



The Channel

Monthly Newsletter of St. Christopher's Church/Gladwyne, PA
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Channel - Reflections
April 2011

“ THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH ”

Alfred Lord Tennyson faced into that often scary reality in *The Passing of Arthur*.

*“The old order changeth, yielding place to the new,
and God fulfills himself in many ways,
lest one good custom should corrupt the world.”*

One good custom can become the final truth to any of us. In fact it can become our “world view” of reality. Letting it go can become betrayal of truth to us. Consequently, in one way or another, we will fight such a change.

One good custom for some had become dependence on the physical presence of the one called “Master”. For those individuals, being in the presence of Jesus became synonymous with security in this life and in a life to come forevermore. The terrifying reality of Good Friday on “a hill far away” was the moment in history when “*the old order changethed*”. Some frightened individuals knew it only too well, and they suffered the loss of hope and their sense of security. So do we on many occasions of change if that change touches what we hold dear.

Jesus had promised his followers that in leaving, he would not leave them comfortless. He promised to send the “Holy Spirit”, a new form of God’s presence in their lives. They did not know what that might “look like”. Their problem is ours. We all tend to become dependent on our states of dependency. Sometimes such states serve us well at the time. When that time passes, they can become prisons in which we desperately hold shut the gates.

In the words of Hamlet, “*We know what we are but not what we may be*”. Easter is change in which the authority we found in another may pass to us if we are but willing to receive it with the excitement of faith in a God who opens our prisons (Acts 16).

It’s a nice thought. It is usually, in process however, a frightening experience superseded only by the most profound exhilaration of being fully alive. Many have described it as “new life” or “Resurrection”.

Such may remain but a “nice thought” until one is willing to make it ones own experience. For that reason, the faithful come attentively to the worship services of “Holy Week”. There we realize that our personal experiences are those of the very ones who have become the joyful Easter people of the world. That reality does not come from articles about it, but through showing up in life.

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RECTOR'S WARDEN REPORT

The new Vestry met in a special morning session on Saturday March 12th. The meeting was designed to focus on some long-range topics. The first of these concerned the Vestry's responsibilities when it comes to changing Clergy, something that we have to plan for as Rev. Wood approaches retirement age. We are hoping and expecting that Bill will be able to extend his tenure, but we need to plan. Tom Allen led us through a detailed review of the canons and processes involved. It was obvious that the Vestry has considerable powers in the transition process. We are starting to plan accordingly.

Michael Johnson gave us an update of the situation in the Day School. There's a need for some refurbishment with updating of the electric supply, re-painting and replacing of the carpets. If all this is being done, it seems sensible to provide air conditioning as this would allow the facility to be used during the summer. No decisions were made about all this, but at least planning and bidding can be done now so that there is a possibility that this can all be carried out at the end of this school year.

Jill Marshall, with Susan Hunter's assistance, gave us a preliminary assessment of the current Membership. Unlike many Main Line churches, St Christopher's has strengthened slightly over the last two years. However, the feeling developed that we could and should be stronger still, particularly in the younger parent sections as this will be a springboard for the future. All sorts of plans were discussed and will shortly be presented in greater detail.

Ken Jones gave us an assessment of the finances of the church, comparing it with several of our neighbors. Again while we seem strong at the present time, expenditures to maintain our structures are rising and we need to proceed accordingly. This again is one good reason for strengthening our membership base.

Finally, Tom and Ken told us about the forward planning of our Endowment Committee. There is early talk of a campaign to strengthen our endowment and to create a special project related to Youth Development. This needs to be discussed more before it can be presented to the Vestry and the Community.

In short, a whole number of seemingly different topics were actively discussed. There was tremendous involvement by all the Vestry. What was fascinating was that all the topics led us to the conclusion that while St Christopher's has a strong, active community, we need to keep planning and working to strengthen it still more.

Be assured, we will keep you updated and involved as things develop.

Thanks.

Peter Hunt
Rector's Warden

AZALEA DAY 2011

Join Us!
Saturday, May 7

Dear Friends,

Planning is in high gear as we approach Azalea Day 2011. This Gladwyne country fair has grown and prospered and in 2010 saw its largest crowd ever ~ and resulting contribution to its long list of charities. On **Saturday, May 7** we'll again see the church grounds flush with parishioners and villagers from Gladwyne and the surrounding communities.

Throughout the years we've seen the event grow, but its country fair roots never change. There is no entrance fee or a parking fee, and you can pre-pay for tickets or use cash at each booth. New tents and signage reflect our commitment to this special day. Here is a sampling of what makes this such a cherished event:

Books & CDs	Jewelry	Hot dogs & hamburgers
Opportunity table	Baked goods	Flowers & plants
Chance to win	Spring luncheon	Boutique gifts
Music	Photos for Mom	Goldfish & bowls
Sand art	Face painting	Home-made lemonade
Old fashioned lemon sticks	Giant Slide	Carriage & tractor rides
Popcorn	Gifts for Mom	Games for kids

...and so much more!

The Azalea Day tradition was created some 60 years ago to channel support to local, national and international charities. All profits derived from Azalea Day provide financial assistance to a growing list of charitable, non-denominational organizations. This Outreach program is driven by volunteers with expertise in the field who review non-profit proposals and allocate funding. In 2010 some 25 charities were given grants. (See list on the Outreach page of our church website.)

Thank you to all who sign up to subsidize an activity or contribute to the Azalea Day Fund. Consider also joining us for a few hours at the Fair. *There's so much to do!* Your talents - no matter what they are - will be put to good use. And this is the best work of all: helping to support so many charitable causes. Look for sign up sheets in the parish hall or contact one of us. Your help is needed and will be very much appreciated!

See you at the Fair!
Steve Marshall and Susan Hunter
Co-Chairs, 2011 Azalea Day Country Fair

YOU'RE INVITED!

*Join the Outreach Committee on an Outreach Field Trip
Saturday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon*

Please join the Outreach Committee on a field trip to the Kroc Center, a \$120 million community and fitness facility that opened in November 2010. Operated by the Salvation Army, the Center was built with a major grant from the estates of Joan and Ray Kroc, the founder of McDonald's, and a combination of local funds from private and civic sources raised by our own Ray Welsh. On behalf of St. Christopher's Church, the Outreach Committee made a contribution to the fund-raising effort.

The Salvation Army built the Center in an area they describe as "a perfect storm of urban distress," a place where a community center would improve lives in low-income communities. Located at the nexus of the Germantown, East Falls, Nicetown, Tioga, and Allegheny West neighborhoods, the 12.5 acre site on SEPTA bus routes draws from all areas of the city. Its state-of-the-art facilities provide a full range of sports, recreational, educational, religious and artistic activities to children of all ages and income levels. Since the Center opened in November, over 5000 youth have joined.

Ray has offered St. Christopher's parishioners a private, small-group tour of the facilities. Our plan is to meet in the church library at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and yummys. Then we'll carpool to the Center, which is located at 4200 Wissahickon Avenue in Philadelphia. Ray promises ample private, free parking. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to join us.

Please sign on the sheet outside the parish hall if you can attend. Indicate how many in your group and whether you would be willing to drive to the Center. On behalf of the Outreach Committee, we hope that many of our parishioners will join us to see this great addition to the cultural and civic life of Philadelphia.

Cathy Higgins

TAKE DOWN MONDAY!

Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. to help take down the many goods contributed to Azalea Day. With a good number of helpers, this should take about an hour and marks the 'hands on' launch of Azalea Day 2011. We need your help ~ and sacrifice ~ to carry out this important task. You've often heard "Many hands make light work." That's a saying the St. Christopher's family takes to heart. Please make your calendars Now and thank you in advance for your help.

*Steve Marshall and Susan Hunter
Co-Chairs, Azalea Day 2011*

AZALEA DAY

PLANT ORDER FORM



Thank you for your advance order and for contributing to Azalea Day. On the back is a list of azaleas, annuals, and geraniums. Additionally, if you would like to pre-order any perennials, shrubs, small trees, hanging baskets or herbs, I am happy to do so at a discount to Azalea Day prices. As always, we will have plenty for sale on May 7.

Please send your order form and check in by April 22, 2011 to:

St. Christopher's Church
Attn: Azalea Day Plants
226 Righter's Mill Road
Gladwyne, PA 19035-1597

Make checks payable to: St. Christopher's Church

Pick-up: On Azalea Day

Questions: Call Dorothy Fitzpatrick at 610-635-1733 or
Email to dafitzpatrick@comcast.net

NAME (please print) _____

PHONE _____

Please keep a record of your order.

Please indicate what color(s) and quantity you prefer

AZALEAS: \$15 per 2 gallon container

Color	Total Quantity	Cost
pink____, fuchsia____, lavender____, salmon____, white____, scarlet____	_____	\$_____

ANNUAL BEDDING PLANTS: \$25 per flat, \$12.50 per half flat (1 flat = 48 plants, 1/2 flat = 24 plants)

	Color	Total Quantity	Cost
Begonia	red____, white____, pink____, rose____, bicolor____, mix____	_____	_____
Cleome	pink____, white____	_____	_____
Coleus	mix____	_____	_____
Cosmos	mix____	_____	_____
Dianthus	pink____, purple____, crimson____, coral____, scarlet____, rose____, mix____	_____	_____
Dusty Miller	silver dust____	_____	_____
Impatiens	blue____, pink____, red____, white____, lavender____, orange____, coral____	_____	_____
Marigold	orange____, yellow____, red____, bicolor____	_____	_____
Petunias	blue____, red____, pink____, salmon____, yellow____, plum____, white____	_____	_____
Portulaca	fuchsia____, orange____, pink____, yellow____, cream____	_____	_____
Snapdragons	white____, pink____, purple____, yellow____, lavender____, mix____	_____	_____
Zinnias	red____, yellow____, pink____, white____, orange____, purple____	_____	_____
	TOTAL	_____	\$_____

GERANIUMS \$4.50 for 4-1/2 inch pot

Color	Total Quantity	Cost
violet____, red____, pink____, rose____, white____	_____	\$_____

TOTAL Azaleas	_____	\$_____
TOTAL Annuals	_____	\$_____
TOTAL Geraniums	_____	\$_____
GRAND TOTAL	_____	\$_____

Thank you very much!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AND EASTER SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday, April 17

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 21

7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist with
“The Stripping of the Altar”

Good Friday, April 22

12:00 noon—Good Friday Liturgy, with Sermon
12:00—3:00 p.m.—Church open for Prayer

Easter Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Music
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Special Music
11:15 a.m.—Easter Egg Hunt following the service

AZALEA DAY BOOKS

As the great day approaches, we are eager to receive books and welcome your help in the process. We do not sell magazines, so they should go in your recycling bin. Computer related text books, in fact ALL text books are of no interest. If you have books that have been underlined, fallen into the bath or the swimming pool, they won't sell, so please don't bring them to us. Last year's table, thanks to fierce editing, was the most appealing in recent memory. We are so grateful to you for your help in maintaining this standard (which, not incidentally, is VERY lucrative).

We look forward to seeing what you can live without. We know it's hard.

Peggy Cooke (610) 520-0144

March Pepper (610) 649-5997

P.S. If you have some free time during the couple of weeks before Azalea Day and like that kind of work, we'd love to have your help further sorting and boxing up books.



FAVORITE THINGS

Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel, declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood, objecting to the ruling. "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and other holidays. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah. Yet, my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge responded, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

Submitted By: Mary Laney

AZALEA DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delicious Delights

Delicious Delights needs your help! Put those baking skills to work—contributions for the Bake Table would be most appreciated. Please contact Ellen Pemberton or the Church Office if you can help.

Ellen Pemberton
(610) 526-9297/ebpemberton@gmail.com

Church Office
(610) 642-8920/Shawna@SaintChristophers.org



Soft Pretzels, Water, Fresh Lemonade, and Lemon Sticks Booth

This booth is in need of some juicers! If you have one you are able to lend the church please contact Mickey Shumway (610) 642-0965.

Opportunity Table

Opportunity Table is awaiting your treasures! Chance-To-Win wants your extra bottles of cheer. Collecting CD's, DVD's and books on CD/tape. Don't forget to clean out your jewelry boxes for those items never worn but perfect for the Baubles and Bangles area of Opportunity Table. Thank you!



APRIL 2011

“Be Still and Know”

Reading one more tidbit is not what we need during Lent. What we need is silence. Stillness. Nothing. Take a few moments to be silent and sit with God. Reflect on the Psalmist’s words. Use this space to write about your fears, confess your busyness or draw a picture.

¹God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
¹⁰God says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

Psalm 46:1-3, 10

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

April 3 - Max H., Casey H., Karen I.

April 10 - Alex H.

April 17 - Cristian C., Edward D., Alec C.,

April 24 (EASTER) - Alex H., Max H., Casey H.*

* Two more acolytes needed for Easter

Meeting Every Sunday at 10:00A.M.

Nursery: for children birth to 3 years

Sunday school: for children ages 4-12

A.M. Meeting: for ages 12+ (Youth Group)

Youth Schedule April 2011

April 3 - Hickory Run (11:30 a.m. - 5pm)

April 10 - Volunteer @ Circle Thrift & Attend Circle of Hope (2-7pm)

April 16 - Volunteer @ The Other Carpenter (8:30am-1pm)

April 17 - NO YOUTH EVENT

April 21 - 3rd Thursday Dinner & Bible Study (6:30-8:30pm)

April 24 - EASTER!

May 1 - NO YOUTH EVENT

Joshua Walters
Youth Coordinator

Youth@Saintchristophers.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR

Thank you to our March Coffee Hour Hosts!

Jennifer Colen and Brian McAdams, The Wright Family, Mickey Shumway and Diane Zullinger

Visit our Coffee Hour webpage at www.SaintChristophers.org to view available dates, instructions and more!



AZALEA DAY EASTER SALE

Sunday, April 3
During Coffee Hour

Thank you for your year-round donations to Azalea Day. We have so many nice items this year pertaining to Easter, spring and gardening. You will have the opportunity at the sale to purchase these treasures before Azalea Day. The proceeds from the sale are directed to St. Christopher's Outreach.

PARISH REGISTER

Deaths:

Marjorie R. Bromley	February 9, 2011
Robert F. Miller	February 10, 2011
Arthur Schiller	March 12, 2011
Robert H. Dillard	March 13, 2011
Russell Tompkins	March 14, 2011

GLADWYNE CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, April 16
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Families, groups, individuals please come and help clean up your town! Volunteers meet at the Gladwyne Superfresh for assignments and supplies. Hoagies and soft drinks are provided. Volunteers are always needed.

EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Flowers each year are provided through a \$20.00 donation by parishioners in memory of loved ones. This is a lovely way to remember family and friends with whom you have shared the mystery and joy of Easter in years past. If you would like to participate in this, please **fill out the following form and return it with your donation** to the parish office by **Sunday, April 10th**. Checks should be made out to: St. Christopher's Church.

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____ Donation Amount \$ _____

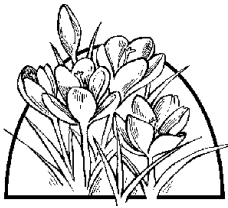
Person Remembered

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:30 a.m. Kroc Center Field Trip
3 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I First Holy Communion Easter Sale	4 7-9 p.m. ECS Pastoral Care Training (Library)	5 7:00 a.m. Bible Study	6 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 8:00 p.m. AA	7 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	8	9
10 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 2:00 p.m. Scouts (PH)	11 7-9 p.m. ECS Pastoral Care Training (Library)	12 7:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	13 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Soup Group 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 8:00 p.m. AA	14 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	15	16 2:00 p.m. Marjorie Bromley Memorial Service
17 Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II	18 7-9 p.m. ECS Pastoral Care Training (Library)	19 7:00 a.m. Bible Study	20 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 8:00 p.m. AA	21 Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday	22 Good Friday 12:00 noon Good Friday Service 12:00-3:00 p.m. Church open for Prayer	23
24 Easter Day 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt	25 6:30 p.m. Azalea Day Take Down	26 7:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Channel Mailing	27 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Soup Group 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 8:00 p.m. AA	28 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir	29	30 10:00 a.m. Azalea Day Tent Raising

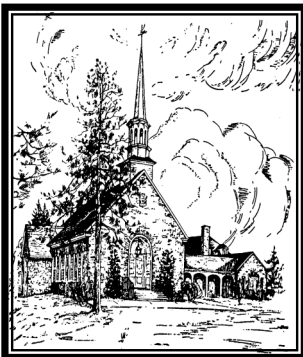
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