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WEEKLY MESSENGER

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Dear People of God,

During the lazy days of summer there is much work planned around the church office - and frankly we need YOUR help. These are all volunteer positions.

HELP WANTED:

Church office volunteer: If you have some time to volunteer in the office, we need help setting up our parish filing system. This is not a project that has to be done yesterday, but it will help in the smooth operation of our ongoing parish life.

Parish registrar-or clerk: This volunteer position is one that can be done from home, and modest computing skills would be helpful. We need to organize the parish records and gather pertinent data regarding transfers in , transfers out, who has been baptized, confirmed, etc, and helping to get our parochial reports accurate.

Archivist: in addition to the wonderful work that Lynn Ranieri is doing to catalog our historical documents and records, we need someone who would be willing to compile and organize recent historical data- vestry minutes, annual parish reports , etc for easy access

Technical Computer help: in addition to getting all of the above items in order, we are also looking for someone who will either scan many of the above records into our computer or make pdf files for archival retrieval

Inventory updater: For church insurance purposes we need to periodically maintain an update of items that belong to the church and maintain accurate written records or video inventories in case of loss or theft.

If any of these items looks like they might be something that you are willing to take on as a summer ministry project, please email me at sthccsh@gmail.com! Many thanks!

Faithfully,



The Rev. Scott Holcombe

CONFIRMATION ANYONE?

Anyone want to join me? I would like to hold a gathering of interested people who are willing to dream with me what sort of year we shall assemble for our young people. Please email me at sthccsh@gmail.com and let me know of your interest and I will get back with you.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

If you would like to join the Intercessory Prayer Group, please email La Nora Holcombe at Ihmmom@aol.com or Jane Houston at jhouston@comcast.net

BETTY F. WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Application forms for the college year beginning in the fall of 2009 are available. Both the names of all applicants and the deliberations by the committee are kept confidential. Application forms are available on the table outside Parish Hall and on our website at www.christchurchshorthills.org.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

- Are you interested in helping others?
- Do you belong to an organization that needs volunteers?
- If so, please join us as we plan exciting new "Hands On"
- Outreach initiatives on **Tuesday, June 2** at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Mark's Room. All are welcome, no experience necessary. If you
- would like to be added to the committee e-mail list, please
- e-mail Arlene Sommer at ASommer@comcast.net.

WISE WOMEN POTLUCK: SAVE THE DATE

All women of the parish are invited to the last Wise Women meeting of the season, a potluck supper on Tuesday, June 9. More information to come in next week's Messenger!

GLORY TO GOD

Today's "Gloria," which we will continue singing for the first eight weeks of the Season after Pentecost, is a simple chant from the Iona Community, an ecumenical group of women and men "seeking new ways of living the Gospel in today's world." Except during Advent and Lent, the Prayer Book invites us to sing the *Gloria in excelsis* "or some other song of praise"; this one is found in *Wonder, Love and Praise*, one of our supplemental hymnals. Love to the Three and yet One!

Several people have asked for the recipe for the cookies that we enjoy on Sundays - so here is the first offering



BEST OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 cup Crisco
- 3/4 cup light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Baking soda
- 1 + 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 cup quick oats (dry)

Plus one of the following:

- Option one - add 1 cup chocolate chips
- Option two - add 1 cup raisins or craisins
- Option three - add 1 teaspoon coconut extract + 1 cup coconut

Cream sugars and Crisco, add ingredients in order, mixing well. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto lightly panned or parchmented cookie sheet/ bake 350 degrees about 12 min- let cool slightly before removing from pan.

INTERWEAVE'S ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

La Convivencia

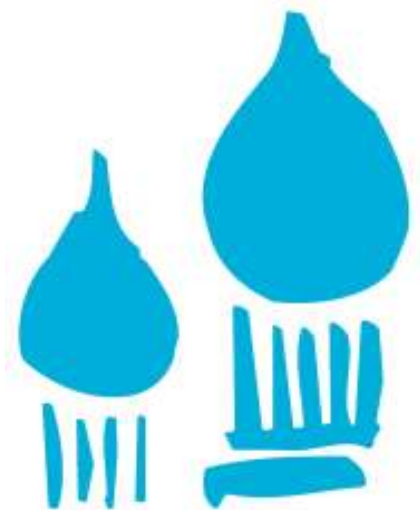
This festive evening will evoke the spirit of the medieval Moorish civilization in Spain that celebrated amicable "living together" between people of different faiths and cultures. From 711 until 1492, Jews, Christians and Muslims lived together in one of the greatest civilizations of all time. Musical entertainment, decor and food will combine to create a special surround to fundraising silent and live auctions.

Saturday, June 6, 6-10 p.m.

Parish Hall

Patron: \$125 - Benefactor: \$200

Creator: \$500 - Table of 8 or 10: \$1500



PENTECOST: FEAST OF THE SPIRIT and BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Today is one of the principal feasts of the liturgical year, when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples following Jesus' ascension. Its name comes from the Greek *pentecoste*, fiftieth day, as it falls fifty days after Easter. Baptisms were often celebrated on this day, and in England Pentecost came to be known as Whitsunday after the white garments worn by the candidates. Our festive mobile, created by Scott Holcombe and Eileen Paduano, features symbols associated with this day and the Holy Spirit: **wind**, *ruach*, the breath of God, enlivening creation, blowing where it will; the **dove**, in whose form the Spirit was said to have descended on Jesus at his baptism; and **flames**, evoking the "divided tongues, as of fire" reported in the Book of Acts and echoed in our red altar hangings, vestments and (we hope) clothes. These images abound in ancient prayers and hymns. One early Eastern Christian prayer implores the Spirit, "Bring with you calm and peace, and spread your wings over our sinful times," and 12th-century mystic Hildegard of Bingen writes, "I, the highest and fiery power, have kindled every living spark . . . I flame above the beauty of the fields; I shine in the waters; in the sun, the moon, and the stars, I burn. And by means of the airy wind, I stir everything into quickness with a certain invisible life which sustains all . . . I, the fiery power, lie hidden in these things and they blaze from me." —*Lisa Green*

"HOGWARTS PROFESSOR" JOHN GRANGER COMES TO CHRIST CHURCH WEDS., JUNE 10, 7 P.M.

A month before the release of the long-awaited sixth Harry Potter film, come hear John Granger, author of *Looking for God in Harry Potter*, talking about the deeper Christian spiritual and literary themes in the world's most popular novels. A regular speaker at many academic and fan conferences, including last weekend's "Leaky Con 2009" frequent guest on radio and television, and featured Potter expert on the *Order of the Phoenix* DVD, Granger will explain why these books appeal to our longing to experience the truths of life, love, death, and a larger view of ourselves and reality. Said one former audience member, "His talk revealed a person of deep faith, a love for Christ's church, an engaging teacher who wants us all to be more serious readers." Invite your friends! Granger's books, *The Deathly Hallows Lectures*, *Looking for God in Harry Potter*, and *Harry Meets Hamlet and Scrooge*, will be available for purchase and signing after the talk, and pumpkin juice, butter beer and other festive treats will be offered. Suggested donation \$10/\$5 kids and seniors. Cosponsored by Community Congregational Church and Interweave.

ANNIVERSARIES

06/01 Robin + Andrew Grapkowski
 06/02 Sandra + Bill Johnson
 06/02 Patricia + Bruce Shewmaker
 06/03 Stephanie + Frank Kovar
 06/05 Kristina + Leland Bunch
 06/06 Jane + Jay McGraw
 06/06 Joan + Ken Kirsten
 06/09 Lise + Zach Davis
 06/10 Susan + Sam Reckford

BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Thomas McCourt
 06/03 Patricia Shewmaker
 06/04 Jake Olseon
 06/04 Lauren Wenslau
 06/05 Lily Barback
 06/05 Katie Harwood
 06/05 Anna Schott
 06/05 Chip Roriston
 06/06 Alice Longley
 06/06 Sarah Snow
 06/06 Bruce Lee
 06/06 Sarah Gadsden
 06/06 Josh Lee
 06/06 Campbell Holman
 06/08 Kathleen Zimmerer
 06/08 Debbie Ristau
 06/09 John Funk
 06/09 Lea Zglobicki
 06/09 Abigail Di Tosto
 06/10 Paul Funk
 06/10 Robert Tansill
 06/10 Tory Rennie
 06/11 Stacie Cheung
 06/11 Olivia Malin
 06/12 David McDonald
 06/15 Martha Santiuste
 06/16 Steven Fischer

Interweave’s Summer Bible Institute at Christ Church

I HEARD A VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET

Illuminative Experiences, Revelations and
 “Heaven-Sent” Scriptures

Does heaven really talk to earth? If so, how does the communication come—and how can we possibly trust people who claim they’ve had a “revelation” from on high? Every major world scripture—Torah, Gospel, the Qur’an, the Vedas, the Book of Mormon—makes this claim to one degree or another. Mystical movements like Gnosticism and New Age, psychics and medical intuitives all claim that important information can be “channeled” through some people. Using select passages from many scriptures and real-life examples from the annals of mystical literature, we’ll explore “revelation” as a major mode of human experience through the ages, and learn how we can tell the difference between craziness, crackpot ideas, and the true gold of mystical illumination.

Robert Corin Morris and Guests

4 Wednesdays beginning June 3

9:30-11:30 a.m.

\$60 (\$50 Members)

Parish Hall

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

May 31

Glory of God

June 7

Roy R Bumsted, Jr.

June 14

Adele Clifford Cox

June 21

July H. Albers

June 28

Walter J. Bauer
 Mary ‘Wilda’ Bauer
 Doris Zemaitis Bauer

LAST WEEK

Attendance

8:00 a.m. 12

9:30 a.m. 80

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 PENTECOST 8:00am - Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Nursery Care + Sunday School 9:30am - Holy Eucharist 10:45am - Coffee Hour 11:00am - Christian Formation Mtg.	1 6:00am - Men’s Group 7:45pm - Stewardship Committee	2 9:00am - PACCNs meeting 10:30am - Staff meeting 6:00pm - Piano recital 7:30pm - Outreach Ministry meeting	3 9:30am - Interweave’s Bible Study 6:00pm - Piano recital	4	5	6 8:30am - Careers in Transition 6:00pm - Interweave Gala
7 8:00am - Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Nursery Care + Sunday School 9:30am - Holy Eucharist 10:45am - Coffee Hour 11:00am - Usher training	8 6:00am - Men’s Group 7:00pm - Buildings + Grounds	9 10:30am - Staff meeting 6:15pm - Wise Women	10 9:30am - Interweave’s Bible Study 7:00pm - Hogwarts Professor	11 9:30am - Altar Guild	12 7:00pm - Vestry dinner	13 9:00am - Vestry Training