If you don't have clothing to give, checks with Midnight Run indicated in the Memo line are welcome. Please deliver your donation at Christ Church before Thursday September 14th so that we'll have the time to sort them. *-P.G. Costa*

Breakfast Run:September 23th at 6:00 AM.

The Breakfast Run is the middle school version of a Midnight Run. Children arrive at Christ Church at 6:00 AM, pack meals, prepare breakfast and head into New York to distribute the food to the homeless. They return by the 10:00 service - if they can stay awake by then! Please contact Mike Conaton or the Church Office for more details, to sign up your child, or to volunteer as a parent helper/chaperone. Look for more details at www.ccbny.org or in the Sunday bulletins.



Blessing of the Animals

Please save the date, Sunday October 7th, at 5:00 PM, for our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals. All creatures of God's Kingdom are welcome.

Adult Christian Formation

ONE TUESDAY

Adult Christian Formation at Christ Church is in the process of refreshment and renewal. In response to the "A Sure Foundation" campaign, Christ Church will introduce ONE Tuesday, a once-monthly evening of Education, Formation and Fellowship for the entire Christ Church family. Supper will begin at 6:00 PM in Taylor Hall, followed by the Adult Formation program at 6:30 PM. A program for children will be offered in the Undercroft and childcare will be available for children four years old and under. To close the evening, the parish will gather again in Taylor Hall for a short prayer service ending at 7:45.

ONE Tuesday has as its theme the Episcopal Church's commitment to the Millennium Development Goals through Christ Church's membership as a ONE Parish. Adult Forums will no longer be regularly scheduled after worship so that all members and friends may join together for refreshment and social time during Coffee Hour in the Undercroft. For more information, please visit our website at www.ccbny.org.

MOTHERS' MORNING FELLOWSHIP (MMF)

MMF resumes Wednesday September 19th. If you are a mother facing the challenges of raising faithful children in an increasingly secular landscape who welcomes the idea of clearing some time in the weekly calendar for your own spiritual growth, please consider joining this small group, which resumes meeting on Wednesday September 19th at 9:00 AM in the Meditation Room/Library. For more information, please contact the Rev. Kate Malin or simply stop in one Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM.

WORKING MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP (WMF)

WMF will begin meeting in October. If you are a working mother interested in the subject of faith and motherhood but whose schedule does not allow for a morning meeting, a small group of working mothers plans to meet regularly on a weekday evening starting in October. Please contact the Rev. Kate Malin if you would like to participate and look for more information in the coming weeks.

Center for Spirituality

THE CIRCLE OF LIGHT

The Circle of Light, an interfaith prayer group, will resume meeting on **Tuesday, September 18th in the Meditation Room from 9:30-11:30 AM.**

NEW ADVENTURES FOR SPIRITUALITY

This fall I am entering a program in hospital chaplaincy at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. This work seems to be a natural extension of the focus on peace and healing in our weekly prayer group. I ask for your prayers and support in this new ministry.

-Hondi Brasco

SAVE THE DATE

Embodied Prayer: a half day retreat with Hondi Brasco and Krista Miller. **Saturday, Oct. 27th, 9-1PM Christ Church (tentative date).** 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 Hondi and Krista as we use art and movement as vehicles to open us to the presence of God. All are welcome. More details to follow.

The Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality group will resume on Thursday, September 13th at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. This fall the group is reading "The Varieties of Religious Experience" by William James.

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

What was Abraham's legacy to the world? What do our traditions ask us to do or be for the good of the world?

The Center for Jewish Christian Muslim Understanding invites you to an interfaith dinner with Rabbi Mark Gellman, Father Patrick Ryan, S.J. and Imam Kareen Ad-eeb who will offer perspectives on Abraham's legacy to the world. **Thursday, October 25th 7-9:30 PM Fordham at Marymount College, RSHM Dining Hall: Rita Hall/ 100 Mary Mount Avenue, Tarrytown, NY. Tickets \$50.**

Please reserve your place by calling The Center for Jewish Christian Understanding (914) 591-8194.

Bible for Beginners

Bible for Beginners will tackle the Major Prophets this fall – beginning with Isaiah. This informal class meets every other Thursday in the library from 10:00-11:00 a.m, a new time! All are welcome - no previous biblical encounters required. Essentially this is a carefully paced adventure through scripture; taking the canonical history of the Jewish and Christian encounter with God and using it to open up our own daily walk with the Divine. Bible for Beginners will commence on Thursday, September 20.

-Father Bird

September Highlights

Mon. Sept. 3rd-Labor Day-Church Office Closed
Wed. Sept 5th-7:00 AM Morning Prayer
Sun. Sept 9th-8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I; 9:00 AM Church School
Registration and Breakfast; 9:45 AM
Children's Chapel;
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist; 11:15 AM Coffee Hour;
5:00 PM Informal Eucharist
Thurs. Sept. 13th-9:30 AM Wm. Spirituality (Conf.)
Sun. Sept. 16th-6:00 PM Confirmation Parents' Meeting (Taylor Hall)
Tues. Sept. 18th-10:00 AM Circle of Light
Wed. Sept. 19th-10:00 AM Mothers' Group; Blue Tulip Malawi
Fundraiser
Thurs. Sept. 20th-10:00 AM Bible for Beginners
Fri. Sept. 21st-Midnight Run
Sun. Sept. 23rd-Breakfast Run
Tues. Sept. 25th-6:00 PM ONE Tuesday (Taylor Hall)

Sunday Worship Schedule

(Starting September 9th)

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist I (<i>Lady Chapel</i>)
9:45 AM	Children's Chapel (<i>Taylor Hall</i>)
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II (<i>Church</i>)
5:00 PM	Informal Holy Eucharist (<i>Church</i>)

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