

ILLUMINARE

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Let's Spend the Nights Together

from the Rector

I am writing to invite you to spend some time with me the week of April 17: Thursday evening the 21st, Friday early afternoon the 22nd, Saturday evening the 23rd, and, at last, on Easter Sunday morning the 24th. What with sports, friends, work, and school, it's a lot to ask, I know. Will it wear you out? Yes. The liturgies are lengthy and demanding. Will it be worth it? You'll have to decide that for yourself: how much is your redemption worth to you? How much of the time and energy which God has given you will you give back to God during that week to enter more fully the mystery of your own salvation.

When I was growing up in the Episcopal Church, Lent was different. We read the Passion gospel two weeks before Easter and then celebrated the "Triumphal Entry" by itself on Palm Sunday. There was a Maundy Thursday Vigil but no foot washing, no altar stripping, no meditation on that singular Passover meal. Good Friday was usually a come-and-go—preaching service from noon until three, with the clergy grinding through Jesus' final seven words from the Cross. None of this was bad, but it was woefully incomplete. The "old prayer book" contained none of the specific Holy Week liturgies we've used now for the past 30 years. Yet they are the most ancient and central worship services of the Christian tradition. We had to get them back and now — for a generation— we have had them in our prayer book again.

What the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil do so powerfully is weave together the whole mysterious story of God's saving actions in and through Christ. They are jolting and provocative, full of wild mood swings and they challenge us to relive, relearn, and rediscover where we stand with God on our own Jubilee highways. They are not Christ-lite, but they do expose the unique, redeeming light of Christ. They bring the fullness of God's salvation story together and present it with more dramatic power than any playwright could ever imagine.

The Lenten journey is accelerating and we'll be at Easter sooner than you think. But before we get to the eggs, bunnies, and bonnets, let's be sure we wash feet, keep a vigil, remember those reproaches, spark a new fire, baptize some new Christians, and welcome Christ's light into our hearts, our hands, our voices, our entire being.

Come and join. Let's spend a few nights together with our Lord and Savior. What is it worth to you?

Holy Week at Christ Church

Monday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Tuesday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
No Christwood Eucharist
5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Noon Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Thursday, April 21 – Maundy Thursday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Christwood
No Noon Eucharist
No Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m. Reconciliation of a Penitent in small Chapel
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar in the Church

Friday, April 22 – Good Friday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:30 p.m. Reconciliation of a Penitent in small Chapel
Noon Stations of the Cross – in the Church
1:00 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament
4:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at Christwood
5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer

DISCERNMENT, PRIESTHOOD, AND MINISTRY

An Important Announcement from Fr. Rice

As many of you already know, I've been professionally occupied for most of the last 40 years dealing with issues associated with matters marine, including ships, boats, barges; offshore and inland floating drilling rigs; and the officers and crews serving aboard and about them. As such, I've found myself at times on all of the high seas and on the ground in or on the offshore waters of every continent on Earth except (at least to date) Antarctica. However, since my ordination to Holy Orders over 6 years ago I've spent increasingly more time with matters of ministry than with matters marine. This accelerated when I was called to be Priest-In-Charge here at Christ Church in 2008, and the percentage of my time spent in ministry among you continued to grow after Fr. Tom's arrival later that year. During my tenure as Priest-In-Charge, I discerned that a priestly vocation was where I was truly called to be on a full time basis. Now I've been presented with a unique opportunity to combine this calling with my maritime experience and without requiring that I leave all my ministry at Christ Church behind.

Founded over 175 years ago and affiliated with the Episcopal Church of the United States, The Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) - www.seamenschurch.org - is the largest, most comprehensive mariners' agency in North America. Currently, its chaplains annually minister aboard thousands of vessels in the Port of New York and New Jersey, the Port of Oakland, and along 2,200 miles of the Ohio and Lower Mississippi River systems. SCI's maritime education facilities also provide navigational training to nearly 1,600 mariners each year through state-of-the-art, simulator-based facilities located in Houston, Texas, and Paducah, Kentucky.

Integral to the mission and ministry of SCI are the activities of its chaplains and a network of clergy and lay volunteers serving as a resource to mariners and their families. Operating 365 days a year, SCI's marine ministry includes emergency response, on board vessel attendance, counseling services, fellowship, and collecting and distributing gifts to mariners and their families at Christmas and Easter.

SCI is now expanding its ministry to include those employed in service to the inland and offshore energy industries and has called me to spearhead that expansion as Chaplain for the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Region. Answering this call, I'll be preaching the Gospel to energy-related mariners along the Gulf Coast and extending pastoral care to them and their families. Although this will occupy much of my time and attention-and I will be away from time to time-I'll be based in Covington, will remain resident here, and I'll continue my activities as an Assisting Priest at Christ Church. I hope most will not notice much, if any, difference going forward in my presence and involvement at Christ Church, but my officially-contracted time will shrink some and I may be preaching elsewhere some Sundays.

Thank you for all your support through the years, and please keep my family and the ministry of SCI in your thoughts and prayers. You'll certainly be always in ours.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of Christ Church will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011. Four new members of the Vestry will be elected at the Annual Meeting. The meeting will open for voting purposes during the 7:30 a.m. Eucharist service, and again during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. The business portion of the meeting will take place at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. service, during which the results of the voting will be announced.

Communicant members in good standing of Christ Church, aged 16 or older, who are contributors of record for the last six months, and members of the congregation for at least six months prior to the annual meeting are qualified to vote.

VESTRY NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The nominating committee of Christ Church presents the following nominees for your consideration for election to the Vestry: Mary Thomas Coady, Patterson Connor, Jay Geiger, Grey Mitchell, Alison Pelegrin, Michelle Prather, Jason Reina, Judy Shopf. Additional nominations may be made by petition of five or more qualified voters, one of whom must be the nominee. For more information and a copy of the petition call the office. Petitions are due by Thursday, April 28.



Christ Episcopal School... Growing with Grace.

Christ Episcopal Church, with a number of hard working, dedicated and forward thinking educators, established Christ Episcopal School in August 1984. It was established as an Early Education Center of 34 students. Over the last 27 years we have grown to accommodate 13 grades (young 4's through 10th with 11th and 12 to be added over the next 2 years). We live our mission statement by following our operating principles:

- Act Justly and Call Others To Do So- Imitate Christ.
- Instill Peace. Encourage and Model Acceptance of Self as a Unique Divinely Appointed Creation.
- Marry A Strong Work Ethic with Intellectual Curiosity to Create A Superior Academic Environment

We are accepting applications for grades Pre-K/K and 8th-11th for the 2011-2012 school year, and welcome you to stop by for a visit. Tours are given regularly and we are always available to speak with you. We invite you, as members of Christ Episcopal Church family, to take a look at our school. Our philosophy? "...to provide a superior academic opportunity within the framework of a warm, nurturing, Christian environment...". What a wonderful gift to give your child.

Please call Pam Perry at 871-9902 or Reina Gardner at 892-9156 to schedule an appointment.

KUDOS



Many, many thanks to the following church gardeners who labored last Saturday to beautify the grounds: Mary Gerry, Linda Wendle, Carol White, David

Lynd, Jim Valliant, Bill and Rosalind Rhodes, and Don and Suzanne Duggan

ART AT THE PARK



Mark your calendar! Christ Episcopal School's Art At The Park celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year with a Fais Do-Do on April 16! Plan to come out to the Christwood Blvd. campus and help us mark this important anniversary.

WE INVITED YOU AND YOU CAME IN LARGE NUMBERS!

Thank you to all who answered the call to participate in the leadership of our worship. We have many new acolytes, lectors, ushers, eucharistic ministers and greeters. Like most things that truly matter, you must practice it to learn it, and learn it to understand it. Participating in the liturgy in regular and meaningful ways helps take the understanding from out there to in here, from an intellectual consideration to a body memory, and into the heart. Taking an active role in leading public worship is a meaningful way to enrich your own prayers and to help all of Christ's body in this place to enrich theirs. We have many new acolytes, lectors, ushers, eucharistic ministers and greeters. It also means we have many new people exercising their leadership for the first time. Please be patient with us as we grow into our new roles in liturgy.

Thank you to Bill Batson, Ann Geiger, Mary Anne Reidy, Daniel Ciufi, and Barbara Magee who helped with training over the last few months. Thank you, thank you, thank you to Kathy Turner who attended every training session and was an indispensable leader for the acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers and ordered new vestments for our growing numbers.



124th Annual Gathering of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Louisiana April 15-16 at St. Paul's New Orleans

Registration material and information are available in the church office. Call 892-3177



EASTER FLOWER

Donations are now being accepted for Easter flowers. Envelopes are available in the pews of the Church and Chapel. Donations must be received in the church office by Sunday, April 17, for acknowledgement in the Easter bulletins.

SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU



We want to thank you everyone for helping us make this year's Silent Auction a huge success! Our donors were kind enough to give us a wonderful array of items to bid on and we look forward to sharing with each donor in a personal letter that we were able to raise over \$6,000.00. We want to recognize and thank Becky Roniger for her tireless efforts in chairing this year's Silent Auction. We want to thank all the Mission Beyond parents, youth, and parishioners for their assistance in putting this event together. Specifically, we want to thank Liz Bedikian, DeeDee Goodgion, Sarah Goodgion, Vicki Traina-Dorge, Zeke Stevens, Margaret Casey, Reina Gardner, JD Gardner, Ray Kelley, Jessica Ciufi, Dawn Skinner, Robin Sherar, Martha Smart, Mission Beyond appreciates all of your participation in this year's Silent Auction.

CAMP HARDTNER



Camp Hardtner is an Episcopal Summer Camp located in Pollock, Louisiana. It is designed to give the youth of the church the experience of living in a Christian community that encourages individual expressions of abilities, attitudes and faith, through regular participation in worship, music, sports, games, canoeing, fishing, swimming, drama, group discussions, and other enriching activities. Sessions are available for children and youth from grade 2 through 12. Registration forms are available online at www.camphardtner.org.

DO YOU KNOW A GRADUATE?



If you have a child, grandchild or great grandchild who is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, or trade school this spring, please call the church office at 892-3177 so that his/her achievement can be recognized in the *Illuminare*.

BOY SCOUT PLANT SALE

Our Boy Scout Troop 193 will hold its annual fundraising plant sale at church after each service Sunday, April 10. The troop will have its usual assortment of trees, shrubs and bedding plants, all provided from a couple of local commercial nurseries. Order forms will be available in the church Narthex before the sale. Orders over \$50 will be eligible for free delivery this year. This is the one fund-raiser our troop does, so please plan on coming out to support our boys.



PANORAMIC EGGS



ADD TO YOUR COLLECTION

The Mission Beyond group will be selling panoramic eggs again this year after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m., services on Palm Sunday, April 17. We have new designs this year! These delicate, hand made eggs are constructed from sugar and icing and feature tiny spring scenes. They make wonderful Easter gifts and are priced competitively at \$12 for the small eggs and \$15 for the large eggs. All proceeds will go toward the Mission Beyond trip. Look for them in the Narthex or in front of the church depending on weather.

RECEPTION FOLLOWING EASTER VIGIL



Following the Easter Vigil service at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, we will celebrate Easter with a champagne reception! We will also be serving coffee, white wine and homemade cakes. If you would like to contribute a homemade cake, cookies, petitfours, or strawberries, please contact Mary Anne Reidy at 985-789-6315 or email reidyama@netscape.com Come feed your sweet tooth — just in time for the Easter bunny!



The 174th Convention was over the top! Thanks to everyone who cooked, lifted, directed, registered, baked, prayed, or otherwise helped to make the diocese's time in Covington "the best convention I've been to in 30 years" All of us at Christwood, Christ School and Christ Church can feel justly proud of our campus, our buildings, and above all, our hospitality. More details, pictures, and thank you's in the next issue and on our web site.



Let's get ready! Stations of the Cross



Wednesday, April 13th

CCY Youth, 4:30pm (grades 6th and up)

Kids on a Mission, 5:00pm (grades 1st through 5th)

This Holy Week journey is based on an ancient pilgrimage in and around Jerusalem to particular places in the city associated with Jesus' passion and death. It is a profound opportunity to put yourself in place and time and walk with Jesus as he is condemned to die, picks up his cross for the first time, falls from its weight, sees his mother and sisters, and breathes his last. This year we will offer this liturgy twice: first on Wednesday April 13th starting at 4:30pm with the CCY youth group and starting at 5:00pm with Kids on a Mission.

Kids on a Mission (grades 1st through 5th) will continue to explore the meaning to these Stations through story telling in their own words. Their story will be attached to the Stations for viewing through Holy Week in the church.

After the youth take their walk through the Stations, they will continue their journey with regular programming in the youth center. Dinner will follow from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

The second Stations of the Cross will be on Good Friday at noon. For both services we will use Station markers created by the children of Christ Church several years ago. They are magnificent pieces of art inspired by the 14 moments of the Lord's passion on which we focus for this "way of the cross." It's a unique way to enter the Passion story.

Please call Mary Anne Reidy at 985-789-6315 or email reidyma@netscape.com to save a spot for dinner. Please join us for this heartfelt journey!

How CEEP Matters ...My CEEP Teaching Experience

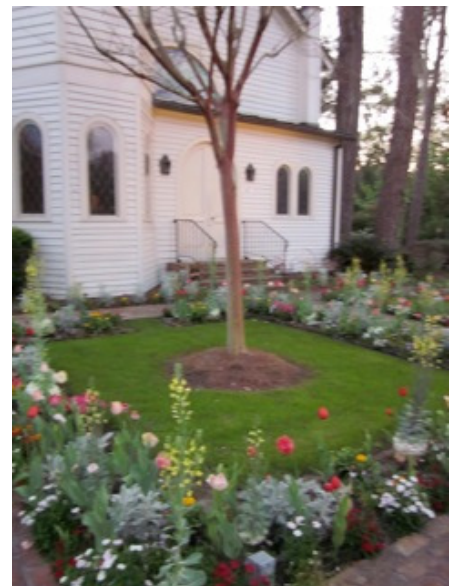
by Amelia Robert



During the summer of my Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years of high school, I volunteered at the CEEP Summer Experience. Last summer, I had the pleasure of teaching an art class, with the help of another young adult from the Covington area, to the students at CEEP camp. CEEP's theme last year was "Going Green", so the other art teacher and I came up with a list of low-budget arts and crafts that involved recycled materials. Some examples were bags made from old T-shirts, necklaces made from beer bottle caps, bird-houses made from cardboard milk cartons, and collages made from old magazines. We requested magazines, t-shirts and milk cartons from the members of Christ Church, who generously delivered plentiful resources. I thought this was a great way to get the already helpful church-goers even more involved in the CEEP program. The beer bottle caps were collected from the Tap Room, and I must admit, I felt a little silly going into a bar to ask for supplies for a church camp. Of course, when I requested their help, the Tap Room workers were more than happy to assist, and saved up all of their bottle caps for weeks.

I think the children enjoyed doing the arts and crafts, and I was happy to teach them a way to make something fun and creative out of resources they are likely to find in their own homes. Many of the students came to class telling me they'd repeated some of the things they'd learned in class at home, or that one of the crafts we'd done in class had inspired them to try another craft idea. It was truly exhilarating to see these children developing their artistic skills, as art is an outlet they can use for the rest of their lives.

IT'S SPRINGTIME AT CHRIST CHURCH!



Be sure to notice the gardens around the church property which have been particularly beautiful this year. Thank you to our wonderful gardeners who devote their time and talents to maintaining the grounds. We are truly blessed to have them!

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VESTRY

2008-2011— Suzanne Duggan, Lisa Geary,
Kim Scoggin, Charlie Stahr
2009-2012—Jeff Bell, Mark Berry,
Michelle Gallagher, Lucie Thornton

Scheduled to Serve Sunday, April 10, 2011			
	7:30	9:00	11:00
MC		Rhenée Cervantes	Bill Batson
EMs	Ed Moore	Nicole St. Paul Gray Mitchell	Eleanor Batson Lorraine Meyers
Acolytes		Emma Mitchell Max Peragine Benjamin Davidson	John allen Hunley Jack Batson Sam Batson
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Greeters		Melissa Elliott	Georgie Myrtle
Altar Guild Team III			
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LESSONS FOR SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2011—PALM SUNDAY Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 27:11-54			