



# THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

## Our Mission

Christ Church Episcopal is a family called by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to grow spiritually, to share our life with others, and to make God's love known through word and deed.

## Christ Church News

May 20, 2010

### Prayer for Preparation and Support of the Upcoming Search Process

Lord our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be present with our search committee, our vestry, and our congregation in the search and selection of a rector for Christ Church. With Your sacred presence, give us the wisdom, discernment and judgment to make the proper call of a priest and pastor to serve the many needs of our congregation and to continue faithfully your ministry at Christ Church. Amen.

**Please be involved in the search process by saying this prayer daily.**

#### Parish Assessment Schedule

Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm - 9:00pm:  
Developing our Genogram  
Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 9:00pm and  
Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 3:00pm  
Congregational Retreat

## The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, May 15  
Sunday, May 16

5:00 pm	15
8:00 am	68
9:15 am	35
10:30 am	110
6:30 pm	62

Pledge Receipts

\$ 4,954.71

Alleluia Campaign Receipts

\$ 372.00

## This Week at Christ Church

Friday	5/21	7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	5/22	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		5:00 pm	Main Church	Vigil Eucharist
Sunday	5/23	6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
		8:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		9:15 am	Chapel	Latino Eucharist
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation
		10:30 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church
		6:30 pm	Main Church	Latino Eucharist

Monday	5/24	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to Public</b>		
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	5/25	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	5/26	10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
Thursday	5/27	6:00 pm	St. Joseph's Fellowship	Parish Hall

## Service Schedule at Christ Church

Saturday	5/22	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass and Eucharist
Sunday	5/23	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	5/26	12:05 pm	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	5/29	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	5/30	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		9:15 am	Latino Eucharist
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II
		6:30 pm	Latino Eucharist

## Parish News

**Kurt Bredlau, husband of Rev. Mary Bredlau of Grace in the Desert-Las Vegas, died May 17. Visitation will be at Palm Mortuary, 7400 W. Cheyenne on Friday, May 21, from 6 - 8 PM. Funeral services will be at Grace in the Desert, 2004 Spring Gate Lane, Las Vegas, at 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 22. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.**

**Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Kurt and comfort for Rev. Mary and her family.**

## Upcoming Events

- **On Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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 at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services.
- **On Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm**, Amazing Grace Ministry Mardi Gras Fish Fry and Auction Fundraiser.

## Notes from your Senior Warden

The Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Hispanic Service had more attendees than seats in the chapel. This service is increasing in number very quickly and we will soon need to move this service into the main church. To allow a smooth transition between services and allow the Altar Guild time to carry out their ministry, we need to think about how we can adjust the service times to accommodate three Sunday morning services. The ultimate decision will be made by our clergy, but you may contribute constructive suggestions and comments by talking to me or emailing me at [warden@christepiscopallv.org](mailto:warden@christepiscopallv.org). All constructive comments will be considered.

**Straight Talk:** If you don't want to hear the truth, please skip this paragraph.

If you remember last week, I outlined how giving has gone down each year since 2007. This year and next are pivotal years for Christ Church. We are barely getting by financially, in spite of cutting our budget to the bone. There are many congregants giving as much as they can and many raised their pledges in spite of a flat or declining economy. We honor their commitment and support of Christ Church in these trying times. There are others however, who are not giving for a variety of reasons that may seem valid in their minds. Amongst these reasons, they do not want any of their monies going to our former rector in his severance package. This is an obligation, like it or not, we must meet. This reason seems to me like watching your house burn down because you do not like paying your water bill. You only have ashes to live in, but you saved money on your water bill. For those of you who fall into this category, may I suggest you write a check made out to NV Energy and either mail it to the office or drop it into the plate? This will help offset our energy bills and free up funds for our many other expenses. Others are withholding money until they see who the next rector will be. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but I must. We cannot call a new rector at the current level of giving. How can we hire someone without knowing we can pay them? There is a logical dichotomy here I cannot really process. I write this with great sadness, but it needs to be said.

May our Lord bless each of your days, Dennis Kesner, Senior Warden

### **A GIFT OF LIFE....It really doesn't hurt.....**

Giving blood doesn't hurt...especially when you consider who will receive your GIFT OF LIFE.

Help us save the lives of people in need. You could be saving a friend like.....

- A child with leukemia
- A car accident victim
- A patient who needs an organ transplant
- A cancer or anemia patient
- A newborn or her/his mother
- A victim of a violent crime
- A patient who needs major surgery

**No, it really doesn't hurt to give blood...**

**The pinch you may feel for a few seconds can mean a brand new life for someone.**

**Be a hero!**

**Christ Church Episcopal is hosting our first blood drive in many years and we need at least 12 donors.**

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 6th, 2010

**TIME:** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Youth Break Room

For an appointment call the Office at 735-7655 or email [warden@christepiscopallv.org](mailto:warden@christepiscopallv.org).

## Vestry Briefs

Gail Smith was asked to finish the term left vacant by Dorothy Hubbard's resignation. Her term will expire in January 2012.

Dennis Kesner asked for volunteers to donate blood in the upcoming Blood Drive, which will be held on June 6, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need a minimum of twelve donors.

The Amazing Grace Mardi Gras Fish Fry and Auction which will be held on June 5, 2010. This is a fundraiser for Outreach. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children.

Steve Wilkinson reported that EpiCenter volunteers, along with volunteers from the Music Dept., ECW, our Youth, and the Vestry, helped with the Post Office's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 6, 2010. 3500 pounds of food was donated to our Outreach Program.

**Motion:** Steve Wilkinson moved, Sheryl Bell seconded, that the minutes of the April 19, 2010, vestry meeting be accepted as written. **MSC.**

**Motion:** Sheryl Bell moved, Steve Wilkinson seconded, that we purchase two new monitors for a total cost of \$299.00. **MSC.**

**Motion:** Marsha Tarte made a motion, seconded by Sharon Rogers, to allow Neuroticos Anonymous meeting space for their meetings to be held three nights a week, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. **MSC.** Fr. Iniesta will work out the details with Dennis Kesner.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Peter Steinbrenner, seconded by Marsha Tarte, to put together an audit team composed of three people, to be headed up by Spencer Adams, Jr. Warden. This team will audit the finances of Treasure House and the Gift Shoppe. After the audit is complete, for accounting purposes, the finances of the Gift Shoppe will be incorporated into the main finances of the church. Treasure House's finances are already handled by the office. **MSC.**

**Motion:** Steve Wilkinson moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Pete Falger seconded. **MSC.**

**Motion:** Marsha Tarte made a motion to reimburse Fr. Iniesta for two banners that were purchased for the Helldorado parade float. Sheryl Bell seconded, **MSC.**

## Historical Perspectives Collage

Ann Hallisey, our consultant for our upcoming search process, met with members of the congregation on May 6. The purpose of this meeting was to compile the following historical timeline of events at Christ Church. This is the first step in the process of search and selection of our future rector. If anyone has anything to add to this timeline, please call the church office at 735-7655 or e-mail [warden@christepiscopallv.org](mailto:warden@christepiscopallv.org)

**CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL  
Historical Timeline of Events**

RECTOR (black)

CHURCH EVENTS (purple)

SECULAR EVENTS (green)

**1907**

RECTOR: Harry Gray

CHURCH: The Squires

Church and rectory built right away

Dual jurisdiction – Utah

**1910**

RECTOR: James Reedy

**1911-13**

RECTOR: Paul Boynton James

SECULAR: Railroad strike on Sept 30, 1911

Many people left Las Vegas

**1913**

CHURCH: New Rectory

**1913-1915**

No priest in residency

**1914-1918**

SECULAR: World War I

**1915-16**

RECTOR: Percival Smithe

CHURCH: Services were sporadic

**1916-1921**

(nothing written)

**1921**

RECTOR: Austin Haubert

CHURCH: Reinstated Holy Communion

**1924-1928**

CHURCH: No Bishop

**1926-29**

RECTOR: Boyd Parker

**1929**

SECULAR: Stock Market Crash

Great Depression through the mid-1930's

**1929-1933**

RECTOR: Arthur Kean

CHURCH: St. Christopher's seeded

SECULAR: Hoover Dam was built 1932-36

**1933-35**

No priest again

**1935**

RECTOR: Leslie Young (was here less than a year)

CHURCH: Parish asked Bishop to re-assign priest, to bring him back (Young). Bishop sent him elsewhere  
The Bishop assigned James Terry to CCE

**1936**

RECTOR: Robert Judson Snell

**1937**

RECTOR: James Terry (1 year)

**1939**

RECTOR: Theodore Kerstetter

CHURCH: Nuns teaching

Who are the sisters?

The Sisters provided services when there was no priest

Early experience of women's ministry

SECULAR: World War II

**1944-5 through 1951**

RECTOR: Reginald Rosson

**1946**

SECULAR: Hiroshima

**1946**

CHURCH: Christ Church becomes a parish

Name changed to Christ the King

Ma Squires left until the name was returned to Christ Church

**1951**

CHURCH: In December the Bishop met with the Vestry to discuss paying a priest more and perhaps keeping him longer

**1951**

SECULAR: Korean War

**1952**

RECTOR: Thomas Malcolm Jones

CHURCH: Mrs. Hunt donated land on Maryland Parkway for the new church

Seeded St. Thomas

Seeded St. Luke's

Successful capital campaign

Plans to build church

Moved from old church

SECULAR: Huntridge area of Las Vegas very wealthy

**1955**

CHURCH: Malcolm Jones murdered

**1955-57**

No priest – various supply

**1957-59**

RECTOR: Charles Hill

Died after 16 months of a heart attack

Had eight children

**1959-62**

RECTOR: Tally Jarrett

A people person, charming, classy

Good manager and preacher

Wife popular

CHURCH: Anglican Bishop of Canterbury visited

Stand up coffee hour

SECULAR: Civil rights movement

Viet Nam War

Peace movement

Women's movement

**1962**

CHURCH: Present Sanctuary built, courtyard

**1969**

CHURCH: Cold and unwelcoming in eyes of a newcomer

**1970**

RECTOR: Karl E. Spatz

27 years

Alcoholic in recovery

The parson of the community

Good preacher and administrator

Daring, especially regarding HIV/AIDS ministry

Ministry to the homeless

Supporter of total ministry  
Put the Episcopal Church on the map for social concerns  
A micro-manager  
Died while rector  
After his death there was a leadership vacuum that has not been filled since  
CHURCH: "I could call Karl, I knew, and come home."  
Prayer and hymnal revisions  
Women's ordinations  
Gays in church and ordinations  
Raised up locally ordained  
Cursillo  
Faith Alive  
Small groups ministry  
Kairos  
Search

### **1978**

ASSISTANTS: David Watts, Hunt Parsons, John Warfel, Robert Larson (short tenure)  
CHURCH: Cadillac Christians vs. Social activists  
Little Shoppe  
Lobster Fair  
Sisters of Charity  
Boulder City presence at CCE  
Mrs. Spatz active  
First female Senior Warden, a first for CCE and the Diocese  
SECULAR: Arthur Kean still around

### **1996**

Karl Spatz died

### **1996-97**

RECTOR: John Warfel, Interim  
Was Assistant to Rector  
Compassionate  
Gay  
A holy priest  
Anglican scholar

### **1997**

RECTOR: B. Massey Gentry  
Nine-year "interim"  
Often looking for other jobs  
Great preacher who shared the pulpit  
Adult, fun, open-minded  
Conservative leadership  
Didn't show up for non-liturgical events  
Great person, well-educated

Conflict avoider

Good with kids

Passive leadership

Very pastoral

People person (\*debated)

ASSISTANTS: Gae Chalker, Steven Kalas (strong youth group, great homilies, off the cuff but made real, musician, people person), Everett Hall (theologian, was retired when he came to us), Dale Augustin

CHURCH: Come after CTO in LAL

SECULAR: CCE seeded 2 new congregations

Conflict with Diocese

Didn't pay full assessment or asking

Still owe \$\$

### 1999

CHURCH: Endowment started

### 2006-7

RECTOR: Peter Courtney (interim)

Recovering alcoholic

Autocratic

Cut & Dry

Black and white leadership

Gave order to finances

A "substitute teacher"

Not pastoral

Could be mean, a bully

### 2007-2009

RECTOR: Buck Belmore

Leadership still autocratic

Embraced outreach

Alcoholic

CHURCH: Rector comes under false pretenses

Secretive

Gossip in search process

Breach in confidentiality

Capital campaign successful

New toilets in ladies bathrooms

New A/C in all rooms

2007 membership losses

Decline in church school

SECULAR: The great recession

### 2009-present

RECTOR: Fr. Vince O'Neill

## Lay Liturgical Leadership Workshop

A Worship Workshop, presented by the Frensdorff School of Christian Formation, will be held on Saturday, June 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Christ Church. The workshop will be led by Chuck McCray, Canon for Adult Formation of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. This workshop is designed for licensing the ministries of Worship Leader or Eucharistic Visitor. For more information: [frensdorf.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorf.school@gmail.com).

## Stay Tuned!!!

The Choir will be taking a well deserved vacation during the summer. Their last Sunday will be Memorial Day weekend, May 30, 2010. When you see a choir member please thank them for their talents and many hours of service given to enhance the 10:30 Eucharist and special services throughout the year.

Following is a list of members of the Christ Church Choir:

### SOPRANOS

Sheryl Bell  
Joanna McGinn  
Nancy McNaul  
Pat Newell  
Zandra Richardson  
Jane Spencer  
Bonnie Todd  
Judy Watts

### ALTOS

JoAnn Armstead  
Dorothy Hubbard  
Sherri Orrison  
Kathy Steinbrenner

### BASSES

Jeff Colman  
Rich Coomer  
Lee Hubbard  
Peter Steinbrenner

### TENORS

Lenny Hebert  
Robert Work

### ORGANIST

Dr. Paul Hesselink

## For Our Less Mobile Parishioners

A motorized "mobility chair" has been donated to Christ Church. It will be available on Sunday mornings to assist those parishioners who need help getting from the parking lot to the church.

## Treasure House Request

Treasure House needs your discards. During your Spring Cleaning, please keep 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 Saturdays, 10:00 am to 3:00 PM, at the shop....Thank you.

## Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

### Genesis 4:1-16

The conflict between brothers Abel and Cain speaks loudly about human conflict on many levels – in families, in communities, and among nations. We are called to be generous to God and one another.

Cain and Abel were brothers two,  
Who were to offer Yahweh His due.  
Abel's ewe was God's gift,  
But Cain's grain got short shrift.  
So the cheapskate the generous one slew.



## Mardi Gras Fish Fry and Auction for Amazing Grace Ministry

**When:** Sat., June 5, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

**Where:** Christ Episcopal Church

2100 South Maryland Parkway

**Cost:** \$25 per person for adults - \$30 at the door \$15 for children under 8



Join us for a night of fun and celebration as we raise money to feed the homeless.

Dine on fried fish, blacken chicken, red beans and rice, gumbo, corn bread, greens, and peach cobbler.

Enjoy entertainment by "Jazzus Ecclesiasticus" and the Holy Child Philippino Youth Group.

An auction and raffle will follow dinner

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