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Dear People of God,

After Christmas the retail giants shift their marketing strategy from shopping to organizing— it seems that the items in vogue right now all center around home organization and storage— now that we have acquired all this stuff, next on our agenda is the need to buy more stuff to get it organized! Try moving— it is a great exercise in shifting priorities. Whether donating to Goodwill or Salvation Army, or the dreaded packing or unpacking— we simply from time to time must discard what we have acquired. La Nora and I have downsized homes twice— each time letting go of some of what we once considered so dear. I find it amusing that it seems the first half of one's life, we are acquiring, and the last half of one's life, we must let go of our treasures.

From time to time we must give away, purge or be purged of possessions. You may not have thought about it, but actually that is exactly what the wise men did. In finding the Lord, they fell down, worshipped and surrendered (from their possessions) gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We don't know how many wise ones there were but their gifts were three in number. Their gifts were sacrificial and the length of their journey did not sway their need to surrender their gifts.

It is fitting that in our world of such abundance that we take stock from time to time about things eternal. What are the things that we really value? What really matters. What about the things we keep. What about those things that we give away. As a Christian, I believe that all of these questions spring forth from our understanding of stewardship. It is eternally important that we are stewards over our possessions and that our possessions don't possess us. *Faithfully, Scott+*

AROUND THE CHURCH OFFICE...
You may notice upon your arrival at the office wing that some changes are underfoot. Furniture and people are being moved around. Andi Hidalgo has moved, her new office space is immediately next to the St. Mark Room. The financial office and office workroom are being moved to Andi's old office. The old financial office will become a new staff space. Lisa Green will stay in her former office. The Rector's office remains in its former location. Job descriptions and titles will be shifted in the coming months so watch for more news to come!

Tracey Young, our former parish administrator, is no longer employed by Christ Church. This staff change took place on 12/29/2008. Things will be a bit hectic around the church office for a few weeks while the dust settles, so please be patient with any requests made of the rest of the church staff. Thank you for your patience and understanding. STH+

You are cordially invited to
the Celebration of a New Ministry as
the Rev. Scott Thorne Holcombe
is installed as the new Rector of
Christ Church in Short Hills on
Saturday, January 24, 2009,
at 10:00am.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES TO CHRIST CHURCH FOR 2009.

To date, we have received **153** pledges totaling **\$380,852.00**. We hope that all members of Christ Church will sacrificially participate in this year's campaign. If at all possible please return your pledge by Saturday, January 31. If we have omitted your name from this list, please accept our apologies and let the parish office know of the oversight. New pledges are in **bold**.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Arnold
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Baggaley
Mr. & Mrs. J. Hugh Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Barback
Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Barker
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Barney
Ms. Jane Barone
Mr. & Mrs. David Berg
Mr. Edward Betteridge
Mr. William Betteridge
Ms. Marjorie Billington
Mr. & Mrs. H. Brian Birch
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Boller
Mrs. Robert Bonner
Dr. & Mrs. John Boozan
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Boyle
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Brace
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bryan
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bunn
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Burn
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Busacca
Mrs. Charles R. Bushong
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Campbell, Jr.
Ms Jennifer Chalsty
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Cheung
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Coombs, III
Mr. & Mrs. John Cooper
Mrs. Joseph Cornwall
Ms. Lynne Crow
Mrs. Robert Cunliffe
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan DeCiantis
Ms. Jane Derikson-Friar
Mr. & Mrs. John Draper
Mr. & Mrs. John Eddy
Dr. Barbara Engler
Mr. & Mrs. Hans Ephraimson
Mr. & Mrs. John Fernandez
Mr. & Mrs. Terence Finan
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Fischer
Mr. & Mrs. James Fowler
Mr. & Mrs. Gary French
Mr. & Mrs. George Freund
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Funk
Mr. & Mrs. William Gadsden
Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Gordon
Mr. Thomas Gordon
Reverend Elizabeth Green
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Greene
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Greenlee
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Haggerty
Mr. & Mrs. William Hardin
Mrs. Edwina Harris
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Harwood
Mr. & Mrs. William Harwood
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Henry
The Reverend & Mrs. Scott Holcombe
Mr. & Mrs. William Horbatt
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Houlis
Mr. & Mrs. David Houston
Mrs. Gayle Chamberlin Hoyt
Mr. Henry Hulshizer
Mrs. Henry Hulshizer
Mr. & Mrs. William Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Johnson
Dr. & Mrs. William Johnson
Mrs. Lowell Jonach
Mr. Stewart Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Kendall
Mr. & Mrs. Robert King
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kirsten
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Klemme
Mrs. Shelley Lach
Mr. & Mrs. W. Owen Lampe
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lee
Mrs. Robert LeMoine
Mrs. William Leslie
Mr. & Mrs. David Lischer
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Longley
Mr. & Mrs. Donald MacCoy
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm MacKinnon
Mrs. Brandon Macy
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Malin
Mr. & Mrs. John McBride
Mr. & Mrs. Mike McChesney
Mr. & Mrs. David McDonald
Mr. & Mrs. Jay McGraw
Mrs. Samuel McKeown
Mr. William Mebane
Mrs. William Mebane
The Honorable & Mrs. Herman Michels
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Moos
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morgan
Mrs. Bernard Morris Jr.
Mrs. Barbara Murray
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Near
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Neugebauer
Mr. & Mrs. Chiazwo Nwachuku
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ogden
Mrs. Karen Oleson
Mr. William Omelia
Mr. Joseph Ort
Mrs. Eileen Paduano
Mr. & Dr. Arnold Peinado
Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Pelham-Webb
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Petersen
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Peterson
Mr. & Mrs. John Pivarnik
Mrs. George Proud
Mr. Robert M. Pyle, Jr.
Mrs. Lynne Ranieri
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Reckford
Ms. Diane Redding-Stathis
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reilley
Ms. Molly Rennie
Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Richards
Mrs. Jane Coryell Riedel
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Riley
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Roberts
Dr. Patrice Robinson
Ms. Ginny Roriston
Ms. Benita Rountree
Mr. & Mrs. James Sammartino
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Saulnier
Mrs. Peter Schaub
Mrs. Linda Schlereth
Mr. & Mrs. Gunter Seeger
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Senchak
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Shelby
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Shewmaker
Dr. & Mrs. Gary Shilling
Mr. & Mrs. MacDonald Snow
Miss Ruth Southwick
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Stevens
Mr. Thomas Swartz
Dr. & Mrs. Donald Syracuse
Mr. Robert Tansill
Mrs. Allene Theile
Mr. S. Gilmer Towell
Mrs. Juli Towell
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Tso
Mrs. Doane Twombly
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Udland
Mr. & Mrs. William Wallace
Mr. Malcolm Warnock
Mr. & Mrs. George Watt
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Wiggin, III
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wigg-Maxwell
Mr. & Mrs. John Willian
Ms. Bea Wingerter
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Wiss
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Wright
Mr. & Mrs. Rupert O. Zimmerman

We are always looking for volunteers to fold and staple on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings to help assemble the Weekly Messenger and the bulletins. Please call the Church office if you can help!

This **Sunday, January 4**, join the Rev. Lisa Green for a preview of the Season of Epiphany, which this year will carry us through the last Sunday of February. Sandwiched between the higher-profile seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent, Epiphany sometimes gets lost in the shuffle, but its rich themes can enhance our daily lives.



Sunday, January 11: The Rev. Scott T. Holcombe: Visioncasting

Sunday, January 18: Barbara Pepe, Director of Christ Church Nursery School

FESTIVAL OF WINDOWS BECOMES FOCUS ON WINDOWS

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the Festival of Windows and all who were preparing ads and auction items. The Vestry has decided that, given the difficult times, it would be better to postpone the event. Scott Holcombe has suggested that we still use **February 28** to focus on the windows by having an afternoon program given by one of the window restorers to introduce us to the restoration process and to discuss the special features of our windows. Scott, a fabulous cook, has volunteered to cater hors d'oeuvres for the event.



2009 RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual rummage sale will be held on Saturday, **February 7**. Please contact Peggy Baggaley at if you would like to volunteer to help. Peggy's email is baggaleyp@verizon.net Thank you!

ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN THANK YOU

The Stewardship Council extends thank you's to John Cooper, Jane Houston and Sam Peinado, who spoke to us during the church services in November about stewardship and the annual pledge campaign; thank you for sharing your faith and expressing your affection for Christ Church with the parish in this personal way.

The Stewardship Council





CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

CURRENT LIST :: Susan Ford, Ted and Family, Ryan, Bruce, Prentice, Rose Richie, Robert Warsh, Barbara Warsh, Steven, Hugh Gleason, Joanne Gleason, Daryle Biunno, Eva Ramano, Barbara DiGirolomo, the Butcher Family, Lisa Mottes, Slade Carter, Vanessa Webber, Lillian Whelan, Thomas Pivarnik, Mary Kurtis, Gus Sougelas, Andrew Grosghal, Sandra Watkins

LONG TERM LIST :: Jane Henry, Liz Doyle, Bill Clayton, Betty, John Bunnell, Brenda White, Harold Stults, Diogenes Allen, Ridley Taylor, Amy, Randy, Ann, Guy, Deborah, Carol Way, Marilyn Croneberger, William Powers, Katharine Jones

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES :: James Golub, Charles P. Conley, Tyler Murphy, Matthew Downer

BIRTHDAYS

01/01 Bruce Shewmaker
 01/02 James Sammartino
 01/03 Daniel Oleson
 01/03 Ramsey Little
 01/03 Randi Little
 01/05 Joan Kirsten
 01/06 Joe Kernan
 01/06 Holly Syracuse
 01/07 Ann Wiss
 01/07 Hilary McDonald
 01/07 Matthew Newman
 01/08 Ginny Roriston
 01/09 Brenda Vennard
 01/09 Robert Zglobicki
 01/09 Bradley Bunn
 01/09 Alexander Dwyer
 01/10 W. Owen Lampe

ANNIVERSARIES

01/01 Jeanell + Stuart Hammond
 01/04 Nancy + Robert Carter
 01/05 Shelley Lach + W. Daniel McCain
 01/30 Relly + Jacob Cherian

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altars this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Roy Terranova and Alfred W. Harris.



FOR THE RECORD ATTENDANCE

Christmas Pageant: 458
 Christmas Eve, 10:30pm: 129
 December 28: 70
Sunday offering: \$4,474.00

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:15 - Sunday School & Nursery Care 9:30am – Holy Eucharist 10:45am – Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.— Adult Forum	5 7:45pm - Stewardship Council	6 All day - staff planning meeting	7 9:30am - Education for Ministry 7:30pm - Education for Ministry	8 8:00pm - EFM Grad	9	10
11 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:15 - Sunday School & Nursery Care 9:30am – Holy Eucharist 10:45am – Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.— Adult Forum	12	13 6:15pm - Wise Women 7:00pm - Buildings & Grounds	14 9:30am - Education for Ministry 7:30pm - Education for Ministry 8:00pm - CCNS Governing Board	15 8:00pm - Personnel committee	16	17 8:30am - Careers in Transition