

THE BEACON

of Christ Church, 20 N. American St., Philadelphia, PA 19106

Planning ahead . . .

FEBRUARY 2008

- 3 One Service at 10:00am
Parish Annual Meeting
11:15am
Guided Meditation 5:30pm
Holy Eucharist & Healing
6:00pm
- 5 Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras
Celebration 5:00-8:00pm
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 10 St. Barnabas Valentine's
Party 1:30pm
- 11 Bridge Outreach Dinner
6:00pm
- 12 Lenten Program 6:00pm
- 16 St. Mary's 350 8:30am
- 17 Spirituality Group 5:00pm
Bridge Dinner 6:00pm
- 18 President's Day
- 19 Lenten Program 6:00pm
- 24 Life at Christ Church Class
12:30pm
Parent's Night Out 5:00pm
- 26 Lenten Program 6:00pm
- 29 Leap Day

MARCH 2008

- 2 Life at Christ Church Class
12:30pm
Guided Meditation 5:30pm
Holy Eucharist & Healing
6:00pm
- 4 Lenten Program 6:00pm
- 7 First Friday Concert
8:00pm
- 9 DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME BEGINS
Life at Christ Church
Class 12:30pm
Spirituality Group 5:00pm
Bridge Dinner 6:00pm
- 11 Lenten Program 6:00pm
- 15 St. Mary's 350 8:30am
- 16 Palm Sunday
- 24 Bridge Outreach Dinner
6:00pm

2008

Baptism Schedule

March 22 (Easter Vigil), March
23 (Easter), May 18 (Bishop's
Visitation)

SLAVERY AND AMNESIA

Christ Church has a great and glorious history from the colonial era; "no church played a more important role in the American Revolution," states eminent historian David McCullough. But what is the history of slavery and Christ Church in that same, earth-shaking era?

In 2000, we hung in Neighborhood House the portrait of the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first black clergyman of the Episcopal Church who, in 1794 founded the first black church in the United States, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.

For the first 38 years of his life, Absalom Jones was a slave, owned by Benjamin Wynkoop, vestrymen and prominent benefactor of Christ Church and St. Peter's (now two churches, we were just one church in two locations in the Revolutionary era). Jones labored year after year in Wynkoop's Philadelphia store, from early morning to midnight, enriching Wynkoop all the more. Still, Jones had to purchase his own freedom from Wynkoop in 1784, using the money he saved from renting a home to free blacks.

By 1793, Absalom Jones, along with Richard Allen, was the revered leader of 2,000 free blacks in Philadelphia, many of whom had been married or baptized and had worshiped at Christ Church. Because of racist and hideous treatment during the yellow fever epidemic, in which the blacks labored to save the city while most whites fled, they asked permission of the Bishop, William White, who was still Rector of Christ Church and St. Peter's, for the founding of St. Thomas; he believed that blacks could continue to worship in Christ Church, but it was clear not as full and equal members. But Jones and his followers knew they needed freedom of worship "to arise out of the dust and shake ourselves, and throw off that servile fear, that the habit of oppression and bondage trained us up in."

The portrait of Jones reminds us all that Christ Church has a rich and subtle, if not painful and ironic, history with slaves and their struggle for honest freedom at the same time as helping spark the greatest revolution for human freedom in history. And not just Absalom Jones, but Dr. James Derham, Pioneer Alice, and the list goes on and on. Nearly every luminary in the Christ Church pantheon has a connection to the slavery story. And, in those stories, there is reason for wonder and imagination. What does it mean that Absalom Jones continued to work for Benjamin Wynkoop, for good wages, after receiving his freedom, in a relationship described by others as affectionate and caring?

Though the history of Christ Church and slavery is difficult to tell our 250,000 visitors, we will attempt to do so throughout 2008, challenged by the mandate of our General Convention for the Episcopal Church to give a "full, faithful and informed account of our history" with slavery.

Why is it important to challenge the inherent amnesia that the majority culture has about slavery in our past? We still are a society plagued by racism. Acknowledged by the majority, but yet to be dismantled, racism has a past. With excellent movies like Denzel Washington's *The Great Debaters* filling theaters, we too often think that slavery has only a *southern* past, but it has a *northern* past, too. We need a new future, released from the sins of past, but we cannot choose that future until we deal with the past and repair the wounds still infected and pained.

Absalom Jones died February 13, 1818. On Sunday, February 17, I will remember Absalom Jones in my sermon, and let us work together to put off the amnesia so easily developed around slavery.

Timothy Safford

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

ANNUAL MEETING

One of the most important events of the church year is when a parish gathers at the annual meeting and the Rector, along with the Vestry, reports the state of the parish, making clear our current financial condition. We will also approve the Vestry Nominating Committee's slate of three recommendations to the Vestry and one new representative to the Southwark Deanery (*see below*). Please join us on Sunday, **February 3**, at 11:15am in Neighborhood House.

WAYNE CHRISTMAN (Vestry Nominee)

Wayne has been attending Christ Church since 2004 and joined as a member in 2005. He serves as the Coordinator of the monthly St. Mary's Sandwich program, has been a member of the Stewardship Committee for two years and regularly serves as an Usher at the 9:00am service. Wayne is a Human Resources Consultant and lives with his wife, Janet, in West Mt. Airy. They have two children – Evin, a teacher in the New York City School System and Aaron, a student at St. John's College in Annapolis, MD.



KATHRYN PALSKI (Vestry Nominee)

Kathryn and Mike Palski live in West Chester, PA with their 4 teenagers, Hawley(18), Andrew(17), Courtney(16) and Jill(15). Kathryn works for Invista, a very large chemical and textile company. Her degree is in Chemical Engineering, however her work over the last five years has been re-designing business processes to make work more efficient. Kathryn has been an Episcopalian since 1988 and has been a past member of the vestry at Immanuel Highlands church in Wilmington, DE, where her efforts were focused on teaching Sunday school and on leading the incorporation ministry. Kathryn, Mike and the kids regularly attend the 9am service where Kathryn reads and does chalice bearing, and the kids acolyte. She has been a member of Christ Church since 2001 and was married here in 2003. Being a part of the Christ Church community is very important to both Kathryn and Mike, and they look forward to continuing to invest their time, money and talent to make our church's vision a

reality.

CHARLES MOLESKI (Vestry Nominee)

Charlie has attended Christ Church for nearly twenty years. Church in 1988, and returned to the congregation when he married here in December 2003. Most recently, their son, His connection to the church lies even deeper, as his (1698-1768) was married to two Christ Church rectors, Robert Jenney. Fauconier and her husbands are interred in central aisle. Charlie has been active in the 20's/30's group while the Assistant Rector position was being filled. He has



He was confirmed at Christ and wife, Stephanie, were Bryce, was baptized in 2007. ancestor, Jeanne Fauconier Archibald Cummings and the church at the foot of the and worked to sustain it also served on the and as an usher at the Professionally, Charlie works Becker & Frondorf, a consulting and project Philadelphia.

Nominating Committee 9:00am services. as a project manager for construction cost management firm in



ALYSSA RICKELS (Deanery Representative)

Raised in Washington, DC, Alyssa moved to Philadelphia in 1996 when she married her husband Mike. After attending graduate school in social work at the University of Pennsylvania, she worked in numerous fields, including child welfare, adoption and psychiatry before becoming a stay-at-home mother of four kids: nine-year-old Andrew, six-year-old Peter, and Caroline and Claudia, three-year-old twins. Alyssa recently started working outside the home part-time, facilitating a weekly support group for first-time moms at Pennsylvania Hospital. Additionally, she is actively involved with the parent association at her children's school and managing Andrew's indoor soccer team. Alyssa and her family joined Christ Church five years ago, where she and her husband were confirmed and three

of her children baptized. Alyssa currently participates in Christ Church's Children, Youth and Family Committee, she served as a DOCC facilitator, and she assists as a chalice bearer at the 11 am Sunday service. In her spare time, Alyssa enjoys reading, cooking (and eating of course!), traveling, pets, and spending time in Eagles Mere hanging out with family and friends.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES & PROGRAMS

February 3 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

- 10:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- 11:15am Parish Annual Meeting
- Music Class for 4-10 year olds
- Journey To Adulthood – 11-17 year olds
- 5:30pm Guided Meditation
- 6:00pm Holy Eucharist with Prayers of Healing

February 10 The First Sunday in Lent

- 9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon in the church
- OR Family Eucharist in Atrium I
- 10:10am Rector's Forum
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- 1:00pm Valentine's Day Party at St. Barnabas

February 17 The Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- 10:10am Rector's Forum
- Music Class for 4-10 year olds
- Journey to Adulthood for 11-17 year olds
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- 5:00pm The Bridge Spirituality Group
- 6:00pm The Bridge Dinner

February 24 The Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- 10:10am Rector's Forum
- Music Class for 4-10 year olds
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- 12:30pm Life at Christ Church Class
- 5:00pm Parents' Night Out

March 2 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- 10:10am Rector's Forum
- Music Class for 4-10 year olds
- Journey to Adulthood for 11-17 year olds
- Spirituality Group
- Faith and Family Series
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- 12:30pm Life at Christ Church Class
- 5:00pm The Bridge Spirituality Group
- 6:00pm The Bridge Dinner

EASTER MEMORIALS

At this time of year you have the opportunity to remember loved ones and to offer special thanks by making a donation to the Easter Flower Fund or to the Special Music Fund. Donations to the Flower Fund will cover church decorating expenses for our Easter celebration. Donations to Music will be added to the Special Music Fund which augments our special services, such as Easter morning, with additional instruments. Thank you for this generous gift.

Please use the enclosed envelope and submit your Easter Memorial by

Friday, MARCH 7.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, **February 6**. There will be three services on that day to serve the community with Holy Eucharist and the distribution of ashes, 8:00am, Noon and 7:00pm. All are welcome. *Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome to come as you are and receive the riches of God's blessings.*

TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

Faith and Family has juggled its winter/spring topics a bit. All parishioners are invited to the Lenten Faith and Family forum on how to talk to our kids – whether young ones or teens – about the death of a loved one and how to help them, and ourselves, grieve. **March 2 and 9**, at 10:10, Dr. Sara Corse from the Council for Relationships will join us to lead the discussion; please bring your family's questions and valuable experiences to this shared exploration of a tender topic. We'll return to "Kids and Ethical Choices" for our topic on **April 13, 20 and 27**, as we look at helping kids learn to make their own moral choices. For more information, please contact the Rev. Susan Richardson.

INSIGHTS FROM THE ATRIUM

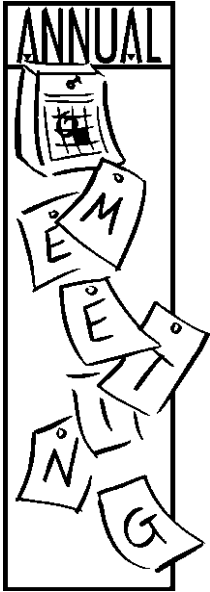
One child picked up a sticker of a dove and said I think a dove is supposed to be like Martin Luther King.

The children were asked how Jesus is like the lamb of God, here are some of their responses

Jesus is like a lamb because he is nice
 Jesus is like a lamb because he is gentle

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!



FEBRUARY 3
ONE
SERVICE AT
10:00 A.M.

Followed by
CHRIST CHURCH'S
312th ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING
in the Great Hall of
Neighborhood House

LIFE AT CHRIST CHURCH WINTER CLASS

Each Sunday, when we say, *"Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here,"* we mean it. We pray that Christ Church is the right place for you to shape your faith journey. For each of us, the journey is different, but our destination is the same: to be fully alive in God and keenly aware that we are disciples of Jesus Christ. If this is the right place for you, then we hope you will become a member.

Our next Life at Christ Church class will be held **February 24, March 2 & 9** from 12:30pm to 2:30pm in Neighborhood House. The class is an opportunity to ask any and all questions about Christ Church, the Episcopal Church, and your place in our community of faith. Lunch and childcare are provided.

Please contact the **Rev. Carol Anthony** at canthony@christchurchphila.org with any questions. To register for the class, contact **Cecilia Wagner** at cwagner@christchurchphila.org or 215-922-1695, ext.21. If you need childcare please let us know.

THE JESUS SCENES:

LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH

February 12, 19 & 26, March 4 & 11, 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Join with the Christ Church community in keeping a holy Lent and participate in the Lenten program Tuesday evenings. Each week, we will study a scene from the gospels revealing both the humanity of Jesus and the love of God for humanity. We will focus on retelling the stories from a personal point of view, as if we had witnessed Jesus ourselves. For example, if you had seen Jesus speak to the short tax collector Zaccheus as he stood in a tree, how would you tell the story? Could you pretend to be Zaccheus yourself? This program will call forth our creativity, playfulness, and even our dramatic side.

Each week will close with the Compline service. Soup will be served at 6 PM (participants provide the sides), and the program begins at 6:30. Register by contacting **Cecilia Wagner** at cwagner@christchurchphila.org or 215-922-1695, ext.21. Registration due by **February 8**, and please indicate if you will need childcare.

THE PLACE OF PRAYER FOR ALL

Weekly Prayer Group Begins February 13

Every Sunday in our worship services we engage in a time of prayer and intercessions. We refer to this special time as the Prayers of the People. We pray for the world, the nation, the church far and wide. We name before God those in our midst in need of healing and special intentions. We offer our thanksgivings for the joys and blessings of life from birth to death and everything in between.

We remember those among us who have died in recent days. Known and unknown, we offer to God the whole of our lives from deep in the ordinary stuff of our daily lives.

Beyond Sundays, many of us pray daily in quiet moments in our homes while others engage God in prayer constantly throughout the day. Rich with meaning, prayer and intercessions express our belief that our lives are intimately interconnected through God. Our prayers allow us opportunity to give our love to others by giving it first to God, for God to use in whatever good way is possible. We acknowledge not only faithfulness to the Creator of us all, but an offering of the world in all its brokenness and splendor to God.

Beginning **February 13**, a prayer group will meet on Wednesday mornings from 8:00am to 9:00am in Neighborhood House for a time of quiet meditation followed by

intercessions. It will be an ongoing opportunity to gather mid-week in an intentional way to prayer together in community. Whether you make it a Lenten discipline or a

regular part of your life, it holds the possibility for a rich and meaningful addition to the journey of faith. The only requirement is the willingness to show up.

RECTOR'S FORUM IN LENT

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:10 A.M.

FEBRUARY 10, 17, 23

EVIL AND THE JUSTICE OF GOD

Based on N.T. Wright's new book on the Lenten discipline of "resisting evil" we will wrestle with these questions:

February 10: Are we part of the problem or solution to evil? We are called not just to understand the problem of evil and the justice of God, but also to be part of the solution to it. We are called to live between the cross and resurrection on the one hand and the new world on the other. We are called to bring the two together in prayer, holiness and action within the present world.

February 17: Do we first recognize the evil in ourselves before the evil in others? The church is never more in danger than when it sees itself as the solution-bearer and forgets that every day it must say, "Lord have mercy on me, a sinner"—even as it stands boldly before the world and its crazy empires. In particular it is a problem if and when a "Christian empire" seeks to impose its will dualistically on the world by labeling other parts of the world "evil" while seeing itself as the avenging army of God. That is more or less exactly what Jesus found in the Israel of his day.

February 23: How did Jesus fight evil? We urgently need restorative justice, wherein the whole community is committed to naming evil for what it is and addressing and dealing with it by bringing together offender and victim, with their families and friends, to look hard and openly at what happened and agree on a way forward.

MARCH 2 AND MARCH 9

CAN GRACE AND FORGIVENESS VANQUISH EVIL?

Using the study of the Amish response to the Nickel Mines tragedy documented in the book *Amish Grace*, we will ask if their attitude of forgiveness is the way forward in an evil world.

AN EMERGENT MINISTRY: THE BRIDGE

In recent years, the 20s/30s ministry within the Christ Church community has continued to grow and thrive, serving those already active in worship and leadership here as well as those newly bringing their doubts, fears, and hopes to our door. In recognition of that growing ministry and its inclusiveness, the group has changed its name to the Bridge, welcoming people of all ages to intentional exploration of new possibilities in worship, justice work, and spiritual discussion. Yet at its heart still lies a vital interest in asking hard questions about faith and life, in creative hands-on work serving those in need, and in supporting each other in a deepening quest for authentic Christian identity. In short, it bridges the past and the future, doubts and hopes, and those who feel "in" and "out" of the church. For more information on any of the Bridge activities listed below, please contact the **Rev. Susan Richardson** at srichardson@christchurchphila.org.

SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Join us as we spend time with the Gospel of Matthew. What's the history of the book, what does scholarship say, how are we to read references to different religious groups - and how is it touching us today?

February 17, 5:00pm

March 2, 10:10am and **March 9**, 5:00pm

April 13, 10:10am and **April 20**, 5:00pm

THE BRIDGE DINNERS

Folks in their 20s through early 40s gather as a community that dares to bring both its doubts and its hopes, and to support each other in looking at life through a different lens. We get together once a month for dinner and social time, to share the language, culture, and humor of seekers in this range of ages.

February 17, 6pm; **March 9**, 6pm; **April 20**, 6pm

Rsvp for dinner or childcare, by emailing the **Rev. Susan Richardson**, srichardson@christchurchphila.org.

EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

We gather in the simple space of the Great Hall for creative, experimental approaches to bringing our thanks, fears, hopes, and needs to God. At 6pm is a time of Eucharist and healing prayers, preceded at 5:30pm by a guided spiritual practice such as yoga or contemplative prayer. If you'd like to be involved in liturgical planning - with art, poetry, photography, icons, dance, music, whatever interests you - please contact the **Rev. Susan Richardson** at srichardson@christchurchphila.org.

February 3; March 2; April 13, May 4

JUSTICE FOR THE HOMELESS

We will continue preparing and serving meals at nearby shelters. Next date is Tuesday, **February 11 at 6:00pm**,

NEWS FROM A KENYAN CHURCH

Joan Bedell, Rector's Warden

Last May, when I returned from working at Nyumbani Children's Home in Kenya, I wrote about the welcoming community of faith that I found at St. Francis Church, the Anglican parish in Karen, just outside of Nairobi. If you step into the pictures below, you may be able to imagine the impact of the current violence on the life and ministries of this small parish, which opened its arms to me during the three months I worked at the nearby orphanage. The Vicar, Canon Habil Omungu, speaks of their distress and of their conviction that God remains faithful.



Dear Joan,kindly continue to pray for our county Kenya, which has been hit by violent protests after the general elections held last December.....Hundreds have been killed, thousands injured and in hospitals, hundreds of thousands displaced, property vandalized, shops looted and business coming to a near standstill. It has affected many people where we carry out evangelism and church planting. We have been hosting a family of 7; it has been quite a tough time for us. The man is a pastor who is one of those we support in the slums. God remains faithful. The effort of international mediators is bringing some calmness, but people are still gripped in trauma. Church attendance has really been affected. We feel the pain of it.

People are viewing each other suspiciously depending upon which ethnic group one comes from. I have a very hard time trying to be neutral and use the church as a way of bringing reconciliation and healing among people. Prayers are desperately needed. I continue to appeal to well-wishers to donate food, clothing and money to some extent to support the displaced and assist those of us who are heavily burdened to meet our own costs.

Thank you, and let's keep upholding one another in prayers. Shalom,
Habil, Clarice and family

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE THIS MONTH

Groups from all over Philadelphia increasingly use the space in Neighborhood House for their functions.
Here is this month's listing.

AA Meetings – Monday through Friday at 12:15pm &
every Saturday at 10:00am
American Heritage – February 20
Haverstick/Borthwick – February 13 and 27

Old City Civic Group Assoc– February 5 & 19 at 8:00am
Tai Chi Class – February 9 at 1:00pm
Theatre Exile – January 8 to February 25

FELLOWSHIP and FAMILY

YOUTH GROUP, GRADES 7-12

Bring your questions and feelings and even a friend, and join us for fun and a chance to talk in a different way from anything else in your busy life. *Journey to Adulthood* is a spiritual and educational program for youth ages 11 to 17 years old. **Where:** the 3rd floor of Neighborhood House. **When:** 11:15am on **February 3**; 10:10am on **February 17**. Working with the youth group will be the **Rev. Susan Richardson** and our new seminarian from Lutheran Seminary, **Christoph Schmidt**, with additional help from members of the Bridge group.

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Celebration

Come on down for
Gumbo, pancakes, and dancin' music

Tuesday, February 5
5:00-8:00pm

Christ Church, Neighborhood House
\$7 (or more!) donation per person
All donations go to support
Mission to New Orleans 2008

VALENTINE'S PARTY AT ST. BARNABAS MISSION

The afternoon of Sunday, **February 10**, the children, youth and families of Christ Church will host a **Valentine's party** at St. Barnabas Mission at 60th and Girard (ph: 215-528-5400) - set-up at 1:00pm, party from 1:30-3:00pm, followed by clean-up. Christ Church will provide ice-cream sundaes, games, and crafts, as we share community with the women and children of the shelter. We need your help in this unique opportunity for children, youth, and parents to work together alongside those in need. We need volunteers (all parishioners welcome) to join us that day; and by February 6, we need donations of craft and face-painting materials and helium balloons for the party, or other toiletries for the families in the shelter. To help, please contact the **Rev. Susan Richardson** or **Alyssa Rickels** (alysrickels@gmail.com).

SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS

Come join the crew of sandwich makers who once a month cheerfully make 350 bologna sandwiches for St. Mary's. We gather next on Saturday, **February 16**, 8:30-9:30am. Kids love to help, too! Questions? Please contact

Wayne Christman at waynechristman@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

You don't have to play an instrument to join the Brass Ensemble! How is that? The Altar Guild is looking for folks who will gather every three months for a few hours to polish our beautiful brass pieces in the Church, such as the crosses and candlesticks, that we (and visitors) see and enjoy every day. If this appeals to you, please contact either **Joan Bedell** at joanbedell@verizon.net or **Marcy Hasbrouck** at marcyh@verizon.net.

GAY & LESBIAN FELLOWSHIP

As a welcoming church, Christ Church is blessed to have gay and lesbian parishioners involved in every aspect of our life together. The LGBT Fellowship provides a way for new folks to meet others who share a similar journey. The group meets monthly for a meal and fellowship together in a variety of settings. For information about our next gathering contact the **Rev. Carol Anthony** at canthony@christchurchphila.org.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to our parish family members celebrating birthdays this month:

February 1, **Kelly Chaudrue, Jeffrey Miller**
February 2, **Jason Webb, IV**
February 3, **Aaron Therien**
February 4, **Caral Parris**
February 5, **Henry Krumrine**
February 7, **Cadence Ehrke, Eyan Guldalian**
February 9, **Meg Rodgers**
February 10, **Katherine Staton**
February 13, **James Peelman**
February 14, **Preston Smith**
February 15, **John Daniels, Pam Sommerfield, Marianne Ward, Jason Webb, III**
February 16, **Suzanne White**
February 17, **Matthew Fleming**
February 20, **Suky Lanctot**
February 21, **Matthew Hart**
February 22, **Beatrice Abbott**
February 23, **Robert I. Smith, William Vander**
February 24, **Henry Cecil, Carol Gadsden**
February 25, **Ayo Gansallo, Joanne Kundrat, Michaela McHugh, Thomas McHugh**
February 27, **Wayne West**
February 28, **Doug Gefvert, Helen Niedermayer, Cecilia Wagner**

Did we miss your birthday? Please contact **Cecilia** in the church office.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 25 - 27

Save the dates for a weekend of prayer, laughter and meditation, beautifully set on the banks of the Elk River at Wapiti Retreat Center in Northeast, Maryland.

Christ Church: A user's guide

9:00 AM Eucharist and Sermon

Rite II, celebrated with vocal quartet, organ and hymns.

10:10 AM Christian Education

Adult education each Sunday in Neighborhood House. Education for Children and Youth on the second and third floors of Neighborhood House from September to June.

11:00 AM Eucharist and Sermon (*All Sundays Lent*)

Rite I or II celebrated, with organ and hymns, and vocal leadership from Christ Church Choir

11:00 AM Morning Prayer and Sermon (*returns after Easter*)

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each Sunday.

Wednesdays

12:00 Noon Eucharist

Rite II, briefly and informally celebrated with a short homily. About 20 minutes, this liturgy is a perfect addition to relieve "hectic downtown life syndrome."

Visiting/Getting in touch

The Church, located on 2nd Street just north of Market Street in Old City Philadelphia, is open for visiting, prayer and meditation from 9am to 5pm daily.

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