



TAKE IT HOME

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

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REFLECTION

As I sat in church this past Sunday, I reflected on my current church experience here at Christ Church Cranbrook and the church of my youth. I looked around and saw many familiar faces, of course, I didn't know everybody. When I was growing up, I went to church every Sunday and knew almost everybody there. We never went back to church for anything other than Sunday mass. No Wednesday afternoon Salon Concerts, no book discussions, no bible studies or community discussions. Just Sunday mass and out the door we went! As did everybody else. It was what we had to do, go to church every Sunday, but there was not a sense of closeness or community. It was my home church but not my church home. What I reflected on though, was that this CCC church home is just that; it is my church *home*.

A home is a place of family. Families are made up of all different types of people, different personalities, different interests, and different viewpoints, both political and religious, of sharing and disagreements, and of love and support; *much like the people who make up our Christ Church Cranbrook family.*

I felt that sense of family as I watched the play "Jonah's Three Mistakes." I was so proud of those kids; I felt like they were mine. But they are not, they are your children, Beth's and Jessica's kids, but actually, they belong to God, as we all do.

I looked around as Shirley Green told us of the news that the police had the person in custody that hit Josh and took his life, and as she thanked everybody at Christ Church Cranbrook for the love, support and prayers, there was a sense of family.

Many of us experienced that sense of home and family at recent memorial services. We had lost members of our family; I had. They were a part of our lives and part of our CCC family. Many of us see people here more than we see our "biological" families. Our families don't need to live out of state, we can get along great, sometimes we just don't take the time to be together because we're just busy doing other things.

As we prepare for Lent and Easter, let's keep our families, both personal and our CCC families, in our thoughts and prayers. Let's celebrate our differences and continue to show our love and support for each other. If it's been a while since you've talked to your mother, brother or kids, or God, take a moment and call them. Let's talk to God. Let's take the first step and the other steps will come a little easier.

Welcome home and I hope to see you soon!

- Peggy Dahlberg

WHY I LOVE THE QUR'AN

with Gary Hall

Sundays, February 12 and 19 at 9:00 AM in the Guild Hall

The Qur'an, Islam's holy book, is considered by many to be dangerous, violent, and inflammatory. In fact, its vision of God's mercy and holiness is both beautiful and profound. Like the Hebrew prophets, Muhammad's oracles largely arise from outrage at those who perpetrate injustice, especially in God's name. And the Qur'an is full of surprises. Most Christians don't know that Jesus appears in the Qur'an, as do Abraham, Joseph, and other Old Testament patriarchs. The Qur'an is a holy book with an expansive and inclusive vision of what it means to be a follower of God. In this two week series, Gary will explore several key passages in the book and show how they complement both the Old and New Testaments. Come and see: there is truth in this book that all of us can embrace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAKE SALE

Sunday, February 12



To benefit CCC's Outreach Focus: Glazer Elementary in Detroit. CCC will help Glazer Elementary build a state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics laboratory. Our Sunday school will help raise funds to purchase specific equipment for this new science lab by hosting a BAKE SALE at coffee hour on February 12, 2012. Items purchased by the pound. Take home boxes will be provided. Come hungry!

YOUTH NOTES

7th and 8th grade youth (Rite 13) will meet Sunday at 9:00 - 9:45 AM in Youth Room (Level 1). Everyone is welcome. Please bring pictures from magazines, newspapers, junk mail and other advertisements or editorials that try to "sell" you something. We will cut these up for a project. Those being confirmed, work up to page 13 in your "I Will with God's Help" journal (if you didn't get yours we will give it to you this week).

9th through 12th grade youth (J2A - Journey to Adulthood) will meet Sunday at 11:30 - 12:15 PM in Youth Room (Level 1). Lunch is provided. Everyone is welcome. We're talking about the Gospel of Mark, the shortest Gospel, and the first of the four to be written. Challenge: Sit down and read it straight through from start to finish from your Bible, or online. It (surprisingly) doesn't take that long. What surprised you? What challenged you? What is different about the Jesus in this book than what you've heard about before?

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation is a pastoral rite in the Episcopal Church; therefore it is not a rite that notes fuller initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ. A person is a full member of the Church through Baptism. Confirmation is a “mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism” BCP (p. 860). At Confirmation one receives strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and laying on of hands by a bishop. There are some positions of leadership in the Episcopal Church that require one to be confirmed such as Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors.

Reception is common for people who have been active throughout their lives in other denominations. These folks have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism in their previous denomination.

Reaffirmation means that you choose to re-state your commitment to Christ in the Episcopal Church honoring your growth in faith throughout your spiritual journey.

Our Adult (16 years or older) Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation Classes are scheduled on March 6, 13 and 27, and April 10 from 7 to 8:30 PM. These classes will provide knowledge regarding the Episcopal Church. They are open to adults who not only want to be Confirmed, but may want Reception or Reaffirmation or just a refresher course to learn more about the Episcopal Church.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in the classes please contact The Rev. Joyce Matthews at 248.644.5210, Ext. 15 or email jmatthews@christchurchcranbrook.org

HOLY BAPTISM



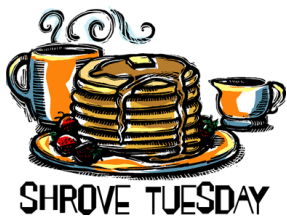
The next date available for Baptism is Sunday, April 7, at 4 PM (children) or 8 PM (adults). Preparation classes will be on March 18 & 25, from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM. Contact the Rev. Joyce Matthews at 248.644.5210, Ext. 15 or email at jmatthews@christchurchcranbrook.org.

KIDS BIBLE STUDY

Kids in grades 4th through 6th are invited to join a Bible Study group on Mondays, February 13 and 27 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM for pizza dinner, bible study and fun! We will also complete a service project.

Volunteers are needed to answer the phones in the church office on Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. Please contact Kathy Doyle if you are interested in volunteering!

Ushers are needed for the 5 PM Saturday services. If you are able to assist with this ministry please contact the Rev. Joyce Matthews.



SHROVE TUESDAY February 21st at 6:00 PM

Please join us for a pancake supper and for a liturgy of the Burning of the Palms. If you have palms saved from Palm Sunday last year, please bring them for the burning liturgy. Everybody is welcome to attend this evening of fellowship.

Co-Sponsored by the Singles Group and the 7th-12th grade Youth. \$5 suggested donation.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES February 22nd at 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM



All are welcome to attend one of our three liturgies on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the official start of the Lenten season. The liturgies at 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM will be a contemplative, said service. The 7:00 PM liturgy will feature music and the choir. The imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at all liturgies.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR BECOMING THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD EVENT



The 15th Annual Becoming the Household of God Conference -- focusing on the theme of Transforming Worship -- runs from 9 AM to 5 PM February 25. The day-long event (hosted by the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit) features two keynote speakers, the Reverend Karen Ward and the Reverend Ian Mobsby. The focus of the day will be finding a means of investigating liturgy and mission, in the context of meeting

the needs of 21st century parishioners and their communities. Registration is \$50.00. To register on-line, see the Becoming the Household of God at www.deomi.org. If you have any questions please contact the Reverend Joyce Matthews at 248.644.5210, Ext. 15 or email jmatthews@christchurchcranbrook.org.

ECW PROGRAM SCHEDULE



February 21 – Leslie McNamara, attorney

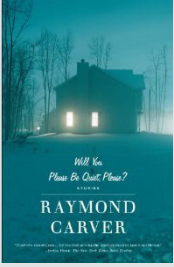
Leslie will take a forward thinking stance on legal issues facing seniors now and in the future. More than one generation will want to be alerted to the necessary preparations. This program will be held at 11:00 AM in rooms 201/202. Please contact the church office if you plan on staying for lunch.

FICTION FUN!

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Will You Please Be Quiet, Please? by Raymond Carver

7:30 PM in the Conference Room



After tackling a massive Victorian novel in January, Fiction Fun! recovers with a shorter book in the year's shortest month. On Tuesday, February 28, we gather to discuss Raymond Carver's classic, *Will You Please Be Quiet, Please?* With this, his first collection of stories, Raymond Carver breathed new life into the American short story and instantly became both the recognized master of the form and one of our best-loved and most widely-read fiction writers. Carver shows us the humor and tragedy that dwell in the hearts of ordinary people; his stories are the classics of our time. We gather at 7:30 in the Conference Room and conclude at 9:00. All are welcome.

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

The Painted Veil



Please join us on February 16 at 6:30 PM in the Hospitality Center to see *The Painted Veil*. This 2006 movie is based on W. Somerset Maugham's novel about a couple with a broken relationship who learn some valuable lessons about life, love and sacrifice. This romantic drama stars Edward Norton and Naomi Watts and is set in 1925 England and China. Mike Frank will lead a discussion after the movie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

The Spencer family and the Stice family are hosting our next Family FUN Day. Please join us BOWLING on Sunday March 11, 3:00-5:00 PM. We will bowl for an hour and then have a pizza dinner. \$10 per person, but scholarships are available. Please contact Beth Taylor for scholarship information. Deadline to register February 19. Register with Jessica Neeper at 248.644.5210, Ext. 28 or email jneeper@christchurchcranbrook.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The best week of the year has changed to June 25-29. Please mark your calendars. Registration will begin in March. Volunteers please contact Jessica Neeper to sign up jneeper@christchurchcranbrook.org

FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion at any time. We do have a class that helps give children an understanding of this sacred practice that Jesus asked us to do in his remembrance. The preparatory classes are scheduled for March 18, March 25, April 15 and April 29 from 11:30 - 12:15 in rooms 201-202. The classes are taught by our fantastic clergy. First Solemn Communion is scheduled for Sunday May 6, 2012. I recommend this class for children second grade and older. Please contact Jessica Neeper at 248.644.5210, Ext. 28 or email jneeper@christchurchcranbrook.org to register your child.

THIS WEEK AT CCC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
12:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00 PM	Altar Guild Executive Committee
6:00 PM	Kid's Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
1:00 PM	Book Discussion Group
7:30 PM	Shiloah

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
7:30 AM	Bible Study
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
12:00 PM	Stewardship Committee Meeting
3:30 PM	Share A Meal, Pontiac
7:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
9:00 AM	Career Transitions Network
6:30 PM	Thursday Night at the Movies!
7:30 PM	Parish Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11:30 AM	Women's Spirituality and Bible Study
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM	Adult Forum
9:00 AM	Rite 13 (7th & 8th grade)
9:15 AM	Nursery for Children under 3
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	J2A (9th-12th grade)
11:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
2:00 AM	Docent Training
5:00 PM	Lex Orandi Evening Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9 AM - 5 PM
Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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