

February 2010 Christ Church Chronicles



Senior Warden Sez....

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Parish Meeting on January 24th. The meeting was held in the church just before the recessional hymn and lasted for approximately 35 minutes. We then concluded and went into the Walker Room for soup and sandwiches. The response to this new format was very positive. Kathy Yaeger and I had a chance to discuss it @ the bank on Park Avenue the following Thursday. She and I were both disappointed by the attendance. Although we had a quorum and were able to conduct business there were many qualified lay persons in good standing who did not attend. The Canons of our Diocese say that "Lay Persons in Good Standing who are physically present, who are at least 18 years of age, who are regular contributors for the six months preceding the meeting to the support of the local church and to the work of the Diocese and National Church as shown on the books of the Treasurer, shall be entitled to vote at all Parish Meetings. Of course, the meeting is open to all even if not qualified to vote. My point in all this simply this: We are a community of faith. In order to grow and develop, not only to we have to elect Vestry to oversee the program and business management of our parish, we also need an opportunity to share ideas and discuss opportunities for our parish to grow in faith and witness for our Lord. You don't need to be 18 or meet any of the other voting requirements to have good ideas or suggestions to share. Please plan to attend next year.

Due to Pat's health issues, Father Larry is now in our parish two days/week instead of three. His normal schedule will Sunday and Monday although this will change as needed. For example, he will be here Good Friday and will be here for weddings, funerals, and so forth. Let's hope we have more weddings than funerals.

This change, of course, will reduce our monthly budget and will allow us to have Father Larry with us for an additional six months with the funds we have set aside for an Interim Rector. Now for the challenge.... This year the new Vestry and, frankly, the parish as a whole needs to figure out where we need to be at the end of the year and how we can get there. Unlike many churches, we are a growing parish. However, our growth has been insufficient to provide funding for in Interim beyond the end of this year. We will need to get creative to keep moving forward. We can with God's help. Please share your ideas with the Vestry as keep up the momentum.

ALTAR SERVERS:

February 7

EM: Ellen Gracie
Lector: Margaret Heald
Crucifer: Jillian Gray
1st Server: Jodi Gray
2nd Server: Carol Teresi

February 14

EM: Shelley Huston
Lector: Jeri Hogan
Crucifer: Roxana Fernandez
1st Server: Srephanie Onyeiwu
2nd Server: Betty Reed

February 17 - Ash Wednesday

EM: Ellen Gracie
Lector: Jodi Gray
Crucifer: Jillian Gray

February 21

EM: Elizabeth Weiss Ozorak
Lector: Rod Fernandez
Crucifer: Carol Teresi
1st Server: Jodi Gray
2nd Server: Jillian Gray

February 28

EM: Stuart Thompson
Lector: Leslie Work
Crucifer: Shane Thompson
1st Server: Roxana Fernandez
2nd Server: Adrian Work

See the Christ Church website for more opportunities to give.
www.christchurchepiscopal.com

Thanks:

To Father Doug Dayton for helping out in Father Larry's absence.

To Tom Collard, Pauli Thompson and Craig Smith for being willing to join the vestry for three year terms and to Shelley Huston for filling out a two year term. Also to Bronnie Bond, Carol Teresi, Bill Witherup and Garnett Persinger for their service.

To all who contributed to the Organ Fund for the Gemshorn repair!

How You Can Help...

Acolytes: See Jodi Gray

Altar Flowers: See Stacey Kline or someone on the Altar Guild

Coffee Hour: Sign up on the list on the easel bulletin board in the hall by the office. Make coffee and provide juice and some sort of munchies for fellowship after the feast. Store bought cookies are fine.

Choir: If you can match pitch and read music and are willing to attend rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and attend mass regularly, you are needed in the choir. See: Bill Witherup

Usher/Greeter: Be at the back of the church at least ten minutes before the service to welcome people, open the door if necessary and hand out bulletins.

Altar Guild: See Nancy Bluxome, president

Soup Kitchen: Show up at 10 am at Stone Methodist Church (South Main St. entrance) on the first Thursday of the month to help prepare and serve the noon meal.



The Rt. Rev. Robert D. Rowley, Jr.
July 6, 1941 - January 18, 2010

A Memorial Service in honor of Bishop Rowley will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral of St. Paul, 145 West Sixth Street, Erie, PA.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY

10 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM ECW (Second Sunday)
11:15 AM Vestry (Third Sunday)

TUESDAY

10 AM (Third Tuesday) Northwest
Spinners & Weavers Guild
Noon Open AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

Noon Open AA Meeting
7:30 PM Choir

THURSDAY

10 AM Soup Kitchen (First Thursday)
Noon Open AA Meeting
7 PM Red Door Quilters

FRIDAY

8 AM TOPS
Noon Open AA Meeting

SATURDAY

9 AM (First Saturday) Northwest
Spinners & Weavers Guild
10 am 3 Colors Group (Third Saturday)
8 PM Saturday Night AA Meeting



February Birthdays

Feb 4 Roxana Fernandez
Feb 6 William Bainbridge
Abe Finton
Feb 7 Lois Holabaugh
Feb 8 Marie Gordon
Feb 21 Dick Dewey

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Season of Lent  <i>Remember man thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
5 Epiphany 10:00 am HE Women's Services Collection	8	9	10 7:30 Choir	11	12	13
6 Epiphany 10:00 am HE 11:15 am ECW	15	16	17 7:30 Choir Ash Wednesday EM: Ellen, L: Jodi C: Jillian	18	19	20 10:00 am 3 Colors
1 Lent 10:00 am HE 11:15 am Vestry	22	23	24 7:30 pm HE	25	26	27
2 Lent 10:00 am HE	1	2	3 7:30 Choir	4	5	6 

HE=Holy Eucharist, EM=Eucharistic Minister, L=Lector, C=Crucifer, 1S=1st Server, 2S=2nd Server, ECW=Episcopal Church Women