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Rector's Column

Dear Christ Church Family,

As we often pray during Morning Prayer:

*Goodness is stronger than evil,
love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness,
truth is stronger than lies.*

As we begin this new fall season at Christ Church, I rejoice in the evidence of goodness, love, light, and truth that I see everyday in the parish. My great joy in recent weeks has been in the particular witness of service, the outpouring of love, and the courage to be faithful to the Gospel.

First, in the gratitude shown to Dorothy Beach on the occasion of her retirement after 34 years of service as our organist/choir director. Our special insert is dedicated to Dorothy. Thank you, Dorothy, for your gift of music-making.

Second, for the prayers and generosity given to support Constanza Paiva and her family. Constanza is the 4-year old granddaughter of Dilema Soto (of San Marcos) who was diagnosed with leukemia a month after her arrival from Chile. Constanza is doing very well with her chemotherapy treatment. Although she has lost all of her hair, she has not lost her smile or desire to play. On Sundays she likes to stand with me as I say the Eucharistic prayer, and her personal ministry is to help take down the flag when the service is over. Thank you, Constanza, for just being you.

Third, for the courage of Paul Rinaldi to speak up for justice. As matter of conscience, Paul has resigned from the vestry in order to bring attention to the lack of inclusion of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters in the 'greater' church. Although Christ Church is a welcoming place for all people, there are many places within the Anglican Communion where gay and lesbian people are held at arms length -- or worse. Bishop Roskam has agreed to hold an open 'Post Lambeth' conversation at Christ Church in November so that together we can learn how the needs of others affect us, and how together we might take steps for justice for all. Thank you Paul for helping us become more aware of the needs of others.

Fourth, for the ministries here at Christ Church: Christian Formation classes have begun again on Sunday mornings, youth group has a full calendar of events planned for the fall, and the Evening Prayer service at Kendal-On-Hudson has had wonderful participation from residents and guests. Our Outreach ministry is in the midst of planning to participate in the River Build trip to Mississippi over Christmas break. Fall Fair is around the corner, and this year we will be tithing 20% of the proceeds to the River Build Mission. The San Marcos congregation is also planning to fund raise for Outreach, and they will hold a Clothing Sale (*See page 5 for details.*) on October 11th. We have a lot of activities on the calendar. I am excited about upcoming events but my real delight is not in the programs per se, but in the spirit of joy and generosity that is so evident in our parish family. The programs of Formation and Outreach that we are engaged in are a reflection of a genuine desire to know God, love each other, and share that love in the world.

May we all witness to the goodness, love, light, and truth of the God who loves us.

With a heart full of gratitude for each of you,

Susan+

Blessing of the Animals (See page 5 for details.)

Warden's Column

Autumn is always an exciting time. While it's sad to see the lazy days of summer go by so quickly, there's always that feeling of excitement in the air when September rolls around—people coming home from vacations, the children going back to school, new projects, new vision—time to roll up our sleeves and get things moving again.

As you'll see from our fall agenda—Christian Formation, Youth projects, Mississippi trip planning, Fall Fair, Outreach plans, and much, much more—we're not missing a beat at Christ Church. So please join in with your talents, time, and love to support our continued growth in the community and our commitment to welcoming all those who seek fellowship with God.

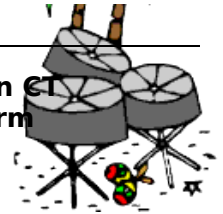
While we look forward to a rich year at Christ Church, I would be remiss in not mentioning the retirement of our beloved organist and choir director, Dorothy Beach. As you are seeing in pages of our Evangel insert, Dorothy has had a huge impact not only in the worship service but as a beloved member of Christ Church. We'll certainly miss her at the 'bench' and leading the choir each Sunday, but thankfully she will continue to be part of our Christ Church family.

Dorothy—Thank you for years of beauty you've given us and of course you know that we love you.

With warm regards,
Trish Weyenberg, *Senior Warden*

Steel Pans for Katrina Recovery Fund

**Calypso Concert featuring St Luke's Steel Band of New Haven CT
and Steel Passion of Christ Church, Tarrytown, NY to perform
at Ossining Library October 4, 2008 at 4 pm**



Tickets for the concert are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and children. Additional donations are warmly encouraged. To purchase tickets, call (914) 941-3030, Extension 13 or contact Kathy Hamilton or Jack Jolly.

100% of ticket sales, donations, and concession sales will benefit Katrina Recovery efforts in New Orleans. The money will be sent directly to St. Luke's of New Orleans, which operates a Homecoming Center that comprises a Youth Training Center, an Evacuee Organizing advocacy group, and an e-newsletter, "In the N.O." The Homecoming Center has provided important case management services, volunteer housing, meals for thousands of displaced homeowners, as well as education, job skills and leadership training for children affected by the storm. Its advocacy arm is "fighting for human rights and the right to return to New Orleans." Its newsletter, "In the N.O." links evacuees, activists, volunteers and friends of New Orleans to provide knowledge and power for residents to control recovery of their own neighborhoods.

Congratulations to Our 2008 Graduates!

Holly McCallen graduated from Springfield College with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science. She will be continuing for her Masters in Occupational Therapy.

To Holly and our High School Graduates: A.J. Hinds, Michael Leeper, Erik Treutler, James Markward, Bethany McCallen & Michael Cusack,

Many blessings on your future endeavors,
Your Christ Church Family

Christ Church Fall Fair 2008

Saturday, November 1st, 9:30 am -3:30 pm

The annual Fall Fair will have something for everyone... and lots of fun. Come help, shop and enjoy lunch and live music. It is a great place to grab a bite of lunch or pick up that extra accessory you've been looking for. And what better place to shop for Christmas...at bargain prices! There will be loads of treasures for sale: Boutique, White Elephant, Books, Jewelry, Socks, Furniture and more. The highlight of the fair will be intriguing special items (from art prints to valuable jewelry) and services (from computer help to dog sitting!) auctioned at the Silent Auction, which will be lavishly displayed in the Parish Hall this year. 20% of all proceeds from the fair will go toward the River Build 2008 Mission Trip to Mississippi. The team will assist with the recovery effort that continues post-Katrina (see River Build article page 7 for more details.) So please be sure to tell your friends to come!

Let us know how you'd like to help at the fair (if you haven't signed up already). And there is still time to clean out your closets and donate your resalable treasures (remember, no big electronic equipment like computers, printers, or televisions). Donations may be dropped off on Sundays after church 11:15-11:45 by the rectory garage. To arrange for drop off or pick up of donations please call Jack Jolly at 332-0685. If you have any questions, please call Karen Murgolo (914) 332-1926 (evenings) or (212) 364-1447 (workdays).

The Fall Fair Co-Chairs: Karen Murgolo, Karma Thayer, & Barbara Turk

Outreach Update

Being of service in the world both near and far. Christ Church continues to grow our list of outreach projects. Please contact Brenda Smith (631-4535) if you have any suggestions or if you would like to be part of the outreach team.

Projects:

- Carpenter's Kids: Makangwa Parish – The children in Makangwa have received our gifts enabling them to begin school. (See page 4 for details.)
- River Build – December 26th – January 2: currently 35 parishioners have expressed interest. First Mission Trip Meeting will be Oct 4th – 2:30 pm at Trinity Church in Ossining.
- Steel Drum Concert – Fundraiser for New Orleans Rebuild on October 4 @ 4:00 pm at the Ossining Library. (See page 2 for details.)
- Jesse Link (missionary from South Africa) – Potluck in Ackerman Hall on Tuesday, September 30th – 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Planning get together for Adult Group Homes combining church and lunch after.

By Brenda Smith, Outreach Team Leader

Outreach Team: Grant Pendill, Barbara Turk, Ingrid Dyott, Lita Porter, Liliane Potier & Susan Copley

Carpenter's Kids Update

In early August we received a communication from Bishop Catherine Roskam welcoming us to the Carpenter's Kids Program. Christ Church Tarrytown has been linked with Makangwa parish in the Region of Mvumi. With thanks to 50 of our Christ Church parishioners who made the commitment to support 50 children for 5 years @ \$50 per child per year, Makangwa parish has received the first distribution of school uniforms, school shoes and school supplies. Carpenter's Kids Program is administered by several dedicated people in Tanzania who oversee all aspects of the program. Sometime soon I hope to be in touch with the communications person in Tanzania so that we can begin communicating with our link parish. We will be receiving one-month, six-month and annual reports about our link parish as well as a monthly newsletter. I also look forward to sharing a photo gallery and a biography about our link parish. In the meantime, please remember to keep our Carpenter's Kids and their village in your prayers.

Lita Porter
For the Outreach Committee

Thank You From Dorothy Beach

I send you mountains of thanks, flowers from my garden, love from my heart.

Your surprise party was so moving, your food so good, your cards and gifts so kind. I was quite blown away!

I will be continuing to work with you on the Fall Fair, and to practice on your organ, thanks to Susan's graciousness. And I will invite my friends in the choir to sip and sup. We'll settle on a date! But it's not easy to detach from music-making with you, and my memory bank is full of up hill battles, funny rehearsals, struggles of every kind, and the fine fine times when I heard your beautiful singing. What a lot we shared. Thank you all!

Dorothy Beach



Tributes to Dorothy Beach

The insert of this newsletter has been devoted to the outpouring of tributes to Dorothy Beach's 30+ years of service as music director of Christ Church. Susan Copley, and her family, lovingly created a beautiful scrapbook of memories using pictures, words of love and gratitude, musical notes, beautiful flowers, birds and funny, funny stories. Our intent is to share with our parish family, and the greater community of faith, a portion of our love for Dorothy.



Calendar of Events – October-November, 2008

Blessing of the Animals
 Sunday, October 5th
 At 3 pm
 Furry Friends, Fish and Fowl,
 Snakes, and Bugs,
 Zebras and Elephants

All Welcome!
 Front Lawn of Christ Church
 43 South Broadway

**San Marcos Clothing
 Sale**
Saturday, October 11th
10 am to 3 pm

If you have clothes to donate, please bring them to the parish hall on Sunday, Sept. 28 or Sunday, Oct. 5 during coffee hour.

Proceeds of the clothing sale are for the outreach ministries of the church.

October

Wednesday, 10/1 Middle School and High School paint teen room continues.
 Saturday, 10/4 Preliminary Mission Trip Mtg.
 4:00 pm, Calypso Concert featuring Steel Passion of Christ Church and St. Luke's Steel Band of New Haven CT, Ossining High School
 Sunday, 10/5 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour
 9:00 am Christian Formation
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour
 12:15 pm La Santa Misa
 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals, front of Christ Church
 Tuesday, 10/7 7:00 pm Kendal Evening Prayer, Clearwater at Kendal on Hudson
 Saturday, 10/11 6:00-10:00 pm Middle School and High School bake for bake sale to benefit mission trip, Ackerman Hall
 Sunday, 10/12 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour
 9:00 am Christian Formation
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Chancel Drama, followed by coffee hour
 12:15 pm La Santa Misa
 Monday, 10/13 Columbus Day observed, parish office closed
 Tuesday, 10/14 7:00 pm Kendal Evening Prayer, Clearwater at Kendal on Hudson
 Friday, 10/17 5:00-9:00 pm, Youth Group bake sale at Tarrytown's "Third Friday". Youth to meet at Ackerman after sell-out for fun and games
 Saturday, 10/18 Time TBD, Joint Youth Group Carpentry Project for Middle School and High School – practice for mission trip, St. Paul's on the Hill, Ossining
 Sunday, 10/19 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour
 9:00 am Christian Formation
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour
 12:15 pm La Santa Misa
 Tuesday, 10/21 7:00 pm Kendal Evening Prayer, Clearwater at Kendal on Hudson
 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg., Rectory

Calendar of Events – October-November, 2008 (cont'd)

Sunday, 10/26	8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 9:00 am Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 11:00 am Fall Fair Set-Up day begins 12:15 pm La Santa Misa 4:00 pm Altar Guild Service, Lita Porter being honored, St. Peter's Peekskill
Monday, 10/27- Friday, 10/31	Fall Fair Set Up Week
<u>November</u>	
Saturday, 11/1	Fall Fair
Sunday, 11/2	10:00 am All Saints' Sunday Service, one service, English & Spanish 5:00-7:00 pm Joint Middle School game night/outreach discussion All Saints', Briarcliff
Tuesday, 11/4	7:00 pm Kendal Evening Prayer, Clearwater at Kendal on Hudson
Sunday, 11/9	8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 9:00 am Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 12:15 pm La Santa Misa
Tuesday, 11/11	7:00 PM Kendal Evening Prayer, Clearwater at Kendal on Hudson
Friday, 11/14	Diocesan Convention 7:00-10:00 pm Youth Group movie/discussion night and planning of December 7 th service, teen room, Ackerman Hall
Saturday, 11/15	Diocesan Convention
Sunday, 11/16	8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 9:00 am Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 12:15 pm La Santa Misa
Tuesday, 11/18	7:00 pm Kendal Evening Prayer, Clearwater at Kendal on Hudson 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg., rectory
Friday, 11/21	Deadline for Evangel articles
Sunday, 11/23	8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 9:00 am Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 12:15 pm La Santa Misa
Tuesday, 11/25	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Christ Church Tarrytown, time TBD
Thursday, 11/27	Thanksgiving, office closed
Friday, 11/28	Office closed
Sunday, 11/30	8:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 9:00 am Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, followed by coffee hour 12:15 pm La Santa Misa

River Build 2008 Winter Break in Mississippi--Building Homes

A team of 66 teens and adults from eight Episcopal churches in this area will spend their "holiday" assisting in the reconstruction of homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina and construction of pre-fab reinforced homes, under the direction of experienced builders.

(The people in the gulf regions continue to suffer from the devastation of three years ago and it is estimated that the recovery process will take a minimum of 10 years. Volunteer help will be needed for many years to come.)

The team will be leaving December 26, 2008 and returning January 2, 2009.

The cost of the trip is \$600 per person. If you would like to help support this effort or would like more information on the River Build 2008 project please contact The Rev. Susan Copley, Christ Episcopal Church in Tarrytown, 631-2074.

Team members are from:

Christ Church, Tarrytown
St John's, Pleasantville
St. Mary's, Mohegan Lake
Trinity, Ossining

St. Augustine's, Croton
St. Mary's, Scarborough
All Saints', Briarcliff
St. Paul's on the Hill, Ossining

Mission on the Bay is located on the grounds of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis, MS. Check out the website: <http://www.missiononthebay.org/>

Thank you for your support.

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Fall Sunday Services
Holy Eucharist Rite II 8:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 am
Santa Misa 12:15 pm
(*Holy Eucharist Rite II in Spanish*)



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