

## CHRIST CHURCH IN SHORT HILLS

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Dear People of God,

As we near the end of the Advent season, we come to the journey made by Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, a town in Judah, the home of David. It is located 6 miles S-SW of Jerusalem and the gathering place for those of the lineage of David for the purpose of the census, and of course, taxation. The Holcombe family lived in Tucson, AZ from 1981-85 and while there experienced a Mexican tradition known as Las Posadas (Spanish for "The Inns"). This 9 day celebration (from December 16-24) symbolized the trials which Mary and Joseph endured while trying to find a place for the birth of their child. The nativity story was acted out and upon arriving at several doors along the journey, the procession was met with a gruff innkeeper's voice "no room at the inn." At the final door (where a party was waiting) a young couple was heartily welcomed in and the party of celebration began.

Each week before Christmas I am reminded of such places that exclude the lost, the lonely, the sojourner, the traveler, the weary and the disenfranchised in our society. Sometimes our churches are places that put out the message that there is no room here, unless you are just like us. I believe the church is to be the one place where we make room for you. The Red Roof Inn slogan, "we'll leave a light on for you," should actually be the slogan of the church.

Hurting? Lonely? Lost? Depressed? In despair? Believer? Unbeliever? Long-time church member? New visitor? Single? In a family? Blended? Or otherwise? Young? Old? CEO or out of work? Should not all people find the door open and the True Innkeeper standing ready to welcome you? My Bible says so, my faith says so, the Lord says so— so let's make room in this inn, that we know as Christ Church!

Faithfully, **Scott +**

The EMBRACE A FAMILY team wishes to thank all parishioners for their generous donations to the families of Apostles' House in Newark, with both gifts, support, and hands on assistance. We gifted 33 families, plus the donation of a teen bicycle to Apostles' House.

Additional thanks goes to youth group members, Alex Hunter and Michael Sankovitch, among others, who moved heavy bags of gifts. All the help made the drop off process flow smoothly and quickly - we were done in record time.

Thank you, and Merry Christmas,  
Jane Derickson-Friar, Katherine Sankovitch,  
Arlene Sommer

**IT'S THE YPF CHRISTMAS PARTY!** If you're a high schooler, don't forget that tonight is the YPF Christmas Party. It starts at 6pm here in Parish Hall. We'll have food, fun, and gifts (bring a small gift - one you'd like to receive - to share). If you're a regular YPFer, you know we always have fun when we get together, and if you're one of those teens who's thought about coming, but just hasn't quite done so yet...well, this is a great time to come and try it out. See you there and Merry Christmas!

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES TO CHRIST CHURCH FOR 2009.**  
 To date, we have received **145** pledges totaling **\$364,922.00**. 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.

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Amarante  
 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 Bolter  
 Mrs. Robert Bonner  
 Dr. & Mrs. John Boozan  
**Mr. & Mrs. Michael Boyle**  
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 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.  
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 Mr. & Mrs. John Cooper  
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 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. 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. William Hardin**  
 Mrs. Edwina Harris  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Harwood  
 Mr. & Mrs. William Harwood

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Henry  
 The Reverend & Mrs. Scott Holcombe  
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 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  
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Moos  
**Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morgan**  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Neugebauer  
**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ogden**  
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 Mr. Joseph Ort  
 Mr. & Dr. Arnold Peinado  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Petersen  
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 Mrs. George Proud  
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**Ms. Diane Redding-Stathis**  
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Ms. Molly Rennie  
**Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Richards**  
 Mrs. Jane Coryell Riedel  
**Mr. & Mrs. Randy Riley**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Roberts  
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 Ms. Ginny Roriston  
 Ms. Benita Rountree  
 Mr. & Mrs. James Sammartino  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Saulnier  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Shewmaker  
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 Miss Ruth Southwick  
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 Dr. & Mrs. Donald Syracuse  
 Mr. Robert Tansill  
 Mrs. Allene Theile  
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 Mrs. Juli Towell  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Tso  
 Mrs. Doane Twombly  
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 Mr. Malcolm Warnock  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wigg-Maxwell  
**Mr. & Mrs. John Willian**  
 Ms. Bea Wingerter  
**Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Wright**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Rupert O. Zimmerer**

**MANY THANKS** to our  
 Thursday folders this week,  
 Bea Wingerter, Hope Lampe &  
 Bobbie Engler! We are always  
 looking for volunteers to fold and  
 staple on Thursday afternoons or  
 Friday mornings to help assembling  
 the Weekly Messenger and the  
 bulletins. Please call the  
 Church office if you can help!

## FOR YOUR CALENDARS CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

### 12/24 Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist– Rite Two  
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Concert begins  
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Eucharist –Rite Two begins

### 12/25 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Birthday party for Jesus  
(have your kids bring their favorite gift with them to church!)

### 12/28 First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite One  
9:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Eucharist Rite Two  
10:00 a.m. Community Congregational Church presentation of selections from “the Messiah”  
No Sunday School or adult forum



**MAKE YOUR GIFT COUNT!** Visit the Heifer Living Gift Market outside Parish Hall TODAY, so you can make sure and be part of the 2008 Christ Church Heifer Project. At the Heifer Living Gift Market you can choose between all kinds of animals ... perhaps you'd like to donate a cow, or a water buffalo, or a flock of chicks? Each animal gives a needy family the gift of self-reliance. And for every animal you donate you can receive an Honor Card, which you can use as part of your Christmas gift-giving. But the clock is ticking...please make sure to make your gift today so we have it all in by Christmas!

Godly Play – Luke 2:1-7; Today we will light the Christ candle in the center of the Advent Wreath. This is the candle we light each Sunday during our lesson to remind us that Christ is the light for the whole world.

Primary – Luke 2:4-5; Jesus was born to Mary in the city of Bethlehem.

Intermediate – John 1:1-14; The opening verses of the Gospel of John refer to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth as the appearance of the “Word of God” in human flesh. He came to be a “light” to the world.

Sunday SCHOOL

### Important Sunday School Dates

12/21 Pageant rehearsal following worship in church sanctuary – all choirs and pageant members!

12/24 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant; 3:30 p.m. pageant cast a crew arrive; 3:45 p.m. Children’s Choir to choir room; 4 p.m. Canterbury Choir in back of parish hall.

12/28 No Sunday School or Nursery care.

### Christmas Pageant December 24 4:30 p.m.

All are invited to participate! Canterbury Choir (Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade), Children’s Choir (1<sup>st</sup> grade and up), pageant angels and shepherds (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades), high school and adults needed to help!

Pageant rehearsals Sundays following worship.

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Outreach Ministries

Please donate: food drive hamper for the St. Marks Food Pantry, and Winter Warmth (coats, blankets, etc.) drive hamper in Parish Hall.

### December Nursery Family Helpers

12/21 - DeCiantis

12/28 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR NURSERY CARE



# CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

## BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Matthew Willian  
 12/02 Andrew Clark  
 12/03 Barbara Armour  
 12/03 Roger Hoit  
 12/04 Graham Riley  
 12/05 Anne Bunn  
 12/05 John Draper  
 12/06 Kyle Syracuse  
 12/08 Annie Stathis  
 12/10 Bryce McCourt  
 12/10 Lisa Gadsden  
 12/12 Katherine Sankovich  
 12/12 Paul Speaker  
 12/12 Libby Lindstrom  
 12/14 Ernestine Hartshorn  
 12/14 Katherine Ristau  
 12/14 Mackenzie Shapard  
 12/15 Sandra Johnson  
 12/15 William Mebane  
 12/15 David Dwyer  
 12/17 Chuck Nwachuku  
 12/17 Chip Peinado  
 12/19 Hope Lampe  
 12/19 Deborah Barker  
 12/19 Irena Beder  
 12/19 Petey Lurie  
 12/20 Edward Shapard  
 12/20 Ruth Southwick  
 12/21 Amy Marchisio  
 12/21 Julia Drahzal  
 12/22 Michael Sankovich  
 12/22 John Willian  
 12/23 Robert Near  
 12/23 Liz Clark  
 12/24 Kate Lee  
 12/26 Jamie Barker  
 12/26 Blake Kernen  
 12/27 Bruce Kendall  
 12/27 Andrew Bunn  
 12/27 Joseph McBride  
 12/28 Jud Riley  
 12/29 Jay McGraw  
 12/30 Jack Carter  
 12/30 Jane Derickson Friar  
 12/31 Mark Saulnier  
 12/31 Diane Redding Stathis

## ANNIVERSARIES

12/05 Linda & Richard Carchia  
 12/06 Elizabeth & Chris Burn  
 12/08 Valerie & Michael Boyle  
 12/19 Marian & Jack Carter  
 12/20 Ann & Herman Michels  
 12/20 Marilyn & Denny Candler  
 12/22 Peggy & A. Gary Shilling  
 12/27 Inese & Theodore Houllis  
 12/28 Jill & John Draper  
 12/30 Valerie & Gregg Richards

**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 Stultz, 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

## FLOWERS

The flowers on the altars this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bob Reinhardt, Beverly Keene, Helen Klick Keene and A. Bertram Keene.



## FOR THE RECORD

December 14, 2008

Total Attendance: 203

Sunday offering: \$11,136.00

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>21</b> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:15am – Nursery Care & Sunday School 9:30am – Holy Eucharist 10:45am – Coffee Hour 10:45am – Pageant rehearsal 6:00pm – YPF holiday party	<b>22</b> 9:00am – Yoga for Advent	<b>23</b> 10:30am – Staff meeting	<b>24</b> OFFICES ARE CLOSED 4:30am – Christmas Pageant 10:00pm – Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> OFFICES ARE CLOSED 10:00am – Holy Eucharist	<b>26</b> OFFICES ARE CLOSED	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:30am – Lessons & Carols 10:00 a.m. – Community Congregational Church presentation of selections from “the Messiah” 10:45am – Coffee Hour	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:30am – Staff meeting	<b>31</b> OFFICES ARE CLOSED	<b>1</b> OFFICES ARE CLOSED	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>