

Christ Notes, February 2, 2012



*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
Isaiah 55:2*

In the days when Vivian rode the bus to school, we would find ourselves standing at the end of the driveway at 6:45 this morning. The sun would just be coming up on the best day. At first, we were none too happy about the early pick up time, but now I feel differently. While I'm no morning person, I am glad for an early start to the day. It is a great opportunity to visit the world while it is quiet and to start the day's work unencumbered by the distractions that come with normal daytime hours.

I am beginning to think that early is good. As a recovering procrastinator, I am starting to learn the joys of finishing a job without the stress of an immediate deadline. I am also beginning to think through priorities very carefully. A common reason that we end up behind schedule or stressed is that we work against our priorities. It is far too easy for most of us to put aside what is really important for the things we think need to be done right now. More of our attention often goes to the distractions than to the things that matter.

This happens in our faith life. I know this. I earn my living as a cheerleader for faith, and way too often I see us give the ball away. Any of us who profess the Christian faith would probably agree that our relationship with God and the practice of our beliefs is the foundational piece of our lives – the thing that sustains us now and will keep us beyond this life. But how often do our schedules reflect something very different? Then church/faith/ God becomes that thing that we know we ought to do – but it will always be there, and we'll get to it as soon as we can. And an opportunity is missed.

I'm not interested in making religion the equivalent of spinach – something you are coerced into consuming along with a heaping portion of guilt. But I don't want you to miss an important opportunity either. I don't want you to spend your one life on what is not life-giving. Pay attention to your faith. How do you practice it? What time do you give it? What commitment do you make? Don't wait until hindsight makes you see the opportunity missed. Pour your time into the things that matter. Whether you're starting early or late, start now.

Blessings,

Rev. Nancy

Do you have a comment? Visit this and other materials on our blog! Christumc-roswell.blogspot.com/

Administration

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Ministry Fair! It was a great day. We have so much great ministry going on at Christ Church!

Date of Sanctuary Clean Up Day: This Saturday

Our mission in the United Methodist Church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ. One of the most important ways we do this is through the hospitality we offer to those who are new to our church or our faith. Because our building is the first sign of hospitality that a visitor receives, it is an important part of our witness to maintain its appearance.

In an effort to show the greatest possible hospitality to our visitors and guests, we have scheduled a day to clean and organize some of the public areas of our sanctuary building. On February 4, items that are no longer needed in public areas will be moved to storage or disposed of. If you have any materials or property in the sanctuary building, you may wish to remove them before this date. If you are interested in volunteering for the Clean Up Day, please call or e-mail the church office.

February 4, 9:00am – 3:00pm, Sanctuary Bldg.

For a list of work areas, please [click here](#) or visit:

christumc-roswell.blogspot.com/2012/01/sanctuary-building-clean-up.html

Church Leadership Training – RESCHEDULED

In order to lead effectively, we need to all know the direction we are heading and how we can get there together. On Saturday, February 25, we will offer Leadership Training for those in our church who have taken on roles of service, and those who are interested in learning more and becoming involved. We will meet at 8:00am and end the day at 3:00pm. Refreshments and lunch will be included. RSVP – helpful for planning meals – to the office at (770)993-3945 or e-mail roswellchristumc@yahoo.com.

We can answer God's call to make disciples for the transformation of the world!

Saturday, February 25; 8:00am, Sanctuary

New Policies Regarding Displays in our Sanctuary Building

Please read below two new policies approved by the Administrative Council.

Shepherd Ministry Training Rescheduled

The training originally scheduled for Sunday February 5, has been postponed until March. Thank you!

Policy for Displays and Materials in Sanctuary

Any materials to be placed on the “back table” or posted or displayed in the area at the back of the sanctuary must be either approved for indefinite use or for a special purpose or event. Anything church related, or pertaining to the overall ministry of the church is acceptable. Special materials may be placed on the table for up to two weeks ahead of an event, or throughout the time of recruitment of participants. Materials may be left in the sanctuary no longer than a week following their final use. Special displays or manned tables may be set up in the sanctuary for recruitment or promotion of events or ministries. Only one group/event may be on display each Sunday. A representative for the group or event will remain with the display before and after worship. The display and materials need to be removed after the service each Sunday.

Approval for special materials or displays may be obtained through the church office.

Policy for Signage and Displays in the Foyer (upstairs and downstairs)

Any signs or displays set up in the foyer must be either approved for indefinite use or for a special purpose or event. Signage or displays may be placed for up to two weeks ahead of an event, or throughout the time of recruitment of participants. Such signs or displays may remain for no longer than a week following their final use.

Approval for special signs or displays may be obtained through the church office.

Special Notice from Rev. Ed and Ann Cook!

Our Christ Church congregation is invited to join the Cook family following the morning service on Sunday, February 19th, in the Fellowship Hall, as Rev. Ed celebrates his 70th birthday and commemorates 69 previous years. The menu includes chicken and dumplings, salad, and of course, cake prepared by Mom's Table. This is a gift to you, our Church family. All are invited. Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday, February 16th.

NO GIFTS, PLEASE! If you feel so inspired, please make a donation to Must Ministries. Thank you!

Sunday February 19, Fellowship Hall

Outreach

Christ UMC Blog

Christ United Methodist Church now has a blog! A blog, derived from “web log” is an easily-updatable website that shares writings and other materials, giving readers the opportunity to respond. Our blog will be used to share our Christ Notes devotions, Children’s Sunday School lessons, and other informative and inspirational materials. This is one more opportunity for our church to be present on the web and to reach others with the love of Christ! Check it out at www.christumc-roswell.blogspot.com.

Must Ministry

On the 1st Sunday of every month we collect food that is used to restock the shelves at Must Ministries. Please remember to bring your food donations on Sunday. Donations of any non-perishable food items are appreciated.

Thank you.

Fellowship

For those members of the church who knew Craig Bruce Brogdon during his time at Christ Church, he has written a letter. It can be viewed during the month of February by [clicking here](#), or using this web address: <http://christumc-roswell.blogspot.com/p/for-church-members.html>

Thank you to everyone who signed up last Sunday to bring soup, salad or dessert to the Valentine luncheon to be held Sunday, February 12. We have enough desserts but need a few more salads and soup! A sign-up sheet will be available in church again this Sunday. A benefit for the Murphy-Harpst Children's Center in Cedartown, Georgia, the luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following church services. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family, whichever is less. Children 6 and under will be free. Please join us for a time of fellowship and a worthy cause.

Sunday February 12, is Scout Sunday and the Admin. Council will also be meeting. Scouts and their families are invited guests of CUMC, so our numbers will be larger.

Sunday, February 12, Fellowship Hall

UMW will meet for breakfast on February 11 at 10:30 at a new restaurant, Phish Phood. It is a faith based organization with a three page breakfast menu. The owner has given us discount coupons for our first visit. It is located on Woodstock road next to the Wendy's at the intersection of King and Woodstock (behind the Bank of America). 11255 Woodstock Road , Roswell , Please call Alice Blanco to give a head count 770-605-9938 or e-mail aliceblanco@bellsouth.net.

Saturday, February 11, 10:30am

Alice Blanco invites you to the Black History Music Festival on February 12th at 4 pm at Grace UMC on Ponce De Leon Boulevard . Several local community and church choirs will be performing spirituals and gospel numbers. The music features acappella, gospel style piano and jazz settings of scripture. The music is inspiring, uplifting and just plain fun. You can get tickets from Alice or at the door. Thanks, Alice

Sunday, February 12, 4:00pm

Spiritual Development

Monday Night Bible Study

Join Tim and Lee Read as they lead us in “Looking at Luke”. The Gospel According to Luke has everything a book club could ask for – victors & villains, Beelzebub & beatitudes, Christmas & Easter, miracles & murder, conspiracy & confession, sacraments & sacrilege, parables & Pharisees, disciples & demons, redemption & resurrection. And it’s non-fiction! Make it your New Year’s resolution. All are welcome!

7:15-8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Pastor Nancy is available for short term counseling. While she is often in the office, appointments are the best way to secure some time.

Just call the church office at 770-993-3945.

Children & Youth Ministry



Please check out the link below to view the Children’s Lessons plans in addition to CUMC news. Thank you.

christumc-roswell.blogspot.com

Worship

Scout Sunday is February 12. Join us to honor our Scouts!

Service of Gifts

"Now, it's YOUR turn!" to quote our fearless music director. A Service of Gifts is an opportunity for EVERYONE to offer their gifts to God in worship. Do you sing? Write poetry? Is drama your hidden talent? How about the visual arts; drawing or painting? Even if your gifts are of the "non-display" variety, let us know and we will find a way to use them in our Service of Gifts. Sign up by calling or e-mailing the office.

Sunday, February 19, 11:00am, Sanctuary

Last week we received contributions of \$1,774.00

Floral Ministry

Altar Flowers are placed in celebration of our Family in Christ Church. The flowers and bud vases are gifts to the honorees to take home as a token of the love that we share every day but especially on our "special days".

We don't want to miss a single birthday, anniversary, in memory of, special recognition (job promotion, new job, new grandbaby, niece, special friend, thank you, etc.). You tell us what you want to celebrate! Please help us to not miss anyone!!!

Contact Marcia & Phil Moser at 770-516-4452 or moserma@bellsouth.net

Members/Friends Service Directory

In these hard economic times, we can help our brothers and sisters in the Church by utilizing their businesses for necessary services.

Joanne Rooks Mom's Table, a prepared meals company with locations at 1207 Canton St., Roswell. *View the menu at: www.MomsTableOnline.com .*

Mary Jane Warren Stone *Fine Art and Illustration*. Realist portraits of people, animals and places, and exhibits and illustration in support of educational and environmental concerns. *Please contact Mary Jane at 770-578-8881*

Chrissie Thead Christina's Interior Finishes. Her company offers color consultations, decorative painting and faux finishes for walls, ceilings, cabinets, mantles and furniture. www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com or 404-317-2090

John Clark private music instruction for piano, voice, and composition; classical, rock, and jazz styles; trains students to read music as well as play by ear. www.JohnClarkStudio.com or call 404-218-9150.

Steve Musker Private music lessons are available on trumpet, trombone, baritone and tuba. Teaching experience in both individual and group settings. *For information call 770-518-4499 for details*

Maggie Franz Avon Representative *Contact Maggie at 678-939-2851 or email her at www.youravon.com/maggielfranz*

Kirk Smith Home Improvements Inc. Home Repairs, Renovations and Additions. *Call Kirk Smith for a free estimate Office # 770-565-0489 or Cell 404-787-4340*

Fez Saige Life/ Transition Coaching. RSVP using the contact form on the website: www.coach2accomplish.com or on the Facebook page event: @coach2accomplish.

If you have an announcement to submit to Christ Notes, send it to roswellchristumc@yahoo.com. Submissions should be no more than 100 words and may be subject to editing.