



The Beehive

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**COME CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE COVENANT
BETWEEN
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
&
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**A SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL
HELD AT
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
Sunday, October 4, 2:00 P.M.**



**AND
(immediately afterwards)**



**THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
HELD AT
ST. CATHERINE'S (front lawn tent)
October 4 at 2:30 P.M.**

Refreshments to follow for both humans and animals

BOTH BISHOPS WILL CELEBRATE WITH US!

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane (Episcopal)
The Most Rev. Richard Malone (Roman Catholic)



AROUND THE PARISH:

We send condolences to **Ann Bickford** on the recent death in Florida of her twin brother, Alton.

Lots of news from **Pat and Henry Stewart** this time. In June they visited Alaska's inside passage, a temperate rain forest., on a National Geographic boat, seeing all the wild-life you could imagine, and especially enjoying the whales swimming around the boat.

The Stewarts' daughter, Tory, married last year is expecting a baby in February. Their son, Tyler, was married on September 20, 2009, at Rutgers Arboretum in New Brunswick, NJ. Their daughter, Darnley, is marrying Rita, her partner of ten years, next September.

Frederick Maximillian Mandel was born on August 10th in Los Angeles to **Becky Whitney Mandel** and husband David. He joins older sister Madeline.

Kathy, Ron and Nikolas Parsons went to Taylorsville, NC, this summer to visit Helen, Bill, Taylor and Ryan Moore. Taylor gets to go to school in Taylorsville. While they were there, they went to see the Biltmore Estates in Asheville.

Kathy Parsons, Audrey Luke, and Mary Bickford went to tea recently with **Mary Jo Russell**.

Leanne Pray will be finishing beauty school in September.

Nancy King and her sister Diane from New Jersey also went to Alaska this summer. They went first to Vancouver, then on to Whitney, Alaska, via the inside passage. Unfortunately, they didn't see any animals, other than dog sleds, until their last day when they saw four moose. They stayed at McKinley Lodge in Denali National Park and actually saw Mt. McKinley bathed in full sunlight.

- Thelma Cunningham

NEWCOMERS AND OLDTIMERS SUPPER

On Friday, October 16, at 5:30 our Undercroft will be filled, we hope, with members of our Christ Church Family. We will give a hearty welcome to all newcomers and we will hear stories from some of our long-time members about what parish life was like back "when."

Keep tuned to announcements on Sundays for additional details on the supper. And just come! Children are encouraged to be here with us. The nursery is adjacent. Phone the Church Office if you have questions, or Beulah Ayer.

FINANCIAL RECAP PERIOD ENDED 08/31/09

Operating Income.....\$ 95,118 .
Operating Expense..... 104,242.
Deficit\$ - 9,124.

The deficit was reduced by \$2,771 between July and August thanks to \$3,173 in proceeds from the church yard sale.

- Tom Knight, Treasurer



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Tyler Morin
- 04 Patti Brennan
- 05 David Stanley
- 06 Isaac Russell
- 07 Mary Verenis
- 08 George Robinson
Jean Whitney
- 09 Kimberly Pray
Garrett Klingler
- 10 Peter Crumlish
Jane Leonard
- 12 Douglas Wall
- 15 Donna Churchill
- 16 Richard Ayer
- 18 Nancy Hopkins
- 19 Audrey Luke
Nancy Brooks
- 20 Max Peter Brown
- 21 Penny Tucker
- 22 Aaron Mathews
Alicemay Wright
- 24 Joanne Cyr Mutty
- 25 Betty Cullinan
Joey & Freddy Stanley
- 27 Paul Bickford



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 John & Muriel Lang
- 17 Harry & Evelyn Harper



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

WORSHIP AND OTHER PERSONNEL – OCTOBER 2009

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.

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

WORSHIP AND OTHER PERSONNEL – NOVEMBER 2009

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	NOV. 01	NOV. 08	NOV. 15	NOV. 22	NOV. 29
<u>EUCCHARIS-TIC MINISTER</u> 8:00 A.M.	Sue Emerson	Peter Hammond	Mary Bickford	Al Barth	Lynn Brown
10:00 A.M.	Thelma Cunningham	Carlyn Watts	Barbi Tinder	Chris Pottle	Tom Knight
<u>ACOLYTE</u> 8:00 A.M.	Sarah Walton	Peter Hammond	Mary Bickford	Al Barth	Lynn Brown
10:00 A.M.	Chris Pottle	Thelma Cunningham	Andy Churchill	Carlyn Watts	Rachel Brennan
<u>LECTOR</u> 10:00 A.M.	Rosemary Laban-NT	Ted Kehn-OT	Merton Lord-NT	Barbara Rooth-OT	Caroline Leonard-NT
<u>USHERS</u> 8:00 A.M.	Hank Emerson	Ann Bickford	Peter Bickford	Sandy Luke	Ann Bickford
10:00 A.M.	Pat & Henry Stewart	Tom Knight David Stanley	Tim & Donna Churchill	Bill & Jane Gibson	Jane Dann Judy Gideonse
<u>COUNTERS</u>	Carlyn Watts Henry Stewart	David Stanley Marcia Pottle	Thelma Cunningham Tom Knight	Chris Pottle Peter Blackman	Bill Gibson Bernice Kehn
<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>	Donna Churchill	Evelyn McAuliffe	Marcia Pottle	Mary Tolman	Rainey Foster
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>Oct. 31—Nov. 13</u> Thelma Cunningham Lynne Orsini		<u>Nov. 14—Nov. 27</u> Beulah Ayer Bernice Kehn		<u>Nov. 28-Dec.11</u> Martha Eaton Cheryl Willey

Dear Christ Church Family—

As I write this to you, I am in the midst of planning the wonderful 2-part service upcoming on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 P.M. (see page 1 of this [Beehive](#)). I am working together with people from St. Catherine's as well as Christ Church.

Fr. Brendan Harnett from St. Catherine's and I decided on this date a year and a half ago as the day to celebrate and renew our churches' 30 year Covenant. (It takes that long to get TWO bishops onto the calendar together!).

What a happy coincidence: the date for the renewal is also the Feast of St. Francis! So we decided to hold our annual Animal Blessing on the same day as the renewal service.

Both Bishop Malone (Catholic) and Bishop Lane (Episcopal) will be with us. At the renewal service in Christ Church, we will offer prayers, sing rousing hymns, renew the Covenant and hear a word from each bishop.

Then as we recess while singing "Joyful, joyful we adore thee," we will stream across the road to the canopy/tent on St. Catherine's front lawn for the Blessing. Both bishops are animal lovers, so they will plunge into this activity with passion, a wonderful way to acknowledge the creatures that enrich our lives---including stuffed animals that we or our children treasure, especially those with allergies! Each animal, breathing or toy, will be individually blessed.

The renewal service will be short, so our pets can hang out in our cars until we take them to the St. Catherine's canopy. If a pet is extra shy, he or she can remain in the car; we will go to them for their blessing. Large animals, caged animals, fish, turtles, mice.....all are welcome!

Following the Blessing, we will enjoy refreshments (for humans AND animals) prepared by members of the Third Order of Franciscans and other members of both congregations.

Please come to one or both services and bring your friends and neighbors.

Our Covenant was carefully crafted in 1979. You know many of the Covenant-crafters because they still worship in our churches. We will acknowledge them at the service.

Our Covenant is unusual, perhaps unique, and is a huge sign of the love of Christ in our midst and at work in our community. When you come, you will hear once again the variety of ways we live in covenant. We have had to tweak the Covenant as we have gone along through the years as our lives change and evolve; we have adjusted some features, made some additions. Strong friendships have been forged, outreach projects are ongoing (Blood Drive, Thanksgiving Dinner, to name two) and our own personal connections with members of each others' congregations are strong. My own friendships with the priests I have known have been part of my own spiritual formation since I have been at Christ Church (in my 12th year now!). For all of that I am grateful!

So come and be a part of this wonderful afternoon!

Faithfully,

For Any of God's Creatures

**Blessed are you, Lord God,
Maker of all living creatures.
On the fifth and sixth days of creation,
you called forth fish in the sea,
birds in the air, and animals on the land.
You inspired St. Francis to call all animals
his brothers and sisters.
We ask you to bless this animal (these animals)
gathered about us.
By the power of your love,
enable him or her (them) to live according to your plan.
May we always praise you
for all your beauty in creation.
Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures.**

- by Jack Wintz

2009 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	Peter Blackman 583-4871
Junior Warden:	Barbi Tinder 928-3603	Jeanne Byers 743-5762
Clerk:	Cheryl Willey 583-6185	Ted Kehn 527-2313
Treasurer:	Tom Knight 743-8629	Joanne Lowell 743-5540
Asst. Treasurer:	Marcia Pottle 539-2218	Lynne Orsini 583-4589
		Bonnie Trundy 966-3276

Outreach Committee Thank You

At the outreach committee meeting this past month, Bob Dann announced that he needed to step down from the outreach committee. We want to thank him for his years of dedication, leadership and service. Bob has served as chair for a good part of that time, before handing over the reins to Henry Stewart six years ago. He continued to be a supportive member whose wisdom and guidance were sought out. Again, thank you Bob for your service. You will be missed.

With Bob's retirement the outreach committee is (and always is) seeking people who are interested in working with us. A way that you could use your stewardship of time and talent might be by working with us. Please think about it. If interested, talk to any member of the committee or Anne. We usually meet the second Wed. of the month at 10:30 AM with time off in the summer.

Peter Bickford, Chair

“NEW” FENCE!

Many thanks to Tom Guilford for organizing the fence-painting project in our side parking lot. He was joined by Lisa Tinder, Jose Garcia, David Stanley, Carlyn and Martin Watts. Tom himself did the lion's share---he is, after all, Tom *Guilford*, not Tom *Sawyer*! The fence looks wonderful and should last many more years.



UPCOMING STEWARDSHIP EVENTS

Annual Giving Campaign:

Sept. 27—Nov. 15	Ministry highlights
Oct. 16	Newcomers/ Old Timers dinner
Oct. 26.	Pledge cards mailed
Nov. 1-22	Pledge ingathering

As we approach the ingathering in November, please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider your pledge of time, talent and treasure to support the ministry of Christ Church for 2010.

Remember, EVERYONE matters—YOU matter!

- Tom Knight
Treasurer

THE REV. GWYNETH BOHR.....

.....has left us with many riches. Gwyneth died earlier this summer after living gallantly and gracefully with some health hardships. We at Christ Church have known her, with Ken, her husband, as a friend and Christian companion for years. It was Gwyneth who responded to the idea of hosting a House Church at her home back in the mid '80's. It was Gwyneth's leadership and pastoral care that brought Bethel-area people together for a monthly Sunday afternoon Eucharist and created a community that, even now, continues strong. It was Gwyneth who connected House Church with Christ Church, forging personal and institutional bonds.

I knew Gwyneth as a wise, funny, shrewd, no-nonsense, deeply spiritual, honest smart.....priest. I was always glad when I picked up the phone and it was Gwyneth at the other end. She and I resurrected the annual fall Evening Prayer services at the Middle Intervale Meeting House in Bethel, when people from our two congregations would gather (no lights, no heat, so we had to do it before the cold and dark season arrived) for worship and refreshments and fellowship either there or at somebody's house. We shared books and book titles ideas, theological conundrums, stories and rides to diocesan events.

During my last visit with her in the hospital, Gwyneth reflected with deep gratitude about her life (including and especially Ken and their children) and anticipated out loud her life to come with optimism and hope. The visit was a gift to me, more, I suspect, than a gift to her.

House Church met on September 20th, for the first time since Gwyneth's death. I was happy to be the celebrant with twenty-one people at the Engdahls' home. We discussed the future of House Church and decided to keep it going. "Gwyneth would be furious if we drifted away," I remarked. On a rotating basis, I, together with a few other clergy, will preside in the midst of the Bethel House Church community on the third Sunday of each month at 4:00 P.M.

Anne Stanley

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Please make the following ADDRESS updates to your church directory—

James & Jen Lehr: 37 Bill Howe Road
Norway, ME 04268
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5 Overlook Drive
Norway, ME 042368
744-9155

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
35 Paris Street, Norway, ME 04268



OCTOBER 2009

Sunday School Report

This year, Anne has chosen a curriculum called The Seasons of the Spirit. It is used by Lutheran, Episcopal, and Anglican denominations. It is published by Wood Lake Publishing out of British Columbia. We have truly entered the computer age as we are downloading most of our material. It is organized by season, Pentecost 2, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, etc. The titles I have taught so far are "Who are You, Jesus?" and "First in Caring". The lessons have corresponded perfectly with the well-loved, yellow "Sunday Paper Junior" which is really nice. We have been looking at maps and tracking where Jesus is traveling in our lessons and discussing maps of Maine and the US. There is also music and artwork to be enjoyed as part of the program. I hope that the lessons we have discussed from the book of Mark have been absorbed as much as possible. It is challenging to discuss the ideas in a way that everyone will understand. One significant difference with this curriculum from others that we have used is that we have an opening ritual that goes like this:

Leader: All those in this circle of friendship

Children: Are welcome here.

Leader: As we learn about living in God's way from day to day,

**as we hear wise stories from the Bible,
as we share our time and our own stories together, all those who enter this circle of friendship**

Children: Are welcome here.

This is something that ought to be memorized by the teaching staff. There are also two prayers that are spoken at the beginning and the end of the session. This curriculum seems to be a nice balance of heart and mind; and I look forward to sharing more about our progress in months to come.

Caroline Leonard
Church School Co-Director



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Men's Lunch continues at noon on Wednesdays

04	2:00 P.M.	Covenant Renewal at Christ Church AND Animal Blessing at St. Catherine's
05	11:00 A.M.	Memorial Service for Helen Benton
08	3:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Stewardship Committee Choir rehearsal Pre-Convention Hearing for Area 4
12	10:00-2:00 Noon	Hymnpicking Centering Prayer
15	5:00 P.M.	Choir rehearsal
16	5:30 P.M.	Newcomers/Old Timers Supper with stories
22	5:00 P.M.	Choir rehearsal
26	Noon	Centering Prayer
29	5:00 P.M.	Choir rehearsal

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



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