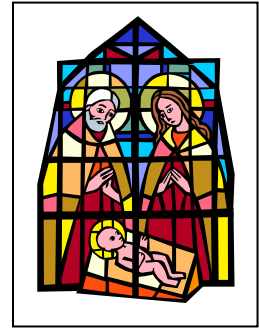


MERRY CHRISTMAS !



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December 2010

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Thrift Shop Open - Fall Festival Success!



Ken Cooper and Joan Johnson with a buyer



A year-long dream came to pass November 13 as Christ the Redeemer finally opened the doors on its new Thrift Shop. "Treasures in Barn" received its first customers on a glorious day that saw the parish come together to put on a successful Fall Festival. Kids and grown-ups alike enjoyed the activities and lunch and the event made over \$1,000!

Unfortunately, only days after the opening, thieves broke into the thrift shop and stole some money and merchandise, but the shop has been repaired and steps are being taken to beef up the security of the barn.

Joan Johnson requests that parishioners sign up to work a shift in the thrift shop. If people could work an hour or two it would help relieve the burden on a few that are working in the thrift shop.



Right Photo: (l-r) Bunny Nobles, Linda Gerlock, Travis Kay, Ken Cooper, Dotty Cox, Pat Patterson and Fr. Paul Gerlock

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

THURSDAY 10:00AM – 3:00 PM

FRIDAY 10:00AM – 3:00 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM - NOON

From Father Paul.....

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the Light
and the darkness, send your
holy spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice
each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your
coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of
your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



Christmas Services

- Dec. 19*** ***Lessons & Carols – 10:00 am***
- Dec. 24*** ***Christmas Eve/Holy Communion***
7:00 pm
- Dec. 25*** ***Christmas Day – No Worship Service***
- Dec. 26*** ***Sunday Holy Communion – 10:00 am***



VESTRY MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2010

Present: Linda Thompson, David Selby, Wayne Crow, Terry Rogers, Clyde Wilkins, Dorothy Cox, Travis Kay, Joan Johnson, Fr. Pau Gerlock and Guest Ron Johnson. **Absent:** Kathy Pfohl, Bunny Nobles and Joe Short.

Father Paul led the Vestry in Evening Prayer after which Sr. Warden Clyde Wilkins opened the meeting. Ron Johnson was asked to lead the Vestry through the budget. The income was accepted as proposed. The expenses were discussed item by item, looking for areas to cut, so as to lower some of those proposed expenses and bring them more in line with the proposed income. The budget will be adjusted and presented at the next meeting.

The Strategic Planning Weekend was discussed. Each member was given a written synopsis of the weekend, written by F. Bill Weston. Members were asked to read it and it will be discussed at the December meeting.

An Election was held for the new Junior Warden and David Selby was elected. Travis Kay was thanked for his three years of service.

Travis Kay was asked about the new building. He reported that it would arrive in about one week, after the Fall Festival (November 13).

Bob Dubiel was asked about the Fall Festival. Tables were needed and several were volunteered. Also needed were heavy duty extension cords.

Joan Johnson presented a brief report on the thrift shop. Because of the "bed bug" threat, a washer and dryer were requested to clean donated items. Fr. Paul suggested that that decision would be up to the Thrift Shop Board. A special thank you was given to Margaret Wadick for all her work on establishing the Treasures in the Barn.

Father Paul announced that Bob and Margaret Wadick and Ruth Fenton have left CtR to return to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Perry. Prayers were asked for Wally Cox and for Howard and Zaida Clark. Fr. Paul suggested that we thank Fr. Weston for the fine job he did this weekend. The Bishop has not been with us in two year. Much is going on behind the scenes concerning Anglican unity.

Joan Johnson, Clerk Pro Temp.

Dear God, thank You for my loved ones, and for choosing me from all others to love and care for them. Fill me with Your Spirit to share Your warmth and love with my dear ones, and bless them with You joy, peace, and grace. May we come someday as one family to live with You forever in heaven. - Amen

Outreach News

Volunteer Medical Clinic - Terry Rogers and Linda McCraw delivered your donations of paper products to the. We had several boxes full of these much needed items!! The staff at the clinic were very appreciative of our gifts. Please continue to bring the following items for the clinic: paper towels, hand sanitizer, spray disinfectant, toilet tissue, kleenex, and large trash bags.

Food Bank - God's heart goes out to the poor and needy. Help us to provide food for those in need. We still need items so please bring same canned or boxed items for this effort each Sunday.

Good Shepard Program -Lolly Keck brought a welcoming basket of bread and wine to the home of a recent visitor to CTR. It is important as Christians that we bring others into the house of God so that they can hear the message of the cross.

Christmas Toy Collection – We are collecting toys for needy children and are asking each parishioner to bring in an UNWRAPPED toy on December Sunday, 19. They will be taken to The Methodist Children's Home in Macon for distribution.

Does anyone have some great ideas for outreach in our community? If you would like to provide suggestions for future community service projects, please see Terry Rogers, Linda McCraw or Lolly Keck. You may also e-mail Terry at terry_fagan@yahoo.com.

ENCOURAGING PREDICTIONS FOR 2011

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Here are ten predictions that are true!

Top 10 Predictions for 2011

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth..
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

*Isn't It Great To Remember Who Is Really In Control,
and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever." (1 Peter 1:25)*

Minutes from Annual Meeting held on October 24, 2010

Senior Warden, Clyde Wilkins presented Fr. Paul with a card and thanks for being our priest. October is National Clergy Month. Father Paul opened the meeting with prayer.

Vestry Elections - the following members were elected:

- Bob Dubiel, Travis Kay, Katherine Pfohl, and Terry Rogers.

Senior Warden Report:

This has been a tremendous year for the Parrish - Growth in membership and financially. \$220,000 was raised during the Capital Funds campaign. Financially, our budget is on track. We have a great Vestry of doers. The Thrift Shop will be a great outreach. Many thanks go out to Travis Kay and David Selby for all the help with the process of converting the barn into a Thrift Shop. The Vestry voted to pay off the church for the money they borrowed. After all monies are paid, 50% of the profits will go to outreach locally in the community.

Junior Warden Report:

Travis may be giving up his position as Jr. Warden. He thanked everyone; especially JJ Glover and Chris Moran for their help. This week another outside building will be ordered from the Yoder's, to be used as a classroom. We are looking ahead at replacing the pump. It's beginning to leak a little. The back property behind the fence needs to be cleaned out yearly.

Treasurer Report:

It has been a great year. Please continue to honor your pledges. Everything is in the church's name now. Wayne thanked Joan Johnson and Kathy Pfohl for their help while he was out of town during the summer.

Balances from Joan Johnson as of September 30, 2010:

- Took in \$137,609.
- CB&T thrift shop account \$966.29
- RFCU \$19,279
- Savings \$60,832
- Mortgage Balance \$133,319
- CDs at Atlantic Southern \$20,940
- Payback to Thrift Shop \$14,582
- New Mortgage Payment \$968.12/mo
- Assets \$102,020
- Capital Funds \$213,527

Altar Guild:

Joan Johnson is stepping down as chairperson on this committee. She thanked Val Weston for teaching the Alter Guild the correct way to set up the Alter. Sylvia Crow will be the new chairperson.

Audit/Budget:

Ron Johnson is chairperson of these two committees. They are auditing 2008 and 2009. There are 5 members on the Audit committee; Moses Alexander, Travis Kay, Mike Ellis, Kathy Pfohl, and Tommy Southerland. They have met 3 times from 7 – 10:30 PM. They have gone through all of the check stubs

and invoices. All agreed and 2008 looks good. 2009 has a \$13,000 difference. Two statements were made and provided to the Vestry.

Budget committee consists of the 5 people named above and Joan Johnson (pledges) Terry Rogers, Linda McCaw (Outreach), Andrea Selby (Sunday school), Linda Gerlock (Office Supplies), and Patrick Patterson (Music). These people will meet with the Vestry/ Senior Warden and discuss their priorities.

Fellowship:

Joe Short thanked everyone for all of their help. If you buy something for the kitchen, and want to be reimbursed, give the receipt to Joan Johnson; unless you just want to donate it.

Outreach:

Terry Rogers is excited to have a budget. This year they have helped the Volunteer Medical Clinic on Russell Parkway. They also took and continue to take canned goods to the Food Bank. They also sent school supplies overseas. They are hoping to give support to various Breast Cancer Groups since so many women in the church have been diagnosed with this disease. Lolly Keck visits the newcomers of the church with a basket of bread, sine and a brochure about CTR.

Chimes Newsletter:

Bob Dubiel would like all of the committee members to send him their reports from today so he may insert them in the newsletter. He would also like other input from members of the Parish.

Fundraising:

Kathie Dubiel is coming off as chairperson of this committee. She thanks everyone for participating to help raise money for the church. The next fundraiser will be the Fall Festival and the Grand Opening of the Thrift Shop on November 13th from 10:00 until 3:00. There will be inflatables for the kids to play on. There is a need for long tables. She will be calling everyone who signed up to remind them of their duties on that day.

Christian Education:

Andrea Selby is thrilled to have an extra classroom. Ed Leigh is teaching the adult class, Chris Moran, the High School, Andrea Selby the upper elementary and Angela Leigh the lower elementary. They are using the Godly Play as their curriculum.

Choir:

Patrick Patterson is in need of men for the choir. He hopes the new church organ will bring concerts for the community.

Senior Warden, Clyde Wilkins closed with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 1:15.

***Respectfully Submitted,
- Dotty Cox (fill in for Kathy Pfohl)***

THROW OUT THE NET!

“Once again, the Kingdom heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.” - Matthew 13:47

Over fifty years ago, the German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer famously described Jesus Christ as a man “for others.” In many ways, that phrase -- “for others” aptly conveys the orientation of all people who truly desire to follow Jesus Christ. As Paul puts it “though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible” (1 Corinthians 9:19); In other words, the focus of the follower of Jesus is to live, even serve, in such a way that many are won. To be “won” is to won to Christ – to have one’s heart captured by his love and in submission to call him “Lord.”

It’s an entirely different orientation for our lives than we might have expected. We are imbued with the idea, often taught in church, and always taught outside the church, that the goal in life is to find personal fulfillment. I am taught that my job in life is to discover what fulfills me the most and if I pursue that discovery with all of my energy, I will find true fulfillment and happiness.

However, the orientation of the life of Jesus and his ardent followers is not personal fulfillment. It is service – throwing out the net. Whether they find fulfillment in that or not is quite beside the point. Service is their job description and their desire is to fulfill that job description; not fulfill themselves. The wonder is that many find this self-sacrifice so fulfilling. But, as they might tell you, it is only a side benefit, not the point. The point is following Jesus and Jesus said, “I come among you as one who serves,” and later demonstrated that vividly by washing the feet of his disciples.

It must be kept in mind, however, that the point of this service is that others might be “won.” The metaphor that describes one who serves that others might be won, is that of a willing channel. This servant reaches out in love to care for another, praying all the way that God would use this humble act of service in a way that would allow others to turn to Christ. Again, personal fulfillment is not the goal, or is itself congratulatory. The goal is that others might be won.

Where does this life of service begin? It begins in our hearts. It begins by asking God to work in us the heart of a servant, asking God to pry us away from our own self-centeredness. We ask God to give us his heart of compassion for those in need. We ask God to help us to be willing to give. We will know that God is answering our prayers when we notice doors of opportunity for service that we had not noticed before. Consider them open doors. Throw out the net!

*- The Rev. Greg Brewer
Good Samaritan,
Paoli, Pennsylvania*

The Fall Festival- Food, Fun and Fellowship!



Left: Bunny Nobles, Pat Reed, Terry Rogers and Linda McCraw



Right: Frank Pfohl cookin' Chili.....

Lower left – Some great music

Lower Right –The lemonade brigade



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September 2010

Your Invited to a Christmas Party!

At the Home of Ron and Joan Johnson

Sunday, Dec.19, 2010 – 5:00 p.m.

203 Rolling Ridge Court

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Bring a beverage and a dish
See you there!!