



THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

Christ Church News

April 15, 2010

This Week's Inspirational Thought

O rich man, if you have everything but do not have God, you have nothing; O poor man, if you have nothing, but have God, you have everything!

The Numbers

Attendance at Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010	7:00 pm	84
Saturday Easter Vigil, April 3, 2010	8:00 pm	75
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010	8:00 am	141
	10:30 am	268
	6:30 pm	85
Pledge Receipts		\$ 14,074
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 25,935
Attendance at Saturday,	5:00 pm	15
Sunday, April 11, 2010	8:00 am	47
	10:30 am	96
Pledge Receipts		\$ 7,049
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 4,615

This Week at Christ Church

Thursday	4/15	10:00 am	Rector's Office	Finance Meeting
Friday	4/16	5:00 pm	Main Church	Graham/Abrao Wedding Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
Saturday	4/17	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		9:00 am	Guild Room	DOK District Meeting
		5:00 pm	MC/PH/CY/Kit	Graham/Abrao Wedding
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	4/18	8:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		9:15 am	Main Church	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
			FAMILY PROMISE HERE 04/11 through 04/17	
Monday	4/19		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to Public	

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		6:00 pm	Guild Room	Vestry Meeting
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	4/20	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	4/21	10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner
		7:00 pm	Choir Room	Choir Practice

SLEEP ONE NIGHT IN A BOX.....and CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE FOREVER!

Family Promise presents "The 3rd Annual Cardboard City" Saturday, April 24, 2010. Cardboard City is one night spent in a cardboard box and dining in a soup-line. This event helps bring public awareness of our local homeless and helps benefit Family Promise of Las Vegas. To register go to www.familypromiselv.wordpress.com. The event will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas, Lied Memorial Clubhouse, 2850 S. Lindell Rd. There will be security for the event. It will be held in a gated area for your safety. All ages are invited. Please come and support this wonderful program.

Vestry News

From our Senior Warden

This note was found in the vesting room last week. I feel it is necessary to share this with my fellow communicants at Christ Church. Following the note is my one time response. This is not a discussion. I will not dignify this kind of venomous garbage by engaging in a debate with the person or persons,

CHURCH LEADERS

THIS IS STILL AMERICA AND HERE WE
SPEAK, READ & WRITE ENGLISH.

IF YOU PLACE BANNERS ON THE CHURCH
IN SPANISH AND NOT ENGLISH, WE
(MY FRIENDS AND I) WILL STOP COMING
TO THIS CHURCH. YOU MAY EXPECT TO
CATER TO THE ILLEGAL POPULATION, BUT
YOU WILL LOSE OUR SUPPORT \$.

YOUR CHOICE !

As I read this anonymous note, my first reaction was anger. Anger that someone, without the courage to even sign the note, who could espouse this kind of bigotry would be among us at Christ Church; coming to the Lord's Table each Sunday with such malice in their heart.

My next reaction was pity. I pity those whose lives are so sad and empty they need to denigrate others to make themselves feel more worthy. They are missing out on the richness of diversity in our church. I ask myself, would a person such as this welcome our Lord to his table? After all, I am fairly certain that Jesus Christ, of mid-eastern origin, spoke very little English and certainly has not obtained the proper documentation to visit us.

Finally, after prayerful thought, I have concluded we, as a community of Christians, need to welcome this person in our midst, love this person and nurture this person. I am convinced that the only way to fight intolerance is with love and tolerance. We need an inroad to their soul which cannot be done by exclusion from the family, but by the example Christ set for us. When the disciples were sent out, it was not to minister only to those who spoke their native language, or looked like them, but to embrace humanity and bring the good news of Jesus Christ to EVERYONE!

I will continue to pray for you, that you may find joy in supporting a ministry that spreads the good news to all persons. Denying our ministry because of color, nation of origin, gender, sexual preference, or any other artificial barrier we can erect is quite frankly missing the point of the ministry our Lord has commanded of us.

As for withholding your \$. I am increasing the amount I pledge by 10% and would encourage anyone who agrees with me to do the same. Maybe with time, prayer and healing, you will decide to again support the ministry of Christ Church Episcopal in this great and diverse community of Las Vegas.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
Ephesians 4:5-6

May our Lord bring a blessing to each of your days!

Dennis Kesner, Senior Warden and additional signatories

Spencer Adams, Junior Warden
Paul Bell, Vestry
Sheryl Bell, Vestry
Pete Falger, Vestry
Dorothy Hubbard, Vestry
Dave Martin, Vestry
Sharon Rogers, Vestry
Bill Rosado, Vestry
Marsha Tarte, Vestry
Peter Steinbrenner, Vestry
Steve Wilkinson, Vestry
Bob Spencer, Treasurer

JoAnn Armstead, Recording Secretary of the Vestry
The Rev. Vincent O'Neill, Rector
The Rev. Bob McNaul, Priest
The Rev. DeLaney Armstead, Deacon
The Rev. Bonnie Polley, Deacon
Kathy Kesner, President of ECW
Louise "Rusty" Fortier, Church Historian
Annie Messina, Office Manager
Mark Petrimoulx, Director of Plant Operations
Bonnie Todd, Receptionist
Graci Vargas, Youth Director
Margie Wilkinson, Outreach Volunteer

Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

Matthew 25:31-46 The Last Judgment

Our Victory's already been won
 by our redemption through the Son.
 But this book's often misread
 And some are wrongly misled
 For His salvation has truly been done.

The Cupboards are Nearly Bare

We hesitate to beg, but volunteers at the Christ Church food pantry (Epicenter on the Parkway) are indeed begging you to consider our hungry neighbors every time you visit the grocery store. When we left the food pantry recently, there was lots of Ramen on the shelves, 1 can of green beans, 5 cans of corn, NO peanut butter, NO tuna, NO cereal, NO fruit, NO spaghetti or spaghetti sauce...You get the idea..

For those eager to help, there is also an opportunity to contribute money by cash or check (designated to the food pantry). Look for special envelopes coming soon in church pews. The church can buy miscellaneous boxes of food from Three Square Food Bank for the fabulous price of 9 cents per pound -- a great way to make your contribution go far.

There was good news last week too, though. As we were locking up the above-mentioned nearly empty food pantry, a car pulled in to the area. The driver said he was a distributor for Kellogg. The owner of one of the stores the distributor supplies was clearing quite a bit of product off his shelves and told the distributor he was going to throw it away. When the distributor suggested donating the food to a food pantry, the owner allowed as how he didn't have the time, so the distributor volunteered to do so. He brought us 12 large boxes full of crackers, cereal bars, cookies, etc. When asked how he knew about the Christ Church food pantry, he said: "Once, long ago, I was hungry, and you gave me food."

Wow.

Help Needed

The Food bank at Christ Church Episcopal is recruiting a group of volunteers that are willing to be trained in data entry of confidential client information. This volunteer group is urgently needed. Ideal candidates will be computer knowledgeable, retired professionals, social workers, public servants. The hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – Noon. Professional training will be provided for each volunteer. This job is important to remain in good standing for grant applications that support the food bank. Please call Deacon Bonnie Polley at 702-250-9125 or email bbelpolley@cox.net.

Treasure House Request

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

Stay Tuned!!!

We have a rare opportunity to hear the American Boychoir but we need your help!

The American Boychoir, founded in 1937, is from Princeton, New Jersey. The American Boychoir School is the only non-sectarian residential boys' choir school in the country and its members, boys in grades 5 through 8, come from around the country to pursue a rigorous academic and musical curriculum. The students represent twenty states in the U.S., as well as the countries of Colombia, South Korea, and Switzerland.

The Boychoir had a concert scheduled here in Las Vegas but their hosts cancelled the concert. Since their tour is already planned they will still be coming to Las Vegas. They have offered to sing for our Sunday service if we can arrange housing for them.

They will arrive on Friday, May 7, 2010. Our host families will meet the group at the church late Friday afternoon for a short concert and instruction from their Tour Manager. The host families will then take them home for dinner and the evening, returning the boys the next morning after breakfast to the church. The boys and their chaperones (American boychoir personnel) will spend the day sight-seeing and having a "free day" in Las Vegas. The host families will pick the boys up at the church Saturday evening and take them home again for dinner and the evening, returning them to the church for the May 9 Sunday service.

There are thirty boys, aged 10-14. They prefer that the boys stay in groups of two or more, and that they have separate beds to sleep in. If any of you can help out with housing the boys, please call the church office at your earliest convenience and leave your information.

Thank you so much!!

Upcoming Concerts:

The Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents Dr. Heather Hernandez in concert on the 53-rank von Beckerath organ in Doc Rando Recital Hall, UNLV, on Friday, April 16, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Hernandez is currently the Director of Music at the Lutheran Church of the Master in Phoenix, Arizona, and is also the accompanist for the Phoenix Girls Choir. She will present works by Mozart, Bach, Weckmann, Best, Clerambault, Franck and Hakim. The admission is free for this concert.

The Las Vegas Master Singers' Chorale will present a concert at Christ Church on May 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. Members of the Christ Church Choir who sing in the Chorale are Kathi Colman, Lenny Hebert, Dorothy Hubbard, and Pat Newell.

Our organist, Dr. Paul Hesselink, is presenting a faculty recital on the von Beckerath organ in Doc Rando Recital Hall, UNLV, on May 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. The concert is free.

Reinert/ *Boogie Street* Productions Present:

Poverty of the Spirit:

Addressing Homelessness in Theological Education

Hosted by Octavio and the Spirit of Scrappy



6:00 P.m. Friday, April 30, 2010

Church Divinity School of the Pacific

Easton Hall, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley

A symposium to raise awareness about poverty and homelessness. A Discussion of real life situations and Theological/Pastoral responses. A Story from the Streets. A Night of learning. Brought to you by concerned seminarians at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Starr King School for the Ministry under the Guidance of the Rev. Dr. Gabriella Lettini.

- Rev. Dr. Lettini is the Aurelia Henry Reinhardt Director of Studies in Public Ministry Associate Professor of Theological Ethics at Starr King School for the Ministry and the leader of the Justice Collaborative for Poverty Scholarship
- Mark Reinert is a student in Anglican Studies at CDSP, a former inmate and a survivor of 16 years on the streets.
- Octavio is a student of Social Change at SKSM, a street dweller and an artist who works with the people of the Tenderloin

An Evening of Learning

Refreshments will be provided. Bring your Compassion.

For further information, questions, and whatnot, please contact Octavio Carrasco at ocarrasco@ses.sksm.edu or Mark Reinert at

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