

CLOSE CALL

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A Newsletter of
Christ Episcopal Church,
New Brunswick NJ

A 'close' is the precinct or space around a cathedral or a church.

From the Wardens



“Our times are in your hands, O Lord,” we pray each month as we bless those marking birthdays or anniversaries and wonder if time really is passing more quickly as we age. This past month since we learned of Deborah’s call to St. Alban’s in Washington has flown by as plans have fallen into place for the transition to a new chapter in the life of this historic parish.

The Vestry took a major step this month when it chose the Rev. Dr. Francis A Hubbard to serve as Interim Rector. With Bishop Cuncell’s enthusiastic approval, Fr. Hubbard will begin his service on October 1. Some of you may know Frank from his long tenure as Vicar and Rector of St. Barnabas Church in Monmouth Junction. He is also familiar to homeless shelter volunteers at Christ Church, where he has joined others from St. Barnabas in staffing that outreach program. And those in church on August 28 will meet Frank when he serves as supply priest at 8:00 and 10:00.

Frank Hubbard began his ministry career in Belmont, Massachusetts, after earning his BA from Oberlin and his MDiv in Congregational Development from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge. He came to St. Barnabas in 1984 and led the congregation from mission to parish status, tripling Sunday attendance and doubling the size of the building. He also led the parish through major changes in diversity and in local and international outreach ministries.

Since leaving St. Barnabas in 2009, Frank completed his doctoral work at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, including a thesis on “The Challenge of Ideological Diversity in the Local Congregation.” In the past year, he has served as Interim Rector of St. Stephen’s Church in Riverside, NJ. Their Senior Warden described Frank as “a Godsend,” and said their transition time with him was one of the best in the church’s history.

We are delighted that Frank Hubbard has accepted our call to serve during our transition time and look forward to working with him to sustain the work God has called us to do in this place and time. We are also deeply grateful that our Deacon, Pete Cornell, with the approval of Bishop Cuncell, has agreed to continue to serve during the transition.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Church Welcomes a New Seminarian for the Fall!



—Ali Van Kuiken

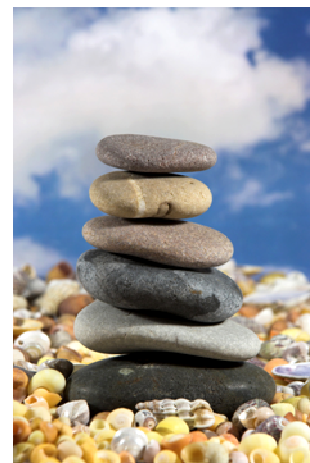
I was raised in an evangelical Baptist church but was drawn to Anglicanism by its liturgy and the ascetic practices of monastics.

To learn more about the life of a nun, a year ago I



spent two-and-a-half months living in a convent. This was right before two big events in my life: moving to Princeton to begin seminary and getting married.

My recent interests include playing piano, gardening, canning and preserving, chicken and duck tending, and, along with my husband Scott, beekeeping.



MEN'S MINISTRY



—Deacon Pete Cornell

The Men's Ministry met for Bible study on August 14th at 9:00 a.m., as we continued our study on the Sermon on the Mount (as found in Matthew). We are using a guide from the *Lifeguide Bible Study*, which has 12 sessions of reflection and questions on this very familiar story. We completed to study chapter 5, verses 17-20.

The final question in this series was focused on how we study and apply the teaching from the Old Testament in a modern context. We agreed that teaching such as the Ten Commandments, and the summary of the law into loving god and our neighbors all set principles by which we can guide our Christian lives. The many laws that defined the daily life of Jewish people in the Old Testament

(dietary law, monetary policy, etc.) are not as directly applicable; but they still can provide guidance in many situations we experience today. We also discussed our impression that the Old Testament was about a God who judged and punished, choosing to save those who were faithful to those laws. This is all before the good news proclaimed by Jesus in the New Testament, and the salvation He promised through belief.

The next meeting of the Bible Study group is scheduled for September 11th at 9:30 a.m. and we will begin our study of Matthew 5:21-30. Please feel free to read the passage, and you can contact me if you would like the questions we will address ahead of the session.

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Update on the Fall Dinner:
We continued to plan for the Fall Men's Dinner in support of outreach. The date is September 24th, and we will be setting the menu and other planning over the summer. We're looking for willing volunteers to assist with the event. Please contact Deacon Pete Cornell if

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Looking Forward...Christian Formation This Fall



Church school for youth and children will begin on **Sunday, September 11th**, the day we return to our fall schedule. Registration will take place on the two preceding Sundays, August 28th and September 4th, after each of the two services.

Godly Play, for children three and a half years old through second grade, will be held in the Noah's Ark Room beginning at 9:30 a.m. It is a Montessori-based approach which seeks to engage children's imagination in the service of their faith through holy play, artistic response, and wondering. It also includes age-appropriate worship. Children return to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

Living the Good News, for children in grades 3-5, will meet in

the Ross Room from 9:30-10:20 a.m.

Rite 13, our offering for youth in the 6th and 7th grades, will be held from 9:30-10:20 a.m. in the Rite 13 Room (Chapel of the Holy Innocents). Class members and their parents should fill out participant covenants during church school enrollment. We still need additional mentors for this group, so if you would like the opportunity to nurture and support our youth, please talk to Andrea Hawkins or email her at hawkiarf@yahoo.com.

Journey to Adulthood, for youth in the 8th and 9th grades, will meet from 9:15-10:20 a.m. in the former Boaz office (next to the nursery). Mentors will be Andy Murphy, Graig Fergussen, and Julia DerBedrosian.

Young Adults in Church, for youth in the 10th-11th grades, will meet in the downstairs Youth Room (where you were last year). Mentors will be Andrea Hawkins, Cathy Whitener, and Chris Davies.

The **Adult Forum** will meet in the Nicholas Room from 9:30-10:20 a.m., beginning this year on **Sunday, September 25th**. Parishioner Andy Murphy, who is an Associate Professor of political

science at Rutgers, will lead us in a three-week study, **Religion and American Politics: Past, Present, Future**. The sessions will examine the interplay of religion and American public life, taking us from the colonies and American Revolution through the rise of the Christian Right and the growing religious diversity of the present, and looking at how today's trends may impact our common future.

The Men's Group will meet in the Auditorium from 9:30-10:20 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, under the guidance of Deacon Pete Cornell. They are continuing their study of the Sermon on the Mount. All are welcome!

Womenspirit, open to all women in the parish, is a community of learning, support, and prayer which meets Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Ross Room.



MEN'S MINISTRY CONTINUED

you are willing to assist with what promises to be a great evening.

All men of the Parish are invited and encouraged to attend, we always have lively and interesting discussions as we explore who we are and how we can be better Christians in the role we play as men. Please contact Deacon Pete Cornell if you want more information or have any suggestions about how to improve this Ministry within the Parish.



Close Call Article Deadlines

Below are the deadlines for submission of articles to be included in the *Close Call* for the rest of the year.

September 23
(October edition)

October 21
(November edition)

November 18
(December edition)

December 16
(January 2012 edition)

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VESTRY MINUTES

—*Chizoba Nwankwo, Clerk*

August 9, 2011

The regular vestry meeting was held August 9, 2011. The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 7:30 p.m. in the Ross Room.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report:

Treasurer Kathryn Brennan presented a written report. She informed the vestry that based on feedback from the audit that was just concluded, she will be exploring ways to consolidate different church accounts using QuickBooks as a means of tracking the different funds.

Children's Formation Report:

Committee Chair Judith Kuldinow reported that they are still trying to recruit a team of two people for Godly Play and another pair to help lead the new Rite 13 group.

Youth Formation Report:

There was no report by the Committee other than the need for Rite 13 leaders just mentioned. Vestrymember Robert Chant informed the vestry that a pool table has been donated by the husband of Judith Lee, former Assistant Priest in the parish, for use by the parish youth, but money will be needed to pay for moving

the table to the Parish hall. He will follow up with people after the meeting to find out if anyone else is willing to contribute.

Stewardship: Committee Chair Beth Angell noted that the Stewardship campaign would begin slightly later this year than usual due to the transition.

Music: Vestrymember Arthur Erickson asked John Sheridan to give a verbal report on Music Committee activities. Dr. Sheridan explained that there are seven events that are planned for the coming year which will be advertised and sold as a concert series or two tickets or a single ticket purchase.

He also mentioned that there has been an issue with the use of the church as a concert or performing space and with the use of the organ. He proposed that we set aside approximately 20 dates during the year and offer them on a first-come, first-served basis to performers that have previously been vetted as to qualifications. As part of the new proposal, we would not pay them, as was done in the past, but we would split the event donations and also help with event advertising. Dr. Sheridan asked for and received the approval of the proposal by the vestry.

Warden Ambros asked if these events would be combined with Vespers or another worship service; Dr. Sheridan replied that he was not thinking of combining the two, but he would like to do a Jazz Vespers in November and in December Julia Utz would like to do a Women's Schola service. Rector Meister told him to think about the possible need for liability insurance for the events and commended Dr. Sheridan on his creative thinking.

Fundraising/Special Events:

Committee Chair Nwankwo gave a verbal report. She mentioned that International Night will be combined with the Cookbook launch in November. Also, there are plans to have a Shrove Tuesday celebration next February. The Committee will also work with the Stewardship Committee on the food-store shopping script program.

Rector's Report:

Rector Meister presented a written report, and as part of the report she mentioned that she was working on finalizing the plaque for the Annunciation window. The choice of plaques was between a small brass plaque similar to what has been used before, or the vestry could authorize a 4x6 plaque that costs \$370 (the money for it would



probably come from the Property Committee). Arthur Erickson made a motion to approve the Rector going forward with obtaining the 4x6 plaque in recognition of the Annunciation window. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Rector also mentioned that there appears to be a hairline crack on the Annunciation window, so she has reached out to Willett-Hauser and they will come by when they are in the area to fix it.

Deacon's Report:

Deacon Peter Cornell submitted a written report and informed the vestry that, with the permission of the Bishop, he would remain at Christ Church through the interim period.

Old Business: Exterior Restoration Project:

Warden Ambros reported that the new glass was purchased for the last Tiffany lamp but it was cut to the wrong size, and the contractor is working to rectify the mistake. The failed stone in the second south window arch still needs to be replaced, but there is no

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schedule for that yet. Work is nearly finished. Rector Meister informed the vestry that the electrician installed the new light panel, and the different light scenes still need to be programmed.

Implementation of Vestry Retreat Action Items

New Sign: Vestrymember Steven Caruso advised that the Communications Committee has not met yet, but they will try to meet sometime soon. Vestrymember Julia Der Bedrosian mentioned that she spoke to a sign maker, and he is willing to work with the group once they decide what they want to do.

Planning for further Vestry retreats: Warden Donald Edwards and Vestrymember Greenberg noted that they have not heard from the Van Winkle House, so we will probably be having the retreat at the church. They have engaged Barbara Crafton to lead the retreat and will be meeting with her to work out the agenda for the retreat.

Living Stones Follow-up: Warden Edwards asked the members of the vestry to report to him who they contacted about Living Stones so that we can determine if there are still people who need to be contacted.

Finance Committee Recommendation re Rectory Purchase: Committee Chair Robert Chant informed the vestry that due to varying circumstances, the Committee decided not to recommend purchasing a rectory at this time, but recommends that we wait to explore the possibility with the incoming Rector. Once a candidate is selected, this can be broached during the negotiation process.

Under New Business, Interim Rector: Rector Meister excused herself for the discussion and asked Warden Ambos to chair the session.

Warden Ambos informed the vestry that the Reverend Dr. Francis Appleton Hubbard had been one of the interim candidates recommended by the diocese, and the wardens had reached an agreement with him to begin serving in October. Prior to then, he would stop by from time to time in order to familiarize himself with the staff. The wardens have arranged for supply priest coverage for Wednesday and Sunday services between Deborah Meister's departure and the end of September.

Warden Ambos proceeded to make the following motion:

Resolved, That the vestry of Christ Church, New Brunswick, approve the agreement

between the parish and the Rev'd Dr. Francis A. Hubbard as Interim Rector as presented to this meeting, subject to approval by the Bishop of New Jersey and diocesan officers, and authorize its execution and delivery by the wardens.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

It was suggested by Kathy Brennan that in lieu of creating a new Interim Rector's Discretionary Account, she would do a final accounting with Rector Meister to reconcile the current Rector's Discretionary Account, and then she would present Father Hubbard with a new blank check register when he started. Following that, the two official signatories would be changed from Rector Meister and the Treasurer to Father Hubbard and the Treasurer. To do this, she would need a resolution for the change in signatories and then she would be able to add him. A motion was proposed to authorize the change in signatories on the existing Rector's Discretionary Account from Deborah Meister to Francis Hubbard. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Vestrymember Gwen Greenberg felt that it may be at a disservice to the Interim Rector not to know where the money used to go and recommended that

Reverend Meister go over this with him.

Treasurer Brennan mentioned that there is a provision for auditing the discretionary account but she was not sure who would do it. Warden Ambos was also not sure about the process and he suggested consulting with Phyllis Jones to find out how it should be handled.

It was agreed that the Interim Rector would not be invited to the vestry retreat on September 10 but that we would try to meet with him after his visit as a supply priest and we would also invite him to the September 13 vestry meeting.

Rector Meister rejoined the meeting and resumed the chair.

Deborah Meister Close-Down Issues, Funding for the J2A Pilgrimage: The Rector commented that it was traditional for the church to contribute money for each of the pilgrims and she proposed two possible approaches:

The DeVoe Young Churchmen's Trust, which was created to foster spiritual experiences for the youth: Based on the current balance in June of \$33,000, it is possible to contribute \$1,500 to the pilgrimage fund. This will require the

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sign-off of the Rector and Warden Edwards as trustees.

The Rector's Discretionary Account: Thanks to the generosity of a former parishioner, there is about \$10,000 in the discretionary fund, and so the Rector may be able to make a small donation to each of the children in the young adults in church group and new J2A group for their pilgrimage fund. This would bring the total to \$5,700 if funds are added from the discretionary account.

The Rector noted that this cannot be seen as a way to fund future groups.

Warden Edwards stated that he was willing to authorize the draw from the Churchmen's Trust and he asked Treasurer Brennan to transfer \$1,500.

Black Heritage Committee (Fundraiser for Benny Barksdale): The Committee has requested a loan from the Arthur Phillips fund to reserve a room at the Hyatt Regency. The issue with the request is that the fund is a restricted, and the proposed event does not meet the requirements of the uses of the fund as stipulated in the January 12, 2009 resolution. The Rector advised that the vestry would have to decide

whether the funds could be used for the event. There was also a concern about what would happen if the event did not make enough money to repay the funds. Vestrymember Marie Thompson assured the vestry on behalf of the Black Heritage Committee that the funds would be repaid.

The Rector suggested that one way to move forward would be for the vestry to amend the specified uses of the fund in the January 12, 2009 resolution. Warden Ambos moved to amend the resolution of January 12, 2009, to add at the end the words "and other celebrations authorized by the Black Heritage Committee and the Vestry." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The amended resolution now reads:

Resolved, That a fund be established to honor H. Arthur Phillips for his leadership in Christ Church and his dedication to the celebration of the African-American heritage for the past 16 years, and that said fund will be used to help defray costs associated with the annual Black Heritage Celebration and other celebrations

authorized by the Black Heritage Committee and the Vestry.

Following this, Mr. Ambos moved to authorize the advance of \$800 from the Arthur Phillips Fund for the reservation of a room at the Hyatt for the Benny Barksdale fundraising event. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m. with a closing prayer by the Rector.

The next regular vestry meeting is scheduled to be held on September 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

Message from Deborah

As I leave New Jersey, I hope not to leave you all behind. While I am no longer your priest or pastor, I hope to remain your friend. You can contact me at:

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or deborah_meister@hotmail.com.



*Holy Eucharist with Music
and Mediation
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.*

From the Wardens (Continued)



In addition to appointing an Interim Rector, we have made plans for supply clergy for all Sunday and Wednesday services in August and September. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 24	Rev. Greg Bezilla
Sunday, August 28	Rev. Dr. Frank A. Hubbard
Wednesday, August 31	Rev. Greg Bezilla
Sunday, September 4	Rev. Greg Bezilla
Wednesday, September 7	Rev. Dr. Frank A. Hubbard
Sunday, September 11	Rev. David Adams
Wednesday, September 14	Rev. Greg Bezilla
Sunday, September 18	Farewell Sunday— Rev. Dr. Deborah Meister
Wednesday, September 21	Rev. Dr. Frank A. Hubbard
Sunday, September 25	Rev. Barbara Crafton
Wednesday, September 28	Rev. Greg Bezilla

The Vestry will be meeting for a retreat on Saturday, September 10, to reflect on what our parish has achieved in our five years with Deborah and where we may be led by the Spirit in the years ahead. The retreat will be led by the Rev. Barbara Crafton, a noted retreat leader and spiritual director. This will begin the process of self-study, preparation of a Parish Profile and search for our next rector. These procedures are outlined in a brochure, *The Discernment Process in the Diocese of New Jersey*, which is available at the back of the church or in the office. Please keep the church's leaders in your prayers as we begin this work.

Paul Ambros
Rector's Warden

Don Edwards
People's Warden

Food Pantry Calendar

CHRIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY
DISTRIBUTION AND VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 2011

September 13 (Tuesday)

8:00AM—Unloading truck(s) from Hillside
NEED HELP TO UNLOAD THE TRUCK

September 14 (Wednesday)

AM—MCFOODS pickup **NEED HELP**
10—12 Pickup from Famous Daves
6-7PM—Distribution

September 15 (Thursday)

6-8PM—Bagging **NEED HELP**

September 17 (Saturday)

9:30-10:30 AM—Bagging
10:30-11:30AM—Distribution

September 18 (Sunday)

12:30-2:30M—Bagging

September 21 (Wednesday)

AM—MCFOODS pickup
6-7PM—Distribution

September 22 (Thursday)

6-8PM—Bagging **NEED HELP**

September 23 (Friday)

9-10AM—Distribution

September 24 (Saturday)

9:30-10:30 AM—Bagging
10:30-11:30AM—Distribution

September 25 (Sunday)

12:30-230M—Bagging

September 28 (Wednesday)

AM—MCFOODS pickup
6-7PM—Distribution

September 29 (Thursday)

6-8PM—Bagging **NEED HELP**

September 30 (Friday)

9-10AM—Distribution

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Music Notes

Christ Church Choirs Resume for the 2011-2012 Season

—John Sheridan

We are very fortunate at Christ Church to have several choirs which offer opportunities for leadership through music to all ranges of ages and abilities. All our choirs will resume rehearsals in September. Might this be an opportunity for you?

The **Parish Choir** resumes regular Thursday evening rehearsals on September 1st, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Highlights this year will be Jazz Vespers in November; *Messiah* with Coro Lirica and the New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra at the State Theatre and our traditional Lessons & Carols in December; a concert of musical responses to sacred art in March; and a spring concert featuring works for organ and choir in May. Any and all with prior choral experience and who can read music are welcome to join.

Canticum Novum resumes regular Monday evening rehearsals on September 5th, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chancel. Yes, I know it's Labor Day, but I am offering this rehearsal to all who will come because we'll be

singing the following Sunday morning! This year, starting in October, Canticum Novum will lead our worship the second Sunday of every month at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. All are welcome—the only prerequisite is that you love to sing!

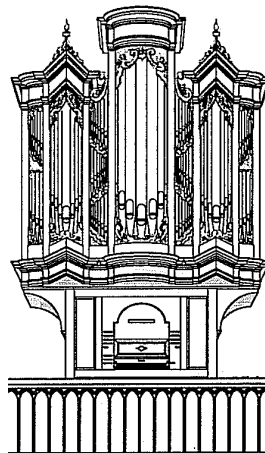
The **St. Cecilia Ensemble** resumes regular Sunday rehearsals at noon, right after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, on Sunday September 18th. This choir is open to young men and women of middle- and high-school age. This year, we will not only sing but also explore bell ringing.

For more information on any of the above choirs, please contact John Sheridan in the church office or at music@christchurchnewbrunswick.org.

The **Youth Choir** resumes regular Sunday rehearsals on September 11th from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room, led by our Youth Choir Director, Renata Koumendouros. For more information, please contact Renata in the church office or at rkoumendouros@hotmail.com.



The **Women's Schola** will be performing in December. This is a choir for women which focuses on chant and medieval polyphony. Any who are interested should contact Giulia Utz in the church office or at divagiula@optonline.net.



Thanks to the Summer Choir

—John Sheridan

For eleven weeks this summer we have enjoyed our **Summer Choir**, a group of singers who have gathered just before the 10:00 a.m. service to learn a simple anthem to grace our worship. Many of those who have sung this summer are members of our other choirs; but some parishioners who don't normally sing during the academic year joined us as well. I want to extend my thanks for this leadership to Catherine Ambos, Paul Ambos, Tom Brown, Dale Buckendahl, Pat Buckendahl, Louise Deis, Art Erickson, Gwen Greenberg, Jean Houvener, Sue Kojima, Judith Kuldinow, Karl Manger, Starr Muscle, Rebecca Novak, Jim Rossi, Lorraine Sarhage, Doreen Sirjue, Marie Thompson, and Walter Zimmerman. I think that list is exhaustive, but if I've left your name off, please forgive me and let me know so that I can acknowledge your gift of time and talent in next month's *Close Call!*

Sound as Prayer: A Not-So-Quiet Day of Spiritual Exercises Using Sound and Shared Silence

I am very excited to announce that Christ Church will host a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. here at the church. The retreat is intended especially for members of our choirs, but it is open to any and all who are interested in exploring the connection of voice and spirituality.

Our facilitator will be Ana Hernandez, who is a composer, arranger, and performer of sacred music. For more than a decade, she has conducted workshops that encourage people to explore the connection between the physical and spiritual through chant, rhythm, and movement. You can find out more about her at her website, www.anahermusic.com; you can also hear her and her music at <http://www.myspace.com/anahermusic>.

Ana describes this workshop this way:

The voice is nature's most perfect instrument; other instruments have been trying to replicate its magnetism since the dawn of time. Our voices reveal things about us before we realize them ourselves. The voice is a barometer: it measures the atmospheric pressure of our emotions. When we dream about our greatest dreams or suffer our biggest hurts, they are present in our voices. The voice you've been given is a part of your gift to the world and is unique in the universe.

In this popular workshop we will re-discover God with and in our voices; listen deeply and experience the ways sound touches spirit; explore sacred chant to heal ourselves and the world, learning how sound can enhance well-being; reflect on sounds that open (and close) our hearts. All are welcome at this day of humming, toning, singing, deep listening, and seriously fun prayer. If you can hum, you can come. Learn how your voice lives in your body, how to use it to generate health and healing, and how to let it help you bring your best self to all you do. Listen to yourself for a change.

I'm very excited about this workshop and hope you will be too. Please hold the date! For more information, contact John Sheridan at the church office or at music@christchurchnewbrunswick.org.

9/11 Day of Remembrance

Christ Church's Choirs will be participating in the City of New Brunswick's commemoration of the events of 9/11 at the 9/11 Day of Remembrance: "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow". This event runs from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Boyd Park, on Route 18 along the river. The choirs will be singing a very simple, easy and affecting an-



them based on the familiar text, "Dona nobis pacem" (Give us peace.) I invite any and all of you, choir members or not, to join us for this event. For more information, please contact John Sheridan in the church office or at music@christchurchnewbrunswick.org.

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Christ Church Announces Its 2011-2012 Concert Series



The Music Committee and I are pleased to announce an exciting concert series for the 2011-2012 season.

**Saturday, October 29, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. – The Hyatt
Benny Barksdale & Friends**

Join us at the Hyatt for a festive evening of good food, dancing, and great jazz performed by the inimitable Benny Barksdale and his combo. Co-sponsored by Christ Church's Black Heritage Committee. Dinner is included in the ticket price.

**Sunday, November 20, 2011 – 4 p.m. – Christ Church
Organ Celebration: John Sheridan**

Come celebrate the 10th anniversary of Christ Church's magnificent Richards-Fowkes organ at a recital played by Christ Church's new Director of Music. Music by Bach, Hindemith, Vierne and others.

**Friday, December 2, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. – State Theatre
Handel's *Messiah***

The Christ Church Parish Choir joins forces with Coro Lirica and the New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra to present the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* at the State Theatre.

**Saturday, February 26, 2012 – 7:30 p.m. – Christ Church
The Spiritual Bach**

The noted African-American organist Marvin Mills and soprano Marliisa Hudson present an exciting program pairing the incomparable organ music of J.S. Bach together with African-American spirituals. Co-sponsored by Christ Church's Black Heritage Committee.

**Sunday, March 18, 2012 – 7:30 p.m. – Christ Church
Sacred Music, Sacred Art**

A Lenten musical reflection on works of art displayed in the church. Sung by Vox Fidelis and others.

**Sunday, April 15, 2012 – 4 p.m. – Christ Church
Organ Celebration: Mark Trautman**

Christ Church's former Director of Music returns in recital to continue our celebration of the 10th anniversary of our Richards-Fowkes organ.

**Sunday, May 13, 2012 – 4 p.m. – Christ Church
Spring Choral Concert**

We conclude the season and the celebration of our Richards-Fowkes organ and the Christ Church Parish Choir in works featuring organ with choir and instruments.

Single-event tickets are \$15 for regular admission; \$5 for seniors, students and children except for Benny Barksdale, which is \$65 (dinner included) and Handel's *Messiah*, which is \$35 regular and \$25 seniors. The following season tickets are also available: \$160 for one ticket for all events (a \$15 savings); \$300 for two tickets for all events (a \$50 savings); \$70 for the 5 events at Christ Church (no Barksdale, no *Messiah*—a \$5 savings). We are also offering incentives to those who wish to make additional donations to the Christ Church music fund. For more information, look for our brochure, or contact John Sheridan at the church office or at music@christchurchnewbrunswick.org.

Christ Church-Black Heritage Committee

Presents

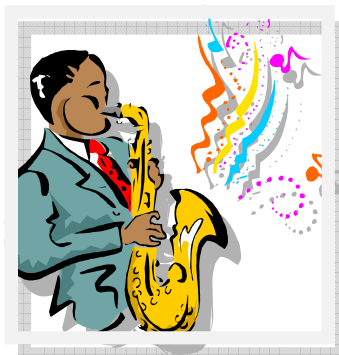
JAZZ AND DINNER

Saturday, October 29, 2011

6:30 PM

Hyatt Regency Hotel — New Brunswick, NJ

A Benefit Concert
Featuring the Music of Our Own



Benny Barksdale, Jr.

Ticket Info and Purchase

Tickets: \$65 Per Person

Call (evenings only):

- Zida Abbott — 732.545.0748 or caribbean99@aol.com
- Jonathan Gloster — 301.467.4368 or JGLOSTER73@gmail.com
- Chizoba Nwankwo — 732.485.4330 or chiznwan@yahoo.com

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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.

	8:00 AM	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	October 2
LECTIONS						
September 4						
Exodus 12:1-14	Kevin Stansbury	Bruce Rydel	Joan Borden	Peter Clarke	Kevin Stansbury	
Psalms 149	Jonathan Clark	Pat Warren	Sheila Cooper	Meegan Adames	Jonathan Clark	
Romans 13:8-14						
Matthew 18:15-20						
September 11						
Exodus 14:19-31	Sheila Cooper	Ali VanKuiken	Syl Pratt	Rosalyn Suigahara	Austin Cooper	
Psalms 114	Elfrida Gooding	Don Braun	Beverly Briggs	Sheila Cooper	Evangeline Guy	
Romans 14:1-12	Debra Lowe	Sarah Braun	David Briggs	Pat Lowe	Elfrida Gooding	
Matthew 18:21-35						
10:00 AM						
September 18						
Exodus 16:2-15	Andrea Cunnell	Chris Davies	Sally Edwards	Andrea Cunnell	Chizoba Nwankwo	
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45	Mel Garber	Jonathan Gloster	Catherine Harbour	C La-Porte Burns	H LaPorte-Burns	
Philippians 1:21-30	John Egekeze	Kay Hadzimidichalis	Eve Johnson	Sarah Luke	Jennifer Murphy	
Matthew 20:1-16	Sandy Heinlein	Ali VanKuiken	Molly Newling	Mary Nelson	Sandy Heinlein	
September 25						
Exodus 17:1-7	Molly Newling	Wendy Benjamin	Joseph Ambrosio	Peggy Smith	Wendy Benjamin	
Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16	Ken VanLoo	Mel Garber	Matthew Ambrosio	Pete Murphy	Laurel Evans	
Philippians 2:1-13	Marva VanLoo	Martha Golfphih	Laurel Evans	Sam Murphy	Mel Garber	
Matthew 21:23-32	Chris Davies	Molly Newling	Hansford Kilkenny	Chris Davies	Martha Golfphih	
October 2						
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Judith Kuldimow	Marie Thompson	Chizoba Nwankwo	Robin Brown	Nancy Cornell	
Psalms 19	***	***	***	***	***	
Philippians 3:4b-14						
Matthew 21:33-46	H La-Porte Burns	Chioma Egekeze	Kabir Golfphih	Joanna Kuldinow	H LaPorte-Burns	
Acolytes						
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T	Audrey Orford	Rebecca Chant	C LaPorte-Burns	Audrey Orford	Amelia Wilkerson	

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

Academic Year Schedule Begins September 11

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Music, Rite I

9-9:30 a.m.—Youth choir rehearsal

9:15-10:20 a.m.—J2A

9:30-10:20 a.m.—Education Hour

9:30 a.m.—Men's Ministry (2nd Sunday)

9:30 a.m. (9 a.m. Sept. 4)—Parish Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. (10 a.m. Sept. 4)—Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II, followed by Coffee Hour

12-12:30 p.m.—St. Cecilia Ensemble rehearsal

Monday through Friday

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

Monday

7:15 p.m.—Lyme Disease Support Group (first and third Mondays of the month)

7:30 p.m.—Canticum Novum Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

6:00 p.m.—Food Pantry (second, third, and fourth Wednesdays of the month)

7:30 p.m.—WomenSpirit

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

Thursday

8:00 p.m.—Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday

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

Saturday

10:30 a.m.—Food Pantry (last two Saturdays of the month)

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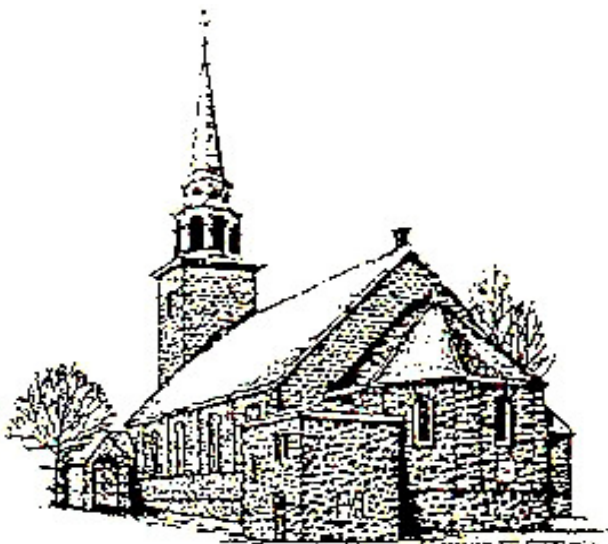
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