Announcements

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS 2013 "By Word and Example"



Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to Christ Church Cathedral for 2013!

We are ahead of last year's Canvass effort as of December 12! We are within reach of collectively pledging MORE in 2013 than we did in 2012! The Vestry will meet on Monday, December 17, to deliberate on the General Fund budget for 2013. Please make your pledge before the 17th. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this wonderful tribute to the Glory of God and the mission and ministry of Christ Church Cathedral!

JOIN THE CATHEDRAL'S FIRST ANNUAL JESSE TREE VISITS

Saturday, December 22 2:30-4:30 p.m.

"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots." (Isaiah 11:1)



We have many in our parish family who are unable to come to church due to illness or infirmity. What better way to share the love of Christ during Advent than to make a visit to these parishioners' homes and present them with a Jesse Tree? *Please consider gathering your family or a group of

friends and joining us on December 22 at 2:30 p.m. for a brief time of fellowship (cookies, cider, and hot chocolate!) and hymn singing before going out to make your visit.

If you have a family member who would like to receive a visit, please let us know by contacting the Reverend Canon Gene Manning, gmanning@christcathedral.org.

If you would like to make a visit to a parishioner, please contact either Canon Manning or Bettye Westermann, inetone@bellsouth.net.

*The Jesse Tree is a small evergreen that represents Jesus' family tree which rises from Jesse of Bethlehem, the father of King David. It is decorated with symbols portraying Jesus' ancestors.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

ROOM IN THE INN

Thursday, December 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

A Benefit for Amistad Mission
Saturday, January 5, 2013, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Contact Cammie Claybrook, at cammieclaybrook@comcast.net to register teams. Deadline to register teams is December 28.

THE BIBLE CHALLENGE

This morning, 9:45-10:45 a.m., and Wednesday, December 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., we will have gatherings in the Wheeler Room to give us an opportunity to reflect and discuss the readings. These gatherings are not required but are offered simply to enhance and support our experience together.

Readings for week 12, beginning December 17

Day 78 Joshua 1-3; Psalm 65, Luke 23

Day 79 Joshua 4-6, Psalm 66, Luke 24

Day 80 Joshua 7-9, Psalm 67, John 1

 $Day\ 81\ Joshua\ 10\text{-}12, Psalm\ 68,\ John\ 2$

Day 82 Joshua 13-15, Psalm 69, John 3

Day 83 Joshua 16-18, Psalm 70, John 4

Day 84 Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

Cathedral Men's Breakfast: The Men's Breakfast will be held on December 18, at 7 a.m. Cost is \$5. Please RSVP by calling Marti Lawson, 615.255.7729, or online at christcathedral.org. **The deadline is today.**

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO BOLIVIA Meeting with Dean Kimbrough

All youth in 10th-12th grades who are interested in attending the June 3-12, 2013, Amistad/Bolivia Pilgrimage are invited to come to an informal meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 7-8 p.m., at the home of Monica and Thor Urness (4207 Sneed Road, 37215). Parents are also invited. Dean Kimbrough, the pilgrimage clergy leader, and Monica will provide information and answer questions. Please RSVP to mflynnurness@comcast.net or 615.403.8564.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to learn more, please contact the youth staff, 615.255.7729.



Summer 2012 Cathedral Youth at the Kantuta House in Amistad, Bolivia

THE NEXT NEWCOMERS' GATHERING IS JANUARY 6, 2013

If you have begun attending Christ Church Cathedral in the last several months, are visiting for the first time, or are interested in learning more about life and ministry in this parish, please join us on Sunday, January 6, 2013, at 9:45 a.m. in the Wheeler Room for coffee and conversation. This will provide an opportunity to meet some of the clergy, to meet others who are new to the parish,



and to learn more about this community. We will also welcome those who have transferred to our parish in the last year at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. liturgies.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A Gathering of the Young Adults of Christ Church Cathedral

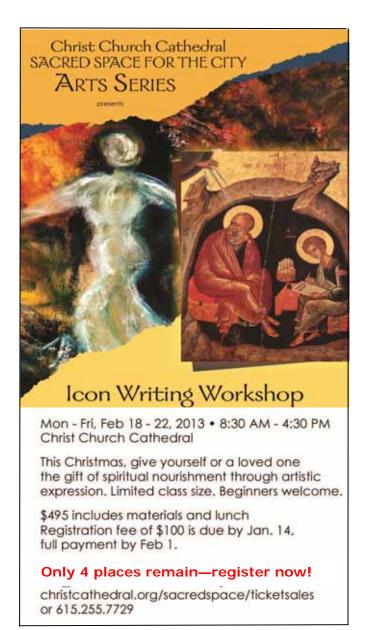
Please join us for **Theology on Tap**: a theological gathering of the Young Adults of Christ Church Cathedral, on **Thursday**, **January 10**, 7 p.m., at The Flying Saucer, 111 10th Avenue South. All are warmly welcomed, so invite guest and friends. For more details, please contact the Reverend Joshua Caler, 615-255-7729 or jcaler@christcathedral.org.

BAPTISM Sunday, January 13, 2013

The next opportunity for baptism will be Sunday, January 13, at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. liturgies. If you or your child would like to be baptized, please contact the Reverend Canon Gene Manning at 615.255.7729 or gmanning@christcathedral.org. **Deadline is Monday**, **January 7. Rehearsal for Baptism is Saturday**, **January 12**, at 9 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER ACCOMPANIED BY MUSIC OF THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY Sunday, January 13, 2013 6:00 p.m.

A quiet, meditative and reflective style of worship, using music, simple chanting, periods of silence, and brief readings. A worship of God that quiets the soul.



LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2013

Lenten Reflections 2013: This Lent, we will publish a booklet of daily reflections written by Christ Church parishioners. We are looking for personal reflections from parishioners of all ages. We particularly welcome meditations that are tied to the Lenten daily readings. These 200 - 400 word meditations will offer insight into scripture through the lens of the writer's experience. **Deadline for writings is**Wednesday, January 30. If you are interested in writing for this project, please contact Becky Rochford, brochford@christcathedal.org, for more details.

Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn has an urgent need for warm clothes, t-shirts (L, XL, and XXL), white socks, gloves and hats. If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact David Morton at dmorton60@gmail.com or Marie Masterson at mariemasterson@att.net.