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Early Epiphany 2010

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope your Christmas season was filled with joy and hope. 2009 was a very good year for Christ Church. In the midst of a bad economy, nevertheless, we thrived financially. Thank you for giving so faithfully and generously! God will richly bless you in your giving. Also, we welcomed 36 new families last year, half of which have become active in worship and in the ministries of the congregation. Added last year to the many ministries of Christ Church was the Four Winds Performing Arts Center.

FourWindsPAC.org. Our inaugural concert featured the Celtic master, Maggie Sansone, and several of her musical friends for a near sell out. Our next big show will be Saturday, 13 February at 7:00pm with the Amazing Morgan State University Choir. This internationally known gospel choir will take the roof off our sanctuary/concert hall. Trust me, they are amazing! Get your tickets now, by going to the Four Winds website above. Four Winds was conceived and born primarily as a **ministry of outreach**. Proceeds from each concert will benefit local outreach projects, with a special focus on children in the community. 2010 promises to be even better than 2009, as we continue to develop our ministry in the three primary areas of worship, spiritual formation and outreach~upward, inward and outward. Each new year on the Church calendar begins with the season of **Epiphany**, a season of light and love in which we conduct baptisms (two are on the schedule for January), and recommit ourselves to our Lord Christ and his mission of divine love. I pray that this special season will bring new direction and discernment in your life, that you may better know how Jesus is calling you to serve in the year ahead.



In the light of Christ,
David +
 Fr.David

A Mid-Winter Blues Dinner/Dance

Come experience this evening of food and fun, featuring dance songs from the 50s, 60s, and 70s by

Celestials



Bring a covered dish or dessert. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door.

**Sponsored by
the Christ Church
Foyer Group Ministry**

Date: January 30th
Time: 6pm - 10:30pm
Location: Shand Hall
Ticket Info:
Norm Mushinsky
printcraft@atlanticbb.net

See you there!

Fish/Chicken Fry

All-you-can-eat fried Rockfish and chicken, w/fried pubstyle potatoes and coleslaw for \$12.00, includes beverage. The best deal in town ~ bring a friend.

Yum!

Date: Fri., 22 January
Time: 5pm - 7:30pm
Location: Shand Hall
More Info: 410-643-5921



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Morgan State Choir Coming!

The amazing, internationally-known Morgan State University Choir will be here in February for one very special show. Sponsored by Four Winds Performing Arts Center, this world-class ensemble will present a variety of music for your listening pleasure. You don't want to miss this one!



Four Winds PAC

The mission of Four Winds PAC is to promote performance opportunities for diverse artists, particularly exceptional Maryland artists. We will present performances that appeal to all faiths and ages, with a special emphasis on children and youth. We are pleased to offer this attractive and accessible performance venue to all within our regional community. Four Winds is in the process of becoming a 501c3, with proceeds benefiting charities of all kinds.

Morgan State University Choir

Date: Saturday, 13 February
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Main Hall



Epiphany: A Time to Get Involved

The season of Epiphany, the first season of the new year, is a time to take personal inventory and to recommit to personal spirituality and ministry. Maybe you fell away from regular worship during the busy fall and holiday seasons. Maybe you need to regain a sense of "spiritual balance," and discover a new way in which you can get out of yourself and serve others in 2010. In addition to our moving worship, Christ Church offers a myriad of ways to get involved with other people inside and outside of the parish proper. It all begins with reaffirming your baptismal covenant and rearranging priorities on your calendar.

If everyone commits to regular worship and one...just ONE...area of involvement, whether it be Sunday school or Helping Hands or Cemetery ministry or what have you, Christ Church will "hum and soar," if you get the drift.

Blessed Epiphany!

Epiphany Baptisms

Will Robbins - 17 January
Piper Freitag - 24 January

Celebration of Ministry

On Sunday the 31st, we will spend time during worship at both services to celebrate God's faithfulness to us in the year gone by. We have so much to be thankful for, and we need to take time to describe and illustrate our gratitude.



Parish Meeting 11:30 in Shand Hall

Following the 10:00am liturgy, there will be a parish meeting in Shand Hall to elect 3 new Vestrypersons and 3 new Diocesan Convention Alternates. Copies of the 2010 budget will be available.

Ministry Celebration

Date: Sunday, 31 January
Time: 8:00am and 10:00am (followed by Parish Meeting)
Location: Main Sanctuary



Ministry Opportunities

There are many ways to get involved in the common life and ministries of Christ Church. The following is a listing of key leaders to contact, if you're feeling called to serve:

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Worship: Fr. David Green ~ frdavid4christ@verizon.net
 Music: Kate Weber-Petrova ~ kweber2@umb.edu
 Pastoral Care: Dn. Melody Sutherland ~ msuth@verizon.net
 Helping Hands (Outreach): Shirley Chappellear ~ shirleychappellear@yahoo.com
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 Jr. Youth Group: ctstone@hotmail.com
 Sr. Youth Group: Kim Willard ~ ckwillard@atlanticbb.net
 Fellowship and Food Service: Doug Shreve ~ dshreve@atlanticbb.net
 Building and Grounds: Mike Catron ~ catron1234@verizon.net
 Treasury/Finance: Molly Cannon ~ mollycannon@yahoo.com
 Broad Creek Cemetery: DeeDee McCracken ~ dmccracken@cbmove.com
 Christ Church Day School: Lisa Oesterling ~ lisao@atlanticbb.net
 Four Winds Performing Arts Center: Vinton Fisher ~ twinfish@atlanticbb.net

Call Donna in the parish office for additional information:
 410-643-5921 or christchurchkentisland@verizon.net

Get Involved in 2010!

142 Convention of the Diocese of Easton

The Diocese of Easton ~ that's us ~ meets in Cambridge at the Hyatt, 26 -27 February. The theme this year is "**See, I am making all things new.**" Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the second day for the Saturday program featuring internationally known author and speaker, Phyllis Tickle. She will be speaking about current trends in religion today, and helping participants to see the hopeful, but challenging, opportunities before us. Cost for the day, including lunch, is \$25.00. Registration forms may be obtained in the Narthex.

Diocesan Convention
 Date: 27 February, 2010
 Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm
 Location: Hyatt Regency, Cambridge



Adult Education

Our Associate Rector, Fr. Rick, will begin classes during the first week of February for...



- Those who want to join Christ Church, when Bishop Shand visits Sunday, 9 May
- Those who want to deepen their discipleship and faith walk with Christ
- Those who have questions about their spiritual journey

Dates and Times will be announced soon. Please call or e-mail the parish office, if you are interested in this opportunity:

410-643-5921 ~ www.christchurchkentisland.org

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An Attitude of Gratitude

We have so much to be thankful for! Here are a few things that come to mind:

- The financial bounty God provided to our congregation in 2009!
- All of our amazing Christ Church volunteers!
- Vin Fisher and our Four Winds Performing Arts Center board and volunteers!
- Kate Weber-Petrova, our talented music director!
- Bob Moore, our super Sexton!
- Lisa O. and CECDs!
- DeeDee, Richard and the Broad Creek Cemetery ministry!
- Kim Willard and the Africa 2010 Team!
- And so much more...

And what are you grateful for? Fill in the blank _____.

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Mid-January Calendar

Sat. 16 - Radcliffe Memorial Service at 1pm - Main Sanctuary
 Sun. 17 - HE I at 8am - Main Sanctuary
 HE II at 10am ~ Robbins Baptism - Main Sanctuary
 Sunday School at 9:45am - CECDS wing
 Living Water Worship at 10am - Shand Hall
 Choir Practice at 11:30am - Main Sanctuary
 Living Water Annual Meeting at 11:30am - Shand Hall
 Mon. 18 - Tai Chi at 9am - Shand Hall
 Staff Meeting at 10am - Main Office
 Helping Hands at 1pm - Foyer
 Girl Scouts at 7pm - Foyer
 Tues. 19 - Boy Scouts at 7pm - Shand Hall
 Quilters at 7pm - Library
 Four Winds Board at 5:30pm - Library
 Finance at 7pm - Choir Room
 Weds. 20 - Quilters at 7pm - Foyer
 Thurs. 21 - Bible Study at 7pm - Library
 Praise Band Practice at 7pm - Main Sanctuary
 Fri. 22 - Fish/Chicken Fry from 5pm -7:30pm - Shand Hall
 AA at 7pm - Choir Room
 Sun. 24 - HEI at 8am - Main Sanctuary
 HE II at 10am ~ Freitag Baptism - Main Sanctuary
 Sunday School at 9:45am - CECDS wing
 Living Water Worship at 10am - Shand Hall
 Choir Practice at 11:30am - Main Sanctuary
 Mon. 25 - Tai Chi at 9am - Shand Hall
 Staff Meeting at 10am - Main Office
 Tues. 26 - CECDS Family Chapel at 11:45am - Main Sanctuary
 Boy Scouts at 7-pm - Shand Hall
 Quilters at 7pm - Library
 Weds. 27 - CECDS Chapel at 9:45am - Main Sanctuary
 Living Water Choir at 6pm - Shand Hall
 Quilters at 7pm - Foyer
 Thurs. 28 - CECDS Board at 7pm - CECDS wing
 Youth Planning Session at 7pm - Choir Room
 Bible Study at 7pm - Library
 Praise Band Practice at 7pm - Main Sanctuary
 Fri. 29 - AA at 7pm - Choir Room
 Sat. 30 - Dinner/Dance from 6pm ~ 10:30pm - Shand Hall
 Sun. 31 - HE I at 8am - Main Sanctuary
 HE II at 10am - Main Sanctuary
 Sunday School at 9:45am - CECDS wing
 Living Water Worship at 10am - Shand Hall
 Choir Practice at 11:30 am - Main Sanctuary
 Christ Church Annual Meeting at 11:30am - Shand Hall



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Prayer Works

"Prayer is a state of continual gratitude"

St. John Kronstadt

John Kronstadt, the 19th century Russian Orthodox arch-priest understood and practiced what we all know is true~ **the grateful heart is the primary mark of the believing, praying Christian.** It's one thing to "say our prayers" on Sunday in church, or before meals, or at the close of the day, but true prayer is more than words ~ it is an ongoing attitude and posture of gratefulness. When we are **aware** of how blessed we are, we find a contentedness and joy in living, even in the midst of tough or trying times. That in itself is a great witness to others. Our life "becomes" prayer; the words and deeds of love we express to others out of our own

gratitude encourage and build them up. So, don't just say your prayers, "be" your prayers, and practice gratitude moment by moment.

Doesn't Hold Grudges.

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Share the Blessings!

As Jesus said "Don't hide you light under a bushel." Christ Church is a wonderful community of faith. Share it with a friend. Pay attention to friends, neighbors and co-workers who may need a church family like ours, and invite them to worship or to a church-sponsored activity. That is an aspect of evangelism we can all do.



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