

WEEKLY MESSENGER

THE SECRET WISDOM OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Last spring as the CSH daytime Education for Ministry seminar was winding down, we began to brainstorm what kind of small group we might invent to provide a similar experience to a wider audience without the long term commitment required by EfM. Our intent was to provide a relaxed setting where we could talk about things that matter, decide together how to proceed and foster a learning community from which we might all benefit.

The wisdom of the group - and groups are usually wiser than individuals - was to focus on a literary source of wide appeal. With the Harry Potter phenomenon clearly in mind, we decided that classics of "children's literature" were a promising area.

This fall we began a six week (extended to nine by popular demand) exploration of C. S. Lewis' Narnia Chronicles. His works provided the group with rich fodder for conversations which were both meaningful and spiritual.

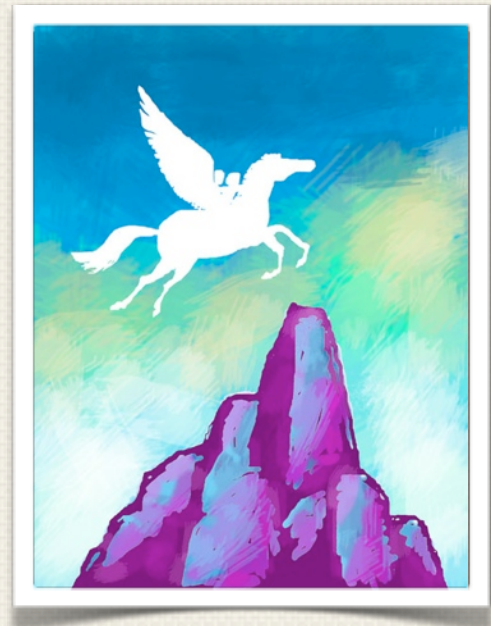
We have had over twenty join the group and our average weekly attendance is about fifteen. We meet for two hours from 9:30 to 11:30 on Monday mornings with a break in the middle for a snack and some fellowship. The format is very much that of a seminar in which my objective as leader is not to lecture but to enable group discussion.

Decisions as to format, subject matter and schedule are made by the group. While it is always better to read the book, we are sufficiently user-friendly so that even those who have not can profitably participate.

Our next book is another classic, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. While ostensibly writing for children, she explores psychic and spiritual issues inherent in the intersection of time and the eternal struggles of innocence and experience, good and evil, darkness and light. Her allusions are clearly both Biblical and cosmic.

Come join us on January 11 at 9:30 for a three week segment as we explore this and much more. No prior experience is required.

R. John Cooper



The wisdom is that no one should expect to exercise or expect credibility until they have earned some but I take a risk. I am lonely on a couple of fronts. First, so many of you work in Manhattan that I can only hope to see you on Sundays. I am wondering if there would be interest in having lunch with me, say at Trinity, Wall Street occasionally? I would love to see you on your turf (even as you see me on this church turf mostly.) Secondly, I am used to a gathering on Friday mornings for an hour or so; a sort of salon and conversation ranging across the breadth and depth of theology. No special education required. Any one interested? First come first served but the group obviously need to be 5 or 6 in number. Give me a call. Finally, I am a disciple of Marshall McLuen's mantra of 1967 that "youth need roles, not rules," and I am looking for a dozen or so additional acolytes to serve with me in Worship. Please speak to your teenagers, boys or girls, about this most important ministry and their possible place in the ministry.

Bishop Shimpfky



Announcing the annual
Christ Church
RUMMAGE SALE 2010

Our Rummage Sale will be
"10" this year!

Drop off date: **Sunday, January 31** 12:00 p.m.

Preview Party: **Friday, February 5** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale date: Saturday, **February 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please save these dates.

This annual event is a great way to pass on the treasures that you don't need or use, it is a big outreach event for our parish. Volunteers are needed for all 6 days of activity so please let us know you will help. Our Rummage Sale helps fund the Youth Ministry and this year it is being planned by Peggy Baggaley, Alice Lurie and Patricia Shewmaker. Start saving your paper and plastic bags, newspapers and hangers, we'll need a lot. Remember, your rummage needs to be in good, clean condition. We need rummage that will sell! You will be hearing more from us throughout the month.

BIBLE FOR A NEW DAY: BIBLICAL LEGENDS AND STORIES: THE CLEVERNESS OF JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN STORYTELLING

Did you know that Abraham's father was an idol-maker in Ur of the Chaldees? That God commanded the angels to worship Adam? That Moses, like Jesus, ascended into heaven after he died? That the child Jesus made clay birds and made them fly, or that he visited England with his great-uncle Joseph of Arimathea while a boy? All these and many other fascinating tales come from the midrash or story-telling tradition of the rabbis and early church teachers, some of it as old as the Bible itself. Without knowing midrash, it's hard to understand where many Jewish and Christian beliefs come from, and the New Testament is full of midrash-inspired ideas. It "fills in the gap" where the Bible is silent, and often teases out deeper meanings, making the characters more real. We'll use ancient midrash and some modern adaptations, as well as compare it with Muslim story-telling.

Rabbi Avi Friedman, Rabbi Amy Small, Robert Corin Morris, Lisa Green
6 Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
January 15, 22, 29 at Temple Sinai
February 5, 12, 19 at Christ Church, Short Hills
\$80 (\$70 Members) \$20 drop-in

WISE WOMEN

Women of the parish, here's your chance to welcome back The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg at our first meeting of the new year, Tuesday, January 12, 2010! Her topic will be: "What do Facebook and Twitter have to do with the Gospel?" Mary Frances will map out the lay of the electronic communications landscape, what it means for churches, and how the Episcopal Church is reaching out to its younger members through new networking sites.

The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg is national correspondent for the Episcopal News Service and newly named editor of Episcopal News Service's soon-to-be-launched new monthly newspaper. She was curate and then assistant rector at CCSH from 2000-2005. These days, she hangs her vestments at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park where she is an assisting priest.

We will meet in the St. Mark Room from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. First-time attendees are most welcome. Bring a light supper if you wish; dessert and beverages will be served. If you would like a ride, please call Andi in the church office at 973-379-2898 and we will happily arrange. Questions: call Bobbi at 973-379-1432 or Hope at 973-665-1463.



THANKS=GIVING

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES TO CHRIST CHURCH FOR 2010.

To date, we have received 168 pledges totaling \$405,311. We hope that all members of Christ Church will participate in this year's campaign. If at all possible please return your pledge by January 15. If we have omitted your name from this list, please accept our apologies and let the parish office know of the oversight.

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The mission of Christ Church in Short Hills is to be a center of Christian faith in the Episcopal tradition through ongoing worship and pastoral care, to provide educational opportunities for children and adults to grow in their faith through reflection on Scripture, reason and the tradition of the Church, and to meet the ever changing challenges and needs of the community, the Diocese and the world

REGISTRATION TIME AT CHRIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL!

Registration time is quickly approaching! Registration for September classes at Christ Church Nursery School will begin in late January. Applications are available at the Nursery School office. The school offers classes for 2, 3, 4 and young 5 year olds. We also have a

Drop-In Center that welcomes children ages 6 months to 5 years. Christ Church Nursery School's challenging learning environment allows children to grow and



develop at their own pace while exposing the children to experiences that spark their imagination! Visitors are welcome at the school to see the exciting learning centers offered to the children each day. Registration applications will be mailed back to the Nursery School in January and February. First priority will be given to supporting Church Members, followed by In-House Registration (for currently registered students and their siblings and alumni). Registration is then open to the public. Please call the Nursery School office at 973-379-6549 for all the details. CCNS Registration for 2010-2011 classes is a mail-in process. Supporting Church Members are given first priority. Details and applications are available at the Nursery School office. Church members mail-in their enrollment applications on Monday, January 25.

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR 2010 PLEDGE?

Please consider doing so today so we may include you in this year's campaign. You may telephone it to Georgeann at 973-379-2898 or e-mail to bookkeeper@ccshmail.org.

Thank you, The Stewardship Council

ANNIVERSARIES

01/18 Shannon + Richard Davisson
 01/30 Rely Jacob + Jacob Cherian

BIRTHDAYS

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
 01/11 Nancy Sammartino
 01/11 Bryan Vennard
 01/11 Libby McGraw
 01/11 Mary Roriston
 01/11 Drew Bunn
 01/11 David Huang
 01/13 Alfred Cheung
 01/13 Colin Shapard
 01/15 Samuel Barback
 01/15 Taylor Richards
 01/16 Helen Greenlee
 01/18 James S. Ward
 01/19 Christina Dwyer
 01/19 Scotty McGraw
 01/20 Marilyn Candler

CONFIRMATION IS COMING!

Bishop Beckwith has notified us that confirmation in this district of the diocese will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark. The required pre-confirmation retreat with the Bishop will be March 26-27 at St. Andrew and Holy Communion, South Orange. The rubrics of the prayer book admonish parents to present their confirmation age youth (in this Diocese, 8th grade and up) to the Bishop for Confirmation and so we Episcopalians take the call very seriously. Baptism makes us Christian, Confirmation makes us Episcopalian and has, therefore, the nature of a commissioning in Christian life and service. I am always available to discuss this with you, but for now please make your plans such as to be present for your child's/ childrens' Confirmation on May 1 so that it may be a genuine celebration in everyone's life.

Blessings, Richard

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

January 10
 Rosemarie K. Hardin
 Charles S. Baird

January 17
 George "Peter" Proud
 William B. Sharav
 Peter C. Williamson
 Ellen and Charles Southwick

January 24
 Doane Twombly
 Helen Ward

January 31
 To the Glory of God

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 VOCARE 8:00am - Holy Eucharist 9:15am - Nursery Care and Sunday School 9:30am - Holy Eucharist with Baptisms 10:45am - Coffee Hour 6:00pm - YPF	11 9:30am - Adult Ed ::A Wrinkle in Time 7:30pm - Worship Committee meeting	12 9:30am - Staff meeting 6:15pm - Wise Women	13 8:00pm - CCNS board meeting	14 9:30am - Altar Guild 7:30pm - Education for Ministry	15 9:30am - Interweave's Bible for a New Day: Legends and Stories at Temple Sinai, Summit	16 Latvian School 8:30am - Careers in Transition (at the school)
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