

CHRIST MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
"THE CORNERSTONE"

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Why does time seem to pass more quickly the older I get? Can you believe that Lent begins this month? There will be two services on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at noon and at 7:00pm.

On February 23 we will begin our Lent Study program at 10:00am and 7:00 pm. We will be using a video series called "24 Hours That Changed the World". In this series we travel to the Holy Land with author Adam Hamilton to the places where the events of those last 24 hours took place. The seven sessions will include a video presentation of about 10 minutes followed by a time of discussion. There is a companion book that is read alongside the video and is very helpful. If you choose not to read the book you can still participate in and enjoy the study. There will be a sign up sheet in the Community room for those who would like to order copies of the book.

The seven sessions are as follows:

1. The Last Supper
2. The Garden of Gethsemane
3. Condemned by the Righteous
4. Jesus, Barabbas and Pilate
5. The Torture and Humiliation of the King
6. The Crucifixion
7. Christ the Victor

I hope that you will be able to carve out some time from your busy schedule to participate in at least some of these sessions. I've never been to the Holy Land but in previewing the DVD, I got a sense of the feel of the places described in the Gospel accounts. I think it will be an enlightening study.

God Bless You.
Mtr. Nancy

SCHEDULE FOR CHALICE BEARERS, LECTORS, & ACOLYTES

| DATE | SERVICE TIMES | CHALICE BEARER/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | READER (LECTOR) | ACOLYTES |
|-------------|---------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| FEBRUARY 5 | 8:00AM | JANE G. | JANE G. | JANE G. |
| | 10:00AM | KEN ALTENBACH | JANET STEELE | MIKE & HELENA EBY |
| FEBRUARY 12 | 8:00AM | DEB SHIPE | DEB SHIPE | DEB SHIPE |
| | 10:00AM | HELEN LINKER | ROBIN KESSLER | LAUREN BLEISTEIN |
| FEBRUARY 19 | 8:00AM | KEN ALTENBACH | KEN A. | KEN ALTENBACH |
| | 10:00AM | KEN ALTENBACH | HELEN LINKER | BECKY SUTHERLAND |
| FEBRUARY 22 | 12NOON | JANE G. | JANE G. | JANE G. |
| | 7:00PM | KEN A. | KEN A. | KEN A. |
| FEBRUARY 26 | 8:00AM | DEB SHIPE | BOB BOMBOY | DEB SHIPE |
| | 10:00AM | HELEN LINKER | DEB BLEISTEIN | KATHY SMITH |

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS. THE SIGN - UP SHEET IS LOCATED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

THE FOOD BANK NEEDS CEREAL THIS MONTH.

The Diocese of Central PA Children and Youth Committees invite you to participate in Happening #5, February 17-18-19. Happening is a weekend for youth put together by youth. The emphasis is on practical faith: What does it mean to be a Christian teen? Former Happeners are invited to participate in youth leadership, check out the web www.diocesepa.org Cost \$135.00

On March 16th-17th 18th A Middle School Conference will be held at Camp Luther This will be the Second Annual Middle School/Jr. High School Conference. This will help provide opportunities for connection with other youth in the Diocese as we journey together in mission. Cost - \$125.00

MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING, JANUARY 12, 2012

Present: Mother Nancy, d. Peterson, M. Eby, P. Stauffer, V. Koons, B. Peterson, K. Altenbach

Absent: J. Billman, S. Lentz, D. Shipe, A. Bower

I. Compline (opening)

II. Approval of Minutes - From Dec. 2011 mtg. , motion by D. Peterson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by K. Altenbach, motion carried unanimously.

III. Special Guest - Peggy Reichenbach, Big Brothers, Big Sisters Executive Director. She oversees our five county region which has been serving the children in this area for 27 yrs. All volunteers must pass FBI(nation-wide) background check. Adult mentors spend approx. 2hrs./wk. with the child they are paired with. Approx. 15 children are served in the Montour Co. Area alone. Cost is about \$1,000 /child/yr. To run the program. BBBS runs with a very small staff and one Americorp volunteer. They are sustained by private funds not government support.

IV. Treasurer's Report - A. Bower not present. Talked about year end income vs. expenses. May seek professional advice regarding dividend reinvestment. Will research UTO checks written out for 2011. B. Peterson moved to approve the report as presented, seconded by V. Koons, motion carried unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaw Committee Update - by V. Koons. Committee members will do homework on key issues in preparation for the next mtg.

B. Where Do We Stand...discussion by K. Altenbach. Andy France from the diocese will help us when we are ready to move forward with our strategy.

C. Auditor by B. Peterson. Has a firm lined up, but they have not called back. Will try another company.

D. Other Old Business - none.

VI. Executive Committee Discussions

A. Rector's report by Mtr. Nancy. The new Sunday School curriculum is going well. There are 3 homebound members who are receiving communion and visits.

B. Senior Warden's Report - none.

C. Jr. Warden's Report by D. Peterson, The plumbing in the nursery bathroom was repaired. Has submitted a written report for the annual mtg.

D. Finance Committee - no report

E. Cemetery Committee - no report

F. Advertising Committee - no report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence by Mtr. Nancy. Two organizations, The Good Samaritans and the Bloomsburg Red Cross, sent us thank you letters for our recent donations.

B. Action Items

1. Vestry Approval for Jr. Warden - Next Vestry will take this up.

2. Vestry Secretary - B. Peterson volunteered to take over this position.

3. Outreach Donations - A donation to Big Brothers/ Big Sisters was discussed. Motion by P. Stauffer to donate \$3,000 to BBBS, seconded by D. Peterson. Motion carried.

4. J. Gegenheimer, as spokesperson for the Altar Guild, has discovered that a new casket pall is needed; cost is \$473. Secondly, a cope needs to be tailored and there is an estimate in the range of several hundred dollars. Motion by D. Peterson to have these items taken care of, seconded by P. Stauffer, motion carried.

5. Mtr. Nancy researched switching to a different phone and Internet provider. CATV has a package which is \$50 less per month for the church and similar savings for the Rectory. It will cost \$200 to cancel the current plan with Verizon. Motion by D. Peterson to cancel Verizon and switch to CATV, seconded by K. Altenbach, motion carried.

C. Vestry member Needed - S. Lentz has retired, leaving one yr. Term to be filled. Need 2 more nominations by Annual Mtg. this Sun. In order to have a full Vestry.

D. Changes to the 2012 Budget - Will need to add \$500 to budget for Mtr. Nancy under Educational expenses which are required by the Diocese. Also, the Loose Offerings from the first Sunday of each month shall go to the Priest's Discretionary Fund as per agreement with the Diocese. Motion made by D. Peterson to reallocate these funds as follows: Decrease Outreach amount by \$500 to cover Educational expense and add the Priest's Discretionary Fund in the amount of \$200 to the In and Out section. Seconded by P. Stauffer. Motion carried.

E. Letter of Agreement - Letter is prepared and ready for signatures for Mtr Nancy to serve as Full Time Rector. Andy France will come in for a strategy session with the Vestry and Mtr. Nancy.

VIII. Confirmed next mtg. date of Feb. 9, 2012 at 6pm. Three vestry members, for sure will be absent on this date. Motion to adjourn made by D. Peterson, seconded by P. Stauffer, motion carried.

IX. Compline (Closing)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

January 15, 2012

ANNUAL MEETING

Mtg. called to order at 11:35 am by Mtr. Nancy

I. Budget Report by A. Bower. The 2012 Budget was passed at the December 2011 Vestry Mtg. Question was raised about overall income - it was noted that pledges are about 1/3 of total income. It was pointed out that there was a \$36,000 deficit in the 2011 budget and the 2012 budget is projecting a deficit of about \$102,000. Some had concerns about large deficits and suggested we revisit the Outreach amount of \$50,000. Also questioned if our interest income can sustain such large deficits. It was pointed out that we have run deficits in the past but they were not apparent due to the way in which the budget was, or appeared to be, balanced. Current accounting is more transparent. Others expressed a desire for our church to use our gifts towards Outreach and helping others in need. Several parishioners declared an interest to serve on the Finance Committee.

II. Altar Guild by J. Gegenheimer. It was noted that the Altar Guild has a \$100 annual budget.

III. Junior Warden's report by D. Peterson.

IV. Choir and Music Director's report by J. Pierce.

V. Sr. Warden's report by K. Altenbach.

VI. Rector's Report by Mtr. Nancy.

VII. Cemetery Report by P. Stauffer The main issue was tree removal following a severe storm. It was a difficult repair due to wintery conditions. Some plots that the cemetery owns are reserved for military veterans. Grounds maintenance is done very well.

VIII. Acolytes and Ushers - Have lost some members. Will get back on track this year.

IX. Sunday School - There is a new curriculum and 4 rotating teams of teachers. Susan Nunan

retired from full time Sunday School teaching this past year. Number of students attending week to week varies as does the age range.

X. New Vestry Members - There are 3 members at the end of their term. Also, S. Lentz is retiring, leaving a one year vacancy. D. Peterson, S. Nunan, and D. Stayer were the 3 nominees for the 4 available slots. By unanimous consent the results were as follows: D. Peterson, 3 yr. term, 2. S. Nunan -3 yr. term, 3. D. Stayer will fill 1 yr. vacancy NOTE: a 3 year term remains unfilled

XI. Diocesan Convention - Will be in Harrisburg this year. Need one delegate and

An alternate. Must also attend 3 Convocation mtgs. And also the Annual Meeting held in June. Two people volunteered and were approved by unanimous consent: Delegate

- J. Gegenheimer, Alternate-P. Stauffer

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

ANNUAL PLEDGE AMOUNTS FOR 2012

Ranging from highest to lowest rounded to the nearest dollar.

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| \$4,320 | This list is in response to questions about pledging. As of the date of this article we have received 26 pledges. There are also a number of people who do not pledge but who give regularly. They have not been included in this list. Where multiple people have pledged the same amount the number has been repeated to reflect that. |
| 4,000 | |
| 3,790 | |
| 3,600 | |
| 3,380 | |
| 3,328 | |
| 3,120 | |
| 2,600 | |
| 2,100 | |
| 2,080 | |
| 1,820 | I hope this gives you a sense of what the giving profile is like. The total in the 2012 Budget reflects both pledgers and givers of record and therefore the total of this list and the budget amount will not be the same. |
| 1,820 | |
| 1,800 | |
| 1,500 | |
| 1,200 | |
| 1,200 | |
| 1,200 | |
| 1,040 | |
| 780 | |
| 600 | |
| 520 | |
| 520 | |
| 500 | |
| 480 | |
| 364 | |
| 312 | |

\$52,674

FEBRUARY 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--------|--|
| | | | 1 5:30pm Evening service 7:00pm choir rehearsal | 2 10:00am Bible Study | 3 | 4 10:00 am- Noon - Train Program |
| 5 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00am Choral Eucharist | 6 Mtr. Nancy's day off | 7 | 8 5:30pm Evening service 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 9 | 10 | 11 10:00am - 12noon Train Program |
| 12 8:00am Eucharist 10:00 am Choral Eucharist | 13 Mtr. Nancy's day off | 14 | 15 5:30pm Evening Service 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 16 | 17 | 18 10:00am - 12 noon Train Program |
| 19 8:00am Eucharist 10:00am Choral Eucharist | 20 Mtr. Nancy's day off | 21 10:00 am "Bible Buds" | 22 12noon Ash Wed. Service 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service | 23 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study | 24 | 25 10:00 am - 12noon Train Program |
| 26 8:00am Eucharist 10:00am Choral Eucharist | 27 Mtr. Nancy's day off | 28 10:00am "Bible Buds" | 29 5:30 Stations of the Cross Evening Eucharist 7:00 Choir Rehearsal | | | |

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*“ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN YOU; SEARCH,
AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED FOR YOU.” Matt. 7:7*