



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

July 8, 2010

Prayer for Preparation and Support of the Upcoming Search Process

Lord our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be present with our Planning Group, 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.

Appreciative Inquiry Process
Saturday, September 25th, 9:30am – 1:00pm &
Saturday, October 2nd, 9:30am – 1:00pm
More Details to Follow

This Week's Inspirational Thought

When I die; God won't measure my head to see how clever I was, but my heart to see how loving I was.

The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, July 3
Sunday, July 4

5:00 pm	will resume in September
7:45 am	51
9:15 am	22
10:45 am	105
6:30 pm	112
Pledge Receipts	\$ 7,720.50
Alleluia Campaign Receipts	\$ 826.00

This Week at Christ Church

Friday	7/9	6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	7/10	8:00 am	Parish Hall	Men's Fellowship
		8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	7/11	<u>PLEASE SEE THE WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE BELOW</u>		
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation
		12:00 pm	Board Room	Cursillo Group Reunion
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church
Monday	7/12	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to the public		
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics Anonymous
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	7/13	9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	7/14	9:00 am	Guild Room	Clergy/Staff Meeting
		10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Chapel	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
		6:00 pm	Class Room #3	Neurotics' Anonymous

Service Schedule

Wednesday

12:05 - Holy Eucharist

Saturday

Our Saturday Evening Eucharist, Jazzus Ecclesiastics, is off for the summer and will resume in September.

Sunday

7:45 am - Rite I Eucharist in the Church

9:15 am - La Misa en Espanol (The Mass in Spanish) in the Church

10:45 am - Rite II Eucharist in the Church

6:30 pm - La Misa en Espanol (The Mass in Spanish) in the Church

Also, Christian Education for children, youth and adults is offered in Spanish twice on Sunday at Christ Church.

Special Needs of Christ Church

Two unbudgeted expenditures came up this week. \$385.00 was needed by the altar Guild for candle repairs and supplies. The controller board for our telephone system also failed and cost \$989.00 for a replacement board. The Altar Guild expenditure is being covered by a donor and \$500.00 toward the Telephone System repair has been committed. A new uninterruptable power supply / surge suppressor has also been donated to help protect the Telephone System controller board. This leaves us short \$489.00 over budget. If you feel inclined to help, please make a donation designated for the phone system repairs. If more than \$489.00 is received, the remaining amount will be applied to our electric utility bill.

Note of Thanks

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped make the Union of Black Episcopalians' 7th Annual Odessa N. Merrill Memorial Scholarship Recital and Luncheon a huge success. The event was held at Christ Church Episcopal on June 19, 2010. The guest artist was Claudia Merrill, Soprano. You willingly donated your time, talent and finances to the scholarship fund. The scholarship was awarded to LaVette C. Sharpe, Hemet, California with membership in the Los Angeles Chapter of the UBE. LaVette will enter Tuskegee University to study Veterinarian medicine in the fall 2010.

Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

(Genesis 4:1-16)

The conflict between the 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 flew.

Christ Church Episcopal Healing, Visioning & Rector Search A Four-Act Process

Your Input Is Needed and Appreciated!

Christ Church Episcopal is at a "hinge" of its 102-year history in Las Vegas. We have embarked on a four-act process of healing and visioning that will culminate in the calling of a new rector. Many of you have already participated in this process, and we thank you for your input and hope you will continue to contribute. For those individuals who have yet to participate in this process or who are unsure they want to participate, we invite you speak with a Vestry member or one of the Planning Group individuals listed below. We hope you will attend the upcoming events and provide your input to this crucial process.

In order to reacquaint everyone with the process, a brief summary of the four acts and a process chart follows. Members of the Planning Group are available in person, or via telephone or e-mail, to answer your questions regarding this process, and members of the Vestry are also available. Anyone who wants to be directly involved is invited and encouraged to speak with a member of the Vestry or the Planning Group.

Act 1 – Learning the Past: Our Search Consultant, The Rev. L. Ann Hallisey, D. Min., has led the congregation in two sessions where we examined Christ Church's behavior patterns via the congregation's history. We shared stories and charted them out on a timeline and then created a synopsis of this information. This assisted the congregation in seeing patterns of leadership and change over time and how the congregation has responded to challenges and opportunities. The goal is to help the congregation identify leadership/behavior patterns so we can focus on those that work best for the parish and avoid/minimize those that are less effective.

Act II – Assessing the Present: The congregation will complete a Congregational Assessment Tool (survey) so the vestry, parish, and new rector will have a clear view of Christ Church at this point in time. The survey's start-up date is currently scheduled for July 24, 2010.

Act III – Imagining the Future: This stage will incorporate the Appreciative Inquiry methodology. The methodology's major assumption is that there is something in every organization that works and that change can occur through analyzing what works and doing more of it. The congregation will gather in the Parish Hall on September 25, 2010 and October 2, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to share their stories/experiences of the high moments of where we have been to develop a series of statements that describe the congregation we want to become. Search Consultant Ann Hallisey will facilitate the sessions. Food and beverages will be provided at both Gatherings.

Act IV – Rector Search: The congregation's diligent work in Acts I-III will ultimately be realized in this final act. Search Consultant Ann Hallisey will work closely with the Vestry and Bishop Dan Edwards during this stage. Key components include selecting a Search Committee and training the members in creating a parish profile, interviewing candidates, and presenting a slate of candidates for the Vestry's evaluation/selection as the congregation's next rector. *Anyone* who is interested in being on the Search Committee is encouraged to speak with a Vestry member.

Dates to Remember – Please mark your calendars for these important events and check the Epilog and Christ Church Website (www.christepiscopallv.org) for further details/updates.

September 25, 2010

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall
Parish Gathering #1 for the Appreciative Inquiry Process
Food/beverages will be provided

October 2, 2010

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christ Church Episcopal Parish Hall
Parish Gathering #2 for the Appreciative Inquiry Process
Food/beverages will be provided

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