



the Belltowner

April
2013

"To grow as disciples in Christ, prayerfully opening our hearts and minds to joy and service."

What Can I Do?

"What can I do?"

Respect that question.
Trust that you,
one man, one woman,
can do for God
what otherwise would not be done.

Trust that some people will hear
the gospel of Jesus,
that some who are in need
will find the touch of human love,
that others will find a listening ear
or a voice in their poverty,
only because you have chosen
to give God
a central place in your life ...

It is not just your work,
your choice,
your decision.
You choose because you are chosen,
you choose because
in the heart of your desire to love,
you have found
the heart of God searching for you.

Donal Neary, SJ

New Member Sunday

May 12, 2013



*Please join us for a
reception in our
parish hall*

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THE REV. MARK D. MEYER, RECTOR † THE REV. MERLE HARRISON, DEACON † ALL MEMBERS OF CHRIST CHURCH, MINISTERS

Rector: The Rev. Mark D. Meyer
 Deacon: The Rev. Merle Harrison
 Senior Warden: Barbara Smith
 Junior Warden: Bill Price
 Treasurer: Walter Roche
 Vestry

Rachel Alexander
 Robert Barnhill
 Kay Bevens
 Bryan Fredrickson
 Bud Gentry
 Connie Liptrap
 Jim Maxon
 Bill Price
 Christopher Rock
 Stephanie Ropp
 Acolyte Director:
 Marmie Chapman
 Bulletin: Christopher Rock
 Centering Prayer: pb Walsh,
 Nancy Kovalcik
 Child Care Attendant:
 Michelle Cook
 Coffee Hour: Bob & Earline
 Barnhill
 Episcopal Church Women:
 Ann Roche
 ECW Thrift House:
 Lois Kitchell
 Eucharistic Visitors:
 Christopher Rock
 Hospitality: Shirley Squier
 Lectors: Mary Olson
 Library: pb Walsh
 New Child Montessori
 School: Michelle Cook
 Operation Christmas Child:
 Ann Roche
 Organist: Barbara Kohl
 Parish Administrator:
 Becky Jamison
 Pastoral Care: Ann Roche
 Prayer Center: John Rohde
 Prayer Chain: Donna Cooper
 Risk Management:
 John Merriam
 Sangre de Cristo Region Rep:
 Lois Kitchell
 Sexton: Larry Jamison
 St. Gabriel's Guild:
 Jocie Rohde
 Stewardship: Vestry
 Sunday School:
 Shirleen Sabatino
 SWEEPS Council:
 Mary Olson
 United Thank Offering:
 Audrey DeBekker
 Ushers: John Merriam
 Vintage Years: Linda Keim
 Worship: Fr. Mark Meyer



The Spotlight is on.....

JAMES (JIM) MAXON



In our Belltower each month we will “spotlight” a member of Christ Church in hopes it will become helpful in being more acquainted as a church family.

This month’s spotlight member is James (Jim) Maxon.

Jim, an only child, was born in Alamosa, Colorado, in 1935. His earliest memories are of pre-World War II and living in LaJara, Colorado. He graduated from South Denver High in 1954. While in high school he enjoyed being a member of the rifle team. Jim earned a BA from Denver University in anthropology and an MA from the University of Wisconsin Madison, also in anthropology. Jim has had a great career path as an archeologist, 17 years with the National Park Service 1958-1975, 15 years serving from 1975-1991 with the Bureau of Reclamation as Regional Archaeologist in Nevada and Arizona, and finishing a great career as the Chief Archaeologist, Agency Preservation Office based in Denver, Colorado. He has traveled to French Polynesia.

Jim’s hobbies include fine art photography with his wife Barbara, watercolors and pastels, music, reading, landscaping, and creating art. Jim appreciates things old and treasures his Grandpa’s and Dad’s firearms that he inherited. He admits that possessions become less important as time passes. When asked who he most admired throughout history, he replied, first and foremost is Jesus, and two past great leaders of our country, Thomas Jefferson and Teddy Roosevelt. Jim agrees with Mark Twain’s adage that 80 percent of the things he worried about never happened.

Jim has three children, Kevin, Clark, and Dianne of whom he is very proud. He currently enjoys each evening with Barbara and also socializing with their friends. As well as his involvement in the Christ Church family, Jim is active in the local art community.



Summer Camp for youth ages 8-14 will be held at Cathedral Ridge July 7-13. If you are interested in more information, please contact Fr. Mark.

In Memoriam

Earl Dean Baird

June 24, 1920

March 9, 2013

Clean up Time

Church Grounds and Basement

Wed April 3, 2013
9:00 am

Please join us and bring your yard tools & supplies

Our Senior Warden says....



Our Lenten Season was special for all of us. THANK YOU:

- Father Mark for leading Classes summarizing the Church Development Institute which included how to pray the Daily Office. Christ Church initiated the Daily Office during Lent which is Monday through Thursday at 5:30. Ask Father Mark for printed information or refer to two websites: www.missionstclare.com, and www.dailyoffice.com.
- Dan and Debi Blackwell for leading the Stations of the Cross and preparing the Lenten Table in the front of the church.
- All of you who faithfully contributed to ease the hunger in our local area. Our project this year is hunger with our recipients being Loaves and Fishes and Mercy Today. ECW also contributed monies to Loaves and Fishes and Mercy Today.
- The Altar Guild for all of their special work during the Lenten Season
- Becky Jamison for her never-ending support to all of us.

Bill Price has been very busy with Clean Up/Fix Up at Christ Church which includes both large and small maintenance issues. Bill is looking at options for ongoing maintenance of the roof as well as ways of funding the project. Also at the head of the list is the question of our sound system.

Jim Maxon drew plans for the planter, using flowers donating by parishioners. If you would like to donate plants, please let Bill or Jim know.

A rope in the bell tower has jumped off the bell pulley. Christopher Rock and Bill conferred on how to fix it.

Spring Cleanup: Volunteers are welcomed for this very entertaining event.

Welcome our new acolyte Janae Deatherage. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please let Father Mark know.

A class for Lay Eucharistic Visitors is being scheduled by Deacon Merle. All are welcomed. This is a very rewarding ministry both for our homebound members and the ministers.

Our church family has been very generous with fundraising for Tammi Chapman and Sarah Liptrap for youth retreats and their school trips to Washington DC. Thank you to the Elks for hosting a spaghetti supper for Sarah. Watch for the date for a Potato Bar at Christ Church to raise funds for Tammi.

We welcome Ann Roche who has volunteered to work with Father Mark and the Pastoral Care Ministry. Members of our congregation are encouraged to let Ann know if you are able to participate in the ministry by writing notes, cooking meals, providing rides, visiting, or other activities to which you are called. Velve Vaughn has volunteered to send e-cards to our members.

The qualifications of potential ministry participants is a kind and caring heart, sensitivity to the needs of our members and families, willingness to conform to the ethical code of confidentiality, ability to allocate sufficient time to meet the needs of parishioners, and Faith, Love and Hope, and above all Love.

Those in need of Prayer and Care:

- ♥ Hildebrand: Al and Helen Jeske, Coeta Mann, Al Nichols, Sue Ann Loomis
- ♥ Skyline: Irma Fry
- ♥ Florence Care Center: Marie Carpenter
- ♥ Progressive Care Center: Maradee Wendt, Flo Burke
- ♥ Home: Bob Barnhill, Joyce Conley, Roy Cooper, Audrey DeBekker

Prayers of Thanksgiving for successful eye surgery for Sally Merriam

We received a thank you note from our neighbors Michaela and Joey thanking us for the baby shower. Their young daughter attends our Sunday school and three more children are "Sunday School students in training". Beautiful children.

Matthew 7:12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

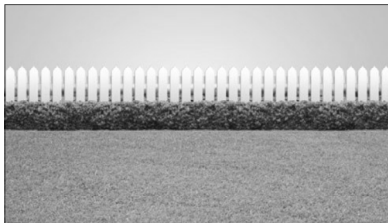
Barb Smith, Sr. Warden

Update from our Junior Warden

You may have noticed that the south bell had been inoperable for a little while, the bell rope being tangled on the pulley wheel preventing the operation of the bell. It is now ringing again, thanks to Christopher Rock, who as an experienced climber, was able to correct the problem. He made the climb in one day and said it was much like climbing Mt. Everest. A special thanks to Christopher for his time and effort.

The cedar shingle roof of the church, which was replaced in 2007, is due for a spray treatment this year. A grant is in the process to ask monetary assistance for the project, and it will be forwarded to the State Historical Fund for consideration late in March. This appears to be the only known high ticket item for maintenance that we should encounter this year.

We are planning an exterior cleanup day sometime in April to prepare the grounds for the summer season. The vestry is confident they will have a definite plan on the landscaping to complete the area around the new sign on the northwest corner, which will bring closure to that project.



In the January issue of the Belltower, our Senior Warden quoted Robert Fulghum from "Everything I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" regarding holding hands and sticking together. He also said "The grass is not, in fact, always greener on the other side of the fence. No, not at all. Fences have nothing to do with it. The grass is greenest where it is watered. When crossing over a fence, carry water with you and tend the grass wherever you may be."

Junior Warden



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Ministry opportunity

We are looking for a few new Eucharistic visitors, whose ministry it is to take Holy Communion to shut-ins, the hospitalized, and Christ Church members in Nursing homes. If you feel you may be called to this ministry, please speak with Deacon Merle, who will be helping lead the training.

Thanks to...

- ♥ our faithful Altar Guild, for all their extra work for the Holy Week and Easter services
- ♥ our Ushers, Acolytes, Lectors and Intercessors for serving extra duty
- ♥ our Organist Barbara, for all her extra work
- ♥ Christopher and Becky for their work on all the extra bulletins
- ♥ Christopher for climbing our bell tower to fix our bell

Style Show and Brunch

Exclusive designs from:

The Episcopal Thrift House
Colorado Springs

Models:

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Proceeds to benefit:

El Hogar, a school for abandoned
children in Honduras

Date: Saturday, April 13

Time: 10:30 am Brunch

Place: Christ Episcopal Church

802 Harrison Ave.

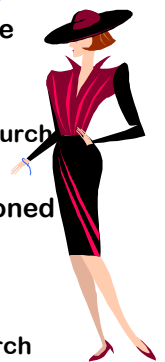
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to purchase the clothes
that are modeled, plus much more!



Vestry Meeting Recap February, 2013

- New members Kay Bevins, Connie Liptrap, Christopher Rock and Jim Maxon were welcomed as new members. Rachael Alexander was again voted to be Secretary.
- Merle continues to work on putting together a Holy Hoe Down for spring. She is looking for new volunteers for Progressive Care Center.
- Father Mark reported that we will host the Regional Meeting in May. Evening Prayer will be Monday – Thursday 5:30 to 6:00 pm in the Chapel. Pastoral Care needs were discussed.
- Senior Warden Barbara Smith indicated that our Lenten Project is going well. The funds will go to the community food pantries.
- Junior Warden Bill Price is working on maintenance projects including resealing the roof, the sign for the office and parish hall, and fixing the ropes in the bell tower.
- Walter Roche gave his treasurers report. The financials are doing well. The Parochial Report for the diocese was reviewed and approved.
- Bryan Fredrickson continues to provide some legal services for which we thank him. He continues to promote the Legacy Society.

Panera Cares Café

This is the link to the video that Father Mark showed as his sermon in our services Sunday, March 3rd.
<http://tedxstlouis.com/speakers/ron-shaich-panera/>



United Thank Offering

Our Spring United Thank Offerings are gathered in May and June. We hope you are saying your prayers and saving your coins in your Blue Box. So many people need our help and prayers today. Boxes are available in the Narthex. “God gave you 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to thank God today?” —William A. Ward



God is never less loving than the most loving person you know

What is God doing in the Scripture reading? With that question in mind, I want to give you an operative principle, which, I believe, had it been used in the last 500 years, would have resulted in a much more exciting and positive Christian history. If you are meditating on a Bible text, Hebrew or Christian, *and if you see God operating at a lesser level than the best person you know, then that text is not authentic revelation.* “God is love” ([1 John 4:16](#)) and no person you meet could possibly be more loving than the Source of love itself. It is as simple as that. You now have a foundational *hermeneutic* (“interpretive key”) for interpreting all of Scripture wisely. Literalism is the lowest and most narrow hermeneutic for understanding conversation in general and sacred texts in particular.

Haven’t you read texts and not known what to think? For example, where Yahweh presumably tells the Israelites to kill every Canaanite in sight—men, women and children—and then has them impose a ban on every pagan town, telling the Israelites to enter, burn, and destroy everything in sight (e.g., [Joshua 6-7](#)). *Do you really think that is God talking? I don’t think so.* They have created God in their own image instead of letting God re-create them in his image.

“Well,” you say, “it is in the Bible and that makes it true and right.” That is why we have to use a whole different lens for interpreting any authoritative text. How we deal with sacred texts is how we deal with reality in general. And how we deal with reality in general is how we deal with sacred texts. And both reality and all sacred texts are also fragmented and “imperfect” ([1 Corinthians 13:12](#)). It takes a certain level of human and spiritual maturity to interpret a Scripture. Vengeful and petty people find vengeful and hateful texts (and they are there), but even when they are not there! Loving and peaceful people will hold out until a text resounds deep within them (and there are plenty there!). In short, **ONLY LOVE CAN HANDLE BIG TRUTH.**

*Richard Rohr, adapted from the webcast
A Teaching on Wondrous Encounters*

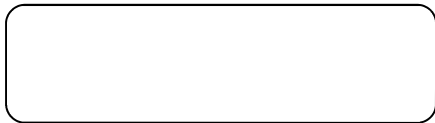
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People Serving our Country

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Lt. Col. Mark Gruber
Andrew Hoffman
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Spec. Zach Jayson
SFC Chris Thomas
Maj. Brian Weyenberg
Capt. Benjamin Nichols
Spec 2 Jesse Painter
Jared Pollock
Rob & Joel Sears
GSgt. Paul Spaulding
SSgt. Michael Paulding
LCpl Shiloh Wilson
Yale Blake King
Maj. Sean Michael MacDermott
Ellen McCormick

Please pray for Christ's love to engulf our Parish, Diocese and our National Church;

Bishop Christ Church family, Deacon Merle, Fr. Mark

- Prisoners: Those in prison and those who care for them; Robert
- Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Flo, Thelma, Coeta, Sue Ann, Maradee, Irma, Al, Helen, Marie, Al

Healing, Comfort, Patience, & Hope: Chris, Char, Doris, Barbara, Connie, Lindsay, Sarah, Helen, Al, Sally, Larry, Jessie, Danny+, Mary Ann, Bob, Darwin, Clona, Joe, Jade, Micah, McCoy

God's presence in time of special need: Jazzarae, Willy, en, theBlakeney fam., Jim, Randy, Chuck

Reconciliation/Love: Steven

Repose/Peace: Carolyn, Earl

Work in the Lord/Financial Stability: Susan, Paul, Rick, Eric

To know and love the Lord Jesus: Matt, Logan

Thanksgiving: Charley for healing.



Remember our Food Pantry

Please remember to add a few canned or boxed food items to your grocery basket each time you shop and bring your food offering to church each Sunday.

