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2nd Sunday: Eucharist Rite I  
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10:30 AM  
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## *A Joyful Noise*

May 2010

*'Make a joyful noise  
to the Lord, all the earth.'*

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### *Burning Desires*

Senior Warden Valerie Long

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Burning desires. Perhaps there is a more up-to-date psychological term, but I think we all have these. I know I do. How does this relate to Christ Church? Every once in awhile I think, or hear, or read about another church's events or ministry program, and it triggers that "burning desire" to have our church experience this.

I think what prompted me to write on this topic was that several times in the last few weeks people have approached me at coffee hour, or ministry meetings, or by phone with some great ideas. This is exactly what your vestry wants—to hear from YOU!

For example, parishioners who have been away "snowbirding" came back with some brochures from the church they attended in the desert. Ideas I gathered from the brochures included a Newcomers Potluck, a special envelope for Flower Offerings for the altar, a regular Bible study, and a social group known as "Divine Diners."

Another parishioner came to me today with the idea of establishing a Centering Prayer Service—a time of quiet, where in the busy world, we can gather time to pray. Her ideas for the service were terrific. And we probably will be starting this.

Another church member had mentioned several months ago how wonderful it would be to enhance our Care Team and Sunshine Ministries here at Christ Church with *Community of Hope* training and then a commissioning into this ministry. The first meeting—an informational meeting—was held last week. It looked terrific—maybe this is something you would be interested in?

These are the 'burning desires' of a few members that our coming to fruition and ideas of others that may lead to something new for Christ Church. Do you have any "burning desires" for Christ Church? We want to know.

*"May grace and peace be yours in abundance—I Peter"*

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## *Thank You*

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God Bless all of you dear friends at Christ Church! Your prayers, caring, cards, and love have carried and blessed us each hour of the day through the past month during the grief and loss of our son, Lew. The beautiful "memory angel" will find a special resting place in our garden among the other angels. Once again THANK YOU! We love you!

Bonita & Hershel Janz

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## *Becoming the Diocese of Olympia: A Survey*

June Cook

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October 10 2010 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Diocese. To celebrate this centennial, Diocesan staff are collecting input to update parish/mission histories for the last 20 years. The information will bring congregational history up to date and provide a sound historical foundation for the future. Survey input will supplement the book *More Than 100 Years of Ministry, The Episcopal Church in Western Washington*, published in 1989. Updated histories will be in CD format and be available at the 2010 Diocesan Convention.

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I will be coordinating input for our church. Some questions on the survey are objective, and I can get that information. Some questions are more subjective and need thoughtful input from church members. If you have thoughts, remembrances, or inspiration about any or all of these questions, e-mail me at [juneco47@gmail.com](mailto:juneco47@gmail.com), pass your written information to me at church, or send it to me at 6938 San Juan Hill Lane, Anacortes. Most, if not all, of our members do have something to contribute whether they know it or not.

The deadline for submission to the Diocese is June 1, so please reply to me by May 15 if possible.  
Thank you.

### SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe the focus of your congregation's ministry?
2. Does your congregation support, or has it supported, any specialized ministries within the last 20 years?  
Please describe.
3. Have there been significant events or turning points in the life of your congregation in the last 20 years?  
Please describe.
4. Name two things you'd like people to know about your congregation.
5. Is there anything else you'd like to add? Please elaborate.

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# The Role of Imagination

Pastor Terry Kyлло

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*"Behold I saw a new heaven and a new earth."  
Revelation 21*



The writer of Revelation wrote this during one of the most challenging times for the church. They were under serious, sustained, and life-threatening persecution from the Roman Empire.

The writer was attempting to give hope to his or her community saying that Roman Empire was not the ultimate truth of the universe. The writer invited his or her community to see that a new view of the universe (heaven) and a restored earth was on the way. The writer was inviting them to a renewed imagination about the future and their own part in it.

The writer invites us as well. The writer invites us to imagine along with his or her original community the possibilities of God's future. And behold, it is good!

During the last year the staff has been reflecting on what we are here to do. To be more precise, we have been thinking about what role we play in the life of the congregations, including Christ Church. We came

to see that we are here to support, equip, and oversee the ministry of all the baptized as we together participate in God's love for and healing of the world.

Our role is not so much to do things for the congregation, but to be a part of the support system, along with congregational leadership and staff, for the ministry of every person, and the church as a whole.

In the last few weeks another word has suggested itself: imagine. We have realized that we are also here to help individuals in daily life, and the congregations as a whole, to imagine the possibilities of God's future and how we have been invited to participate in that future. We are here to help the church to a deeper and more free imagination about our ministry, both present and future.

Like the writer of Revelation, one of our roles is to help us see the new creation that is already emerging in our lives, our congregations, and in the world. We are here to help us to behold the new heaven and the new earth.

We look forward to continuing our work of Imagining, supporting, equipping, and overseeing ministry in partnership with you.

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## Who We Are

June Cook

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Who are those people sitting next to you in the pew on Sunday morning? Sure, you know names and maybe a few basic biographical details. But who, really, are they? What makes them tick? What has formed and sustains them in their Christian faith?

Starting with the next issue of our newsletter, I'll try to answer some of those questions. Each month I'll invite an individual, a couple, or a family to sit with me for a while to talk about their lives, their struggles, their visions for the future, and possibly much more. From that discussion/interview I'll write an article for the newsletter. Before publication, I'll provide the text to the people interviewed for corrections and editing.

I did this while a member at Christ Church, Puyallup, and we learned a lot about each other. If I ask you to participate, I hope you'll agree to meet with me. After all, everyone does have a story to share.



*See Dedy Ward's oil paintings at the Scott Milo Gallery this month. Artist's Reception for the "Wabi Sabi" show is May 7, 6:00-9:00 pm, during the First Friday Art Walk.*

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## *Cluster Youth Retreat*

Mark Perschbacher

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Cluster middle and high school youth recently enjoyed a weekend retreat at Camp Lutherwood. Participating were six youth from our Growing In Grace program and five youth from La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In keeping with the theme of 'Finding God In Nature', the group participated in a Treasure Hunt on the Lutherwood grounds (fun but muddy!), held a lakeside service on Sunday morning, and hiked Blanchard Mountain.



Many thanks to our adult leaders on the trip—The Reverend Rilla Barrett, Tim & Cheryl Nelson from Celebration Church, Micael Raphael, and Mark Perschbacher. Thanks also to all of you who supported the youth's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, which generated the funds for the trip.

Be watching for information on our next youth adventure-Vacation Bible School, July 5-9, at the parish hall.

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## *Who Should Be the Experts?*

Dale Ramerman

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The 20th century was the century of experts. The family doctor was replaced by endless experts; higher and higher levels of expertise are required of teachers; every profession is divided up into specialties. We have experts, consultants, and master this and master of that, for every task, issue or problem, ranging from the environment to your child's education plans, your backyard septic system to designing parking lots. There are experts for finding a facility for your aging parent, helping you downsize (yourself or your housing), and designing your closet. There are experts on finding an expert. The church has not been immune to this trend. Churches have long had experts on theology and liturgy, but have added experts on church growth, stewardship, adult education, youth programs, facilities, outreach, and on and on.

But perhaps "church expert" is an oxymoron, two words that simply do not work together. I suspect that the more experts involved in a church, the fewer faithful members you will find. Followers of Christ working out for themselves what the Gospel through the Spirit is calling their community to be and to do may lead to a much more vital, faithful community than the church any expert can design.

Two trends suggest that the 21st century will reveal a move toward communities of faith that do their own work of theology, biblical studies, liturgy and ministry. The Emergent Church movement, found in mainline and evangelical, Episcopal and Roman Catholic denominations, has as one of its premises that theology, biblical studies, liturgy and evangelism must all be the

work of the people, not experts. They reject the traditional top down authoritative/expert structure of the past. And while mindful of tradition, they look for their inspiration from the Holy Spirit as shaped by collaboration in which everyone is encouraged to participate. Two examples in our Diocese are the Church of the Apostles in Fremont and the Beacon Hill church plant, in Seattle.

The second is Total Common Ministry, which reflects this trend away from academically trained experts. Rather than send people to seminary to be schooled by experts, TCM relies on collaborative education led by the TCM circle with support of local resources, people trained in the school of experience, and oversight by the Commission on Ministry and the Diocesan Bishop.

Our own TCM Ministry Support Circle has completed units on Pastor Care, Peace and Justice, and Old Testament studies. We are now working on a unit on Church History, which started with sessions on the earliest church, heresies, and the Creeds. Pastor Terry recently led a discussion of Martin Luther and his impact on the Church; we will have sessions on May 3, 5 and 12 on Anglican History; on May 19 we will discuss the Theology & Polity of TCM & the Emergent Church (with Bishop Sandy present as a resource); and on May 26 we will conclude with a session on Prayer Book History & Worship and 20th Century Liturgical Reform.

All of these sessions are held on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, in the classroom on the lower level of the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Server Schedule

<u>May 9</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>May 30</u>	<u>June 6</u>
<i>Easter 6</i>	<i>Easter 7</i>	<i>Pentecost</i>	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>Proper 5</i>
<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Readings:</i>
Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalms 67	Psalms 97	Psalms 104:25-35, 37b	Psalms 8	Psalms 146
Revelation: 21:10, 22-22:5	Revelation: 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5	Galatians 1:11-24
John 5:1-9	John 17:20-26	John 14:8-27	John 16:12-15	Luke 7:11-17
<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
Janis Larkins	Diana McGaw	June Cook	June Cook	Mary Hunter
Dee Roberts	Mary Gronholt			Anne Smiley
<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>MP Worship Leader</u>	<u>MP Worship Leader</u>	<u>MP Worship Leader</u>	<u>MP Worship Leader</u>
Neil Borman	Diane Ramerman	Eric Johnson	Dale Ramerman	Sara Shao-McVay
<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>
Charlene Corbin	Mark Perschbacher	Carol Rodin	Bob McElroy	Neil Borman
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Jalil Potter	Maegi Barrett	Jalil Potter	Maegi Barrett	Kai Perschbacher
<u>Reader 1</u>	<u>Reader 1</u>	<u>Reader 1</u>	<u>Reader 1</u>	<u>Reader 1</u>
Gary Anderson	Guy Davidson	Diane Ramerman	Bonita Janz	Betty Anne McCoy
<u>Reader 2</u>	<u>Reader 2</u>	<u>Reader 2</u>	<u>Reader 2</u>	<u>Reader 2</u>
Emerson Roberts	Janice Lloyd	Sandi Davidson	Eric Johnson	Mark Perschbacher
<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Janis Larkins	Betty Anne McCoy	Janis Larkins	Dale Ramerman	Janis Larkins
<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Carleton Manning	Cal Lloyd	John Gronholt	Shirley Barrett	Carleton Manning
Creamy Wilkins	Janice Lloyd	Mary Gronholt	Lu Ann Wohlander	Creamy Wilkins
<u>Eucharistic Visitor</u>	<u>Eucharistic Visitor</u>	<u>Eucharistic Visitor</u>	<u>Eucharistic Visitor</u>	<u>Eucharistic Visitor</u>
Dale Ramerman	Eric Johnson	Janice Lloyd	Diane Ramerman	Eric Johnson
<u>Tellers</u>	<u>Tellers</u>	<u>Tellers</u>	<u>Tellers</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
Dale Ramerman	Frank McCoy	Gary Anderson	Dale Ramerman	Neil Borman
Cal Lloyd	Bob McElroy	Cal Lloyd	Bob McElroy	John Gronholt

# May 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Rite I Eucharist 8:00 AM</p> <p>Chandler Square Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>Worship Service 10:30 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Gentle Yoga Class 3:00-4:00 pm Parish Hall</p> <p>Choir Practice 5:45 pm, PH</p> <p>Vestry Meeting 7-9 pm, PH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>RD Staff Meeting 9-10 am, PH</p> <p>TCM Study 9:30-11:30 am, PH</p> <p>RD Linen Group 10-11:30 am, PH</p> <p>Evening Prayer 6:00 pm</p> <p>Worship Leader: Dale Ramerman</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>Men's Group 8:00 am, PH</p> <p>Office Volunteer Group 9-10 am</p> <p>EfM Class 10:00-1:00, PH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>
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