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Dear People of God,

This past Thursday (1/8/09) there was an article in the Star-Ledger regarding quick spirituality. It was touting the praises of such theological giants (sic) as *The One Minute Bible, Day by Day, 5 Minute Theologian; Maximum Truth in Minimum Time*, and of course my favorite, *Aunt Susie's 10-Minute Bible Dinners: Bringing God into Your Life One Dish at a Time*. Contrary to what the article said a healthy spirituality is not one that can be cultivated by such quick-fix remedies. Our souls are transformed by God over a lifetime of worship, seemingly endless prayer, and our minds tuned to the mind of Christ through reading, study, fellowship, dialog, and silence. When one reads the great masters of Judeo-Christian theology and spirituality one does not find such quick-fix suggestions. Jesus retreated for time alone with His heavenly Father, Isaiah affirmed (Is.30:15) in returning and rest we shall be saved in quietness and confidence shall be our strength, and all of the great mystics and masters speak of dark nights of the soul, interior castles, journeys, pilgrimages, and necessary times of silence and centering prayer.

A dear friend and colleague in ministry, the Rev. Swiss Britt, now a deacon at Christ Church in Kennesaw, GA, was the first one to truly drill this into my head as she introduced me to what she called, "soaking" prayer. There are simply things that God seeks to cultivate in our lives that are not accomplished by such short term solutions. A balanced life with Christ is cultivated by quality time, generously offered by humble, obedient believers who bask in his presence and are grown into spiritual redwoods. If all we are willing to offer to God is our left-over time— then perhaps we should remember that it was Him who made time! Why not spend some time with your Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, and Sustainer and "hang out" delighting in each other's presence? *Faithfully, Scott+*

Andi Hidalgo's daughter, Isabella was very ill with bronchitis last week so our **staff planning day has been rescheduled for tomorrow, Monday, January 12th, from 9-2:30.** Thank you for your understanding!

HELP!!! Often during cancer treatment it is necessary for patients to receive a bone marrow transplant. Potential donors must be screened by a quick, simple test with a cotton swab dabbed on the inside of your cheek. This test will determine your HLA type for the National Bone Marrow Registry in ND. Consider being tested this Saturday January 17th, 10a-4:00p at Madison Junior School, 160 Main Street, Madison, NJ 07940, Contact: Michele Poliskin 212-209-6718 or Michele@dkmsamericas.org



The Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of Christ Church in Short Hills cordially invite you to attend The Celebration of a New Ministry at which The Right Reverend Mark M. Beckwith Bishop of Newark, will institute **The Reverend Scott Thorne Holcombe** as Rector of Christ Church in Short Hills Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of January two thousand nine at ten o'clock in the morning Christ Church in Short Hills 66 Highland Avenue Short Hills, New Jersey Your prayers and presence are requested Reception will follow in Parish Hall

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

To date, we have received **155** pledges totaling **\$381,852.00**. 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**.

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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
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Mr. & Mrs. H. Brian Birch
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Boller
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Boyle
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Brace
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Dr. & Mrs. Richard Greenlee
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Haggerty
Mr. & Mrs. William Hardin
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Harwood
Mr. & Mrs. William Harwood
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Henry
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Higgins
The Reverend & Mrs. Scott Holcombe
Mr. & Mrs. William Horbatt
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Houllis
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Mrs. Gayle Chamberlin Hoyt
Mr. Henry Hulshizer
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Mr. & Mrs. William Johnson
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Mr. & Mrs. Mark Saulnier
Mrs. Peter Schaub
Mrs. Linda Schlereth
Mr. & Mrs. Gunter Seeger
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Senchak
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Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Shewmaker
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WISE WOMEN

The first meeting of the new year will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 from 6:15-8:00 p.m. in the St. Mark room at church. We look forward with great enthusiasm to welcoming The Rev. Dr. Karen Rezach who will speak to us on "Ethics in the 21st Century."

Karen is in her 9th year as Head of the Middle School at Kent Place School in Summit and is founding Director of the Ethics Institute at Kent Place. She joined Christ Church as a Deacon in November of 2007 and was ordained a priest in January of 2008.

Wise Women welcome newcomers and occasional attendees, so don't be shy! Bring a light supper if you wish; desert and beverages will be served. If you would like a ride, please call Andi at the church office 973-379-2898 and we will happily provide.

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 office
if you can help!



Sunday, January 11: The Rev. Scott T. Holcombe: Visioncasting
Sunday, January 18: Barbara Pepe, Dir. of Christ Church Nursery School

CALLING ALL WORKERS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE TWO-STEP!!!

Yes folks, it is that time of year again!

STEP 1 - Clean out your closets and attics for discarded treasures to donate to the annual rummage sale. You know we take almost everything – but please be sure your discards are in reasonable condition! We will accept **donations** on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

STEP 2 – Help us . . . to unload cars, sort donations, work the sale or clean up afterwards.

The sale is **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 from 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.** (Clean-up will go until about 2:00 pm)

Since this is an all-church event, we need all kinds of helpers to make this sale a success. The proceeds fund the YPF mission trip, so of course we expect the YPF and their parents to be involved. However, this is too big an event for just a few hardy souls to pull off. If you have been in charge of a room in the past, you are an angel - and we hope you will bless us and do it again. If you have not had the chance to be involved before, we need you now. Many hands make light work (really!!!) and it is a fun way to get to know other parishioners. This is the primary way people in our surrounding communities view our church – so come and be part of this outreach ministry.

Please contact Peggy Baggaley at (973) 467-5583 or baggaleyp@verizon.net to say you can join us. We appreciate any and all help – we cannot do this without you!

Sunday SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR SUNDAY!

Godly Play Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22;
John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. The Spirit of God came down on Jesus like a dove, and God said, "You are my Son."

Primary – Matthew 5:1-2; As Jesus became more widely known for his teaching, preaching, and healing, a great crowd gathered at a mountain to hear him teach. We call the words he spoke the Sermon on the Mount.

Intermediate – John 3:1-10,16; A Jewish leader named Nicodemus visited Jesus by night. Jesus told him that persons must be "born again" in order to see the kingdom of God. Jesus spoke of a spiritual birth (by "water and the Spirit") as essential to life with God. The story includes a much-quoted sentence summarizing the mission of Jesus, Son of God.

There is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on February 8, due to the Rummage Sale.

TONIGHT YPF DINNER at the Rectory

9 North Road- 1/11/09 from 6:00-7:30p- All Young people grades 9-12 in the Church are welcome to join the YPF at the Rectory tonight for dinner and getting to know Fr. Scott and his wife La Nora. RSVP to 973-467-0232 (even at the last minute) so we can have place set for you!

BAKE –A– THON WITH THE RECTOR

On Monday night 1/12 from 7-9:00ish there will be a cookie baking marathon– all of the dough will be provided but come join the fun and fellowship– bring a spatula (that is the flat turner thing for the novice bakers) and a potholder (we never have enough!) Our goal is to bake 75-100 dozen cookies for the upcoming installation and for future coffee hours...



BIRTHDAYS

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
 01/21 Sarah Mendel
 01/21 Ned Harwood
 01/22 Jane Bonner
 01/23 Julie Nortillo
 01/23 Norman Wiss
 01/23 Frederick Coombs
 01/24 Edward Scott Jr.
 01/24 Sallie Bunn
 01/25 Benita Rountree
 01/26 Karen Oleson
 01/26 Laura Ristau
 01/27 Joanne Cheung
 01/27 Ramona Larson
 01/27 Clifford Longley
 01/27 Lauren Beder
 01/28 Jane Houston
 01/28 Robert Roriston
 01/30 Molly McCain
 01/30 Carolyn Wood
 01/30 Jean Bailey
 01/30 Jon Clark
 01/30 Emily Gadsden



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 Mottesi, Slade Carter, Vanessa Webber, Lillian Whelan, Thomas Pivarnik, Mary Kurtis, Gus Sougelas, Andrew Grosghal, Sandra Watkins, Michael Montague

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

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altars this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rosemarie K. Hardin.



FOR THE RECORD

January 4: 158

ANNIVERSARIES

01/30 Relly + Jacob Cherian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>11</p> <p>8:00am – Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School & Nursery Care</p> <p>9:30am – Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am – Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00 a.m.—Adult Forum</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - YPF dinner at the Holcombe’s</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9-2:30 - Staff Planning Day</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm - Cookie Bake-A-Thon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10a-1p Clergy Conversation-District 4 @House of Prayer</p> <p>6:15pm - Wise Women</p> <p>7:00pm - Buildings & Grounds</p> <p>8:00pm - Investment meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>(;30-11 Food Pantry</p> <p>9:30am - Education for Ministry</p> <p>7:30pm - Education for Ministry</p> <p>8:00pm - CCNS Governing Board</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10-1 STH at Diocesan House for Fresh Start</p> <p>8:00pm - Personnel committee</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30am - Careers in Transition</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:00am – Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15 - Sunday School & Nursery Care</p> <p>9:30am – Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am – Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00 a.m.—Adult Forum</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Offices are closed</p> <p>8p Finance Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00pm - Vestry meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am - Education for Ministry</p> <p>7:30pm - Education for Ministry</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am - Installation of Rev. Scott Holcombe as the Rector of Christ Church</p>