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E-Notices October 22, 2008

The Thirty Eighth Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Nevada is this weekend, October 24-26, 2008 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Elko.

This Sunday at Christ Church, October 26th

**The Rev'd Rob Nichols
of the Diocese of Dallas
is preaching and presiding
at this Saturday and Sunday services.**

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00pm

*Come join us! Share in worship, renewal, fellowship and song.
Music by Jim Geffert and friends*

8:00 am the Holy Eucharist

9:15 am ECW Meeting

**Christian Education for Adults
is cancelled this Sunday because of the Convention.**

9:15 am Youth Sunday School

**Youth classes in Room #3, by age groups
Sunday School leaders**

**Linda Barnes, & Shawn Hayes, grades k-2
Mark Reinert, & Graci Vargas, grades 3-4
Zandra Richardson, & Skip Yarema, grades 5-7
David Martin leader of children's chapel.**

10:30 am the Parish Eucharist

Julia Williams Cox

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Of your charity, please remember JULIA WILLIAMS COX of Christ Church, who died this past Sunday. Julia's Requiem Mass will be Saturday, October 25, at 11 am. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Presiding Bishop Calls voting an act of stewardship

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori writes about voting as an act of stewardship as the United States approaches its general election on November 4th. The Presiding Bishop reminds all Episcopalians to approach the election with prayer, remembering their baptismal vows.

The full text of the Presiding Bishop's Election Day message follows.

As Election Day approaches, I want to remind you that our democracy gives us the opportunity to speak urgently about the many issues and challenges confronting our nation and the world. I would encourage every eligible voter to prayerfully consider the choices before us and commit to using the political process to seek solutions to our society's most intractable problems. As part of our baptismal vows we commit "to strive for justice and peace among all people" and "respect the dignity of every human being." As you prepare to vote, I urge you to consider how the Reign of God – a just society – particularly as explicated by the Hebrew prophets and by Jesus, can be made real in our own day.

Our baptismal ministry calls us to transform our communities into something that looks more like that Reign of God. That is our part in God's mission. We are sent and commissioned to build a society where all have adequate access to health care, where the weakest are protected and God's creation safeguarded, and where each person has access to the blessings of life. That work requires committed engagement in the civic life of our nation if we seek to make God's dream more effectively real and complete in this world.

As caretakers and stewards of all of God's creation, each one of us is responsible for the flourishing of the rest of the human family. As in all elections, on 4 November we have the opportunity to continue working to reconcile and heal the world. I urge every citizen to use this opportunity to motivate our government to respond to, and participate in, building the Reign of God. We prepare the ground for the possibility of more abundant life through our part in the ministry of governance.

Voting and political participation are acts of Christian stewardship, in which citizens can engage in a common conversation about the future of our nation and the world. I urge you to exercise your right to vote, and to encourage and help others to do so as well.

Lobster Fair 2008

Oh, you just had to be there! What an absolutely wonderful fair. The team work was extraordinary, the food to die for, and we all had so much fun! It was another very successful year. So a big warm thanks to all who participated! THANK YOU!!!!

October Vestry briefs...

The Vestry of Christ Church held its monthly meeting on Monday October 20, 2008. The meeting was called to order with a prayer, "Blessed are you creator of the Universe..." at 6:35 pm. All decisions were reached by consensus and unanimous votes. Actions included the following:

Kitchen upgrade – Bill Leonard of Christ Church and a retired designer of kitchens for the Marriott Corporation presented a design to upgrade the existing kitchen. Bill walked the Vestry through each detail of the upgrade. *The kitchen project does not include expansion*, using the most efficient way, project leaders will use the space that we have.

Through Bill's industry connections, Christ Church will obtain state of the art used equipment. The total cost of the kitchen upgrade, which includes wall covering, flooring and installation of the equipment, is projected at \$65,400. The start-up date for the kitchen project is the beginning of Lent, an agreed upon time for non-use of the kitchen. The cost associated with holding the equipment is \$10,000. The vestry's decision to place a hold on the equipment was unanimous and to go forth with the project.

Organ Project and Loft Construction – The architect and the organ builder will meet, for the first time, on October 28, 2008. Final decisions will be made and the contract will go to bid.

It is crucial that the existing organ be removed from the loft in a timely manner. Our organ will remain through Christmas. Grace-in the Desert of Las Vegas was unable to accept the organ and over thirty churches (including three Episcopal Churches) and individuals responded to our emails and ads in national organ publications. The rector and the wardens will make the decision to remove the organ recognizing the following: 1) Protection of the property of Christ Church, 2) date of removal, and 3) the instrument is used for the praise of God and preferably in an Episcopal congregation.

The Epicenter Shade Structure Update- In order to be in compliance with the city Planning Department the shade structure must be installed not as a permanent structure. This can best be done by installing a 25X15 shade structure as opposed to the original plan of installing a 40X25 structure. By building a smaller structure, the United Thank Offering (UTO) Grant will be honored. Any unused portion of the grant will be returned to UTO.

Annual Parish Meeting – The annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009 between services.

Please visit the new Web site: www.chrstepiscopallv.org

Mark your Calendars

November 1st & 2nd

The Feast of All Saints: the Holy Eucharist together with Holy Baptism and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Envelopes for All Saints' memorial flowers are available Sunday.

November 7th

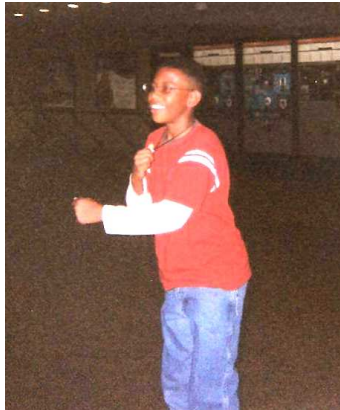
9:00 am to 12 noon: Anti-Racism training for the Christ Church staff. Vestry and others are encouraged to attend. Call the parish office to reserve your place (702.735-7655).

In the evening (time to be announced): A Eucharist for Human Rights, the Revd Susan Russell, Associate of All Saints' Episcopal Pasadena and President of Integrity USA preaching. Dinner follows in the courtyard. Please call if you wish to join the National Board of Integrity for dinner, 702.735.7655.

The Acolyte's wanted to share more pictures of their Washington, DC trip.



JIM WASHINGTON



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BUCK & THE PINK GIRLS



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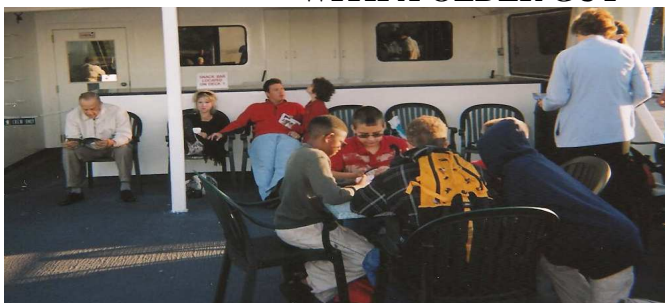
WOULD YOU GIVE THIS GROUP A RIDE?



GRACI FALLS IN LOVE WITH A OLDER GUY



THIS IS A SCARY GROUP!



A LITTLE GAMBLING ON THE BOAT



A MOVIE STAR



OUR BIG DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL