

December 28, 2008

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Dear People of God,

December 28th, is the fourth day of Christmas. Remember ... "*On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.*" But actually the Episcopal Church BCP calendar, (p. 30) recalls **the Holy Innocents**, where King Herod learned that he had been tricked by the magi, became enraged and issued a decree that all two year old and younger male children who were in or near Bethlehem were to be killed (Matthew 2: 16-18) . Mary and Joseph, however, previously had been warned by an angel (Matthew 2:13-14) and fled to Egypt for safety.

There actually are twelve days of Christmas– from December 25 through January 5th, and many cultures have rituals and festivals to recall major events surrounding the birth and early years of Jesus' life. For most in this country who celebrate or honor Christmas, these twelve days are usually filled with many other things– I think a rewrite of the 12 Days of Christmas is in order to reflect more accurately what is really occurring. Perhaps something like this–

On the twelve days of Christmas, what life is really like...

12 boxes to the attic, 11 bags of trash to haul, 10 thank you notes to write, 9 strings of lights to untangle, 8 items to return to the mall, 7 addresses to correct on our Christmas Card list, 6 days of leftovers, 5 receipts to find, 4 drawers to clean out, 3 bags to take to Goodwill, 2 days to recover, and 1 resolution to simplify Christmas next year.

But alas it is not too late– there are still 8 days of Christmas to redeem– so if you really want to redeem this Christmas season, please consider these suggestions:

Day 4 (12/28) Make a donation to a worthy charity

Day 5 (12/29) Recycle your Christmas tree

Day 6 (12/30) Gather usable coats, gloves, blankets to give away

Day 7 (12/31) Volunteer at the food bank, or mission feeding ministry

Day 8 (1/1) Contact a distant or estranged relative and make peace

Day 9 (1/2) Forgive someone, from the heart, then write/phone them

Day 10 (1/3) Resolve to make this a healthier year

Day 11 (1/4) Get more involved in the life of your parish church

Day 12 (1/5) Commit to regular prayer or some form of spiritual discipline to enhance your faith life

Have a blessed Christmas season, not just a blessed Christmas Day!

Faithfully,

Scott+

ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN THANK YOU

The Stewardship Council extends a gracious thank you to John Cooper, Jane Houston and Sam Peinado, who spoke to us during the church services in November about stewardship and the annual pledge campaign; thank you for sharing your faith and expressing your affection for Christ Church with the parish in this personal way.

The Stewardship Council

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

To date, we have received **150** pledges totaling **\$377,472.00**. 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**.

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 Boller
Mrs. Robert Bonner
Dr. & Mrs. John Boozan
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Boyle
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Brace
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.
Ms Jennifer Chalsty
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Cheung
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Coombs, III
Mr. & Mrs. John Cooper
Mrs. Joseph Cornwall
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. Patrick Haggerty
Mr. & Mrs. William Hardin
Mrs. Edwina Harris
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Harwood
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Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Henry
The Reverend & Mrs. Scott Holcombe
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Houlis
Mr. & Mrs. David Houston
Mrs. Gayle Chamberlin Hoyt
Mr. Henry Hulshizer
Mrs. Henry Hulshizer
Mr. & Mrs. William Johnson
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Dr. & Mrs. William Johnson
Mrs. Lowell Jonach
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Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kirsten
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Klemme
Mrs. Shelley Lach
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Mr. & Mrs. Mike McChesney
Mr. & Mrs. David McDonald
Mr. & Mrs. Jay McGraw
Mrs. Samuel McKeown
Mr. William Mebane
Mrs. William Mebane
The Honorable & Mrs. Herman Michels
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Moos
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morgan
Mrs. Bernard Morris Jr.
Mrs. Barbara Murray
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Near
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Neugebauer
Mr. & Mrs. Chiazio Nwachuku
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ogden
Mrs. Karen Oleson
Mr. William Omelia
Mr. Joseph Ort
Mrs. Eileen Paduano
Mr. & Dr. Arnold Peinado
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Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Petersen
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Mrs. Lynne Ranieri
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Reckford
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Ms. Molly Rennie
Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Richards
Mrs. Jane Coryell Riedel
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Riley
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Roberts
Dr. Patrice Robinson
Ms. Ginny Roriston
Ms. Benita Rountree
Mr. & Mrs. James Sammartino
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Saulnier
Mrs. Peter Schaub
Mrs. Linda Schlereth
Mr. & Mrs. Gunter Seeger
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Senchak
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Shelby
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Shewmaker
Dr. & Mrs. Gary Shilling
Mr. & Mrs. MacDonald Snow
Miss Ruth Southwick
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Stevens
Mr. Thomas Swartz
Dr. & Mrs. Donald Syracuse
Mr. Robert Tansill
Mrs. Allene Theile
Mr. S. Gilmer Towell
Mrs. Juli Towell
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Tso
Mrs. Doane Twombly
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Udland
Mr. & Mrs. William Wallace
Mr. Malcolm Warnock
Mr. & Mrs. George Watt
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Wiggin, III
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wigg-Maxwell
Mr. & Mrs. John Willian
Ms. Bea Wingerter
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Wright
Mr. & Mrs. Rupert O. Zimmerer

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!

Dear Christ Church Community,
 Many, many thanks from "the newest priest in the Anglican Communion" for my wonderful ordination on Saturday. How proud I was to welcome people from my other ministry settings - St. Luke's and St. John's in Montclair and Interweave and Calvary in Summit - and from around the diocese, along with my family and friends, to evergreens and candlelight in our beautiful church. The music, orchestrated by John Pivarnik, was awe-inspiring; the bulletin and party ambience, both crafted by Andi Hidalgo, were magical; Tracey Young and James Johnson went far beyond the call of duty in every way; and I am grateful for the support all along the way of my clergy colleagues Elizabeth and Karen, and now Scott. Many thanks to party producer Peggy Baggaley, who had help from Peggy Shilling, Jay McGraw, Tom Gordon, Terry Finan and others, Ushers, Altar Guild, and many more. And the gifts! - from the Vestry's stunning chalice and paten, an oil stock from the Altar Guild (a small receptacle for the oil used for anointing), a beautiful stole from Scott and La Nora, to the festive Celtic jewelry set from the staff, and many more. Whether you were able to be there in person or not, I could feel your prayers, and I am honored to be among you. Thank you so much. Affectionately, Lisa



**FESTIVAL OF WINDOWS BECOMES
 FOCUS ON WINDOWS**

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the Festival of Windows and all who were preparing ads and auction items. The Vestry has decided that, given the difficult times, it would be better to postpone the event. Scott Holcombe has suggested that we still use February 28 to focus on the windows by having an afternoon program given by one of the window restorers to introduce us to the restoration process and to discuss the special features of our windows. Scott, a fabulous cook, has volunteered to cater hors d'oeuvres for the event.

A plea from the Rector-
 Our tables and chairs in the Parish Hall have seen their better day. I would like to replace them with something newer, fresher, and lighter weight! Replacing the tables and chairs with sturdy lightweight items would cost slightly less than \$5,000. Is anyone willing to make such a nice year end donation for this purpose? Please see me, so that we can get these ordered. Thanks! Scott+



2009

RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual rummage sale will be held on Saturday, **February 7**. Please contact Peggy Baggaley if you would like to volunteer to help. Peggy's email is baggaleyp@verizon.net Thank you!



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 gift-giving. **As of Christmas Day we have received \$19,273.50- Help us go over our \$20K goal, today is the last day that checks can be received for this year's gift!** Over the past 6 years we have donated over \$114,000-WOW!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two

9:30 a.m. Carols and Lessons with Eucharist, Rite Two, **No Sunday School or adult forum**

10:00 a.m. Community Congregational Church presentation of selections from "the Messiah"



CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS

12/21 Amy Marchisio
 12/21 Julia Drahzal
 12/22 Michael Sankovich
 12/22 John William
 12/23 Robert Near
 12/23 Liz Clark
 12/24 Kate Lee
 12/26 Jamie Barker
 12/26 Blake Kernan
 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

12/22 Peggy & A. Gary Shilling
 12/27 Inese & Theodore Houlis
 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 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 loving memory of

William M. Black
 and
 Jean Blair Pumphrey.

FOR THE RECORD

December 21, 2008

Total Attendance: 145

Sunday offering: \$3,426.00

New nametags will be
 Available in January.



Our Christmas poinsettias that beautifully decorated the Church and hallways are available for you to take with you after the service today. Please feel free to take a plant or two— why not take one to a friend or someone who is homebound? Many thanks!

A special thank you to all who made and maintained their financial commitments and pledges to God and to Christ Church during the past year.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:30am – Carols & Lessons 10:45am – Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.—Community Congregational Church presentation of selections from “the Messiah”	29 	30 10:30am – Staff meeting 	31 -----OFFICES ARE CLOSED----- 	1 	2 	3
4 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:15 - Sunday School & Nursery Care 9:30am – Holy Eucharist 10:45am – Coffee Hour	5 7:45pm - Stewardship Council	6 Staff planning meeting 9-2:30p	7 9:30am - Education for Ministry 7:30pm - Education for Ministry	8	9	10