



The Beehive

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ANNUAL MEETING 2009--AN INVITATION 23 JANUARY 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

All are invited and urged to attend the upcoming Annual Meeting/Dinner at Christ Church. Part of our canonical (legal) obligation as a Parish Church is to come together as a congregation to—
++elect church officers and a Vestry,
++and to review the Vestry's budget for the upcoming year.

We also celebrate and review our life together during the past year and make plans as a community for the year to come. AND, we enjoy each other's company as we dine with old friends and new ones. What a great way to hear in detail the richness of our life as a vital parish!

Please put the date and time onto your calendars. More details about this year's gathering are being developed by your Vestry and will be announced shortly. We ask that you phone the Office (743-6782) to indicate your intention to be present, or sign up on the Office door. Child care can be arranged—simply let us know of your need for that!

CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH 2008

Our schedule this year has not changed from past recent years. Each service is carefully planned and lovely, as we once again gather in church to celebrate the coming of God-with-us, Emmanuel, the One who is with us always, no matter what is going on in our lives. Come and invite and bring along your family, friends and strangers alike!

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24

4:00 P.M. Eucharist with children helping to furnish the Crèche
10:00 P.M. Eucharist with choir, warm cider to follow

Christmas Morning, Thursday, December 25

9:00 A.M. Christmas Morning Eucharist

2008 CHRIST CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

Rector:	Anne Stanley	Members of the Vestry:
Parish Secretary:	Linda Caradonna	Beulah Ayer 743-5943
Senior Warden:	Carlyn Watts 539-9678	Ann Bickford 743-6434
Junior Warden:	Thelma Cunningham 966-2008	Jeanne Byers 743-5762
Clerk:	Bonnie Trundy 966-3276	Ted Kehn 527-2313
Treasurer:	Chris Pottle 539-2218	Tom Knight 743-8629
		Joanne Lowell 743-5540
		Barbi Tinder 928-3603

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE –2009

We are pleased to announce that Ann Bickford will be the new Hospitality Committee chairman. We also welcome **Rainey Foster** to our group of heard-working, creative members. The Hospitality Committee members for the year 2009 are listed below. The asterisk following the names identifies the contact person.

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH - Bernice Kehn*, Jodi Carter, Rainey Foster

APRIL, MAY, JUNE – Beulah Ayer*, Anne Bickford, Mary Tolman

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER – Carlyn Watts*, Thelma Cunningham, Christine Hebert

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER – Jane Dann*, Susan Morin, Lynne Orsini

If you have a hankering to join us, don't hesitate to call Ann Bickford at 743-6434.

- Jane Dann

FROM THE RECTOR

No matter what is happening in our lives or in our world, Jesus comes. No matter what we do or don't do, ready or not, Christmas arrives. My family is saddened at the very recent loss of my mother. But in our grief at her death, there is joy at knowing of her new life in God's nearer presence. Christmas will come for us, too.

Jesus was born, we know, to give all of us the hope and Good News of eternal life, which a tiny part of the world could see in the dark night of his birth, which we can all know now in our lives and which continues forever.

Our times are hard nowadays in so many ways: personal, national, global. And yet, in the midst of it all, hope is born. God-with-us. The foundation of all life, the Truth that sustains us no matter what.

Come to our Christmas services this year to pause and reflect on that Truth, to welcome Jesus once again into your hearts and to give thanks!

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-Date Ending November 30, 2008

Operating Income.....	\$128,872.
Operating Expense.....	\$138,939.
Operating Net Deficit	\$10,067.
Restricted Income.....	\$14,733.
Restricted Expense.....	\$11,430.
Restricted Net Surplus.....	\$3,303.

In November we heard from several parishioners, the stories of their journeys of faith. We will share one story in each Beehive. Here is Ann Bickford's own story:

**OUR FAITH STORIES:
MAKING ME WHOLE THROUGH
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

I am sure each one of us has experienced the wonder of **Faith**.

For me, my **Faith** was enhanced by the experience of being at my husband's side when he passed away. It was so peaceful and fulfilling. As he took his last breath he smiled and I knew he saw the light at the end of the tunnel. At that moment I felt a light touch on my head which traveled through my body.

I knew **God** had touched me with the **Holy Spirit** and I was transformed to a deeper understanding of **God's Power**.

I would like to share one of my favorite hymns which sums up my deep **Faith**:

Prayer is the key to Heaven
But **Faith** unlocks the door.
Words are so easily spoken
But prayer without **Faith**
Is like a boat without an oar.
Have **Faith** when you speak
To the **Master**, that's all
He asks you for.
Yes, prayer is the key to Heaven,
But **Faith** unlocks the door.

—Ann Bickford

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sept. - May at 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY

9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sept. - May at 10:00 A.M.

EUCHARIST/HEALING SERVICE

Wednesday at 9:30 A.M.

MEN'S LUNCH

Wednesdays at noon

WORSHIP AND OTHER PERSONNEL – DECEMBER 2008

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON A SCHEDULED DATE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT AND LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW THAT PERSON'S NAME BY THE TUESDAY MORNING BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED DAY.

	DEC. 07	DEC. 14	DEC. 21	DEC. 24 (4 & 10 PM) Christmas Eve	DEC. 28
<u>EUCCHARIS- TIC MINISTER</u> 8:00 A.M.	Al Barth	Peter Hammond	Peter Bickford	4 PM-C. Watts 10 PM-R. Norris	Lynn Brown
10:00 A.M.	Richard Norris	Allan Crane	Barbi Tinder	TORCHES—4 PM R. Brennan A. Churchill	Thelma Cunningham
<u>ACOLYTE</u> 8:00 A.M.	Al Barth	Peter Hammond	Peter Bickford	4 PM—Carlyn Watts 10 PM-P. Hammond	Lynn Brown
10:00 A.M.	James Miller	Rachel Brennan	Chris Pottle		Andy Churchill
<u>LECTOR</u>	Jeremy Hill—OT	Merton Lord—NT	Jane Dann—OT	4 PM-P/ M Bickford 10 PM-T. Cunning- ham	Keith Willoughby— NT
<u>USHERS</u> 8:00 A.M.	Ann Bickford	Hank Emerson	Harry Harper	4 PM-Beulah Ayer & Ann Bickford 10 PM-Tom Knight & Bonnie Trundy	Sandy Luke
10:00 A.M.	Jane & Bob Dann	Bill & Jane Gibson	Pat & Henry Stewart		Tim & Donna Churchill
<u>COUNTERS</u>	Tom Knight Marcia Pottle	Bill Gibson David Stanley	Henry Stewart Chris Pottle		T. Cunningham Bernice Kehn
<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>	Jane Gibson	Jeanne Byers	Barbara Rooth Shelby Black		Mary Tolman
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>Nov. 29-Dec.12</u> Helga Thurston Bernice Kehn	<u>Dec. 13-Dec. 26</u> Lynn Brown Beulah Ayer		<u>Dec. 27-Jan. 9</u> Mary Bickford Martha Eaton Cheryl Willey	

WORSHIP AND OTHER PERSONNEL – JANUARY 2009

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	JAN. 04	JAN. 11	JAN. 18	Jan. 25
<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u> 8:00 A.M.	Al Barth	Peter Bickford	Sue Emerson	Peter Hammond
10:00 A.M.	Richard Norris	Tom Knight	Thelma Cunningham	Barbi Tinder
<u>ACOLYTE</u> 8:00 A.M.	Al Barth	Peter Bickford	Sue Emerson	Peter Hammond
10:00 A.M.	Carlyn Watts	James Miller	Rachel Brennan	Chris Pottle
<u>LECTOR</u> 10:00 A.M.	Barbara Rooth-NT	Jane Dann-OT	Rosemary Laban-NT	Caroline Leonard-OT
<u>USHERS</u> 8:00 A.M.	Ann Bickford	Harry Harper	Hank Emerson	Sandy Luke
10:00 A.M.	Beulah Ayer Bonnie Trundy	Henry & Pat Stewart	David Stanley Peter Blackman	Bob & Jane Dann
<u>COUNTERS</u>	Chris Pottle Tom Knight	Thelma Cunningham Henry Stewart	David Stanley Bill Gibson	Bernice Kehn Marcia Pottle
<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>	Frances Martin	Katheen Parsons	Barbara Rooth Shelby Black	Caroline Leonard
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>Dec. 27—Jan. 9</u> Mary Bickford Martha Eaton Cheryl Willey	<u>Jan. 10—Jan. 23</u> Joanne Lowell Jan Wall		<u>Jan. 24—Feb. 6</u> T. Cunningham Lynne Orsini

Around The Parish—



We extend sincere sympathy to **Anne and David Stanley** on the death of Anne's mother, Jane Grant, in early December....and to **Bill Gibson**, whose younger brother, Warren, also died recently.

Emily Gibson, daughter of **Jane and Bill Gibson**, celebrated the 25th anniversary of her ordination to the Priesthood on Friday, December 5, with Advent Evensong, followed by a dinner at Trinity Church in Castine where her husband, David Andrews, is Rector.

Some may remember when Emily returned from a year in Honduras and worked as an ER Nurse at Stephens Memorial Hospital from 1979 to 1980 before beginning her studies at Episcopal Divinity School with the support of Christ Church. Emily is currently Interim Rector at St. Patrick's Church in Brewer, and has served churches in Chatham, NJ, Corning and Syracuse, NY, and most recently as Interim Rector at St. Brendan's in Stonington.

Pat and Henry Stewart's youngest daughter, **Victoria**, AKA Tory, was married to Cory Hinkle on Saturday, October 25, on The Roof of the Taj Hotel overlooking the Boston Public Garden. During the service the heavens opened and the sound of the rain on the canvas roof almost drowned out the reading from Rilke, hard enough to understand under the best conditions. The celebrant, The Rev. Carl Edwards, a long-friend of the Stewarts, commented that the congregation may have come for a wedding, but they were getting a baptism, as well!

Tory and Corey are both playwrights. They met when they were both Jerome Fellows in Minneapolis, where they now live. Cory's vows included a promise "to honor and respect Tory even when I win a McArthur genius grant and she doesn't." In return, Tory promised that she would "follow you, even if you return to graduate school in an eastern post-industrial city, where I know no one, and where heating oil is \$350 a tank." Tory is currently a McKnight Fellow and is Artist in Residence at the Tennessee Repertory Theater in Nashville. You will probably see the newlyweds at Christmastime.

Please remember to let me know what's going on with you and your family for the next Beehive.

♦ Thelma Cunningham

Ed. note:

We send condolences to Thelma Cunningham, who recently lost her loved Lady, her little Shih Tzu, who was nearly 16 years old.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

.....has gotten off to a great start! A group of women gathered at midday around the Guild Room table recently to read and examine the Book of Susanna, from the Apocrypha. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13 from 11:30 to 12:30 to begin the Book of Judith. We will continue then every Tuesday for six or so weeks, pondering those books of the Bible which feature some of our women ancestors in the faith.

Come, women among us, bring a sandwich and a Bible and join our lively discussions. If your Bible does not include the Apocrypha, we have some at church.

A SEASON OF GIVING

At this special time of year, we are reminded that one way we show our thanks for the gifts we receive is by helping others. Helping others in need is an ongoing part of our Parish life. During the first two Sundays of October, parishioners contributed \$661.15 to help Maison de Naissance repair some of the damage caused by the hurricanes that devastated Haiti this fall.

At Thanksgiving, parishioners donated \$221.00 to pay for Thanksgiving baskets for three needy families that were delivered by Mary Tolman and the Rector. Other parishioners baked pies, and helped set up and clean up after the annual Thanksgiving Covenant Dinner at St. Catherine's. Approximately 135 people attended, a new record, and additional meals were prepared for shut-ins or were taken home by attendees.

As part of our Parish's participation in the Angel Tree Prison Ministry, Susan Morin has just solicited gifts from sixteen parishioners and friends to provide Christmas gifts for thirteen children who have an incarcerated parent.

The Norway Memorial Library will sponsor another opportunity for service next month as part of a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in Maine. The Library will gather volunteers to spend the afternoon of January 19, 2009, volunteering at non-profit organizations along Main Street in Norway. If you are interested in participating in this afternoon of service, please contact Ann Seikman at the Library (743-5309).

Henry Stewart, for the Outreach Committee

PLEDGE UPDATE

As of Sunday, December 7, we have received 56 financial pledges for the upcoming year in the amount of \$94,000. The total for 2008 was 66 pledges in the amount of \$112,000. As you can see, we are short of the amount received for this year. As of this date, there are eighteen 2008 pledges which have yet to be renewed for 2009. We encourage everyone to make a pledge at a level that you feel is appropriate for you. Please help us out by making that pledge today. Thank you.

- The Stewardship Committee

Episcopal Relief and Development - Our Annual Appeal

Episcopal Relief and Development (ER&D) is the collective response of Episcopalians to help people in need in the United States and around the world. It promotes practical and effective local responses to the problems of poverty, illiteracy, disease and hunger, working through an Anglican diocese wherever possible. Those of you who have donated in the past should now be receiving ER&D newsletters which detail how your donations are being used. ER&D recently received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management. This is the highest possible rating, given only to a quarter of the charities evaluated by the group, the national leader in charity evaluation. ER&D's 2007 Annual Summary indicates that 92 percent of every donor dollar goes directly into programs. ER&D also meets all 20 standards of the Better Business Bureau's charity accountability.

Ken Cochrane, Maine's ER&D coordinator, for example, has reported the following:

Episcopal Relief & Development Partners Respond to Hurricanes
Hurricane Gustav sent an estimated two million people, in possibly the largest exodus in US history, out of Louisiana before it roared ashore and through the coastal villages of the state's Gulf coast as a category two hurricane with winds of 110 mph. When the Episcopal Church of Louisiana's Office of Domestic Response (ODR), an Episcopal Relief & Development partner, learned that Gustav was heading its way, it sprang into action. The ODR response included evacuating building supplies, food, water and other emergency materials, creating emergency shelters, relocating and securing staff and coordinating with churches to ensure that the elderly, the vulnerable and families in the low-lying bayou regions of Louisiana that would flood in the event of a direct hit, were accounted for and had disaster plans in place. When Gustav came through Louisiana, its people were safe, thanks in part to the hard work of the ODR.

This year The Episcopal Church, through ER&D, Jubilee Ministries and the Executive Council, continues the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Inspiration Fund, whose aim is to raise, by the end of 2009, \$3 million to fight malaria and other diseases in Africa, Asia & Latin America in support of MDG's 4, 5 & 6. \$2 million will be allocated to ER&D's malaria-prevention program in Africa & Asia, the remainder to Latin America & the Caribbean for a broader range of disease prevention. Contributing to this fund is an excellent way of implementing the giving of 0.7% of individual income toward the MDGs.

You may allocate part or all of your contribution by writing "Inspiration Fund" on the memo line of your check. Since this special appeal should not take away from the other work of ER&D, please consider increasing your usual contribution to cover it.

We again plan to lift up Episcopal Relief and Development at our services on the third Sunday in Advent, December 14, where a brochure and an envelope will be available in the bulletin. An insert about specific gifts you can make to ER&D also appeared in the 1st Advent Bulletin. We hope you will make ER&D a part of your personal outreach for 2009. There are two ways to do this:

The Rector and Outreach Committee encourage you to place your envelope in the collection plate at any Sunday service with your check (made out to Episcopal Relief & Development) inside. It will then be blessed along with other offerings to the Church and sent on by us to ER&D. Since we want to get an idea of our total giving to ER&D, your check will be looked at unless the envelope is sealed and the amount written somewhere on the outside of the envelope. Doing this will preserve anonymity.

Mail a check directly to ER&D, using the already-addressed envelope provided in the December 14 bulletin, also available in the hall near the Guild Room. In this case we ask that you write the amount and the word ER&D on a card with or without your signature and place the card in the collection plate as above.

Our small congregation was able to send ER&D individual contributions of \$4,040 (that we know about) at the end of last December.

ER&D now urges that churches reserve the first Sunday in Lent as a time to lift up ER&D. We plan to adopt that formula in 2009, so we will be coming to you again then (March 1, 2009) with our annual appeal. The present appeal is the only one we are making in 2008.

Chris Pottle, for the Outreach Committee

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DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER:

- 01 Sarah Cunningham
Andrew Mills
- 04 Molly Brown
- 05 Jim Leonard
- 06 Henry Oliver Barth
- 07 Teagan Jane Barth
- 10 Megan Parsons
- 11 Caroline Gould
Jeff Wall
- 18 Gerald Kilgore
- 23 Jane Dann
- 24 Mike Morin
- 26 Beulah Ayer
- 28 Marcy Wright
- 29 Susan Brown



JANUARY:

- 04 Shelby Black
- 09 Marcia Pottle
- 14 Norman Cyr
- 20 Nancy Rideout
Katherine Stanley Obando
- 21 Tom Robinson
- 22 Ed Keiser
Barry Vaill
- 24 Eileen Klingler
- 25 Wendy Emerson
- 28 Beverly Blake
- 29 Sandy Luke
Ashley Tinder

Please continue to pray for...

Keith, David, Karen, George, Joyce, Pearl, Abby, Brendan, Forest, and Toivo

GET YOUR BEEHIVE BY EMAIL!!



We have quite a sizeable group of parishioners receiving the newsletter by email. If you'd like to join them (and receive your Beehive in color!) just tell Linda and give her your current email address. We'll add you to the list! **OR—** If you have received **this** newsletter by email **and do not wish to, just let us know and we'll remove your name from the email list.**

DECEMBER/JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



- 02 Tom & Susan Knight
- 08 Jim & Caroline Leonard
Gwyneth Bohr's ordination
- 21 Anne Stanley's ordination
- 26 Adrian & Katherine Stanley Obando

JANUARY:

- 06 Barry & Elaine Vaill
- 30 Michael & Bonnie Trundy

DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

December:

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| 01 | Noon | Centering Prayer |
| 03 | Noon | Men's Lunch |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Choir rehearsal |
| 09 | 11:30 A.M. | Women's Bible Study |
| 10 | 10:30 A.M. | Outreach Committee |
| | Noon | Men's Lunch |
| | 1:30 P.M. | Finance Committee |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Choir rehearsal |
| 14 | 11:15 A.M. | Vestry |
| 15 | Noon | Centering Prayer |
| 17 | Noon | Men's Lunch |
| | 6:00 P.M. | Worship Committee |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Choir rehearsal |
| 21 | 8 & 10 A.M. | The Rev. Canon H. Male |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Hospitality Committee |
| 24 | 4:00 P.M. | Holy Eucharist, carols, furnishing Creche, children's sermon |
| | 9:30 P.M. | Christmas music |
| | 10:00 P.M. | Holy Eucharist with Choir |
| 25 | 9:00 A.M. | Christmas Day Eucharist |
| 29 | Noon | Centering Prayer |

January:

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| 07 | Noon | Men's Lunch |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Choir rehearsal |
| 11 | 11:15 A.M. | Vestry |
| 12 | Noon | Centering Prayer |
| 14 | Noon | Men's Lunch |
| | 6:00 P.M. | Worship Committee |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Choir rehearsal |
| 21 | Noon | Men's Lunch |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Choir rehearsal |
| 26 | Noon | Centering Prayer |
| 28 | Noon | Men's Lunch |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Choir rehearsal |

Morning Prayer continues at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.