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Dear People of God,

In the Catechism of the Episcopal Church (Book of Common Prayer p. 855) we read:

Q. What is the ministry of the laity?

A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and **to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.**

The bolded section of this text outlines one of the primary tasks of the ministry of the laity- to take their place in the governance of the Church. Today we have an opportunity to exercise that responsibility in the governance of CCSH by taking part in the 2009 Annual meeting.

During the Annual Meeting we will have an opportunity to elect persons to various offices, to hear reports of exciting ministries, to hear the wardens and Rector's report and to dream forward about what the coming year holds in store. There will be opportunities for questions/comments and dialog as time and interest allow. I hope that each person gathered for worship will be a part of this important gathering to take your place in the governance of the parish - see you there!

Faithfully,



The Rev. Scott T. Holcombe, Rector

"What can I do to help the church?" will be in next week's Weekly Messenger.

CONFIRMATION ANYONE? (also from the Catechism p. 860)

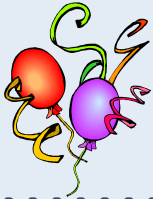
Q. What is Confirmation?

A. Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

I remember my confirmation teacher, exactly what she looked and even how she sang! I remember the Bishop with his big pointed hat! I remember the laying on hands by the bishop and the realization that here was a person that stood in an unbroken lineage of apostolic succession from modern day back to Jesus- who was praying just for me! I remember the Bishop's solemn charge to the candidates and even the cake afterwards at the reception. It was at that moment that I took a step of faith- actually a leap of faith- and received strength from the Holy Spirit to live a life of faith. -Scott

It is my hope and desire to be a part of a similar life-altering experience for our young people and to give birth to a sacred rite of passage for youth in this congregation.

Anyone want to join me? I have already had some adults, potential candidates, interested parents, and even a coordinator step forward to begin this birthing process. 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. -STH



HAPPY 104TH MALCOLM WARNOCK!

Please join us for a special coffee hour (*immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service*) celebrating Malcolm Warnock's 104th birthday! Malcolm will be with us on Sunday as we will celebrate this wonderful milestone!

BETTY F. WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Application forms for the college year beginning in the fall of 2009 are available. A total of approximately \$5,000 is available each year to

provide scholarships for members of Christ Church or individuals who have contributed to the life of Christ Church. 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.

WISE WOMEN PLANNING FOR 09/10

All women of the parish are welcome to attend a planning meeting on **Monday, May 11** at 2:00 p.m. at Dot Leslie's apartment at Winchester Gardens. If you have not already received an email announcement, please let us know you would like to come by calling Hope Lampe, 973-665-1463.

THE 59TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE BOY SCOUT TROOP 15

Spring is here and it is time to place your orders for the Boy Scout Troop 15 Plant Sale! There is a link on the Church website which you can use to print an order form, and to find instructions on sending it and picking up your plants. We require no payment in advance - you pay when you pick up your plants. Pick up is in the church parking lot on **Sunday, May 9** between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you prefer, you can have your order delivered to your home for a delivery fee of \$10. This plant sale is the only fundraiser for the boys of Boy Scout Troop 15. Please come out and support their efforts. If you have any questions, you can stop one of our Patrol Leaders – Charlie Hill or Petey Lurie – or you can call Thornton Lurie at 973.379.6623



NORTH PORCH MOTHER'S DAY DONATIONS

Mother's Day couldn't happen without Mothers, and Mothers couldn't happen without babies! So Mother's Day is the perfect time for us to collect donations for North Porch Women & Infants' Centers. Centers in Newark, Paterson, Dover and Clifton provide emergency baby supplies to needy mothers in those areas, and your contributions make a big difference in our helping these women. Please bring items to the designated area in the hallway next to the food barrel.

Right now our special needs are: Similac Advance formula (32-ounce liquid or 12-ounce powder), Disposable diapers sizes 3, 4 and 6, Baby wipes, Diaper cream (2-4 oz.), Small bottles of baby wash, shampoo, lotion (4-6 oz.) and (No clothing is needed at this time).



Sunday School

Primary: "The Church's Reformation" shows that re-forming is a continuous process for Christians. After the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, the Church produced new translations of the Bible, as well as new theological writings, hymns, and prayer books. Students will learn that less dramatic reforms have occurred more often.

Intermediate: 'Patrick of Ireland' tells the story of Patrick, born in Britain and destined to be a missionary to Ireland. God called him to lead Ireland and a life of danger as he proclaimed the Gospel of Christ. Among the many stories of him is the legend that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. His day is March 17.

LOOKING AHEAD TO PENTECOST

The Canterbury and Children's Choirs will be singing 'Spirit of the Living God' by Daniel Iverson on The Day of Pentecost, May 31, to illustrate the 'Holy Spirit' melting, molding, filling, and using us. Our main rehearsal for that Sunday will be held May 17 at 10:45 a.m. Sue Bovan will be working with the Canterbury children during Godly Play in the meantime.



GARY SHILLING TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE FROM SEWANEE: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

A. Gary Shilling, investment analyst and founder of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, will receive an honorary Doctor of Canon Law degree from Sewanee: The University of the South during baccalaureate ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences, **May 9**.

Gary Shilling is an economist, financial consultant, writer and forecaster, and he is the chair of the board of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, which he founded to support the practice and teaching of preaching in the Episcopal Church and its seminaries.

As an economic forecaster, Shilling is known for accurately predicting some of the most significant trends in the economy and stock market in the past 40 years, often against the prevailing conventional wisdom. In the late 1990s, with the U.S. economy booming and the stock market soaring, Shilling predicted the demise of internet stocks, which led to a U.S. and global recession. More recently, he accurately forecast the collapse of the housing market before the subprime mortgage crisis became international news.

Shilling is the founder and president of A. Gary Shilling & Co., an economic consulting and investment advisory firm, and publisher of *Insight*, a monthly report of economic forecasts and investment strategy. In addition to writing a regular column for *Forbes* since 1983, Shilling is known for his well-received books concerning economic development and investment strategies. Shilling holds a master's degree and Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University. He is an avid beekeeper.

Sewanee: The University of the South comprises a highly esteemed College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a distinguished School of Theology. For more information about Sewanee: The University of the South, visit www.sewanee.edu.



WISE WOMEN :: "SEE HOW SHE SPARKLES - PRINCESS DIANA'S BAUBLES AND BLING"

Jewelry was an integral part of the style of Diana, Princess of Wales. Magnificent gems, costume jewelry, or a combination, the pieces always complemented her attire. Wedding gifts, loans, jewels with history - the glamorous and the everyday - are all part of the story.

All women of the parish are cordially invited together in the Choir Room on **Tuesday, May 12, 2009** at 6:15 p.m. We will again welcome Ann Talcott who gave the popular program on Princess Diana's evening dresses last year. Ann is a former resident of Short Hills and a devoted Anglophile and Diana-watcher.

Newcomers and occasional attendees are most welcome, so don't be shy. Bring a light supper if you wish; dessert 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 arrange.



ANNIVERSARIES

05/05 Priscilia + Wesley Peters
 05/07 Dara + Robert Near
 05/10 Sara Jane + Jeremy Gordon
 05/13 Olenka Paul Speaker
 05/13 Lisa + Patrick Haggerty
 05/23 Barbara + Mark Saulnier
 05/25 Joanne + Alfred Cheung
 05/26 Audena Donald Syracuse
 05/29 Laura + Jeffery Bartsch
 05/30 Mary Ellen + Michael Roberts

BIRTHDAYS

05/01 John Woerner
 05/01 Harris Johnson
 05/01 Caroline Kellogg
 05/01 Charlie Kellogg
 05/01 John Graves
 05/01 Mason Beder
 05/02 Nicholas Morgan
 05/02 Madison Trinchillo
 05/03 Frank Kovar
 05/03 Peggy Arnold
 05/03 Elizabeth McGraw
 05/03 Eloise Burn
 05/04 Barbara Neugebauer
 05/04 Sarah Lurie
 05/04 Myles Udland
 05/04 Zenia Speaker
 05/05 Joyce Wiggin
 05/05 Linda Fischer
 05/06 Stuart Hammond
 05/07 Anya Speaker
 05/08 David Funk
 05/09 Jonathan Longley
 05/10 Michael Richardson
 05/10 Laurie Deciantis
 05/10 Kate Drahzal



CINCO DE MAYO COOKIE-BAKE-A-THON

Mark your calendars! On Tuesday, **May 5**, 6:30 p.m - 9:00 p.m., we will FTF (Fill the freezer) again! Let's fill the freezer for our various receptions with homemade cookies. Plenty of dough will be provided. If you have a favorite recipe that you can bring a batch of dough as a test sample - that would be great. We had 10-12 folks last time and we had a blast! Come and join the fun, and of course, testing samples of broken cookies (including intentionally-broken cookies) will be allowed.



RECEIVED LAST WEEK

pledge offering :: \$3,005.00

Attendance

9:30 a.m. :: 88

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

May 3

Alfred W. Harris
 Arthur Bennett Kouwenhoven
 Mary Merrick Wichman
 William Charles Wichman

May 10

Elizabeth S. Baiter
 Audrey F Erickson
 JoAnne Graziano
 Rosemary H. Garrison
 Elizabeth M. Hulten

May 17

Mary Pope Cornwall
 Douglas W. Turrell

May 24

Richard H. Roberts
 Robert F. LeMoine
 Garrison R. Rice

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery Care + Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am - Malcolm's 104th Birthday Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00am - Annual Parish Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00am - Men's Group</p> <p>7:45pm - Stewardship Council</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30am - Staff meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Cookie Bake-A-Thon</p> <p>7:30pm - Education for Ministry</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am - Education for Ministry</p> <p>7:00pm - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>7:45am - Bible Study :: A closer look at the post-resurrection appearances</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am - Boy Scout Plant Sale</p> <p>4:00pm - Wedding</p>
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