



# InSpire

Newsletter

June 2010

## *Christ Church Staff*

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## **Church Office Hours**

**Mon. & Tues. 8 am-12 pm**  
**Wed., Thurs. Fri. 8 am-4 pm**  
**Mother Mimi Sat. 8 am-12 pm**

## **June Events**

### **Thursday, June 3**

6:30 pm St. Fursey Dinner

### **Friday, June 4**

12:05 pm Holy Communion

7 pm Rev. Arleigh Lassiter

Requiem Mass GHTC

### **Sunday, June 6**

#### **2 Pentecost**

8 am Holy Communion

#### **9 am Casual Breakfast**

10 am Holy Eucharist

Sign Up Sunday ODFK

### **Tuesday, June 8**

11:30 am-1 pm Empty Bowls

Lunch, Wyatt Park Baptist

### **Thursday, June 10**

6:15 pm Vestry

### **Friday, June 11**

12:05 pm Holy Communion

### **Saturday, June 12**

9:30 am ECW Breakfast, GHTC,

Founder's Hall

## **From the Rector**

Last month as we were preparing for our garage sale I wrote about Phyllis Tickles book, The Great Emergence and the 500 year rummage sale she discussed. These occur not only in the church, but in the world. This month, as I write this, I am sitting with my mother who has fallen, so I am spending the night watching her for symptoms of her concussion. The role of authority seems to have shifted in our relationship. She used to tell me what to do, and now it is the other way around.

It has occurred to me that the same thing is happening with the role of authority in the church. In 1900, a parishioner would walk down the street, see the priest and say, "Mother has pneumonia, please come." The priest would pray for her, sit with and consol the family and the community of faith, who would either bury her or rejoice in her healing.

Today if the priest sees a parishioner walking down the street they would say, "Mother has pneumonia, and I'm on my way to the drug store to fill a prescription for her. Oh, and by the way, would you put her on the prayer list?" Some families don't even consider coming to church for healing but depend on Doctors, Psychologists or drugs.

We are not as sure about who has authority over life or even how to define human life. Such issues as abortion and end of life issues are hot topics. Cases such as Terri Shivo's end of life issue left us with letting the state making the final decision when her life should end. However, God still has the last word as she lived for a time even after the life giving machines were turned off.

That's my point, God IS still with us and still has the final authority. Religion takes a lot of blame for conflict, hate, and civil unrest in the world, but that's not what religion is about. These problems were in the world before institutional religion and are not what define us. The deepest experience of God has never been in conquest but in compassion, community, holiness and humble goodness. Inside of every human being is a battle against the pettiness and malice that thread through our character. The battle is often lost but religion, at the very least, knows that it must be fought, and should be fought, each day of our lives.

As people of faith who call ourselves Episcopalians, we believe in an intangible reality, respect the mystery at the heart of the universe, and are not ashamed to ask questions about everything. Religion begins in wonder, flourishes in relationship and is realized through living with an awareness of holiness. Faith is still seen in visiting the sick and praying with them; it is also seen in worship when people gather together in praise of God; and it is seen in service of the poor, the oppressed and the helpless. If this sounds like something you are looking for in your life, we invite you to join us on our journey of faith as we seek God's peace and love.

Blessing,  
Mimi

**Sunday, June 13****3 Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Communion  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
 Donation Sunday ODFK

**Monday, June 14**

11:15 am Service Day Open Door  
 Food Kitchen

**Wednesday, June 16**

7 pm Dessert with Dr. James  
 Amanze, Botswana, Christ  
 Episcopal Church

**Thursday, June 17**

1:30 pm Military internment Jim  
 Michalski, Fort Leavenworth

**Friday, June 18****Jim Sauls vacation day**

12:05 pm Holy Communion  
 Coleman Hawkins in undercroft  
 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday, June 20, Father's Day****4 Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Communion  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, June 24**

6 pm Autism Support Group

**Friday, June 25**

12:05 pm Holy Communion  
 1 pm Staff Meeting

**Sunday, June 27****5 Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Communion  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
 5-6 pm VBS Dinner at First  
 Presbyterian  
 6-8 pm VBS 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

**Monday, June 28**

6-8 pm VBS 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

**Tuesday, June 29**

6-8 pm VBS 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

**Wednesday, June 30**

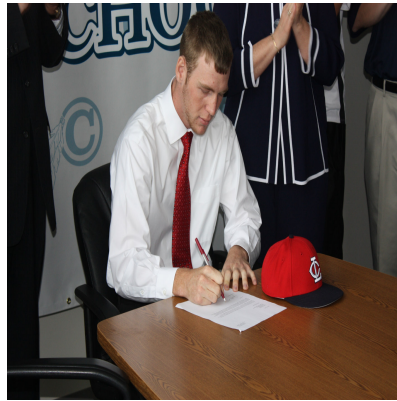
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**Thursday, July 1**

6-8 pm VBS 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

Sunday, June 6, is our next monthly breakfast. Sue has designated the summer breakfasts as casual Sunday. So, put on your shorts and join us and bring a friend. If you would like to help. Please speak to Sue Means. You can reach Sue at [suemeans624@hotmail.com](mailto:suemeans624@hotmail.com) or phone 387-8715.

The St. Joseph Community Chorus is celebrating it's 30th year as a vital part of the St. Joseph Performing Arts community. Our own Jim Bush was elected President of the chorus this past April. One of the charter members of the chorus is also a very active member of our church. Sandy Miller was one of the first members of the chorus and has performed with the chorus since it was created, including trips to Europe. Judy and I have been members of the chorus since 2004 and were fortunate to travel to France with a smaller group in 2005. Ironically, it was through the chorus that we made friends with members of Christ Episcopal and eventually became members of the church. Other members of our church who sing with the chorus are Mary Joe Lewis, Dr. David Bennett and Virginia (Ginny) McLaughlin. Other members of our church have also been active supporters of the chorus by attending concerts on a regular basis. The St. Joseph Community Chorus is under the direction of Dr. David Benz who took over direction of chorus from Frank Thomas, who retired last year. The St. Joseph Community Chorus had a very busy concert season this past year, one of the highlights was a Christmas performance of Amahl and the Night Visitor with the Paul Mesner puppets at the St. Joseph Cathedral. Jim's term as President will begin in June and work has already begun on the 2010-2011 concert season. The Chorus has been invited to perform at the Lincoln Center in New York next spring. We will perform an original work by the popular choral composer, Mark Hayse. The Chorus will kick off the 2010-2011 concert season with the performance of patriotic music on November 7th. It promises to be an exciting year for us and the St. Joseph Community Chorus. Jim and Judy Bush.



Jonathan McCann, signed a letter of intent to play baseball next year at Lower Columbia College (LCC), Longview, Washington. The May 11, 2010, signing in the Central High School library was attended by his parents, brother, godparents, coaches, teammates, and other friends. Before reporting to LCC in August, Jonathan will pitch for the Mac-N-Seitz Collegiate MINK league team, the Lee's Summit Athletics.

In just the last three years alone, your generosity through the Empty Bowls Luncheon has put nearly \$103,000 in additional funds into food and meals at local agencies, ensuring that anyone who needs food in our community has access to it. Embarking on its sixth year in a time when so many people in our communities are asking for help for the first time ever, the agencies comprising the Hunger Coalition--Catholic Charities, InterServ, Open Door Food Kitchen and Second Harvest Community Food Bank--are looking forward to hosting another successful event. Commerce Bank and the St. Joseph Hunger Coalition invite you to Empty Bowls on June 8, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Wyatt Park Baptist Church, 2902 N. Leonard Road. Sample exquisite soups from local restaurants while helping to fill the bowls of our hungry neighbors. Admission is \$25. You may make reservations by calling Second Harvest at 816-364-3663 ext. 208. Your hosts, Noreen and Joe Houts.

## Reminder: Single Service 9 am, Sunday, May 30.

The Northern Deanery will meet on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 4947 NE Chouteau Dr. The agenda will include election of a new dean (Tom Punzo has agreed to the Bishop's invitation to be nominated) and consideration of the Deanery Edition of the 2011 Diocesan Budget. A link to the budget may be found on the home page of the diocesan website

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of June 27-July 1 from 6-8 pm. It will be held again this year at 1st Presbyterian Church in conjunction with 1st Lutheran, Zion, Francis St. 1st UMC, and 1st Presbyterian Churches. The school will have a dinner from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27 to mark the beginning. Class will begin at 6:00 p.m. on this day. Our church is in charge of crafts and volunteers to help out will be needed. Watch for a sign up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board in the near future. Mark your calendar and plan to invite any preschool to 6th graders you know to participate! If you have questions, contact Cathy Caldwell.

The **Brotherhood of St. Fursey** will have their next dinner in the undercroft on Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. If you will be in attendance please let Jim Sauls know or sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:** Hannah Bartlett 1, Larry Lucas 2, David Caldwell 4, Geoffrey Selkirk 8, Jay Selkirk 8, Fred J. Halsey 10, Jon Carper 11, Marilyn Selkirk 12, Dwayne Reeder 15, Neil Robinson 17, Heather Reeder 20, Ellen Cunat 24, Neva Davis 29, Bickley Bayer 29.

"O God, our times are in your hand; Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they June grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

**JUNE ANNIVERSARY:** Gene and Judy Skoch 1, Sid and Mary Schrom Breese 5, Brent and Lisa Bird 5, Paul and Carolyn Johnson 6, James and Judy Bush 8, Jeremy and Misty Burright 21, Drew and Charlene Brown 25, Jim and Jackie Moore 27.

"We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating and sustaining these marriages in Christ's name. Lead them now and forever in love and companionship with each other and with you. And June the Spirit of Christ's peace which passes all understanding be with them now and forever." Amen.



Prayers will be offered for those sick or recovering from an illness, especially: Winston, Ruby, Mike, Chrissy, Boomer, Cullen, Ted, Lou, Deborah, and Jim.

### Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers

June 6 The flowers and cascade at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father, E. H. (Jack) Stewart, by Billie Stewart Vories.

June 13 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Means by her daughter, Susan Means; and the flower cascade is given in loving memory of her husband, SFC Harley E. Freeman, Jr., by Gladys Freeman.

June 20 The flowers at the Altar are given in memory of her parents by Joan Thomas: and by Jackie Moore in memory of loved ones; and the flower cascade is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his father, Commodore Jacks, by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jacks.

June 27 The flowers at the Altar are given in loving memory of Rew Fetcher by Kay Tootle, his grandmother, and Vickie Fletcher, his mother; and the flower cascade is given in loving memory of John G. Ward, Sr. by his family.

If you would like to donate altar flowers or a cascade in Thanksgiving or Remembrance please contact one of our Flower Ministry coordinators, **Kay Temps (233-8179)** or **Ginny McLaughlin (901-0254)** or sign up on the flower schedule posted in the front hallway across from the youth bulletin board on the office door and fill out one of the attached donation forms. The cost is \$25.00 per vase and \$25.00 for a cascade.