



# THE COURIER

The Newsletter of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, River Hills, WI

March 2009

## Experiencing St. Christopher's

Share your experience of St. Christopher's and assist our Search Committee in developing our parish profile. Whether you have been at St. Christopher's from the beginning or you joined recently, we need your help in developing a time line of our parish that explores how the past has shaped our present and how we would like to shape our future. The results of our journey will give prospective candidates for rector, as well as all visitors to our web site, a snapshot of who we are. The Reverend Martha Berger will lead us on this exciting exploration of how we see ourselves, past, present, and future.

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
St. Christopher's Community Room

**9:00 AM – Breakfast**

**9:30- Noon – Morning Session**  
Sharing our past and present with all members of  
St. Christopher's Community

**Noon – Lunch**

**12:45 -3 PM – Afternoon Session**  
What does our history and experience tell us about ourselves and our community? How might our learning impact our search? What have we learned about what God may be calling us to do?



This is your time to provide important input and insight for the development of our parish profile. This profile will serve as the foundation for the Search Committee in their work to call a new rector.

All members of St. Christopher's, youth and adults are encouraged to attend.

**CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE ALL DAY**

*To register and reserve childcare, please call the office by St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>.*

# Interim Rector Notes

As we begin this season of Lent, we are reminded that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Discerning and carrying out God's purpose is the primary purpose of our lives. The gifts we have been given are to be used for that purpose. The primary role of the church is to guide individuals in discernment of the mission for their lives and use of their resources in accomplishing it.

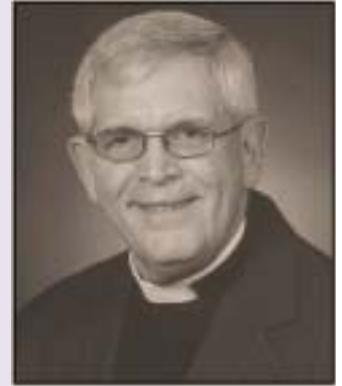
In a small leaflet provided by the Episcopal Church called *Finding Hope in Hard Times*, we are reminded of seven spiritual practices that may be helpful in getting ourselves or others through this time of recession. First we are reminded to count our blessings, make a list, and then share them with someone you know. At the same time, write down your anxieties about money and share them too. We are called to look at our budgets to review debts and savings. Are we spending our time and money on important things?

We are reminded that it is vital to continuing giving during an economic downturn, and not only because St. Christopher's and other charities depend on our giving, but because we need to give. The Holy Spirit works in us to reflect on God's generosity, especially made known to us in Jesus.

These times of recession present a need to share with others our physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. Please give me a call if you would like to meet with others who are facing unemployment or if you have networking and other skills to offer in the market place. Something we can all offer is a deeper sense of community right here at St. Christopher's. I know that all who attended the Mardi Gras celebration here deepened friendships and made new ones. If you would like to gather weekly to share an evening meal together, let us know. A sign of commitment to a community is our willingness to sacrifice something to meet the needs of others. Perhaps we could decide to open our meal sharing to the larger community too? We are called to spend time together to learn the needs of our neighbors, our colleagues, and folks we encounter at church. Where do you see the need? What can we do together to help?

Bishop Jeff Lee of Chicago, formerly rector of St. Christopher's, reminds us that endings make new beginnings possible. "Chapters come to an end, trips come to an end, seasons come to an end. But the endings are not the whole story. Endings make space for new beginnings. Even in the face of anxiety, pain or grief, God is with us, inviting us to turn corners and open doors." That is what this interim time is about, discovering what new mission God is calling St. Christopher's at this time in our journey together. Please join us on the Second Sunday of Lent as we commission our Vestry and Search Committee. Please keep them in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

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A Special Thank You  
to Kathy Eilers, the staff and residents of  
St. John's on the Lake  
for  
Hosting the Vestry & Search Committee  
on  
February 27 - 28, 2009

# Warden's Words

There is a scene from a movie starring Bonnie Hunt and Aidan Quinn where Aidan's character is having a talk with his son about religion in the backyard of their home. He turns to his son and tells him, "It's all about God in there (church) but out here it is about George, Abe, Thomas, Andrew and Ben." My dad was like that. Talking about money from the pulpit angered him. Sundays on the drive home from church after Fr. Goganin's tirades on the budget my Dad would be in a tailspin. I inherited a little bit of that craziness. Nothing worse than opening a newsletter from the church and having to read about money, but we need to talk about it.

Ok, I'm glad you haven't turned the page because this is critically important. It is important for the current health of our congregation and our ability to attract a top-notch rector. At the annual meeting we promised to look at the budget and hopefully watch as our deficit shrank because more pledges came in, and we found new ways to cut expenses. The financial times have created a situation where we are still looking at a large deficit, in the neighborhood of \$170,000. There has not been a significant lift in income through pledges and our deficit cannot be eradicated through decreases in expenses alone.

Your gifts last year helped us to develop a wide range of programming. Our children's programs are some of the best in this corner of Milwaukee. On some Sundays there are upwards of 50 children downstairs in Sunday school. In the past year we supported Neighborhood House, Sojourner Truth House and the Joy House, we painted a church in Mexico, supported our Next Generation and had our smiling faces handing out lunch at The Gathering. We continue to enjoy our weekly bible study programs, youth activities and our stellar choir. We have two active clergy to listen, council, represent and lead our church in the local community. These are just some of the things we enjoy through your gifts. Unfortunately as we have been reviewing the budget and tweaking as necessary we have come to the conclusion, that without a lift in income, we will need to consider shrinking some of our programming.

What does "shrinking our programming" mean? It could mean not doing things or doing things a different way. We don't want to change much of what you expect to have at St. Christopher's but if we don't have funding to fulfill those needs then it is being irresponsible to all of you who have built this church and to the gifts we have been given to ignore what is happening.

The number of people pledging at St. Christopher's this year is down 20% and the people that are contributing, in many cases, are contributing less. Things are tough everywhere. Other churches and synagogues in our North Shore are looking hard at cutting programming and staff because of income decreases. A large Episcopal Church in Illinois is seeing decreases of 50+% in their pledges. This decrease is hindering their ability to support program, staff, and outreach efforts.

What do we need you to do? If you haven't pledged and you are fiscally able to do so, please make a pledge. If you haven't pledged because you can't pledge at the same level you did previously, please pledge. If you can increase your pledge please communicate this with Dorota. Over the next few weeks the Vestry will be looking at where we will need to make cuts. The better informed we are as to your financial commitment to St. Christopher's the better decisions we can make. The actions we take during this period will be very important to anyone we interview for the job as our new rector. The new rector we choose will be looking at the number of people pledging within our congregation and "do the math" to make sure we can sustain their salary and our vision for at least three years.

So that's my discussion about money. Hope it wasn't too painful for you. We're a great congregation of caring people. We will continue to thrive through the smart use of your gifts.

We will not wilt away from this storm.



"Faith is not a delicate flower which would wither away under the slightest stormy weather"

- Mahatma Gandhi

# Search Committee Update

What is a good search process? At first, the answer seems easy: A good search process is one that results in finding a good priest to serve the congregation. But parishes that strictly narrow the focus to "hunt for a gifted priest" often run into problems such as hurt feelings, suspicions or buried problems that eventually erupt. By contrast, the parishes that ultimately experience a successful call are those that have been able to see "the search" as part of an overall period of transition to the future.

We should take this opportunity of calling new clergy leadership to St. Christopher's as a prime time for renewal. Our transition to a new Rector is full of opportunities to build strength within our congregation and to determine who we are as a community. What is St. Christopher's identity apart from our Rector? What are our joys? Our skills? Our gifts? Why are we here? What has God called us to do? How are we living into our Mission?

Often, parishes are tempted to rush through the process that lies ahead instead of taking full advantage of the rich possibilities for reflection that are available in times of transition. Our transition will seem easier and more manageable if we simply focus on one task at a time. Through the process, we will keep moving forward if we ask God for help and keep in mind the most important duty at hand.

As part of the process, Charlie Caskey has joined us as our Interim Pastor to help guide us in our transition. As a trained interim, Charlie can see St. Christopher's with a unique objectivity and is in a position to ask the necessary challenging questions about our ministry and our future. This interim time provides a healthy transition and an opportunity to focus our energy on saying good bye, self study, strengthening our lay leadership, clarifying our mission and seeking our new Rector.

As the next step, we are now in the process of establishing our Search Committee. Laura Gough and Susan

Hackl will co-chair the committee of 7 to 10 other members of the parish representing the many different facets of our community. The Search Committee's primary reason for being is to exercise a ministry of discernment on behalf of St. Christopher's. Active listening is the main work of the committee.

The first task of the committee is to organize a comprehensive process to listen to St. Christopher's members to take stock of our strengths, needs, concerns and future mission. We encourage everyone to take part in the process of developing St. Christopher's history and self-study which will provide the strong foundation needed for the interview process. Our history and self-study will then be translated into two documents: 1) a narrative parish profile that tells St. Christopher's story, and 2) a computerized Church Deployment Office (CDO) Search Request. Only when all this has been accomplished, and with the Vestry's concurrence, will the Search Committee begin the process of considering potential candidates and comparing their interests and strengths with those of St. Christopher's.

No one can predict the exact amount of time needed for a good search process. When all of the parties and circumstances work well together, a good search process can be completed in 12 to 18 months. Almost invariably, it is human nature to think or protest that "nothing is happening," especially during this period of separation and the first months that follow. However, there is much in a relationship with a Rector that cannot be included in a job description or a contract. It is a faith relationship which depends upon mutual trust. It takes time to find someone with whom we can have such a relationship, and first we must take the time know ourselves. What may seem to be an intolerable delay now will likely be seen, in hindsight, as a valuable part of St. Christopher's transition to new leadership.

Please help us throughout our search journey to the future of St. Christopher's. Every single member of St. Christopher's has an important part to play in the renewal effort. Please answer our requests for input and please pray for the success of the process and for the priest who will answer our call.

Laura Gough and Susan Hackl

A congregation's intentional "transition ministry" can be briefly understood in terms of the following phases:

Phase I: Separation - How a parish says good-bye to its departing priest will affect the morale of its members, the tone of the search, and the ability of the new priest to genuinely become a pastor.

Phase II: Taking Stock - A period of reflection and information gathering, during which every member feels he or she has an opportunity to participate, will provide both energy and vision for the subsequent search.

Phase III: The Search - This intense and complex period of discernment will require clear and honest communication, hospitality, wisdom, patience and prayers.

Phase IV: A New Beginning - A healthy start for the new priest should involve an intentional orientation and evaluation throughout the first year.

## Mardi Gras Merci!

Thanks to all of our chefs, revelers, mask makers and folks with big appetites. Mardi Gras was a wonderful time to share our talents, build community and just have a great time! This year's Gumbo Challenge Awards go to: MaryBeth Ansley for BEST Empty Nester Gumbo, Edith Braeger for BEST SoPo Neighborhood Gumbo (South Poplar Drive), Laura Gough for BEST Musical Gumbo, Mrs. Tami L. Vincent for Best Newcomer Gumbo (NoPo - North Poplar Drive), Jayne Heffron - Warden's Challenge for BEST Gimpy Gumbo and Tom Napper - Warden's Challenge for BEST Impostor Gumbo.

Special commendations to MJ and Owen Perry for BEST Mardi Gras Hosts, Robyn and Chip Slater for BEST Messy Beignets, Nikki and David Etheridge for BEST Left-over Appetizer, Sissy Darien for BEST Children's Mardi Gras Chicken Fingers and finally to Jen Fischer for BEST Doctored Mac n' Cheese. Thanks again to all of our salad makers, bread bringers, rice and beaners and desserts beaucoup. It's time for tea and toast!



# LENT ONLINE

## The Bible and the Internet, etc. for Lent—Wednesdays at 7 PM

by Charlie Caskey

Please join me for a lively discussion of web blogs and other web sites that will invite you to deepen your Lenten Journey. Bring a sandwich or salad with you too, if you like. You may go to the section titled "Adult Education," on our web site for special selected reading sites. You are also invited to bring your own recommendations to add to our list. If you are not into the internet, you are welcome to share any Lenten readings or pick up copies of print outs that will be available.

In keeping with Jan's admonition to "lighten up for Lent," I would especially like to recommend that you take a look at this cartoon site by my friend Jay Sidebothom, rector of Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, IL. <http://www.cpg.org/onlineresources/cartoons.cfm>. The caption for this month's calendar cartoon that hangs in the church office reads: "Remember that you are dust, but a very high quality sort of dust." How true this is as my favorite writer on religion and science, the Reverend John Polkinghorne says, from star dust you came and to star dust you shall return. Yes, we are very special carbon dust formed from the stars.

While we will not have a formal confirmation class this year, if you would like to be received by the Bishop from another communion, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, etc.; this time together would prepare you to be received when the Bishop comes for Pentecost on May, 31<sup>st</sup>. Please let Jan or I know how we may journey with you this Lent outside of Sunday morning.

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## AN ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT

Time is a precious commodity in all our lives. And the paradox is that everything happens in God's time. God's time and ours don't often match, and yet the way we know what God intends for us is to willingly place ourselves in God's time. With that in mind, Jan will be offering a new Lenten experience: an online Lenten retreat.

Jan is creating a website retreat "space" and those who wish to participate will be given password access to the website (you will be able to access it through the parish website so that any sharing you may wish to do is amongst the online community). Each week, participants will have opportunities to read, listen, reflect through scripture, music, questions or images on these weekly topics:

Do You Wonder At All About God? You Are a Theologian!  
Spiritual Wellness: Your Spiritual Training Program (aka Rule of Life)  
The Bible? Prayer? Music? The Internet? Nature? Psalms?  
Gratitude—If the Only Prayer You Say is Thank You

Please email Jan if you wish to participate in this Lenten retreat offering.

# CHILDREN'S *and* YOUTH Ministries



The REACT Youth met on Sunday, February 15th and we are really enthusiastic about decisions and plans we made. Following is an update on where we are and what we are doing:

1. Our major focus will be on the environment and stewardship of God's creation.
2. Watch the weekly email updates for our favorite "green tip".
3. We will plan a day to make environmentally friendly Mother's Day gifts with the ROOTS kids (Shhhh, don't tell the moms).

4. Jan ordered a copy of The Green Bible for each of us. It is made out of environmentally friendly materials, has all the passages that refer to creation highlighted in green (pretty clever, huh?), study sections based on scripture, and LOTS of resources for churches and families about stewardship of God's creation.

5. We know that care of our body, mind and spirit is important, and each person in the group expressed a desire to learn more. Our interest was in yoga and meditation. Jan and Edith will put together our first yoga time on Sunday, April 19. It will be based on Christian yoga practices. We will join the our parents and the other adults for the Eucharist at the peace.

6. The youth and all the parents are in charge of the Gathering on the morning of March 14th. (We need to come up with 3 gallons of milk and lots of cookies.)

7. The youth are invited to read the passion Gospel on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter at the 10 a.m. service. We would meet in the Williamsburg Room at 9:15 that Sunday. Jan will highlight parts and Edith and Jan will go over it with us. WE ARE ROCKING, RECYCLING and on a ROLL. The Youth of St. Christopher's:-:))))))

## ROOTS

It is Lent and that means that the ROOTS children are leaving behind the Old Testament and moving on to the life of Jesus, culminating with the Passion and the Resurrection of Easter. We have explored the lessons of the Bible and discovered that the God of the Old Testament is the one who is always with us and loves us even when we don't know it or even if we think we don't deserve His love.

What then about Jesus? So many of our children participated in the Nativity pageant and loved the time they spent singing carols and adoring the Christ Child. We put together a crèche in the classroom and we talked about the relevance of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem to our own lives. Now, we are tracing Jesus' life with special regard for how He was a son and a young man. We know that he was a real person who walked in the desert and talked to people he met with a special message for them. Currently, we have the stories of John the Baptist to teach us about our own Baptism. The children are making dove mobiles to remind them of the Holy Spirit

in the Art Workshop. We have turned the Drama Room tent into a place near the River Jordan where we are learning about Jesus' baptism, and in fact, baptizing our own Baby Jesus doll from the pageant. Each solemn child is scooping water from the font, and crossing the forehead of the doll with "oil" to seal it in Baptism. Joyously, they then welcome the newest member of the Church with applause, and occasional shouts of "Bravo".

All of this activity is designed to internalize the message of the life of Jesus Christ. Can you guess what that is? Our children will let you know, each in his or her own way, by the time the tulips arrive.

Note to parents of ROOTS children – If you hear the cat screeching in the bathroom, you may be witnessing a baptism of sorts. Sorry about that!

Sally Walters  
Director of Children's Ministries

## **Endowment Trust? What Endowment Trust?**

Was that your reaction in reading the Endowment Trust Committee report in the Annual Meeting materials? If it was (and you probably are not alone!) please know that St. Christopher's does have an active Endowment Trust. Its purpose is to provide funding for special programs, including start-up costs for new initiatives, major and/or unexpected physical plant expenses, and special outreach ministries consistent with the vision and ongoing mission of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. Contributions to the fund come from individual gifts as well as from estate bequests. The goal of the Endowment Trust Committee is to continue to grow the principle of the trust while making distributions from fund income.

Gifts to the Endowment Trust are invested and the income from those gifts has been used to fund a variety of St. Christopher's projects, including helping to fund the service trip to Mexico, providing computers for the JOY House, and, on a somewhat more mundane note, providing funding for a new boiler. Requests for funding from the Endowment Trust are submitted to the Endowment Trust Committee, which considers the request in light of the stated purposes of the Endowment Trust, and then makes a recommendation to the Vestry.

If you would like to include the St. Christopher's Endowment Trust in your estate plan, if you'd like to make a gift to the Endowment Trust, or if you simply would like more information, please feel free to contact any member of the Endowment Trust Committee. Members include Chilly Braun, Owen Perry, Bob Slater, Rick Taylor and Bonnie Thomson. The Endowment Trust is a great way to support St. Christopher's in an on-going way.

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## **STEWARDSHIP**

We shared at the Annual Meeting our plan for bringing the 2009 Every Member Canvas to a close. Our parish family, like families everywhere, is experiencing financial challenges. Yet, when we share this challenge equitably among us to whatever extent our faith calls us to do, our answer comes clear. It is so important that each family at St. Christopher's participates. We currently have 70 families who have not yet responded.

We will be sending reminder letters to these families asking that you conclude your discernments promptly. Some may have questions on the budget. Please ask your wardens or vestry members. Some new families may not know how or what to pledge. Please call one of your co-chairs. Some may have personal financial complications. Please call Dorota in the office and advise her. This information will be kept in confidence. We will follow up these reminder letters as circumstances suggest. In addition, we have some \$20,000 in unpaid pledges for 2008. These funds will substantially reduce our deficit for this past year. We will be following up with these families as well.

Thank you for your consideration here. We are all called to support the ministries of this place. This Christian Community which we call St. Christopher's depends on each of us to participate. Let us all share in meeting this responsibility. Let us go forward together to do the special work that God calls us to do.

Laura Gough and Ran Hamner  
Co-Chairs



# From the Associate Rector

Jesus needed to get several new robes. It gets dirty and dusty out there in the desert. So Jesus went to Finkelstein, the tailor, and asked him to make several robes.

Finkelstein did so and they were of the finest quality. Jesus asked Finkelstein how much they cost, and

Finkelstein said "Don't worry about the cost." When you are out on the road preaching and teaching, just mention where you got your robes. Jesus thanked him and went on his way.

Finkelstein's business doubled, tripled and quadrupled because Jesus mentioned Finkelstein whenever he was out on the road. So Finkelstein offered Jesus a partnership in the business. They called it Lord and Taylor's.

Ok, so it's a bit of a groaner. And you might be wondering why I would open my Lenten article with a joke. I've certainly done stranger things, but there is a method to my madness. On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday we heard the story of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up to the mountaintop. As Mark tells the story, it seems they had some incredible experience of the Living God. Peter's response fascinates me. In the middle of this experience Peter, not knowing what to do or say, or how to make any meaning of what God has done, wants to create tents (dwellings or booths depending on the translation you heard). It's almost like he tries to capture or put in a box that which is so beyond his human understanding.

Peter loves Jesus so much and tries so hard to get it right. As we look back, it seems the harder he tries, the more clueless he seems. I love Peter because he is so like us. We love Jesus and want to follow him. We try so hard to get our spiritual journey's right. In working so hard at our spiritual lives, I think we sometimes do exactly what Peter did and that is try to put what is a gift from God into nice, orderly and manageable boxes. Boxes are structures that do serve a useful purpose. The church throughout the ages has given us wonderful structures to assist us in our spiritual journeys. But too often, the structures and boxes have become more important than the gift of Love and Light contained within. The boxes become unwitting idols. We are not called to be people of the box.

We are called to be people of the Light. This is where the humor comes in. (see there is a method to my madness:-)))) I want to propose something completely different as a Lenten spiritual practice. I am calling it LIGHTEN UP FOR LENT. When we laugh at something, it is usually because we are caught off guard or something is a bit outside the box. When we laugh, we usually have to share it with others or are with others. When we laugh we are paying attention. If we weren't paying attention, we would miss the joke. When we let ourselves be caught off guard; when we pay attention; when we are in relationship God enters in. Maybe, just maybe, laughter in a dark and broken world is a way God is calling us to practice letting God in, so that we may truly become the people of light we are called to be. So here are some ideas for Lent that are outside the box.

1. Get a joke book or sign up for a joke of the day online. Share a funny joke with someone else.
2. Wear mismatched socks on some days. People will maybe laugh or wonder or ask...and you have made a connection.
3. Tip toe down the hall at work.
4. Google "baby laughing" and you may find yourself laughing till tears roll down...and you let your guard down.
5. Instead of hiding some mistake you make during the day, laugh at yourself and tell someone else...honor the gift of your humanity and ponder the God who sent his Son to become one of us.
6. Go to the back of the Bible and look in the index or concordance and each day look up one of the passages about laughter, rejoicing, joy, hope, light, love, healing.

I wonder what God would work in us, if we let ourselves intentionally be caught off guard, a little outside our self-imposed boxes, if we were sharing the gift of our human-ness and the God who gave us Jesus. I think the world is desperately crying out for the Light and Love of God.

My thought for Lent....LIGHTEN UP:-)))))))))))))

## Notice Board

### BAPTISMS

*Richard Logan Thickens  
&  
Sawyer David Thickens*

### NEW MEMBERS

*The Vincent Family  
Mitch, Tami, Jack, Will & Henry*

## TRUE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Think .... and act in these things:

FAST from judging others;  
FEAST on Christ dwelling in them.  
FAST from fear of illness;  
FEAST on the healing power of God.  
FAST from words that pollute;  
FEAST on speech that purifies.  
FAST from discontent;  
FEAST on gratitude.  
FAST from anger;  
FEAST on patience.  
FAST from pessimism;  
FEAST on optimism.  
FAST from negatives;  
FEAST on affirmations.  
FAST from bitterness;  
FEAST on forgiveness.  
FAST from self-concern;  
FEAST on compassion.  
FAST from suspicion;  
FEAST on truth.  
FAST from gossip;  
FEAST on purposeful silence.  
FAST from problems that overwhelm;  
FEAST on prayer that sustains.  
FAST from worry;  
FEAST in faith  
*Author Unknown*

## Sticky Notes

When I was being interviewed, one of the questions Jayne Heffron asked me was, *How comfortable will you be with the silence and frequent solitude in the office here?* As a Residence Hall Minister for Marquette University, I live in a building that is home to 750 freshmen, and my job is to provide pastoral support to the students and staff of the building. The idea of spending three days a week in the peace and quiet of St. Christopher's was EXTREMELY appealing, to say the least.

The church property is beautiful, both indoors and outside. And, indeed, there are days when the only people who pass through the doors are those who work here. But Robyn and I have found that it is not always so serene in the office during times of transition! Over the last few weeks, there has been a flurry of activity here as we adjust to new responsibilities and schedules. Though Robyn has been working in the office for over a year now, her position as Director of Communications has expanded her duties to include laying out *The Courier* and managing the website. As for me, working in a parish office is quite a shift from working with college students, but I'm finding that both bring me great joy.

Transition is not always easy, as you all know well. Blessedly, Robyn and I are learning quickly and adjusting as needed. Thanks to all of you for your support and patience in this time of change!

Dorota Pruski  
Director of Administration



MARCH MILESTONES	
BIRTHDAYS	
1	Polly Beal
2	Mark Brudnak Jackie Greeley Grace Latterell
3	Carla Bartlett Deanna Braeger Michael Koroscik Jennifer Mahoney Henry Vincent
4	Dick Rostad Binnie Rust
5	Mary Borges Bill Minahan
6	Brittany Lopez
7	Carter House
10	John Mahoney Steve Stevens
11	MaryBeth Ansley
13	Brianna Lopez
14	Mike White
15	T.J. Gebhardt Olivia Reeve
17	Jan Kwiatkowski John Roethle
19	Kathryn Peterson
20	Patrick O'Connor Reagan Schmidt
21	Brian Jones
22	Nicholas Holmes
23	Jena Breckon
24	Natalie Evans Jim McCabe
25	Fred Stratton
26	Edith Braeger
27	Dottie Aring Liza Perry
28	David Etheridge Billy Schmidt Tami Vincent
29	Betsey Dunleavy
30	Susie Kasten Kevin Scharfenberger AJ Sklenar
31	Mary Lou Roozen
ANNIVERSARIES	
1	Brian & Rebecca House
4	Chip & Robyn Slater
6	David & Edith Braeger
20	David & Nikki Etheridge
23	David & Dedi Knox

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The Rev. Charles C. Caskey, *Interim Rector*

The Rev. Jan Kwiatkowski, *Associate Rector*

Dorota Pruski, *Director of Administration*

Robyn Slater, *Director of Communications*

Sally Walters, *Director of Children's Ministries*

John Beardsley, *Music Director*

Anne Davis, *Youth Choir Director*

Gloria Bond, *Housekeeper*

Michael Schneider, *Building & Grounds Supervisor*

### Vestry - Meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Tom Napper and Jayne Heffron, *Wardens*

Hannah Pillsbury, *Treasurer* Robyn Slater, *Clerk*

(2010) - Florence Parnegg, Helen Sheen,

Kathleen Stokes, John Wolf

(2011) - MaryBeth Ansley, Kip Jacobs,

Rick Taylor

(2012) - Nick Geimer, Jeni Piper, Deb Roesner,

John (Chip) Slater, MaryBeth Ansley

### Committee and Ministry Contacts

**Altar Guild:** Roz Krause, Mary Jane Perry

**Acolytes:** Dee Hodnett

**Building & Grounds:** Kip Jacobs

**Building Use:** Susan Martin

**Caring Ministry:** Lauralee Uihlein

**Coffee Hour:** Cordelia Gelly, Lyn Slater

**Endowment:** Bonnie Thomson

**Events / Newcomers:** Sally Walters

**Finance:** Hannah Pillsbury

**Flower Guild:** Roz Krause, Helen Sheen

**Gifts Committee:** Edith Braeger

**Labyrinth:** Catherine Davidson

**Memorial Garden:** Jeanne Tanner

**Mexico Service Trip:** Tom Napper

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