

THE TOWER BELL

OF
CHRIST CHURCH, RIVERTON

The Revd. Richard C. Wrede
Rector

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The Case of the Missing Rector

The case began innocently enough. I was working on the lists of Rectors, Wardens and Vestry. They were to be included in the parish history that we were publishing. You know, the one to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the consecration of our church building.

I counted down the list. The total, including me, was 16. Something was wrong. I went down to the Guild Room of the Parish House to investigate. It is there where the “Rogues Gallery” of former clergy can be found. Six portraits hung to the left of Dr. Weld’s large photo, seven to the right. I didn’t count mine – I’m not ‘former’ yet. Total number: 14. Who was missing?

I ran down to my study. I grabbed my list. Ran back to the Guild Room. Started the roll call from the right: Salmon, check. Ferguson, check. Crockett, Downs, Lewis, check, check, check. On I went, list getting shorter, photos more faded, less clear. Converse, short term but highly regarded, Hills, short term and fervently disliked. The sainted H.H. Weld the church builder. Robert Roach, first resident of the Rectory. Millet from Burlington College; Marcus Hyde, Bishop ‘Fling out the banner’ Doane’s missionary. Levi Johnston, Deacon in charge but called ‘Rector’ in the Vestry minutes. All present and accounted for, but one. Standing out like a sore thumb was the name: Henry Paethorp Hay, 1863-1866. I had found the missing link! It was interesting, but other cases crowded my agenda. I put Hay back in the stack. *[With apologies to detective writer Dashnell*

Hammett for poorly mimicking his style!

In any event, it was only when Canon Larry Fish, the diocesan archivist and historiographer asked me for a list of the clergy photos we had in Riverton that the issue of the missing H.P. Hay resurfaced. As part of his efforts, Fr. Fish is assembling a database of all the pictures of every member of the clergy who served in the Diocese of New Jersey. I went back to the Guild Room and took some thumbnail photos of the gentlemen on the wall and labeled them. When I handed the sheet over I told him I had them all but one. Was it possible that Henry Palethorp Hay was in his database?

He looked up the name, and lo and behold, Fr. Hay's photo was in a 1904 history of Trinity Church in Trenton. Fr. Fish loaned me the book, and I scanned the picture. The quality wasn't the best, but I was grateful for it anyhow.

Who was this man who served in Riverton almost 140 years ago? It seems he was born in Philadelphia, probably in 1838. He was graduated from Central High School in that city in 1858 with a B.A. He studied at General Seminary in New York City for a while, and was ordained by Bishop George Washington Doane. He was elected the third Rector of Trinity Church in Trenton (one of the two churches which would combine to form our present cathedral congregation) in 1860. It seems they couldn't pay him the \$500 a year promised, so Bishop Doane recommended him to Riverton. The Vestry wasn't so sure they could pay him that much, and there was no Rectory, but they called him anyway and he began his ministry here on All Saints' Day 1863.

It was an eventful time. The first church had been completed in 1860. The Civil War was raging; it was a time of great disruption. Fr. Hay was set up in the summer bungalow of a parishioner and was told he could remain there, as long as the owner didn't want to use it! He performed the wedding of one of the Seckel daughters (the Seckels were Christ Church's founding family). The first confirmation in the newly built church occurred (one of the confirmands was his niece). He baptized his newly born daughter and buried in the church grounds four members of a family who died of an unknown illness within one week of each other. He received an honorary Master of Arts degree from Princeton University in 1864. On the assassination of Abraham Lincoln he wrote and published an open letter to our parish, Trinity, Fairview (Delran) and St. Peter's Rancocas (Willingboro), which suggests he was ministering in some way to those congregations as well (Fairview seems to have paid \$2 a week for his

Those congregations as well (Fairview seems to have paid \$2 a week for his services). But permanent housing and salary issues remained unresolved, and in 1866 he resigned and accepted the call to be the Rector of St. Stephen's in Millburn (Essex County), NJ. The poor guy lasted there seven months, as they found they couldn't pay him at all.

In 1869, he became the first Rector of the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont Pennsylvania. He had an active ministry, starting a hospital, a day school and two mission stations, all while serving as a trustee of General Seminary in New York. He was at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, held in New York City in 1880 and served as an assistant secretary to that assembly.

As I look again at his young and eager face in the photo, and reread his eloquent letter of acceptance to the Christ Church Vestry, I get a sense of his contributions while here. There is real truth and grace in what the then 25 year old Rector-elect wrote 146 years ago:

The Pastoral relation, having its results in eternity, should not be lightly broken or lightly assumed. The solemn interests attaching to it, forbid such a thing ...I trust that God will so bless us in the relation now formed, that in the great day many souls may rise up and call us blessed; who have been led to the foot of the cross to seek their Saviour by our instrumentality ...and [be assured] of my intention to labor as the Servant of the Lord, "in season and out of season".

We have every reason to believe that in Riverton, H.P. Hay kept his word, and that he struggled to build up this place at a very difficult time in Christ Church's life and that of our nation. And for this we remember him both on the Guild Room wall and in our prayers. He did good and lasting work. In fact, even with his departure he made a permanent contribution, since his short tenure forced the Vestry to find a way to provide permanent housing for a priest. This bore fruit in 1868 with the building and dedication of our present Rectory.

It may not have taken the sleuthing of Dashielle Hammett's Sam Slade nor is the result as fantastic as that of the discovery of the Maltese Falcon, but I think that the Case of the Missing Rector has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and this gap in parish's long history repaired.

Have a blessed Advent,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard +". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Have a blessed Advent,".

Wednesday morning Holy Eucharists will resume January 6, 2010
when we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

The Rector's Wednesday morning Bible Study meets at 10:15
in the Parish House following the 9:30 Service.

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



Grant Application Approved!

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry are pleased to announce that Christ Church's Historic Sites Management grant application submitted to the New Jersey Historic Trust for consideration was approved, in full, by the Trust's Board at their meeting on Wednesday, 9 December. Thirty-eight of the forty-seven applications filed in our category were approved, six of which were "houses of worship". We were the sole Episcopal Church to be awarded a grant. All of the others were Presbyterians! Because of the funding source, the Board is reasonably sure that the funds awarded today will survive the impending administration transition.

The grant will cover an architectural and structural survey of our three historic buildings in order to evaluate their condition, identify problems, offer solutions, and suggest means to increase accessibility. It will also cover the cost of the creation and installation of a permanent, illustrated marker on the church lawn which will reference the history of the parish, its role in the development of the community, and the architectural significance of our buildings.

The total cost of the project is \$34,500, \$25,875 of which will be provided by the Trust with Christ Church's contribution being \$8,625 in the 2010 budget. This is our share of the project cost. Upon formal notification, Christ Church will award the contract to The Westfield Group of Haddon Heights.

Many, many thanks go out to Keith Betten and the members of the Long Range Buildings Planning Committee for doing the hard work that has brought us to this point!

Highlighting Christmas in Christ Church, 2009

**The Greening of the Church Sunday, December 20,
following the 10 a.m. Service.**

Members of the congregation are cordially invited to stay and help prepare the church for Christmas. Any questions, please call Altar Guild Directress Phaedra Pollock, 856-829-9482

*Christmas Eve at 4 P.M.
Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist*

The Church School students and the Chime Choir participate in the pageant.

*Christmas Eve at 10:30 P.M.
The traditional Choral Eucharist and Sermon.*

*Christmas Day at 9 A.M.
Holy Eucharist*

*December 27
Regular Sunday Services at 8 A.M. and 10 A.M.*
The Rev. Anne Wrede, Guest Celebrant



*December 27
Tri-Boro Council Of Churches
Walk-A-Christmas Mile Sunday, December 27*
Visit the local churches beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church, Palmyra, 638 Parry Avenue and ending at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 300 Fourth St., Riverton for Benediction and Fellowship.

— *Our Apologies* —

The November schedule for the Chapel Sanctuary Light was inadvertently omitted from the last issue of *The Tower Bell*. Please be assured that your loved ones were definitely remembered in the prayers on the Sunday you requested.

**In November the Chapel Sanctuary light was lit
in loving memory of:**

- 1 Joseph Horrell given by Susan Engel
Clyde Eric Dorkin given by his family
- 8 Kathleen Maholland given by Florence Thompson
Edith and William H. Bishop given by Harold Bishop
- 15 Carlile and Evelyn King and Frank Iacopani given by Roger and
Pat King
- 22 Earl M. and Charles A. Bishop given by Harold Bishop
- 29 Florence Edna and Albert Gorman II given by Nancy Gorman



In December, the Chapel Sanctuary Light will be lit in loving memory of:

- 6 Sarah Ann and Andrew Brown and Kathryn and John Class given by
Sarann and Don Foster
- 13 Walter W. Salmon, Sr. given by The Rev. Dr. Alan K. Salmon
C. Gardner Jones by Helen, Jeff and Kenny Mack
Kathryn F. Messenger by Sally Barnes and Kathy Legander
- 20 Mary Gray Stevenson by Don and Elizabeth Proebstle and grand
daughters Heather and Holly
Ruth Wardwell by Fran and Al Wardwell, Jr.
- 27 Alice Cole by the McCamy family
Mabel Turner by Fran and Al Wardwell, Jr.



In January, the Chapel Sanctuary Light will be lit in loving memory of:

- 3 Mary and Edwin Ennis given by Richard Frost
Alice Cole by the Bradshaw family
- 10 Russel and Mary Bigelow by their daughter, Mary G. Meyer
The Freehafer family by Jeanne Dorkin
- 17 Russel and Mary Bigelow by their daughter, Mary G. Meyer
Catherine, Mary and Elizabeth Wrede by the Rev. Anne and Richard
Wrede
- 24
- 31 Corinne Turner by Hope Wormley

*The Chapel Candle schedule for January was incomplete
at the time of publication.*

Flowers will be placed on the altar in December

In loving memory of:

- 6 Ethel and Warren C. Martin, Sr. and Edmond T. and Flora Jones by Warren C. Martin, Jr.
In Loving memory of grandparents Sarah Ann and Andrew Brown and John and Kathryn Class by Donald and Sarann Foster.
- 13 Catherine F. McCracken and John Mcanus by James T. McCracken
Walter L. Smith, Jr. and Walter L. Smith III by Alice H. Smith
Walter W. Salmon, Sr. by The Rev. Dr. Alan K. Salmon
Grace W. G. Smith by Ed Smith and family
- 20 Kathryn F., Messenger by Sally Barnes and Kathy and Dan Legander
Given in thanksgiving for the 15th Anniversary of The Rev. Ronald N. Pollock's Ordination to the Priesthood by his parents, Dr. Ron and Phaedra Pollock
- December 25 And 27 Christmas memorials



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

- 3 Christmas memorials remain
- 10 Helen and Sidney Smith, Jr. and Connie and Albert Murphy
by Warren C. Martin, Jr.
Ed and Mary Enniss by Richard Frost
- 17 Mary and Charles Wrede, Edward, Catherine and Elizabeth
Wrede by Richard and Anne Wrede
- 24 Joseph Fudala by Ed and Portia Fudala
- 31 Robert H. Messenger by Sally Barnes and Kathy Legander
Stephen Ashton Hoff by Ila Hoff



Members of our Parish Family who have died since the last issue of the Tower Bell was published:

Leonard A. Lewis—December 6, 2009

Gini McMenamini - December 14, 2009

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

Plan for the Future ...

For hundreds of years through various editions of the Book of Common Prayer, Episcopalians have been encouraged to make a will, to provide for their families, and to make bequests for religious and charitable purposes if possible.

In the church we suggest you plan your funeral (forms are available from the Parish Office) even before writing your will. This way you can make a statement about your life and can tailor your will to reflect your values.

Preparing a will is a loving and responsible act for the sake of your family. Dying intestate is difficult for the family at best. Paul's letter to Timothy reminds us of the simple truth that

“WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THIS WORLD ...
WE CAN TAKE NOTHING OUT OF IT.”
(I Timothy 6:7)

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BEQUESTS TO CHRIST CHURCH CAN TAKE SEVERAL FORMS...

- ❖ an outright monetary bequest
- ❖ a percentage of an estate
- ❖ a specific asset, such as personal or real property
- ❖ a trust created in a will
- ❖ a contingent beneficiary, i.e., the church receives the assets if there are no surviving beneficiaries

Sample language for including the church in your will might be:

“I give, devise, and bequeath (state the amount, asset, or percentage of estate) to (name and address of the church) to be used (describe use) or as the church’s governing board or vestry deems appropriate.”

A bequest to the church is deductible from the value of your estate for tax purposes

THANK YOU—- -

To Tracey Holland for providing cupcakes and to Alice Veneziani for delivering the “Whose Birthday is it?” gifts to Catholic Charities in Delanco.

To Pam and Don Deitz and Harold Bishop for putting up the wreaths and garlands outside the church.



Please return your Pledge Card as soon as possible

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| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| Pledged to Date: | \$118,934 | \$102,851 |

No. of Pledges 66

Pledgers who:

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Increased | 31 |
| No change | 27 |
| Reduced | 4 |
| Are new | 2 |
| <u>No pledge, 2009</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | <u>62</u> |

No. of Days Paid for:

272

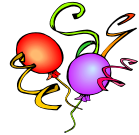
Percentage of increase

8.5%

As of 12/10/09

Birthdays being celebrated in December :

| | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Helen Mack | 10 | Wayne Bromley | 22 | Pamela Knowles |
| | Cole McCamy | 12 | Anthony Caiazzo | | Daniel Stinger |
| 3 | Eric Anthony | | K. C. Ogbonna | 23 | Kathryn Gulbin |
| 4 | Tom Pollock | 13 | Ann Stephens | 24 | Michael Snowden |
| | Dennis Legander | 15 | Sarann Foster | 25 | Glenn Gulbin |
| 5 | Jeffrey Smith | | Mary Shea | 26 | Holly Toth |
| | Anne Benninghoff | | Tracy Holland | 27 | Robert Fest |
| | John Giordano | 16 | Jessica Kennedy | 28 | Wayne Pollock, Jr. |
| 6 | Rob Goggol | | Hank Mushinski | | Carol LaFetra |
| 7 | Marlie Elise Guicheteau | 18 | Christopher Matteson | | Clare Benninghoff |
| | Andrea Kinzler | | Catherine Yard | | Matthew Bostock |
| 8 | Danielle Pellechia | 19 | Sally Barnes | 29 | Joey Christmas |
| | Adam Long | | Wendy Gogol | 30 | Adam Vollmerl |
| 9 | Kathy Legander | 20 | Nancy Hulme | | |
| | Patricia King | 22 | Lynne Mack | | |
| | Sharon Hollingsworth | | Christine Cetrullo | | |



January Birthdays

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|----|----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 2 | Tyler Fedorko | 12 | Catharine Mayer | 22 | Barbara Renton |
| 3 | Barbara Martin | 13 | Robert Koehler | 23 | Peter Martucci, Sr. |
| | Alieta Hoffer | | Warren C. Martin, Jr. | 24 | Matt Yansick |
| | Martha Curry | | Roy Vollmer | | Catherine B ednarek |
| 4 | David Cook | | Zachary Lewis | 25 | Ryan McCamy |
| | Megan Warren | 14 | Betty Flower | | Harry Shea |
| 5 | Trudy Benton | | Portia Fudala | | Jim W. Young, Jr. |
| | Georgine Meyer | | Veronica Curry | | Clay Bromley |
| 6 | Kimberly Kennedy | 15 | Kathleen Zube | | Craig Giovanetti |
| | Raymond Goodman, Jr. | 16 | Garrett Tetzloff | 26 | Elizabeth Proebstle |
| 7 | Robert Horner, Jr. | | Michael Giovanetti | 27 | Lois Ciurlino |
| | Diane Caruso | 17 | Athan Stosuy | | Karen Casey |
| 8 | Kate McGarry | 18 | Victoria Basgil | | Stephen Fedorko |
| | Meran Warren | | Katie Oliver | 28 | Lauren Bromley |
| 10 | Bob Hollingsworth | 19 | Rebecca Fergosi | | Cynthia Stinger |
| | Rebecca Long | 20 | Alan Dages | 29 | Leonard Lewis III |
| | Stacy Proebstle | | Laura Sigler | | Juliet Gunn |
| 11 | Richard Burgess | 21 | Elaine Manes | 30 | Jim Meckel, Jr. |
| | George Corbin III | | Stephen Snow | 31 | Jeffrey Bischoff |
| 12 | Phillip Thompson | 22 | Don Hollingsworth | | |



Notice to Church School parents —

Pageant rehearsal Dec. 19, 10 a.m. in church

Church School students will start in the church Sunday, December 20 in order to have more time to prepare for the Christmas pageant.

Questions? Call Linda Yansick, 856-786-8408

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Notice to the parents of Chime Choir members

Schedule of rehearsals:

Thursday, December 17, 7:15 p.m. practice

Saturday, December 19. 10:30 a.m. - Practice in church

Sunday, December 20, 10 a.m. - play in church

Thursday, December 24 play at 4 p.m. service –

Arrive at church at 3 p.m.

Questions? Call Helen Mack, 856-786-2376



Congratulations to the newest parents in Christ Church

Madison Monaghan, daughter of Lindsay and Michael Monaghan
Born August 25, 2009

Clark Marion Fitzgerald, son of Kristin and Doug
Fitzgerald born November 25, 2009

We Welcome the Newly Baptized

Made members of Christ's one holy catholic apostolic church through
Baptism November 22, 2009

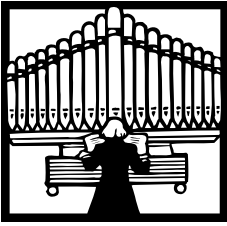
Julia Lynnae Dellisanti and Justin Louis Dellisanti
Children of Jill and Jason Dellisanti



To be made members of Christ's one holy catholic apostolic church
through Baptism during the 10 a.m. Service on January 3, 2010:

Jaxon Ryder McCamy
Son of Ryan and Felicia McCamy and grandson of Donna and Bill McCamy
and

Shea Elizabeth Gulbin
Daughter of Glenn and Kathy Gulbin and granddaughter of Harry and Mary Shea.



MUSIC NOTES

It is that time of year again. Time to prepare for the wonderful season of Christmas!

Do you enjoy the music, greenery, presents, decorations, and Candlelight?

Or are you ready to shout "ENOUGH!" to the canned "holiday" music which has bombarded our visits to the grocery store since All Saint's Day?

Are you weary of the mall decorations? Has your neighbor offended your sensibilities with his display of flashing animated lawn ornaments?

Take heart! All this will go away December 26.

I feel genuinely sorry for these folks. Christmas has 12 days, beginning December 25.

Here are a few ways to make the season meaningful to you.

Participate in music making. Come to our service of Lessons and Carols as well as the services for the First and Second Sundays of Christmas. Singing your favorite carols and actively listening to the choir (as opposed to passively listening to recorded pop stars of yesterday) is a form of ministry and prayer. Read the words of old favorites and listen to them as if you were hearing them for the first time. You will be richly rewarded.

Christmas has Twelve Days. Celebrate them! Keep your decorations (which I am certain are in the best of taste) up until Epiphany and invite friends and neighbors to enjoy your hospitality throughout the season.

Who knows? Perhaps sharing the joy of Christmas after the secular world has said "good bye" to Christmas will catch on, bringing "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men".

Wishing you a Merry Christmas,

Justin

Justin Hartz's Schedule for Longwood Gardens

Sing-alongs with the Longwood Gardens Aeolian Pipe Organ
Conservatory Ballroom

Saturday, December 19 - 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30

Wednesday, December 23 - 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30

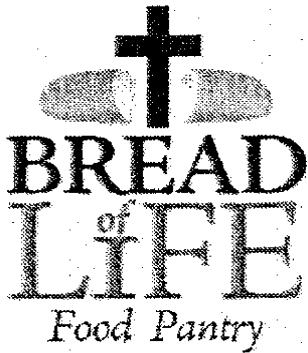
Wednesday, December 30 - 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00 and 8:00
Organ Waltzes for the New Year

Notice of the Annual Meeting of The Parish of Christ Church, Riverton Sunday, January 17, 2010 in the Church

There will be one Service of the Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. followed by light refreshments and Annual Meeting in the Church. This will provide an opportunity for all the family of Christ Church to worship together at this important event in the life of our congregation.



Committee Reports should be given to the Rector by January 11, 2010. It is of infinite help if they are typed on 8-1/2 by 11 inch paper with 1 inch margins all the way around. This way they do not have to be reprinted. Many thanks ahead of time.



The Bread of Life Food Pantry

Update on the "Bread of Life" Food Pantry.

Sherrie Gill, 856-234-7847

The Epworth Bread of Life Food Pantry Team reports that the September Pantry Day saw an increase in the number of people served--35 households representing 113 people from our tri-boro area received food from the pantry.

The Food Pantry Team is most appreciative of our congregation's support, as well as our donations of food.

Christ Church has been asked to continue collecting:

Cookies Snacks (Rice Krispies Treats, Goldfish, etc.)

Kool-Aid Pudding and Jello Peanut Butter Jelly

They also appreciate the list of people from Christ Church who have offered to be of service by helping out at Epworth Church during the monthly Pantry Days. However, they ask for our continued patience as they have been blessed with a barrage of volunteers. The Team is in the process of devising a system for making the best use of this long list of people from girl scout/boy scout troops, churches, and synagogues who have offered their help.

**Pantry's doors are open (usually the 3rd Saturday of the month)
call Sherrie Gill 856-234-7847**

There is a box marked
BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

in the church entry way for these donations.

The food collection will not interfere with the donations brought to Burlington County Community Services, as those items not requested by the local pantry will still be brought to Delanco.



January 3, 2010 — The "Degreening" of the church.

We will be removing the Christmas decorations after the 10 a.m.

Service. We would, of course, welcome help from members of the congregation. You are invited to take a poinsettia from the Carriage entrance for a shut-in, yourself or a friend. Members of the Altar Guild will be happy to assist you if necessary.

Reach out

Prayer Circle Coordinator: Lynne Meckel - Members of this group maintain a daily round of intercessions. Lynne Meckel, 856-829-8163, is the coordinator for the Prayer Circle Group. Please call Lynne 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.*

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, peanut butter, pasta, sauce, tuna, 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.

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. With the economy the way it is, there is a greater need now for coupons than before!

Project Interaction— January 31 Parishioners from Christ Church will go to St. Paul's church, Camden to prepare breakfast for homeless people . We are responsible for the 5th Sundays in the outreach program. For more information, please call coordinator Keith Betten, 856-786-1914



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. There is a box in the Parish House for your donations. Thank you for your generous response.

Confirmation Date Set — May 9, 2010

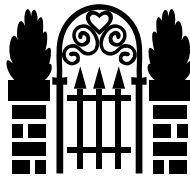
Introductory Meeting January 5, 2010—7—8:30 p.m.

We are delighted that our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Revd George E. Councill will be at Christ Church for his parish visitation on Sunday May 9th, 2010 at the 10 AM service and will administer the sacramental rite of Confirmation at that time.

For those who are interested in being confirmed who are under 18 years old, Fr. Wrede will be holding an introductory meeting with them and at least one parent on Tuesday January 5th at 7-8:30 PM in the Guild Room of the Parish House. We will use the opportunity to get to meet each other, negotiate the class schedule and go over the requirements. It is understood that the child will have been regular in attendance at church and Sunday School, has had or will have acolyte training, and have the Lord's Prayer memorized. Please confirm your attendance in advance by contacting the parish office before that date.

For adults who would like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, an introductory Inquirers' Class will be held later in the season.

Please see Fr. Wrede if you are at all curious.



The wrought iron gate at the Fourth Street entrance to the Memorial Garden was dedicated November 22, 2009 following the 10 a.m. Service. The gate was given to the glory of God upon the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of Christ Church by Mary and Harry Shea.

One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that **One Solitary Life**.

This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis in "The Real Jesus and Other Sermons" © 1926 by the Judson Press of Philadelphia

Dates to Remember



December, 2009

- 19 10 a.m. Pageant rehearsal in church
10:30 a.m. Chime Choir practice in church
- 20 Greening of the church following the 10 a.m. Service.
- 21 Vestry meeting, 7 p.m. in the Parish House
- 24 Christmas Eve — 4 p.m. Church School Pageant and Holy Eucharist
Christmas Eve— 10:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist
- 25 Christmas Day—9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 27 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist; The Rev. Anne Wrede, Guest Celebrant. No Church School classes

**We wish you all God's blessing and
a happy and healthy New Year**

January 2010

- 3 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Baptisms
Shea Elizabeth Gulbin and Jaxon Ryder McCamy
Church School resumes
- 6 Epiphany—9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 10:125 Bible Study
- 7 7:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service in the Chapel
7:15 p.m. Chime Choir practice
8 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 13 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 10:15 Bible Study
- 14 7:15 p.m. Chime Choir practice
8 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 17 **9 a.m. Holy Eucharist (one Service this day)**
**Christ Church Annual Meeting in the church following the
9 a.m. Service. Light refreshments will be available.**
- 18 7 p.m. Vestry meeting in the Parish House
- 20 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 10:15 Bible Study
- 21 7:15 p.m. Chime Choir practice
8 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 24 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 27 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 10:15 Bible Study
- 28 7:15 p.m. Chime Choir
8 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 31 Project Interaction, St. Paul's Camden
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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