

Community. Celebration.

Fellowship and Parish Life

Gatherings to strengthen our bonds and make us a community, rather than a collection of Sunday morning acquaintances

- Rummage Tent Party
- Christmas Caroling Party
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Pancake Supper
- Newcomers Welcome Party
- Potluck Supper
- Lobster Boil
- Morning Coffee Hours
- Parish Picnics

Spirituality. Inspiration.

Why Do I Come to Church?

Our Interim Rector's Thoughts:

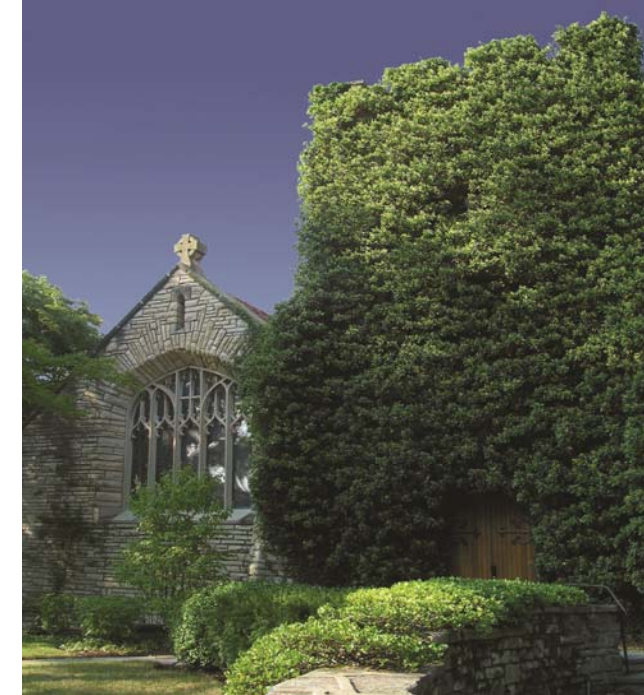
"The peace of God which passes all understanding" ... often this blessing concludes our Sunday morning services. These words are deeply meaningful to me because in God's peace I feel "at home", fully known and fully loved, grateful to be a part of God's Creation and knowing that "all will be well."

In worship at Christ Church, I know God's peace. We find the time in the busyness of our lives to listen to Scripture and reflect on the Scripture; we listen to our hearts and reflect on our lives. We pray for ourselves and for others – we share with God our hopes and our desires, our disappointments and our thanksgivings. Our music allows us to experience and express emotions that simple words can not. We share the bread and wine finding peace in Christ's presence with us and in the knowledge that people around the world are worshiping our one Creator.

In the ministries of Christ Church, I know God's peace. From preparation and participation in worship, to our many outreach ministries caring for people beyond our four walls, to pastoral care for our own parishioners, God's peace is manifest in parishioners' desire to love and serve. In fellowship at Christ Church, I know God's peace. From gatherings after worship to themed dinners, God's peace is manifest in living in relationship with one another, in enjoying and relaxing with one another. In formation at Christ Church, I know God's peace. From our church school for youth to the myriad of adult formation offerings throughout the week, God's peace is manifest in our desire to understand how God's Word informs our lives.

I am so grateful for this community, a place to love and serve, a place to learn and grow, a place to enjoy one another: a place that informs all that life is.

- Jeanne Stewart, September 2011



Pledges/Gifts may be fulfilled in the form of stock gifts:

Address: William Blair & Co.
 222 West Adams Street
 Chicago, Illinois 60606
 Telephone: (312) 236-1600
 Broker: Attn: Mary Kania
 DTC: #771

Christ Church
 Account: #150-17729-1-5

Date of Gift: the date the stock arrives in Christ Church's account

Contact at
 Christ Church: Cathy O'Brien
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Stewardship 2012



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Community. Spirituality. Fellowship. Outreach. Reflection. Beautiful Surroundings. Healing. Comfort. Education. Purpose. Peace.

Did You Know?

- Stewardship is what we do to care for OUR Church. Our giving goes to support all of our ministries and programs.
- OUR church is entirely dependent on us. We have no corporate foundation or charitable foundation support. We receive no grants. We receive no support from individual contributors who are not members of our parish. We receive no government stimulus funds. It is up to us to ensure the financial footing of OUR Church.
- Pledges represent 70% of total church revenues. Additional revenues are received from facility rentals (e.g., West Building, Chapel, Parish House), Rummage income, non-pledged contributions and gifts.
- While our expenses have been reduced in recent years, our pledge income has gone down more. Salaries and benefits to our employees are the largest components of the budget, which have been carefully contained despite increases in medical insurance costs beyond our control.
- Christ Church received positive feedback from in-home gatherings and surveys conducted across the parish. Church members endorsed Christ Church's ministries and programs. Our goal for the 2012 church year is to link these programs that our parishioners enjoy and appreciate to the pledge campaign that maintains them.
- 2011 facts to give you perspective:
 - Number of Christ Church pledging families ≈ 290
 - Average pledge amount = \$3,500

Ministries and Programs

Worship, Liturgy and Spirituality

Hundreds of parishioners working together to create a careful balance of tradition and openness that brings us together for spiritual renewal each week

- Altar Guild
- Lay Readers
- Ushers
- Flower Guild
- Acolytes
- Chalice Bearers



Music

Inspiring our worship

- Primary Choir (grades 1-2)
- Youth Choir (grades 3-12)
- Adult Choir
- Handbell Choir



Christian Faith and Formation

Church School and Christian Study Opportunities

- More than 250 children enrolled in Church School
- Church School Teachers and Youth Group Leaders
- Adult Forums following Sunday services (P.S.)
- The New Testament Study
- Morning Prayer
- Kerygma Bible Study
- Friends in Faith
- Book Discussion Group
- Downtown Lunch Group
- Alpha
- Lenten Series
- Christmas Pageant



Outreach and Christian Service

All the work of hundreds of volunteers providing assistance to the needy here in our own community and in the wider Chicago area

- Soup Kitchen Volunteers
- Christmas Angels
- Meals on Wheels
- Pastoral Care Committee
- Benevolence Committee
- Food Pantry
- Rummage Sale



Global Mission

Reaching beyond our borders to share God's love with companion parishes in Sudan and Mexico



Pastoral Care

Our ministry of caring for each other, led by our devoted clergy and staff, who provide inspiration and spiritual leadership to all of us daily

- Meals Committee
- Flowers Committee
- Rides Committee
- Lay Chaplain
- Funeral Receptions in Church House
- Teddy Bear Sunday



How Do I Decide What to Pledge?

- We are grateful for the support received from every parishioner. The time, talent and treasure committed to Christ Church by our Parish is inspirational.
- In the last three years, an annual deficit meant that in order to maintain the ministries and programs of Christ Church, funds were liquidated from the endowments that were set aside for the long-term care of the Church.
- Our goal for 2012 is that the pledge income will be increased enough to close the budget deficit, protecting the endowment assets from further reductions. To achieve this, we ask the following:
 - Every parish family to make a pledge. The budgeting process is based on pledged contributions. While we certainly appreciate unpledged contributions, they are difficult to incorporate when planning expenses for the upcoming Church year.
 - Consider pledging at the suggested contribution amount on your pledge card, which is based on your pledging history and is meant to provide you with a guideline to help the Church eliminate its budget deficit.

Given the current economic environment, we understand that some parish families may not be in the position to accommodate these requests.

- Only you can determine how much to pledge to Christ Church for the coming year. Our hope is that you will consider increasing your pledge to eliminate the deficit and maintain the ministries and programs that are supported through the operation of OUR Church.