

# November 3013 Christ Church Chronicle



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## Red Door Cafe

**Saturday, 16 November, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

## Turkey Dinner

**Friday, 22 November, 6:00 pm**

### The Red Door Cafe

Ken and Karen Mayberry will be the performers for the 16 November Red Door Cafe. The nature of the Cafe is evolving. Please come and tell Peg Watts and Jim Brink what you think about everything. Suggestions are welcome.

If you are or know of acoustic musicians who would like the opportunity to perform, please let [Peg Watts](#) know. [Jim Brink](#) will record each concert and give the performer(s) a CD.

Underwriters for musicians and the Cafe for \$20 for the Cafe are also most welcome. Supporters will be mentioned in the program.

### Annual Turkey/Thanksgiving Dinner - 6 pm - 22 November

The Friday before Thanksgiving is traditionally our parish Thanksgiving dinner. Do you have a turkey in your freezer that needs eaten? Sign up on the easel.

### Stewardship

It is that time of year again. Please use the enclosed form or pick one up at the back of the church and let the church know what you hope to provide for the support of Christ Church's ministry in 2014.

### Coming events

- Wednesdays - 12:05 pm Eucharist
- Saturday, 19 October - 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm - Red Door Cafe with Frank Marzano
- Friday, 22 November - 6:00 pm - Annual Turkey Dinner
- Sunday, 15 December - 3:00 pm (new time) - Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Eve, 24 December - 7:30 pm - Eucharist
- Christmas Day, 25 December - 10:00 am - Eucharist

### Cover

Windows in Old St. Paul's, Edinburgh, Scotland commemorate the gift of the episcopate to the U.S. Church.

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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

- 10:00 am Eucharist
- 11:15 am BC (Third Sunday)
- 11:15 am Prayer Group (Third Sunday)

#### MONDAY

- Noon Open AA Meeting
- Noon Women's AA Meeting
- 3:30 pm Neighborhood Group  
(Second Mondays)

#### TUESDAY

- 10 am (Third Tuesday) Northwest  
Spinners & Weavers Guild
- Noon Open AA Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 - 2:00 Office open
- 12:05 pm Eucharist other Wednesdays
- Noon Open AA Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir

#### THURSDAY

- Noon Open AA Meeting

#### FRIDAY

- Noon Open AA Meeting

#### SATURDAY

- 9 am (First Saturday) Northwest  
Spinners & Weavers Guild
- 8 pm Saturday Night AA Meeting
- 7 pm (3rd Saturdays) Red Door Cafe

## Vicar's Voice

Sung Hui and I just returned from a recital performed by Joseph Kneer, teacher of violin at Mercyhurst, and his wife Lydia Beasley, soprano. One of the pieces played this afternoon was Bach's Partita No. 2 in D Minor. Bach had been on a trip, and upon his return found that his (first) wife had died and had been buried. The partita reflects his grief, yet also has an overtone of hope. Bach was a devout Lutheran, and the Christian hope permeates his work. I was struck with a comparison of the partita with this time of the Christian year.

There is a certain melancholia at this season – leaves turning and eventually falling, the weather turning cool, the days quite dark at go-to-school time. Snow has arrived a bit (yet enough to take one life in a traffic accident). Coupled with the readings over the next few weeks, things could get downright gloomy.

All Saints Day is celebrated at Christ Church on the first Sunday of November. A great festival of the church year, we reflect on the communion of saints and our baptism. We will be celebrating baptism that day. The Sundays following All Saints turn to Christ's second coming in glory and judgement. Like Bach's violin piece, however, the theme of hope is never far away.

Even when hearing of "end time woes" we are promised that God will always be in charge, and that God's promises will be fulfilled. These themes wrap up the end of the church year, and connect with the First Sunday in Advent.

Richard+

## Bishop's Committee

The financial status, the change to Father Richard's agreement with us for two days per week, the progress of the roof repairs and the pre-convention meeting were discussed.

## The roof repair is finished!

Or will be shortly. Likewise check out the ceiling in the entrance to the Parish House. And very soon the entrance to the sacristy from the Parish House. Contributions to building maintenance are always welcome and needed!

## Need something recorded?

Jim Brink has all the equipment and experience to make an audio recording of your event. He's very good at it. All he needs is transportation to and from. Contact him at [JamesRBrink@gmail.com](mailto:JamesRBrink@gmail.com).

## Thanks to

- Those who did and will help with the Red Door Cafe, especially Peg Watts and Jim Brink
- Ellen Gracie who recommended the people to do the plastering
- All who provide coffee hour goodies
- All who have supported my efforts for Christ Church

## Looking for a way to help?

- Carry the N2N Sale leftovers to Family Services
- Set up the library in the nursery - and meeting space in the other room
- Reorganize the keys
- Using PowerChurch, set up a viable accounting system
- Organize the office
- Help find a better, less expensive cleaning service
- Create the Chronicle

## And finally

This is my last Chronicle. I am resigning from the Bishop's Committee and as Warden effective at the close of Diocesan Convention on 2 November. I will also be taking a leave of absence for awhile. I need to take care of my health and, more importantly, allow Christ Church members the opportunity to provide new leadership to carry the parish into the future.

I ask God to bless you, Jesus to guide you by example, and the Holy Spirit to be present in all your deliberations. In faith and love.

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## ALTAR SERVERS:

### Nov 3

EM: Ellen  
Lector: Alyssa  
Crucifer: John

### Nov 10

EM: Shirley  
Lector: Rod  
Crucifer: Leah

### Nov 17

EM: Ellen  
Lector: Bronnie  
Crucifer: Dalton

### Nov 24

EM: Shirley  
Lector: Margaret  
Crucifer: Tiffany

Torchbearers will be whoever appears in time.

## PRAYER LIST

Randal, Sung Won, Mary, Eugene, Hank, Angie, Sally, Aurelia, Tim, Ellen, Joann, Carol, Alan, Alice, Shirley, Martha, Regis, Ron, Nancy, Nicky, Joel, Michael, Kathleen, Dalton, Joanna, Dennis, Margaret, Gary, Anne, the White family and those newly added in church.

Ellen Gracie maintains the prayer list.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Jaimie Kline  
3 Tara Cotterman  
7 Michelle Williams  
9 Tom Collard  
Maidene Hackett  
12 Richard Elberfeld  
15 Jill Pettit  
16 Richard Dewey, Jr  
Sue Pusbach  
22 Catherine Bainbridge  
24 Sung Hui Elberfeld  
25 Peg Cotterman  
26 Betty Reed  
28 Harold Ellers

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>All Saints</b> 10:00 am HE	<b>3</b> EM: Ellen L: Alyssa C: John	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:05 pm eucharist Wm Temple	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Dio Convention  Dio Convention
<b>25 Pentecost</b> 10:00 am HE	<b>10</b> EM: Shirley L: Rod C: Leah	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 12:05 pm eucharist	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Red Door Cafe	<b>15</b> Red Door Cafe
<b>26 Pentecost</b> 10:00 am HE BC Prayer Group	<b>17</b> EM: Ellen L: Bronnie C: Dalton	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12:05 pm eucharist Edmund	<b>20</b> Edmund	<b>21</b> 6 pm Turkey Supper	<b>22</b> 6 pm Turkey Supper
<b>Christ the King</b> 10:00 am HE	<b>24</b> EM: Shirley L: Margaret C: Tiffany	<b>25</b> Isaac Watts	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:05 pm eucharist	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving	<b>29</b> Thanksgiving
						<b>30</b> St Andrew

PLEASE check the blog for updates to the calendar - [christchurchmeadville.blogspot.com](http://christchurchmeadville.blogspot.com)

HE=Holy Eucharist, EM=Eucharistic Minister, L=Lector, C=Crucifer, T1=1st Torchbearer, T2=2nd Torchbearer

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Every year there is a pledge form available and 2014 is no exception! There are many good reasons for the pledge form. One is so that you may have the joy of giving some back to God either in the form of money or service or both.

Please complete the form below and return it in the collection plate or to the office before Christmas.

- I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ yearly/  
monthly/weekly.

I am interested in (circle what you are interested in doing)

- \_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, Crucifer, Torchbearer, Altar Guild, Greeter, Choir, Secretary
- \_\_\_\_ Coordinate Altar Servers, Maintain church blog, Maintain church Facebook page, Coordinate Events

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Signature

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Date

