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## **E-Notices November 13, 2008**

**This Sunday at Christ Church, November 16th  
XXVII Sunday after Pentecost**

**Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00pm**

*Come join us! Share in worship, renewal, fellowship and song.  
Music by Jim Geffert and friends*

**8:00 am the Holy Eucharist**

**9:15 am Christian Education for Adults  
and Youth Sunday School**

**10:30 am the Parish Eucharist**

**Sunday, November 23, 2008  
The 101<sup>st</sup> Celebration of Christ the King  
Bishop Edwards presiding and preaching**

**One service at 9:30 am**

**Continental Breakfast will be served before the service and please  
join us for a Parish Cook-Out afterwards. Please note there are no  
celebrations at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.**

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# *An Everflowing Stream*

*Amos 5:24*

*Robert MacAfee Brown said, “(Religion) provides a norm, a standard by which we are rendered dissatisfied with the way things are . . . as a way of liberating us for change.” Karen Armstrong said, spiritual “experience must be incarnated in our behavior toward others . . . The test of true spirituality is practical compassion.” May God ever render us dissatisfied, liberate us from complacency, and empower us to be agents of compassionate change in Nevada and throughout the world. Bishop Dan Edwards*

*Resolution: GC’94 Urge dialogue with Muslims and Jews on local concerns, including hunger, homelessness, teenage pregnancy and prison ministry*

## **“Jews and Christians: Living in the Common Era”**

St. Patrick’s Church in Incline Village and the North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation in Tahoe Vista have completed the second program in the series *Christians and Jews: Living in the Common Era*. The series was led by Rev. Dr. Jim Beebe of St. Patrick’s and Dr. Ed Gurowitz of NTHC and was titled *Tikkun Olam: Healing the World*. Jim and Ed focused on how religious experience (a unifying phenomenon) inevitably hardens into religious dogma (a divisive event).

The (ABC) goals of the series were

- a. Attitude: to move from seeing the other as stranger to seeing them as partner.
- b. Belief: to achieve a more sophisticated understanding of the others’ tradition as well as a deepened appreciation of our own.
- c. Behavior (conduct): to act in such a way as not to demean the other through our worship, our theology, or our traditions.

In the words of Jewish scholar Jean Halperin, “*We not only need to understand one another, we need one another to understand ourselves.*” Understanding how the historical relationship with the other has shaped – or misshaped – the historical development of our traditions enables us to guide the development of our traditions in the future with far greater wisdom and insight.

Much of the historic divide between Christianity and Judaism is rooted not in the teachings of the two faiths, but rather in the dogma that has developed as an underpinning for institutional religion. This program will examine the teachings and try to sort out where dogma has distorted or even contradicted the teachings and has served to divide rather than unite what was historically one faith.

The method for this program was conversational, the primary purpose of dialogue being to learn – that is to change and grow in the perception and understanding of reality, and then to act accordingly. The aim is conversing, not convincing.

Participants were encouraged to read *The Metaphor of God Incarnate* by John Hick to try to understand the origins of the split between Christianity and Judaism, to look at the world in which Christianity grew from Judaism, and to examine the actual teachings of both Testaments as distinct from the teachings that have grown over the years as a reaction to each side’s being threatened by or adversarial toward the other.

(This article was written by The Rev. Dr. James Beebe, rector of St. Patrick’s, Incline Village, Nevada. If you are interested in being a member of the Nevada Social Justice Committee please email [millsr007@aol.com](mailto:millsr007@aol.com))

# LOBSTER FAIR 2008

Elana Graham, Co-Chair

Thank you to everyone who worked diligently to make Lobster Fair 2008 a success! Dennis and Kathy Kesner did a great job with lobster ticket production, sales, on sight computer work, advertising, etc.; we could not have done Lobster Fair without them. There were other wonderful people, too, including donors, chairmen, volunteers, and staff who deserve a big thank you. Thank you to everyone who came to the Fair and bought lobsters and thank you to everyone who sold lobsters, too.

We were concerned about how many lobsters we could sell during these poor economic times, but we did just fine. Lobster sales were 888 with a greater proportion of live lobsters sold this year. Our gross was slightly higher than last year, but we had more expenses including increased advertising costs so our net of \$10,649 was slightly less than last year. All the profits go into our church's general fund except for 10% which goes to endowment to assist our church in the future.

There were many positive comments about the Fair this year. We heard from several people that the Fair attendees seemed to be staying at the Fair longer and enjoying the atmosphere. As with the prior four Fairs, volunteers came together shortly after the fair for Eucharist, dinner, and Fair evaluation. This evaluation is very important to determine how well the changes in the Fair went this year and to start planning for next year with suggestions for change.

Lobster Fair 2009 will be in October, but we cannot select an exact date until after the date for Diocesan Convention has been set in October. Please keep LOBSTER FAIR 2009 in mind and know we'll get back to you with the exact date as soon as possible.  
Thank you!!!

## **Briefly Speaking....**

Are you or someone from the Parish ill, or in the hospital? If so please contact the Church office to inform the staff. We would like to let those who are ill know that they are being thought of, and prayed for during their times of hardship.

**Bishop Steven Charleston and Bishop Dan Edwards** addresses to convention are available on CD for \$5.00. Please make checks payable to Diocese of NV and in the memo area – CD. Please send to Barbara Lewis in the Diocesan office.

**Ladies of Christ Church**, we need your help decorating the parish on November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at 2 pm. If you have decorations to donate please call Kathy Kesner at 431-3374. **The ECW** will provide beverages and suggest we each bring a snack or cookies to share.

**Notice for transportation assistance:** Patricia Tabb lives near Boulder Highway and Wagon Wheel and is looking for transportation to Christ Church for Sunday service. She is flexible as to which service, including Saturday evening...she just needs a ride. If anyone is available to help her, please contact Carol Mittwede email [Carolmitt@aol.com](mailto:Carolmitt@aol.com), by phone 655-4403 (H) or 236-3818 (C).

**DO YOU NEED SOME CLEANING AROUND THE HOUSE DONE BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS?** We have found just the lady to help you out! She comes highly recommended by the staff of Christ Church. Her name is Blanca Osegueda and her cell number is (702) 885-5683. She speaks mainly Spanish, and a little English (enough English to have a conversation) please give her a call.



## Pumpkin Pie Sale

The Acolytes will be selling Pumpkin Pies on November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 service. Please help the Acolytes raise money for their growing Guild.



ADVENT WREATHS WILL BE ON SALE  
NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall, Advent Wreaths, and Advent Candles will be on sale. November 30<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent. There will also be Advent Calendars, and Prayers. Make sure you stop by the table to pick up your copy of daily advent prayers to share at home with your family.