



# The Channel

Monthly Newsletter of St. Christopher's Church/Gladwyne, PA  
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## C E L E B R A T I N G 6 0 Y E A R S O F S E R V I C E

Channel - Reflections  
July 2010

### GRADUATING TO LIFE

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Once again we are in the exciting season in which many predominantly younger people prepare to leave the cloistered places of reliably supportive friendships in order to move onto a new and more risky phase of their lives. To facilitate these transitions, many speakers mount many podiums to offer many stirring and sage words of advice. Perhaps no words have more value for all of us today than the following from Bill Gates.

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Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault; so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

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Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you "FIND YOURSELF". Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television and video games are NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

## RECTORS WARDEN REPORT

The agenda for the June meeting of the Vestry was diverse. We began with a comprehensive property report from Michael Johnson who brought us up to date on the extensive repairs accomplished at St. Christopher's during the past several months. Among the many projects overseen by Michael were painting, roof repair, repointing and repair of the Righter's Mill Road stone wall, tree work, boiler room repairs, and numerous additional repairs to correct the dampness problems on the lower level. "What would we do without Michael?" was the sentiment expressed at the meeting. Our thanks to him for the enormous amount of time he devotes to the care of our buildings and grounds.

Tom Allen has once again volunteered to chair the Stewardship Campaign for 2011 and he presented a detailed report and timeline for this important effort. Skip Irvine gave an update on the programs of our Youth Ministry. He and Josh Walters are working to have more adult involvement in the Youth programs. Josh has done a superb job with programs for the children and youth of the Parish and we are delighted that he will continue to lead these efforts. Ken Jones updated us on the finances of the Parish and we are glad to report that the picture is a positive one. Thanks to Ken and to Katie Gibbs for their prudent financial management.

The Vestry will meet in July but not in August. We wish you a summer of renewal and relaxation.

*Mary Anne D. Justice*



## HANDICAP PARKING

Additional handicap parking spaces have been added here at St. Christopher's. We now have a total of five handicap parking spaces including one in the circle at the front of the church. Also, all of the non-handicap parking spaces have been repainted so they are more easily distinguishable.

# SCHUYLKILL BANKS RIVER TOUR

On Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> come see our city from a different angle. Join St. Christopher friends for a picnic supper and a one hour narrated tour – Secrets of the Schuylkill. Cruise up river toward the Water Works and down river toward Bartram’s Garden.

Learn history from the 1700’s to today’s Schuylkill River Trail development. Our River has just been named the 1<sup>st</sup> of 49 National Heritage Areas. Please see the website [www.schuylkillbanks.org](http://www.schuylkillbanks.org), for FAQ’s about the tour, directions, map, parking and access to the dock area, which is handicap accessible. Walking ramps (no steps), for people and bicycles, are on the south side of the Market Street bridge and on north side of the Chestnut Street bridge, near 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, with 3 parking lots within 1½ blocks of the ramp entrances. Look for blue, green & white Schuylkill Banks banners. Detailed parking information will be sent to participants.

**Location:** The Walnut Street Dock, at 24<sup>th</sup> Street, at the Schuylkill River

**Time:** Supper at the Dock at 6:00 p.m. (Picnic tables available)  
**Tour only: Arrive at the Dock by 6:45 p.m.** Boat departs at 7:00 p.m.

**Food:** Light supper (1/2 large croissant sandwich, cheese & crackers, fruit and brownie) before or after the tour. Or bring a “brown bag” supper. No eating on board. BYO soda, wine, etc. Ice Provided. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages & water are for sale on board (\$2.00 - 7.00).

**Cost:** \$15.00 Boat Tour only (Group Rate) \$5.00 Light Supper (Optional)

**Parking:** \$7.00-12.00 (Two of three lots require a credit card for payment to enter.)

**Train:** For walkers, train to 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station, plus easy, safe, 4 block walk to Schuylkill Banks walking ramps (plus 1/2 block(s) to Walnut Street dock).

**RSVP:** **By Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.** We have a limited number of reservations. Please contact Judy Moneta

**Payment:** Check or cash to Judy

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_ Tour tickets @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_; No. \_\_ Suppers @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Event total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

## PHILLIES NIGHT

On Monday night, June 7<sup>th</sup>, over 600 Episcopalians from the Merion Deanery (of which St. Christopher's is a member) had a great time at Citizens Bank Park. Children's choirs from the Merion Deanery churches combined to sing our National Anthem in front of a typical Phillies sold out crowd. All those children in their white shirts and khaki pants were of great voice. Our Assisting Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Rodney Michel, threw out the first ball, to the cheers of several sections of Episcopalians from above (literally!). It was DOLLAR DOG night and we all enjoyed them. A few of us just had to feast on the soft ice cream which was deliciously messy but so good. Sadly The Phillies continued to be in a slump – but we had fun. Hope you'll join us next year.

*Mickey Shumway*



*From Left to Right: Judy Moneta, Peggy Cooke, Elsie Graves, Mickey Shumway, Earl Laney and Mary Laney.*

## FAVORITE THINGS

**How to stay safe in the World today!  
Where IS the Safest Place?**

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

But...

You will be pleased to learn that only..001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

And . . . Bible study is safe too!

The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less. So, attend church, and read your Bible, IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!

GOD BLESS YOU!!!

*Submitted By: Steve Voorhees*

## ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Dear St. Christopher's Community,

Over the past three months members of the St. Christopher's staff, parents of youth and I have been engaged in ongoing conversation about our youth program. After two years of working as Youth Coordinator I have discovered that one key ingredient for a viable youth program is *the presence of adults*. While there are many reasons for this, I would like to highlight just two in this brief note as we begin further dialogue regarding adult involvement in the future of our youth program.

The first and most important aspect of this discussion is simply the development of our teenagers in the St. Christopher's community. While running a "lone-ranger" youth ministry does have some advantages, it is becoming clearer and clearer to me that the youth desire more than just me. Indeed, Cara Miller of the Search Institute (possibly the largest researcher of adolescent development in N. America) agrees:

Study after study in the field of youth development makes it clear that the single most important thing that can make a positive difference in the life a young person is the presence of a caring adult. In spite of that, research shows that most young people don't have enough caring adults in their lives (taken from the 2004 spring newsletter of the Search Institute).

Within our current discussion, this is our first priority. Adult involvement is imperative for the healthy development of our young people. I believe that this will have an extensive impact on the St. Christopher's community as a whole. As more youth and adults become connected, the more likely they will be to attend parish activities and remain involved in church communities in the future. Altogether, adult involvement can do nothing but improve an already growing youth program.

Secondly, and resulting from our first priority, increased adult involvement will help St. Christopher's run a safer program. The Episcopal Diocesan standards require at least two adults at every youth event. By gaining adult involvement in the program we will meet Diocesan requirements while also adequately protecting our leaders and our youth from potential danger.

At this point, I would like to make this conversation known to the entire St. Christopher's Community because *you all are the ones we are inviting to become more involved in the youth program*. What the next step in this process includes is the compiling of a pool of volunteers who are interested in helping out with various youth events. These events include service projects, field trips, meals at our parish, and more. The bottom line is that we need you!

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to email or call. This is truly an open discussion and I am looking forward to how our youth program will continue to improve in the future!

With much hope and excitement,  
Joshua M. Walters, Youth Coordinator

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### COFFEE HOUR

Thank you to our June Coffee Hour Hosts!

Jennifer Colen, Demetrie and Ann Comnas,  
The Irvine Family, Ellen Pemberton and Mickey  
Shumway.

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### AZALEA DAY TENTMAKERS

Thank you to our tentmakers for their incredible  
generosity in providing funds for Azalea Day  
tents.

*Terry and Tom Allen  
Howard Butcher  
Mary Clement  
Ann and Demetrie Comnas  
Kathie Denis  
Laurie and Fred Dougherty  
Elizabeth Harkins  
Cathy Higgins  
Margie and Peter Hunt  
Lorraine and Ken Jones  
Elsa Lopusniak  
Elizabeth Miller  
Ellen and Cliff Pemberton  
Peg and Dick Schneider  
Steve Voorhees  
Joanne and Ray Welsh  
Tom Zug*

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### THANK YOU CHOIR!

The choirs have ended the singing season.  
St. Christopher's has been truly blessed with  
talented singers. You all bring wonderful music  
to our service each Sunday and set the tone for  
worship. We appreciate you all very much!

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### THANK YOU ACOLYTES!

Acolytes are also done for the season. Thank  
you for all you do for St. Christopher's and for  
your hard work and dedication!

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### THANK YOU TEACHERS!

A special thank you to each and every one of  
our teachers. We had another great year at  
St. Christopher's and its due to your service,  
leadership and dedication.

*Tom Allen, Catharine Bell, Elena Carlson, Dawn  
Eringis, Skip Irvine, Jill Marshall, Caroline Obel-  
Omia, Ellen Pemberton and Holly Penning*

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### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS

A single Sunday Service will be held at 9:00 a.m.  
until September 5th. We will return to two  
services on September 12th.

The Nursery will remain open until the end of  
July. If utilized, we will continue throughout  
the rest of the summer.

During the months of July and August the  
church office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until  
1:00 p.m.

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### JUNIOR CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR

Do you have interest in joining the Junior Choir  
or Handbell Choir? If so, email Scott Drackley  
at [ScottDrackley@SaintChristophers.org](mailto:ScottDrackley@SaintChristophers.org).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Summer Office Hours Begin (9am-1pm)	2	3
4  Independence Day  9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  Refreshments on the Breezeway	5	6  7:00 a.m. Bible Study	7  7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  10:00 a.m. Bible Study  8:00 p.m. AA	8  6:00 p.m. Schuylkill Banks River Tour	9	10
11  9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  Refreshments on the Breezeway	12	13  7:00 a.m. Bible Study  7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	14  7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  10:00 a.m. Bible Study  8:00 p.m. AA	15	16	17
18  9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  Refreshments on the Breezeway	19	20  7:00 a.m. Bible Study	21  7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  10:00 a.m. Bible Study  8:00 p.m. AA	22	23	24
25  9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  Refreshments on the Breezeway	26	27  7:00 a.m. Bible Study	28  7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  10:00 a.m. Bible Study  8:00 p.m. AA	29	30	31

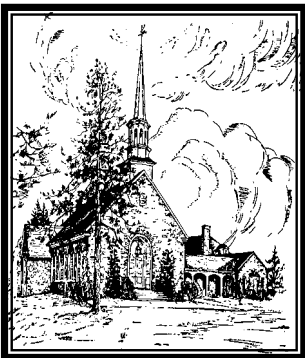
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The Reverend William H. Wood III, Rector  
The Reverend Mary E. Laney, Parish Associate  
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Josh Walters, Coordinator of Youth Ministries  
Katie Gibbs, Office Manager/Bookkeeper  
Shawna Minnucci, Parish Secretary  
Bill Petty, Sexton  
Val Galati, Sexton  
Dorine Hodges, Nursery Coordinator

### VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Mary Anne Justice, Rector's Warden  
Ken Jones, Accounting Warden  
Tom Allen, Jennifer Colen, Peggy Cooke, Cathy Higgins,  
Peter Hunt, Susan Hunter, Skip Irvine, Michael Johnson,  
Ellen Pemberton, George Wrangham