



# The Beehive

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## DEAR CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY—

We have experienced an unusual summer, in many ways, haven't we? For over two months incredible rain and cool temperatures, with farmers and gardeners, holiday-makers and local businesses in despair, followed by a burst of heat in mid-August and then a tornado in Norway, Paris and a few other nearby towns. Now, suddenly, schools have started and a new season is beginning.

Underneath it all, supporting us in the good and the hard, has been God's steady hand.

The hard has included area-wide devastation wrought by the tornado, including some of Peter and Mary, Paul and Cathy Bickfords' property. Fortunately, at this writing, repairs are well underway. True to its name, our church Hospitality Committee pitched in with some meals.

The good includes the many visitors some of us have enjoyed (all of David's and my children and grandchildren, from their far-flung homes), new grandsons for the Whitneys and for Tom Guilford, a new home for the Lehrs, Carolee Garcia as our organist sub while Jeremy enjoyed four weeks away, a hugely successful Church Yard Sale and an equally successful annual Blood Drive with our Covenant partner, St. Catherine's.

Our church has been full each Sunday, with old friends returning and brand-new visitors as well. The two-service Sunday schedule resumes on September 6, with choir and Church School starting up on September 13.

The Epistle of James, for 13 Pentecost, August 30, proclaims that *"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above."* God's generosity. We respond by being generous in return, by giving back to God our huge thank you's. How do we do that? What do we give?

This year's Christ Church Annual Giving project will remind us of our Christian obligation to say thank you from our financial treasure, beginning with giving to God through our church's mission. We'll be hearing some additional ways church members respond to God's generosity, too, ways that strengthen our church community. In September and October we'll have a chance to listen each Sunday to one or two parishioners eager to share their stories with us.

And peeking ahead into October, mark your calendars for October 4, our covenant renewal celebration and animal blessing with St. Catherine's and BOTH of our Maine bishops (see article elsewhere in this Beehive). On October 8 we have a chance to hear about the upcoming Diocesan Convention as well as highlights of the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention held in Anaheim last July. And on October 16, come to a festive dinner for newcomers, with stories from old timers as well!

In the wider world, we are all invited to ponder and pray and take part in the debates and work for health care reform: how to make health care affordable and available to all Americans, a justice task I am convinced is a crucial part of our mission as Christians. There is, of course, much discussion about how to accomplish this job, as well as much misinformation. The referendum on Marriage Equality lies before us as well. I am happy to talk to any of you who want to chat about it. I will speak openly about my own feelings on this matter later on this fall.

So....there is a lot going on, a lot to think about, and no matter where we are in our journeys of faith, that faith can guide us in our reflecting and our acting.

Faithfully,

### 2009 CHRIST CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

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Parish Secretary:	Linda Caradonna		Beulah Ayer	743-5943
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			Bonnie Trundy	966-3276

## The Museum of Russian Icons

As many of you know, I have been interested in icons for quite some time. Five years ago I attended the first icon-writing retreat at St. John the Evangelist at Emery House in rural Massachusetts. Each person in our group completed a copy of the Russian icon "Mother of God 'Tenderness' 1990". My copy hangs in our church chapel.

While attending our group retreat at SSJE in Cambridge, MA in January 2009, I picked up a brochure detailing an exhibition of a combined showing of icons from both a museum in Moscow and those in The Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA, just north of Worcester. Several weeks ago my wife and I drove to Clinton and visited the museum. It was certainly worthwhile seeing.

The museum was founded about 3 years ago by an industrialist, Gordon Lankton, and is, to their knowledge, the only museum of Russian icons in the U.S. Mr. Lankton took an empty historic 19th century brick building (along the side of Central Park, the oldest public park in America, and next door to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd) and rebuilt it into a state of the art museum. On its 3 floors it exhibits more than 300 icons spanning six centuries from the 15th century to the present. They were acquired by Mr. Lankton over many business trips to Russia (his was the first American factory in Russia), beginning with a \$20 icon found lying on the ground in a flea market, to those costing a great deal more. The building itself is a work of art, using solar panels for PV electricity to supply all their electrical needs, audio aids describing many of the icons, illuminating magnifying glasses to get a closer view, to "docents", volunteers who explain more about the building and collection.

There are facilities for the physically handicapped, and a museum library, cafe and gift shop. Admission is \$5 for adult and by voluntary donation for folks over 65.

For anyone interested in visiting the museum I can offer driving directions. We spent several hours there but it wasn't long enough. Of course many countries where the Orthodox faith is rooted have traditions of icon making but for Russian icons, this museum is the last word.

- Parishioner Ted Kehn

### FINANCIAL RECAP PERIOD ENDED 07/31/09

Operating Income.....	\$ 82,499.
Operating Expense.....	<u>94,394.</u>
Deficit .....	\$-11,895.

Special projects have contributed \$2,989 to the 7-month income:

Cookie & Plant Sales	\$1,026
Carpet donations	906
Chili Supper/Auction	657
Bottles & cans	162
Cookbook sales	124
Other	<u>114</u>
Total	\$2,989

- Tom Knight, Treasurer

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Lacey Wright Ryder
- 02 Henry Stewart
- 03 Pearl Starbird
- 07 Adrian Obando
- 08 Rachel Brennan
- 10 William Gates
- 11 Peter Bickford
- Jim Byers
- 12 Barbara Tinder
- 19 Francis Bean
- 30 Scott Bickford



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 George & Harriet Robinson
- 09 Mike & Susan Morin
- 16 Sandy & Audrey Luke
- 27 Peter Crumlish & Sara Armstrong
- 29 Ted & Bernice Kehn
- 30 Edward & Terry Keiser



### RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

We will back on our regular schedule of services. Sunday services are now at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Please join us!

*Please continue to pray for....* Keith, David, Karen, George, Pearl, Abby, Brendan, Forest, Kayla, Bill, Rose, Chris, and Toivo

**WORSHIP AND OTHER PERSONNEL – SEPTEMBER 2009**

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	SEPTEMBER 06	SEPTEMBER 13	SEPTEMBER 20	SEPTEMBER 27
<b><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u></b> 8:00 A.M.	Al Barth	Sue Emerson	Peter Bickford	Mary Bickford
10:00 A.M.	Allan Crane	Carlyn Watts	Tom Knight	Barbi Tinder
<b><u>ACOLYTE</u></b> 8:00 A.M.	Al Barth	Sue Emerson	Peter Bickford	Peter Bickford
10:00 A.M.	Chris Pottle	Rachel Brennan	Andy Churchill	Thelma Cunningham
<b><u>LECTOR</u></b>	Jane Dann—OT	Ted Kehn—NT	Merton Lord—OT	Caroline Leonard—NT
<b><u>USHERS</u></b> 8:00 A.M.	Ann Bickford	Hank Emerson	Mary Bickford	Carlyn Watts
10:00 A.M.	Peter Blackman Tom Knight	Pat & Henry Stewart	Tim & Donna Churchill	Bill & Jane Gibson
<b><u>COUNTERS</u></b>	Thelma Cunningham Marcia Pottle	Henry Stewart David Stanley	Tom Knight Bill Gibson	Bernice Kehn Thelma Cunningham
<b><u>COFFEE HOUR</u></b>	Cheryl Willey	Daryl Albury	Jo Ann Somers	Laurie Jones
<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 05—Sept. 18</u></b> Beulah Ayer Bernice Kehn		<b><u>Sept. 19—Oct. 02</u></b> Mary Bickford Lilo Willoughby	

**WORSHIP AND OTHER PERSONNEL – OCTOBER 2009**

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	OCT. 04	OCT. 11	OCT. 18	OCT. 25
<b><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u></b> 8:00 A.M.	Lynn Brown	Peter Bickford	Al Barth	Mary Bickford
10:00 A.M.	Allan Crane	Carlyn Watts	Chris Pottle	Tom Knight
<b><u>ACOLYTE</u></b> 8:00 A.M.	Lynn Brown	Peter Bickford	Al Barth	Peter Bickford
10:00 A.M.	Chris Pottle	Rachel Brennan	Thelma Cunningham	Andy Churchill
<b><u>LECTOR</u></b> 10:00 A.M.	Keith Willoughby-NT	Ted Kehn-OT	James Lehr-NT	Jeremy Hill-OT
<b><u>USHERS</u></b> 8:00 A.M.	Ann Bickford	Mary Bickford	Peter Bickford	Sandy Luke
10:00 A.M.	Peter Blackman Tom Knight	Jane Dann Jodi Carter	Beulah Ayer Bonnie Trundy	Tim & Donna Churchill
<b><u>COUNTERS</u></b>	David Stanley Marcia Pottle	Peter Blackman Chris Pottle	Thelma Cunningham Bill Gibson	Bernice Kehn Tom Knight
<b><u>COFFEE HOUR</u></b>	Carlyn Watts	Beverly Blake	Merton Lord	TBA
<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b>	<b><u>Oct. 03—Oct. 16</u></b> Martha Eaton Cheryl Willey		<b><u>Oct. 17—Oct. 30</u></b> Joanne Lowell Jan Wall	

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**SEPTEMBER 2009**

**THE BISHOPS ARE COMING!**

The Covenant between Christ Episcopal Church and St. Catherine's Catholic Church is thirty years old!

To celebrate and commemorate this amazing anniversary, and to renew the covenant, our two parishes will meet on Sunday, 4 October 2009 at 2 P.M. for worship and refreshment. And because October 4 is also the feast of St. Francis, the festive covenant renewal service will be followed immediately with a blessing of animals.

Stephen Lane, Bishop of Maine, and Richard Malone, Bishop of Portland, will BOTH be with us—in Christ Church for the renewal liturgy and at St. Catherine's for the animal blessing and reception. How wonderful is that?

The outline for the liturgies have been prepared but more planning remains to be done. The Covenant Committee of our two churches will be meeting in September to finalize details and assign worship personnel. If you would like to be part of the planning, join us. The meeting date will be announced shortly.



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

September—June at 8 & 10 A.M.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**EUCCHARIST/HEALING SERVICE**

Wednesday at 9:30 A.M.

**MEN'S LUNCH**

Wednesdays at noon

**SAFE PASSAGE BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Enjoy a day of golf at the beautiful Poland Spring resort to benefit Safe Passage on Tuesday, September 15th. This 2nd Annual Benefit Golf Tournament is being hosted by the Casco Bay Friends Group. For details, go to [www.safepassage.org](http://www.safepassage.org) and follow the link under upcoming events. Fees include greens fees, electric carts, box lunch and "19th hole" (beer and wine) with hors d'ouvers and prizes. For more information or questions, email [cascobayfriends@safepassage.org](mailto:cascobayfriends@safepassage.org) or call Phil Kirchner at 846-4331.



**BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS!**

Thanks to many volunteers and donors, our Red Cross Blood Drive with St. Catherine's provided the Red Cross with 123 pints of much needed blood. As always, this would not have been a success without everyone's help and enthusiasm.

Many thanks from the Outreach Committee.

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

Men's Lunch continues at noon on Wednesdays

06	8 & 10 A.M.	Regular schedule of services resumes
09	10:30 A.M.	Outreach Committee
10	7:00 P.M.	Choir rehearsal
13	10:00 A.M.	Church School starts!
14	Noon	Centering prayer
17	7:00 P.M.	Choir rehearsal
20	11:15 A.M.	Vestry
24	7:00 P.M.	Choir rehearsal
28	Noon	Centering prayer

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