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WEEKLY MESSENGER

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Dear People of God,

On May 31st we shall celebrate Pentecost. It was originally a day set aside as an ingathering of the first fruits of the Jewish harvest, Shavuot, and a commemoration of God giving the Ten Commandments. This festival was held 50 days after Passover. However in our Christian tradition Pentecost (from the Greek “πεντηκοστή”) is the fiftieth day (inclusively) after Easter and the day according to Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the followers of Jesus and they were sent into the world to spread the Christian faith and tell the wonderful works of God. Pentecost in our western Christendom tradition can be as early as May 10 (as in 1818 and 2285), and as late as June 13 (as in 1943 and 2038.) It is often seen as the birthday of the Church and a commemoration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower the followers of Jesus for mission and ministry. On that day you will notice that the hangings and vesture of the altar are changed to red and the decorations in the Church will focus of the descent of the Spirit like a dove and “tongues as of fire” that rested on the heads of the faithful. This tradition is at the root of our bishop’s hat (miter) which is always shaped in a triangular fashion reminiscent of the Holy Spirit “tongues as of fire” resting on those gathered in Acts 2. This year on Pentecost we will be hearing the readings in varying languages. **Children and adults alike are encouraged to wear something red to honor the day.** Pentecost is also the longest season of the Church year which will continue this year until November 28th, 2009. The old name for Pentecost in the 1928 (and earlier) BCP was Whitsunday. Plan to join us for one of the great festivals of the Christian Year!

Faithfully,



The Rev. Scott Holcombe, *Rector*



This Sunday the **ADULT FORUM** will feature La Nora Holcombe, CCRN, speaking about end of life issues from a nursing and medical perspective.

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 lhmmom@aol.com or Jane Houston at jhouston@comcast.net.

FROM THE WARDENS . . .

As many of you heard at Sunday's Annual Meeting, Christ Church is blessed by an abundance of talented lay leaders. This month, we say goodbye to three members of the Vestry, but we are sure each will continue to be "leaders" in the church. The three whose terms are ending are Tom Gordon, Dara Near and Bob Tansill. Each of these individuals brought unique talents to the Christ Church Vestry, and they will be missed. Thank you, Tom, Dara and Bob!

As those of you who attended the Annual Meeting know, three new individuals have been elected to fill those seats: Adaeze Nwachuku, Bob Arnold, and Karen Oleson. In addition, Jay McGraw was elected to a second three year term. Thank you to Adaeze, Bob, Karen, and Jay. In addition, John Cooper was officially elected as Junior Warden. John has already been serving in this role for several months, and has served as Christ Church's Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee for several years (not to mention previous stints on the vestry).

THIS BRINGS OUR CCSH VESTRY TO:

Class of 2010 :: Jane Reidel, Rose Udland, Lisa Gadsden, and Jon Clark

Class of 2011 :: Terry Finan, Peggy Shilling, Arnie Peinado, and Don Snow

Class of 2012 :: Adaeze Nwachuku, Bob Arnold, Jay McGraw, and Karen Oleson

The **two wardens** are Cynthia McChesney and John Cooper.

Parish Counsel is Andy Bunn.

If you haven't had a chance to yet, please take a look at the 2009 Annual Meeting Report. It is available on the Christ Church website if you didn't get a hard copy on Sunday (www.christchurchshorthills.org). We can also print you out a copy of your own if you prefer. In those pages, you'll get a sense of all the work that goes on around here by lay leaders and you might be inspired to join one of our existing groups, or even start your own initiative.

- Cynthia McChesney & John Cooper



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ADULT FORUM MAY 17

What happens when you die?
What plans should be made in advance?
Cremation or earthen burial?
Planning my funeral
Living wills, Advance directives
Good grief

These and many other related topics will be covered in our mini-series during the adult forum on **May 17** dealing with death and death education. In the post-Easter setting it seems somehow fitting to get our plans in order and approach death well informed and faithful. We will also be providing a new form that we will be using among the pastoral staff to assist with your funeral wishes. Bring your questions!

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.

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. Canterbury and Children's Choirs will be singing on Sunday, June 14 for Youth Sunday.

PENTECOST PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Do you speak another language? We'd love to include a variety in our Spirit-filled celebration of Pentecost on May 31. Please call Lisa or email lisa.green@ccshmail.org if you're willing to take part.

TREASURER TO WARDEN TO DOCTOR



John Cooper has earned a doctorate with distinction in literature from the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies at Drew University and received the Dean James H. Pain Prize for the Best Interdisciplinary Approach for his dissertation, "James Joyce: Portrait of the Artist as an Irish Prophet." Congratulations, Dr. Cooper!

PARISH DIRECTORY

If you would like a parish directory by email (PDF) or hard copy, please let Andi in the parish office know. Hard copies will be put in your church mailbox.

"HOGWARTS PROFESSOR"

JOHN GRANGER COMES TO CCSH
WEDNESDAY, 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 popular speaker at many academic and fan conferences, 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, and all this with a twinkle in his eye as his sense of humor shines through. . . I highly recommend him to churches wanting a dynamic speaker who understands the place of literature in the life of Christian believers." Invite your friends! Suggested donation \$10/\$5 kids and seniors. Cosponsored by Community Congregational Church and Interweave.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

05/14 Catey Bayse
 05/14 Janie McGraw
 05/14 Max Steffen
 05/15 Mary Caffrey
 05/16 Kelly Marchisio
 05/17 Anne Williams
 05/19 Barbara Kendall
 05/19 Michael Harwood
 05/20 Dorene McCourt
 05/21 Brandon Cheung
 05/21 Jeffrey Bowman
 05/21 Ryan Steffen
 05/22 Hans Ephraimson
 05/23 Philip Byrne
 05/23 Roger Amarante
 05/24 Kenny Ng
 05/24 Eliza Shapard
 05/25 Jean Funk
 05/25 Gary Shilling
 05/25 Teddy Gordon
 05/25 Charis Fischer
 05/26 George Freund
 05/26 Lucy Amarante
 05/27 Lezette Proud
 05/27 Henry Hulshizer
 05/27 Christopher Arnold
 05/30 Jane McGraw



BAKING PARTY

05.05.09



Thank you to HOPE LAMPE for these great photos!



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

May 17

Mary Pope Cornwall
 Douglas W. Turrell

May 24

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

May 31

Glory of God

June 7

Roy R Bumsted, Jr.

RECEIVED LAST WEEK

Attendance

9:30 a.m. :: 114

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>17</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery Care + Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:00am - Adult Forum</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00am - Men's Group</p> <p>9:30am - Staff meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00pm - Vestry meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00pm - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>7:45pm - Bible Study :: A closer look at the post-resurrection appearances</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00pm - Ascension Day Holy Eucharist Service</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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