

# The Phoenix

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## Introduction

With this issue Christ Episcopal Church is once again publishing a bimonthly newsletter. It will feature news from the vestry, members of the parish and upcoming activities. Please feel free to contact me about noteworthy activities in your life or the life of the parish. The newsletter is scheduled to be available for pickup after service on the last Sunday of the even months starting in August, 2012. Those who missed service that Sunday will find theirs mailed to them. Also emailed copies will be available for those who choose that option.

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## Sarah Abraham

As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9.9

Recognizing a need of the disadvantaged and taking action to meet it is part of our Christian obligation. This is what Sarah Abraham did when she joined the Global Water Brigade at the University of Michigan and took action to make clean water available to the people in the Honduras. She spent May 11 to 17, 2012 in that country. While there she helped to lay plumbing pipe that will carry clean water to a local village. Sarah and other members of the brigade from throughout United States spent time showing villagers how to use PVC pipe to get water to their homes for drinking, cooking and washing. This effort was part of a large effort to make clean water available to and educate people in other countries about the importance of sanitation and conserving water. Sarah said this experience was a chance to carry out the teachings of Jesus Christ and to learn from the people there.

## Obituary

On June 19, 2012 Kelley Irene Moran passed into the hands of the Lord. Her warm smile and friendly demeanor will be missed.



## **Vestry News**

Some of the things being discussed at vestry meetings are upgrades to the kitchen dishwasher and garbage disposer. When these upgrades are complete the kitchen should meet the requirements for certification for commercial use. Electrical repairs and upgrades are also being planned. The damaging impact of skateboarding to the entrance of the church is also being addressed. Talk to members of the vestry if you have any questions or comments about these projects.

The next vestry meeting will be September 23 after the Sunday service. Our annual meeting is scheduled for October 14 with a potluck meal beforehand. Please plan to attend. Another project being planned is repair and cleaning of some of the floors. This project will involve stripping and sometimes replacing floor tiles. Please see Stephen Maples to volunteer as a lot of labor will be needed.

September, 16 is being promoted as Welcome Back to Church Sunday. Invite past members and potential new members to attend this special service. This is an opportunity to welcome more people to hear God's word and worship with us.

## **Christmas Is Coming**

No I am not yet addressing my Christmas cards or starting my Christmas shopping. However the vestry does need your ideas for parish activities in December. Perhaps we could go caroling to retirement or convalescent homes. Visiting historical sites to see how Christmas was celebrated in the nineteenth century is always fun. If you have any ideas or opinions please share them with your vestry.



## **Tithing**

To help balance the parish budget we all will be asked to make pledges concerning our contributions to our parish. These contributions will be not only monetary but helping with projects and serving on committees. To prepare us for this important decision there will be a series of short talks given on four Sundays starting on October 28.

## **Websites**

Our parish website is [www.christchurchadrian.org](http://www.christchurchadrian.org). This website is being organized by Sam Abraham. Thank you, Sam, for bringing us into the digital age. There will be a link to this newsletter on the parish website in the near future.

For information about our denomination go to [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org). To subscribe to daily news about our national and worldwide church email the Episcopal news service at

news@episcopalchurch.org or episcopalnewsservice.com. I hope you find these addresses helpful.

### **Sunday School**

It is expected that Sunday school for our youth will once again be offered in our parish. More details as the plans develop.

### **Next Edition**

The next edition will be available October 28, 2012.

To quote an Irishman, “May you be in heaven an hour before the devil knows you’re dead.”