

## AROUND AND ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The January thaw struck a bit early this year. It eliminated most of the snow for a nice interlude. But ... winter is back with cooler temps and more snow (and more shoveling). At least we didn't have a repeat of the Big Snow in '67 ... so far.

### **Christmas Pageant**

Wow! What a joyful occasion. It was just the Christmas pageant, but what a pageant! After the usual mad scramble, everything fell into place.

Nicole McReynolds was back for a return engagement as Mary. Jack Hamilton, neighbor of Fr. Pete, played Joseph. Christian Schaubel-Marcu and Carlos Fernandez-Murray were kings. Miles Cleary decided to be a shepherd rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> king. Madden and Dylan Cleary were a lamb and a donkey, respectively. Abby Cleary was Gabriel (enforcer on stage).

Eliza Moravec read the story. The cast came on-stage as directed. We sang lots of carols, including choir solos for the kings (thanks, Chris, Bill and Seth). We also took lots of pics. We feasted on Don Moravec's famous casseroles at coffee. A fine time was had by all.

### **Haiti Relief**

After the terrible earthquake which devastated this small country last month, we have been collecting money to send to assist the relief effort via the national church's Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. Although our formal in-gathering for this effort ended at the end of January, the devastation will take years to clean up and to re-build. Thank you for your generous support.

### **Red Stocking Party...Rich Millett**

Although the 2009 Red Stocking Party was somewhat delayed, what with our new Rector's installation in December, the holiday spirit still reigned high on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Undercroft was beautifully decorated, and our Parish Family outdid themselves again this year, and provided a delicious array of homemade foods and desserts. The Fun Raisers furnished the main entrée, two spiral sliced hams. What a feast it was!!!

Our choir director and organist, Susan, led us in an A capella version of some lovely Christmas carols. We then added to the festivities with a door prize raffle, which consisted of gifts and crafts donated by our vendors and crafters from Holiday Hospitality 2009. Everyone enjoyed receiving a red or green baseball cap, which read "NICE" on the front but "NAUGHTY" on the back. It was fun to see how many people wore their hats backwards!!

The donations in the "little red stockings" came to \$300, which was donated to St. Leonard's House as outreach.

Thank you to everyone who attended this lovely party and generously helped with this outreach effort. Thank you to the hard working crew that helped set up and clean up. Again, we showed our "Small but Mighty" side.

### **A Rose by any other Name**

The results of the 'name that newsletter' poll at the Annual Meeting will appear in and on the March issue.

### **Parking reminder**

Please use the driveway as a drop-off and pick-up point only. It is important to keep the circle drive clear. This will allow everyone to take advantage of our sidewalk. Parking is available either by the trash cans or in front of the garage (leaving space for Fr. Pete to get out of the North slot).

### **The 2009 Bishop's One to One School Uniform Challenge update**

Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to this Diocesan sponsored program. To date we have collected \$566.00 which will be sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development this month.

### **Parish Directory**

We are again in the process of updating the Directory. Please email/call the office with changes and/or additions. We especially would like to include your email addresses and any additional phone numbers. Please provide this information by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Annual Report Requests**

If you haven't already received an Annual Report, and would like to have one, please call/email the office and one will be sent to you.

### **Lent 2010 - Evensong, Pot Luck Supper, Program**

Again this year we will have learning opportunities following Evensong and pot luck supper. On Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Victor Gaskin will speak to us about the work of St. Leonard's Ministries, an agency of the Episcopal Charities and Community Services. On Friday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m., Fr. Pete will present another Bible Study. Sign-up sheets for the edibles will be available on the table in the narthex.

### **Lent 2010 - Pence Cans**

This year we will again use Pence cans as a daily devotional to help us journey through the season and to reflect on God's many blessings in our lives while accumulating alms to bless others. Please pick up a can and fill it up and return it on Easter Sunday.

## **Fun Raisers Rummage Sale This Spring May 8 ...Ginny Swaba**

Reminder: We are still accepting your gently used clothing and other items in good saleable condition. Please save all plastic bags and newspapers for the day of the sale. Your donations are tax deductible. To request a letter, please list the items along with their estimated value and email/send to the office. More information anon.

### **The Oak Park Food Pantry**

All non-perishable foods are always needed and can be brought to church on Sundays. We all shop: just buy one extra item a week. The following items are in constant need: canned soups and vegetables, cake mixes, crackers, cereal, baby foods. Special thanks to everyone for remembering the needs of the needy.

### **Helping out St. Leonard's House**

Please remember to keep bringing coffee, flip-flops, toiletries, and miscellaneous paper goods. The need is ongoing.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper, February 16<sup>th</sup>. from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Please see sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. - Service at noon and 7:30 p.m.**

**Vestry Meeting, Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.** after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist.

**Evensong, Pot Luck Supper, Program, Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Main speaker, Victor Gaskin, Program Director of St. Leonard's Ministries. Please see sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

### **The Altar Flower chart for 2010**

It is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Many dates are still available. The cost for the flowers for two vases is \$30 per Sunday. Please make check payable to *Christ Church* following your Sunday. You may email or call the office to sign up.

**FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY** for February/March/April are available in regular and large print on the table in the Narthex.

### **Birthdays in February**

1	Ken Benson	18	Jacob Stewart	26	Eliza Moravec
4	Allen Moreno	25	Maureen Puleo	27	Jill Mc Reynolds
6	William Chambers				



**FEBRUARY SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP MINISTERS,  
ALTAR GUILD, ALTAR FLOWERS, COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

	<b>7:30</b>	<b>10:00</b>
<b>7</b>	Altar Guild	K. Flanders/M. Gilbert
	Altar Flowers	D. & B. Schaubel
	Acolyte	M. Brundage
	Chalice	N. McReynolds
	Lectors	A. McQueen
	Usher	D. Schaubel
	Counter	P. Wright/J. McReynolds
	Coffee Hour	P. Kowal
		P. Small
		A. Moreno
		P. Wright/J. McReynolds
<b>14</b>	Altar Guild	P. Wright/P. Millett
	Altar Flowers	E. & D. Moravec
	Acolyte	M. Brundage
	Chalice	M. Slusser
	Lectors	A. McQueen
	Usher	M. Slusser
	Counter	K. Benson/P. Small
	Coffee Hour	R. Lietz
		P. Small
		R. Millett
		R. Thomphsen/A. Moreno
<b>21</b>	Altar Guild	M. Slusser
	Altar Flowers	No Flowers
	Acolyte	A. McQueen
	Chalice	M. Elliott
	Lectors	A. McQueen
	Usher	D. Moravec
	Counter	A. McQueen
	Coffee Hour	P. Kowal
		N. DiCiocco/D. Schaubel
		D. DiCiocco
		D. Moravec
		G. & K. Benson/J. Omara
<b>28</b>	Altar Guild	M. Puleo
	Altar Flowers	No Flowers
	Acolyte	A. McQueen
	Chalice	P. Millett
	Lectors	A. McQueen
	Usher	P. Millett
	Counter	A. McQueen
	Coffee Hour	R. Lietz
		S. Krout/M. Lopez
		R. Thomphsen
		R. Thomphsen
		M. Lopez/J. Nizick

**If you are unable to serve on your day, please switch with someone and call the office  
before Friday at 708-366-7730**