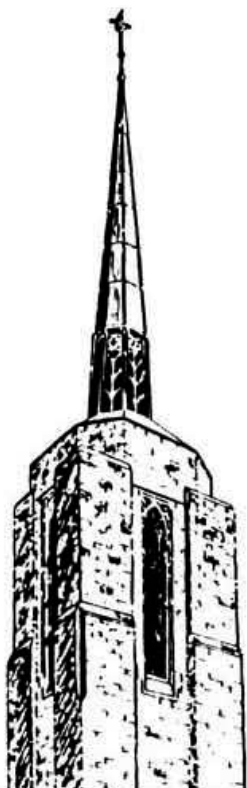


The Spire



A Newsletter by and for the people of Christ Church Bronxville

Dear Friends,

Homecoming Sunday is just around the corner; and the closer we get the more excited we all get. It is time to come back together and give thanks for God's presence in our lives. It is time to sing and pray and offer ourselves up for God's purpose in the midst of a community that loves and supports us.

This year our focus at Christ Church is on recovering a sense of our Belovedness in God's eyes. From that position of strength we can continue to accomplish great things. From that place of hope we can make our way through even the worst of times. This is what Henri Nouwen wrote to a friend of his:

"All I want to say to you is 'You are the Beloved,' and all I hope is that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being – 'You are the Beloved.'" – Henri Nouwen, Life of the Beloved

There are so many voices in this world that shout just the opposite of Henri Nouwen's message. Instead of lauding our Belovedness by God, they deride and devalue – "You're worthless. You're useless. You're too thin, too fat, too ugly, too passive, too aggressive, too old, too young." These voices are so loud and so prevalent that it is easy to believe them, to meekly give in to their negative assessments or obsessively consume ourselves trying to reverse their demeaning indictment. Yet they are so very wrong! We are the Beloved of God! And in that knowledge alone we find our wholeness. We find peace and courage and joy.

We are about to embark on another program year at Christ Church. Each and every program, class, volunteer opportunity, meal, concert and worship service is prayerfully and conscientiously meant to remind us that we are all God's Beloved; that we are lovable to the core. This is our meaning, our mission and our ministry.

Please do read through the Spire carefully and recognize God's love as it is embodied by the Beloved people of this great parish. I am excited to see you all on September 10.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Michael A. Bird, Rector

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Monday-Thursday
9 AM to 3 PM
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Welcome Breakfast

There will be a Welcome Breakfast on September 10th at 9:30 in the undercroft. Children's Chapel will start at 9:45 in Taylor Hall. Parents will escort their children to church school classes at 9:55.

September School Calendar

Sept. 10th, 9:30 AM

Welcome Breakfast

Sept. 11th, 7:30 PM

Confirmation Parents Meeting

Sept. 17th, 9:45 AM

Church School and Children's Chapel

Sept. 18th, 7:30 PM

Confirmation Class

Sept. 24th, 9:45 AM

Church School and Children's Chapel

Sept. 25th, 7:30 PM

Confirmation Class

Weekly Children's Christian Formation Schedule

9:45 Children's Chapel in Taylor Hall

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

Presentation Hymn

Grades 2 through 6 enter church from the Narthex and sit with their parents.

At Communion Children

Children 3 years old through first grade enter church through the door by the pulpit and go to their parents. *-Krista Miller*

Children's Christian Formation Coordinator kmiller@ccbny.org

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 so that parents can take full advantage of the Adult Forum after the 10:00 A.M. service. Parents are also welcome and encouraged as extra volunteers.

Children's Christian Formation

Begins September 10th

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

Godly Play is a marvelous method of Christian education and spiritual direction primarily for younger children that is widely used in Episcopal churches. 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 wonderful high-quality wooden pieces to focus the children's attention on the specialness 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 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. Over the course of 5 years children will cover the Eucharist, the Old and New Testaments, Church History and World Religions.

Center for Spiritual Growth

Mark Your Calendars Now For Two Very Special Events!

The Center for Spiritual Growth is beginning the fall with a focus on art and spirituality. We have invited Dr. Pamela-Tudor-Craig, (Lady Wedgwood) to give a series of lectures and visit with us through the week. A foremost authority on art and spirituality, Lady Wedgwood is a gifted speaker, a distinguished art historian and active member in the Anglican Church. A Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and holder of a Royal Pension from HM Queen Elizabeth II, Lady Wedgwood holds a wide range of interests, with a major focus on Christian iconography. Her highly acclaimed book, *The Secret Life of Paintings*, was made into a BBC television series. She will be speaking at a variety of venues in New York, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Biblical Art, and Fordham University. A complete schedule of Lady Wedgwood's lectures is available at the church.

Pilgrimage And Holy Friendship

A lecture by Dr. Pamela-Tudor Craig, (Lady Wedgwood); Saturday, September 30, 2006: 9:30- 11:00 AM Christ Church, Bronxville (*Taylor Hall*) Followed by a visit to the Cloisters (Tour begins at 11:30AM) RSVP to the Church at 337-3544 by September 27th.

We begin with a lecture at Christ Church in the morning then travel to the Cloisters for a tour with Lady Wedgwood beginning at 11:30 AM. Group admission is \$12 per adult/ \$7 for seniors. You must arrange for your own transportation. If you wish to stay for lunch, there is small cafe at the Cloisters. This event is open to the community. There are a limited number of spaces on the tour. If you are planning to go to the Cloisters, reserve your spot early.

The Beauty of Holiness: The Artist as Saint, the Saint as Artist

A lecture by Pamela Lady Wedgwood Sunday, October 1st 11:30 AM, Christ Church Auditorium. Lunch to follow RSVP to the Church at 337-3544 by September 27th. This event is only open to members of the church. The lunch is being underwritten by the generosity of Paige and Art Nagle. For more information, contact Hondi Brasco 771-8870. A contribution of \$15 is suggested to support the work of the center.

Adult Forums

The Adult Forums comprise a series of Sunday morning presentations by distinguished scholars, artists, leaders in Christian mission and members of the clergy. Held in the auditorium following the 10:00 service and coffee hour, forums typically last about forty-five minutes. They are structured around a unifying theme for the year and invite theological reflection on such topics as mission and outreach, worship, the arts, world events and evangelism. This year's theme is "The Eighth Day: Making All Things New." We will be looking at how God is calling us to new things through the Episcopal Church's endorsement of the Millennium Development Goals, Arts and Spirituality and our Sabbath worship. On the several Sundays which do not have scheduled Forums, Bible Study on that day's readings will be offered.

The Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality group will resume on Thursday, September 14th at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. This fall the group is reading "At Home in the World" by The Rev. Dr. Margaret Guenther, and later the spiritual classic, "The Way of the Pilgrim."

-Hondi Brasco

The Circle of Light

The Circle of Light, an interfaith prayer group committed to peace-building will resume its meetings on Tuesday, September 19th from 10-12. Please join us. For more information, call Hondi Brasco 771-8870.

-Hondi Brasco

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1st at 5 p.m.
All creatures of our God and King are welcome.

Music

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

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

Farewell to Chris White

This summer marked the end of our first Robert G. Owen Scholar's year term with us. Chris was a great addition to the Christ Church staff and really helped define the Organ Scholar's role as accompanist, conductor, instructor and music librarian. He is moving on to concentrate more fully on his studies at Queens College and to teach. Chris will also serve as part time organist at the Church of the Atonement in the South Bronx. Our best wishes and deepest thanks go with Chris.

First Rehearsals:

Voice for Life

Tuesday, September 5 4:30PM

Schola Cantorum

Thursday, September 7 7:00PM

Christ Church Choir

Thursday, September 7 7:30PM

Sing n' Ring

Tuesday, September 12 6:15PM (dinner at 5:30PM)

Primary Choir Wednesday, September 13 3:45PM

Sign up for choir – its easy! You can register online at www.ccbny.org or call Christopher Wells at 337-3544x116.

Choir Musical – Sunday, February 11th

On February 11, choristers in Sing n' Ring and Voice for Life will combine to perform a musical in Taylor Hall during the Rector's Forum. Anyone interested in performing must start with Sing n' Ring or Voice for Life in September – much of the music will be learned and rehearsed this fall. Auditions for speaking/acting roles will take place in December. Mark your calendars for February 11, immediately after the 10am Youth Sunday liturgy.

Fall Handbell Sessions

We are trying something new this fall for handbells. Rather than weekly rehearsals, we will experiment with two condensed "Sessions" with two rehearsals each. This is YOUR opportunity to give handbells a try – sign up for one or both sessions to ring handbells. Signup sheets are posted outside the choir room in the Undercroft.

Session I – Music for Handbells and Choir

Wednesday October 18 7:00-8:30PM (Undercroft)

Wednesday October 25 7:00-8:30PM (Undercroft)

Sunday October 29 9:00-11:00AM (Church)

Session II – Advent Music for Handbells

Monday November 27 7:00-8:30PM (Undercroft)

Monday December 4 7:00-8:30PM (Undercroft)

Sunday December 10 9:00-11:00AM (Church)

Mark your calendars:

Evensong – Sunday October 22 at 5:00PM (celebrating the Feast of Dedication of Christ Church) Choir Camp – September 22-24 (Voice for Life and Sing n' Ring choristers)

Advent Lessons and Carols – Sunday December 3 at 5:00PM

Youth Sundays – October 22, December 3, February 11, March 25, May 20, June 3 (Recognition Sunday)

CCB Podcasts

to be a reality soon. We are very close to making podcasts and online archives of selected sermons and music available through our website.

This will allow parishioners who are

traveling, and friends of Christ Church, to catch up on some of the things that make our church family and our worship experience so special. Please check the web and our future publications for more details

Bible for Beginners

Bible for Beginners will begin the fall with a quick review of I Samuel and then launch into the career of King David in II Samuel. This informal class meets every other Thursday in the library from 9:30-10:30a.m. 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 21.

-Father Bird

Heritage Tea

Mark your calendars now for the Fall Heritage Tea on Saturday, Sept, 16 from 3p.m -5p.m. in the Crispell Lounge. Based on the success of the Spring Tea, we didn't want to wait too long to schedule another one! Come catch up with friends, enjoy outstanding food and conversation. RSVP to Church Office 337-3544

Happy Birthday To..

August: 1: Willard Mahood, Laura Villani, Nancy Yohannan; 2: Steve Kraemer, Teresa McRoberts; 3: C. Chandler Clarke; 4: Eugene Elliott, EmilyAnn Krusz; 5: Julia Bruton, William Howard; 6: Dr. James Clarke, Cecily Moffett; 7: Robert Krusz; 8:Katharine Kranenburg, Mae Theodora Thomas; 11: Joseph Philips, Shruti Philips; 12: Edward Kenney; 13: Elizabeth Patton Goodrum; 15: Andy Bender, Helen Waite Clarke, Laura Dean, Margaret Mary George, Linda Frankenbach, Elizabeth Jervey Tighe; 16: Henry James Fraipont; 18: Marianna Bruton, Holly Castle; 19: Courtney Wilcox Bogle, Charles Preusse II; 20: Lucille Krusz; 23: Cary E. Watson; 25:Benjamin Holland, Martha Grace Thomas; 26: Douglas Wisner; 27:Emily Brasco, Cameron McKhann, Luke Sears; 29: Nicholas Foley,Charles Luce,

A Review of General Convention

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed the Episcopal Church making headlines this summer! Our church and its leaders have been featured on the front pages of the New York Times, in interviews on "Larry King Live," on radio news programs and in lively debates on the internet. This unusual amount of media attention stems from actions taken at General Convention, held June 13th through 21st in Columbus, Ohio. General Convention is our church's triennial meeting of bishops, clergy and lay Episcopalians to consider legislation and other matters affecting the work of our church.

General Convention 2006 was important for several reasons. It responded to the Windsor Report, most notably to its request for a moratorium on the election of any bishop living in a same gender union. Passionate and lengthy debates resulted in the adoption of a resolution calling for the exercise of restraint in the consecration of any bishop "whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on communion." While most considered this resolution to be a compromise in some way or other, its adoption signaled our church's commitment to remain in conversation with the global Anglican Communion about this and other potentially divisive issues.

The Episcopal Church also made news by electing Katharine Jefferts Schori to serve as its 26th Presiding Bishop. Bishop Jefferts Schori is the first woman to be elected Presiding Bishop and will be the only female primate in the Anglican Communion. By all accounts she is extremely intelligent and compassionate with a deep dedication to issues of social justice. Her gender is bound to present a challenge to those Anglican bishops who do not recognize women's ordination and

Jefferts Schori has expressed her intention to pursue relationships with those who walk away. We ask your prayers for wisdom, fortitude and patience for our Presiding Bishop-elect.

While General Convention may seem to have generated more questions than answers, its actions are very much in keeping with the traditions of our church. Controversy over questions of theology, morality and biblical interpretation is nothing new, and we believe all members of Christ's church are welcome at the table even when we disagree. Division is painful and forgiveness is hard but, in the words of Senator John Danforth, it is time to remember that we have a higher calling. We are called to reconciliation.

Reconciliation, a recurring theme of General Convention, is possible if we listen to one another, worship together and faithfully strive to live into our shared baptismal covenant. Our broken world needs a message of hope and peace. The Episcopal Church can bring that message. We can endorse through action the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals to meet the needs of the world's poorest by the year 2015. We can demonstrate through word and deed that loving God and loving our neighbor come before any other commandment. We can listen to each other, pray for one another and love.

If you would like more information about the actions of General Convention, the election of Bishop-elect Katharine Jefferts Schori or the Millennium Development Goals, please visit the Christ Church Bronxville website at www.ccbny.org and follow the links under "Episcopal News."

-Your Clergy

A Thank You from Father Bird

I would like to publicly thank the staff for their patience and forbearance during a very trying summer of construction, renovation, repair and change - translated that means disruption, dust and noise. A great deal of the work that goes into the year's programming and communication efforts occurs during the summer months. Additionally, much of the basic building maintenance is done while church programs and the Eliza Corwin Frost Child Center are on hiatus. None of this was easy for the staff this year. I am very grateful for their dedication, hard work, and senses of humor. - Father Bird

Happy Birthday To..

August: (cont.) 29: Addison Morse, Barbara Potgieter; 30: Alexandra Kenney and Kira Anne Parks

Happy Birthday To..

September:1: Jerri

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

The Rev. Katherine Malin to be ordained a priest

On Saturday, September 23 at

10:30 AM Kate Malin will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. She will celebrate her first mass the next morning at Christ Church. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues her journey into a marvelous priestly ministry with us.

The Early Show on CBS Interviews The Rev. Katherine Malin

NEW YORK, Aug. 3, 2006

“When I first detected that call, that tickle that said ‘Hmm, maybe you should be doing this,’ I said ‘No, no! You couldn’t want me.’” —Kate Malin



(CBS) Kate Malin has played a lot of roles in her life: actress, wife and mom. But along the way, something changed for her. CBS News correspondent Mika Brzezinski explains how this mom of three decided to follow her religious calling.

Kate is a typical mom, overscheduled, and sometimes even a little wacky. But after she had her boys, her life’s mission began to change.

“Something very new had been opened in me when I became a mother,” she recalls. That “something” — so hard to discern at the time — would put Kate on a path toward the priesthood.

“When I first detected that call, that tickle that said ‘Hmm, maybe you should be doing this,’ I said ‘No. No!’ “ she says, laughing. “ ‘You couldn’t want me.’ “ Despite her confusion, Kate’s spiritual journey had begun. And after 9/11, she was sure.

“It was just a very intense time. I found that I was stepping into this roll of a listener, and I wanted to be there,” she remembers. “I needed to be doing this.”

So began the process of becoming an Episcopal priest, though Kate sometimes felt she was a little too human for the job. “It’s not that I sensed, ‘Oh, I may be called to the priesthood so I better just shape up. I better, you know, kick the caffeine habit and, you know, organize my apartment and somehow be perfect so that others will want to be perfect like me,’ “ she says.

“I think that’s the call of the priest, too — is to constantly be in front of your people and be with your people that you serve, you are their servant, and remind

them that you are in the mist of a struggle as they are,” she adds.

Now, seven years after she began the journey, Kate sees how the roles of priest and mom work together.

Once a week, she hosts a gathering of women where she relates directly to struggles of motherhood.

What does she find challenges them the most?

“I think we all came in with the sense of ‘I’m not doing it well enough, and therefore I must not be a good Christian, you must not be a good mother. I’m somehow dropping the ball here.’ And it was such a relief for all of us, myself included, to say, ‘Ah, I’m not alone,’ “ Kate explains.

Kate and her family live in a seminary in New York City. The boys are starting to understand that their working mom has an important job.

“She tells the sermon, she sings songs,” says her son, Walker.

“Sometimes she hands out the bread and the wine,” her other son, Caleb, adds.

“For all the craziness of our life, and all the, ‘Mommy has to go to church now. Mommy’s writing a sermon,’ that there’s something they really sort of get about why I’m doing this. Why the whole family is here,” Kate says.

Caleb agrees. “She’s accomplishing something big in her life,” he says. Her little flock at home is a source of daily inspiration, where she finds the divine in the day to day.

On July 1, the Rev. Kate Malin took up her first post at a church just north of New York City.

Outreach Disbursements

Last June the Outreach Committee and the Vestry authorized disbursements to the following organizations:

\$5,000 was allocated to finish our pledge of \$15,000 to Global Aids Interfaith Alliance

\$1,000 was set aside for the Church of Sts. John, Paul and Clement to support their summer program for children in Mt. Vernon

\$15,000 was given to Young at Arts as a one time foundational grant to help them firmly establish their program at Christ Church. In the future all Outreach disbursements will be listed in the Spire.

Christ Church Welcomes William W. Rankin!



The Rev. Dr. William W. Rankin will preach at the **8 and 10 o'clock services and present at the Adult Forum on Sunday, September 24.** Dr. Rankin, an Episcopal priest and former seminary dean, is President of the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA), a non-profit non-governmental organization that partners with religious organizations in resource-poor countries for community-based HIV prevention and care.

GAIA assists communities in developing locally initiated, planned, and led workshops that create detailed action plans for projects specific to community needs. These grass roots, village-level projects educate high risk groups about the disease, modify sexual behavior, promote voluntary counseling and testing for HIV, foster the social and economic empowerment of women, care for AIDS orphans, provide home-based care of ill persons, improve nutrition, and reverse the stigmatization of people with AIDS. Where medications and treatment are available, projects provide aggressive referral for treatment of opportunistic infections, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV itself. Christ Church has actively supported the work of GAIA for the last three years and our own Dr. Etta Eskridge made her second trip to Malawi, Africa this summer as part of a team from GAIA.

Please join us on September 24 to hear more about the work of GAIA and the impact it is making in preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS in Malawi.

Summer Projects at Christ Church

Given the shiny floor in the church and undercroft, and the general state of cleanliness that Noel and Jose magically manage to maintain, you might not realize how much work has been going on at Christ Church over the summer. Much of this work was necessary to better house our staff. Other work was dictated by safety concerns and sound, proactive maintenance schedules that resulted from our conditions and facilities surveys.

- The floor in Taylor Hall, which suffered from a significant pre-existing moisture problem, has been removed, the concrete treated and the floor replaced.
- An apartment for our Robert G. Owen Organ Scholar was created.
- The Curate's Apartment was renovated including new bathrooms and a new kitchen.
- The Sexton's apartment underwent a long overdue bathroom renovation.
- New and upgraded electrical and plumbing service was run to all the apartments in the Kensington building.
- The Columbarium steps and landings were completely rebuilt.
- Several roofing repairs were made to the Kensington and Church roofs.
- A comprehensive GPR (radar) study was made of the church walls and particularly of the parapet walls which seem to be the source of our historic and active leaks.
- Work was done in the Rectory basement and garage.
- The Eliza Corwin Frost Child Center initiated plans for a comprehensive design scheme for our shared hallways and classrooms. Work was done this summer to enhance several classrooms.

Not exactly a slow summer, but definitely a good one. Christ Church and her vestry continue to move forward in new and exciting ways, poising ourselves for great mission and ministry in the future. - *Father Bird*

Midnight Run and Breakfast Run Needs You!

Friday September 15th Christ Church will operate a Midnight run. Your help is needed in this outreach activity.

How Can You Help

Volunteers: Adult chaperone and teenagers to go on the run and help in the preparation are needed. Please contact PG Costa at 914-9614050 or pg@piercosta.net.

Donation: Clothing: Here's what we should collect and have for a typical run. Donate 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, waste sizes between 32 and 40 and above. Blue jeans are preferred over khakis. Mostly men's sizes, but bring few pairs of women's pants as well.
- Socks-** Tube socks, White or dark. ONLY NEW.
- Underwear-**Jockey style. Sizes 34 through 42. Bring a few pairs of women's briefs as well. ONLY NEW.
- Sweatshirts and long-sleeve shirts-** Large and extra large. Dark colors preferred. Hooded sweatshirts are especially useful.

- T-shirts-** Medium through extra large. Any color.
- Hats-** Baseball caps.
- Shoes-**Sizes 9 through 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 17 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 are back 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.

Welcome to Robert Richter

Our new Robert G. Owen Organ Scholar, Robert Richter, will arrive late August and brings a wealth of talent, energy, and interest in choir and organ music. Robert has just completed his Master of Music degree from Arizona State University where he has been for the last two years. Robert completed his undergraduate studies in music at The Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he was a classmate with Chris White. Other Oberlin Conservatory graduates: Robert G. Owen and Christopher Wells. Is Christ Church biased??

New Lymphedema Program at Lawrence Hospital Center

Lawrence Hospital Center in Bronxville is offering a new therapy for people who suffer from lymphedema. Lymphedema is an abnormal accumulation of protein rich fluid in an area of the body, usually the extremities affecting both men and women.

Certified therapists will provide an array of services including skin care; manual lymph drainage; and multi-layered bandaging.

Lymphedema therapy is also available at the hospital's off-site medical facility located at the Vernon Hills Shopping Center, 700 White Plains Road in Scarsdale. For more information, call (914)787-3370.

Young at Arts

Announces auditions for our upcoming Fall semester of programs. **Saturday, September 16, 1:00 - 5:00 PM** at Christ Church Call 914 667 5271 for an audition time or go the website www.youngatarts.us

Malawi

Dr. Don Thomas will be speaking at St. Barts in Manhattan on Sept 5 Tuesday evening at 7PM regarding his experiences in Malawi (this year as a leader of a Transformational Journey and years past).

-Etta Eskridge

Thank You from Daniel and Ada Gunn

5 August 2006

Dear Christ Church family,

We want to thank you for your ever so kind contributions to Daniel's purse. You could not have been more generous, and we were both truly overwhelmed by your astounding love and support as we move on to Wilkes-Barre. During our four years with you we had already become aware of your giving, loving nature as a parish and as individuals, yet we were not fully prepared for this final caring gesture. It together with the official farewell and the many hugs, cards, kind words, additional personal goodbyes, and on several occasions abundant tears have lead us to believe that you care for us and will miss us every bit as much as we care for and already do and will continue to miss all of you. Making us feel loved and appreciated-this is the gift for which we are truly grateful.

We very much regret not having been able to send you thanks and greetings sooner, but life has been very hectic for the past couple of months. After moving in late May, we made several trips back to Bronxville and Christ Church in June for things such as a wedding, Glen Robertson's interment, Domestic Mission Trip preparations, and finally back to lead the DMT itself at the end of June and beginning of July. As you are probably aware, this year's DMT was interrupted for us by a terrible flood scare back in Wilkes-Barre. Daniel left the trip late Wednesday afternoon to attend to his duties at St. Stephen's and to offer support to the community in crisis. I left with Daniel but was able to rejoin the group about eighteen hours later to finish the week in Virginia. The compound responsibilities of moving, being away on the DMT, and then in the midst of these finding out that we personally would possibly lose everything to the flood (our home is one block from the river) and that St. Stephen's would also likely sustain heavy flood damages-this was an amazingly difficult set of circumstances. Ultimately, our home and St. Stephen's were safe and sustained only minor damages from the extended heavy rains, but the stresses of those few days and weeks truly left us physically and psychologically waterlogged and utterly shaken. So we thank you for understanding the lateness of our response.

In addition to the flood scare and moving, the summer has been very busy at St. Stephen's. We have begun work on a new website, nearly completed a new directory, worked toward expanding our music program, and we are now exploring the acquisition of a new campus for our extensive outreach ministries. Last week we hosted the nation's largest Royal School of Church Music course. The three liturgies last Sunday brought in more than 700 people; but of course, that is only one Sunday out of the year. Preparations are underway for the fall and for Daniel's installation and induction as rector now finally set for Sunday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m. As you can see; there has not been much down-time this summer.

We are truly grateful for the love and appreciation you showed us in the purse; but more so for the support and respect you gave us throughout the four years we were in Bronxville. We miss you and will always carry fond memories of our time among you, especially knowing that we grew together and weathered so very much transition in the life of Christ Church together.

In peace and hope,

Ada Borkowski Gunn

Fr. Daniel C. Gunn

Outreach Sunday-October 15th

On Sunday morning October 15th our 8:00 and 10:00 services will be greatly abbreviated to allow the entire parish to join together for Outreach Sunday. After prayer together we will spend the morning working on our choice of several outreach projects designed for

people of all ages and skill sets. If you are intrigued by this and want to help with the organization and activity selection please contact Dorothy Thomas or the Church Office. What a great opportunity to put our faith into action as a faith community!

September Highlights

Mon. Sept. 4th-Labor Day-Church Office Closed
Wed. Sept 6th-7:00 AM Morning Prayer
Thurs. Sept 7th-4:00 PM Rite of Remembrance and Commendation for Alice Ilchman
Sun. Sept 10th-8:00 AM Holy Eucharist I; 9:30 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
Mon. Sept. 11th-7:30 PM Confirmation Parents' Meeting
Tues. Sept. 19th-10:00 AM Circle of Light
Wed. Sept. 13th-10:00 AM Mothers' Group
Thurs. Sept. 14th-9:30 AM Wm. Spirituality (Conf.);11:00 AM HE & Healing (Lady Chapel)
Fri. Sept. 15th-Midnight Run
Sat. Sept. 16th-3:00 PM Heritage Tea (Crispell)
Sun. Sept. 17th-6:00 AM Breakfast Run
Mon. Sept. 18th-7:30 PM Confirmation Class
Thurs. Sept. 21st-9:30 AM Bible for Beginners
Sat. Sept. 23rd-10:30 AM Rev. Katherine Malin Ordination at Cathedral
Sun. Sept. 24th-10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with The Rev.Wm. Rankin, PhD Preacher/Adult Forum
Sat. Sept. 30th-10:00 AM-Pamela, Lady Wedgewood (open to public) followed by Cloisters visit

Sunday Worship Schedule Starting September 10th	
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist I
9:45 AM	Children's Chapel
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
5:00 PM	Informal Holy Eucharist

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