

THE BEACON

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

Planning ahead . . .

JULY 2010

- 3 Signers' Day
- 4 Independence Day – One Service at 10:00AM
- 10 Volunteer Gardeners 10:00AM
- 17 St. Mary's 350 8:30AM

AUGUST 2010

- 11 Summer Worship and Barbecue 6:00PM
- 14 Volunteer Gardeners 10:00AM
- 18 Summer Worship and Barbecue 6:00PM
- 25 Summer Worship and Barbecue 6:00PM

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 6 Labor Day
- 9 Rosh Hashanah
- 11 Volunteer Gardeners 10:00AM
- 18 Parish Work Day St. Mary's 350 8:30AM
- 21 Encountering the God We Never Knew 6:30PM
- 28 Encountering the God We Never Knew 6:30PM

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Baptism Schedule

September 19 (Ministry Sunday), October 24 at 11AM (Children & Youth Sabbath), October 31 at 9AM (All Saints' Day Celebration), January 9 (The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ), April 24 (Easter Sunday)

REINVENTING CHURCH

Here is a typical Thursday in Neighborhood House, now that the building is safe, accessible and welcoming.

The Old City Civic Association is having hearings on new condo construction in Room 102, as docents from the National Constitution Center gather on the fourth floor to prepare a new interpretive program about civil rights that will soon be premiered. School kids and teachers are coming into the new atrium to hear a presentation on the history of religious liberty, from the Magna Carta in 1215 to Christ Church's banishing King George's name from worship on July 4, 1776, as embodied in the historic stained glass that now hangs there. Our parish volunteer at the new "Welcome Desk" keeps moving the crowd aside so the folks arriving for daily AA meeting can get to their room. Others are arriving for the 12 noon yoga class offered by the parishioner-led group, "Deliver Me Yoga," which seems a good name for a yoga class meeting in a church.

Soon, a community arts group, *Pig Iron*, will be using the Great Hall, and Theater Exile is loading sound equipment into the new elevator for the fundraiser they are holding that night. The LGBT spirituality and support group, "Fusion," is due at 5 PM., and Parker Kitterman has rehearsal for the revitalized parish choir at 7 PM. Susan Richardson is meeting with a couple preparing to get married, John Hopkins is unloading crates of water that will be sold on the next hot day at the burial ground, Neil Ronk is depositing the day's receipts from gift shop sales, and Cecilia Wagner is helping the *Sages* set up for their potluck supper before heading out to a play. Allan Hasbrouck is in the basement, not "mixing up the medicine," but entering 18th century burial records into the database for a project sponsored by the Pennsylvania Heritage and Museum Corporation.

All of these things have yet to happen all on one day in the new Neighborhood House, but it won't be long. The challenge for Christ Church, in this renewed ministry of welcome and hospitality at the core of the mission of Neighborhood House, is to connect these disparate groups to each other and to make each a contributor to the other. What does that mean?

Actors with the NCC might connect with the yoga class, and the yogis might buy a ticket to a *Pig Iron* performance. A visiting tourist might attend the AA meeting, and someone from AA might seek out the Fusion group. Members of Theater Exile might be intrigued in Parker's open workshop on traditional shape-note singing, and sign up. With all of these folks passing through our building, some will pick up the brochure on baptism, or the flyer on our Fall Small Group program, "*Encountering the God We Never Knew*."

Churches have hosted "outside groups" in their buildings since the church had buildings. But what if Christ Church didn't see them as "outside groups" at all, but the very members of our congregation? We would be reinventing church and redefining outreach. Outreach would be reaching out to welcome in and serve those in our midst. Folks attending a support group, a meeting, or performance wouldn't see that they were attending a church, but we who compose Christ Church need to see these guests as members of our larger church.

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REINVENTING CHURCH *continued*

The revitalization of Neighborhood House presents one of the great mission moments in our distinguished history. If we can connect people who come to Neighborhood House to each other, for whatever reason, we will revitalize the entire notion of what a parish church can be.

How can you be involved? We need to get our parishioners into the Neighborhood House when our neighbors and visitors are here. Our first goal is to have parishioners here each day at the Welcome Desk, two at a time, if possible. Many have already signed up, but many spots remain. We especially need help on Saturdays and Sundays. This critical ministry of hospitality requires some training and careful scheduling.

As well, we need parishioners as gardeners who can also offer hospitality to the many neighbors who use our gardens each day. We have a new ministry, "Building Facilitators," who can help the staff get ready for groups using our space and offer hospitality. Our Parish Workdays need many workers to help create new spaces in Neighborhood House during the summer and fall, and the Tourism program is always seeking volunteers to help welcome our 250,000 visitors. I am hopeful that we can find some motivated parishioners to work in pairs to be a safety team, a sort of Neighborhood Watch around Neighborhood House when groups are here.

Please be in touch with Cecilia Wagner in the office if you are called to help Christ Church reinvent and revitalize the Church in our midst. Be sure to tell her if you are able to help her organize and launch this new form of outreach ministry.

Timothy Safford

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH?

OPEN CHOIR NIGHTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

"Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength." --John Wesley

For four Thursdays from 7-9pm, **August 19 through September 9**, come "lift up your voice with strength" at Christ Church's open choir nights. All are welcome, regardless of experience or note-reading ability. Each Thursday we will practice congregational music for the upcoming Sunday and learn choral music for the season ahead, all the while working on the basics of good singing technique and music literacy. Even if you come feeling "half dead or half asleep," you will leave with a bounce in your step and a song in your heart. Able participants will be invited to continue singing with the choir Thursdays and Sundays after our section leaders join us mid-September.

If you are interested in attending, or just curious, please contact incoming Director of Music **Parker Kitterman** at pkitterman@christchurchphila.org, or 215.922.1695. And remember, if you can sing "lustily and with good courage" in the shower or the car, then you can do it in church. OK? OK!

SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY RETREAT – REGISTER NOW!

The 2nd annual Christ Church Family Retreat will be **October 1, 2, and 3**, held again at the rustic Quaker retreat center called Camp Dark Waters on the Rancocas Creek in Medford, New Jersey, in the Pinelands only about 17 miles from Philly. Last year, families of all shapes and sizes had a blast, staying in cabins on its 15 acres, cooking meals together in the kitchen, and enjoying structured activities as well as plenty of downtime with the camp's canoes, rope course, trails, basketball, ping-pong tables, etc. The cost will be similar to last year: approximately \$35-\$40 per person for the entire weekend, plus an additional small donation to the cost of meals and facilitators. We'll know a definite figure by mid-summer. Planning is under way; many thanks to Lynn Safford and Cecilia Wagner for again offering their leadership skills to head up this event. For now, please contact the **Rev. Susan Richardson** with any particular questions, and rsvp to **Cecilia Wagner** (cwagner@christchurchphila.org) to reserve a space for the weekend or to let us know of any particular ways you'd like to be involved in making this happen. Plan ahead for this special weekend of fellowship in the beauty of early autumn.

CHRIST CHURCH GARDENERS

The volunteer gardeners will gather for their next work days on **July 10 and August 14** at 10:00A.M. Please join us in the North Garden. Newcomers are always welcome.

We hope to see you there. Questions? Please contact **George Niedermayer** at niedy711@aol.com.

SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS

Come join the crew of sandwich makers who monthly make 350 bologna sandwiches for the shelter at St. Mary's. We gather next on **July 17**, 8:30-9:30am. Kids love to help, too! Questions? Please contact **Wayne Christman** at waynechristman@comcast.net.

THANK YOU, LLOYD AND FRANCES BREININGER

Of all of the joy I felt when I watched parishioners take the new elevator to the fourth floor of Neighborhood House on Pentecost, I felt a pang of sadness that Lloyd and Frances Breininger weren't here to take the ride they helped make possible.

One of my first visits to parishioners when I arrived at Christ Church in 1999 was to the lovely home of Lloyd and Frances. Over tea and delicious lemon cake, Lloyd and Frances had one message for the new rector: "Tim, you absolutely have to solve the problem that there is no elevator in Neighborhood House. We can't climb the stairs anymore."

Later, I received a letter from Lloyd that read, "The architects say you can't put an elevator in, but they're wrong. Sketch enclosed." Lloyd's little sketch showed an elevator shaft being built right where the architects finally solved the puzzle—a project that committee co-chair James Timberlake described as the most complicated architectural problem he had ever encountered.



Lloyd and Frances died before the project was completed, but they made the project possible. In their will, they left two specific bequests: the first being for the preservation of Neighborhood House to be used as soon as possible. Their bequest gave the impetus to get the project moving forward. Though an unofficial designation, I have been calling the elevator the "Lloyd and Frances Breininger Memorial Elevator."

Their second bequest was for the centuries, money to be invested in the permanent endowment of Christ Church to generate revenue for preservation of our historic buildings for centuries to come. "The Breininger Fund" provides a legacy for Lloyd and Frances' vision and stewardship for as long as Christ Church endures, a future more secure because of their legacy.

What will our legacy be at Christ Church? There are so many good options to designate in our wills and estate planning: preservation, endowment, the organ, outreach and the gardens. There are many permanent funds to contribute to, or new ones to create, just as we have now created The Breininger Fund.

Indeed, the legacies people create do last. In 1761, Mary Andrews died and left two bequests, one to be used immediately to build a suitable pulpit for Christ Church, and that pulpit is still in use today. The other bequest was for a permanent endowment to address the needs of the poor and hungry. This year, that same bequest will generate much needed revenue to be distributed to the local charitable agencies that will make a difference in the lives of the needy.

What will your legacy be at Christ Church? For ideas and information on building a legacy at Christ Church through your will and estate planning, please visit www.christchurchphila.org/mylegacy, or be in touch with me.

Timothy Safford

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

July 4 Independence Day Celebration

10:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

July 11 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

July 18 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

July 25 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

August 1 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

August 8 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

August 15 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

August 22 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

August 29 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

September 6 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

September 13 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

10:10am Rector's Forum & Journey to Adulthood & Atrium 2 Class

11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

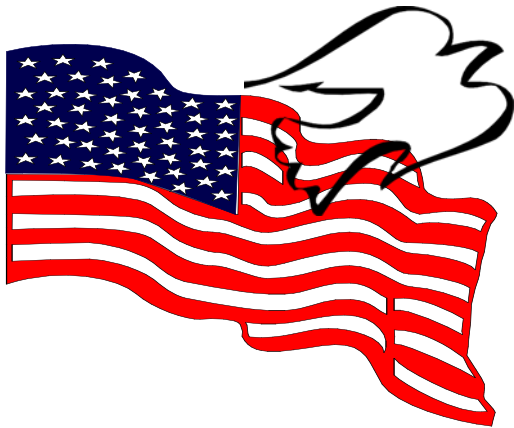
SUNDAY, JULY 4TH

ONE SERVICE

At 10:00A.M.

A Religious Celebration
of Independence and Liberty
at Christ Church

Everyone welcome to attend.



**ENCOUNTERING THE GOD WE NEVER KNEW:
OUR FALL SMALL GROUP PROGRAM**

For the past several years, parishioners have gathered in small groups during the fall for spiritual formation and fellowship, and we will do so again this Fall in our small group program, *Encountering the God We Never Knew*.

On Tuesday evenings, beginning **September 21**, we begin a ten week spiritual journey exploring our most basic beliefs about God, and the images for God given to us by creed and doctrine, and the images that we develop ourselves. As well, we will explore with each other new images of God that some of us will find expansive and liberating while others may find confusing and unappealing. God as *Rock, Judge, Whirlwind, Redeemer, Father, Punisher and King* may be more familiar that images of God less visual: God as *Spirit, Womb, Creator, Compassion and Love*. In our small group discussions, led by fellow parishioners, each participant will be able to share their own spiritual journey with God and explore how each of us images and understands God.

Each Tuesday begins with a brief presentation, and each of these presentations will begin with our new Director of Music, Parker Kitterman, exploring with us how hymns we sing, and the images of God in those hymns, have so influenced our understanding of the divine. In the first weeks, he will explore the hymns we know so well and cherish, and as the program proceeds, explore with us how the hymns from all over the world—Asia, Africa and Latin America—have forged new images of God.

The program will continue through Tuesday, **November 23rd**. Each week begins at 6:30 PM, preceded by a potluck /brownbag supper at 5:45. Each evening ends promptly by 8:15 PM. Childcare will be available. For more information, please speak to one of the clergy, and to register, complete the form below or be in contact with Cecilia Wagner in the parish office by phone (215.922.1695, ext 21) or email (cwagner@christchurchphila.org).



PARTICIPANT REGISTRATON FORM

Please Print

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Business Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Childcare Needed: Yes ___ No ___

Please list names and ages of children: _____



THREE WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST

Worship, Food and Fellowship in the North Garden

6:00pm – 8:00pm

August 11, 18 and 25

Each Wednesday evening in August our parishioners, friends and neighbors gather outdoors for an informal time of worship followed by a meal and volleyball. It is a great opportunity to socialize and get reacquainted with old friends while making new ones in a casual setting. We will be cooking up hotdogs on the grill.

Volunteers needed to help with preparation and serving and to donate fruit and cookies

Due to the growing attendance by our neighbors and guests,
we need as much assistance from our congregation as possible.

Please help the Christ Church community make this hospitality not only possible but wonderful.

Contact **Cecilia Wagner** at cwagner@christchurchphila.org to commit to helping
on just one Wednesday – or more!



FELLOWSHIP and CELEBRATIONS

SIGNERS' DAY – JULY 3

Celebrate the Nation's Birthday with the Founding Fathers - Have you ever wondered what stories Benjamin Franklin would tell if he were alive today? Or what it would be like to meet Robert Morris, the "Financier of the Revolution?" On Saturday, July 3, families, local residents and visitors are invited to celebrate the nation's independence, meet the Founding Fathers and gain a deeper understanding of our country's early history at **Christ Church's Signers' Day**, part of Wawa Welcome America, Philadelphia's Fourth of July celebration. Christ Church's signature, enriching event begins with a Wreath Laying Ceremony at 1:30 p.m., and continues until 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Burial Ground, the final resting place of five signers of the Declaration of Independence. Also, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. family activities at the Church and Burial Ground bring history alive with the Patriots & Heroes Guided Tour, engaging History Hunts and compelling stories from Historic Philadelphia's "Once Upon a Nation" storytellers. For more information call 215-922-1695 x32 or visit www.christchurchphila.org.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Seamus Kelly Chaudrue, Jeffrey Clark, Naomi Erica Dugan, Bruce Heugel, Paula Garcia Taveras, Lee Warren

And those confirmed and received at the Bishop's Visitation on June 6: Jeffrey Clark, Bruce Heugel, Phil Krone, Miguel Ruiz, Aaron Skrypski, Paula Garcia Taveras, Laura Bauers, Todd Brown, Mitzi Ng Clark, Leslie Hubbard, Hugh Janney, Sandra Janney, Brian Michener, Pam Paraison

CELEBRATE WITH BRIDE AND GROOM

Charlotte Baroni & David Michell, married June 4
Margaret Pietka & Todd Quinones, married June 18

PARISH BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to our parish family members celebrating birthdays these next two months:

July 2 Philip Milford, Richard Milford
July 3 Norman Ehrke, Salinna Lanctot, Julia Miller
July 4 Paige Gembala, Janice Woodcock
July 5 Tramble Turner
July 6 Mike Krumrine, Bryce Moleski
July 7 Barrie Trimmingham
July 9 Lauralou Bates
July 10 Hugh Janney
July 11 Landon Gasper
July 13 The Rev. Carol Anthony, Rick Bravo
July 14 Susie Auten, Sophia Boyd, Bruce Gill, Stephen Mihalek
July 15 Pam Frohlich, Don Hersh
July 16 Tara Conlan, Michelle Webb
July 18 Tom Johnson, Grace Layne

July 19 Aya Alvaraz
July 20 Olivia Bergmann
July 21 Todd Brown, Georgia Herpel
July 22 Robert Knuettel, Priscilla Ord
July 23 Charles Frohlich, Eugene Frohlich
July 26 Mark Mitchell
July 27 Greer Eobbi
July 28 Julie Leisenring, Gail Trimble
July 30 Jack Frantz, Ed Rice, Jabbar Wright
July 31 Margaret Gleason, Chris Johnson, Joe McAteer, Heather Moday

August 1 Davis Smith
August 2 Ilsa Schupack
August 3 Trinity Eobbi
August 4 Sue Wright
August 5 Joe Conlan, Doris Mordecai, Ethan Smith, Paula West
August 6 Jean Bodine, Shawn Evans
August 8 Brandon Knox, Lauren Tiefenback
August 9 Walker Brown, Tom Suddath
August 10 Samantha Ferrante
August 11 Calder Evans, Amy Mock, Todd Quinones, Emily Suddath
August 14 Karen Christianson
August 15 Katharine Celata
August 16 Robert Little
August 17 Lucy Daniels, Louise Hand-Mihalek, Tyler Mark, Caroline Rickels, Claudia Rickels, Will Ware
August 18 Wayne Christman, Warren Hindenach
August 21 Nick DiPatri, Hannah Safford
August 22 Courtney Pruitt
August 24 Valerie Evangelista, Karen Holland, Veronica Timberlake
August 26 Yvonne Allison
August 30 Jami Frohlich, Liam O'Connell
August 31 Susanah Leraris
Did we miss your birthday? Please contact Cecilia in the church office.

DELIVER ME YOGA

Want to feel great this summer? It's easy... come join a Yoga class at Christ Church Neighborhood House with **deliver me yoga**. Classes will be themed vinyasa yoga practices with options for each pose to make the practice assessable for all levels. No yoga experience required, yet we promise to encourage and challenge you. Two six-week sessions for the summer.
Session 1: 12-1pm Thursday, July 1 - August 5
Session 2: 6-7:15pm Thursdays, July 8 - August 12.

Call to preregister for the full six-week series for \$90 (\$15/class) or attend any 4 of the 6 classes and preregister for \$64 (\$16/class) Or you can drop in for any class for \$18/class. Call to pay by credit card or send payment to **deliver me yoga**, P.O. Box 423, Narberth, PA 19072.

Contact Alice Dommert at alice@delivermeyoga.com or

215.870.7775 to preregister or for more information.

Christ Church: A user's guide

9:00 AM Eucharist and Sermon

Rite II, celebrated with 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 (*see schedule*)

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

11:00 AM Morning Prayer and Sermon (*see schedule inside*)

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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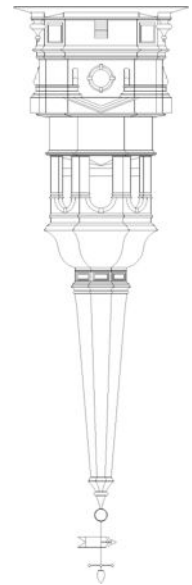
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