



# THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

## Christ Church News

May 13, 2010

### This Week's Inspirational Thought

To die for God is easier than to live totally for God.

### The Numbers

Attendance at Saturday, May 1	5:00 pm	8
Sunday, May 2	8:00 am	60
	9:15 am	16
	10:30 am	124
	6:30 pm	65
Pledge Receipts		\$ 12,575.31
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 2,545.50
Attendance at Saturday, May 8	5:00 pm	48
Sunday, May 9	8:00 am	64
	9:15 am	22
	10:30 am	175
	6:30 pm	62
Pledge Receipts		\$ 7,834.99
Alleluia Campaign Receipts		\$ 756.00

### This Week at Christ Church

Thursday	5/13	10:00 am	Guild Room	Finance Meeting
		10:00 am	Chapel	Holy Eucharist – Ascension Day
Friday	5/14	7:00 pm	Board Room	FFIP
		7:15 pm	Main Church	Pat Sue Concert
Saturday	5/15	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		2:00 pm	Main Church	Blessing of a Child – Laula Lopes
		5:00 pm	Main Church	Vigil Eucharist
		6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
Sunday	5/16	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
		4:00 pm	Main Church	Master Singers Concert

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Sunday	5/16	6:30 pm	Main Church	Latino Eucharist
Monday	5/17	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to Public		
		6:00 pm	Guild Room	Vestry Meeting
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	5/18	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	5/19	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

## Service Schedule at Christ Church

Saturday	5/15	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass and Eucharist
Sunday	5/16	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		9:15 am	Latino Eucharist
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		6:30 pm	Latino Eucharist
Wednesday	5/19	12:05 pm	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	5/22	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	5/23	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		9:15 am	Latino Eucharist
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II
		6:30 pm	Latino Eucharist

## Volunteer 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](mailto:bbelpolley@cox.net).

## Upcoming Events

- **On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will honor at both celebrations of the Holy Eucharist the women who for many years have ministered to our congregation at Christ Church Gift Shop.
- **On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will honor with prayer all men and women of law enforcement in our nation, civilian and military, who serve and especially for those who have given their lives in the line of duty.
- **On Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will honor the men and women who served in the military services of our nation and all who supported them in their service. We will honor all with prayer and music.

## Vestry News

**Minutes of the Pre-Meeting between the Vestry and  
The Rev. Ann Hallisey, Rector Search Process Consultant  
Christ Church Episcopal  
May 6, 2010**

Vestry Members Present: Spencer Adams, Paul Bell, Sheryl Bell, Pete Falger, Dennis Kesner, Bill Rossado, Peter Steinbrenner, Marsha Tarte, Steve Wilkinson and JoAnn Roberts Armstead, Recording Clerk.

Vestry Members Absent: David Martin, Sharon Rogers

Guest : The Rev. Anne Hallisey, Consultant

The meeting was opened at 4:30pm with a prayer by Rev. Ann Hallisey who resides in Northern California.

Ann's opening remarks focused on understanding our past to access the future. We should engage in a discernment process, rooted in prayer, and not just a decision making process. Ann requested that the vestry take a risk; "trust me" and that she could only offer a process and builds us up as a community of faith. She asked what has changed since her last visit.

Action item – Establish a "Prayer Group ". Ask the group to be praying throughout this process. When we are engaged in prayer we are engaged in the process. This prayer group should consistently keep prayers going.

Action item – Form a "Task Group". Ann requested a task group, a "thinking group" of four or five people. The purpose of the group is to be the eyes and ears of the total search process and to meet with Ann when she comes to town. They should not be members of the Search Committee. Ann stated that the vestry would be too busy to be pulled away when she was in town, thus the formation of a Task Group. She will also be contacting members of the Task Group when she was not in town.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. to allow Ann time to prepare for "An Evening of Historical Reflections". The congregation was invited to dinner and the presentation.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoAnn Roberts Armstead  
Vestry Recording Clerk

There were 40 members of the congregation attending the "An Evening of Historical Reflections" workshop. Everyone in attendance had the opportunity to make their voice heard and their story told. You can see the historical timeline on the walls of the Parish Hall. The next parish wide meeting will take place on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **A GIFT OF LIFE....It really doesn't hurt.....**

Giving blood doesn't hurt especially when you consider who will receive your GIFT OF LIFE.

Help us save the lives of people in need, you could be saving a friend like.....

- A child with leukemia
- A car accident victim
- A patient who needs an organ transplant
- A cancer or anemia patient
- A newborn or her/his mother
- A victim of a violent crime
- A patient who needs major surgery

**No, it really doesn't hurt to give blood...**

**The pinch you may feel for a few seconds can mean a brand new life for someone.**

**Be a hero!**

The **Christ Church Episcopal** is hosting our first blood drive and we need at least 12 donors.

**WHEN: Sunday, June 6th, 2010**

**TIME: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Youth Break Room**

For an appointment call the Office at 735-7655 or email [warden@christepiscopallv.org](mailto:warden@christepiscopallv.org).

## Fr. Vince's Biblical Limerick Corner

### **Genesis 4:1-16**

The conflict between 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 slew.

## Stay Tuned!!!

For those of you in attendance at the 10:30 service last Sunday, you received a wonderful treat! The American Boychoir, from Princeton, New Jersey, sang six anthems during the service, starting with the a cappella setting of "Gloria" by Bojesen and ending the service on a high note with the rousing spiritual "Praise His Holy Name" by Hampton. During the service they sang "I Am His Child" (Moses Hogan), "Tantum Ergo" (Faure), "Ave Maria" and "Benedictus" (Brahms). This was the final stop on their 24-day western tour.

I would like to thank the host families who opened up their homes and their hearts to house the 27 boys, ages 10-14, for two nights, providing dinner and breakfast for them, and transporting them back and forth to the church. This responsibility was added on top of their already busy schedules with their own families. Four of these hosts were also involved with Outreach's Post Office Food Drive on Saturday and their boys helped unload food when it arrived at the church.

Many blessings upon the following angels who made this wonderful experience possible:

JoAnn and DeLaney Armstead – 3 boys

Lorelle Guydon – who helped Dorothy and Lee Hubbard

Gael and John Hancock – 2 boys

Dorothy and Lee Hubbard – 4 boys

Bonnie and David Polley - 4 boys

Zandra Richardson and David Averbach – 2 boys

Reenie and Bill Rosado – 4 boys

Marsha and Bob Tarte – 4 boys

Jeff and Kathi Colman – 4 boys

Many thanks to our chefs who cooked and served a spaghetti dinner for the boys and their adult staff, complete with salad, garlic toast, pecan and Carmel-apple pie. Thank you to Mark Petrimoulx, David Polley, Kelly McCauley, Ron Williams, and Jonathan Quinn.

Kelly, Ron and Jonathan performed double-duty as they quickly turned the Guild Room over from Christian Formation to a dining hall seating 32 people.

I want to send a special thank you to Bonnie Todd, Judy Watts and Joanna McGinn, who provided blow-up beds and linens to the host families, and to Pat Newell who made a generous donation for the luncheon on Sunday.

We were so blessed to have these boys as part of our family for their short time here, and grateful for their glorious music that added such beauty to our liturgy.

## Upcoming Concerts:

Pat Sue, pianist, will present an evening of various piano selections this Friday night, May 14, 2010, at 7:15 p.m.

The American Guild of Organists will present their final concert in their series this Sunday, May 16, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in the Doc Rando Theatre in the Beam Music Hall at UNLV. The concert, "Organs Plus", will feature our organist, Dr. Paul Hesselink, along with other local organists, pianists and instrumentalists. The concert is free.

On Sunday, May 16, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. the Las Vegas Master Singers will present their final concert of the season, "The Opera Connection", at Christ Church. Members of our choir that sing with the Master Singers are Lenny Hebert, Dorothy Hubbard, Pat Newell, Kathy and Peter Steinbrenner, and Kathi Colman.

## A History of the Little Shoppe – Religious Gift Shop

Exactly whose idea the Sunday morning “Gift Shop” was is not known to me, but I do know that EDNA GOODMAN opened and managed it beginning in November 1960 and, with the help of her mother, EDNA

BENTLEY, successfully carried on for a number of years. The basic plan was to sell religious articles desired, including Prayer Books, Bibles, Icons, etc. This in turn was a means to support the church that was to be built and other worthy causes as they came along. Over the years much has been earned and given back to the church and deserving groups within the parish.

It would be impossible to list every group or area that has benefitted from this ministry, but following are a few that come to mind: our Seminarians, women’s restroom, Guild Room, Organ Fund, Camp Galilee, Acolyte vestments, Altar Guild (linens, cruets, votive glasses), repairs to church pews, software for the office operation, etc. I do not think that I exaggerate when I mention the amount of \$100,000 for just causes and, soon to be, 50 years of service to this congregation.

There was a co-mingling of the E.C.W. (Women of the Church), as they were known in the “old” days, but eventually there was a separation of the two organizations. For a number of years, DONNA DULIN was the manager until her health prevented her from performing her duties. Looking through the records kept over the years, I found the following names as managers/aides of the Little Shoppe: JULIA COX, BETTY STEWARD, RUTH KLINE, LYDA PHIPPS, GERTRUDE MATHER, BEVERLEY KELLY, LOU MAE RAY, LYN HARRISON, and SUSAN MAREN. I feel certain that there are many more “helpers” but records with names are hard to come by, so I simply have to say: GOD knows who you are and that you have HIS recognition and LOVE for all you have contributed - and ours too.

This Sunday we will honor all those who have given of their time, and in particular GERTRUDE MATHER and BEVERLEY KELLY, who gave all of us opportunities to support our church and the many wondrous artifacts to choose from.

DEBORAH MARTIN, LINDA BARNES, SHERYL BELL, JULIA STEVENS and GRACI VARGAS propose to make the Gift Shop a permanent shop, using the Hospitality Room.

May they be blest and continue the successes they follow.

Louis “Rusty” Fortier  
Historian

“LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.” (Psalm 26: 8)

## 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.