

The Chronicle

Racism: a persistent lingering sin

Prejudice is a burden which confuses the past, threatens the future, and renders the present inaccessible.

Maya Angelou, 1986

The election of Barack Obama to the American presidency marked the beginning of a new era of race relations in the United States. Since Obama's election, much effort has been spent recently attempting to determine whether race relations are better these days than they were in the middle of the 20th Century. One key indicator of the direction being taken by our culture is to observe popular culture. Major television networks no longer have high-ranking shows featuring black actors. There is no modern version of *The Jeffersons*, *Sanford & Son*, or *Good Times*. Back in the 1990s, the NAACP, under the leadership of the former Maryland congressman Kweisi Mfume, recently threatened to boycott the major television networks if they did not include African American actors as major characters in popular shows. On the other hand, with the emergence of cable television stations, the cultural domination of NBC, CBS, and ABC has diminished to the point where major network sitcoms are not a key indicator of American culture.

It is hard to tell if race relations are better or worse than they were 35 years ago, but one thing is certain – the sin of racism is alive and well. While we no longer have politicians like the late Strom Thurmon who once proclaimed on floor of the U. S. Senate, “I wanna tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that there's not enough troops in the army to force the southern people to break down segregation...”

Racism is such an interwoven part of life that many of its symptoms can be pervasive to the point where if someone does not want to see it, it is easily ignored. This can happen when a checkout clerk places change in a white person's hand but slaps change on the counter for a person of color. It can also happen when an international banking institution assists a predominantly Caucasian nation in paying off loans but has less sympathy when dealing with a nation in Central America.

As individuals we do not have the power to single-handedly wipe out this sin. But as a group we can work to squeeze the effects of racism from our society just like squeezing the dirty water out of a sponge. This spring we will have a number of adult forums dedicated to the sin of racism. I invite you to join these sessions and learn of how racism can be addressed by our community.

January/February 2010

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Father Adam

ANNUAL MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010



We will worship together at one service at
9:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 24th!

The Annual Parish Meeting will immediately follow in the church sanctuary. A light lunch will be served in St. Mary's Hall immediately following the meeting.

All children are invited into St. Joseph's Hall for a movie and special activity. Childcare will be provided. Parents and teachers are invited to attend the annual meeting.

To be qualified to vote, a parishioner must be over 16 years of age; have been baptized; and have been a member of Christ Church for at least a year. The member must have received communion at least twice and have contributed at least one dollar to the Church during the past year.

ANNUAL REPORTS—All ministry leaders and chairs of committees MUST submit their reports no later than January 11th for inclusion in the Annual Report. You can either drop off or ice, or preferably email to ritacaserta@christchurchmedia.org Your prompt response to this request is needed to prepare, copy and collate for distribution. Thank you!

**Annual Reports
Due January 11th!**



The Christmas Pageant Tradition

At the pageant last month the children and youth acted out and narrated the events, accompanied by beautiful music and candle light – all followed by delicious food and the fellowship of friends and family. It is a wonderful event and tradition that could not be possible without the amazing work of all those involved. The planning, practice, costumes, scripts, stage, setup, more practice, organization, decoration, patient parents, food, food and more food and the clean up. To all those who made this possible a huge thanks for your time and commitment to making the Christmas Pageant a wonderful tradition at Christ Church. Each year it gets more beautiful, we are so blessed.

The Vestry
Christ Church

**Notice to the Parish of Vestry Elections which will take place at the
Annual Meeting on January 24, 2010**

The following is a report of the 2009 Nominating Committee

Members: Janet Miller, Rector's Warden and Chair of Nominating Committee;
Allen Andrews, John Donaphon, Peter Falcone and Paige Loper

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following slate of qualified candidates for Vestry.

Nominees for **VESTRY** for the term February 2010 to January 2013 are:

Paige Loper, 2nd term
Beth Moore
Mike Gay
Judy Fitzgerald

Nominees for **DIOCESAN CONVENTION** for one year term.

Holly Cunningham
Hope Giamboy
Laurie Weber
Laura Hanson, alternate

Nominees for **DEANERY DELEGATES** for one year term.

Hope Giamboy
Laura Hanson
Jan Ross

In accordance with the By-laws, Article II, Section 2

The announcements and written notice of the elections shall request that written nominations for members of the Vestry, deputies to the next stated Diocesan Convention and delegates to the Deanery be made to the Secretary of the Vestry at least 5 days before the time fixed for election.

Any further nominations shall specify whether the person is nominated for Vestry, Diocesan Convention or Deanery Delegate. Please submit the name of the nominee and the individual's qualifications in writing to Jim Mayer, Secretary of the Vestry by **5pm, Tuesday, January 19, 2010.**

Spiritual Life

The Spiritual Life Committee focuses on ways to enrich the spiritual life of the Christ Church community. Please join us for the following events during January and February:

- **Taizé Service** led by Father Randy Williamson on January 7, 2010, at 7:30pm in the church sanctuary. Taizé worship includes candlelight, prayers, readings, silence, and soft music with repetitive words that induce a contemplative state.
- **Film Night** on January 16, 2010, at 6:30pm in St. Joseph's Hall. We'll show *The Secret Life of Bees*, followed by a directed discussion. Set in South Carolina in 1964, this is the tale of Lily Owens ([Dakota Fanning](#)), a 14-year-old girl who is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, Lily flees with Rosaleen ([Jennifer Hudson](#)), her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters — August ([Queen Latifah](#)), May ([Sophie Okonedo](#)) and June ([Alicia Keys](#)) — Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping. She learns about woman power as the Boatwright sisters show her their black Mary and tell her about her mother's past.
- **Taizé Service** led by Father Randy Williamson on February 4, 2010, at 7:30pm in the church sanctuary.

Also, save the date for our **Lenten Retreat**, which will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. Paula Lawrence Wehmiller will lead the retreat. More details will be forthcoming in the church bulletin and the March/April *Chronicle*.

Women's Group

We are a group of women who through fellowship share our lives, laughter and journey's with each other. This group is open to all women of the parish. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month in St. Joseph's Hall for a Potluck Supper and break bread together. Our activities have included the sharing of our own spiritual journey's, the making of prayer beads, dinners out and most recently a trip to the Hedgerow Theatre to see *A Christmas Carol*. Our next Potluck Supper will be Monday, January 25th. Please join us!

For more information please call Holly Cunningham at 610-558-4672 or email: hollyberry1225@verizon.net.

Mothers of Young Children

Mothers of young children enjoy fellowship at Christ Church, Media on the first Monday of each month. This year we are using two texts: In the Midst of Chaos – Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice, by Bonnie Miller-McLemore, and To Dance With God, by Gertrud Mueller Nelson. Attendance and conversation have been vigorous!

For the Advent season, a cookie exchange was held on December 13, 2009. Our annual outreach project to the Domestic Abuse Project is ongoing; gifts of pajamas, books, and toys will be purchased for families residing at DAP over Christmas.

Warm friendships blossom within the group, which welcomes new participants. Refreshments are served and childcare is provided. Please contact Paige Loper at paigeandjohn@verizon.net or (610) 459-1199 with questions or interest.

Outreach Holiday Baskets

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! This Thanksgiving we were able to deliver 32 hearty food baskets and turkeys and for Christmas we provided another 30 baskets all due to your extreme generosity. These food baskets are distributed to families from the Second Time Around Parents through Family & Community Services of Delaware County. This wonderful ministry provides food to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

The parish of Christ Church is truly blessed as we share our blessing with others.

Thank you again,
Holly Cunningham

Communications

Christ Church has an efficient way of sending news through email. The success of this system depends on parishioners keeping the church informed of any new or changed email addresses. If you are not currently receiving Christ Church emails, and would like to be added to the system, please contact Rita in the parish office at 610-566-7525 or ritacaserta@christchurchmedia.org



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 16th, 5:30—7:00 p.m.

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, sometimes called “Fat Tuesday.” Centuries ago Christians often stuffed themselves with food before beginning 40 days of fasting for Lent. In those days, many Christians used up all the food containing fat, including dairy products. Because so many foods, including pancakes, used those fat products, many churches had huge feasts. A lot of people ate until they could hold no more — the beginning of all-you-can-eat dinners. Today many congregations still keep at least a semblance of the tradition. In communities around the world, churches serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. But today the purpose is to have Christian fellowship, not to devour everything in sight.

Mark your calendars and plan on bringing the whole family for a yummy dinner together with your Christ Church family. Tickets will be on sale on Sundays prior to this event and at the door.

Lent begins

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, Lent begins. During this 40-day period, Christians re-evaluate their spiritual lives. It’s a time for us to have a spiritual check-up and to strive to live the Christian life more faithfully and more intentionally.

One might go on a spiritual retreat, for example, spending time with a spiritual advisor, Bible expert or theologian. During Lent, attending the various church services and study opportunities can help people grow spiritually and become more informed about the Christian faith.

Our pilgrimage through Lent should inspire us to serve God more faithfully in our daily lives.

Ash 
**Wednesday
 Services**

12 Noon Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

5:30 pm Children’s Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

SAVE THE DATE!!

BISHOPS VISITATION/CONFIRMATION

The Bishops Annual Visitation at Christ Church Media is scheduled for **Sunday, April 25th**. Bishop Franklin Turner will administer the sacrament of Holy Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church. In preparation for the Bishop’s visit Father Adam will be conducting Confirmation Classes on the following dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 11. Classes will begin at 1:30 p.m. after Logos. Please mark your calendars now.

Did You Know . . . ?

Your new box of envelopes for 2010 includes four opportunities to join the Legacy Society and make a lasting impression on the future of Christ Church. Included with your weekly offering envelopes are four pink envelopes (one every quarter) for contributions to the Endowment Fund. Contributors to the fund provide for the future of Christ Church by “growing” the Endowment, and automatically become members of the Legacy Society. Be sure to get your box of envelopes and look for your pink envelopes throughout 2010!

Endowment Fund



--The Endowment Board



“Even though the last meeting was an eternity, Sam, we’ll continue to call this report the minutes.”

From the Preschool Director

We built a natural landscape for play in our playground. We have created an environment that celebrates the seasons. We have planted trees that will give us shade in the summer, change colors in the fall (and give us leaves to play with) go dormant and woody in the winter, then in spring renew the cycle in beautiful greens and blues and corals .

Indoors our rooms are filled with the happy sounds of children totally engaged in learning. We are cutting and counting and creating; we are baking and building. We are becoming a community sharing soup together for Thanksgiving.

The early years are a unique stage in life. This is when our little people learn about their world. Be engaged with the young ones in your life as they explore this new world. These are the magic years. You really shouldn't miss it.

Joanne Petrosina
Preschool Director

The following 'thank you' note was received into the parish office on December 2, 2009 in response to your generous contributions made to the Preschool Scholarship Fund.



Dear Friends at Christ Church,

We wanted to express our sincerest appreciation for the financial assistance you have contributed to the tuition of our sons, Timmy and Sean Long. Timmy and Sean are the youngest of our five children, and the third and fourth of our children who have attended Christ Church Preschool. There is no where else we would want our children to attend preschool, as we have grown attached to all the wonderful teachers here. The fact that you don't even know our family or our children and have so generously contributed has touched our family in ways we couldn't even begin to express. It has allowed us piece of mind so that my husband and I are able to work knowing our children are exactly where they need to be. Without your kindness and generosity, there would be no way for us to afford to keep them at Christ Church.

Again, thank you so much for your kindness and generosity, our family appreciates it more than we could ever express.

*Very truly yours,
The Long Family
Tim, Karen
Alex, Jillian, Abigail, Timmy & Sean*

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Memorials

January

Birthdays

- 2 Judi Seeney
Maddie Malone
Sybilla Moore
- 8 Lora Rines
Buckley O'Brien
- 10 JoAnn Townsend
- 11 Nancy Wright
- 12 Louise Parsons
- 13 Emma Sniegowski
- 16 Joel Lenderman
- 18 Megan Spiotta
- 19 John R. Cunningham
- 22 Jean LaLonde
- 28 Dona Jewitt
- 31 Elise Weber
Elizabeth Jones



February

Birthdays

- 1 Peter Spiotta
- 3 Barbara Mistichelli
- 7 Peggy Levesque
- 8 Jessica Nussdorfer
- 10 Christina Seeney
Leslie Munyao
- 11 Matthew Herzog
- 12 Jonah Loper
Martha Ash
- 14 Bob Levesque
- 16 Stefanie Lenderman
- 18 Dan Weber
- 19 Tyler Wooters
- 21 Janet Ross
- 22 Jean Donaphon
Patrick Pannah
- 23 Jane Henchel
- 27 Sean Verdeur
- 28 Milton Seeney

Anniversaries

- 8 Sueny Seeney & Richard Denovan

Anniversaries

- 12 Mary Beth & Ted Malone
- 26 Nancy & Douglas Wright
- 27 Mary & John Austin

Memorials

- 1 Jill Brown
Nicholas Falcone
Irene Austin
- 2 Isabel Ringbloom
- 8 John Finocchiaro
- 9 Helen B. Yarnall
- 12 William H. Macklem
- 14 Carroll Algard
- 18 Florence Macklem
- 21 Kenneth Riddle



Memorials

- 6 Jane McCorkle
- 9 Linda Roberts
- 18 Warren L. Thomas
Thomas Dvorak
David Riddle
- 21 Velda Mason

Liturgical Ministers Schedule *January/February*

2 Christmas, January 3 8AM

Altar— Nancy Wright
OT, Psalm— Stan Rines
NT, PP— Holly Cunningham
CB1— Jan Ross

10AM

MC— Arielle Kozub
Altar— Don Glackin
Crucifer— Elise Weber
Torch 1— Emma Young
Torch 2— Matthew Herzog
OT, Psalm— Stephen Adcock
NT— Susan Mayer
PP— Mary Ann Klassen
CB1— Laura Hanson
CB2— David Klassen

1 Epiphany, January 10 8AM

Altar— Jim Ross
OT, Psalm— Stan Rines
NT, PP— Jan Ross
CB1— Steve Falcone

10AM

MC— Mariah Kozub
Altar— Elizabeth Conlin
Crucifer— Joshua Mason
Torch 1— Megan Spiotta
Torch 2— Rudy Loper
OT, Psalm— Pat Finocchiaro
NT— Sean Seeney
PP— Paul Worrell
CB1— Hope Giamboy
CB2— Don Glackin

2 Epiphany, January 17 8AM

Altar— Peggy Levesque
OT, Psalm— Holly Cunningham
NT, PP— Peter Falcone
CB1— Bob Levesque

10AM

MC— Emma Miller
Altar— Frank Mathews
Crucifer— Owen Miller
Torch 1— Emma Young
Torch 2— Jonah Loper
OT, Psalm— Leslie Bullitt
NT— Katherine Brehm
PP— Dan Mistichelli
CB1— Brandt Butler
CB2— Jayne Brown

3 Epiphany, January 24 Annual Meeting

**ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9:00
AM**

MC— Jim Ross
Altar— Suzanne Verdeur
Crucifer— Tina Seeney
Torch 1— Eric Bilbrough
Torch 2— Renee Bilbrough
OT, Psalm— Russ Bilbrough
NT— Jane Kriebel
PP— Barbara Mistichelli
CB1— Peter Falcone
CB2— Steve Falcone

4 Epiphany, January 31 8AM

Altar— Peter Falcone
OT, Psalm— Randy Bullitt
NT, PP— Jan Ross
CB1— Holly Cunningham

10AM

MC— Arielle Kozub
Altar— Mariah Kozub
Crucifer— Olivia Riess
Torch 1— Trevor Riess
Torch 2— Peter Spiotta
OT, Psalm— Laurie Weber
NT— Kirby Eisenhart
PP— Stephen Adcock
CB1— Susan Mayer
CB2— Mike Gay

5 Epiphany, February 7 8AM

Altar— Nancy Wright
OT, Psalm— Stan Rines
NT, PP— Holly Cunningham
CB1— Mollie O'Brien

10AM

MC— Emma Sniegowski
Altar— Elizabeth Conlin
Crucifer— Elise Weber
Torch 1— Sarah Roberts
Torch 2— Rudy Loper
OT, Psalm— Paul Worrell
NT— Christian Mayer
PP— Jan Ross
CB1— Don Glackin
CB2— Laura Hanson

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January/February

Last Epiphany, February 14

8AM

Altar— Peggy Levesque
OT, Psalm— Nancy Wright
NT, PP— Stan Rines
CB1— Bob Levesque

10AM

MC— Frank Mathews
Altar— Suzanne Verdeur
Crucifer— Joshua Mason
Torch 1— Emma Young
Torch 2— Jonah Loper
OT, Psalm— Leslie Bullitt
NT— Sean Seeney
PP— Jane Kriebel
CB1— MaryAnn Klassen
CB2— David Klassen



2 Lent, February 28

8AM

Altar— Peter Falcone
OT, Psalm— Holly Cunningham
NT, PP— Randy Bullitt
CB1— Steve Falcone

10AM

MC— Emma Miller
Altar— Tina Seeney
Crucifer— Owen Miller
Torch 1— Olivia Riess
Torch 2— Trevor Riess
OT, Psalm— Kirby Eisenhart
NT— Laurie Weber
PP— MaryAnn Klassen
CB1— Frank Mathews
CB2— Mike Gay

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17

12NOON

Altar— Peggy Levesque
OT, Psalm— Holly Cunningham
NT, PP— Don Glackin
CB1— Bob Levesque

5:30PM

MC— Arielle Kozub
Altar— Mariah Kozub
Crucifer— Emma Sniegowski
Torch 1— Matthew Herzog
Torch 2— Peter Spiotta
CB1— Jan Ross
CB2— Susan Mayer

7:30PM

MC— Jim Ross
Altar— Nancy Wright
Crucifer— Elise Weber
Torch 1— Emma Young
Torch 2— Sarah Roberts
OT, Psalm— Russell Bilbrough
NT— Laura Hanson
CB1— Peter Falcone
CB2— Mollie O'Brien

1 Lent, February 21

8AM

Altar— Jim Ross
OT, Psalm— Stan Rines
NT, PP— Jan Ross
CB1— Holly Cunningham

10AM

MC— Mariah Kozub
Altar— Emma Sniegowski
Crucifer— Olivia Riess
Torch 1— Eric Bilbrough
Torch 2— Renee Bilbrough
OT, Psalm— Stephen Adcock
NT— Pat Finocchiaro
PP— David Klassen
CB1— Brandt Butler
CB2— Hope Giamboy

3 Lent, March 7

8AM

Altar— Nancy Wright
OT, Psalm— Randy Bullitt
NT, PP— Jan Ross
CB1— Peter Falcone

10AM

MC— Arielle Kozub
Altar— Suzanne Verdeur
Crucifer— Elise Weber
Torch 1— Megan Spiotta
Torch 2— Rudy Loper
OT, Psalm— Susan Mayer
NT— Russ Bilbrough
PP— David Klassen
CB1— Dan Mistichelli
CB2— Laura Hanson

Altar Guild Schedule January/February

JANUARY

- 3** Rachel Adcock, Joyce Glackin
10 Jan Ross, Rosemary Bilbrough
17 Sandy Rendin, Laurie Weber, Elise Weber
24 Dorothy Ringbloom, Suki Seeney—*One Service at 9:00 a.m.*
31 Lynn Kelley, Judith Rehm

FEBRUARY

- 7** Rachel Adcock, Anita Pauley
14 Jan Ross, Joyce Glackin
21 Sandy Rendin, Rosemary Bilbrough
28 Lynn Kelley, Laurie Weber, Elise Weber

MARCH

- 7** Dorothy Ringbloom, Suki Seeney

Flower Guild Schedule January/February

JANUARY

- 3** Arranger: Jeanette Verdeur, Deliverers: Jane & Verne Kriebel
10 Arranger: Judith Rehm, Deliverers: Suki Seeney, Claudine Barrick-Gray
17 Arranger: Ruth Mecklin, Deliverer: Diana Buckley-Motley
24 Arranger: Mollie O'Brien, Deliverer: Judi Seeney
31 Arranger: Gail Kienitz, Deliverer: Dorothy Ringbloom

FEBRUARY

- 7** Arranger: Jeanette Verdeur, Deliverers: Jane & Verne Kriebel
14 Arranger, Judith Rehm, Deliverers: Suki Seeney, Claudine Barrick-Gray
21 Arranger, Ruth Mecklin, Deliverer: Diana Buckley-Motley
28 Arranger, Mollie O'Brien, Deliverer: Judi Seeney

Usher's Schedule

January/February 2010

Date	Service(s)		
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	
January 3	Florence Kauffman Jean Bowers	Rachel Adcock Steve Adcock	Ben Adcock Joey Adcock
January 10	Donna Eagleson Stan Rines	Randy Bullitt Ron Mecklin	Gillian Cochran Liam Cochran
January 17	Judy Fitzgerald Paul Worrell	Dan Weber Laurie Weber	Elise Weber Brad Weber
January 24	9:00AM Annual Meeting Rachel, Steve, Ben and Joey Adcock		
January 31	Randy Bullitt Suki Seeney	Jane Kriebel Verne Kriebel	Matthew Herzog Christian Mayer
February 7	Jean Bowers Stan Rines	Russell Bilbrough Rosemary Bilbrough	Renee Bilbrough Eric Bilbrough
February 14	Florence Kauffman Paul Worrell	Virginia Pannah Patrick Pannah	Gillian Cochran Liam Cochran
February 17 Ash Wednesday	Noon Jean Bowers Suki Seeney	5:30pm Please sign up in Sacristy	7:30pm Randy Bullitt Jim Mayer
February 21	Jean Bowers Stan Rines	Dan Weber Laurie Weber	Elise Weber Brad Weber
February 28	Randy Bullitt Judy Fitzgerald	Russell Bilbrough Rosemary Bilbrough	Renee Bilbrough Eric Bilbrough
March 7	Paul Worrell Suki Seeney	Ron Mecklin Donna Eagleson	Mathew Herzog Christian Mayer

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Christ Church Mission

The mission of Christ Church is to inspire each other to grow in the knowledge and love of God, being a light shining as a beacon of hope in our community, worshipping God in spirit and truth and nurturing our God given gifts to become a community of sharing love for God and one another.

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