



THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

Christ Church News

December 22, 2009

This Week's Inspirational Thought

Wherever you see another, there I am.
Rabbinical Saying

PRAYER FOR OUR HEALING AT CHRIST CHURCH
Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come into our lives and into our community of faith at Christ Church with your loving, healing, transforming touch that we may be at one with you and with each other. Amen.

NOTICE: Anyone filling out the on-line nomination form prior to 12/23 please resubmit!

THE NUMBERS

Attendance at Saturday, Dec. 5, 5:00 pm	18
Attendance at Sunday, Dec 6, 8:00 am	82
Attendance at Sunday, Dec. 6, 10:30 am	142
Pledge Receipts	\$ 8,959.95
Alleluia Campaign Receipts	\$ 3,155.00

Attendance at Saturday, Dec. 19, 5:00 pm	17
Attendance at Sunday, Dec. 20, 8:00 am	70
Attendance at Sunday, Dec. 20, 10:30 am	124
Pledge Receipts	\$14,040.45
Alleluia Campaign Receipts	\$10,139.00

This Week at Christ Church

Tuesday	12/22	9:30 am	Rector's Office	Clergy Meeting
		9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
		10:30 am	Staff Meeting	Guild Room
Wednesday	12/23	9:00 am	Arts & Craft	SS-2
		10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Chapel	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
		7:00 pm	Main Church	Choir Practice

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FROM 12/23 UNTIL MORNING OF JAN. 5

Calendar of Events for Christmas 2009

Thursday	12/24	6:00 pm	Main Church	First Mass of Christmas (Family Mass)
		10:30 pm	Main Church	Music/Mass of Christ at Midnight
Friday	12/25	10:00 am	Main Church	Mass of Christmas Morn
Saturday	12/26	5:00 pm	Main Church	Evening Prayer Service
Sunday	12/27	THERE IS NO 8 AM SERVICE		
		10:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church Service
Monday	12/28	7:00 pm	Parish Hall	AA Retreat
Tuesday	12/29	9:00 am	SS #2	Arts and Crafts

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Vestry Briefs

The Vestry of Christ Church held its monthly meeting on December 21, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with Fr. O'Neill offering the opening prayer.

Christ Church Organist

Dr. Paul Hesselink has accepted the position of interim organist effective mid-January 2010.

Organ Dedication

The official dedication and concert is scheduled for February 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. A soft opening and dinner for the Christ Church Parish is scheduled for February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Adequate space for all to attend is an important consideration. Two dedications will accommodate the Christ Church family and our guests.

Latino Ministry

On February 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Bernardo Iniesta will begin his Hispanic Ministry at Christ Church, Las Vegas. The site for Fr. Bernardo's office is Christ Church. He will be a full time Christ Church staff member. The vestry chair of Christ Church's *Parish Growth Committee* has been attending Fr. Bernardo's Spanish language services at All Saints.

The Office

The Christ Church office will be closed from Wednesday, December 23, 2009 until after the first of the year – January 5, 2009.

The 102nd Annual Parish Meeting

The annual meeting of the Christ Church Parish will be held on January 31, 2010 following the combined service to be held at 9:00 a.m.

Galilee- Episcopal Camp and Conference Center, Inc. The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church received correspondence from the GECCC Board of Trustees requesting financial assistance for the youth camps. The recognition of Galilee as a mission of the

parish outreach allocation to the Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. The Vestry designated the loose plate collection on the second Sunday of each month to Galilee by unanimous vote.

Building and Grounds - South Property

For the first time, Christ Church now has a *Commercial Lease Agreement* at no cost to the Parish. This Lease Agreement is generated by the Commercial Alliance of Las Vegas Zip form site. This agreement will help in keeping the rates down while keeping the tenants.

Treasure House

The vestry applauded Treasure House who is donating an additional \$1,000 each month to Epi-Center.

Family Promise

Family Promise received a HUD grant to help transition homeless families into the mainstream. This can best be done by partnering with churches. Twelve churches were asked to partner in the *Community Mentoring Partnership* program, Christ Church being one of the twelve. The motion to partner was unanimous.

Search Committee

A final *Letter of Understanding* from The Rev. L. Ann Hallisey, D.Min. Consultant, was sent to the Senior Warden for signature. After a brief review of the document the letter was signed.

Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

(Genesis 1-11)

I do not take Genesis 1:11 literally. Rather it is the imaginative Semitic mind in descriptive story form that introduces us to the reality of human moral brokenness and our need for God, what we sometimes call Grace.

The two ate the fruit from the tree,
For the deceiver had claimed they'd be free.

But to their chagrin
Human sin did begin,
And we're unchained only by Thee

Diocese inspired the Board to ask each parish to designate in their annual budget a portion of the

Christ Church Service Schedule

Wednesday	12/23	12:05 pm
Thursday	12/24	6:00 pm Family Service 10:30 pm Music of Christmas 11:00 pm Holy Eucharist
Friday	12/25	10:00 am Xmas Morn Eucharist Rite I
Saturday	12/26	Evening Prayers 5 pm
Sunday	12/27	9:00 am ONE SERVICE ONLY
Wednesday	12/30	12:05 pm

Sermon Date /Title

Dec. 24: "Two Births"
 Dec. 27: and Jan 3: To be decided
 Jan. 10: "Shepherds or Magi?" (Propers)
 Jan. 17: Cana – "A Two Storey Story"
 Jan. 24: "Anointed and Gifted People"
 Jan. 31: "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"
One service at 9:00 am and Annual Meeting

A Celebration of the Life of Phyllis Jane Maloney

Phyllis Jane Maloney, beloved wife of John and mother of John and Brittany entered eternal life at Nathan Adelson Hospice on Saturday, December 12th after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Phyllis will always be remembered for her outgoing personality, her genuine love and sincerity toward others, and faithful devotion to Christ Church and to her beloved family. A Memorial Eucharist for Phyllis will be celebrated on Thursday, January 7th at 10:00 am followed by a reception in the parish hall. The family requests that any donation in Phyllis' memory be made to Christ Church Outreach. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Kwanzaa

The Christ Church family is invited to join *The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE)* at our Annual Kwanzaa Celebration. We will celebrate on Thursday, December 31, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the home of Ben and Elana Graham. Because Kwanzaa has become a nationally recognized holiday, it is important that our guests understand what the holiday symbolizes. The Kwanzaa holiday gathers together families and friends to celebrate our ancestors, support their community and give thanks for the good things in life.

In the spirit of sharing you may wish to bring a favorite dish that your ancestors enjoyed, or simply come in colorful clothes to enjoy the celebration. People of all ethnic groups are invited.

Kneeling

The camel, at the close of day

Kneels down upon the sandy plain
 To have his burden lifted off
 And rest to gain.

My soul, thou too shouldst to thy knees
 When the daylight draweth to a close,
 And let thy Master lift thy load
 And grant repose.

Else how canst thou tomorrow meet,
 With all tomorrow's work to do,
 If thou thy burden all the night,
 Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day
 To have his guide replace his load,
 Then rises up again to take
 The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning's dawn
 That God may give thee daily care,
 Assured that He no load too great
 Will make thee bare.

by Anna Temple

Stay Tuned!!!

The Choir will be presenting Schubert's "Mass in G" for the half-hour before the Christmas Eve Eucharist. The soloists will be Pat Newell and Zandra Richardson, sopranos, Leonard Hebert, tenor, and Jeff Colman, baritone. We will be accompanied by a string quartet and Dr. Paul Hesselink will be playing.

Dr. Paul Hesselink has accepted the position of Interim Organist. He will begin playing our new organ once Schantz has completed the tonal finishing in mid-January. See Dr. Hesselink's bio below.

So far only part of the organ has been tuned. There are 3,434 pipes in our organ and each one has to be tuned individually and also with the rest of the pipes in each rank. It is a very tedious process.

Contractually, the organ is still under the jurisdiction of the Schantz Organ Company. When the tuning process is complete, Schantz will sign the organ over to us and Dr. Hesselink will join us.

The Dedicatory Concert will be held on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. The featured organists will be Alice Hohenthauer, Dr. Paul Hesselink, and Ty Woodward, the West Coast Schantz Organ Sales Representative. There will be more information about the concert at a later date.

DR. PAUL HESSELINK

Dr. Hesselink has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organ from Hope College, a Master of Arts degree in Organ Pedagogy from Ohio State University, and a Doctor of

Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance from University of Colorado in Boulder.

For 26 years he was on the faculty of Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, and was the organist, choir director and handbell director at Farmville Presbyterian Church.

Paul took early retirement and moved to Las Vegas and served as the Dean of the Nevada School of the Arts for twelve years. He is on the adjunct faculty of UNLV, providing organ instruction on the Maureen Jackson Smith Organ, a Rudolf von Beckerath tracker organ located in Doc Rando Recital Hall.

Dr. Hesselink is a member of College Music Society, American Musicological Society, Organ Historical Society, and American Guild of Organists. He serves on the boards of Friends of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras and Nevada School of the Arts. He is active in the Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and serves as the Covener for the Grand Canyon District in Region IX of the AGO.

We are very fortunate and blessed to have Dr. Hesselink as our interim organist.



CHRISTMAS, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

Haven't all of us had the experience of hearing a musical tune in our heads, of hearing it over and over – and being unable to get it out? But it eventually does leave our mind, because we know that “.....doesn't really matter.” But there ARE some things which get into our heads and should stay there because they really DO matter – a great deal! One of those things is the Christmas Story...not the story how “little Ralphie” wants a new BB gun,” but the eternal story about God who comes into the world in the flesh, born as a baby in a manger, and who will be with us as God's Beloved, forever.

That story matters, because it's the story of the Christian Community- the story that God comes to us out of love, not obligation, to be with us wherever we are. In Jesus, who is love incarnate, the light floods into darkness and life overcomes death. This Christmas story is a promise whose name is Emmanuel, “God with us”, and for us.

The Clergy, the Vestry and the entire Staff thank you for the faith and trust you have placed in us, to lead and administer the gifted center of Christian life which is Christ Church. We have much to be thankful for this year; and with God's blessings and your enthusiastic support, we will move faithfully into new life and service to our community in 2010. Please demonstrate your love and support by attending – and joyfully participating in – the services listed on the enclosed schedule. May this song of Christmas get into our heads and hearts, and continue playing all during 2010 – and beyond!

Faithfully in Christ,

Your Vestry

a happy & healthy
New Year to all!

Chris
Merry Christmas
Bennett

Fr. Vince
Muel P. P. P.

DeLaney Armstrong
Ronnie Williams
Grace

Julia O. Miller
Hank Adams

Frankie Bell
M. P. P.
Kelly M. Conley

Shylo
Staff

Bonnie P. P.

Rusty P. P.