

# *The Bellringer*

*Christ Episcopal Church  
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## **Christ Church Summer Schedule**

Holy Eucharist - Rite II  
9:00 a.m.—with music  
Refreshments and Community Time Follow Service  
Nursery Care Provided

**Summer Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### *From the Wardens*

The Bible says “.... Faith is things hoped for...”. Well, we hoped the Balmers would stay on, and they are! They have agreed to be with us...well, one or both, depending on their supply priest duties elsewhere...through the end of the year. Wait...it gets even better! They have also expressed their desire to sign a contract to be our priests through 2011. Let the good times roll!

As most of you know, the walkway has been stained. We're waiting to see how much the color darkens ... as well as the mood of those who don't like the color 'no how'! The hall steps were re-mortared and stained the same color. We think the consensus will be to stain them a darker color ... but not as dark as the new railing at the kitchen steps ... which is black to sort of match the Hall entry steps railing. Dick Napoletano prepped our stairs for painting. Now he... and we...are cogitating how to continue. Semi-transparent stain? Clear stain? And that's just two thoughts! We'll see.

The church and house roofs are scheduled to be re-shingled beginning...and maybe ending... next month. Exterior painting of the house, sheds, and Hall wood trim will occur shortly. The painting of the church interior will probably take place in November. [Can't paint outside in cold weather!]

That's it for now. Keep the Faith! [And keep the contributions for the work coming!]

George and C.W.

### ***From the Desk of the Treasurer***

Each week in the Sunday bulletin, we publish an update of our year to date pledging. Here is what will be printed Sunday, August 1: As a Parish, we have pledged \$1,540.00 per week for an annual total of \$80,086.00 to support the mission of Christ Church. On Sunday, July 25, we received \$1,387. from you: YTD Pledge Budget: \$46,200.; YTD Pledge Actual: \$52,158.\*

\*Includes \$6,000 prepayment of pledge in January 2010.

As we enjoy the summer vacation months, please remember your weekly pledge—it is so easy to forget! Please remember to keep your pledge current. Pledge payments can be mailed to the Church address, Attn.: Pledge Counters.

Capital Campaign Update: Christ Church's' Capital Campaign for roof replacement and painting has come to a close. As of July 18<sup>th</sup> the campaign has received \$13,715.00. The estimates we have for new roof shingles on the church and rectory building, painting the outside of the rectory and Parish Hall AND painting of the interior of the church is \$31,000. At this point we are coming up a little short and the Vestry is discussing how we will make up the difference. But, it is never too late to make a contribution and if you have not done so, you can send a check to the church, Attn.: Capital Campaign.

Thank you.  
Barry Edmonds

**The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is a vivid reminder that God has given humanity dominion over his creation, including the seas and waterfowl.**

**From Genesis, verse 26:**

*"Then God said: Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.*

May we be mindful of this as we pray:

*"Dear Lord, we are thankful that the flow of oil is finally being contained. We pray for your guidance. Give us the wisdom and strength to do a much better job of being your stewards, of protecting your creation and the livelihoods of all who depend on it and for all who benefit from it's resources. For all the people in despair, we pray that you would provide peace and hope. We pray now for the restoration of the sea, of the land, and for all forms of life that live in and inhabit the wide area impacted by this tragedy." Amen.*

## ***Missions Committee Report***

We hope that everyone is having a safe and happy summer and keeping cool as best you can! One way to keep cool is to go shopping for school supplies for our Backpack Mission Project! We want to fill six elementary school backpacks and five middle/high school ones.

Stay cool in the air-conditioned stores while you take advantage of the various sales and buy extras as you purchase the supplies for your own families. Please keep the following tips in mind:

1. Backpacks and all other school supplies should be new. You can provide the supplies, the backpack or, hopefully, both.
2. Please identify whether the backpack and its contents are for elementary or middle/high school. Please try to be gender neutral if possible.
3. Fill with whatever school supplies you deem appropriate and you can afford:

### **We recommend at least the following:**

notebooks	notebook paper	pocket folders	binders
pens	pencils	erasers	
colored pencils	markers	crayons (elementary)	

### **Optional but recommended:**

scissors	glue sticks	tape	ruler
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### **Optional:**

basic calculator	water bottle
flash drive/stick (middle/high school so students can work at the public library)	

4. Please bring to church on or before August 8. Be sure to inform a Missions committee member if you put your bag in the Parish Hall or at the back of the church. If you need other drop-off arrangements, please contact Clive Tucceri (ctucceri@aol.com 860-267-7813), Mary Boretz, (boretzmar@Reg8.k12.ct.us 860-267-0365) or Donna Long (longdjj1@sbcglobal.net 860-467-6278).

Thank you so much for helping to make a child's life a bit easier as the school year begins again.

Our next meeting will be August 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the home of Donna Long. Please think about joining us!



**GIANT TAG SALE 2010!  
WE'RE AT IT AGAIN ...  
Y'ALL COME!**

*Saturday  
September 4  
8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*Sunday  
September 5  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*Monday  
September 6  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Please start putting things aside to donate. Valuable items only, of course.

You can bring them to the garden shed area starting **August 15**. Items that will take rain and sun can be left on the hall front lawn beginning August 22.

We will begin tarping the stuff on August 29...so bring it on!

The Hall will be open all day and evening starting August 29 at 10 a.m. until September 3. This is where the things that command a high price go...well...maybe not so high priced ..you know...kitchen stuff, knick knacks, do-dads ... all sorts of things that you'd put on tables, not put outside with the furniture, bird feeders and stuff like that. We plan on setting up the tables in the Hall on Sunday, August 22. No sense waiting until the last minute!

**CALL OR E MAIL DICK, C.W., OR BARRY FOR PICK-UPS:**

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**CW: cwcurrie@aol.com; 860-267-2267**

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**THANKS! C.W.**

## **Christ Church August Calendar**

**August 1, 2010—9:00 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
The Rev. David St. George

**August 3, 2010—6:30 p.m.**

Transition Team Meeting  
Parish Hall

**August 8, 2010—9:00 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
The Rev. Catharine Randall and The Rev. Randall Balmer  
*(No Nursery Care on this Sunday)*

**August 12, 2010—6:00 p.m.**

Mission Team Meeting  
Donna Long's House

**August 15, 2010—6:00 p.m.**

Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
The Rev. Catharine Randall and The Rev. Randall Balmer  
*(No Nursery Care on this Sunday)*

**August 17, 2010—6:30 p.m.**

Vestry Meeting  
Parish Hall

**August 22, 2010—6:30 p.m.**

Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
The Rev. Catharine Randall  
The Rev. Randall Balmer

**August 29—9:00 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
The Rev. Catharine Randall  
The Rev. Randall Balmer

*We return to 10 a.m. Sunday worship Service on Sunday, September 12, 2010.  
You can always check for calendar updates at our website.*

## ***The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut***

The Rev. William F. Gender, III,  
a priest of the Diocese of Connecticut,  
died July 21, 2010, in Connecticut.

***Father Gender was the priest here at Christ Church from  
October 1, 1975 to June 15, 1985***

*May the soul of God's servant departed  
rest in peace,  
and may light perpetual shine upon him.*

Condolences may be sent to Fr. Gender's widow:  
Mrs. William F. Gender (Dorothy)  
PO Box 360  
Morris, CT 06763-0360

### **Haddam Neck Fair Cookie Booth**

This year, we will once again be selling cookies at the  
Haddam Neck Fair. The Cookie Booth will be open:

Friday, September 3—6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Saturday, September 4—10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday, September 5—10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Monday, September 6— 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please speak with George Seitzer to see how you can help  
[860-267-9204 or [georgeseitzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:georgeseitzer@sbcglobal.net)]