

We welcome all people to share a life of faith through worship, spiritual growth and Christian Ministry



# In Spire

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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**

## September Events

**Wednesday, September 2**

6:00 pm Women's Evening  
Group at Country Squire

**Friday, September 4**

12:05 pm Holy Communion

**Sunday, September 6**

**14 Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Communion

**No Breakfast**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sign Up Sunday ODFK

**Monday, September 7**

**Labor Day**

Office Closed

**Wednesday, September 9**

12:00 pm Amy Golding Sack

Lunch in Parish Hall

6:15 pm Vestry

## Newsletter

September 2009

### From the Rector

Historically and traditionally, the church has been the school of virtue, as a place that teaches children to replace selfishness with unselfishness, dishonesty with honesty, sensuality with self-control, and hatred with love. As we begin another school year with a new director of Christian Education (Carolyn Johnson) and a new Youth Leader (Melissa Robinson), the prospects we have here at Christ Church are exciting. Both of these new leaders are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and creative in their pursuit of the best for our young people. The year of 2009-2010 promises to be a great year where faith and all the virtues of a spiritual life will be highlighted.

The family is and always has been, the strongest educator, but moral teachings in the family are based on what the prophets and sages have shown to be God's ways. Those families that place emphasis on religious training are generally the ones whose children learn the greatest sense of decency and tend to live the most productive lives.

As a denomination, we have always baptized infants in the belief that parents and sponsors are the best people to show the Church's desire to have all its members know and be enabled to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord. In other words, to know and pursue Christ's mission in the Church is why we exist as a Church.

The Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer says, "The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." (BCP p. 855) It also tells us "the Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love....through the ministry of all its members." We are called to be a community of faith focused on the strength of our unity. This is for both young and old, male and female, 8 and 10 o'clock people.

Our ministry is widespread. We serve Christ as transporters at the Living Community, drivers at Meals on Wheels, food preparers at the Safe Haven, and the Open Door Food Kitchen and as the song goes, "you meet them in schools, or in lanes, or at sea, in church or in trains, or in shops or at tea" (The Hymnal 1982, #293). We are Christ Church and that is our mission.

The goals of that mission are found in our hospitality to the stranger in our midst, and our desire to serve those in our community who are in need, or overlooked, or underprivileged. It is this driving force that keeps us going and helps us pursue projects that help us to do that.

We are on the right tract and little by little we are all succeeding in fulfilling the promise we made in our Baptism, "to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ....seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself." (BCP p. 305)

This is our Mission, and we have given ourselves to be restored by letting those things that separate us from God and each other, seeking those things that bring justice, peace and love. As adults or children, we are a resurrected people of faithful believers adults and children. *Thanks be to God.*

Mimi +

IN THE ♥ OF ST. JOSEPH SINCE 1851

**Thursday, September 10**

St. Fursey Men's Group Dinner

**Friday, September 11**

12:05 pm Holy Communion

**Sunday, September 13**

**15 Pentecost**

**Grandparent's Day**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Donation Sunday ODFK

**Monday, September 14**

11:15 am Service Day ODFK

**Mon. Sept. 14-Wed. Sept 16**

Mother Mimi at Clergy Conference

**Thursday, September 17**

6:30 pm Northern Deanery here at the church

**Friday, September 18**

12:05 pm Holy Communion

**Saturday, September 19**

8 am-12 pm Community Chorus Board, Undercroft

3:00 pm Youth Group at Cool Crest Mini Golf

**Sunday, September 20**

**16 Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School Kickoff, Wax Museum in Undercroft

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, September 24**

6:00 pm Autism Support Group in Undercroft

**Friday, September 25**

12:05 pm Holy Communion

**Sunday, September 27**

**17 Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Crop Walk at Hyde Park

Transporters at Living Community

There will be **no Sunday Breakfast** on September 6 due to it being Labor Day Weekend. Our next breakfast will be Sunday, October 4. If you would like to help, speak to Sue Means

The **Brotherhood of St. Fursey** will have their next dinner at 6:30 p.m., **Thursday, September 10**, in the undercroft of the church. If you will attend please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the church office. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Evening women's group. The September activity will be ice cream sundaes at Country Squire On Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m. followed by a \$2 movie, if something good is playing. Speak to Cosette Hardwick for more info.

The **Amy Golding/St. Paula's Guild** will have a sack lunch on Wednesday, September 9, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to attend and are asked to bring a sack lunch with them to this meeting.

**The choir** will begin singing for services the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13th. If you would like to share your talents by singing in the choir please speak to David Bennett. Any questions can be addressed to David at 617-1104.

"Are you ready for some **Sunday School!?!?** The official kickoff is **September 20 at 9 am** where a real, live "Madame Robidoux's Wax Museum" will appear in the undercroft (that's *basement* to some)! The event is for all generations, and everyone will receive a card where they can guess the Biblical characters in the museum. I wonder what the prize will be? The younger children will guess the characters in the museum, aided by one over-18 helper of their choice. The older children will be awarded a "credit card" for asking for help from an adult **one time**. Adults, you're on your own. **There will be Sunday School Classes on Sunday, September 13 for the Primary age youth and the older students will begin their cooking ministry for the Open Door Food Kitchen. Please be here at 9 am.** Questions? contact Carolyn Johnson at carolyn.swede@gmail.com or (660) 582-5942 (Maryville number)."

**Mark your Calendars Now for Friday, October 2**

The Amy Golding-St. Paula's Guild will sponsor a **Potato Bar and Bunko Party** on Friday evening October 2. Food will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by the Bunko Party about 7:00 p.m. The cost for the meal will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth under 12 years of age. The price for Bunko is \$3.00 per person. There will be a Silent Auction in conjunction with this event. If you would like to donate an item for the auction or need more information call Gladys Freeman at 279-8063 or Betsy Bartlett at 232-9844. We invite you to come and join the fun and bring a friend. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board across from Jim's office.

**We are serving more people each month at the Open Door Food Kitchen.**

During 2008, we averaged 160 meals served per service day. Over the last four months, we have served around 195 meals per our service day. Our meals are popular but the need is also increasing. I would like to recognize the generous donations of ground beef from several of our families here at Christ Church. The Wallings, Hardwicks and Robinsons have all donated beef since the first of the year. Their donations have enabled us to use our funds to purchase other food items we use to prepare the meal. Thank you for your support! Of course, the support from the St. Fursey's and the youth group in preparing the meals; the donations of food stuffs like orange juice, cookies etc.; and the people who come to work and serve are invaluable. This ministry could not exist without the efforts of many people in the parish. THANK YOU.

## Check out Sunday School in 2009-10 at *Christ Church*

### **Primary class:** Episcopalian “EXPLORE –ation”

This class will focus on learning more about the cool traditions of the Episcopal church.

What are all those items we use during worship services?

Just what are the “liturgical seasons?”

And what’s a “vestment”??

Ever met a saint?!

And more stuff to EXPLORE, plus crafts and activities

### **Middle school/high school class:** Getting from Monday to Friday

Have you ever thought, “hey, I can do this Christian life thing” in church on Sunday, but by Monday evening you don’t feel quite the same? We’ll cover some unique ideas to help keep you on track, including:

Try gratitude ping-pong

Rock or doodle your journal

Make your own icon (??)

Use YouTube...really!

Freak Not: dealing with daily pressures

### **Adult classes:** Choices, Choices, Choices

You’ll have the opportunity to join one (or more) of these classes:

Discussion class based on various topics from “The Thoughtful Christian” (group members pick which ones you want to cover). POSSIBLE TOPICS (non-exclusive list):

Simplicity as a spiritual discipline

Sabbath practices

Creationism, Evolution, and Intelligent Design: What’s a Christian to believe?

The music and message of U2

Reality TV: Love it, hate it, got to have it?

Understanding Christian fundamentalism

Explore themes of doubt and faith in a book entitled, “Murder and Redemption at a Benedictine Abbey” written by our very own Paul Johnson AND/OR discuss “The Shack” by William P. Young. “What is the theology of *The Shack*? What does it have to say about salvation, the Trinity, and why bad things happen to good people?” –[www.thoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thoughtfulchristian.com)

Explore ideas and themes in popular movies. POSSIBLE CHOICES:

Slumdog Millionaire

Doubt

Atonement

Amazing Grace

The X-Files

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** Mother Mimi Savidge 4, Fred Halsey 5, Julia Ward 7, Nicole Bird 8, Lloyd DuPree 13, David Ford, Jr. 13, Muriel Bahr 18, Cathy Caldwell 18, Bill McLaughlin 18, Jane Hayward 21, Scott Selkirk 21, Lisa Bird 24, Carolyn Johnson 24, Jeanne Franklin 27, Bill Mytton 28, Deborah Nadolski 30, Dawn Younger 30.

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

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:** Ron and Cosette Hardwick 16, David and Nancy Ford 23.

"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 may 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, Hazel, Mildred, Claudia, Allie,

Anne, Charlotte, Boomer, Bryceton, Peter, Wally, and Kathy

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Jan and Michael Wright upon the death of their infant daughter, Leila Ruth, who died this past month. May the peace of God be with all during this time of loss.

PLEASE  
PRAY FOR

*Names on this prayer list will appear for four weeks and then will be removed to the Prayer Chain unless the church office is otherwise notified.*



## Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers

September 6 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Clark and Nancy Hampton.

September 13 The flowers at the Altar are given in loving memory of Marjorie G. Mills, mother of Allene Wright, by Mike, Allene, Terzah, and Ted Wright. The cascade is given in loving memory of Harley E. Freeman, Jr. by his wife, Gladys, and their sons.

September 20 The flowers and cascade at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her aunts, Florence Lindley Perry and Levita Stewart Lambers, by Billie Stewart Vories.

September 27 The flowers at the Altar are given in loving memory of Frederick, Virginia, and Rick Griffin by Virginia Griffin Gessert and 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 by the bulletin board and fill out one of the attached donation forms.

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### Worship Opportunities

#### Sundays

#### Summer

8:00 AM-Holy Communion  
& Homily

**10:00 AM**-Holy Eucharist & Sermon

#### Fall and Winter

8:00 AM-Holy Communion  
& Homily

9:00 AM-Church School

10:00 AM-Holy Eucharist &  
Sermon

#### Fridays

12:05 PM-Holy Communion in the  
Chapel

During Lent and other special seasons of the church year, opportunities are provided for additional spiritual growth and development. Please consult the Sunday bulletin or [InSpire](#) for details.

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