



The Trumpet

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loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

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November 2008

We Are Thankful for the Harvest!

Dear Friends,

There are many things this month we are especially thankful for. Many thanks go to Travis Krischke for his great service and devotion to the organizing of our Ripe for the Harvest program. For the next several Sundays I am asking you to please commit your posted note with numbered priority on the large ministry list you feel God is leading you select. As you commit your numbered priority, the next step will be for each ministry leader of the ministry you selected to contact you in regards of setting up a group meeting to further discuss plans and goals for the upcoming New Year. With information already gathered from our super list (the collection from all three lists of Celebrations, Pains and Concerns and Dreams) we already have immediate direction and energy from everyone's input towards existing ministries and we might even have to create new ones! Thank you for doing this!

I am also asking you to please make a financial commitment and fill out a contribution card for 2009. We will begin our ingathering of Commitment Cards starting Nov 16th. You will have ample opportunity to make a commitment by the end of the year. However, the sooner you turn in your card, the more time your vestry and financial committee have to match our plans and goals for our 2009 budget.

Please make plans for attending and giving thanks for our special Thanksgiving Eve service from 7:00 to 8:00pm, on Nov 26th.

Please also remember amid all the business this time of year starts to generate to give thanks to God for all the wonderful things He blesses us with by His grace.

I mostly give thanks to God for all of you!

Merry Advent,
Bruce†



On Christ the Solid Stock I Stand

by Fran Hart

Recently, our financial future has been a hot topic around the dinner table, the water cooler, sports events, etc. Even our social conversations inevitably touch on speculation - speculation about speculations. Whether the subject is a personal 401K or the “national bail-out”, everyone seems to have something to say about it.

Where are you investing? How are you investing? Real Estate? Money Market? Overseas? The sure bet “dot coms” and tech industry stock are at record lows. Once considered a bust, they might now seem worthwhile. Buy low, sell high, right? It would be nice to know that we have a strategy that ensures a comfortable future. Ironically, most of us are missing the obvious opportunity. Financial uncertainty should cause us to turn to solid ground. Nasdaq and Dow are NOT solid ground.

In Genesis, God is introduced as our Rock. In Deuteronomy 32 we are told “He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.” And we are warned against rejecting our Rock. In the first book of Samuel, Samuel’s mother Hannah prays “There is no Rock like our God.”

In the Book of Psalms David underscores this repeatedly, “For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?” “For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.” “In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; ...be my rock of refuge...since you are my rock and my fortress.” “He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.” “From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” There are about two dozen such references. (Psalm 18:2, 18:31, 18:46, 19:14, 27:5, 28:1, 31:2, 31:3, 40:2, 42:9, 61:2, 62:2, 62:6-7, 71:3, 78:35, 89:26, 92:15, 94:22, 95:1, 144:1)

The prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk further emphasize God, our LORD, is our Rock. (Isaiah 8:12-15, 17:10-12, 26:4, 44:8, Habakkuk 1:12)

When Jesus began to preach, he told the parable of the wise

and foolish builders: those who hear the Word and put the Word to practice are like the wise man who dug down deep and laid his foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. (Matthew 7:24-26; Luke 6:47-49) Where is your faith? If you want a piece of the Rock, don’t call Prudential! If your faith is being tested, call upon the LORD. If your faith is not being tested, it should be. If you are comfortable with your current financial situation, you should try to give more. It is a blessing to need God and to be able to demonstrate our trust in Him. Do you dare? Can you step out in faith and trust that your steps will take you to a higher rock?

“I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”” (Psalm 91:2) “Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.” (Proverbs 11:28) “A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.” (Proverbs 28:25) “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6) Isaiah said “Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.” (Isaiah 26:4).

In today’s financial climate, investing in the LORD is the best financial advice you can get. He is the stock eternal. During this month’s ingathering, you will be asked to make a commitment to Christ Episcopal Church. Read Psalm 40:1-K. Pray about it. Step out in faith. Investing in the church’s future will provide greater returns than any retirement plan.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

A Special Evening: Brought to you by Faith Partners

by Elizabeth Burba

On Wednesday, November 19, Faith Partners is sponsoring a special event for both young people and adults at 7:00 p.m. It will include a video for our youth with a participatory exercise on physical and legal aspects of underage drinking. The same video will be shown at the same time for all adults, with a question and answer session in place of the exercise. The Travis County Attorney's Underage Drinking Prevention Program is bringing us these events.

This program presents an opportunity for all of us, youth and adults, to become a better informed influence on others at an opportune moment. You never know when regardless of your age – youth, adult, or older adult – you may have an opportunity to influence someone else in a positive manner. In fact, some parents will tell you that another adult's input sometimes counts more than their own.

If you are available to help with set-up, refreshments, clean-up or telephone calls, please contact Tish Rogers or Elizabeth Burba.

EFFECTS ON THE FAMILY

If you are wondering whether there may be a problem of alcohol or other drug abuse in your household, in your extended family, or in a friend's family, the following list of signals may be of help. These signals are indicative rather than clinically diagnostic, but they are usually present where chemical abuse exists. These effects on the family arise from a family member's continued use of a substance despite having experienced negative consequences as a result of that use.

Special Needs Sunday focuses not on disability, but ability to forgive, love our neighbor as ourselves

Throughout the Bible, when society shunned people with special needs, Jesus reached out to them again and again. He encouraged them. He touched them. He gave them the news of the Father. He saw them first as children of God defined by their humanity, not their disability.

CEC in October celebrated Special Needs Sunday with opportunities to learn more about our brothers, sisters and children with special needs. When Jesus heals a paralytic in Luke 5:17-26, he treats the man's sinfulness...his human-

- Relationships between family members are increasingly strained.
- Arguments occur more frequently.
- Distrust between family members grows over time.
- Emotional, Physical and/or Sexual Abuse of family members is common.
- Legal Problems become more frequent and more serious in nature.
- Financial hardships increase.
- Each family member feels increasingly anxious.
- More frequent accidents occur.
- Family members become isolated from each other and from friends.
- Feelings of Self-Blame increase, along with Self-Doubt.
- Shame and guilt feelings grow stronger.
- Difficulties in school/at work happen more often.
- Each individual's physical health deteriorates.
- Confusion and Frustration become common.
- Depression occurs more frequently and becomes more intense.
- Suicidal Thoughts Occur, Attempts Are Made, and Sometimes Succeed.

(NOTE: The Faith Partners team includes Elizabeth Burba at 259-1345; Jan Halstead at 259-5430; Tish Rogers at 259-9106; and Robert Wren at 913-5050. Inquiries to team members are confidential.)

ity... with forgiveness and only then ministers to his physical needs. This is what we all need to remember when we meet someone with a disability. Use "people first" language. For example: Tommy has autism; he is not an "autistic boy." He is Tommy, and his autism is only one of a myriad of things that may describe him. He has the same basic needs as everyone else: To love, worship, know God, enjoy fellowship with his neighbor, and give and receive spiritual love.

(What can you do? see back page)

Andrew Verdesca (Vestry Nominee)

Age: 47

Occupation: Husband for 10 years, father for 9 years, employee at IBM for 25 years.

Residence: Georgetown (6 years). Prior residences: Austin (8 years), Florida (10 years), Philadelphia (5 years), NJ (19 years).

CEC Background:

- 2-year Parishioner
- Received from Catholic Church into Episcopal Church, Oct., 2008.
- CEC 2007-08 Stewardship Chair (Pledge Drive leader, Outreach Organizer, Greeter Program Lead, Connections Class, Talents Program Lead, Ministry Bowl Lead)
- 2008 Episcopal Council Delegate
- 2007 Assistant Sunday School Teacher
- Other CEC ministry involvement via Angel Food Ministry, Men's Ministry
- Cursillo #215, "Power of the Holy Ghost," Camp Allen, 2007
- Diocesan Transitional Growth Conference, Camp Allen, 2007
- Diocesan Stewardship Council Conference, Camp Allen, 2007

CEC Interests:

- Community Outreach that integrates fellowship and service
- Help CEC realize its dreams in 2008-09 and beyond

I humbly accept the nomination that I've recently received to serve on the CEC Vestry. If God wants me to serve on the vestry, so be it. If not, so be it. My participation on the vestry is in His hands and on His schedule.

Kirsten Lynch (Vestry Nominee)

I've live in Leander for the past 23 years. I am a cradle Episcopalian, and attended St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School in San Mateo, California, taught by the Sisters of the Transfiguration nuns until I graduated in eighth grade. I was baptized as an infant, confirmed by Bishop James A Pike as a fifth grade student, and married by Father Robert Wareing (first Vicar of Christ Episcopal Church) in 1985. My husband passed away after 19 1/2 years of marriage in 2004.

I was born in Eureka California and raised in the San Francisco Bay area. I have worked in management since I graduated from the College of Idaho in 1975. I have also served as a grant writer for different non-profit organizations and Development Director for Austin Families and Family Eldercare. For the past 10 plus years, I have worked with Edward Jones Investments in Cedar Park. As a volunteer, I serve on the United Way Board of Williamson County, the Hope

Connections Pregnancy Resource Center Board in Leander, the Leander Mayor's Council on Disabilities, our neighborhood homeowner's association board, and the Leander City Council, amongst other volunteer positions including the Leander and Cedar Park Fire Departments and the Leander Police Department Citizens Police Academy, and LISD.

Here at Christ Church, I serve as an 8:00 altar guild member, lay reader, and chalice bearer. I am active in Fr. Sid's Intercessory Prayer Group, and attend Adult Sunday School weekly. In the past, I have taught Sunday School, served on Discovery weekend teams and supported my husband when he was on the Bishop's Committee in 1987-88. Our daughter Mary, was baptized by Robert Wareing in 1989, here at Christ Church. I attended Connecticut Cursillo #1 in 1979.

I hope my management background and knowledge of the local community can assist the vestry during this growing and expanding stage. I'd like to see the 8:00 service become a more integral part of the Christ Church Community. Also, I'd like to research and see what need we might have for an Adult Singles and Single Again Group, an outreach to the elderly or homebound, and a cross-generational -- like an adopt a grandparent -- group. (Caring for my mom in my home gives me a heart and passion for the last two things.)

I have always stayed busy and given 100% to any effort I support. I look forward to being able to serve Christ Church! Thank you,
Respectfully submitted,
Kirsten Call Lynch

Travis V. Krischke (Vestry Nominee)

I am honored and humbled to be nominated for the Vestry this year. I've been a Christian and Episcopalian all of my life but I've never served on a church council or Vestry. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the congregation and the community. My wife, Jennie, and children, Garrett and Emily, truly enjoy the fellowship, faith and family togetherness at CEC. I am currently the coordinator of the Stewardship Ministry and serve as an active participant of other Ministries at CEC.

Professionally I work as a director of sales and business development for an IT consulting and security company. My responsibilities include managing resources, time and people; developing business processes that create efficiencies and save money; determining strategy and tactical action plans for an 11 state region; and maintaining a profitable business unit.

Personally I enjoy helping others, volunteer work and spending quality time with family whenever we can. I'm involved in the KAIROS Prison Ministry which has allowed me

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to live our mission to seek and serve Christ in others, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Faith, to me, is more deliberate than blind. I've spent several years of my Christian life not really living into what God's words command us to do. Returning to CEC in July, 2007 has been an incredible blessing for me and my family. I would truly enjoy giving back to the wonderful congregation at CEC by serving as one of your Vestry members for the next three years.

Peace and Blessings,

Travis V. Krischke

Janet L. (Jan) Buntebart (Vestry Nominaee)

I have been a member of Christ Episcopal Church since May 2005. I am a Worship Leader and Eucharistic Minister, and I schedule and participate in the training of Worship Leaders and Eucharistic Ministers at CEC. I was a delegate to the February 2008 Diocesan Council and to the election of the future Bishop Coadjutor, Andy Doyle, in May 2008. I chair the CEC Parish Discernment Committee, and I am a member of a Discipleship Group. Prior to moving to Texas, I lived in Washington, DC where for thirty-nine years I was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square. I was confirmed in 1994 by then Suffragan Bishop, Jane Holmes Dixon. While at St. John's, I participated in a number of lay ministries including a music ministry involved with assisting church organists and singing with the St. John's Oratorio Society. I also participated in a weekly healing service and ministry at St. John's. In December 2001, I received a Certificate of Completion of the Education for Ministry (EFM) program, and for many years, I served as a Visiting Licensed Eucharistic Minister (VLEM). I am originally from Port Huron, Michigan. My loving family and I were long-standing members of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church (United Church of Christ) where I was baptized and confirmed. I have a Baccalaureate Degree in International Affairs from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. In October 2004, I retired from the U. S. Department of Education after a thirty-seven year career in the Office of Federal Student Aid. I am single, and though I do not have children, I do have one very special nephew, Adam, son of my sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Everett Holbrook, of Burnet, TX. My favorite pastime is playing servant to two exceptional dogs, Dukie and Gus, and to Shadow, the clever cat who rules them.

Tony Alvarez (Vestry Nominee)

I was baptized at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Charles, Louisiana by Father Robert Dodwell on the 17th of March, 1963. I was confirmed at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Nassau Bay, Texas by Bishop Richardson on the 3rd of November, 1974. I married the love of my life on the 17th of March 1989 at St. Christopher Episcopal Church in League City, Texas by Father John Colvey. Brittany was baptized by Dr. Walter Ellis at St. Christopher and confirmed by Bishop Buchanan at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles in Katy, Texas. Tony was baptized by Bishop Alard on the 28th of April, 1996 at Holy Apostles and confirmed right here at Christ Episcopal Church in Cedar Park, Texas by Bishop Dena Harrison on the 2nd of March, 2008.

The Episcopal Church is my home. I have served on the vestry, and a multimillion dollar building committee. I have served in both children's and youth ministries as a teacher, lock-in chaperone, driver, puppeteer, thespian, LEM for youth worship service, Children's Chapel and Kid's Kingdom. I have also been ministry coordinator for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Greeters. I have served in numerous other ministries, such as ushers, LEM, small group leader and set-up and take-down. I have also attended Small Group Leadership Training, Alpha, Cursillo, Evangelism Explosion, Bishop's Conference on Stewardship, Faith Alive and was a Camp Allen Camper back in the mid 1970's.

This is the second Mission Church the Lord has lead my family to in the past 15 years. Now that we are a parish and the road construction is about to be completed, we are going to change very rapidly from the small little country episcopal church out amongst the scrubby oaks on that old and winding Highway 1431 to a very high-profile church that impacts its surrounding community with multiple outreach ministries off a major thoroughfare. These are very exciting times in that Christ has called us, in the Great Commission, to "go and make disciples of all nations." We at Christ Church have been blessed with the opportunity to introduce Christ to our neighbors. I would very much like to serve you through Christ as a member of your vestry and help facilitate God's vision in the Body of Christ.

"Ripe for the Harvest" yields CEC Superlist of Priorities

by *Travis Krischke*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to begin by offering up great praise and thanks to God and all of you for actively participating in CEC's "Ripe for the Harvest" fall program! The power of the Holy Spirit working in our hearts and minds is truly an amazing and wonderful feeling!

As many of you were able to witness last Sunday, we've collected all of the responses and developed them into core lists of Celebrations, Pains & Concerns, and Dreams. Like I've said during Sunday service all of these actionable items are within reach for Christ Episcopal Church. Having a plan and strategy for our Ministries is vitally important as we continue to grow as a church family in the community. This also ensures that everyone's voice is heard. As parishioners we all have equal opportunity to actively participate in the growth, development, and future of our wonderful Parish.

I would like to fill you in on the next steps of the Harvest program and provide a sneak peek at what you will see next. Based upon all responses received we prioritized the three lists in to one "Super List". We further prioritized and stack ranked similar responses based upon the categories that got the most responses. From the Super List we will separate out each of the top items and assign them to the various active Ministries at CEC. We'll even have a space on the wall for "New Ideas / Ministries". Placing your Post-It note is your voice for the most important, priority items for CEC. This collection of voices will guide our financial decision making and Ministries focus.

The culmination of the Harvest happens on Sunday, November 16th with CEC's In-Gathering Sunday. Once everyone has an opportunity to place their Post-Its we'll then display all of the results in the Parish Hall. Also, please be sure to fill out the enclosed Financial Commitment Card and return it by the 16th. This is a big step in determining which and how many of the Super List items we'll be able to accomplish.

So what items made it to the top? Celebrations topped the list of responses with 337 individual responses. Dreams came in second with 226 entries followed by Pains & Concerns with 210 total comments. I've listed below some of the highlights of the Super List loosely defined by ministry areas.

Children's and Youth had significant representation on the Super List. Some of the responses include:

- Continued development of children and youth programs
- Addition of a full time youth minister
- Additional space for youth groups to meet and learn

Congregational items also had a strong showing. Some of these responses included:

- Our congregation as a family and we found a home
 - Love, feeling that the Holy Spirit's presence, friendliness
 - Desire for continued growth, diversity and development
- Facilities related responses topped the list with a whopping 163 different entries. Some include:
- Parking, entry, road and driveway
 - More space for EYC, other youth activities and children's programs
 - Repair of existing buildings, grounds, and landscaping

Outreach ministry had a surprisingly high number of entries from the lists as well.

- Outreach to the community, including mission work, sick, hungry and spiritually lost
- Community involvement, counseling, resources and visibility
- Ecumenical outreach with other churches

The momentum that we're building for the Harvest leading in to In-Gathering Sunday is tremendous. Presentation of the Super List and separate Ministries Lists will happen this Sunday. We've included the Super List with this letter in hopes that everyone will begin to identify with these items and start thinking about where to place their Post-It s. As always if you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out and ask for help. I've included my contact information and look forward to hearing from you.

Peace and Blessings

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Stewardship Ministry Coordinator

Kid's Kingdom November Schedule

Lesson: Stewardship

Workshop Leaders:

Thou Art Studio- Ellen Simms

Master Peace Theatre- Jennie Krischke

Garden of Eatin'- Kris Holliman

November 2

Little Royals- Garden of Eatin'

The Knights- Thou Art Studio

The Crusaders- Master Peace Theatre

November 19

Little Royals- Thou Art Studio

The Knights- Master Peace Theatre

The Crusaders- Garden of Eatin'

November 16

Little Royals- Master Peace Theatre

The Knights- Garden of Eatin'

The Crusaders- Thou Art Studio

November 23

Thanksgiving Celebration

November 30

Intergenerational Sunday School

Advent Calendar & Jesse Tree Activities

Little Royals- Ages 3 & 4

The Knights- Kindergarten/1st

The Crusaders- 2nd/3rd

The Disciples- 4th/5th

Join us in the Kid's Kingdom on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15.

Calling All Volunteers!

Looking for a great opportunity to serve God and the children of CEC?

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our children's programs.

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Spring 2009 Kid's Kingdom
- Workshop Leaders
- Kid's Kingdom Music Team
- Rotation Curriculum Committee
- 2009 Vacation Bible Adventure Planning Committee
- Children's Special Events Committee
- Children's Chapel Leaders

To ensure the safety of our children, all volunteers working directly with our kids will be required to complete a Safeguarding God's Children class. For more information on how you can help with our growing Children's Ministry program, please contact Jennifer Cowles atkidskingdom@cectx.org

Children's Chapel

All children, ages 3 thru 3rd grade, are invited to join us in Children's Chapel. They will be released after the children's sermon and return during the peace. Join us for an exciting chapel time just for kids!

EYC youth at CEC have big plans this holiday season

by Tony Alvarez

Parent's Day Out

What exactly is this event you ask? This is a sitting service sponsored by the Junior and Senior High EYC youth with plenty of adult supervision.

Why should CEC parents with children participate in this event? Parents can have a solid 4 hours to do whatever they want. Such as Christmas shop for the little tikes, go on a much needed date with your spouse, enjoy a peaceful late lunch or catch a movie that has no animated characters. And all proceeds go to support EYC youth activities!

Who is eligible to participate? Parents with children aging in range from infant to 5th grade.

When can we take advantage of this wonderful ministry sponsored by our amazing youth? Saturday afternoon on 6 Dec 08 drop-off is anytime after 1:00 o'clock and pick-up is promptly at 5:00 o'clock.

What will these ambitious youth have available for my chil-

dren? There will be snacks, crafts, movies, games, outdoor activities (weather permitting) and most importantly, lots and lots of fun.

This sounds too good to be true you say? How much will all this awesome service with all those incredible activities cost us? We are letting you set the cost! Love Offering will be accepted when you drop-off your children. This is truly a win-win opportunity for both the CEC youth and your family. Who should I contact and how do I sign-up? Contact any member of the JEYC or the SEYC. There will be sign-up tables outside of the Narthex and in the Kids Kingdom area every Sunday between now and the event.

R.O.O.T.S. Helps the Homeless

The R.O.O.T.S. meeting on Wednesday evening 10Dec08 will be a Winter Clothing/Blanket Drive to help the homeless. If you have gently used blankets, coats, scarves, gloves,

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A dozen wiggly , waggly dogs and one cool cat unite at CEC Pet Blessing

A pack of dogs and one brave cat showed up on the back patio at CEC for October's annual Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Lucy, the brave feline pictured to the right, relaxed and even took a little nap in her owner's lap as the surrounding hounds barked greetings to one another. CEC rector, Rev. Bruce Bonner, blessed each pet one by one and the event also featured a visit from Central Texas SPCA board member Jeanette Cacciola who thanked CEC for its partnership with the local chapter of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Currently, the SPCA is in need of bleach, 8.5 x 11 copy paper, large trash bags, Milk-bone dog biscuits and unscented clay cat litter.

If you would like more information about the Pet Ministry at Christ Episcopal Church, please contact Jill McDonald (see phone number on back) or for more information on the Central Texas Chapter of the SPCA, visit www.Central-Texas-SPCA.org and click on Ways to Help.



NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

EYC Youth *continued from page 7*

Nov. 2

10:30 a.m. Travis Krischke/Sarah Martinez: **Lectors**
Travis Krischke/Sarah Martinez: **LEMs**
Cathy Valusek: **Altar Guild**
Belz Family: **Ushers**
Brittany Alvarez/Elena Martinez: **Acolytes**
Fran Hart: **Geek at the Wheel**

Nov. 9

10:30 a.m. Joan Steele/Carolyn Dupy: **Lectors**
Joan Steele/Carolyn Dupy: **LEMs**
Jobie Guzman: **Altar Guild**
Mandy & Noah Moore: **Ushers**
Rachel Holliman/Elias Martinez: **Acolytes**
Travis Hart: **Geek at the Wheel**

Nov. 16

10:30 a.m. Cindie Scanlon/Jan Halstead: **Lectors**
Cindie Scanlon/Jan Halstead: **LEMs**
Cindy Wells: **Altar Guild**
Elias & Tony Martinez: **Ushers**
Alex Rogers/Zach Holahan: **Acolytes**
Tony Martinez: **Geek at the Wheel**

Nov. 23

10:30 a.m. Kathryn Bonner/Kathy Wood: **Lectors**
Kathryn Bonner/Jerry Halstead: **LEMs**
Garrett Krischke/Hayden Rangel: **Ushers**
Tony Alvarez/Adam Uthoff: **Acolytes**
Kathy Ashlock: **Altar Guild**
Katie Scanlon: **Geek at the Wheel**

Nov. 30

10:30 a.m. Burl Judy/Jeanette Holahan: **Lectors**
Burl Judy/Jeanette Holahan: **LEMs**
Jonah Reeh/Elena Martinez: **Acolytes**
Cathy Valusek: **Altar Guild**
Travis Krischke: **Geek at the Wheel**
Mike & Jonah Reeh: **Ushers**

Vestry Person for Month of November: West Short
Offering Counter for Month of September: Robert Wren

shoes or clothing of any type and size please give them to one of the CEC youths. That Wednesday night the organization (6th Street Ministries) will be coming out to speak to the kids about the homeless problem. The kids will pack and present the donations to the organization as an outreach ministry offering.

Bethlehem Village in Burnet TX

On Saturday afternoon 13Dec08, the youth of CEC will be sponsoring our annual pilgrimage to Burnet to visit the Bethlehem Village. This is a Parish wide event and is open to all members of all ages. Come one and come all to this remarkable adaptation of the O'City of Bethlehem. We will meet at CEC at 3:45 and leave promptly at 4:00 o'clock. We will caravan together out to Burnet. Bring money for a donation to enter the village and for a gourmet dinner at the local What-a-burger afterwards.

Christmas Caroling at New Hope Nursing Home

On Sunday afternoon 21Dec08 from 2:00 – 3:00 o'clock the youth of CEC will be sponsoring our annual visit to New Hope Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols to the residents. In an effort to make this a truly festive event for the residents the youth will be providing plates of cookies. In addition to the caroling and cookies, the youth have also committed to supply Christmas gifts to 40 of the residents. You can help us by taking an ornament from the tree in the Narthex. The ornament will have the residents name on one side and a list of their needs on the back. The spending limit is \$20-\$25 per resident. Please gift wrap your gift with the residents name permanently marked on the bottom of the package. The youth will have a gift table set-up in the Narthex to receive the gifts. You can drop-off the gifts not later than Sunday 14Dec08. Please help us make this a special Christmas for these elderly people.

Mark your calendar with the following event. More information will be provided as the date nears.

Youth Ice Skating - A youth Ice Skating event will be held on 11Jan08.

Youth Ministry Council - The next Youth Ministry Council is scheduled for Sunday 1Feb08 after the 10:30 service. Please make every attempt to make this meeting.

Gift Basket Raffle - On Saturday 14Feb08 the youth will be sponsoring a Gift Basket Raffle.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - On Tuesday evening 24Feb08, the youth will be helping with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

Youth Lock-in - On Saturday 7Mar08, there will be a Youth Lock-in.

