

**T H E
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OF
CHRIST CHURCH, RIVERTON

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Rector

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Love so amazing, so divine!

This year at our Diocese's annual clergy Homecoming Day, Bishop Cancell said that the one of the highpoints of his attending the Lambeth Conference of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion (held every 10 years) was the worship in Canterbury Cathedral, the very heart of our spiritual tradition. In particular, he mentioned, *"the fascinating and awesome music of the Melanesian Brothers and Sisters who, in native apparel, danced and played the Gospel procession to the crossing, carrying the Gospel book in a carved boat. It was wonderful to behold"*.

I confess, I never heard of the Melanesian Brothers, so I came home and looked them up. It turns out that this group is considered the largest male monastic order in the Anglican Communion, with 250 brothers under vows and another 150 in training. It was founded in 1924 by a policeman named Ini Kopuria on the island of Guadalcanal in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, and this movement has spread throughout the scattered islands of that region. They have sought not only to bring the gospel to their people in a way that is sensitive to their culture, but have also acted as mediators between various warring groups over the years, seeking to bring the peace and reconciling love of Christ even to those who do not want to hear it.

As I read further, I realized why the Melanesian Brothers were given that very prestigious role. On April 24th 2003, seven of their number were martyred practicing their Christian faith. It seems that there was a civil war on Guadalcanal which began in late 1990s. Eventually a truce was signed and the Brothers served as mediators. They were later made responsible for collecting the guns and ammunition that the various factions had acquired. There was however one hold-out to the settlement, and the Archbishop of Melanesia sent a letter to this rebel leader, hand carried by one of the brothers. When that brother did not return, six more were sent off in a boat to locate him. Only after months of anxious prayer did the Melanesian Brothers

find out that all had been killed, some shot on the spot, some tortured to death by the rebels.

At the October Burlington / Trenton Convocation meeting, Bishop Councill spoke of the concluding Eucharist of the Lambeth Conference, again held in Canterbury Cathedral. The Bishop is not a whiner, but he complained about the heat and the humidity, as well as the 'lousy seat' he had, where he couldn't see anything and couldn't hear much. The group of Melanesian brothers and sisters again lead the Gospel procession. After the Gospel was read, (according to an account very close to Bishop Counsel's written by Bp Gregory Kerr-Wilson, of Saskatchewan, Canada), *"The names were read out by Archbishop [of Canterbury] Rowan, and then representatives of the Melanesian Religious orders sang a litany of the saints and martyrs of Melanesia as they processed the document [bearing those names] up to the altar of the Chapel [of the Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time]. Some of the brothers present, as I understand it, were friends of those who had been killed. And there was something about their singing - simple, clear and joyous - as they ascended the steps, first into the Quire, and then further off up past the high altar, fading in the distance (it is a large cathedral) as they entered the far chapel"*.

Bishop Councill said that as he heard the singing fade off, he looked off onto the one cathedral landmark he could see clearly, the spotlight beam which shines on the site of the shrine of St. Thomas Becket. As you may recall, Archbishop Beckett was the 12th century prelate who was martyred for standing up to King Henry II, who wished to insert politics and otherwise interfere with the independence of the church. Bishop Councill held back tears as he said, "It reminded me that there is a price to be paid, you can be killed, for doing stuff for God. But that it's worth it, it's worth it".

It is a sobering thought that any Christian still finds real danger in perusing our faith, let alone fellow Anglicans. Yet here and now, in the 21st century, there were seven young men who gave their lives to bring about 'the peace of God that passeth all understanding'. But for me it is also a searing indictment of so much of American Christianity. These brothers were willing to put themselves in harm's way for the surpassing worth of bringing and being Christ Jesus our Lord in the midst of grave danger. Yet most of us are unwilling to sacrifice an hour a week, which might mean a football game preview, an early tee-time, or a couple more moments between the sheets, for God. These Melanesian martyrs were asked for much, and gave all, while we are asked for so little, and yet we give even less. Is it any wonder that Christianity is shrinking in this country (in spite of the mega-church phenomenon)? Most of us can't be bothered following even the most minimal of responsibilities. The love of God, which sent Christ Jesus into the world to save us, and gave us the Spirit to lead us into all peace is not reciprocated by far too many, and then these many (perhaps most) wonder what's missing in their lives. Because if any are waiting for stock prices and the Philadelphia Eagles to raise their spirits and fulfill their lives this season, I've got news for them.

The title of this article, "Love so amazing, so divine" comes from Hymn 474, 'When I survey the wondrous cross'. Isaac Watts' lyrics are among the few that can really put a lump in my throat. It speaks of the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made for us, and how inadequate all human responses are should we consider trying to repay him.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Under these circumstances, is keeping the Sabbath holy for an hour or so a week such a big deal? Are a few little sacrifices on our part worth it in ‘doing stuff for God’? Don’t answer me, answer him, and do so, not only with your lips, but in your lives, for ‘it is only in giving that we receive’.

Blessings,

Richard +



**Wednesday morning Eucharists at
9:30 in the Chapel.**

**Wednesday morning Bible Study 10:15
In the Parish House.**

**The First-Thursday-of-the-Month Healing Service
and Eucharist
7:15 p.m. in the Chapel**

*In October the Chapel Sanctuary Light will be lit in
loving memory of*



- 5 Mildred B. and Edwin E. Ochs given by their family
- 12 Mildred B. and Edwin E. Ochs given by their family
- 12 Ruth Wardwell given by her loving family
- 19 Bettie Evans given by her niece Barbara Benton
- 19 James Gordon Hof given by
- 26 Jimena Reder and Caroline Diamond Williams given by
Pam Williams

*Additional Flower Memorials during September were given in
loving memory of:*

- 21 Kathryn F. Messenger given by Sally Barnes



*Flowers will be placed on the altar during October
in loving memory of:*

- 5 Ruth E. Wardwell given by her loving family
Alice Cole given by Francis Cole and family
- 12 Silas Matteson given by Lois Matteson
- 19 Ed Woods and Mark Brealey given by wife and mother Kay
Woods
- 26 Hilary Andrew Lyons given by Barbara MacFalls

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***Thanksgiving Interfaith Service***

***7 p.m.***

***Tuesday, November 25, 2008  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
New Albany Road, Cinnaminson***

***Sponsored by the TriBoro Ministerium  
Bring a can of food for Burlington County  
Community Services.  
Cash offering goes to the TriBoro  
Ministerium emergency fund.***



Church School  
 Halloween Party  
 Sunday, October



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Church School students are invited to wear their costumes. Classes start in the church on this Sunday. Students will leave for class and their party following the Children's Sermon.



WE ARE FORMING CHILDREN'S CHIME CHOIR

When: Thursday Evenings 7:15  
 (it's OK if you are a little late!)

Who: Children age 5 and up

Mrs. Helen Mack is looking for young people ages 5 (or will be 5 this year) and up to participate in this choir. She needs a minimum number of 8. Please call Helen for more information, 856-786-2376



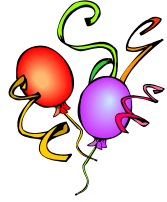
Nursery care available upstairs in the Parish House during the 10 a.m. Service.

Loving care provided by Mrs. Cynthia Stinger and Mrs. Tina Hepperlen





## October Birthdays



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|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Kimberly Hulme     | 8 Ashley Scott      | 22 Victoria Martin    |
| Monica Efaw          | 9 Bailey Gunn       | Joseph Yansick        |
| 3 Jack Harrison      | Donald Deitz        | Justin Hartz          |
| Justin Dixon         | Ila Vassallo        | 23 Stephen Haas       |
| 4 Robert Cook        | 10 Frank Christmas  | Linda Yansick         |
| Heather Proebstle    | Natalie Fries       | Timothy Horan         |
| Frank Shaw           | 11 Rachel Smith     | 25 Michael Ray        |
| 5 Dr. Ronald Pollock | 13 Douglas Benton   | Joan Rippey           |
| Christopher Ulrich   | Judith Evaul        | Dr. John Hoffer       |
| Francis Cole         | 14 Susan Remetta    | 26 Jaquie Thompson    |
| Henry Ransome        | William Kinzler     | Cameron Lindh         |
| Rebecca Mount        | 16 Richard Martucci | 27 Andrew Paull       |
| Kahra Foster Buss    | Jamie Mack          | 28 Robert Benninghoff |
| Amara Ogbonna        | Martha Caiazzo      | Alice Veneziani       |
| 7 Loren Foster       | Andrew Yansick      | 29 Hank Mayer         |
| Eric Blatz           | 17 Neila Jayne      | 30 Timmy Malloy       |
| 8 Eric Kennedy, Jr.  | Lynne Meckel        | 31 Susan Engel        |
| David Caiazzo        | 21 Scott Aaronson   | Lance Tetzloff        |



### *Wedding Anniversaries in October*

- Phyllis and Warren C. Martin, Jr. — October 13  
 Terri and Larry Bradshaw — October 18  
 Linda and Joseph Yansick — October 18  
 Debbie and Warren Lamon — October 20

“O God, send your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness . . .” Amen.

**Did you know it costs \$640.00 a day  
to keep Christ Church open?**

Diocese of New Jersey Women of Honor Luncheon  
was held at Grand Versailles, Maple Shade Saturday, October 18.  
Mrs. Phaedra Pollock is the honoree from Christ Church

We take this opportunity to pay tribute to the women of the Diocese who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the ECW Ministry. Sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of New Jersey.

### **HELP THE HOMELESS**

Pat Lasusky, the Executive Director of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) of Burlington County (and who has spoken at Christ Church) recently contacted the Tri-Boro Ministerium (Cinnaminson, Palmyra and Riverton) for help. The IHN, which houses local homeless families until they can find a place to live, suddenly found themselves with a week that had no host: October 19-25. The Ministerium agreed to take this on as a Tri-Boro project at its September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The host site will either be Sacred Heart R.C. or Calvary Presbyterian Church, and other churches will provide daily assistance. Christ Church has been asked to take Saturday 25 October. We are responsible from 5:30 PM – 6:30 AM and need people to greet the families as they come in, some folks to make an evening meal and others to serve it, and one or two parishioners who would be willing to be present overnight until 6:30 AM. This should not be burdensome since the maximum number of individuals is 14 (men, women and children) and they all have been subject to exhaustive background checks prior to being admitted to the program. If you are interested in helping in some way, please see, speak to or e-mail Fr. Wrede.



Other assisting congregations include Palmyra Moravian, Bethany Lutheran, Covenant Presbyterian, St. Charles Roman Catholic, and Temple Sinai.



### **Christ Church, Riverton Bus Trip To *Longwood Gardens***

**Saturday, December 6, 2008      SOLD OUT!!**

**Tickets \$70 per person Must be paid in full now.      Please  
make checks payable to "Christ Church"**

Call 856-829-1634 Parish Office or Barbara Benton, 856-222-0602,

# REACH OUT

**Prayer Circle** Members of this group maintain a daily round of intercessions. Call the Parish Office to add any names for whom you wish prayers to be offered for whatever reason, or to receive names for your own prayer list. *Please note: Names to be put on the Prayer List will be on for one month unless otherwise specified.*

**Please Note:** Due to the death of Elise Fries, we are asking that you continue to offer prayers for those on your current prayer list. Please include the Fries family in your prayers.

**Emergency Services** is still collecting “cents off” coupons. *June Goyne* is coordinator for this project. Boxes are in the church entry to receive your coupons. Call June at 856-829-5463

**Food Sunday is every Sunday** - Our continuing effort to aid the poor in our local area (County-wide) through the efforts and efficient organization of Emergency Services is expressed through this simple means - ANY SUNDAY, bring in a couple of non-perishable food items (baby formula, dry milk, cereal, canned foods, etc.) *Annamarie and Jim May* will continue to make deliveries to Emergency Services when necessary.

**The Lions Club is collecting used eyeglasses.** There is a box in the Parish House for these glasses. Let your friends and neighbors know about this. Your unwanted eye wear may dramatically improve someone’s life. Your used glasses may provide an adult with the clear vision necessary to maintain employment or give a child the chance to stay in school.



## Join the Knit-or-Crochet-a-Prayer Shawl Group!

We now have patterns for knitted or  
crocheted Prayer Shawls

Imagine what a comfort this would be.

Will you join us in making Prayer Shawls that will be distributed to parishioners who are ill or need solace? Shawls are a basic pattern – K 3, P 3, using size 13 needles. When completed, shawls are blessed in church and delivered to parishioners who might be about to undergo surgery, are seriously ill, depressed or just need the comfort of literally wrapping themselves in prayer.

Please call the Parish Office for more information



**PLEASE DONATE:**

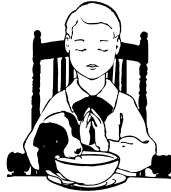
**Warm clothes and blankets, including coats, knit hats, gloves, sweat shirts and pants, sweaters, warm socks and sneakers.**

**They will be transported to the homeless and needy in Camden throughout the winter.**

**Thank you for your generous response.**

**A collection box is in the Parish House.**

**Dr. Ron Pollock 856-829-9482**



**Emergency and Community Services invites you to participate in our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.**

**Families will be extremely grateful for:**

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Turkey (10-14 lbs.) | Ham (canned)                        | Bisquick        |
| Stuffing (bag/box)  | Rice                                | Dried beans     |
| Instant Potatoes    | Canned yams                         | Sweet Potatoes  |
| Canned fruits       | Canned vegetables                   | Cranberry sauce |
| Gravy               | Coffee/tea                          | Muffin mixes    |
| Pie Mixes/fillings  | Evaporated/sweetened condensed milk |                 |
|                     | Grocery gift cards                  |                 |

*Please note: We are unable to accept perishable items (fresh produce or baked goods.)*

**Drop off days and hours:**

**801 Burlington Ave., Delanco NJ 08075 856-764-6945, x11**

**Drop off Nov. 3—21**

**Monday—Friday 9 a.m. 12 p.m. & 1-4:30 p.m.**

***United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering  
Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women***

**Sunday November 9th**

**After the 10 o'clock**

*Brief business meeting — Nomination and Election of Officers*

*Cost: Free will donations accepted*



*Come & Enjoy*

*Coffee, Tea and Breakfast Snacks*



*And most important .... The fellowship!*

Please note: Your “Free Will” donation may consist of a cash donation, a non-perishable food donation or both!

***“A strong ECW helps to build a strong Church.”***

What a terrible thing for our Church to be without the opportunities for service and fellowship that the ECW provides.

Would you enjoy being our ECW president? Would you like the opportunity to use your vision, time and talents, as expressed by Bishop Cancell in his introductory letter for the ECW yearbook, to “enhance our common life in Christ?”

Please let me know if you would like to be placed in nomination on or before November first, as we will be holding the election at our Fall Ingathering to be held on Sunday, November 9 after the 10 o'clock service.

Please feel free to call me with any questions at home 856-222-0602, or email me at [babzz@verizon.net](mailto:babzz@verizon.net) or leave a message on my cell at 609-217-9519.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Benton*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 12 - 8 and 10 a.m. 1549 Communion Service
- October 14 - 7 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
- October 18 - Honored Women's Luncheon Grand Versailles, Maple Shade  
Mrs. Phaedra Pollock is the honoree from Christ Church
- October 19 - Organ concert \_\_\_\_\_
- October 20 - 10 a.m. Diocesan Altar Guild Meeting, Trenton
- October 20 - 7 p.m., Vestry meeting in the Parish House.
- October 23 & 30 - 8 p.m. Choir rehearsal in the Parish House.
- October 24 - 6 p.m. Oktoberfest set-up
- October 25 - Annual Oktoberfest Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parish House
- October 26 - Church School Halloween party
- October 27 - 9 a.m. Morning Prayer, Riverview Estates  
7 p.m. Long Range Planning Committee meeting
- October 28 - 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- November 5 - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Christmas Altar Guild Meeting  
in the church
- November 16 - Evensong 4 p.m.
- November 22 - Project Interaction Dinner- Dance, Sensational Host,  
Rt. 73, Maple Shade (see insert)
- November 25 - Tri-Boro Ministerium Thanksgiving Interfaith Service  
7 p.m. covenant Presbyterian Church, New Albany  
Rd., Cinnaminson
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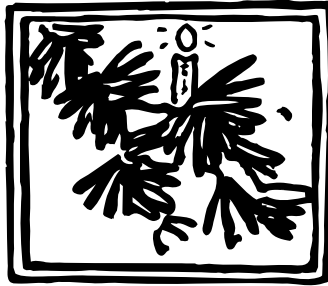
## A Note of Thanks

To the Parishioners of Christ Church,

During my time in the hospital after surgery and since I have returned home I once again am convinced that Christ Church is a great place to worship. There have been many prayers on my behalf by fellow parishioners and Father Wrede that have been answered and brought me this far in my recovery. I thank you all for the prayers and also for the phone calls, cards and visits in the hospital and at home. Thanks again to the fine members of Christ Church. May God bless you all.

Gus Hollingsworth

The Time has Come to Share  
with Others....



We are collecting twin bed linens,  
and hand, face, and bath towels  
for delivery to  
POST HOUSE  
in Pemberton, NJ.

We thank you for your kindness.  
If you have any questions please  
ask

Chuck and Sherrie Gill  
856-234-7847

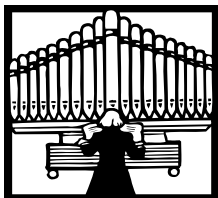
JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL  
**OKTOBERFEST**  
CHRIST CHURCH PARISH DINNER  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
**5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.**

Come and enjoy  
Bratwurst – Bacon Mashed Potatoes --  
Sauerkraut – Rolls & Butter -- Dessert  
Beverages  
BYOB - Beer and Wine only  
Tickets: Adults: \$9.00  
Children 12 and under, \$5.00  
Hot dogs available

For reservations, call the  
Parish Office 856-829-1634 – 9 a.m. to 12:30.  
Christ Church Parish House  
4<sup>th</sup> & Howard St., Riverton NJ 08077



## Hymnology 101



Autumn is here. School is back in session. Even if you no longer attend school, it is important to keep on learning and exercising your mind. Here's a quick lesson from the music department: When we pick up the 1982 hymnal to sing a hymn, the first thing we look for is the hymn number so we can find the music and words. Did you ever wonder what else we can find?

For example, let's turn to Hymn 680 and see what's on the page. Here we have the words and music to the beloved hymn "O God, our help in ages past". So far so good.

Now, look at the bottom of the page after the words for verse 6 (and the end of the hymn). On the left, you will see two lines of text—  
Words: gives us the author of the text, in this case Isaac Watts, along with his dates, followed by "alt", which means the text was altered at some time. We also learn that this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne* This is known as the "tune name". Every hymn has a name for the melody it is sung to. Tune names may come from the first line of text (often in another language), the name of the composer, a place name (such as the name of the place the tune was composed), a Saint's name, even the name of a Holy Day. There are no set rules for determining a tune's name, and some may be quite whimsical. For instance, the tune name for Ralph Vaughan Williams' famous hymn "For all the saints" is "*Sine Nomine*" which in Latin means "Without a Name"!

Now that we know the tune's name, the composer's name and dates are given (if known) and the name and dates of the arranger (if it was arranged by someone else).

Two more nuggets of information can be found in the bottom right corner. The music note plus a number - in this case a quarter note = 72 is the suggested tempo to play and sing the hymn. Set your metronome to 72, and each click will indicate one beat.

Last but not least is the Meter. This refers to the poetic meter of the text and tune. For this well known Hymn, "CM" indicates Common Meter, also known as 86. 86. As confusing as this might seem, it is really very simple. The first line contains eight syllables (O God, our help in ages past,) and the second line contains six (our hope for years to come).

Now I'll bet you can figure out what the second "86" stands for!

Peace,  
Justin



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**THE VESTRY** of Christ Church usually meets in the Parish House on  
the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.