



THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

Christ Church News

April 22, 2010

This Week's Inspirational Thought

What story does God want me to tell with my life?

The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, April 17

Sunday, April 18

5:00 pm	15
8:00 am	75
9:15 am	15
10:30 am	134
6:30 pm	54

Pledge Receipts

\$ 6,624

Alleluia Campaign Receipts

\$ 1,026

This Week at Christ Church

Friday	4/23	4:30 pm	Parish Hall	Amazing Grace Dinner
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	4/24	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		5:00 pm	Main Church	Vigil Eucharist
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	4/25	8:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		9:15 am	Main Church	Latino Eucharist
		9:15 am	Parish Hall	ECW Meeting
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation
		10:30 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church & Dinner Party
		6:30 pm	Main Church	Latino Eucharist
Monday	4/26	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to Public		
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	4/27	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
		9:00 am	Rector's Office	Clergy Meeting
		9:30 am	Guild Room	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	4/28	10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
		7:00 pm	Choir Room	Choir Practice

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Service Schedule at Christ Church

Saturday	4/24	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass and Eucharist
Sunday	4/25	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		9:15 am	Latino Eucharist
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		6:30 pm	Latino Eucharist
Wednesday	4/28	12:05 pm	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	5/1	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass and Eucharist
Sunday	5/2	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		9:15 am	Latino Eucharist
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		6:30 pm	Latino Eucharist
Wednesday	5/5	12:05 pm	Holy Eucharist

Upcoming Events

SLEEP ONE NIGHT IN A BOX.....and CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE FOREVER!

Family Promise presents "The 3rd Annual Cardboard City" Saturday, April 24, 2010. Cardboard City is one night spent in a cardboard box and dining in a soup-line. This event helps bring public awareness of our local homeless and helps benefit Family Promise of Las Vegas. To register go to

www.familypromiselv.wordpress.com. The event will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas, Lied Memorial Clubhouse, 2850 S. Lindell Rd. There will be security for the event. It will be held in a gated area for your safety. All ages are invited. Please come and support this wonderful program.

On Sunday, May 2, we will honor at both celebrations of the Holy Eucharist the women who for many years have ministered to our congregation at Christ Church Gift Shop.

On Sunday, May 9th, we will celebrate Mother's Day for all women who have conceived, given birth, adopted, raised or supported children at both celebrations of the Eucharist with prayer and a Mother's Day cake after each service hosted by the men of your Vestry.

On Sunday, May 16th, we will honor with prayer all men and women of law enforcement in our nation, civilian and military, who serve and especially for those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

On Sunday, May 30th, we will honor the men and women who served in the military services of our nation and all who supported them in their service. We will honor all with prayer and music.

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank all our friends at Christ Church for their support at this very difficult time in our lives. Please be aware of the comfort we've received from the clergy and all Christ Church parishioners. We are so thankful to be part of such a great family.

All the DesJardin's

ECW Monthly Meeting

Sunday, April. 25th 2010 from 9:15 to 10:00am.in the Parish Hall.

Agenda will include discussion on Luncheon Tea May 11, Preparations for Fathers Day, Election of new ECW Board and other needs and events of the parish. PLEASE ATTEND!!

Rector Search

On Thursday evening May the 6th 2010 at 6:00pm we will begin our congregational journey to call a new rector for Christ Church. It is very important the entire family be involved in this process so bring your stories, good or bad, about Christ Church and share them with each other and our search consultant The Rev Ann Hallisey. There will be an efficient meal served before we get started. The telling our story gathering will last from approximately 6:45pm to 9:00pm

Vestry Briefs

The vestry of Christ Church held its monthly meeting on April 19, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with Fr. O'Neill offering the opening prayer.

Visitor Comments

Linda Barnes presented the Gift Shop proposal letter from Deborah Martin to the vestry. A group of Christ Church parishioners, Linda Barnes, Sheryl Bell, Julia Stevens, Graci Vargas and Deborah Martin, is proposing to make the Gift Shop a permanent shop. The vestry approved the space to make the Gift Shop a permanent place in Christ Church. A metal door and other security measures will be installed with the funds coming from outside sources, not the General Operating Fund.

Sunday, May 2, 2010 is Christ Church Gift Shop Sunday, a day of recognition dedicated to the organizers of the Gift Shop. Beverley Kelly and Gertrude Mather are retiring after forty years of extraordinary devoted service.

American Boychoir

The American Boychoir will perform at the Sunday Service on May 9, 2010. There are thirty boys, aged 10 -14 visiting Christ Church and there is still a need for additional host families to house the boys. The vestry unanimously welcomed the American Boychoir to come and sing at our service according to their established guidelines. Music Director, Kathi Colman is coordinating the visit.

St. Joseph's Fellowship

The 1st social gathering of St. Joseph's Fellowship, a newly formed group, is scheduled for April 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the pot luck social gathering.

Mothers Day Celebration

On May 9, 2010, the male members of the vestry will host a Mothers Day Celebration in the Parish Hall after both services. The male vestry members will fund and serve the refreshments.

National Police Week

On May 16, 2010 Fr. O'Neill will offer a prayer for officers who were killed in the line of duty. He will also give the invocation on May 20, 2010 at the Police Academy Unity Service.

Finance

The vestry received the good news that we are \$5,000 under budget for the year and there is an upward trend in the giving.

Christian Formation

The Christ Church youth service project is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010. There is a Laser Tag game on April 25, 2010. For additional information regarding the two events, please contact Sheryl Bell.

Community Ministries

The National Letter Carrier Food Drive for Epicenter is May 8, 2010. Food donated solely to Epicenter will be loaded from the loading dock of the Post Office located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas.

A fundraising event, presented by *The Black Gospel Theater*, will be held in the Parish Hall on May 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. See Rev. Bonnie Polley for tickets to the performance. The price of the ticket is \$15 and 50% of the proceeds will go to Epicenter.

On June 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The United Blood Service of Las Vegas will hold its first Christ Church blood service drive. The United Blood Service of Las Vegas supplies blood to 28 hospitals in Southern Nevada. The service organization must collect over 300 units of blood from volunteer donors each day to meet area patient needs. Sr. Warden, Dennis Kesner is asking for volunteers.

In addition, Linda Barnes, Dennis and Kathy Kesner, Steve and Margie Wilkinson will man the information booth at the Gay Pride Las Vegas Parade on May 1, 2010. The booth is at no cost to Christ Church; outside sources are funding it.

Rector Search

The rector search kick-off is May 6, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. The kick-off will be held in the Parish Hall and the congregation is invited to attend. At this meeting, we will be telling our story and dinner will be served.

Endowment Fund

The Trust Agreement and any bylaw change that may be required are in the planning stages. An audit performed by external auditors is also in process. According to the Treasurer, Bob Spencer, once the audit is completed, the Fund will once again be marked to market on a quarterly basis.

Safeguarding Children Policy

David Martin and Peter Steinbrenner will review the existing Diocesan policy for safeguarding children and modify the guidelines for Christ Church.

Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

The Exodus

Whether God is hidden or in sight,
He walks with us day and night.
Faith alone is our guide
On journeys narrow or wide,
And the desert Israelites teach us just right.

Help Needed

The Food bank at Christ Church Episcopal is recruiting a group of volunteers that are willing to be trained in data entry of confidential client information. This volunteer group is urgently needed. Ideal candidates will be computer knowledgeable, retired professionals, social workers, public servants. The hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – Noon. Professional training will be provided for each volunteer. This job is important to remain in good standing for grant applications that support the food bank. Please call Deacon Bonnie Polley at 702-250-9125 or email bbelpolley@cox.net.

Treasure House Request

Treasure House needs your discards. During your Spring Cleaning, please keep the Treasure House in mind. We need any items that you want to unload. Remember, the proceeds go to help with the outreach of Christ Church. Items can be left at the Church after services, or dropped off Tuesdays through Saturday, 10:00 am to 3:00 PM, at the shop....Thank you.

Stay Tuned!!!

We have a rare opportunity to hear the American Boychoir but we need your help!

The American Boychoir, founded in 1937, is from Princeton, New Jersey. The American Boychoir School is the only non-sectarian residential boys' choir school in the country and its members, boys in grades 5 through 8, come from around the country to pursue a rigorous academic and musical curriculum. The students represent twenty states in the U.S., as well as the countries of Colombia, South Korea, and Switzerland.

The Boychoir had a concert scheduled here in Las Vegas but their hosts cancelled the concert. Since their tour is already planned they will still be coming to Las Vegas. They have offered to sing for our Sunday service if we can arrange housing for them.

They will arrive on Friday, May 7, 2010. Our host families will meet the group at the church late Friday afternoon for a short concert and instruction from their Tour Manager. The host families will then take them home for dinner and the evening, returning the boys the next morning after breakfast to the church. The boys and their chaperones (American boychoir personnel) will spend the day sight-seeing and having a "free day" in Las Vegas. The host families will pick the boys up at the church Saturday evening and take them home again for dinner and the evening, returning them to the church for the May 9 Sunday service.

There are thirty boys, aged 10-14. They prefer that the boys stay in groups of two or more, and that they have separate beds to sleep in. If any of you can help out with housing the boys, please call the church office at your earliest convenience and leave your information.

Thank you so much!!

Upcoming Concerts:

The Las Vegas Master Singers' Chorale will present a concert at Christ Church on May 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. Members of the Christ Church Choir who sing in the Chorale are Kathi Colman, Lenny Hebert, Dorothy Hubbard, and Pat Newell.

Our organist, Dr. Paul Hesselink, is presenting a faculty recital on the von Beckerath organ in Doc Rando Recital Hall, UNLV, on May 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. The concert is free.