

TAKE IT HOME

The Weekly Newsletter of Christ Church Cranbrook

WEEKEND OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

The secret to living generously

By Bill Danaher

As I mentioned in this year's Stewardship appeal, this year our focus is on "living generously." Generosity isn't just about how many gifts you share, or how much time you devote, or how much money you give – as much as we all benefit when someone selflessly shares her treasure, time, or talent

Rather, generosity is a way of life. Generosity goes with the flow of the gift God gives us in Jesus.

Generosity is like the ripple created by a stone when it hits a pool of water. As the ripple reverberates throughout the pool, so does our own generosity shape the community we live in and the culture around us.



Generosity, therefore, has a spiritual foundation. It is based in our own deeper decision to trust God and the people around us by giving back some of the blessings that have been given to us. Because of this spiritual foundation, this year we have asked each of you to consider your annual commitment to the church – that is, your pledge – after considering the following:

- Who taught you about generosity?
- Other than your family, what is the greatest gift you have received?
- Why do you give back?
- Finish the sentence, "I am grateful to Christ Church Cranbrook, because . . ."

We believe that once you have carefully reflected on these three questions and finished the proposed sentence, you will find the spiritual foundation on which a generous life is built.

Of course, there are practical and pragmatic reasons why we need your pledge – your money makes the ministry we do together possible. More about these practical reasons can be found in our annual appeal, copies of which are available in print at the church and on our website (christchurchcranbrook.org/ click GIVE, then scroll to bottom of page for link to *Living Generously*).

However, this year, we want to place the spirituality of generosity front and center. For this reason, we have prepared special embossed stones for you as a token and reminder of all the good work your pledge accomplished – of the ripple of generosity you created. Once you have made your pledge, you

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TODAY

Parish Choir sings today

The Parish Choir joins with the Christ Church Choir in singing praises to God during the 10:00 AM service. The Parish Choir is an ensemble for teens and adults that sings alongside the Christ Church Choir several times each year. For these occasions, music selections are intentionally uncomplicated – chosen for singers who are not able to make a weekly commitment to the Christ Church Choir, but would like to be a part of the music program. Singers can join this ensemble whenever they are available. Please contact Christopher Wells for more information.

Blessing of the Pets Today at 4:00 PM



Preceded by a Pet Memorial
Service at 3:00 PM

Today is College Colors Day



Look around at your fellow parishioners today. They just might be wearing their favorite college team colors.

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can pick up your stone from the church office or from members of the Stewardship Committee or the clergy after our worship services.

Finally, this year, on November 4-5, when we celebrate All Saints Day, we will have an opportunity for each of you to share your answers with each other. We see this as a fitting way to remember all those saints who have blessed our lives, particularly those we have lost over the past year. In other words, we will give thanks to God for all the ways God has generously blessed us with these wonderful people who have been God's light and love in our world. In return, we will offer our own lives and gifts to God and to each other with the hope that we might participate in the abundant life God calls us to live.

PRAYER

Contemplative Prayer

Reconnect deeply with yourself and with our loving God through contemplative prayer. Please bring a journal or notebook to the meetings. **Mondays, 7-9:00 PM, October 9, 23, 30; Nov. 6 and 13** Contacts: Kristin Bowen (kristinbowen@comcast.net) or Pastor Joyce Matthews.

Weekly Prayer Vigil

If you are feeling a desire or an urgency to pray together in community, please join in a weekly prayer vigil on **Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 PM** in St. Dunstan's Chapel.

Written prayers are provided for all to use in silent prayer. Contact: Pastor Joyce Matthews.



MUSIC MINISTRY

New choir forming for teens

CCC offers a new program for 8-12th graders: The Teen Choir. Directed by Jason Debandt, high school music director and CCC staff singer, this ensemble will have a "Fall Term" and a "Winter Term." Each term includes six rehearsals (immediately after the **10:00 AM** service on Sundays in St. Dunstan's Chapel) and one Sunday appearance. Fall Term rehearsals are: **October 8, 15, 22, 29, and November 5 and 12**. The ensemble will appear at the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, November 19. If you know a teen who likes to sing, please contact Christopher Wells.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Movie Night at CCC

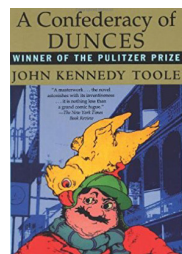
Please join our gracious hosts, Mike and Judy Frank, in the Hospitality Center on **Thursday, October 19, at 6:30 PM** as Mike presents "Sully," the 2016 movie about the "Miracle on the Hudson." Pilot Chesley Sullenberger makes a heroic emergency landing saving 155 lives, and then faces second guessing from NTSA bureaucrats. A chronology of movies in which airplanes have played a key role will also be discussed.



Walk or jog with fellow parishioners

Second and fourth Saturdays at 8:00 AM
October 14 and 28

All welcome. Coffee and bagels following
Contact: Pastor Imogen



Fact and Fiction Fun

FFF meets Monday, October 30, 7-9:00 PM to discuss John Kennedy Toole's book, *A Confederacy of Dunces*. This story of a young man's isolation still rings true at a time when millions interact more with computers than with other people. Please join us for this funny, Pulitzer Prize-winning novel with a sad history.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Item of the Month: Soap and stamps



In the month of October, we're collecting bars of soap and Forever stamps for the inmates at Oakland County Jail. Last year, CCC helped to provide 1600 bars of soap and 4 stamps per inmate for their Inmate Christmas baskets. Drop off your donations in Pastor Manisha Dostert's office.

An easy way to give back to the community

Serve at Baldwin Center's Soup Kitchen, **10:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Wednesdays or Saturdays**. All that is required is a willingness to work and a friendly smile. You can even dine with folks and enjoy a free lunch! All food is provided. Baldwin Center is located at 212 Baldwin Road, Pontiac, MI. You must be 14 years or older to serve. Sign up at ccrsvp.org/baldwin for these upcoming dates: **Wednesday, December 6; Saturday, November 18, December 16.**

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel according to John



Drink deeply with us from God's Word as we spend the coming year reading the Gospel according to John. Bring your questions, Bibles, and appetites! **Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Hospitality Center**

Rector's Forum: *Finding Your Treasure: Money and Possessions in the Bible and in Our World*

Using acclaimed scholar and preacher Walter Brueggemann's new book *Money and Possessions*, we're exploring what the Bible has to say about these key themes in both the Old and New Testaments and in our own lives today. What guidance do we receive from our Christian faith about the value of money and possessions? Join us for this challenging and eye-opening course as we delve into God's Word on a fascinating topic, accompanied by one of today's most accessible Christian teachers. **Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Hospitality Center**

Women's Spirituality Group

Join Women's Spirituality Group **Wednesdays at noon** in October!

During our season of Theology we will be studying Rowan Williams's book *Being Disciples*. A small but profound book on how to be a disciple of Jesus. Oct. 10: Ch. 2: Faith, Hope and Love; Oct. 17: Ch. 3 & 4 Forgiveness; Holiness; Oct. 24: Ch. 5 & 6 Faith in Society; Life in the Spirit. Meets in Rooms 201-202; If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Manisha.

GRIEF WORK

Understanding your grief

Losing someone you love may be one of the most difficult things you have ever experienced. In our *Understanding Your Grief* support group, you'll learn the ten touchstones that are essential physical, emotional, cognitive, social and spiritual actions that can help you heal, including dispelling misconceptions about grief, exploring your feelings of loss, understanding the six needs of mourning, and seek reconciliation, not resolution. We encourage all those who are grieving to join us. Meets at CCC **Sunday, October 8 and 22, and November 5 and 12, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM** (Includes light lunch). To register, please contact Pastor Joyce Matthews.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 27, and/or Saturday, October 28 to assist with the 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Michigan. You may choose to serve as teller, hospitality/greeter, or assist with vendor set-up/breakdown. In addition to our gratitude, volunteers also receive special treats and perks. For more information, or to sign up to help, contact Julie Travis, 183rd Convention Volunteer Coordinator, at pcjuli@yahoo.com or (734)233-7334.

HEALTH

Flu Shots Clinic

Tuesday, October 10, 2–5:30 PM
Room 201

CPR Training

Thursday, October 17, 1–3:00 PM
Room 201

FAMILY NEWS

Next Sunday, October 15

Family Adventure Day
@ Hawk Woods Nature Center

Join us for a NEW adventure — seeking to see God's creation in the beauty of nature. Hosted by the naturalist at Hawk Woods Nature Center, the program will help us to dive a little deeper, get a little dirty, and have a great time. Come to church, bring a change of clothes (or even wear play clothes to church that day), then come for a picnic lunch at Hawk Woods, just 20 minutes north of the church. Lunch is provided at no cost to you at 12:15 PM, program to follow. Please let Kate Bell know if you plan to attend.

New playground underway

Through the generosity of a CCC/Little Lambs family, CCC and Little Lambs began construction of a new playground last week. Safety concerns led to the forming of a task force to find a safer spot for the children to play. The new playground will be off of the east side of St. Dunstan's Chapel. A space study will take place to determine how the current playground space should be utilized.

Get your copy of the
2017/18 Program Booklet

Located near the church entrances.

THIS WEEK AT CCC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- 8:45 AM Nursery Care for Children (birth to 3 years)
- 9:00 AM Rector's Forum
- 9:00 AM Middle School Sunday School
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Gathering Time & Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 10:00 AM High School Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Docent Tour begins in the Baptistry
- 11:30 AM St. Francis Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 AM Newcomer Open House
- 11:30 AM St. Francis Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 AM Teen Choir Rehearsal
- 11:45 AM Understanding Your Grief
- 3:00 PM Pet Memorial
- 4:00 PM Pet Blessing
- 6:00 PM Choral Evensong

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 6:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 2:00 PM Flu Shot Clinic
- 3:00 PM Docent Tour
- 5:00 PM Cranbrook Choristers
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM Children and Youth Standing Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:15 AM Moms in Prayer International
- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 AM Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)
- 12:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group
- 1:00 PM Prayer Vigil Planning
- 6:00 PM Meeting Jesus
- 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Pastoral Care
- 7:30 PM Christ Church Choir
- 8:00 PM Cranbrook Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 5:00 PM Cranbrook Choristers
- 6:30 PM Prayer Vigil

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM Peace of Serenity
- 10:30 AM Holy Cross Lutheran Church Docent Tour

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 9:00 AM Safeguarding Training
- 5:00 PM Sanctuary with Holy Eucharist

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