

ILLUMINARE

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COME INTO OUR LIVING ROOM.....

From the Rector

Most days — when it’s just family in the house — we want our homes to be clean, functional, efficient, and comfortable. We want to be able to accomplish what we need to accomplish there and also be able to relax when we can. If we are entertaining, however, we expect more: a sense of invitation and welcome, warmth and beauty, and maybe even a little elegance if it suits the occasion. If we are trying to sell our home, then our agent will point out all sorts of things we may no longer notice that need to be spruced up if new eyes are going to get interested. Each situation is different and our expectations vary with those differences.

Just so with Holzhalb Hall, the “living room” of Christ Church. Our Commons area, kitchen and bath rooms are the most heavily used spaces on our entire central Covington campus, used by parish, by our school, and by a variety of outside groups as well. Setting the kitchen aside for now (really big dollars there!), it has been 20 years since a serious facelift has been given to walls, floors, and windows. And then there are the acoustics, or lack of them, that really reduce the functionality of the commons for lectures, for small groups, and for parties and receptions. During the fall, we developed a detailed, economically tight plan to give the Commons a renewed lease on life. We will make it more inviting, more efficient, and more flexible. The total tab of bids is \$66,000. Over the past two Sundays, we have secured \$16,000 in both actual dollars and pledges. We hope to start this work on March 1 with the boys and girls bathrooms.

This is a “capital” project and is not included in the 2011 parish operation budget. That budget does provide \$20,000 for repairs and maintenance, and you could certainly make a case for using that in the Commons area. However, I view this effort more as mission-driven: a project to make our church more inviting, more efficient, more flexible, and more beautiful for those who are already at Christ Church and for those we hope to invite next Sunday and next year and the year after that. Holzhalb Hall has an attractive profile and façade that compliments the main sanctuary’s architecture. What we need is an interior that is functional, warm, and beautiful.

We are not borrowing money for this project. We have a detailed plan and will implement what we can pay for as we go along. It may take 6 or 7 months, perhaps a year, but we will get it done. And I hope every one reading this will get involved personally. No contribution is too small — or too large. The whole project has been broken down into bite-size chunks. If you can bite three off, terrific. If you can bite off one half of a chunk, that is just as wonderful. But please, I pray you, participate. Share in this opportunity to make our Commons both warmer and more usable.



WORLD BEYOND OUR DOORSTEP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Join us on Sunday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the church (no 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services) with guest preacher M'Lou Bancroft, a micro-enterprise pioneer in Honduras. Then stay for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a mind-expanding, global mission extravaganza. Honduras Threads products will be available for purchase. Kids on a Mission will provide children's activities as well.

HONDURAS THREADS IS COMING!!!!!!!



If you want a preview, come see the handcrafts of our sisters in Honduras at the home of Judy Shopf on Saturday, February 12 from 2:00—5:00 p.m. and/or at Church on Sunday, February 13 after the 10:00 a.m. service. All proceeds go directly to the 501 (c)(3) organization which supports the six village cooperative, Honduras Threads, which has no paid employees.



COVINGTON FOOD BANK SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Once again, it's time for us to help fill those empty shelves at the Covington Food Bank as our church members have done so generously for many years. Bags with leaflets attached will be in the Narthex for distribution on February 13 & 20. Filled bags may be returned by February 27 to the Narthex, Chapel or to the office. The food bank is requesting beans & rice, pasta, canned tuna and other protein foods, canned vegetables, breakfast cereal and peanut butter. Checks are very welcome and need to be payable to Christ Church with a note on the memo line indicating Food Bank donation.



HEIFFER UPDATE

Thanks to your grateful and generous hearts, the congregation of Christ Episcopal Church Covington has purchased another Heifer Ark! By combining the donations from the last two gatherings, we reached our goal. The Outreach committee thanks all of our many donors and invite you to offer prayers of thanksgiving for this wonderful gift to the world community.

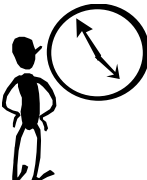
NEWS FROM CHRISTWOOD

Louis Jones, a Christwood resident and Veteran of World War II, visited the 8th grade history class at Christ Episcopal School to talk about the **“Dixie Mission” to the communist Chinese**. He shared his war time experiences as an intelligence officer in the 45th. His primary assignment was to act as liaison between the communists and the XX Bomber Command. He was to determine the extent to which the communist could be of assistance in recovering B-29 crews that might be down in areas they controlled in China.



Christwood resident Louis Jones with 8th grade students from Christ Episcopal School.

IMPORTANT!



Service Schedule Time Change

**On Sunday,
February 13**

we will have one service at **10:00 a.m.** celebrating our outreach to **“The World Beyond Our Doorstep.”** No 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on this day. World Beyond Our Doorstep will follow at 11:00 a.m. The 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services will take place as usual.

CCY RUMMAGE SALE IS FAST APPROACHING GET YOUR DONATIONS IN!



The CCY Mission Beyond will have its annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, February 19. This is an important fundraiser for the Mission Beyond 2011 participants. Please drop off donations to the small house, behind the office any weekday from 8:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.. Contact Daniel Ciufi at the office for the drop off of large items. Drop offs of large items can be done at the parish

hall February 15-18 prior to the Rummage sale. Please keep in mind—***we are not taking any clothing, computer monitors or towers.*** We also cannot accept any shoes. We will accept purses and accessories, but absolutely no clothing. Please be sure that any electronic item you bring is in working condition.

We need volunteers to come in February 17th and 18th during the day to help sort and price items. We might also need some volunteers who can help move the larger items. If you are interested in helping or making a donation please call Daniel Ciufi at 892-3177.

And don't forget to come shop for treasures at the sale! We always have lots of wonderful items to choose from!

THIRD SUNDAY CONCERT



Third Sunday Concerts will feature Nova on Sunday, February 20 at 5 p.m. NOVA (New Orleans Vocal Arts Chorus) is a group of dedicated choral professionals (singers, teachers, conductors, and students). Accompanied by a small string ensemble, these accomplished singers will perform Handel's *Dixit Dominus* and Mozart's *Missa Brevis in F Major*. All concerts in the series are free and open to the public.

Reception: *Food donations for the reception are always welcome and make the party more festive!*

KUDOS



Thank you to everyone who helped to make Episcopal School Sunday a huge success! Special thanks goes to the following: lectors—

Cody Smith, Emmett McComiskey, Alainha Grace Reidy, Ben Davidson, Lauren Cassanova, Elizabeth McLaughlin, acolytes- Virginia Keating, Lily Bea Scoggin, Forge Mathes, Ashley Rushing and Christopher Comeaux, Eucharistic ministers—Suzette Day and Dawn Cox, the CES Choir and Mrs Marr and to Barbara Sears.

CCY Calendar



Friday, February 11—Sunday, February 13

Happening (Sr. High) @ Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

Sunday, February 13

No Sunday School
10:00 a.m. church service

Wednesday, February 16

4:30-6:00 p. m. Jr. CCY WOW!
6:00 p.m.-Dinner
6:30 p.m.-Sr. CCY WOW!
Topic: Rummage Sale!!!!!!

Thursday, February 17

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—
Rummage Sale Prep in the Parish Hall

Friday, February 18

8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.—
Rummage Sale Prep in the Parish Hall

Saturday, February 19

7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—
Rummage Sale

Sunday February 20

10:00 a.m.. Jr. Hi: Special presentation
Sr. Hi: Lesson 5 Council of Confirm (Mock Council)

ART AT THE PARK



Mark your calendar! Christ Episcopal School 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.

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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
2010-2013— Bill Batson, Mel Elliott,

Scheduled to Serve February 13, 2011		
	7:30	10:00
MC		Bill Batson
EM	Liz Taurman	Ann Geiger Linda Wendle
Acolytes		Sam Batson Leslie Brown Cove Geary
Lectors		Andrew Boyd Madeline Boyd
Ushers	Don Kieffer Charlie Stahr	Jon Henderson Kirk Michel Don Duggan Jeff Bell Steve Canter Buddy Anderson
Greeters		Melissa Elliott, Georgie Myrtle
Altar Guild Team II		
Caring Ministry Leader Kim Scoggin 674-1000		
Lessons For Sunday February 20, 2011 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48		