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Worship

Sundays: Church On The Hill
8 am HE; 9:30 am HE & Young Children's Liturgy of the Word; 10:40 Adult & Children's Formation; 11:30 am HE

Wednesdays: 9:30 am HE (Chapel)

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Letter From The Editor

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We are called to be stewards of this amazing earth that God has given us. There are many things, both large and small, that each of us can include as a part of our daily life to help preserve the limited resources of our fragile earth. I would ask you to consider a small change that would help.

The Parish Paper is a semimonthly publication. At the beginning of each month you receive a hard copy version in your mail (like this one.) Mid-month everyone receives an email edition. Would you consider receiving both via email? This would cut down on paper (saving trees), postage (saving money) and time (woman power here at the parish office.)

I do understand and appreciate that "going paperless" isn't for everyone. Many folks don't "do" email and simply like to hold onto what they are reading. I, for one, will never read my books on an i-book. You may like to continue receiving your once a month hard copy Parish Paper. No problem.

However, if you would like to switch over to email, please let me know via my email at the office: parishpaper@christchurchwinnetka.org

Many thanks for your consideration.

Charlotte McGee

Ash Wednesday Services

February 25

7 am - HE - Chapel
9:30 am - HE - Chapel
7:30 pm - Choral HE

Church On The Hill
All services include the Imposition of Ashes

Two Great Fellowship Opportunities This Month

The Almost Annual

LOBSTER BOIL

Saturday, Feb. 21

7 PM Drinks in the Guild Room

8 PM Lobsters

\$25 PER PERSON

includes full lobster dinner plus wine, beer or soda

The lobster pots need to be set so...

The Main(e) thing is to call the church office (446-2850) to RSVP.

Still
room for you!
Call now to RSVP



Bring the Whole Family For the Annual

Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

February 24 - 5:30 - 7 pm, Great Hall

Sponsored by the Confirmation Class

\$5 per person/\$15 max. per family

RSVP - Parish Office - 847-446-2850

"Great fellowship and a great excuse not to cook dinner!"

Rummage News

Interested in this vital ministry?
Join us as we invite you to

“Fall In Love With Rummage”
February 20
Coffee, 9-11 am
New Blood Coffee

At the home of
Katy Knoer
523 Essex Road
Kenilworth

RSVP: 847-920-1253 or
katy@theknoers.com

Furniture Pick Up

Do you have some furniture (in good condition) that you would like to donate to Rummage? Call the office to be put on the schedule for **February 23**.

Weekly Sorting Opportunities

Mondays 12:30-3 pm
Thursdays 9:15-11:30 am

Stop by the West Building when your have time. You'll be an expert in no time.

Saturday Sorting

Once a month we have a Saturday sorting opportunity for folks who have full time commitments from Monday to Friday. Don't miss out on the fun. Join us on **Saturday, February 21** from 9 am to 12 noon in the West Building.

Be sure to add these
Rummage dates
to your 2009 Calendar

Summer Sale	June 6
Tent Party	Sept 18
Flyover	Sept 19
Fall Sale	Oct 1

Teddy Bear Sunday - February 15

Please bring a new (or gently used) teddy bear to be blessed and placed on the altar at all three services (8, 9:30 & 11:30).

After the services, the teddy bears will be donated to the Department of Children & Family Services as gifts for abused or displaced children.

Let's bring lots of teddy bears to make it a special day for many needy kids!

Jump Right In, The Water's Fine!

Great opportunity for new members: **The Progressive Dinner Committee** is gearing up for its second annual event to be held on April 25. Last year's event was really well attended and generated rave reviews. They would like to make this year's version even better and would welcome your help. Please contact Melanie Cody at melanie.cody@yrbrands.com or at her home 847-441-0678 if you are interested. The committee is also looking for folks who would be willing to host one of the dinners on the 25th. It's a great deal because the entire catered meal is delivered to your door! Please let Melanie know if you are willing to be a host.

Can You Help?

Our **Rummage Treasures Room** is open during the upcoming **Winnetka Antique Sale** on March 6 (11 am - 7 pm), March 7 (10 am - 6 pm) and March 8 (12 - 5 pm). We are looking for shift workers and would love your help. Please contact department chairs Marion Scully at 847-784-9014 or gscully52@aol.com or Jane Whitesides at 847-446-0129 or janeegw2117@aol.com. Many thanks.

The Green Corner

A couple of easy at home "quick fixes" to help you Go Green:

Tip #1 - A little warmer, a little cooler. About 47 percent of the average household's annual energy bills stems from heating and cooling. Lowering the temperature by one degree in winter will save you 3 percent on heating bills. Every degree you raise your thermostat in the summer will reduce your AC bill by about 2 percent. A programmable thermostat - excellent for a family that spends a good part of the day at work or school - will shave 10 percent off your bill. A programmable thermostat starts at about \$30 and produces an annual savings of about \$100.

Tip #2 - Switch to cold water. Almost 90 percent of the energy used to wash clothes is used to heat the water, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Turning the laundry dial from hot to cold will cut your energy use by 50 percent per load, and save you up to \$63 a year, according to the Alliance to Save Energy.

These are just 2 of 153 Ways to Go Green which can be found at bankrate.com.

Regular Meetings & Events:
Families Anonymous: Weds, 7:30 pm
Soup Kitchen: 2nd Tues, 6:30 pm
Men's Home: every Tues, first and last Fridays
Boy Scout Troop 18: Tues, pm

**Christ Church
February 2009**

All church services are at the
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784 Sheridan Road, Winnetka,
unless otherwise noted

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	8 am - HE 9:30 am - HE 10:45 - Church School & Coffee Hour 11:30 am - HE	9-10 am Friends In Faith - COH 10 - 11 am Book Discussion COH 12:30-3 pm Rummage Sorting	3	4	5	6	7
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15	Teddy Bear Sunday 8 am - HE 9:30 am - HE 10:45 - Church School & Coffee Hour 11:30 am - HE	16 9-10 am Friends In Faith - COH 10 - 11 am Book Discussion COH 12:30-3 pm Rummage Sorting	17	18	19	20	21
22	8 am - HE 9:30 am - HE 10:45 - Church School & Sunday Forum 11:30 am - HE 4pm - Chapel Ubanama Concert	23 9-10 am Friends In Faith - COH 10 - 11 am Book Discussion COH Rummage Furniture Pick Ups & Sorting 12:30-3	24 Pancake Supper 5:30-7 pm Great Hall Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm - (Library)	25 Ash Wednesday 7 & 9:30 am - HE (Chapel) Alpha 9:15-11:15 7:30 pm - HE (COH)	26 Rummage Sorting 9:15 - 11:30	27 Rummage Sorting 9:15 - 11:30	28 Rummage Sorting 9 am-12 noon Lobster Boil 7 pm - Great Hall 5 pm - Soup Kitchen

February 09 - Lay Ministry Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Lectors & Intercossors	Chalice Bearers	Ushers	Vestry Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild
Sunday Feb. 1							
8:00 AM	J. Henderson	J. Carton S. Sprowl		J. McClure	S. Hudson		MJ LaViolette C. Potter
9:30 AM	R. Voges S. Peregrine W. Rosenbloom M. Findlay S. Findlay	R. Christopoulos G. Stephens D. Clevenger	R. Voges Chris Harris B. Prevost P. Pendry S. Canfield T. Gorman	G. Montgomery	R. Anstaett		S. Sprowl G. Vanover S. Robertson
11:30 AM		B. Brantley		N. Fosberg	K. Dougherty		
Sunday Feb. 8							
8:00 AM	H. Missner	H. Missner P. Mohling		W. Dooley	L. Gorman		W. Meeker K. Gould
9:30 AM	P. Lind K. Corrigan C. Koepfgen C. Montgomery J. Neaylon	J. Coladarci B. Tubekis J. Farmer	P. Lind Caroline Healy J. Whitesides Ann Ryan T. Kuhns D. Hambleton	B. Spencer	D. George		G. Packer Ann Ryan J. Brace
11:30 AM		J. McClure		G. Connell	J. Keller		
Sunday Feb. 15							
8:00 AM	L. Sprowl	K. Synnvestvedt G. Packer		M. Pyle	D. Rusell		M. Champagne S. Green
9:30 AM	W. Sido F. Coladarci J. Coladarci M. Findlay S. Findlay	A. DiNicola L. Gorman	W. Sido B. Prevost MJ McMillin J. Coladarci M. Cody P. Pendry	S. Smith Family	G. Ware		J. Price P. Pendry K. Shanley
11:30 AM		C. Davis		C. Hinshaw	P. Corrigan		
Sunday Feb. 22							
8:00 AM	M. Peregrine	M. Peregrine		W. Imberman	K.D. Foster		B. Ervin B. Balyeat J. Carter
9:30 AM	P. Martin L. Hambleton W. Rosenbloom K. Corrigan C. Koepfgen	K. Dougherty A. DiNicola Carrie Healy	P. Martin Chris Harris B. Prevost L. Whitesides J. Challenger T. Gorman	Tubekis Family	L. Kerpan		J. Whitesides B. Jones E. Parkinson S. Robertson
11:30 AM		D. Tribble		L. Petry	M. Cody		
Ash Wednesday							
Wed. Feb. 25 7:30 PM	W. Sido M. Findlay S. Findlay	B. Peterson K. Knoer	W. Sido Caroline Healy N. Challenger D. Hambleton K. Koepfgen B. Koepfgen	R. Anstaett	D. Knoer		

If you are not able to meet your commitment, please switch with someone on the schedule. Please call the Parish Office (847-446-2850) to advise of the change.

February, 22 - Sunday Forum
10:45 - McClain Room

Our February Forum on Feb. 22, will focus on Millinium Goal #5 which addresses maternal health and the ways that ordinary people can get involved in preventing maternal death in childbirth in developing countries. Our two speakers will be the

Rev. Bliss Browne, President of Imagine Chicago and
Dr. Nelle T. Brown, recently retired head of External Affairs for WHO.
Both are Carol Schroeder's sisters and
founding partners of Ubumama

which is an innovative partnership to mobilize support for safe motherhood. A benefit concert for Ubumama will be held in the Chapel, 470 Maple, at 4 pm on the 22nd.

Come In Out of The Cold: Read a Great Book

It may be hard to exercise your body in this snowy, freezing challenging Chicago winter, but our book discussion group offers you the opportunity to exercise your mind in a cozy, warm, slip-proof environment. The group, which meets every Monday morning from 10-11 in the McClain room at the Church on the Hill, has just started The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart by Peter J. Gomes, a very well-respected preacher and theologian at Harvard's Divinity School and Harvard's Memorial Church. You may join the group at any time as they only cover a couple of chapters a week. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Clemmitt at (847) 853-8033 or eclemmitt@sbcglobal.net. This may be just what the doctor ordered.

A Message of Thanks From Bishop Lee

As you know this Advent Season, churches all across the Diocese of Chicago responded to Bishop Lee's challenge (the Nets For Life fund raiser) to help stop the spread of one of the deadliest, preventable diseases on the planet...malaria. Malaria claims the lives of nearly 1,000,000 people every year, 90% of them living in sub-Saharan Africa, and most of them children.

Our goal at Christ Church was to donate 1,000 nets, one net for every man, woman, and child who worships here. We exceeded that goal. Thanks to gifts both large and small, together we raised \$19,215. This gift will provide just over 1,600 bed nets, 1,000 of which were very generously donated by George and Amanda Hanley. In most families where these nets will be used, they are shared. That means our gift may reach as many as 5,000 people, giving them the simple tools to protect themselves from the devastating effects of this disease. In a message of thanks for the many outreach efforts across the Diocese of Chicago, Bishop Lee reminds us that Advent is a season of light: "Thank you, thank you for who you are and what you do in bringing God's love to a world in sore need of hope. And hope is what we have to offer. Shadows may lurk around us, but the light among us shines bright and grows. Let it shine." Thank you to all who contributed to Nets For Life for letting your light shine here at Christ Church.

Update from a Youth Choir Graduate

Christopher "Kit" Jacobson, who sang in our Youth Choir in the early 90's, is currently the Assistant Organist and Assistant Director of Music at Washington National Cathedral where he accompanies, assists in directing the cathedral choirs and is responsible for the training and education of the Junior Choristers. Current Adult Choir member Jim Sprowl likes to tell the story of Kit as a toddler sitting next to his father, Tim, during Adult Choir rehearsals, listening to all of the different vocal parts in rapt attention. Maybe Kit played the organ at the cathedral on January 21 for President Obama's first National Prayer Service.

Ubumama Benefit Concert & High Tea

4 pm, Feb. 22

Christ Church Chapel
470 Maple, Winnetka

Join nationally renowned singer
Claudia Schmidt,
MacArthur Fellow, Dr. Funmi Olopade
& Imagine Chicago founder
the Rev. Bliss Browne
to help save the lives of mothers
dying in childbirth in
Nigeria and India.

Requested minimum
donation \$25 per ticket

RSVP 773-275-2520 or
ubumama@imaginechicago.org

Downtown Lunch Group

Please join us for our monthly lunch and opportunity for conversation and fellowship. We will reimburse our host for lunch.

Thursday, February 12
12 - 1 pm
Bank of America
231 S. LaSalle St.
2nd floor (up the escalator)

Our speaker will be
The Rev. George Muir
Rector, Grace Church, Hinsdale

Please RSVP to Josh Walters
(847-446-2850)
by Tuesday, February 10.

Peaceful, Prayerful and Inspiring: Evenson

On Sunday, February 8 at 5 pm, our choir will sing **Evensong** at the Church on the Hill. The service will be presented in preparation for our Youth Choir trip to England this summer. It will be full of beautiful music our choristers have been preparing for many months. Music will include anthems by Brewer, Byrd and Gardiner. Please join us!

Vestry 2009 Updates

In the January 1, 2009 edition of the Parish Paper four parishioners were highlighted as Vestry nominees for 2009: Dietrich Knoer, Junior Warden; Jack Keller; Kathy Shanley; and Robin Anstaett, who will be filling a one-year unexpired term. Additionally, Kim Dougherty, Dan George and Gris Ware will be nominated to join the vestry (brief bios below) and Kathy Shanley will fulfill the vacant Treasurer's position.



New Vestry member **Kim Dougherty** is no stranger to vestry work as she served on the vestry at St. Michael's in Barrington before she joined Christ Church in 2005. Kim was born in Door County, raised in the warmer climes of Florida, attended Sewanee (The University of The South) where she graduated with a degree in Russian Studies and also earned an MBA from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke. She moved to Chicago in 1989 and worked in marketing and sales at R.R. Donnelly for eleven years. In 2003 she started her own consulting firm working with small businesses and not for profit organizations. Kim also does executive coaching for Challenger, Grey & Christmas. Kim is a member of the Benevolence Committee, is an active volunteer in Chelsea Gardens at Rummage, serves as a lay minister on Sunday mornings and is enjoying being a teacher in the current 8th grade confirmation class. In the "small world" category, in Lake Wales, Florida (a very small town) Kim's Girl Scout leader was parishioner Elizabeth Parkinson's mother! These are the

threads that bind us together. Kim is a member of the Rotary Club in Wilmette and is a board member of "an excellent mental health organization" in Skokie called Turning Point. In her limited spare time she enjoys reading, needlepoint, movies and checking out Lake Michigan in the winter. Guess she has totally adapted her Floridian blood.



Parishioner **Dan George** was born in Erie, PA and was raised not too far away in Ohio. He attended Miami of Ohio University where he not only earned a degree in Finance; he also won the heart of his future wife, Leslie. After graduation he moved to Chicago to work as a portfolio analyst for Household International. Five years later he moved into the investment consulting area of the finance world and currently works for Ellwood Associated, a downtown firm. Dan and Leslie joined Christ Church in 1998 when they were starting a family. They have been very successful in this arena as they have three beautiful girls: Emily, 10, Molly, 8 and Lindsey, almost 3. When Dan isn't in the office or on a plane he enjoys tennis, reading and, at the top of his list, spending time with Leslie and the girls. At Christ Church Dan has been very supportive and helpful to Leslie ("Actually, could you put that table here?") as she has been a co-chair of the Rummage Tent Party for the past six years and teaches Sunday School. Joining the vestry will be Dan's first big foray into the

life of the parish beyond the pews. He is "excited about getting involved and I am looking forward to getting more involved and helping Christ Church which means so much to my family." With his strong finance background, Dan's sense of timing would seem to be impeccable.



New Vestry member, **Griswold "Gris" Ware**, has some seriously deep roots in the Chicago area and to Christ Church. He was born in Chicago, raised in Northfield and attended North Shore Country Day School before heading off to Denison University where he earned a degree in Economics in 1986. He went on to earn a JD in 1992 from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is currently the Division General Council East for CB Richard Ellis, Inc., a national real estate services company based in California. Gris and his wife, Lois (nee Smith) who grew up at Christ Church, were married at the Church On The Hill by Frank McClain on July 4, 1998. You will see Gris and Lois in a pew each Sunday (almost) accompanied by their three young children: Helen, 8, Charlie, 6, and George, 5. In his precious free time he "mostly does a lot of kid stuff." He is Charlie's Cub Scout Den leader and Helen's soccer coach. He admits to enjoying tennis, reading about WWII and the Civil War, being a lousy golfer and travelling to the far reaches of the United States.

A life goal is to visit all 50 states. He's already covered 46. Be sure to ask him which four are missing. While his family regularly participates in the social activities of the church, Gris notes that joining the Vestry will be his "inauguration into the more serious volunteer activities of the church." He is looking forward to serving on the Vestry.

In this and last month's Parish Paper we have been highlighting the incoming Vestry members. We would also like to thank the following parishioners who are retiring from the Vestry for their years of dedication and hard work: **Gary Walther**, Warden; **Beth Anaclerio**, **Susan Sprowl**, **George Harmon** and **Elizabeth Lind**, Vestry members; **Molly Lien**, Chancellor; and **Elisha Gray**, Treasurer.



SE Mexico Mission Trip Leader Gary Martin

What's In a Name? Everything.

When parishioner **Gary Martin** was born in 1956 in Chicago little did he know that his last name would play such an important role in his future happiness. He was raised with his three siblings in Arlington Heights and spent eight years in St. Louis before coming back to the North Shore in 1971 to complete high school at New Trier. The Martin family then joined Christ Church and have been active ever since. Gary's mom, Lois Martin, is a very dedicated office volunteer. Gary's sister, Barb Tubekis and her family, are also active parishioners here and Gary's dad, Gilbert, is buried in the church yard.

Gary graduated from DePauw with a degree in Economics. He landed his first job at J. Walter Thompson in Media Planning and has been a part of the advertising world ever since. It was in 1983 while working in Chicago that Gary's last name became significant. Mutual friends thought it would be cute to arrange a blind date between Gary Martin and maiden-named Nan Martin. After several double dates Gary and Nan ditched these friends and went off on their own. The rest is history. Two years later when they decided to marry Gary went to his future mother-in-law to share the good news. She replied "oh, I knew that and I know when and where you are going to be married." She lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan where things booked up very early. She "knew where things were headed" and went ahead and booked the church and the reception space. She allowed as how "the only hitch was that they would be married on Gary's birthday." Gary was thrilled because he realized that he would NEVER forget his anniversary.

Gary and Nan moved from their beloved Chicago for a stint in Detroit where he was working for Good Housekeeping magazine in advertising sales. The good news is that their three children, Lucy (20), Peter (17) and Julie (15) were all born in Michigan. The bad news was that they all longed to move back to Chicago. Nan intervened at an office party where she pulled Gary's publisher aside to say that Gary loved the company, but not the location. What could be done? Gary was quickly relocated to Chicago where he continued to work for Good Housekeeping for 7 years. In 2006 he moved to Newspaper National Network where he is currently the head of the Midwest Sales Division.

The Martins quickly reconnected with Christ Church. In 2005 Ned asked Gary to serve on the Vestry and oversee the start of the Global Mission Committee. Gary, former Associate Rector George Smith and six other parishioners initiated the first trip to our companion diocese of South East Mexico where the group visited 12 different missions and parishes. This June Gary will be spearheading the fifth trip to La Esperanza, which is the parish and community that has become the focus of our Global Mission work. Gary notes that "it's not about the work that we do when we travel to Mexico. Rather it is all about the relationships and friends that we have cultivated over the years. When we step off that bus into the open arms and smiling faces of the people we have met you understand the value of our efforts. After 9/11 we are much more aware that we are all in this together. We all have needs. These mission trips are a small thing we can do that do make a difference."

Gary has led all four trips so far and can't see giving them up. (Lucky for us.) The number of parishioners has doubled since that first trip in '05 and Gary is thrilled to report that "everyone has stepped up to the plate." (See the side note for details of the upcoming "Look, See Meeting" for the June '09 trip.) This joy of travel and exploration of other cultures is present in all facets of Gary's life. The greatest joy that he and Nan have is when they are able to travel with their children. These shared experiences make for great dinner conversation! When Gary stays put in the area he enjoys the symphony and the theater. And in the summer when the wind is right you will find him sailing a tiny one-man boat on Lake Michigan. He is probably mentally planning his next trip!

What's it like to be a part
of a Christ Church mission trip?
Thinking about joining
the trip this June?
Come learn more at

the "Look, See" Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 8
Following the 9:30 service
in the Lea Room

Questions? Contact Gary Martin
gmartin38@aol.com or
847-446-3744

Gifts for 2008 Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God:

In loving memory of James Hamilton Heald from his family.
In thanksgiving for my family and friends from Rhoda G. Brown.
In memory of Marilyn Shane Eustis and Kathy Lynn Leighton from the Ross Eustis family.
In thanksgiving for our family and friends from Dick and Carol Culbertson.
In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren from Gail and Tom Hodges.
In loving memory of Adelaide and John Griffith and Roger Lumppp from Susan and Roger Lumppp.
In memory of Rick Taft and Alex Taft from Anne Taft.
In memory of Sheila M. Grace from Stanley Grace, Becky and Peter.
In memory of her parents, Madeline B. & Clarence L. Mellor & her daughter, Barbara L. Lutton from Shirley and Lewis Petry.
In memory of my parents Angie & John Galbraith, Sr., & my dear brother-in-law Louis M. Brown from Angie Galbraith Brown.
In memory of John C. Meeker and Richard D. Ryan, and in thanksgiving for our family from the Steven Ryan family.
In loving thanks for our children and grandchildren from Tom and Jean Peterson.
In thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Ned and Mrs. Bev Prevost from Samuel and Nagma Suleman.
In loving memory of Charles Wallace Packer from his wife, Virginia, and children, Bliss, Juliet and Chuck.
In loving memory of my parents, Robert E. and Harriet T. English from their loving son Averill A. English.
In memory of Mary Louise and James Judd from Ann and Mary Judd.
In thanksgiving for my Ingram, McDowell, and McCarty families from Caroline.
In loving memory of and thankfulness for the life of David E. Gormanous from his children, Jeff and Jenny, his grandchildren, Rachel, David and Caroline Grace, and his wife, Sherry.
In thanksgiving for my family, Carol, Blair and Garrett, from Robert Rasmus.
In memory of Eleanor and Chadwick Spinner from Sheri, Morgan and Madison Fisher.
In memory of our parents, Helen and Elisha Gray II and Dorothy and Tom Martin Davis from Elisha and Nina Gray.
In memory of William G. and Ida T. Adams from Phillip and Sylvia Adams.
In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Jake, Luca, Joey, Nico, and Katie from Candy and Mike Pyle.
In memory of Barbara Wedelstaedt Mark from Gordon Mark.
In memory of Holden K. Farrar, Jr., Lefty and Myrtle Farrar and Clara and Jim Kohout from Marilyn Farrar.
In thanksgiving for our children from Scott and Jeanne Stewart.
In memory of Earl and Betty Holmes, Barbara Holmes McConaughy, Sterett and Betty Prevost, and Mathilde Schack from The Rev. and Mrs. Edward S. Prevost.
From the Denny family in honor of the teachers in the Good Shepherd Atrium and Three-Year Olds classes: Sherry Gormanous, Annette Peck, Lois Ware, Nina Gray, Laura Rempel, Laurie Gormanous, Emily Baillos, Wendy Olson, Sophie Durbin, and Elizabeth Clemmitt.
In memory of Harriett Street Lambart from her children and husband.
In thanksgiving from Barbara and Rick Jones.
From Shirley & Lewis Petry in memory of her daughter, Barbara H. Lutton, & her parents, Madeline B. & Clarence L. Mellor.
In thanksgiving for the magnificent life and love of John Wilburn Garland.

Gifts for 2008 Christmas Music are given to the Glory of God:

In loving memory of James Hamilton Heald from his family.
In thanksgiving for my family and friends from Rhoda G. Brown.
In thanksgiving from the Knoer family.

In thanksgiving for our family and friends from Dick and Carol Culbertson.
In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren from Gail and Tom Hodges.
In thanksgiving for our family from Esther and Loren Berry.
In thanksgiving for Emily, Mike and Drew, and Erica, Roger, and Liam from Susan and Roger Lumppp.
In thanksgiving for our families from Steve and Mary Anderson.
In memory of Frieda and Walter Zegers and Mary K. and Robert Dooley from Willie Dooley.
In memory of Sheila M. Grace from Stanley Grace, Becky and Peter.
In thanksgiving from Mr. and Mrs. William T. Kirk, Jr.
In loving memory of his parents, Margaret and Henry Petry, from Shirley and Lewis Petry.
In thanksgiving from Darlene, Breece and Annsley McKinney.
In memory of John C. Meeker and Richard D. Ryan, and in thanksgiving for our family from the Steven Ryan family.
In thanksgiving for the ministry of Richard and Elizabeth Clemmitt from Samuel and Nagma Suleman.
In thanksgiving for my family from Jane Lord.
In loving memory of The Rt. Rev. Lewis Bliss and Helen Crawford Whittemore from their daughter, Virginia Packer and grandchildren, Bliss, Juliet and Chuck.
In memory of Mary Louise and James Judd from Ann and Mary Judd.
In thanksgiving for my Ingram, McDowell, and McCarty families from Caroline.
In loving memory of and thankfulness for the life of David E. Gormanous from his children, Jeff and Jenny, his grandchildren, Rachel, David and Caroline Grace, and his wife, Sherry.
In honor of our grandparents, Carolyn and Tom Sanders, from Blair and Garrett Rasmus.
In thanksgiving from Charlotte Flanigen Zartman.
In honor of our niece Julie Gray, our children Caroline and Mike Hedenberg, Nate, and Andrew Gray, and our grandson, Luka James Hedenberg from Elisha and Nina Gray.
In memory of Philip D. and Faye D. Schwarz from Phillip and Sylvia Adams.
In thanksgiving for all the blessings and joy of my life from Joan Richards.
In memory of Carl, Steve and Bob Schomaker from Sheri, Morgan and Madison Fisher.
In thanksgiving for Ruth Gordon Rozier Challenger from her family.
In thanksgiving for our family from Judy and George Harmon.
In thanksgiving for our parents, Roger and Susan Lumppp, from Emily, Mike, and Drew Horvath; and Erica, Roger, and Liam Lumppp.
In thanksgiving for our family from Dan and Marie White.
In memory of Barbara Wedelstaedt Mark from Gordon Mark.
In memory of dear friends who are no longer with us from Eva and Jack Townsend.
In thanksgiving for the Christ Church community from Scott and Jeanne Stewart.
In thanksgiving for the marriages of Elizabeth Prevost and Mike Guenther, and Marnie Prevost and Matt Weir from The Rev. and Mrs. Edward S. Prevost.
In thanksgiving for our wonderful grandchildren, Grace, Megan, June, and Mac, from the Walthers.
In memory of our very dear and much missed Sam from Jeremy, Gill, Tom, and Edward.
In thanksgiving for our friends and family from Barbara and Rick Jones.
From Shirley and Lewis Petry in loving memory of his parents, Margaret and Henry Petry.
In memory of Ward Woodhead from Lori Woodhead.

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I feel the need to be candid about my own stewardship, and while I don't expect others to be quite as explicit as I'd like to be, perhaps from time to time we'll hear from several of you about the meaning of stewardship in your life. I grew up in the Church and have always loved the Church. I think there have even been times when I have loved the Church more than I've loved God. My first real salary out of seminary was as a Curate at St. John the Evangelist in Yalesville, Connecticut and St. Paul's Church in Wallingford, Connecticut. I believe it was \$4,800. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven! Remember that this was 1970, and even then it was not a huge amount of money but for me it was great. My first boss (whose grandson-in-law is now the linebacker coach for the Philadelphia Eagles) taught me to tithe. Ten per cent, off the top, before taxes. So that's what I did. He said, "If you think of your salary as \$4,320, you're never going to miss it." And I haven't. So from the start I was given the gift of giving gratefully. It wasn't a burden. It wasn't an obligation. It was also just as my grandmother had taught me, the same grandmother who had very little money. "Don't you just love to give money to the Church?" Today my pledge to Christ Church is \$8,700. That, plus my other charitable giving constitutes a tithe. I'm happy to do it because God has been good to me and my family, and because Christ Church means so much to me and my family. I love being your Rector. It's part of the encouragement we received at last Sunday's panel to be deliberate about our priorities, our values, and what's truly important to us.

One of the commentators in recent weeks began to compare the first 100 days of FDR's presidency with the opportunity of the first 100 days of Barack Obama's presidency. And he said, in essence, that it took FDR a number of years to pull this nation out of the Great Depression, which he characterized as a great valley. And he praised Barack Obama's realism about the number of years it will take us as a nation to deal with the valley stretching before us at this time. But FDR's first 100 days in office provided a bridge, just as this administration will attempt to provide a bridge of hope to cross the valley and eventually lift that valley up to become a straight place. It reminded me of how often we recite the 23rd Psalm for the Burial Office at the funerals of parishioners who have died:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me.

For Christians, Jesus is the bridge over that valley. Whatever that valley represents for us here at Christ Church, we have been given the assurance that God has not abandoned us, that God is pleased with our praise, that God can be found in the love we have for one another.

Those of us who are at risk need to know that we can find safety and support here because Jesus is here, in fact sitting right next to you. Those of us who have resources to share know that we can be the hands and heart of Jesus who gave his life so freely with absolutely no strings attached. Those of us who hunger and thirst for righteousness know that Jesus provides us with water for thirsty souls and bread for life's journey as children of God. Jesus is that bridge over the valley of the shadow of death, and a very good friend besides.

Let's remember that in this challenging year ahead of us. Let's pray for that assurance in facing whatever personal or corporate valleys stretch out before us. Christ Church is so blessed when we keep the faith, and I continue to be blessed by your faithfulness. Thank you.



Rector's Annual Address to the Parish
January 25, 2009

Opening Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that your Holy Spirit may preside over us now in all our concerns and deliberations for the welfare of this parish. We thank you for all the blessings of the past year, and pray that we may go together from strength to strength in the year before us. Help us all to dedicate ourselves to you, and to be ready to make sacrifice of time, talent, and treasure for the extension of your kingdom. Guide us, we beseech you, in the choice of our Wardens, and members of the Vestry, and may they discharge their duties faithfully. We praise you for those your servants who labored and worshiped here before us and for those who have departed this life since we last met together, especially Sue Rutherford, Chuck Goodrich, Dan Marchuk, William Hurlbutt, John Hobart, Robert Shirley, Mary Frances Bridewell, Wes Bass, Alex Taft, Patti Healy, Rick Taft, May Leonard, Sheila Grace, Andrew Fischer, Wayne Johnson, Jane Peck, Timmy Challenger, Charlie Folds, Glynn Taylor, Ernest Ballard, Gregory Cramer. Grant to them eternal rest, O Lord, and let your light perpetual shine upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Before the presentation of Vestry crosses, I'd like to spend just a minute thinking about the list I've just read. It recalls, at least for me, how painful and for some how tragic this past year has been, and how we have needed to support each other by our prayers and our presence during those times. It's an amazing list of extraordinary people, and they shall all be missed.

But let me also read another list of extraordinary people: Phoebe Knoer, Elizabeth Benecchi, Spencer Benecchi, Hannah Berry, Ava Berry, Christopher Hufton, Kara Meyer, Roman Beetz, Katie Cir, Jack Deeb, James Walters, Catherine Adams, Sarah Adams, Shane Hanley, Luka Hedenberg, William Gansner, and Tucker Sichol, just about the same number of those who have died but who have joined our family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. God has a way of providing us with hope and joy in the midst of our sadnesses for which I, for one, am deeply grateful.

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Last Sunday a number of us spent an extraordinary forty minutes listening to and asking questions of five parishioners whose task it was to share with us how we might hope and how we might cope in an uncertain economic climate. You could say that we had touched a nerve in the collective psyche of how it is we think of ourselves as stakeholders in this current economic "slough of despair." Whether we are retired or employed or unemployed or any other category of stake holding, the truth is no one is immune from these big events over which we have little control. The feedback we have received this week was especially gratifying, and I am hopeful we will follow up on any number of suggestions that have been offered. Speaking personally, however, I was struck by John Challenger's concern for every person's need to be affirmed and valued; Kurt Anstaett and David Russell's concern for every person's need to be deliberate and intentional about those things they value, those things that are priorities for them and their families; and Steve and JoAnne Hudson's concern for every person's need to have a home as opposed to a financial asset. That advice was at the same time simple and profound, and I thought to myself, "How blessed we are to have those perspectives so freely shared in the context of a faith community!"

Those themes carried over in my consciousness through Monday and into Tuesday in witnessing the groundswell of support for the inauguration of Barack Obama, coupled with his own address how we as a nation can hope and can cope in the uncertainties of the problems we face not just here in this country but throughout the world. There were any number of points of connection between our panel last Sunday and our new President's inauguration address, not the

least of which was an insistence that there is no magic wand, no genie in a bottle that we can employ to make it all better. *Patience, deliberate planning,* and *faithfulness* need to be constancies from month to month and year to year as we work toward the common good and yet appreciate the blessings that God provides every day.

One of those blessings for me is the privilege of serving as your Rector at Christ Church. Every year at this time I get to acknowledge and thank all of you for your *patience, deliberate planning,* and *faithfulness.* We are not immune by any stretch of the imagination to the pressures that we feel either individually or collectively as citizens of this country. However, while the Church can be a place of sanctuary and safety, it is also a place of service, reaching out beyond itself for that greater good I've just mentioned. To witness and to encourage that care for one another and that care for the world are at the heart of my joy as I stand here from year to year to applaud your efforts to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Patience, deliberate planning, and *faithfulness* coupled with skill and compassion characterize the varied responsibilities and performance of Josh Walters and Jeanne Stewart as our Associate Rectors, Richard Clemmitt our Organist/Choirmaster and Kirstin Synnestvedt and Elizabeth Clemmitt who assist him, Molly Ethridge our Parish Administrator and Rena Kowalski who assists Molly, Charlotte McGee our Rummage Coordinator and *Parish Paper* Editor, Missy Harrison our Director of Children's Ministries, Cathy O'Brien our Bookkeeper, Jim Caldwell our Facilities Manager, and Mario Ruiz and Dominic DiPaolo our Sextons. These valued colleagues work incredibly hard, enthusiastically, and effectively, with the extraordinary gifts God has given them in their ministries.

Ministry, however, is not a word confined to people who are employed for that purpose, but is the Baptismal birthright and responsibility of everyone. At Christ Church those ministries take many different forms both within and without the parish, but insofar as we are able to name a number of them we begin with the Wardens and Vestry who are organized in such a way as to provide oversight for and exercise of various administrative functions and programs that are the "doing" of ministry and life together as a Christian community. Earlier we thanked Gary Walther for his service as Warden and also Susie Sprowl, Beth Anaclerio, Liz Lind, Dietrich Knoer, and George Harmon for their service as members of the Vestry. Dietrich is not off the hook, however, because he's joining Steve Hudson as a Warden. Melanie Cody, Pat Corrigan, Buffy Ervin, K.D. Foster, Lindsay Gorman, Lisa Kerpan, and David Russell have just finished their first or second years of service and together with those I've mentioned before are involved in a hands-on way with Stewardship, Funds Disbursement, Buildings, Grounds, Investments, Personnel, Member Development, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Formation, Global Mission, and Music and Worship. Elisha Gray and Molly Lien have finished their terms as Treasurer and Chancellor, respectively, and I am pleased to announce that Kathy Shanley and Doug Hambleton will succeed them, respectively. Those elections don't take place at the Annual Meeting but during the February meeting of the Vestry. Kurt Anstaett serves as Clerk and we expect he'll provide that service for one more year. These members of Christ Church are dedicated, hands-on stewards of our mission that certainly bears repeating from time to time:

The Mission of Christ Church is to nurture our Christian faith as expressed in the Episcopal Church through worship, teaching, and caring for our parish and extended community, growing through God's love in Christ.

They are also participants in realizing the Vestry's Vision Statement, which is that

Christ Church is a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive Episcopal center for corporate worship and for individual growth. Members have a strong sense of personal involvement and commitment, as well as a sincere sense of mission. There is increased and consistent attendance at services, a strong Christian education program for adults as well as children and dedicated participation in the pastoral program within the parish and in the outreach projects involving the local community, the Chicago community, and the world.

Let me add parenthetically that the Global Mission Committee successfully lobbied for the inclusion of that last phrase, "and the world," in the Vision Statement.

That Mission Statement and that Vision Statement have flesh on their bones in the form of the reports before you. These reports are the result of many hundreds of you who are passionate about how the worship of God, the formation of

our children and young people, how it is we care for one another within the parish, and how we can reach out in welcome and in care for those in the greater Chicago area and indeed throughout the world. Written between the lines of these reports is a spirit of goodwill and compassion that go beyond these walls and would include your participation in your children's schools, sports and Scouts and Indian Princesses, community boards and agencies, outreach programs sponsored by or supported by schools in the New Trier district, outreach projects supported by your employers, service on the boards of Episcopal Charities and other beneficiaries of our Rummage Benevolence grants, or just being a good neighbor. Sunday morning worship and midweek service define us as Christians and your record at least on or implied by these printed pages is extraordinary, and I want you to congratulate one another.

Most of you know how proud Bev and I are of our girls and their guys. The letter the Bush girls gave to the Obama girls was especially touching as we think back to Elizabeth and Marnie's growing-up years and moving from Fairfield, Connecticut to Winnetka, Illinois. Not quite the White House, but for Marnie in particular, going to a new school and making new friends was all very daunting for an 11-year-old with newly diagnosed Type I Diabetes. Their grace as clergy kids is only exceeded by Bev's grace as a clergy spouse, a very special ministry she provides in her love and support for me and in her love and support for Christ Church in her own right. Bev and I still hold hands, by the way.

The elephant in this year's living room, or perhaps more appropriately this year's church parlor, is the economy. It's not an elephant in America's living room because everyone's talking about it. But it is our elephant in that our income has increasingly become inadequate to meet our expenses, and we have not adequately dramatized that. In part, we're sensitive to everyone's having been affected by the larger economy, and in part the Vestry is struggling with how to maximize our assets other than pledging in order to bridge the gap. But for most of us the deficit comes as a surprise because appearances suggest otherwise, especially on Sunday mornings. On Sunday there are three well-clerGED services, sometimes four, great music at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., active and engaging arias for our 3-7 year-olds, classes for 3-year-olds through Confirmation, youth group opportunities, and Sunday forums or coffee hours.

In 2009 we face a potential deficit of \$120,000 or more. We could eliminate that deficit if we reduce program and personnel. What would that look like? Perhaps it would mean two clergy instead of three, two services instead of three. Perhaps it would mean one less person in our music staff, dropping the Primary Choir and/or the Bell Choir. Perhaps it would mean reducing the sextons' hours or eliminating one of those positions. Perhaps the office administration would have to be reduced by one position. Maybe the job description of Director of Children's Ministries would be downsized or become a volunteer position and we'd decide to have Church School once every other week, or drop youth group. The truth of the matter is that in 2008 we covered our deficit by using one of the bequests we received. We can't do that every year, but something will have to give unless we meet the challenge head-on and find ways both individually and collectively not only to reduce expenses where at all possible and redouble our efforts to keep the vitality and effectiveness of our programs through generous stewardship.

That we have used a bequest in 2008 to help balance the budget is both bad news and good news. The bad news is that we don't want to do that too often, if at all. The good news is that we received four bequests in 2008: \$36,621 from the estate of Sue Rutherford, \$93,500 from the estate of Chuck Goodrich, \$250,000 from the estate of Sheila Grace, and \$25,000 from the estate of Patty Healy. Part of the challenge of ongoing stewardship is to encourage keeping Christ Church in our wills. Harvard, Yale, and Princeton don't need it. We do, and are especially grateful for that Christian foresight you've exercised in planning for your future, as it were.

Regarding stewardship, I don't want anyone to think that leadership has been lacking in recent years—quite the opposite, and especially the efforts of Julie Flood, Steve Hudson, and Dietrich Knoer. The materials we have developed, brochures, newcomer pieces, DVDs, all speak of the value we place on each and every contribution—financial and otherwise—every one of you offers. But without a sense of urgency it's easy to be lulled into thinking all is well when the picture I've just painted is less sanguine. My own take on the work we do this year is that we will have to be as personal and as sensitive as possible to each person's circumstances, but that we also need to be as honest as possible about challenges we face and the need for everyone to continually assess what is truly valuable in this context. I expect your Wardens and Vestry to explore every avenue toward reducing that deficit and to keep our ministries, our programs, and our outreach as vital as we have come to expect.

For the past year or two I have taken the occasion to be somewhat personal about some of these remarks. Today