

# The Chronicle

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## Prepare the way of the Lord!

It's hard to believe, but Advent is nearly upon us. As I write this, the first chill of winter has come. My car proved this today when the snowflake icon appeared for the first time since last winter's low temperatures, warning me that the roads could be slippery.

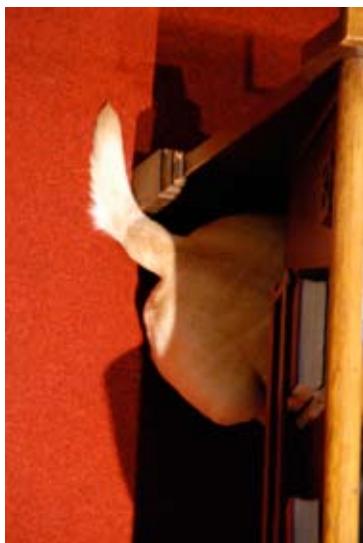
Too often we think of Advent as our preparation for Christmas. That is surely a part of what Advent means. But the season is more than that. It is a chance for us to prepare not just for Christmas, but for Jesus himself. In Advent, we recall the longing and expectation that was present 2,000 years ago as people hoped for a Savior. In Advent, we also become aware of our own longing and expectation for Jesus the Savior.

We long for Jesus to be more present with us in this confusing and uncertain time. We are filled with expectation that one day Jesus will come again in glory and restore the world to the fullness of joy, justice, and peace. Mostly, we look for hope in the world than can sometimes seem hopeless.

How can we prepare? How can we welcome Jesus? We can make silent time in our lives for Jesus to be born into our hearts. We can open our arms to embrace the least of our society, and embrace Jesus himself. We can refuse to dance to the relentless drumbeat of consumerism, dancing instead to the songs of angels who proclaim God's glory. We can bring the light of God's love into the world, casting away all darkness and fear.

See you at Christ Church in Advent, as we prepare the way of the Lord.

*Scott ✕*



Read more about animals and Advent inside. *Photos: Matt Bowen.*

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (no music)
- 9:15 a.m. - Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (with music)
- 5:15 p.m. - Dinner for all
- 6:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (with music)

### Wednesdays

- 6:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon & Alateen
- 7:00 p.m. - Vestry (second Wednesday)

### Thursdays

- 11:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop
- 6:30 p.m. - Companions in Christ
- 6:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir

### Saturdays

- 9:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop

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## Ministry Leaders

- Cindy Flaxington, *Acolytes*
- Jane Gauvin, *Altar Guild*
- Doreen Gardner & Cindy Mulvey, *Bazaar*
- Brian Allard, *Bowling League*
- Cindy Flaxington & Briscoe Lang, *Buildings*
- Jen Banos, *Church School*
- Kimberly Allard, *Counters*
- Jane Worton, *Episcopal Charities*
- Elaine DaRosa, *Episcopal Church Women*
- Scott Gunn, *Eucharistic Ministers*
- Melody Shobe, *Eucharistic Visitors*
- Jill Gaines, *Grounds*
- Kimberly Allard, *Handbell Choir*
- Matt Bowen, *Hymns & Hers*
- Robert Lincourt, *Information Systems*
- Beth Richmond, *Junior Choir*
- Mary-Jane Jenson, *Lectors*
- Elaine DaRosa, *Memorial Garden*
- Linda Mendonça, *New Member Ministry*
- Linda Gorman, *Office Volunteers*
- Denyce Johnson, *Renaissance Campaign*
- Judy Foltz, *Prayer Support Group*
- Laura Brion, *Senior Choir*
- Virginia Holt & Pat Cooper, *Share and Care*
- Judy Foltz, *Thrift Shop*
- Carolyn Rancourt, *Web Minister*
- Michael and Beth Silvia, *Youth Group*

**Would you like to learn more about one of these ministries or volunteer to serve? Speak with any of these leaders. The Parish Office will be happy to give you contact information for any of these leaders.**

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Brian Allard, Anne Kilkenny, Grace Lang (2011)

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## From the Associate

*Melody Shobe*

I can't believe that November is already here, and Thanksgiving is coming quick on its heels. This year will be the first year that Casey and I are living in our new house, and we are so excited to have Thanksgiving there. My sister, Ashley, and her husband, Alan, are coming to spend the holiday with us, and we are rushing around trying to get all of the boxes unpacked. We are outfitting our guest room with new furniture and fresh sheets, because Ashley and Alan will be our first houseguests, and we want them to feel warmly welcomed. We are sweeping and dusting and trying to get our house as spotless as possible, because we are proud of our first home, and we want it to make a good first impression. Casey and I are already looking through cookbooks, searching for good recipes, because we are excited about carefully preparing a special, homemade holiday meal. And when the day comes, I will carefully set the table with the china and crystal I received for my wedding, I will pull out one of my big vases and splurge on a beautiful bouquet of flowers, because on a special holiday like Thanksgiving, it is fun and exciting to use the "good stuff" instead of just the everyday dishes.

I would guess that many of you know what I'm talking about. Thanksgiving is an important, special day, and most of you will prob-

ably be involved in similar preparations. You will prepare your homes, welcome friends and family, and cook up a special meal. That's just what we do at the holidays. But, you know, Thanksgiving Day is not the only day that we are called to celebrate and give thanks for all that we have. In fact, every week, as we gather together to celebrate Holy Eucharist it is a Thanksgiving. Look in your Book of Common Prayer (p. 361); the words that we read as we celebrate Holy Communion are called "The Great Thanksgiving." In fact, the word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving!"

*...what would it be like if we treated every Sunday's celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the same excitement and honor that we accord to Thanksgiving Day?*

This year, as I have excitedly prepared for my first Thanksgiving Day in my new home, I have been thinking a lot about the Great Thanksgiving as well. It has made me wonder: what would it be like if we treated every Sunday's celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the same excitement and honor that we accord to Thanksgiving Day? What would our church look like if, every Sunday, we cleaned and prepared it as carefully as I am working to clean and prepare my home? What could we do to diligently prepare to welcome our visitors as warmly as I hope to welcome my sister and new brother-in-law? How might we, every Sunday, bring out the "good stuff," our very best, just as I will pull out my good china and crystal?

The meal that we share with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day is very special, but the meal that we share every Sunday with our fellow Christians and with God is even more important. It is an opportunity to welcome one another and to honor God even more extravagantly than we welcome our loved ones on a special occasion. This year, as you prepare for and celebrate Thanksgiving Day, I would ask you to remember the Great Thanksgiving. Remember that “it is right to give God thanks and praise,” not only on Thanksgiving Day, but every day, and especially every Sunday. Reflect on how our church might better prepare for and celebrate the Great Thanksgiving each week, not as something ordinary and mundane, but as the extraordinary, sacred event that it is. So Happy Thanksgiving; I may not see you around my table on Thanksgiving Day, but I’ll be waiting to celebrate with you around God’s table at the Great Thanksgiving every Sunday.

## **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!**

### **Thanksgiving Eve**

Wednesday, November 26

6:15 p.m. in the Church

Holy Eucharist  
with traditional Thanksgiving hymns

**A**lmighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## Church School news

*Jen Banos*

A most joyous church season is soon upon us. The arrival of Advent brings us back to the beginning...to the miracle of all miracles. We look forward to our families joining together in Christian education along with worship in church during the weeks of Advent.

Our second-annual Advent wreath extravaganza will take place on Sunday, November 30. All parishioners will meet in the gym (in lieu of classes) to create wreaths to bring home and enjoy during the Advent season. Please bring snips and garden gloves if you have them.

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays, Christ Church is keeping in the tradition of Christmas (and it's twelve days!) by spreading out the celebration. Please mark the date on your calendar....January 6...will be our Christmas pageant. More details to follow from the "pageant people", but be sure to save the date now! We are glad to know that more can participate who are usually away visiting families on Christmas Eve. It will be nice to sit back and enjoy the pageant without the time crunch.

Our classrooms are full of projects and evidence of our weekly explorations into scripture and understanding our path as Christians. We hope you stop down to check out what is going on. We would like to hear from anyone who would like to participate as teaching volunteers or to help out with office responsibilities. Please see Jen Banos (on Sunday or by phone at (401-729-0437) for more information. It takes a parish to raise a child! If you would like to be more involved with our Church School, let us know.

## Journey to Adulthood

*Melody Shobe*

This year, our church embarked on a new adventure; we began implementing Journey to Adulthood (J2A). J2A is an exciting curriculum for those in grades 7- 10 that is based on the premise that adulthood is something that is both learned and earned. This is more than a Sunday School class; it is a holistic program designed to nurture community among our young people, give them a safe place to learn about God and wrestle with the questions they have, and help them grow into the adults that they are called to be. Supporting our youth in this way is not only the job of their parents; it is the responsibility of the whole church. On Sunday, December 7, during our adult education forum, we will have a parish meeting about Journey to Adulthood so that everyone in our church can be aware of what we are doing, ask questions, and learn how to be involved. The mentors who are leading the group and the young people who are a part of it will be there to share their experiences thus far. Please make an effort to join us for this important meeting. For more information, please contact Jen Banos, Melody Shobe ([mshobe@christchurchlincoln.org](mailto:mshobe@christchurchlincoln.org)), or one of our current mentors.

Want to learn more about J2A? Don't miss the Sunday Forum on December 7 – 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House. We'll talk about what this program means to our young people and to our whole parish.

# Mass on the Grass & Parish Picnic

On Sunday, September 14, we held our 10:30 service at MacColl Field. Because of rain, we were actually in a shelter. A good-sized congregation enjoyed church in the round with the music of Hymns & Hers, joined by Mike and Beth Silvia. We also welcomed the Rev'd Melody Shobe for her first Sunday with us!

After the service, we rearranged the furniture and enjoyed a feast. Pictured here, : Jeff shows that he can manage money (he's our treasurer) and fire! : Cindy shows off some of the desserts. : Brenda and Justin both shared in the picnic food.

Stay tuned for details of next year's Mass on the Grass and parish picnic. We hope to gather at Lincoln Woods in September 2009. *Photos: Scott Gunn.*



# Ministry Fair

In September, we held our ministry fair. Over 30 ministries we represented, with opportunities to learn more about the many ways

Christ Church members can offer their gifts. Nearly every ministry saw a few people signing up, and a good time was had by all.



**At left:** Jill and Kevin were ready to talk about the newly formed Grounds Committee. Jill will be involving many green thumbed folks this spring, as we seek to make our grounds more beautiful. **Top left:** the Ministry Fair was for all ages, since children are involved in many of the ministries at Christ Church. **Top right:** one of the most publicly visible ministries is our Thrift Shop, which sells gently used clothing at bargain prices. To learn more about any ministry, speak with the leaders, who are listed in this issue of *The Chronicle* on page 2. *Photos: Matt Bowen.*

# Grace. Gratitude. Generosity.

Scott Gunn

I don't remember when I first heard the string of three words that explains everything there is to know about Christian giving: "grace, gratitude, generosity."

It begins with grace. When we become aware of God's presence in our lives, we experience grace. This happens differently for every person. Sometimes it is the awareness that we are in the presence of a God who is much greater than anything we can imagine. Perhaps it is a joy that we cannot find words to express. Maybe it is the still, small voice of God calling us to something that we would not have imagined for ourselves. Whatever it is, however it comes, it is grace.

Once we know grace, gratitude comes next. We receive God's grace as we receive any other gift: we are grateful. If someone has ever surprised you with a gift that seemed too generous but yet was perfect, you know this feeling. When we realize that everything we have – and even life itself – is a free gift from God, we become grateful. A deep sense of gratitude fills our very being.

And then there is generosity. It's inevitable, really. Remember that great gift you received from someone? You probably wanted to say thank you immediately – making a phone call or writing a note or dashing off an email. But you probably went beyond a simple thank you. Maybe you wanted to buy a gift in return. Perhaps you had a longer conversation in which you said how grateful you were, and in that conversation your relationship with the giver deepened out of

your gratitude and generosity of spirit. However you did it, I'll bet you expressed your gratitude in some generous way.

You don't have to stay in church to see these concepts at work. Most employers these days know that when you treat employees well, they respond with harder work. Generosity leads to gratitude which leads to more generosity. Parents know this too. Generosity with children can teach gratitude, and it can inspire children to learn to be generous.

So what about God? Can you find God at work in your life or in the lives of people you know? Look around Christ Church, and you'll see lives transformed. God's grace is easy to see if we look for it.

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Everything we have comes from God. As Melody said in a recent sermon, even our money

("our" paycheck!) is not ours – it all belongs to God. We just get to use it for a while.

How will you use the gifts with which God has entrusted you? How will you use the life, the time, the skill, and the money that God has given you?

Soon we will begin our annual pledge campaign. We will ask each member of Christ Church to prayerfully consider how grateful they are and how much money they will return to God, for God's work.

Not one time will you hear about Christ Church and its need for money. You'll only hear about your need to give. Through the mystery of God's abundant love, the more you give, the greater joy you will experience.

# the sunday forum

Join us every Sunday at 9:15  
in the Parish House  
for lively conversation  
on matters of faith and spirituality.

*Free coffee and front row seats, every week!*

Led by the Rev'd Scott Gunn & the Rev'd Melody Shobe.

## Home & Hearth Holiday Bazaar

**December 5, Friday**  
Dinner

**December 6, Saturday**

*9 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

Breakfast & Lunch

Crafts

Baked goods

Greenery

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**in the Parish House**

# Parish Calendar

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 26. Thanksgiving is all about giving thanks. **Remember the most important way to give thanks – the Great Thanksgiving!** We'll offer a service of Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Eve at 6:15 p.m. Come to Church and sing traditional Thanksgiving hymns as we thank God for all the blessings of this life.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 27 and Friday, NOVEMBER 28. **The Parish Office will be closed.**

Sunday, NOVEMBER 30. Today is the **First Sunday of Advent**, sometimes called Advent Sunday. We'll begin this season of hope and expectation, which will be reflected in our Sunday liturgies.

Between our Sunday morning services, we'll offer **Advent wreath-making for the whole family**. Come to the Parish House at 9:15 and make a wreath for your home – a way to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ in your home.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 3. **Our book group, Living Words, meets tonight** at 7 p.m. This month our book is *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore. Join us in the Parish House for a thoughtful discussion of this funny and provocative book.

Friday, DECEMBER 4 & Saturday DECEMBER 5. **Don't miss the Home & Hearth Holiday Bazaar!** See elsewhere for all the details.

Sunday, DECEMBER 14. All people of all ages are invited to come to the Parish House for a great tradition: **gingerbread houses!** We'll make these festive Christmas decorations, which will be delivered to our shut-ins and our elderly members & friends. The fun is at 9:15.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 24. We'll celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with **two festive Christmas Eve services, at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.**

Thursday, DECEMBER 25. If you prefer to **celebrate on Christmas morning**, come to Christ Church at 10:30 for a grand celebration with all the trimmings, including a bit of incense.

Sunday, DECEMBER 28. Christmas is twelve days long. We'll sing traditional Christmas favorites at 10:30.

Tuesday, JANUARY 6. Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany**. We'll celebrate in grand style with a Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m., including our **children's pageant**. We'll also bless chalk for you to take home and mark the doors of your homes. After the service, we'll gather for an Epiphany Party in the Great Hall.

## Parish news round-up

### Thrift Shop welcomes newest volunteers

*Judy Foltz*

Thanks to our great Ministry Fair, the Thrift Shop was able to sign up four new volunteers for Thursdays. We enthusiastically welcomed Dolores Casse, Pat Cooper, Doreen Gardner, and Terry Velletri. Doreen volunteers once a month and works exclusively in the Book Room. Two teens also signed up and will volunteer when their schedules allow. The Thrift Shop is still looking for Saturday volunteers. If you have any questions, please speak with Judy Foltz, Margie Boyce or Muriel Long.

The Thrift Shop volunteers held their annual fall luncheon at Trattoria Romano restaurant on October 22. Two former long time volunteers, Ruth Beck and Madeleine Nixon, were able to join us and renewed old friendships.

### CPR/AED training

Thank you to Linda Mendonca for donating her services on September 20 to train and certify 11 parishioners and staff using the American Red Cross course in CPR, and the use of AEDs. Those certified were Andrew Rancourt, Katherine Hopkins, Bob Kay, Joan Wilson, Dennis Lafreniere, Jennifer Banos, Jane Worton, Elizabeth Bruckner, Judy Foltz, Linda Gorman and Dianne Papineau.

### Picture Directory

Our church will be producing a new pictorial directory. We hope everyone will come have their family photo taken, so that we can create a lovely directory of our parish. The photos are free of charge, though you will have the opportunity to purchase photos if you wish. Save the dates: Friday, February 6; Saturday, February 7; Tuesday, February 10; and Wednesday, February 11. Let us know if you plan to be away then, and we can make other arrangements for your photo. More information to come.

### Memorial Garden

*Elaine DaRosa*

New memorial plants were installed during the summer in our Memorial Garden and additional engraved bricks have also been installed. A sweeping, raking and weeding day is scheduled before the snow falls and some winterizing fertilizer will be administered.

We have had five interments during 2008 and we honor the memory of our loved ones by maintaining the area of our historical cemetery and our memorial garden at the highest level possible; by removing fallen leaves, cleaning out any dead tree branches; spreading plant food and mulch; sweeping bricks and digging out weeds.

We are grateful for all those who have helped during this past season.

Orders for engraved memorial bricks will be taken over the winter to be set in place next Spring.

## Episcopal Church Women

*Elaine DaRosa*

On October 28, I attended a luncheon with the members of the National Board of ECW at the Trinity Conference Center in West Cornwall, Connecticut. (What beautiful buildings and grounds at this site!) It was exciting to be with women from around the country, including one young woman from Puerto Rico who couldn't speak any English. She was happy to join up with Modesta Pellot from St. George's parish in Central Falls, who also is from Puerto Rico. Rhode Island was well represented with nine women from our Diocese. What a joy it was to hear what women around the globe are accomplishing. As the national president of ECW has stated "we women are the largest network in the church." Our strength is in prayer; and our bond of likeminded ways of working together is a glorious gift to each other and to the church; one which through all the turmoil and uncertainty of our church today has stayed the course with Mission and Ministry. I am hoping that with the help of the Reverend Melody Shobe that we might soon be in a position to meet with all the women of Christ Church of varied ages and interests to find new ways for "building up the Body" and for "going into the world."

### **Did you know?**

The Diocese of Rhode Island is one of 110 dioceses in the Episcopal Church. Our church includes not only the United States, but 12 other countries, including Liberia, Haiti, Taiwan, and more...

## New member ministry

*Linda Mendonça*

One of the pleasures of the new member ministry is to deliver a loaf of bread to welcome new members to Christ Church. This loaf of bread may be of the homemade nature or purchased from a bakery. My favorite is Challah bread (it makes the best French toast); the last loaves I delivered were on the eve of Yom Kippur. This yummy bread is typically baked on Fridays at Seven Stars Bakery, but I lucked out on this particular Wednesday as it was a Jewish holiday! The loaf of bread is a nice touch, but even more important is the opportunity to meet new members. Since September committee members have delivered seven or so loaves of bread. So if you have not noticed there are many new faces at Christ Church.

On the whole parishioners are very welcoming and make newcomers feel at home. Just a reminder that it is the responsibility of everyone to make "strangers" feel welcome in God's house. In the Autumn edition of *RISEN* there is a great article on hospitality. The following is a highlight from the article: the "three-minute guideline" – For three minutes after the service, you are asked to talk to people you do not know. It is much easier to focus on your friends and people you know and begin talking to them instead of reaching out to a "stranger." Next Sunday try the "three-minute guideline." It is not always easy to begin talking to some one new; but you may just feel good if you try. Take a few minutes and read the article in *RISEN* and meet someone new!

# More parish news

## Episcopal Charities

*Bette Bruckner*

As of Friday, September 4, 2008, Christ Church members have pledged \$13,745 for the 2008 campaign, and \$11,332 has all ready been received—thank you to all who have pledged to date! We have had 189 members pledge, 146 have already given. We still have one more quarter for those 43 unpaid pledges to come in. Thank you again to all who have made a huge difference in the lives of people who are helped by your generosity, and the agencies who minister to our “neighbors”. At Christ Church, we believe that our Lord has blessed us richly, and because of God’s love, WE GIVE FROM OUR HEARTS, WITH LOVE, AND THANKSGIVING, FOR ALL WE HAVE RECEIVED. Please fulfill your pledge, if you have not yet completed it. Our Lord left us with a very important command – “Love your neighbors as yourselves”, and that is our ministry of outreach.

## Penny a Meal

*Jane Gauvin, Joan Rhodes and Muriel Long*

In August you received a letter and your Penny - a - Meal bag. We hope the bag is nearly full as the Bazaar dates are coming up fast. We all have many blessings to be thankful for. Thank you to all those folks who have already responded, mailing their checks or donations in early. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing you at our booth at the Bazaar.

## Altar Guild

*Jane Gauvin*

The Altar Guild gathered on Sunday, October 26 for their annual service of Corporate Communion.

We gathered on Tuesday, November 18 for our meeting and cleaning and polishing in preparation for Christmas. Greens will be hung by our faithful men, and the Guild members on Sunday, December 21, following the 10:30 a.m. service.

All members are asked to meet on Wednesday, December 24 at 9:30 a.m. to decorate and prepare for Christmas services. There is no regular Altar Guild meeting in January.

The Altar Guild is a wonderful organization of parishioners who serve the needs of the Priest at the Altar. We are always in need of new members. I would like to speak with anyone interested in learning about this ministry. Call Jane Gauvin at 401-726-0211

Happy Thanksgiving and Blessed Christmas to all.

## Great Hall looks great

If you haven’t been by lately, make sure you take a look at the Great Hall. Thanks to a hard-working crew of cleaners and painters, the Great Hall has a new color scheme. Wilma Jalbert created some terrific curtains for the windows (you can see her work in our offices too). If you know of a community group that needs space, please tell them about the Christ Church Great Hall.

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## Pictures of pets and painting

On Sunday, October 5, we welcomed pets to worship with us as we celebrated our annual Blessing of Animals. A large number of dogs joined us, along with cats, guinea pigs, and many stuffed animals. **Top left:** Dixie checks out another dog. **Bottom left:** Melody blesses one of God's furry creatures.



**Above:** Tim carefully paints the high places in the Great Hall (see p. 14).

## Bazaar news

*Cindy Mulvey*

Exciting plans and preparations are well underway for the Christ Church annual bazaar that will be held on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6. Be sure to mark your calendar. It is an event not to be missed!

This year, the bazaar promises to be bigger and better than ever. Come to our bazaar and shop for all of your family and friends! When you've finished your shopping, be sure to get your presents wrapped at the Gift Wrap Station.

Our traditional booths will be back, with some exciting new items available. You can shop at the Baskets and More, the Country Store, Holiday Gifts and Crafts, the Kids Corner, Santa's Secret Shop, the Bake Shoppe, and the Sweet Shoppe. You will even be able to purchase your fresh trees, greenery and Christmas wreaths for your holiday decorating. The Penny-a-Meal, Penny Social and the Silent Auction promise to be better than ever. We will be offering items such as Trinity Rep tickets, Rhode Island Philharmonic tickets, some gift certificates to local restaurants, movie passes, a new storm door from a local company, and much more. If you enjoyed the meat pie at the luncheon, you can even bid on some whole French meat pies to take home.

Christ Church is "going green!" Several of our wonderful hand made items are made from recycled materials, including potpourri fire starters, hand dipped candles made from used altar candles, and cork trivets made from wine bottle corks! If you buy a plate of goodies at the bake table, you can take it home on a pretty recycled tray or plate.

We will also have a special Christ Church table where we will be able let our guests know all about our parish. Plans are underway to sell Christ Church t-shirts there. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Paul Pickens will be at that table to sell and sign copies of his book, "The History of Christ Church." The signing times will be announced. Pre-orders for the signed books will also be taken.

You will want to come to the bazaar hungry. Not only can you buy delicious pastries or candy, you can also enjoy the three wonderful meals that will be served during the event. On Friday, a complete Willow Tree chicken dinner will be served. Be sure to get your tickets early! The Church School staff will be hosting a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. You won't want to miss the luncheon on Saturday afternoon. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served, as well as hot soup, chili with meat, vegetarian chili, and French meat pie!

Saturday will be an especially exciting day at the bazaar for the little ones. Not only will we have a Bounce Around in the gym, we will have a very honored guest, Santa Claus!!! Some special elves will be available to take instant or digital photos.

As our plans and preparations are completed, we invite you to join us. If you have time to donate, your help will be most welcome. But please come spend some time with us. You can enjoy some great meals, get Christmas shopping and wrapping done, all while enjoying the musical treat of our Handbell Choir! For further information, please contact Cindy Mulvey (cchurchbazaar@yahoo.com) or Doreen Gardner (401-762-1352).

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## **In memoriam**

*Jane Gauvin*

Candles for November were given to the Glory of God, and in memory of James Dougan and Jane Dougan Royley.

Altar Flowers were given for the glory of God and in memory of:

*November 2* – Deceased members of the Altar Guild - Amy Gibson, Elizabeth Gibson, Isabel Knowles, Mary Midgley, Sarah Morrison, Sadie Nightingale, Elizabeth Pongburn, Lillian Pollitt, Lillian Strickland, Emmy-Lou Pollock, Gertrude Reid, Margaret Longe, Sally Workman, Florence Brown Pickles, Marillyn Ferguson, Marion E. Schafer, Mary Beck, Ruth Simskie, Jean Bardsley, Lily Brown, Muriel Longe, Betsy Pollitt, Mildred Boyce, Bessie Gardner, Mary Renaud, Margaret Brown, Barbara Brehio, Harriet Batty and Catherine Breault.

*November 9* – Bertha Clement, Thomas O'Connor, Alfred DePetrillo and Lucy W. Beck.

*November 16* – Martha Dube Freebairn, Irene Dube Thompson, Marion and Harold Guise, Lester E. Ousey, Clara Ousey-Norris, Herbert Ousey, Sr. and Charles H. Gauvin. In thanksgiving for the marriage of Christina Melia and Shane Harrold.

*November 23* – Robert L. Breault, Raymar W. Breault.

*November 30* – Anna Collins and Elizabeth Elam

Candles for December are given to the Glory of God in memory of Eliza Calvert and J. Alfred and Alice Broadbent.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of:

*December 7* – Diana Gauvin, and Robert N. and Virginia L. Costello

*December 14* – Florence B. Grayson, John and Florence Bertenshaw, Samuel and Mary Grayson, and Joseph and Martha Bertenshaw.

*December 21* – Lewis C. Holt, Frances Letondress, Dorothy Ward, and John H. Rhodes.

*December 24 & 25* – Christmas memorials will be listed separately in the Christmas service leaflets.

*December 28* – Anne and Andrew Whitehead.

## **Memorials received**

*In Memory of Jay Moore.* Given by Carol Lynch, Allen Tootell, Jane Gauvin, Barbara Papineau, Paul and Lynn Pickens, Mark and Lisa Fischer, Marcia Verdoia, Joan Rhodes, John Lynch, Muriel Long, Gerald and Sandra Ducharm, Marjorie Boyce, George and Yvonne Ogilvie, Elaine DaRosa, and Bob and Jean Kay.

*In Memory of Irving Evans.* Given by Elane DaRosa.

*In Memory of Harold Graham.* Given by Ruth and Ray Clement, Nanette and Scott Boudreau and Doris and Herbert Entwistle.

*In Memory of Alice Kettlety, James L. Kettlety Jr. and Virginia Dolan.* Given by Georgia Sullivan, James L. Kettlety III and Carole Kettlety-Glaser.

## Flower memorials

Flowers on the altar are given each Sunday as memorials and in thanksgiving for the life of a loved one. If you would like to remember a family member or friend on a special date during the year please call Jane Gauvin (401-726-0211) four to six weeks in advance of the date, or set it up as a yearly memorial. The suggested donation is \$12.00.

## Christmas plant memorials

Each Christmas, the Altar Guild decorates the sanctuary with Poinsettias that are banked on either side of the Altar. Each plant is given in memory of a loved one, or if you have a special thanksgiving for something nice that has happened in your life.

Please fill out the order form below and send to Jane Gauvin, Altar Guild Directress, so that she may order a plant or plants for you.

### Christmas Plant Order Form

Please send to Jane Gauvin, 57 Amherst Street, Cumberland, RI 02864. Enclosed is my contribution for \_\_\_ plant(s) @ \$14.00 per plant.

In memory of

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or in thanksgiving for

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**The deadline is Tuesday, December 2.**

## The Parish Register

Married on June 28, 2008

**Christopher Cutler and Jennifer Kuczer.**  
*Christopher is the son of Debbie and Bob Cutler.*

Married on August 30, 2008

**Tonny Flomo and Garmai Massaquoi**

Blessing of Marriage on September 6, 2008

**Mario Ruie Sousa Antonio and  
Odete Martins Alves**

Burials

**Alice Herman Lesieur  
Leslie Breault Brennen  
Barbara Neil Schwenk**

## In the hospital? Shut in?

Please call the Parish Office (or have a family member call) if you are in the hospital, or if you are not able to come to church. The hospitals do not call your parish.

Call the Parish Office 401-725-1920 if you would like a visit from a priest, or if you would like to have a Eucharistic Visitor bring you Communion on a regular basis, or if you want to be put on our prayer list.

For urgent pastoral care, you may contact either of our priests on their mobile phones. You may reach Scott Gunn at 508-314-0781 or Melody Shobe at 401-316-3320.

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**Give thanks to God as part of your Thanksgiving tradition.** A service of Holy Eucharist with traditional hymns will be offered on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26.

Get Advent off to a good start. **Come make an Advent wreath** on Sunday, November 30, at 9:15 a.m. We'll provide everything you need to make a lovely wreath for your home.