

Close Call

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Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshipping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service, and fellowship. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.**

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Rector's Column

*But the dead youth must go on by himself,
and silently the elder Lament
takes him as far as the ravine,
where shimmering in the moonlight
is the fountainhead of joy. With reverence
she names it and says: —Among men
it is a mighty stream.—*

*They stand at the foot of the mountain-range.
And she embraces him, weeping.
Alone, he climbs on, up the mountains of
primal grief.
And not once do his footsteps echo from
the soundless path.*

—Rilke, "Duino Elegy X,"
tr. Stephen Mitchell

Beloved in Christ,

As I write these words, I am aware that this is the third Lenten column this year, coming just before Holy Week, or Passiontide. It has been a long Lent, not only for us, but for our neighbors who are not even Christian, for this winter has been a time of stripping-down not for many in our nation and in our world. Examining priorities, embracing austerity, doing without—these have become the national past-time. In a sense, this is the truest form of discipline

(or learning-tool): one that is imposed from without, one which we don't get to choose.

Passiontide is the season in which we contemplate many of the aspects in life which we would not choose to endure. Watching the Palm Sunday crowd veer from joy to derision, we are reminded of the fragility of the approbation we work so hard to earn. Watching Christ's friends leave him, one by one, we enter into our essential solitude. We see the frailty of the body, the cruelty that lies inside each one of us when we feel ourselves to be under threat, the waste of life which continues even today. We would not choose these things, but Christ did. He chose to undergo them for us.

Before Christ came, women and men could look each spring at the greening of the world, and never

think that their loved ones, too, might know life again. Before Christ came, death was Sheol, the great pit which swallowed us in darkness forever. Before Christ came, life was an endless unraveling, death the final measure of a score in which all the parts had come unglued, the oboe wailing on while the trumpet left the room, then the cello, then the timpani. Before Christ came, joy was a mighty stream among men, but Lament sang the final note.

Because Christ came, we no longer live in a world without hope. Because Christ came, we can find it within ourselves to enter willingly into that darkness where he has gone before, knowing that we no longer enter it alone. Because Christ came, we know that we will lose nothing essential forever: whoever is lost, we will

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receive again, changed, transfigured, made whole, on the last day, just as we, ourselves, shall be made perfected in our turn.

The essential thing about Lent is that it is real. When we seek God, when we seek the truth that is in our own soul, we find that, even in our solitude, we are deeply loved. In the most private place we can go, in the most desolate ravine we can cross, even there we are held in the heart of God. Christ has climbed the mountain of grief for us, so that we do not have to stay in that echoless silence. And so, even at the cross, even at the grave, in all our times of loss as in our times of joy, we make our song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessings and grace,

Deborah+

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

—Deborah+

We are a month into our experiment with a new Sunday schedule, and, so far, things are going well. If you haven't been here in a while, please note that times are now as follows:

8:00-Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45-9:30 Cooked breakfast available in auditorium. \$3, adults; \$2, children.

9:00-9:30 Youth choir rehearsal

9:30-10:20 Children's Sunday school, Rite 13, Adult Sunday school

9:45-Parish Choir rehearsal

10:30-Children's Chapel

10:30-Holy Eucharist, Rite II, followed by coffee hour

6 p.m. Vespers, followed by a brief concert at 6:30

VESTRY NOTES

*—Robin Brown,
Clerk of the Vestry*

Dr. Meister opened the March meeting with prayer by, followed by a short Bible study based on Mark 2:21-22. The rector noted that this business meeting of the vestry was transferred from the regular meeting scheduled for March 9; however, since it was taking place during the vestry retreat, the usual agenda would be abbreviated.

Strategic Plan:

Don Edwards introduced the revised Strategic Plan for the parish on behalf of the Strategic Planning Taskforce. He reviewed the history of the document and described the work of the taskforce.

Some objectives from the prior version have been dropped or modified to reflect what seems possible in the current economic climate. If this plan is to become meaningful, it needs to be supported by the vestry with the help of working committees. He advised that the Taskforce plans to reconvene and evaluate the Strategic Plan annually.

New Jersey Historic Trust Grant:

The rector announced that great news that we are on the list of proposed grant recipients that has gone to the State Legislature for final approval. We are on track to get the full \$412,000, provided we raise the full matching amount. Discussion was held as to whether we should enter into a conversation with the Trust to shift the proposed work from the Music Building to the Sanctuary. Doing so would reflect our current priorities in light of the national economy and the future difficulty of raising additional preservation funds.

Furthermore, to use the full amount of the grant, we would need to raise an additional \$230,000 in capital funds above what has already been pledged. Dr. Meister mentioned that we have been notified of a bequest from the estate of Jack Newton. Warden

Ambos noted that this charitable remainder trust is restricted to the purposes of building preservation and will not be available until 2013, at which time the amount of the remainder will be known.

It was suggested that this bequest might be used for much-needed "inside work" such as electrical and heating upgrades which cannot be funded by the Trust. Don Edwards brought up the fact that the parish has a line of credit from PNC Bank that could be used to pay contractors before receiving grant payments or pledges that come due after construction starts; if necessary it can also be used to support the match requirement.

Communications:

Dr. Meister noted that implementing the redesigned website requires submission to the parish office of photographs of parish life. Deacon Cornell volunteered to assist.

Volunteer Commitments and Community Engagement:

Gwen Greenberg described various activities being run by food pantry volunteers. The food pantry this past month increased 60 percent in the number of people served from the previous month - 1,200 in January to 1,958 in February. We distributed more than 8,000 lbs. of food.

In addition to food distribution, several new programs have been added. The first is Saturday morning art/drawing classes for the children of clients conducted by local architect/designer Evangelos Limpantoudis. He also has designed a web page for the food pantry that should be up and running soon. Initial steps have been taken to set up one-on-one reading and writing classes for clients with Rutgers students.

As a fundraiser, the food pantry is also saving cartons that our food comes in to recycle and sell to Rutgers students for their end-of-year move. The food pantry participated in the national housing survey of January 28, 2009, and is

continuing to use it to gather information about our clients and their needs. In addition to the 35 volunteers from the parish who routinely serve the food pantry, there is strong support from UMDNJ School of Public Health, whose students help with bagging and distributing food and surveys. Their organization (VOICES) is collecting diapers and exploring grants to support some of our other areas of growth.

The food pantry and associated programs now use the entire basement on Saturdays. For these programs to continue, the basement space should be taken off the market as rental space for groups outside the parish. Exploration has started on raising money to reimburse the parish for use of that space—the food pantry is now economically self-sufficient. The working out of the Gospel in our community will attract people to Christ Church. It is a vital ministry that will, with support of the vestry, continue to grow.

Finalizing the Transition to Godly Play:

Dr. Meister noted that to implement the new Church School curriculum, our classroom space will need repainting, construction of lockable storage shelves, and cleaning of the carpets. Instructional materials will need to be purchased or made. There is also the need for a few more teachers.

Black History Celebration Update:

Warden Winston Sirjue reported that the black history celebration has outgrown the Auditorium. He will be opening discussions with the Ukrainian Center on Davidson Road, in Somerset, for a multi-year contract for the last Saturday in February. The site offers more space (which offers the possibility of raising more money) and better parking than we have here.

Discussion ensued as to the possibility of converting the celebration into a Caribbean festival modeled after the Greek festival at St. George's Church on

River Road. The fundraising committee will join with Winston Sirjue to look into this.

Parochial Report:

Dr. Meister noted that the annual Parochial Report was overdue for submission to the Diocese. Mr. Ambros moved that the Report be approved by the vestry for submission, subject to receipt of the financial information from the Treasurer and its review by the Finance Committee chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC AND MEDITATION

is offered every **Wednesday from 12:15-12:45 p.m.** in the Clarke Chapel. This service is fully accessible for Parishioners and community members who use walker, canes, or wheelchairs.

All are welcome

CHRIST CHURCH'S FIRST-EVER RITE 13 CEREMONY

will be Sunday, May 17th, at 10:30!!!

Dear Members of Our Parish Family,

Two years ago, we made the decision to strengthen the Christian formation of our youth by bringing the Journey to Adulthood program to Christ Church. Nearly every Sunday since, a committed group of young people have met under the guidance of Chris Davies, Andrea Hawkins, and Cathy Whitener, exploring their faith, forming friendships with one another, and serving our community and those in need. They are a fantastic group of young people, and I am proud to have them in Christ Church!

They are now nearing the end of the first, two-year segment of the program, which we will mark with a Rite 13 Ceremony. Loosely modeled on a Bar Mitzvah, the Rite 13 service is a way for the youth, their families, and their congregation to acknowledge that these young people are no longer children, but are entering a new phase of their lives marked by increased powers of creativity, self-motivation, and responsibility to one another and to God. It is not Confirmation; we hope that the participants will choose to be confirmed at the end of an additional two years of preparation. But it is an important rite of passage, and we hope that all of you will come to support them and pray for them on this day.

If you normally attend the 8:00 service, consider "crossing over" on this day! If you normally attend the 10:30 service, please be aware that it will run long on that day. We hope you can come, but if you have an unbreakable commitment just after church, you might consider coming at 8:00 instead.

Blessings,

Deborah+

Worship and Study: The Heart of Christian Formation

Sundays

Lent marks the beginning of our experiment with altered service times. The Sunday morning schedule will be:

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45-
- 9:30 a.m. Cooked breakfast available in the auditorium. Adults \$3; children \$2.
- 9:00 a.m. Youth choir rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Education for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 6:00 p.m. Sung Vespers
- 6:30 p.m. Recital Series

Wednesday Evenings

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 7:30 p.m. Book Study: *Texts of Terror*

Please see adult education pages for descriptions of Lenten Offerings.

MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY VESPERS SERIES
Free concerts at 6:30 following 6 o'clock Vespers

April 5

Vespers for Palm Sunday: Choristers of Christ Church

April 12

EASTER DAY (no Vespers)

April 19

The Practitioners of Musick, Princeton, NJ
(music of the baroque)

April 26

5 for Dinner: A. Lish Lindsey, flute, Jeff Bittner, clarinet, Mark J. Donellan, oboe, Eva M. Szakal, horn, Christy Luburger, bassoon

HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

April 5-12

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is the day we re-enact Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, less than a week before his death, by processing with palms and meditating on the Passion at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Monday through Wednesday we continue to deepen our spiritual focus with daily Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday we remember the institution of the Lord's Supper with a parish meal and service of foot-washing, followed by the stripping of the altar, when we remember the arrest of Christ and the stripping of his dignity at the hands of the Roman soldiers. Soup supper at 6:00 p.m.; Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday is the day we remember the death of Christ for our salvation. Worship at noon and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday a brief office helps us to come to terms with the reality of Christ's death and burial. 10:00 a.m.

Great Vigil of Easter walks us through salvation history from the time of creation to the resurrection of Christ. The most sacred service of the Christian year, and originally the only time Christian converts could receive baptism. April 11, 8:00 p.m.

Easter morning: Festival Holy Eucharist celebrates the resurrection of Christ and our hope of eternal life. 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Adult Education Opportunities

LAY RETREAT WITH BISHOP COUNCELL

This retreat will be a time of prayer, reflection and renewal as we prepare to enter the season of Pentecost. We will explore, in prayer and discussion, Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit, and how, during Pentecost, to bring God closer to you. The retreat will include a celebration of the Eucharist.

When: Friday through Saturday, May 29-30; begins Friday, check-in 3:30 p.m., first session at 4 p.m. and ends Saturday at 4 p.m.

Cost: \$85 per person overnight, \$40 commuter, meals included.

Where: Stella Maris Retreat Center, 981 Ocean Avenue, Elberon, New Jersey 07740 (near Long Branch), Phone 732.229.0216.

Register by Friday, May 15. Space for overnight attendees is limited to 20. Check payable to the Diocese of New Jersey must be received by this date.

Registration: Email preferred to spaige@newjersey.anglican.org. Or fax registration form to 609.394.9546, mail form, or phone Sarah Paige, 609.394.5281, ext. 10.

Contact Constance White, 215.321.0722, or connielouwhite@msn.com

AN INVITATION

Noted writer and Christian activist Shane Claiborne will be speaking at

Second Reformed Church on College Avenue in New Brunswick
Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.

He calls us to a joy-filled and challenging understanding of our faith, and has a particular gift for connecting with youth and young adults. All are welcome!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY:

PHYLLIS TRIBLE'S *TEXTS OF TERROR*

Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9, March 4-April 1

In this book, a leading scholar of religion examines four challenging biblical stories which depict cruel treatment of women, and challenges us to think of how we, as individuals and as a church, use Scripture to marginalize or discount the value of women and others. Facilitated by Paul Kurtz, seminarian. If you wish to participate, the book is available through Amazon.com for about \$17 (including shipping).

ROMANS BIBLE STUDY

Sunday mornings at 9:30, through Pentecost

All adults and older teens are welcome to join in a study of Romans. St. Paul's last letter, Romans is considered to be the most systematic presentation of Christian theology in the New Testament, and is the basis for much of our understanding of salvation. This class will include both lecture and discussion. It will be accessible to people who have little previous experience with Scripture, and should engage those who have read extensively. Please bring a Bible! The Rev. Deborah Meister will lead us.

JESUS THE PEACE-MAKER

April 19

Half-day mini-retreat! **Jesus the Peace-Maker**, will be led by Janet Chisholm, who coordinates peace-maker training workshops for the Kirkridge Center, and is a nationally-recognized leader in faith-based peace-making and justice-seeking.

She is a popular writer on active non-violence, and has worked with church groups, veterans of the Iraq War, and prisoners. This class is designed to give you a taste of her three-day basic training, which helps participants learn to build a culture of non-violence, justice, peace, and reconciliation.

If you wish to come, please e-mail Julia at admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org, and indicate whether you will need food. Cost: \$7.50 for lunch, or bring your own. **Please R.S.V.P. by April 14 so that we can order the right amount of lunch.**

Parish Announcements

DINE TO DONATE

Dine at Perkins Restaurant and 10 percent of your bill will be donated to Christ Church. Coupons are located on the table at the back of Church; please take some for yourself, family, and friends.

CELL PHONES AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Bring your used inkjet printer cartridges and unwanted cell phones to back of the church to benefit Christ Church youth.

NEEDED FOR CANTERBURY HOUSE

A clothes drier, electric, in good working condition.

Contact the Rev. Gregory Bezilla
Episcopal Chaplain at Rutgers
732.932.1278
bezilla@rci.rutgers.edu

Spring Work Day!

Sunday, May 3



Please bring your gardening gloves, and help beautify our grounds for Spring! Church school children and Rite 13 participants are invited to bring plants for the children's garden.

MEN'S MINISTRY

—Deacon Pete Cornell

The Men's Ministry met for Bible study on March 8 at 9:30 in the basement meeting room under the office. We continued our study of James and focused on the end of the first chapter, which led us to reflection on whether we had to be followers of the Word in order to be good Christians, or if living a moral life was sufficient.

One member cited a Scandinavian study, which found that even in places with low church attendance, in a just society (which provided for the disenfranchised and cared for the weak), most people counted themselves as Christians. We contrasted James (who was writing to non-Jewish communities unexposed to the Word) and Paul (writing to the communities who had already heard the teaching of the Way).

We decided that although being a 'member of the club' was good for its members, being a Christian was often intimidating to newcomers and seekers. We concluded with a passage from Rev. Barbara Crafton, who reminds us to balance between honoring the past (which makes us who we are) while seeking the signs of something new (which will make us who God intends us to be).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Men's Ministry will NOT meet in April, given the Palm Sunday and Easter schedules. We will resume our studies on the second Sunday (May 10) at the appointed time for study (based on the prevailing calendar at 9 or 9:30). The meeting place will be announced as well. Please plan to join us!

Wanted!

Young, strong person(s) to help unload food picked up from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside. Food must be moved from our trucks to the shelves in the food pantry at Christ Church.

Approximately 4,000 pounds of food need to be moved. The task requires 1½ hours every third or fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Please call Gwen Greenberg at 908.420.0458 (cell).

CONGRATULATIONS TO IJEOMA EGEKEZE,

who is the 2009 New Jersey State Champion in the Poetry Out Loud competition. She will be traveling to Washington, DC on April 26-28 to compete in the national finals!

Music Ministry

THANKS TO OUR CHOIRS!

—Mark Trautman

All of choirs deserve a note of thanks for their work this past month. The **St. Cecilia** and **Canticum Novum** Choirs led the music at the 10 a.m. service on February 22; they will join together again on May 3 at the 10:30 service. The **Youth Choir** and **St. Cecilia Ensemble** sang at the Annual Black Heritage Celebration on February 28. Our *Parish Choir* sang a beautiful arrangement of the spiritual “Wade in the Water” the following day, accompanied by St. Cecilia member **Ijeoma Egekeze** as soloist.

We are always grateful for the hard work of our choristers and for all they add to the beauty of our services. The season of Lent is a particularly busy time for choirs, with extra rehearsals and extra services. Many thanks to all our singers for their hard work.

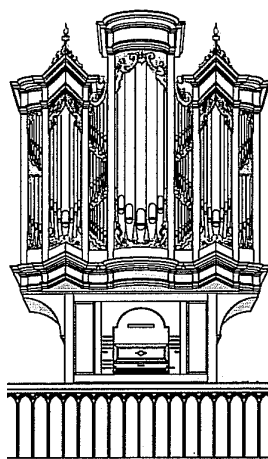
MUSIC DURING LENT

—Mark Trautman

If you grew up in the Episcopal church prior to about 1980, you might well remember the setting of the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) we have been using at both morning services. This setting was written by John Merbecke for *The Booke of Common Praier Noted* (that is, the Prayer Book with music) and published in 1550. It is the first musical setting of the liturgy ever to be written expressly for congregational use. It was quickly forgotten when the Prayer Book was revised in 1552, and was revived in the nineteenth century. The version we are using is from *The Hymnal 1940*.

The “choral service” in the Anglican musical tradition refers to a service where the ordinary (that is, the unchanging) parts of the service are sung chorally. This has been our tradition at Christ Church since the early 1890s. In the 1970s, that tradition began to give way to more congregational settings of common responses like the *Kyrie*, *Gloria*, *Sanctus*, and the like. During Lent this year, we have revived that tradition by having one of our choirs sing a choral setting of the *Kyrie*. Settings have included settings by Kenneth Leighton, William Walton, and Palestrina.

Kyrie eleison was originally used as a praise-shout to the Emperor, somewhat like the British “God save the queen.” It was adopted by the early Christians, who added the “Christ, have mercy” petition and incorporated into the Eucharist around the fourth century. I hope that our singing the *Kyrie* as part of the Penitential Rite during the Lenten season is a help toward setting a reflective atmosphere as we begin worship.



GERMAN GIRLCHOIR AT CHRIST CHURCH

—Mark Trautman

The **Schola Cantorum Leipzig** will present a concert at Christ Church on Sunday, May 3, at 6 p.m. The choir consists of thirty-five female singers, thirteen to twenty-six years of age, who are students at different Leipzig schools as well as apprentices, university students and workers.

The choir specializes in a *capella* music for treble voices from medieval times to the present and also sings with different orchestras in the production of choral-symphonic works. In 1999 the ensemble was involved in the official celebration of the Fiftieth anniversary of the Federal Republic of Germany in the “Reichstag” and has traveled on concert trips throughout Germany and, since 1994, also abroad.

Our own St. Cecilia Ensemble will join the choir for a few pieces at the concert, and a reception will follow. Suggested donation at the door is \$10. Hope to see you at the concert.

CHOIR CONCERT IS SUNDAY, MAY 17

—Mark Trautman

The annual Spring Concert will take place on **Sunday, May 17 at 6 p.m.** The Parish Choir will present “A Symphony of Psalms.” This concert will present settings of psalms from many different periods and in many languages, including Hebrew, German, Latin, English, and more. The **St. Cecilia Ensemble** will join the Parish Choir for Heinz Werner Zimmermann’s *Psalmkonzert*. This work is written in a jazz idiom for choir, three trumpets, vibraphone, string bass, and baritone. Please put the date on your calendar now!

Show your support!

Make a donation to Boaz Community Corp and receive one of our new beautiful enamel pins!



The Boaz Community Corporation is a not-for-profit community development organization dedicated to providing education and counseling on immigration matters in the central New Jersey area. The Boaz Community Corporation has grown out of support from the Christ Church of New Brunswick.

Founded in 1742, Christ Church has a long history of ministry to community members in need. Recognizing that immigrants make up almost a fourth of New Brunswick's residents, Boaz aims to support the integration of the newest members of our community through a host of out-reach and in-reach activities relating to immigration.

Recently Boaz has added a new component to its mission with its Family Law Outreach and Representation program. Boaz has been serving the legal needs of Central New Jersey residents on immigration matters since 2002. In that vein, we encounter many clients who are victims of domestic violence.

Boaz has risen to meet this emerging need, and is able to assist those clients that require relief from the Family Courts. Boaz provides representation to immigrant victims of domestic violence with family law matters such as divorce, restraining orders and custody issues.

This, combined with our continued efforts to represent clients in immigration matters and our interactions with the community to provide OUTREACH, EDUCATION and ADVOCACY has made Boaz a vital legal services agency in New Jersey.

As a token of our thanks, anyone making donations of \$15 or more will receive one of our new pins crafted by Condor Creations especially for us! The pin and a certificate of thanks enable you to proudly display your support to the cause of helping immigrants and battered women in New Jersey receive legal assistance!

Donations in the form of a check or money order, along with your name and address, may be sent to:

The Boaz Community Corp.
Attn: Teresa L. Staples, Esq.
5 Paterson Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

OR make a donation online at our Facebook Cause page:
<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/174526?m=3124eff7>

Thank you for your support!!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Call Sally Edwards (609.395.1467) and Julia Utz (732.545.6262) when you have made a substitution.

Please note the deadline for names changes in the Sunday Leaflets is noon on Wednesdays. **Intercessors**, please be in church and pick up the Intercessor three-ring binder before the Prelude starts. If you're later than that, we have to get a substitute from the congregation.

LECTIONS		April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3
4/5—Palm Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:32-15:39	8:00 AM	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Day</i>			
	EM	Joan Borden	Jose Castillo	Peter Clarke	Rod Neaveill	Bruce Rydel
	L/P	Meegan Adames	Patricia Warren	Sheila Cooper	Ruth Neaveill	Andrea Rydel
	CB	Jonathan Thomas	Sheila Cooper	Rod Neaveill	Syl Pratt	Allie Graham
4/12—Easter Day Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	U	Evangeline Guy	Elfrida Gooding	Sheila Cooper	Elfrida Gooding	Sheila Cooper
	U	Debra Lowe	Evangeline Guy	Margaret DeMatteo	Evangeline Guy	Debra Lowe
	10:30 AM			<i>Teaching Sunday</i>		
	EM	Sally Edwards	Chris Davies	Penny Gordon	Artie Phills	Andrea Cunnell
4/19—Easter 2b Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	L	Kerrie VanLoo	Meegan Adames	John Brockett	Paul Ambos	Tom Brown
	I	Cathy Whitener	Catherine Ambos	Emma Chant	Chris Brennan	David Burns
	CB	Molly Newling	David Heinlein	Allie Graham	Paul Kurtz	Rod Neaveill
	U	Peggy Smith	Martha Golfphin	Joseph Ambrosio	Wendy Benjamin	Mel Garber
4/26—Easter 3b Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	U	Kenreic VanLoo	Molly Newling	Matthew Ambrosio	Chris Davies	Martha Golfphin
	U	Marva VanLoo	Peggy Smith	Patrick Ambrosio	Thelma Fergusson	Molly Newling
	U	Wendy Benjamin	Richard Travers	Joanna Kuldinow	Mel Garber	Peggy Smith
	G	Carol Erickson	Carole Gibson	Annette Johnson	Betsy Thomas	Robin Brown
5/3—Easter 4b Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Acolytes					
	S	Kerrie VanLoo	Sam Kuldinow	Ijeoma Egekeze	Oluchi Egekeze	Graig Fergusson
	C	Graig Fergusson	Kabir Golfphin	Akean Benjamin	Alexandra Harbour	Kerrie VanLoo
	C	Victoria Harbour	Adam Hess	C LaPorte-Burns	Emma Chant	H LaPorte-Burns
	T	Chioma Egekeze	Joanna Kuldinow	Ashlinn Stansbury	Kendall Beckles	Bryan Herasme

Eucharistic Minister Lector Psalmist Intercessor Chalice Bearer Usher Greeter Server Crucifer Torchbearer

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday (*New Schedule*)

8:00—Holy Eucharist with Music, Rite I

8:45-9:30—Cooked breakfast in auditorium. \$3, adults. \$2, children

9:00-9:30—Youth choir rehearsal

9:30-10:20—Children's Sunday school, Rite 13, Adult Sunday school

9:30—Men's Ministry (second Sunday of the month)

9:45—Parish Choir rehearsal

10:30—Children's Chapel

10:30—Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II, followed by coffee hour

6:00—Vespers

6:30—Vespers Recital Series

Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m.—"Open" AA meeting for men and women in the Auditorium.

Monday

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.—Boaz Open Clinic

7:00 p.m.—Boaz Board (*third Monday of the month*)

7:15 p.m.—Lyme Disease Support Group (*second and fourth Mondays of the month*)

7:30 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 p.m.—Vestry (*second Monday of the month*)

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.—Boaz Open Clinic

Wednesday

12:15 p.m.—Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m.—Food Pantry (*last three Wednesdays of the month*)

7:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary (*through Lent*)

7:30 p.m.—Book Study (during Lent)

7:30 p.m.—WomenSpirit (after Lent)

7:30 p.m.—Property Committee (*first Wednesday of the month*)

Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.—Boaz Open Clinic

8:00 p.m.—Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday

9:00 a.m.—Food Pantry (*last two Fridays of the month*)

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