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From The Rector



Dear Friends,

September is a "Welcome Back" month at Christ Church: programs, vacationers, and the fall Sunday morning schedule. This issue of the Parish Paper is full of energy in describing the events and ministries in which everyone can find a place. I am especially excited about the opening of Church School, the return of the choir, the Ministry Fair and the brunch & ice cream social planned for Sunday, September 9. Opportunities for ministry will all be on display within the context of worship, first Church School classes and a great meal under tents that will be erected over our patios. Plan to join us for as much of that Sunday morning as you are able, or make a point of changing whatever other plans you might have had to be with us for all that's offered that day.

September is also a "Welcome" month at Christ Church. New staff members Jeanne Stewart, Assistant, and Missy Harrison, Director of Children's Ministries, have jumped in and are working hard to get to know all our parishioners and are very pleased to be a part of our parish family. We also welcome many newcomers during the month of September and hope that they will find Christ Church warm and inviting. Statistics consistently teach us that most people visit a church at the personal invitation of another. Are there friends or neighbors who do not have a faith community to whom you might reach out? We would love the opportunity to engage them in becoming a part of the wonderful church we believe Christ Church is.

And so to all I would offer a loving "Welcome back" as well as an equally loving "Welcome,"

In Christ,

Ned Prevost



Missy Harrison

"I hope that I can make our parishioners feel as comfortable as possible this year. I know they are all still going to have a lot of sadness, but we will all work through it."

Staff Update

Our new Director of Children & Youth Ministries, **Melissa "Missy" Harrison**, is a 100% midwestern gal in the best sense of the word and has traveled an interesting path to our doorstep. Missy was born in Louisiana, moved to Ohio after the fifth grade, met her husband, Jim, on a blind date and started to happily raise her two children in Ohio. Currently her son, Palmer (age 26) lives with his wife and three year old son, Kevin, in Mt. Pleasant, MI and her daughter, Heather (age 25), is in her fourth year of medical school in Detroit. In 1997 Jim's employer, General Motors, moved the Harrisons to the Detroit area where Missy began her involvement in the parish life of St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton, MI. Missy has always been involved with children – whether it be her own or as a certified gymnastics coach for five years or as a Girl Scout leader for Heather from second grade through high school – and was a natural to say "yes" to the interim position of Director of Children & Youth Christian Formation at St. Jude's. We all know how those "interim" positions go. For the ensuing four years Missy was permanently filling the job at St. Jude's before Jim's decision to attend seminary at Seabury Western allowed her to say, "yes" to Christ Church.

While Missy was clearly following her passion by working with children she was also feeding her passion for travel. After relocating to Michigan she completed travel school and was hired before she graduated. She worked in several travel offices before breaking off and starting her own business, Harrison Holidays, which focused on European travel. Always able to blend the different threads of her life Missy's final trip with the youth at St. Jude's was a Celtic Spiritual Pilgrimage to Beaver Island (MI) with eight teenagers and four adults. (Did I mention that her Girl Scout troop was referred to as the "traveling troop" whose first trip was to Georgia and last was to England?)

On her own time Missy loves to vacation in Europe where she might land in England (where Jim has family) or in Switzerland which she "fell in love with." Australia is also high on both her and Jim's travel wish list. She enjoys reading (almost anything), hiking and biking. She is looking forward to becoming immersed in the life of Christ Church and to being married to a student. "I think these are exciting times."

Great Way To Start Your Week

The **Prayer-Meditation Circle** starts up on **September 17**. Please join an open, flexible group of parishioners who gather Monday mornings from 9-9:45 in the Guild Room for a spirited start to each week. We welcome newcomers! Following a brief time of silent meditation, we take turns leading the week's spiritual reading (lectio divina), "the ancient practice of savoring a text with patient playfulness". The dialogue is rich and we end in prayer for all those on our parish prayer list. If you have questions, please contact Heath Missner 847-83-9263, hfisk@aol.com.

Regular Meetings & Events:
 Families Anonymous: Weds. 7:30 pm
 Soup Kitchen: 2nd Tues. (5:30 pm)
 and 4th Sat. (5 pm)
 Meals-at-Home: every Tues.,
 first and last Fridays
 Boy Scout Troop 18: Tues. pm

Christ Church September 2007

*All church services are at the
 Church on the Hill,
 784 Sheridan Road, Winnetka,
 unless otherwise noted*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Last Summer Services: 8 am - HE Church 9:30 am - Maple St. Park	Labor Day Parish Office Closed	5:30 pm - Soup Kitchen	9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	6-9:30 pm Parish House	15
9 7:45 am - HE 9 am - HE 10:15 - Church School Registration, Ministry Fair, Ice Cream Social (No 11:15 service today)	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 7:45 am - HE 9 am - HE 10:15 - Church School & Parish Forum 11:15 am - HE 5 pm - Evensong	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 7:45 am - HE 9 am - HE 10:15 - Church School & Parish Forum 11:15 am - HE	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 7:45 am - HE 9 am - HE 10:15 - Church School & Parish Forum 11:15 am - HE	9 am - Prayer Group Guild Room Rummage SETUP	7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting Guild Room	9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	9:30 am - Rector's Study Group on the Koran & Islam (Library)	Tent Party 6:30 pm Parish House	FLYOVER 8 am - 5 pm Parish House 5 pm - Soup Kitchen
----- RUMMAGE SETUP -----						

September 2007 - Lay Ministry Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Lectors & Intercessors	Chalice Bearers	Ushers	Vestry Ushers	Flower Guild
Sunday, Sept. 9						
7:45 AM	H. Missner	J. Carton P. Mohling		P. Mohling	J. Farmer	
9:00 AM	A. Stoddart K. Corrigan M. Wainwright C. Koepfgen J. Neaylon	J. Canfield D. Lloyd-Jones D. Clevenger	B. Koepfgen K. Koepfgen T. Kuhns A. Stoddart J. Clevenger N. Challenger	J. Challenger Family	B. Anaclerio	
Sunday, Sept. 16						
7:45 AM	M. Peregrine	M. Lien G. Packer		J. McClure	S. Hudson	
9:00 AM	R. Voges F. Colardarci J. Colardarci L. Hambleton E. Russell	G. Chalmers J. Colardarci J. Farmer	G. Martin P. Pendry A. Ryan R. Voges C. Harris B. Prevost	Gorman Family	D. Knoer	
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	J. McClure S. Sprowl		E. Forsberg, Sr.	D. Russell	
Sunday Sept. 23						
7:45 AM	J. Henderson	H. Missner M. Peregrine		M. Powell	G. Walther	
9:00 AM	W. Sido L. Peterson P. Lind C. Montgomery A. Ryan	K. Knoer L. Gorman	W. Sido C. Healey A. McKinney L. Whitesides S. Canfield J. Challenger	A. Parkinson Family	E. Lind	
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	B. Prevost E. Covey		C. Hinshaw	G. Harmon	
Sunday Sept. 30						
7:45 AM	M. Peregrine	M. Peregrine M. Burnside		P. Mohling	S. Sprowl	
9:00 AM	L. McGuiggan S. Peregrine W. Rosenbloom M. Findlay S. Findlay	J. McGee L. Hambleton MJ LaViolette	L. McGuiggan J. Clevenger N. Challenger A. Clevenger M. Cody K. Dougherty	Scully Family	G. Martin	
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	S. Sprowl J. Richards		G. Connell	C. Voges	

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.

Staff Update

We have Brad (age 16) and Will (age 12) Stewart to thank for our new Assistant, **The Rev. Jeanne Stewart**. Jeanne had been ignoring her inner call to the ministry throughout her successful financial career. It wasn't until she quit the corporate world (when Will was three) to focus her energy on raising her two boys that she allowed the voice within to finally surface. She then went through a two year discernment process and began Seabury Western on a part time basis graduating this past June. While not necessarily seeking full time employment, when the position opened up at Christ Church "it was just too good to pass up." We are glad she felt that way.

Jeanne was born in Hartford, CT, moved to the Midwest when she was eight and graduated from Lake Forest High School where she worked in the theater with parishioner, Nick Anaclerio. Jeanne allows as how "Nick always had the lead and I was in the chorus." Jeanne majored in math and logic at Mt. Holyoke College, MA, worked a stint at the Continental Bank in Chicago and then got an MBA from Cornell. She met her husband, Scott, at business school and they were married the summer after their graduation. Jeanne worked at the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company for three years while Scott completed his law degree. They both decided to move "back home" to the Chicago area where Jeanne took a job with Arthur Andersen in Financial Services. (Yes. She did work with parishioner, Roger Lumpp, keeping it all in the "small world" category.)

As previously mentioned Jeanne stopped working at Arthur Andersen when her youngest son, Will, was three years old. This is when she could no longer ignore her call to the ministry. Being a resident of Wilmette and a member of St. Augustine's parish for eighteen years coupled with a strong family support system gave Jeanne the foundation to truly explore her call. With Brad going into his junior year at Lake Forest Academy and Will entering the sixth grade Jeanne feels that this is the right time to move into the next phase of her life. So next time you see Brad or Will in church, please say thank you.



Jeanne Stewart

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Have You Ever Wondered What Goes On Downstairs In The Atria Classrooms On Sunday Mornings?

Now is your chance to find out. Discover what the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is all about. This is **not** your mother's Sunday school.

Open House
Wednesday, September 12, 7-8 pm

In the Atrium classrooms (just east of the choir room)
All parishioners are welcome

Woodworking Elf?

On our "Wish List" is a spiffy chest/box to house donations to the Food Pantry. We currently use a table outside the Parish Office for this purpose and, while functional, not particularly pleasing to the eye. Hence we are looking for someone who loves to work with wood and/or has a cool shop in their basement and would be willing to create something for us. A donated chest or box would also address the challenge. If you could help, please contact Charlotte McGee at parishpaper@christchurchwinnetka.org or 847-446-2850.

Calling All Senior Men

Did you know that your AARP card not only entitles you to discounts on the Metra, CTA, movie theaters and some local restaurants? It also provides a guaranteed invitation to join the Christ Church Senior Men's Group. Our meetings will resume on **Wednesday, October 10, 2007** at 10:30 am in the Parish House Library (we generally meet on the 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of each month). This year will involve an in-depth study of 'Jesus and the Gospels'. Mark your calendars!

Fall Housekeeping

Our very effective Administrative Assistant, Rena Kowalski, works extra hard to keep our parish email list current. If you have a new email address, please help out by advising Rena at Rena@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Calling All Acolytes

Looking for a new way to become involved with the life of the parish? Maybe the ministry of being an acolyte is for you. If you are interested in becoming a part of the acolyte rotation, please contact Rev. Josh Walters at josh@christchurchwinnetka.org or 847-446-2850, ext. 24.

Baptismal Opportunities For 2007 & 2008

The Sacrament of Baptism will be offered on the following dates during the 2007-08 program year: All Saints Sunday, **November 4, 2007**; Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, **January 13, 2008**; the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, **March 22, 2008**; Pentecost Sunday, **May 11, 2008**. In addition to these feast days during the school year, three Sundays during the summer months will be set aside as Beach Baptisms at the Maple Street Park.

Parents are encouraged to attend one of the two instructional classes prior to your loved-one's baptism. They will be offered on Saturday, October 20, 2007 and Saturday, March 1 with child care provided. Please contact the Rev. Josh Walters for further details at 847-446-2850, ext. 24.

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Kickoff the Sunday School Year with a

Brunch & Ice Cream Social

11 am, Sunday, Sept 9

Following the Ministries Fair & Sunday School

Join us on the patios

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Ministries Fair to Kick Off Stewardship 2007

"Growing our Mission and Ministries through Stewardship" will begin with our Mission and Ministries Brunch and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 9 following the 9 am service (there will be no 11:15 service that day). Part of the morning's activities will be our **Ministry Fair** in the cloisters while church school registration and the first church school classes take place. The brunch/picnic will be on the patios at Church House immediately after the service. The entire family is invited – come and hear about the important and rewarding work we, as a church community, are doing. Dessert for the brunch will be loads of ice cream! Enjoy great food and take advantage of the opportunity to meet and start the year off right. Please call the church office at 847-446-2850 to let us know how many in your family will be attending. If you would like to help with any of this, just call the Church office.

Musical Opportunities Abound

Our vocal and handbell choirs are poised to begin their regularly scheduled rehearsals. Our Choirmaster, Richard Clemmitt, and our Primary Choir Director, Elizabeth Clemmitt (isn't that nice symmetry?) invite all parishioners to participate.

Following is a list of the first rehearsals for the various choirs:

Wednesday evening, **Sept. 5** - Wed.Youth Choir - 4th-12th grades

Thursday evening, **Sept. 6** - Adult Choir

Monday afternoon, **Sept. 10** - Mon.Youth Choir - 4th-6th grades

Mon. or Tues. afternoon, **Sept. 10 or 11** - Youth Choir - 3rd graders (date and time to be decided together by interested families)

Tuesday morning, **Sept. 11** - Adult Handbell Choir

Wednesday afternoon, **Sept. 12** - Primary Choir - 1st & 2nd grades

If you would like more information about joining or need specific times, please contact Richard or Elizabeth through the church office (847-446-2850).


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"A Night In Italy, A Day In Rummage"

Watch the mail for your invitation for this annual kick-off event for Rummage. Join fellow parishioners for this fun-filled evening complete with drinks, yummy pasta, silent & live auction and first dibs on some of Rummage's most unique treasures.

September 21 - 6:30 pm

Please RSVP to the church office.



Under the tent - parish house parking lot.

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Evensong

Sunday, Sept. 16 - 5 pm

Our Youth & Adult Choirs will feature canticles composed by Thomas A. Walmisley

Please join us for this beautiful liturgy

Encouraging News About a Difficult Subject

At our **Adult Forum** on Sunday, **September 30**, hear how **St. Leonard's Ministries**—one of our Episcopal Charities—helps ex-offenders rebuild their lives. The recidivism rate for the more than 300 participants is approximately 20%, compared to 50% for the general population released from prison. Continuing with our Forum theme of "Empowering Us to Do God's Work," our guest speaker will be Bob Dougherty, the Executive Director of St. Leonard's Ministries. The Forum is held in the McClain Room, following the 9 am service

Let Your Creative Juices Run Rampant

The Tent Party Committee and silent auction coordinator, **Leslie George**, are soliciting donations from parishioners for the Tent Party "A Night In Italy, A Day in Rummage." Please consider donating your time or talent (i.e. baby sitting, home decorating, baking skills, handyman talent, etc.) Maybe you have a vacation home that you'd like to share or tickets to a sporting event or musical. All proceeds from this event benefit the Christ Church Benevolence Fund, so please consider donating. Any and all donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated. Please contact Leslie at 847-501-5028 or georges255@comcast.net.



It's all smiles for Libby Hambleton and Bishop "Ready Freddie" Benito



Trip leader, Gary Martin, discusses arrangements with Rector Erika while Duncan Healy looks on.



Lawson and Jane Whitesides put the finishing touches on a window.

Ready, Freddie?

These are the words that Bishop Benito corralled us with as he gathered us under his wing at the Veracruz airport at the start of our mission trip to our sister parish, La Esperanza, in Southeast Mexico. It was a phrase we would hear often during our five-day visit and one which always brought a smile to our lips. Thirteen strong – Margaret, Jane & Lawson Whitesides, Annsley McKinney, Jessie Clevenger, Charlie & Duncan Healy, Alexander Parkinson, Libby Hambleton (our best linguist), Charlotte McGee (your author), Austin Miller, Peter & Gary Martin (our trip leader) – we arrived on Monday, June 22 at the airport minus only one piece of luggage. Margaret Whitesides was an incredibly good sport as she gathered a sparse and instant wardrobe at the airport gift shop and Costco. Ah, the flexibility of youth.

The Bishop and his son, Eigner who was our constant guide, shepherded us through said Costco as we loaded up on supplies for our visit. (Yes, it looks exactly the same as the Costco here right down to the identical yummie chocolate cookies – except everything is in Spanish.) We then loaded into our two vehicles and began our three-hour trip down to Tuxtepec which would become our home base for the next three days.

After a good night's sleep and a hot breakfast (and we are not talking temperature here) Gary successfully navigated the local paint store for the supplies we would need to complete our work at the church. We loaded into our spiffy new van and headed to La Esperanza which was another hour and a half south of Tuxtepec. The hustle and bustle of the city quickly gave way to a rural landscape but not nearly as rural as I had envisioned. I leaned over to trip-veteran, Jane Whitesides, and noted, "This doesn't look so remote." She replied, "Just wait." Indeed when we turned left onto the dirt road which we would travel on for the next forty-five minutes I understood the true meaning of remote.

Anticipation rose among the other trip veterans as we rounded the last curve and the beautiful, proud white church, adorned with a "Welcome" sign and surrounded by villagers young and old, beckoned our arrival. The church's rector, Erika whose smile and sunny disposition would knock your socks off, was ringing the steeple bell to alert the rest of the village of our arrival. Much hugging and ready smiles ensued as reconnections and new acquaintances were made. Despite a mutual lack of bilingual skills on both the part of our hosts and us this special sense of community continued and strengthened throughout our visit. (Thank goodness for Libby whose even limited Spanish allowed her to successfully explain "Duck, Duck, Goose" to a passel of children. Not an easy task.) It is amazing what can be accomplished and communicated with hand gestures, smiles, patience and a sense of adventure.

Working throughout the next two and a half days and along side the parishioners we scraped, re-caulked, and painted the windows in the church – replacing the missing panes along the way. We also started another task – digging a very big hole for a septic tank. (I do need to be more specific in the above sentence or I shall open myself up for much ribbing from my fellow travelers... the "we" was actually Austin, Jessie, Peter, Alexander and

Gary.) However, the 95 degree heat mixed with the 95% humidity did not allow for the completion of this particular task. There's always next year, boys. By the way did I mention that there is no running water or indoor plumbing in the village? But they are looking into the future. Hence, the need and wish for a septic tank.

Throughout our work days the women of the village prepared several meals for us. Long tables borrowed from surrounding homes magically appeared in the sanctuary covered with colorful clothes and laid out for our meals. We reciprocated on Wednesday evening when we cooked and served (thank you teenagers) dinner for over one hundred villagers. In what we had assumed was a strongly paternalistic society we were surprised to see that the men of the village refused dinner until all the women of the village had been served first.

That evening we were invited to spend the night in several of the parishioners' homes. This was at once the most challenging and most rewarding part of our trip. Gary described it best when he said that we were all going outside our comfort zone. Picture cinderblock homes, thatched roofs, no plumbing, cooking over a wood fire, all manner of livestock surrounding the home. Most homes did have electricity and several lucky guests had a fan. Jane and I were not among them. However, our host family was kind, welcoming and proud to share their home with us. After what can only be described as a fitful night's sleep Jane and I sat at the kitchen table as our "mom" cooked a hot breakfast for us. Her five children ate with us, dressed in their school uniforms, brushed their teeth, grabbed backpacks and were out the door to school. Just like home.

Our final day was capped off with a celebratory Eucharist enhanced with an offertory sung by a mini, impromptu Christ Church choir. Richard would have been beaming as he watched Jessie, Annsley, Margaret, Charlie and Jane sing Ubi Caritas - although next trip we need to be sure to include some altos. After the service much hugging ensued (again) as we all boarded our van for the long journey back to Veracruz and eventually, Chicago. As third time trip leader, Gary Martin, points out, "We are not only going down to La Esperanza on a mission to help and 'do good'. We are building relationships through consistency." He is so right. Most mornings since my return I picture my host family getting ready for their day. These are lasting memories. You should consider joining the group next year. Ready, Freddie?

To enjoy more photographs from the 2007 Mission Trip please go to our web site (christchurchwinnetka.org) and click on the "Slide Show" link and then choose "Mexico Trip". Sit back and enjoy.

To learn more about the trip please attend the September 23 Adult Forum following the 9 am service. Many of this year's participants will be sharing their adventures.



Jessie Clevenger, Alexander Parkinson, Peter Martin and Austin Miller discuss "how many boys does it take to paint a window?"



Duncan and Charlie Healy working on the front doors of the church.



The entire group with Erika in front of the altar.

