



Christ Episcopal Church

The Rev'd John Kevern

Rector's Corner

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

I don't know the derivation of the expression "dog days of summer". It usually means for me cicadas and August heat. Well, it's August, but it's more like the tail end of a hurricane outside – two days of pelting rain. But this too shall pass, I'm sure.

One thing that is certain is that school starts about August 19th, and my mind is still back on the days when it started after Labor Day. Parents, however, might be privately relieved at this, but that depends on the children and the parents. In any event, I'm glad to say that we've got lots of positive things to look forward to at Christ Church as the autumn approaches. Here we go!!

Yes, the Bishop is chronologically the biggest news, but he'll agree that SUNDAY SCHOOL at CHRIST CHURCH is the real happy news. I arrived to say good-bye to Rachel Leon and her tremendous energy around children, but **AMY BLAKE** has gamely stepped up to the plate and will be leading Sunday School this coming year. Parents, take note!! Sunday School will start on the Sunday after Labor Day, i.e. September 7th at **10:15 a.m.** (please note time, and more details will follow). A vital Sunday School is a necessity for a parish with young children, and we are just such a parish. THANK YOU, AMY! This is good news for all of us at Christ Church.

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RALLY SUNDAY! What the heck is this, you might ask?

Well, it's an old Protestant term for the start-up Sunday after Labor Day when one rallied the troops – so to speak. Besides the start-up of Sunday School, Glenn the Man Boyles and his happy helpers will be putting on a typical American picnic after mass – hot dogs and hamburgers. As I noted last Sunday, this is in keeping with the finest Anglican tradition: FDR gave King George VI and Queen Elizabeth hot dogs and hamburgers in May 1939 at his family home, Hyde Park, during the course of their State Visit to the US. Glenn has been commissioned to produce the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge for the occasion, plus Prince George. Be there, or be square! And I would be remiss if I didn't mention that choir will start as of this Sunday, another one of the treasures of Christ Church that we perhaps don't realize.

Finally, working backwards, the **BISHOP** will make his "State Visit" on Sunday, August 25th. He will celebrate mass, preach, and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to those whom Christine Metheny has prepared (thank you, Christine!). The Bishop will meet with the Trustees at 8:30, the confirmands at 9:30, and there will be a luncheon after mass under the aegis of Barb Berkeley (thank you, Barb!). Finally, he will meet with the Vestry after the luncheon – about 1: 15 p.m. It should be quite a day, and we will have lots to give thanks for.

So, to repeat: Be there or be square! Off we go to a great autumn! Fr. John

Confirmation with Bishop Klusmeyer, August 25, 2013

by Chris Metheny

The following individuals have been working for the past year toward their confirmation with Bishop Klusmeyer during his next visit: Hunter Baker, Leah Marsh, Carrington Reese, and Abby Wadsworth.

This group of young people used the "Promises" guidebook for guidance on their journey with Christ and what it means to be Episcopalian, as well as reviewing sections and services of the Book of Common Prayer, Sunday Bulletin Navigation, Guest speakers on Stewardship (Neal Hamilton), Lent (Father John), Altar Guild (Dana Reideman), and Experiencing Your Own Journey with Christ (me). These young people have participated in services as acolytes, lectionary readers, and ushers. They have been active in several community outreach participation activities: Soup Opera, Backpack Food Program for Watson Elementary, and Coats/Mitten collection this winter for United Way. Additionally, they also participated in CEC Fun Activities like VBS, All Hallow's Eve Party, Pancake Supper, and Easter Egg Hunt.

I am very proud of these busy young people and hope you join me in gladly welcome them into Christ Episcopal Church with the Bishop and Father John's blessing! It was a pleasure to meet and get to know these young people.

Lucas Hilsbos is finally home

Lucas has returned from his three week fellowship with Community Water Solutions in Ghana, and considered it a wondrous and valuable experience. He will be helping the organization talk to other students who may want to participate in the future.

He has been blogging about the project at <http://lucasghanaadventure.wordpress.com>, gradually recording day-by-day notes, and welcomes everyone at Christ Church to go there read and comment. He continues to be very honored by the help he received at his church.

A Word from Carolyn Kerr

I have returned from my continuing education trip to Montreat. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you, the congregation, for helping to make my renewal week possible. Not only was the week spiritually uplifting, but also physically challenging. The worship center sits in the center of the campus, and all other buildings sit on the sides of mountains. So, I also got plenty of physical exercise.

My day began with an 8 am class entitled "Beyond the Job Description" followed by Adult Choir at 9 am. The choir was directed by Everett McCorvey, the founder and director of "The American" and Professor of Voice and Director of Opera at the University of Kentucky. The choir was made up of choir directors and just people who loved to sing. There were approximately 400 people who blended their voices in jubilant praise twice daily. The songs made the rafters ring. Morning Worship was at 11 am daily; Eucharist was served at each service. The worship services were all a meaningful experience. After lunch I attended 2 classes led by outstanding organists. The first, "Organ Masters", was led by Ton Trenney, a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music. He is currently Minister of Music at First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. What a devout, humble, talented musician! He presented an outstanding organ recital on Monday evening. The other organ class was entitled "Service Playing". It was taught by Michael Burkhardt a composer of choral, organ, and handbell repertoire. He too was an inspiring teacher who has taught at Carthage College in Wisconsin and Arizona State University. He currently resides in Detroit and is Director of Music in a Lutheran Church and as part of the church's outreach program directs the music school for underprivileged children. He presented many ideas for music in the worship service which I will be incorporating into our services.

Each evening there was a special program presented including concerts, recitals and a musical talent show (auditioned) presented by the youth in attendance at the conference.

As you can tell the week provided me with the excitement to begin another year of worshipping God through music.

Thanks again for the wonderful experience.

R. I. P.



Condolences to
Dave and Caroline Carlot
on the loss of her mother.

*May she rest in peace, and rise in
glory.*

SOUP OPERA

Thank you to all who volunteer there time on the 3rd Saturday of each month to serve the less fortunate. Also, thank you Kyle Hamilton for leading this amazing group!

Saturday, August 17th – Volunteers are needed to help serve meals to those in need at the **Soup Opera** (located downtown at the corner of Quincy and Jackson Streets, just below the Fairmont Municipal Building) from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Christ Church is scheduled to provide and serve the meals at the Soup Opera every third Saturday of the month. Contact Kyle Hamilton (366-5148) for more information and to sign up to help.

Sunday, August 25th – **Bishop Klusmeyer's** visit and **dinner**. Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service to celebrate our confirmands and the Bishop's visit. We will be providing ham, bread, various desserts, and beverages. We ask all in attendance to bring a side dish. For questions/concerns, please contact Barb Barkley, 304.367.0232(w)/304.366.7149(h)/304.816.2112(c) or Lisa Capsey-Baker, 304.363.7134.

Wednesday, September 4th – **Bible Study Fellowship** begins. The Revelation to John is back by popular demand. We will look at John's vision of the world as it is and is to come. Also Carolyn will be treating us to her wonderful cuisine following each study.

Sunday, September 8th – Mark your calendars for "**Rally Day**" hot dog picnic on our front church lawn. The Outreach Committee is planning a rally for the congregation and all who pass by!

Sunday, September 8th – First day back for the **Choir**.

Please be sure to check the bulletin board at the entrance of the church or contact the Parish Office for information about various **events** in our community and our Diocese. Coming soon: "**God in the Arts**" **workshop**, August 23-24, in Lewisburg, WV. **Mountain Grace Conference**, September 13-14, at Morehead State University Conference Center, Kentucky.

Please come out and support our team!!!



August games
Sunday, August 4, 3:30pm at Windmill Park



Last month Danielle and Emma Bane moved to Pennsylvania. Please keep them in your prayers.

Financial Report

July Income: \$6,640

July Expenses: \$13,659

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Reminder: The Parish Coordinator's summer hours are Monday – Thursday, 9am to 2pm.

Liturgical Assistants Calendar for 10:30am Holy Eucharist

If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements for a replacement. Ushers should be in place at 10:15 to serve as greeters and provide assistance to those needing help. Lectors can find their weekly readings at: <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Date	Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers	Counters
8/4 Pentecost 13	Rick H. Ann H.	Tara S. Kyle H.	Kyle H. Joyce H.	Meredith M. Leah M.	Team 3 Green	Kent B. Glenn B.	Tara S. Chris M.
8/11 Pentecost 14	Mike L. Louise L.	Barb B. Caroline C.	Dede B. Barb B.	Abby W. Hunter B.	Team 4 Green	Baker Family	Lisa C.-B. Barb B.
8/18 Pentecost 15	Martha H.	Bruce H. Dot H.	Bruce H. Dot H.	Leah M. Nicolas G.	Team 1 Green	Steed- Marsh Family	David B. Toni B.
8/25 Pentecost 16	Steve R. Dana R.	Neal H. Lisa C.-B.	Neal H. Joyce H.	Brett M. Abby W.	Team 2 Green	Glenn B. Kent B.	Toni B. Chris M.

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