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E-Notices December 17, 2008

**This Sunday at Christ Church, December 21st
4th Sunday in Advent**

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

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 Advent Lessons and Carols together
with Holy Eucharist**

Christmas at Christ Church

December 24th, 2008

6:00 in the evening: The First Mass of Christ with the children

10:30 in the evening: The Solemn Mass of Christ

December 25th, 2008

*10:00 in the Morning: The Solemn Mass of Christ at Morn
Community Lunch following the Mass*

December 28th, 2008

The First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 The Holy Eucharist

10:30 The Holy Eucharist and the singing of Carols

PLEASE NOTE...

The Parish Office will be closed at Noon on Christmas Eve, and will remain closed for the remainder of the week for general business. Several staff members will be in the office from time to time.

If you or someone in your household is not able to attend one of the Christian Masses, please contact either Deacon Polley, 250-9125, or Rector Belmore, 463-0519. Communion will be taken to homes or hospitals. Please call and do not assume that we know.

Bible Study at 10:00 am and Holy Eucharist at 12 pm are cancelled on Wednesday, December 24th and 31st. We will begin the New Year with our bible study of the prophet Isaiah on Wednesday, January 7th.

Christmas Message 2008

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop
The Episcopal Church

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:5).

The world settles into winter, at least in the northern hemisphere, and life to many seems increasingly bleak. Foreclosures, layoffs, government bailouts and financial failures, continuing war on two fronts, terrorist attacks, murders of some identified only by their faith – this world is in abundant need of light. We know light that is not overcome by darkness, for God has come among us in human flesh. Born in poverty to a homeless couple, to a people long under occupation, Jesus is human and divine evidence that God is with us in the midst of the world's darkness. Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Divine Counselor is come among us to re-mind, re-member, and re-create. A new mind and heart is birthed in us as we turn to follow Jesus on the way. The body of God's creation is re-membered and put back together in ways intended from the beginning. And a new creation becomes reality through Jesus' healing work. Christians tell the story again each Christmastide, and the telling and remembering invites us once again into being made whole. Our task in every year is to hear the story with new ears, and seeing light in the darkness of this season's woes, then to tell it abroad with gladsome hearts to those who wait in darkness. Where will you share the joyous tale of light in the darkness?

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’00 Call on state governments to enact legislation to reduce domestic violence. Call on congregations to make an active and ongoing response to problems of sexual or domestic violence in their communities.

As baptized members of the Episcopal Church we promise to “...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” This vow and the above General Convention Resolutions call us to actively acknowledge and fight for justice towards a particular goal: to end violence in the home.

Many of us are unaware of the prevalence of sexual and domestic violence. In fact, it is never far from us. It tears at the lives of some who worship in our pews, stand in our line at the grocery store, or coach our children’s teams. Our attorneys, doctors or teachers might be affected by abuse in their homes. It rampages among those who live in poverty, poor neighborhoods, in isolated rural areas or downtowns. We must break the code of silence and acknowledge that violence in families exists. Then we can understand that it is a result of the re-enactment of prior family abuse, inflamed by alcohol and drug abuse, and/or exacerbated by crisis or poverty.

As followers of Christ we can demand that our governments protect victims and separate perpetrators. Laws must be enacted and enforced. Our churches can be havens where criticism is suspended and dignity for others prevails. We can offer counsel and teaching of anger management; provide assistance in parenting through respite, education, and example; gather victims in safe environments to learn, share and heal; work to alleviate poverty and provide jobs; let programs be available to heal from substance abuse; and/or supply information and assistance for legal and social services.

Many resources are available to build ministries to end domestic abuse and care for its victims. Moorehouse Publishers offers [Breaking the Silence: The Church Responds to Domestic Violence](#) by Anne O. Weatherholt. Among other books are [Violence Against Women and Children: A Christian Theological Sourcebook](#) by Carol J. Adams and Marie M. Fortune; [Setting the Captives Free: A Christian Theology for Domestic Violence](#) by Ron Clark; and [Working with Battered Immigrant Women: A Handbook to Make Services Available](#) by Leti Volpp. This website is quite valuable: <http://www.nnadv.org/> (Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence).

Above all, we can follow the steps of Christ who never ignored the ignored ones, and who accepted, loved and healed all who are hurt.

(This article was written by Sara Oliver Erwine , a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Reno, Nevada. She has had a private practice in psychotherapy for 25 years and specialized in trauma. If you are interested in being a member of the Nevada Social Justice Network please email millsr007@aol.com)

KWANZAA CELEBRATION

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) annual Kwanzaa Celebration will be at the home of Ben & Elana Graham on Wednesday, December 31, 2008, the last day of Kwanzaa. As in the past, the Christ Church family is invited to attend. This year, by popular demand, the children will not only light the candles, they will also state *The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa*. On this day, we will celebrate our ancestors, our community, and enjoy scrumptious food. There is no cost for our guest; your presence is priceless. For additional information contact any UBE member or call (702) 914-9475

Treasure House

Treasure House will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 for the Holidays.

Outreach

The Epicenter on the Parkway food assistance program will be open M-F from 10 am – 12 pm except December 25th and January 1st for the Holidays.

HARDHAT SUNDAY JANUARY 11th

At long last Christ Church's Vision for the Future will begin its next phase with "groundbreaking" for our new Schantz Organ on January 11, 2009. Services that Sunday will be the normal 8:00 am and 10:30 am; however, between the two services following a breakfast, we will have a short ceremony to commemorate this monumental step towards our church's future. Hard hats will be supplied.

Many of you may be wondering what our timeline is for construction. This is the best information as of today:

1. January 5-8 Moller Organ removal.
2. January 8-9 Contractor interview and selection.
3. January 11 Hard Hat Sunday (Groundbreaking).
4. January 12-26 Removal of current balcony
5. January 26 Construction of new loft begins.
6. March 1 Organ installation begins.
7. March 20 Organ installation complete
8. March 23- April 6 Organ acclimatization to church
9. April 6-June 1 Organ tonal finishing

Watch the E-Notices for construction and installation progress.

Steve Wilkinson
Chairman
Alleluia Centennial Capital Campaign Committee

The flowers and greens for the Feast of the Incarnation of Christ are given to the glory of God!

And in Memory of:

*Mr. & Mrs. Ernest McCue, Winnifred Kurt and
William Woodfield
Quincy, Aaron, Hallie Mae, Nancy and
Arnold
Merwin (Andy) Anderson
Victor and Tony
Gordon J. Hendry
Larrie and Lottie
Gifts
Our Parents and Ethan & Evan (twin Grandsons)
Zachary, Mahlon and Molly
Loved Ones
Doug (Husband of Sharon Petty)
Harold and Erma Cunningham, Ester and
Emmett Wilkinson
Loved Ones
Michael and Prentice Moreland
Gene Ray
John Smits
John Smits (my friend)
Loved Ones
My Husband – Al
The Rev.'d Karl E. Spatz and his Loving Family
David Pellman Boyer and Jay Lindsay Papworth
Loved Ones
Laureen Schenck
Christine Schulz
John and Frances Sienkiewich
Richard L. Huffman (Father)
Lee Karres from his loving family
Zack and Molly
John and Luana Turner, Ben and Marie Graham
and John McDermott
All the deceased in my family*

And in Thanksgiving for:

*Our children, grandchildren & great granddaughter
Fran Conley
Our children and grandchildren
Michelle and Kimberly Conley
My Mother (Kitty Huffman)
Christ Church
A wonderful family
Caroline Graham
Health and my loving family and love for all

All loved ones
Catherine Geffert and family and all God
gives us*

By:

*Jim McCue

Kathleen Frosini
Audrey Anderson
Ted & Kathleen Quasula
Joyce B. Hendry
Mary Myers
Miscellaneous
Bonnie & Lee Todd
Jim & Margaret Williams
The Beitz Family
Sharon Petty

Steve & Margie Wilkinson
Mr. & Mrs Frank W. Cornett
Helen Moreland
Lou May Rae
Love, Joan
John Welizko
The DesJardins
Julie Konigsfeld
Midgene Spatz
Naomi Boyer Papworth
Linda & Spencer Adams
Roger A. Schenck
Elizabeth & Harold Foss
Fran Conley
Marsha Tarte
Doris Karres
John, Aline & Alex Williams

The Ben & Elana Graham Family
Marie A. Cercone, The Martinez Family & The
Spezialetti Family*

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Fran Conley
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Family & The Spezialetti Family
Vernon & Shirley Wilcox

James Geffert*