

THE BEACON

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

Planning ahead . . .

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 5 Labor Day
- 10 Volunteer Gardeners 9:00AM
- 14 Children's Choir Rehearsals
begin 5:00PM
Career & Employment Support Group begins 5:00PM
- 17 Parish Work Day
St. Mary's 350 8:30AM
- 18 Atrium & Youth classes
begin
- 22 Preservation Trust Dinner & Awards 6:00PM
- 25 The Bridge Lunch & Discussion 12:30PM
- 26 Vestry Meeting 6:00PM
- 29 Rosh Hashanah

OCTOBER 2011

- 2 Life at Christ Church Class 12:30PM
LGBT Brunch 12:30PM
Blessing of the Animals 4PM
Evensong celebrating Feast of St. Francis 5:00PM
- 5 A Lifetime with the Prayer-book 5:30PM
- 8 Volunteer Gardeners 9:00AM
Yom Kippur
- 9 Life at Christ Church Class 12:30PM
- 10 Columbus Day
- 12 A Lifetime with the Prayer-book 5:30PM
- 14-16 Family Retreat at Camp Dark Waters
- 15 St. Mary's 350 8:30AM
- 16 Life at Christ Church Class 12:30PM
- 19 A Lifetime with the Prayer-book 5:30PM
- 23 The Bridge Lunch & Discussion 12:30PM
- 24 Vestry Meeting 6:00PM
- 26 A Lifetime with the Prayer-book 5:30PM
- 30 Halloween Party at St. Barnabas 1:00PM

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Baptism Schedule

September 18 (Ministry Sunday),
October 30 at 11AM (Children & Youth Sabbath), November 6 at 9AM (All Saints' Day Celebration).

LESSONS FROM THE GOLDEN GATE

I can remember vividly a moment in third grade when I learned that painters on the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco started on one end with their buckets of golden paint, painted all the way to the other, and then went back to the beginning to start all over again. I remember being both impressed that the painters cared so much for the bridge they didn't want it to rust and horrified that painting it once didn't last forever.

On September 22nd, Don Smith, Executive Director of the Christ Church Preservation Trust, and I are being honored with the Robert Smith Award, which is awkward, because Don and I thought up the Robert Smith Award in the first place for the CCPT to honor important preservationists who had helped Christ Church in its daunting preservation task (Robert Smith, of course, was the colonial builder/architect who constructed our steeple, and left instructions for its careful preservation every decade). Really, Don and I don't want to honor ourselves, but all in the Christ Church and Preservation Trust community who have made these last ten years of preservation work on the Burial Ground, Church, and Neighborhood House possible. It is opportunity to celebrate our common work, and raise some much needed funds for the Preservation Trust.

In ten years, we have spent close to \$10 million on the preservation and restoration of the historic properties of Christ Church. We have raised \$8 million, and the shortfall and consequent debt is concerning. But, we'll have an exciting announcement on September 22 that will . . . well, you'll just have to be there.

This event has reminded me of the painters on the Golden Gate Bridge. We've reached the end of the bridge, it's time to pick up our buckets and go back to the beginning.

My guess is that we won't get off for \$10 million in the next ten years. We have a new organ to build. We must complete yet again a full restoration of the Tower and Steeple, as well as return to other preservation tasks in the church like new entrances and exits that are code compliant. The transformational work on Neighborhood House over the last four years was partial, and we must complete that work. Our burial ground, judged to be the most historically significant non-military cemetery in the nation, can only continue as a gift and oasis if carefully preserved and maintained.

The 400 or so members of Christ Church are blessed: we have a great responsibility entrusted to us in the preservation of all that is Christ Church, but we cannot do it by ourselves. We relied, and will continue to do so, on the generosity of community leaders, philanthropists, foundations, corporations and business, and governmental agencies.

Their generosity liberates us from the burdens of historic preservation and allows us to focus on being a church, a community of faith, dedicated to God's mission of healing and reconciliation.

As a church, unlike the painters on the Golden Gate, we are called not to go back to the beginning, but go forward, into the future God has prepared for us, yet unseen. We are to leave behind earthly things that decay and rust, and are in need of constant preservation. Our generosity and faithfulness to the offering plate on Sunday morning through our pledges and gifts is what makes our future happen.

Timothy Safford

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

CHILDREN'S CHOIR STARTING THIS FALL

We are pleased to announce the formation of a children's choir at Christ Church beginning this fall. We welcome all children aged 4-13, regardless of musical experience or religious affiliation. Beginning on **September 14**, weekly rehearsals will be held Wednesdays from 5-7PM in Neighborhood House and will include motion, games, and experiential music-making especially for the younger children; all the while developing the ear, sight-reading ability, and learning the fundamentals of good singing. Participation in a choir has proven long-term social, intellectual, and spiritual benefits, and is just plain fun. We hope your family will be able to participate. If you haven't already responded, please contact the Director of Music, **Parker Kitterman** at pkitterman@christchurchphila.org or 215.922.1695, ext 27 with your child(ren)'s name(s) and age(s).

CAREER & EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Christ Church is offering a support group to those who are seeking employment and those in career transition with the services of our parishioner **Mike Landis**. Mike is a partner with a national search firm, so he spends his days searching for qualified candidates and helping others guide and shape their careers. Mike and the Rev. Palmer Hartl lead these sessions which are held on **Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00PM** in Neighborhood House beginning on **September 14**. If interested, contact Cecilia Wagner at the parish office, 215-922-1695, ext 21.

ADULT FORMATION ON WEDNESDAY

"A lifetime with the Prayer Book" will meet Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm – 7pm, **October 5 through November 16**. After sharing dinner together, we'll take a closer look at the wealth of religious and spiritual material in "the red book." In addition to confronting some of life's biggest changes by looking at rites of baptism, confirmation, ordination, and burial, we will look at the daily office and explore how to integrate the BCP prayers into everyday life. Participants will explore personal and communal prayer within and beyond the prayer book's pages. Join us for a seven-week series of discussions that will cover a lifetime of material! A great way to encounter the material for the first or millionth time, **this program will be suitable both for those new to the Episcopal Church as well as those who have prayed the Collects for a lifetime already**. To register for this class, please contact Cecilia at cwagner@christchurchphila.org or 215-922-1695, ext 21. Childcare is available for this evening class if requested in advance.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:00PM

Beginning on **October 5**, there will be a brief worship service in the church each Wednesday at 7:00PM. Filled with contemplative music and prayers to close the day, this will be a perfect time to add reflection and thankfulness to your weekly routine. Come and experience the church in the beauty of the evening and make this your habit for the fall.

PARKING ON WEDNESDAYS

Christ Church has special permission to park each Wednesday evening until 9:00PM on American Street between Church and Filbert, on 2nd Street between Arch and Market, and on Market Street between 2nd and 3rd. Always display the "ATTENDING SERVICES" sign (available from an usher or the office) on both sides of your dashboard and be careful not to park in a SEPTA bus zone in front of a fire hydrant. There is no parking allowed on Filbert Street.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Kate Spelman and I are pleased to announce that **Robin Parke** will be our next **Minister for Children's Formation**, taking over our Sunday School Atriums I and II and overseeing our nursery, as well as helping to minister to parents and guardians as they help bring up our children in the Christian life and faith.



Robin Parke and her daughter Ella

Robin has taught elementary school in the Philadelphia district, has specialized training, and runs several marathons a year, so we know she possesses the skills and endurance for leading our already-successful Atrium program. Robin and husband David are proud parents of Atrium student Ella; as a church school parent Robin also comes to us fully aware of the gifts and needs of our children.

In the Atriums, Robin will be primarily using the *Godly Play* curriculum designed by Episcopal priest James Berryman. The program "teaches children the art of using Christian language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives." *Godly Play* is very similar to the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, already in use in the Atriums I and II; *Godly Play* also utilizes the Montessori-based system that allows children to work at their own pace and through their own interests, focusing more on engagement with the sacred than dogmatic catechizing. A group time for storytelling and exploration is followed by a time in which children are encouraged to respond to the Scripture using art, journaling, or play.

Parents who have questions about *Godly Play* or who are interested in being trained to help in the classroom (you don't need to be a parent), should be in touch with Assistant Minister Kate Spelman. Our first training, being held with other Center City churches using *Godly Play*, is on Saturday, September 17.

Please note that Robin has set a **new schedule** for the Atriums, **beginning September 18**.

For children ages 4 to 6, **Atrium I will be offered at 9am** each Sunday, and for children 7 to 10, **Atrium II at 10am**. There will be no Atrium programming offered during the 11AM Service. As before, nursery care will continue to be provided for children birth to three years from 8:45am to 12:15 pm every Sunday.

Timothy Safford

TUESDAY EVENING ADULT FORMATION

"Who do you say that I am? Knowing both the Historical and Apocalyptic Jesus"

The Rev. Timothy Safford and Dr. Walter Lowe

Tuesday Evenings, 7 – 8:30PM, October 4 through November 15,

including a visit to the Philadelphia Art Museum to view the special exhibit, "The Face of Jesus."

Sign up for this class by contacting Cecilia at 215-922-1695, ext 21 or cwagner@christchurchphila.org

In this class, I return to familiar territory and oft asked questions: In history, Jesus is a moral visionary, spiritual teacher, and powerful healer; but are those reasons enough to follow him today? Must he not be Lord of all creation for us to make him Lord of our life? If Jesus' true nature as God incarnate was hidden to his own followers, how can we discover that nature now? The first disciples glimpsed the glory of the resurrection to see what God was revealing, but is their testimony, and the faith of the Church, enough for us to believe today that a loving God is breaking into the events of the world to conquer evil and restore the perfection to creation?

Very heady stuff. I am confident that I can teach on the "Historical Jesus," but have always been reluctant to explore what theologians describe as the "Apocalyptic Jesus," the Jesus whose true nature and mission is hidden from human eyes and only understood by the eyes of faith and the heart of belief in a benevolent God who has created the universe for a purpose.

Fortunately, I will lead this class with parishioner Dr. Walter Lowe, who spent much of his teaching career teaching on this subject as professor of theology at Emory University and the Candler School of Theology before retiring to Philadelphia.

Though the subject is complex, the class will be totally accessible to all and discussion based relying on scripture, and writers as diverse as Soren Kierkegaard, Walter Rauschenbusch, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Stanley Hauerwas. Our goal is to discover how we are to act ethically in our multi-cultural society because of how we both understand and answer Jesus's question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Timothy Safford

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH?

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Our "CYF" committee is hard at work on a year of great programs for families of all ages, sizes, and shapes. We remain dedicated to celebrating, including and embracing all families and children. **October 14-16**, families are invited to Camp Dark Waters for our annual retreat. Games, canoeing, music, yoga, and fellowship await --punctuated by casual prayers and worship. At a cost of \$50 per person (which includes room and board as well as childcare and yoga), this retreat is a perfect way to escape the city and deepen bonds between family members and parish friends. There may even be a bonfire. Contact **Cecilia** at cwagner@christchurchphila.org to reserve a spot!

Beginning **Sunday, Sept. 18, Youth Group** will meet between the 9 and 11A.M. Services (roughly 10am – 10:50am). Led by Assistant Minister Kate Spelman and loosely following the acclaimed Journey to Adulthood curriculum, this group for ages 11 -17 yr olds continues to explore a range of topics affecting the spiritual and social lives of youth.

PARISH WORK DAY

Mark your calendars for our next parish work day, Saturday, **September 17**, 8:00A.M. to 2:00P.M. We'll gather as a community to clean and polish the Church and Neighborhood House in anticipation of Ministry Sunday on September 18. Many hands make light work and even one hour of your time is helpful. So come and join your fellow parishioners for a community building time.

CHRIST CHURCH GARDENERS

The volunteer gardeners will gather for their next work days on **September 17 and October 15** at 9:00A.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.

THE BRIDGE

Spiritual. Progressive. Unexpected. **The Bridge** serves as Christ Church's connecting link for young adult* parishioners – spanning matters of faith and life, service and social events, the center and the margins. The Bridge meets one Sunday a month over lunch, from 12:30pm – 1:30pm, to discuss articles, films, and whatever else comes up. This year we will examine the theme of "peace" from many different angles – what is peace? How can we achieve it – in our prayer life, our families, our city? How does our local justice work contribute to building a more peaceful world? *Mark your calendar!* The Bridge will meet at 12:30PM on **September 25, October 23, November 20 and December 18**. To RSVP, contact the Rev. Kate Spelman kspelman@christchurchphila.org Please visit www.christchurchphila.org/thebridge for links to readings and other information.

In addition to our Sunday afternoon meetings, we're planning plenty of "extracurricular activities" – potluck dinners, happy hours, first Fridays, and our annual dinner for St. Mary's shelter. Stay tuned for more details.

Most information about upcoming Bridge activities is communicated via email, Facebook and Twitter. Drop us a line at mail@christchurchphila.org to ask to be put on our mailing list, and be sure to follow @ChristChurchPHL!

*What's a "young adult"? Good question. We don't have a strict definition – we welcome anyone from their 20's, 30's, 40's and beyond who wants to grapple with spiritual questions and enjoy the company of other seekers in transition.

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 **September 17 and October 15**, 8:30-9:30am. Kids love to help, too! Questions? Please contact **Wayne Christman** at waynechristman@comcast.net.

TUTORING AT THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN: College Prep 101 - Taking Charge of the College Application Process

Last year, Christ Church tutors offered a very successful program to juniors at CHAD which focused on helping them apply to college. The six-week program took place after school for two hours each week and concentrated on helping students complete their common application to college, increase their vocabulary for the SAT test, and work on their college essays. This year, in our third year of the tutoring collaboration with CHAD, we are excited to be offering this program again after school from **Wednesday, September 28 through Wednesday, November 2** from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Those of us involved last year thoroughly enjoyed working with the students who greatly appreciated the help. Comments from the students' evaluations of the program illustrate this: "I had never seen the common application before and now I know what I'm working with."; The best part of the program was "sharing ideas and speaking my mind, knowing people are listening."; The best part of the program was working on the vocab week to week."

Most students at CHAD come from homes where no one has any experience with college. So while families are encouraging their children to apply, they find the process difficult and hard to negotiate. It was a very rewarding and fun experience for those of us involved to help students become more comfortable with the process and to support

them in achieving their dreams. Those interested in learning more about his should contact Gail or Eliot Larson at ewlarson@comcast.net.

GAY & LESBIAN FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, **October 2** at 12:30P.M. join the LGBT Fellowship of Christ Church at a brunch gathering in Neighborhood House. RSVP to Ken Oakes at kwoii@aol.com and watch the weekly Sunday bulletins for more information.

CALLING ALL SAGES

Bring out your inner child this Halloween! The Sages are planning a Halloween party for the children at St. Barnabas Mission on Sunday afternoon, **October 30**. Mark your calendar now so you can be part of the festivities. And you don't even have to be one of the Sages! If you have art supplies or items for costumes that you wish to donate, please leave them with Cecilia Wagner in Neighborhood House. If you would like to help or have ideas for activities, please contact **Jean Bodine** at 215 627-8393 (jeanbodine@verizon.net) or **Kate Hall** at cyprus8018@verizon.net. Start planning your own costume now and check the church's weekly leaflets for details.

LIFE AT CHRIST CHURCH CLASSES

In Life at Christ Church, all of your questions will be answered, at least your questions about Christ Church, the Episcopal Church, and your place within our community of faith. The class is especially designed for Inquirers and New Members in our church, but tried and true members are also invited to participate. The next class begins soon, Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30pm - **October 2, 9 & 16**.

Please contact **Cecilia Wagner** at 215.922.1695, ext 21 or cwagner@christchurchphila.org to sign up. If you need childcare, please let us know in advance.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Our pets – precious companions in our homes and lives – are “living gifts” from God. They teach us in their play, in their companionship, and in the assurance their company brings. Come celebrate the feast day of Saint Francis, who served all God's creatures, on Sunday, **October 2** in the North Garden at 4:00P.M. Please invite a new friend or family to bring along their pets, and bring your own for a blessing and a time to give thanks for the joy they bring to us. All species welcome!

All are welcome!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

To a

St Francis Day Celebration

With THE

Blessing of the animals at 4:00P.m.

In the North Garden

and

Choral Evensong at 5:00P.M.

In the Church

upcoming events

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The Devil and Mister Punch by Improbable Sept 8th - 10th - **2011 Philadelphia Live Arts Festival**



The iconic Mr. Punch (of Punch and Judy land) makes his way through life's experiences, and yet his story has been the basis for beloved family entertainment for centuries. Unsubdued with more murder, *The Devil and Mister Punch* takes you to the even darker world of Punch's manipulators, the puppeteers themselves, and a pair of down-on-their-luck vaudeville-era theater producers, the over-buffing brothers Harvey and Fowly, who have hit rock bottom, reduced to presenting a puppet show that goes wildly off-course.

Performance Dates & Times

Thursday, Sept 8th - 8pm (Preview)
Friday, Sept 9th - 8pm
Saturday, Sept 10th - 2pm & 10pm
Sunday, Sept 11th - 7pm
Tuesday, Sept 13th - 7pm
Wednesday, Sept 14th - 7pm
Thursday, Sept 15th - 8pm & 10pm
Friday, Sept 16th - 8pm

Tickets online at <http://www.livearts-fringe.org>, search for *The Devil and Mister Punch*, or call the Festival Box Office (215.413.1318) / \$25-\$30

This production is not kid-friendly. Appropriate for ages 16+

Special discount for Christ Church members: 20% off
Enter discount code christchurch when ordering online or provide this discount code to the Box Office in person or by phone to save 20% on tickets to *The Devil and Mister Punch*.

AND Company Theatre presents

Email: 9/12

September 24th, 3pm Matinee and 7pm Evening Performance

9/11/2011 marks the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on NYC and around the nation. Join us as we remember and celebrate heroes, loved ones, our fallen, and the compassion and resilience of the human spirit.

Some Strong Language

\$25.00 General Admission

For Group Sales & Other Info Call 808-881-7308

New Stages for Dance - October 7th, 8th, 9th

From the folks behind the BLINDSPOT festival comes the first in a series of performance weeks at the Neighborhood House in the 2011-2012 season. Meet NY dancer Levi Gonzalez as well as Philadelphia based dance and music improvisers; share a meal with us post-show and have a chance to check in about the experience you just shared.

For tickets, volunteer opportunities and more information: www.bowerbird.org

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HOW PHILLY MOVES

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Neighborhood House will host the fourth installment of the How Philly Moves community photo sessions, continuing the series that is now featured at the Philadelphia International Airport in the Must Arts Program's largest work. Rooted in the simple yet powerful truths that everyone can dance and everyone is photogenic, the project uses our shared joy in motion to celebrate our common humanity.

October 21-24 by invitation.

See <http://www.HowPhillyMoves.org> for volunteer and participant info.

Subcircle presents **SEED**

November 2- 5, 8pm

Directed by New Zealand choreographer Carol Brown, SEED is a duet performed by Niki Cousinsau and Qin MacCallum with performance design by Jorge Cousinsau and sound design by Russell Soones (NZ).

Contact info for Tickets/Price: info@subcircle.org

ANNUAL PRESERVATION DINNER AND AWARDS A TRIBUTE TO A DECADE OF PRESERVATION AT CHRIST CHURCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

HONORING TWO PEOPLE WHOSE VISION HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE

THE REV. TIMOTHY B. SAFFORD & DONALD U. SMITH

at Christ Church Neighborhood House in Philadelphia
to celebrate the preservation work on the historic buildings and burial ground.

The evening includes:

- cocktail reception in the Great Hall of Neighborhood House
- presentation of the Robert Smith Award to our honorees
- fantastic auction including a European vacation
- dinner in the newly-renovated theatre

Tickets are \$250 per person.

For more information please see www.christchurchphila.org "In The News"

Your support helps preserve this great historic treasure.

MUSIC NOTES

Music at Christ Church is back in full swing with a couple of exciting new developments for the fall season. Before you read any further, mark the following **First Sundays at 5** dates in your calendar:

October 2 at 5:00p.m.

Choral Evensong for St. Francis Day led by the Christ Church Choir and the Delaware Choral Society Chamber Choir. Featuring a rare performance of American composer Seth Bingham's cantata, *The Canticle of the Sun*, a setting of a famous poem by Francis of Assisi.

November 6 at 5:00p.m.

Organ Recital. Cindy Castillo, a dynamic young Belgian artist offers a special program of French symphonic, baroque and contemporary music, played on the Curtis Memorial Organ.

December 4 at 5:00p.m.

Advent Carol Service with the Christ Church Choir and Children's Choir. We put our own spin on the traditional readings and music of this seasonal service.

February 6, March 4, May 6 programs TBA. (Missing First Friday concerts? We felt that we were just competing with too many things those evenings, so we're trying First Sundays at 5 programs instead).

Other special musical events:

Old City Sacred Harp Sing. Second Tuesdays (Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13) 6:30-9:00p.m. or thereabouts, in Neighborhood House Music Room (south entrance, lower level). Anyone can participate, hymn books provided.

Saturday, **November 12** at 8:00p.m.

Poor Richard's String Quartet

In other exciting news, we are starting a **Children's Choir** with Wednesday rehearsals beginning September 14 at 5pm. All children and youth aged 4-13 are invited to participate, regardless of experience or religious affiliation. The choir will sing throughout the year in various Sunday morning Services and other occasions. Even if you're not sure about committing, bring your child, and invite their friends, to one of the September Wednesday rehearsals and give it a shot. It promises to be a fun, challenging, and rewarding endeavor.

The **Christ Church (adult) Choir** is accepting new singers for this season. You don't have to be a great sight-reader or have the prettiest voice. A love of singing and willingness to work will do just fine. The payoff is great — just ask any of the volunteers who joined this past year. The choir has grown in the past year from 8-10 singers to around 16 currently and we hope to add even more. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7-9p.m., beginning September 8, and sing Sundays in the 11a.m. Service. For more information on either of these groups, please call or email Director of Music Parker Kitterman at 215-922-1695 x 27 or pkitterman@christchurchphila.org.

Finally, a word of thanks to our summer musicians. The **Summer Choir** brought a breath of fresh air and great energy to our Sunday mornings during the dog days of summer. Thank you to Nathalie Bartle, Uli and Martin Boeckheler, Wayne Christman, Donna Dietz, Ayo Gansallo, Nava Hall, Sally Hardy, Allan Hasbrouck, Marianne Lipson, Michael and Zachary Robinson, Cecilia Wagner, Wayne West, Janice Woodcock, and Joel Ziegler. Thanks to the Rev. Tim Safford for his fine guitar work at our August Wednesday Eucharists. Also thanks to Temple University and Taylor & Boody organbuilders, for loaning us the positive organ (or as some of you like to call it, the baby organ or the hurdy-gurdy) to accompany our summer services.

Parker Kitterman

SERVICES THROUGH OCTOBER

Sept 5 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Sept 11 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
10:10am The Forum & Acolyte Training
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Sept 18 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon (and Atrium 1 Class)
10:10am The Forum & Journey to Adulthood & Atrium 2 Class
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Sept 25 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon (and Atrium 1 Class)
10:10am The Forum & Journey to Adulthood & Atrium 2 Class
11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon
12:30pm The Bridge Lunch and Discussion

Oct 2 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon (and Atrium 1 Class)
10:10am The Forum & Journey to Adulthood & Atrium 2 Class
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
12:30pm Life at Christ Church Class & LGBT Fellowship Brunch
4:00pm Blessing of the Animals in the North Garden
5:00pm Evensong celebrating the Feast of St. Francis

Oct 9 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon (and Atrium 1 Class)
10:10am The Forum & Journey to Adulthood & Atrium 2 Class
11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon
12:30pm Life at Christ Church Class

Oct 16 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon (and Atrium 1 Class)
10:10am The Forum & Journey to Adulthood & Atrium 2 Class
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon
12:30pm Life at Christ Church Class

Oct 23 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon (and Atrium 1 Class)
10:10am The Forum & Journey to Adulthood & Atrium 2 Class
11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon
12:30pm The Bridge Lunch and Discussion

Oct 30 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon (and Atrium 1 Class)
10:10am Rector's Forum & Journey to Adulthood & Atrium 2 Class
11:00am Children & Youth Sabbath and Sermon
1:00pm Halloween Party at St. Barnabas Mission hosted by The Sages

ACOLYTE TRAINING

On Sunday, **September 11** at 10:10 A.M. in the church, new and current acolytes, ages 7 and up will meet to work on teamwork, new tasks and learn about the fun events for the upcoming year. Please join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP: CALLING ALL KIDS

On **September 18**, our Sunday program for Christ Church children and youth restarts as we welcome kids back for the fall season. Check out the new schedule and come share your summer fun stories!!

Nursery—birth to 3 yr olds
(8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

Atrium 1 – 4 to 6 yr olds
(9 – 10:00 a.m.)

Atrium 2 – 7 to 10 yr olds
(10 – 11:00 a.m.)

Journey to Adulthood – 11 to 17 yr olds
(10 – 11:00 a.m.)

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Sunday **October 30**, at the 11:00 A.M. Service, is Children and Youth Sabbath, when the younger ones among us lead the way in worship. Please join us for this special celebration.

SUNDAY FORUM

10:10AM in Neighborhood House

Each Sunday, the congregation gathers to discuss with the rector how the scripture being preached upon applies to real issues of life and culture, or, how an issue in life or culture can be enlightened by scripture and theology.
All our welcome.

September 4 **No Forum**

September 11 **Ten years later**

September 18 **Focus on Ministry**

September 25 **The Fall Program**

Sundays in October *Watch the Sunday bulletin for updates*

STAY CONNECTED TO CHRIST CHURCH!

Keep tabs on what's happening at 2nd and Market by following Christ Church on Twitter (@ChristChurchPHL or twitter.com/christchurchphl) and joining our group on Facebook (search for "Christ Church in Philadelphia" in the Groups section).

Our occasional (never excessive) posts cover important church events, fun historical facts, and other parish life notes along with news and information from the national Episcopal Church.

Our Twitter or Facebook pages are a great way to be a part of the parish community when you can only be with us in spirit!

UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO

Help Kate Spelman (and the entire staff) learn the names and faces of Christ Church! Upload your photo to the parish database!

Do you have an electronic photo on your computer? With a few clicks, you can upload it to the parish database for staff members to see (other parishioners won't see it, or your address, etc. It's all secure, unless you give permission for others to view it).

1. Go to: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=143659>
2. Choose a username, get password, like on all websites (or use the one you already have, if registered).
3. Go to Home/My Profile. You'll be directed to a page with your name, address, phone, etc. Click "Edit" in the upper right corner, and then click "Picture."
4. Upload picture following instructions. You can also upload a family picture, if you wish.

You will see other ways to update information, check your pledge balance, and make online gifts. Also, you may see some events to sign up for. We'd have more if we could find a volunteer to update the parish event calendar from home (hint, hint).

FELLOWSHIP and CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATE WITH BRIDE & GROOM

Josephine Hearn & Robert Wilson, married June 4
Valerie Evangelista & Marc Caccavo, married June 4
Rachel Levy & Brian Adamczyk, married July 9
Alicia Young & Brian Romig, married August 26
Lindsey Teasenfitz & Nick DiGeorge, married August 27

PRAY FOR THOSE SEEKING BAPTISM

Miriam Mei-Ling Boeckheler, daughter of Ulrich & Kai-Zu Boeckheler
Jacee Rae Roberts, daughter of Kiersten Roberts & Kyle Melnick-Hoffman

PARISH BIRTHDAYS

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

September 1, Mavis McLynn
September 5, Sarah Tarka
September 7, Jim Abbott, Sarah Safford
September 8, Riley Helfrich, Teri Ruiz
September 9, Aidan Daniels
September 10, Jackson Knox
September 11, Thomas Suddath, III
September 12, Joan Bedell, Julie Christoph, Emily Hearn, John Lisa, Charlie Moleski, Bonnie Putnam
September 17, Peter Rickels, Lori Smedley
September 18, The Rev. Susan Richardson
September 21, Chuck Frohlich, Jr.; Lynn Karoly
September 24, Maria Drew, Ray Mangin, Carol Pickering, Ella Schultz
September 25, Joseph Helfrich, Robert Spross
September 27, Zoe Loomis, Connie Stephano
September 28, Norah Strauss, Theo Strauss
September 29, Kate Hall
September 30, Mary Jane Fitch
October 1, Carter Dibble, Clancy Dibble, Houston Joost, Mary Paschall, Natalie Roberts, Caroline Vander
October 3, Kate O'Connell
October 4, Alison Fritz, Mollie Suddath
October 7, Colin Gleason, Aedhan Loomis, Dan Pohlig
October 9, Ken Oakes, Michael Walsh
October 10, Laura Bauers, Cory Dolin, Claire Ehrke
October 13, Jean Knight
October 14, Henry Boulind
October 15, Letitia Gembala, Gregory Moss
October 17, Sophia Schultz
October 18, Jean Lutes
October 19, Gail Larson
October 21, Mike Giansiracusa, Jr.; Susan Johnson; Cherie Weldon; Henry Ziegler
October 22, Laura Scheerer
October 23, Louise Bleil, Matthew Haines, Bruce Heugel, Theodore Lewis, Cyrus Reese

October 24, James Timberlake
October 25, Ziggy Hoffman, Jennifer Knox
October 26, Fred DeAndrea
October 27, Gavin Dibble
October 28, Don Bentley, Ann Wilkerson
October 30, Eleanor Abbott, Gail Hearn
October 31, Maddox Rosser

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

CHRIST CHURCH TOURISM NEWS

As I write this, I am on a bus to New York City to attend the gift show at the Javits Center. I think about what we have accomplished this year and while at the show I hope to discover some gems to sell in our gift shop and get ideas for product development.

The busy season is behind us and now we get to take a short breather from the school groups who visited in the spring and the families who visit in the summer. Soon, we will welcome the senior groups and school groups who visit in the fall. Tourism numbers are down at our sites and at other sites in the historic district. But we have managed to stay even with contributions and increase sales thanks to the dedication of our guide staff.

A highlight of the season is our jump into social media. One of our guides who is into the social media scene generously offered her time and talents to bring Neil, John and me kicking and screaming into the 21st century world of technology. She updated the Tourism Facebook page, established a Twitter account, created a Google calendar for our tourism events on the Christ Church website, and set up Neil Ronk's *History Made Fresh* blog and John Hopkins' *Hop on History* blog on BlogSpot.

We receive updates from BlogSpot about where the people are from who read our blogs and what a surprise - who knew that we had fans in Germany and Sweden!

Next time you're on the Internet, take a few moments to like us on Facebook, subscribe to our Twitter feed, read the blogs that have been posted on BlogSpot and find out about upcoming events on our Google calendar.

Enjoy the fall and come visit the church, burial ground, and gift shop!

Anne McLaughlin

www.facebook.com/historicchristchurchandchristchurchburialground

www.twitter.com/neilandhop

www.historymadefresh.blogspot.com

www.hoponhistory.blogspot.com

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)

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available from 8:45 AM to 12:15 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

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