



# Parish Guide

Newsletter of The Church of the Epiphany  
Washington, DC

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## Rector's Journal

By Randolph Charles

**The Campaign for Epiphany.** This is the month: November. This is the time: Now. Now is when we, the parishioners of The Church of the Epiphany, will make a pledge to the Renovation Fund and a pledge to the Ministry Fund for 2008. This is an extremely important period for our parish, because our decisions will determine the extent to which we can make our buildings more safe, attractive, and useable as instruments of ministry. Our decisions will also determine the scope of our ministries among a diverse congregation, the downtown poor, and downtown workers.

**When we make decisions about personal commitments of money, time, and skills, we need to be practical, passionate, and prayerful.** When we look at our financial resources and consider pledges to Epiphany, what makes sense? What is reasonable? AND. What can we give of ourselves that will bring us joy? How can we proclaim with our money our passion about Epiphany and the ministry that we do in downtown Washington? AND. What is God calling us to do? What is consistent with our faith values?

This is our time to make a significant impact on the buildings and ministries of Epiphany, just as previous parishioners have done in ages past. Now is the time for us to remember the generous contributions of our parish ancestors and to join them in providing, in our time and in our way, the financial resources that Epiphany needs in order to be faithful to our mission.

As you consider your pledges to the Ministry Fund for 2008 and the Renovation Fund, be practical, be passionate, and be prayerful.

**Be practical!** What is a realistic analysis of your financial status? How much money is required to meet your basic needs? Do you believe that Epiphany's plans for renovation and ministry make sense? Do think that your money will be used wisely? How do you think Epiphany can raise the money it needs for ministry and renovation? What can you afford to give? What do you choose to pledge to Epiphany? Listen to your head.

**Be passionate!** When you think of the renovation plans and the ministries of Epiphany, what really excites you? What brings you joy? What gives you hope for the future? What makes you proud? What helps you love other people and believe in God? What puts a lump in your throat and tears in your eyes? What gives you courage? What sets you on fire?

What do you desire to pledge to Epiphany? Listen to your heart.

**Be prayerful!** How is God a part of all this for you? How do you pray about your pledge? How do you listen to God? How does Scripture inform you about giving? How do you discern what God wants you to give? Do you believe that your pledge, whatever the amount, is an expression of your faith in God? Do you believe that your pledge will help other people, as well as yourself, to grow in the faith? How do you see God working through Epiphany? How do you want to participate in the work of God through Epiphany? What pledge to Epiphany do you want to offer to God? Listen to God.

### Collect for The Campaign for Epiphany.

Almighty God, as we remember in Scripture and song your great acts of love throughout the ages, renew our

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## Celebrate All Saints' Day and Nourish Your Soul with Worship and Lunch Presentation Thursday, November 1

**Nourish Your Soul.** Following the 12:10 liturgy on November 1, there will be a brown bag lunch and presentation in the Parish Hall. Washington Theological Union faculty member Kathleen Hope Brown, with David Orr, will speak from 12:30-1:30pm. Their talk is titled: **Spiritual Friendship: The Communion of Saints Here on Earth.** The presentation is the first in a series sponsored jointly by Epiphany and WTU. It's a free event! Bring your lunch. Cookies and drinks provided. The speakers are co-authors of *Companions on the Journey: the Gift of Spiritual Friendship.*

**Note: The deadline for submitting articles to the December Parish Guide Newsletter is Wednesday, November 21.**

# Parishioner News

## **We celebrate these new beginnings and accomplishments:**

*“Let us give thanks to God for all God’s gifts so freely bestowed upon us.”*

For the marriages of James Rogers and Rachel Barham and  
Sara Dix and Kevin Golden on October 27.

## **We remember these persons in our prayers**

For the members and family members of Epiphany who serve in troubled areas of the world,  
especially Jim McCarthy, Keith Scoon and Floyd Tappin;

For all who seek healing, especially: Ed Adams, Margaret Barge, Theresa Davies, Floyd Godfrey,  
Anita Lakari, William Person, Norwyn Rowe, Buck Shinkman, and Jerry White;

for John Patrick Barker, Winston Blackman, Robert Blaine, Oswald Bowen, Wanda Brewer, Helen  
Burg, Barbie White Butts, Naomi Canty, Marian Cover, Elena Curris, Mary Dail, Anne Dailey,  
Brian Dillard, Genevieve Duvall, Joy Eades, Ken Ferber, Andrew Ferrill, Helene Flanagan, Rick  
Gallagher, Peggy Garner, Fred Gustafson, Ruth Hall, Kathryn Hardie, Edmund Hilliman, Lucille  
Hilliman, Alan Holder, Millicent and Bill Hutt, Larry Kerns, Rick Knettel, George Kurtz, Marilyn  
LeSeur, Lisa Liebel, David Lyman, Fay Marks, Frank Marlowe, Claudia McClannahan, Jeanne  
Moore, Bonnie Murphy, Hubert Nedd, Geri Powell, Barbara Prignano, Victoria Prignano, Israel  
Rafalovich, Jesus Ramirez, Ann Riggs, Allene Robinson, Wanda Rucker, Rita Sabagh, Juanita  
Simpson, Donald Snyder, Walter Stumpf, Kate Thaxton, Ofelia Vitek, Amy Warder, Maureen  
Waters, Dee Wertlein, Thelma, Evie, Niki, Gurkan, Kevin, Beth, and Brianna.

## **We celebrate these November birthdays**

Holland Rhodd, Nov 1; Judy Lokerson, Nov 2; Kathrine Ebert and  
Cora Fosdick, Nov 3; Alex Whitehead, Nov. 5; Linda Mascall, Nov 8;  
Gloria Minor, Nov 9; Marge McNaughton-Ayers, Anne Ramsey,  
A.J. Schmidt, Nov 10; Nancy Chandler, Ryan Charles, Melanie Eversley, and Kate Stone, Nov 12;  
Jyl Woolfolk, Nov. 16; Michelle LaBumbard,  
Anne Schmidt, Dee Shafer, and Mimi Tangum, Nov. 20; Jessica Beels and Sarah Papazoglakis,  
Nov 21; Chris Witter, Nov.22; Aaron Dillard, Nov. 24; Toni Schmidt, Nov. 25; and Peggy  
Palmiter, Nov. 26.

*The monthly “Parishioner News” acknowledges the transitions in life, accomplishments of our members, and the times of celebration. Please tell us of your news by phoning the parish office or emailing us at [swalker@epiphanydc.org](mailto:swalker@epiphanydc.org).*

## **Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary: The Gift of Spiritual Friendship**

December 1, 9:00am – 12:30 pm

*By Susan Walker, Program Associate*

The season of Advent invites us to prepare for God’s gift to us -the gift of the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace. Even though we all know the customary busyness of the pre-Christmas season, consider spending a quiet, reflective morning to prepare your self for that gift. The theme for this quiet day is Being Sanctuary for One Another. Our presenters will be Kathleen Brown and David Orr, authors of *Companions on the Journey: The Gift of Spiritual Friendship*.

You might be wondering what makes for a quiet day? We begin in the Willard Room at 9:00am for coffee, juice, and pastries. At 9:30 we will move to the church for some explanation about the day, and listen to the first presentation by Kathy and David. There will be time to silently reflect on what is said by

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## License to Lament or Kvetching K.O.'ed?

By Christian M. Clough, Director of Music Ministries

At the eleven o'clock liturgy on Sunday 21 October, three of the four hymns we sang (one by the Choir as Communion Motet) were, one might say, somber. "My song is love unknown" (written by Samuel Crossland in 1664), frequently used during Holy Week set a pietistic tone:

*"O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?"*

At the Sequence, we sang Fred Pratt Green's translation of a hymn written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in prison, shortly before his execution for involvement in a plot to assassinate Adolph Hitler:

*"Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
Still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
Oh, give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
for which, O Lord, You taught us to prepare."*

During Communion, the Choir sang four verses of Charles Wesley's "Come, O thou traveler unknown":

*"Yield to me now, for I am weak, But confident in self-despair..."*

As the service progressed, I was feeling worried that, perhaps, we were taking too dark and depressing a path through worship. Thank goodness for John L. Bell's quietly joyful "Let the giving of thanks be our sacrifice to God", and the exuberant closing hymn "He lives!" My reflections on that day's service brought to mind several conversations I've been part of, and lectures and articles in church-music circles, that have taken up the question: Is it bad for worshipers, or bad for church growth, to sing sad songs to God? In some churches, especially in America, and most especially in evangelical and charismatic churches, it is a truism that worship should be full of joy. "Praise choruses" and joyous hymns are de rigeur. The worship experience must be upbeat, many think, so that the people will leave feeling upbeat about God, and the church.

This tendency toward unalloyed happiness is relatively new in the long history of the worship of God, and it is not unproblematic. In chapter three ("To Express Emotion") of his 2000 book *The Singing Thing: A case for congregational song*, John L. Bell of the Iona Community of Scotland writes:

"It is interesting to reflect on whether most churches allow for the broad spectrum of emotion to be represented in their singing. Sometimes one gets the impression that charismatic congregations sing predominantly rousing praise choruses, that middle-of-the-road Anglican and Methodist churches favour bland but positive hymns, while Presbyterians and other Calvinists by style of singing, if not by subject-matter, inhabit the deserts of negativity and unhappiness." (p. 24)

Later in the same chapter, Bell recounts a story from a woman who sustained her faith through a miscarriage and a subsequent stillbirth by reading from psalms such texts as, "How long, O Lord, will you forget me? How long will you turn your face from me?" She had stopped attending church, because, in her own words, "During the very dark days, I could not go to my church. I could not sing endless praise and worship songs, because they seemed to deny what I was going through. I would have been a hypocrite to do otherwise. So I stayed away from church..." (p. 27)

Those who might be uncomfortable singing words of sadness, frustration, anger, despair, fear or any of the other "negative" emotions might consider how much of the Bible is composed of such emotions. Many of the psalms are laments; think of "Out of the depths I call to you, O Lord" (Ps. 130) and "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Ps. 22). The writings of the prophets are full of suffering, and Job's whole sorry tale is one of suffering and frustration. The New Testament epistles speak over and over again of the suffering of Christ's followers. "Woe is me, God" is all over the Holy Book.

Many people come to church wounded, worried, wearied by life. In our society, infected as it is with "the power of positive thinking", we are told, either implicitly or explicitly, simply to "cheer up." We are not permitted to lament our sorry state or to rail against God or the world for the same. Although today's world is very different from the one in which psalm 130 was written, the emotions expressed therein still exist. Is there any reason to think that God would not still be willing to hear our cries for help and comfort? In any given week's congregation, there may be as many people scared as celebrating, mad as mourning. Perhaps, rather than creating an atmosphere of false jollity, the Church should make space for the people of God to express a broad range of emotions.

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Since the Church worships as a community, can she not also embrace the many emotions of the community? Almost without exception, all of God's people have felt or will feel, at some time, all of the emotions of the human condition. The Church's worship should give voice to those emotions and experiences. As John Bell says, "There is a very true sense in which if we are not enabled to cry, "How long?" we may never be able to shout "Hallelujah". (p. 28)

On Monday 22 October, National Public Radio published an essay by clinical psychologist and professor Barbara Held in their "This I Believe" series entitled, "A Positive Outlook Is Overrated". Echoing, in a secular context, what had been on my mind after those hymns the day before, she writes, "As a psychotherapist, I know that sometimes a lot of what people need when faced with adversity is permission to feel crummy for a while, to realize that feeling bad is not automatically the same as being mentally ill. Some of my one-session 'cures' have come from reminding people that life can be difficult, and it's OK if we're not happy all of the time." (<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=15505690>)

Life is not always happy. It is the hard times that make the happy times feel so good. We Christians take comfort in difficult times from the knowledge that God watches over us, walks with us, cares for us. Let us fully and truthfully entrust our lives to God, singing to God the truth in our hearts.

## **Meet Beth Reed, Seminarian**

I grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and I have two younger sisters. I've been married to Jeff for eleven years, and we have two children, Nathan (8) and Julia (6). We live in the Fairfax County section of Alexandria, close to Mt. Vernon. Jeff grew up in Arlington, and this area has become home to me.

Church has always figured large in my life. My family is Roman Catholic, and I went to Catholic schools from first grade through graduate school. I studied theology in college and received an MA in liturgical studies from Catholic University. I worked as a professional lay minister in parishes for about five years, one in Gaithersburg and one north of Boston. Then I moved to Chicago to become an editor at Liturgy Training Publications. We created and published magazines and books for lay people and clergy to help them learn about worship, practice helpful related skills and attitudes, and ponder

worship's relationship to daily life. We paid special attention to the relationship between liturgy and justice.

I loved my work most of the time and felt called by my baptism to do it. But as I moved into my 30's and leaders in the Roman church backpedaled on some reforms and stopped moving forward on others, I felt less and less at home in that communion. I took a break from church and church work for a while, worked as an editor at a nonprofit association, met Jeff, and together we explored some Episcopal churches around DC. We landed first at St. Mark's on Capitol Hill, then St. Aidan's, near our home in Mt. Vernon. We've been active there for most of the last nine years, and I was officially received into the Episcopal church about six years ago.

That's one paragraph on what was a long and emotional process of deciding what was essential about God, Christianity, and church for me and my family. You can see the result: I found a place in this communion and again feel called to use my passions, gifts, and skills to serve people as we search for and respond to God in worship and in life. Last year I began seminary full-time as a postulant (person studying for ordination) in the diocese of Virginia. That was a huge change, as I had been mostly with our children since they were born and hadn't had a full-time commitment outside the home.

For Jeff and me, balancing work and schools and family and house is an ongoing challenge! Our daily family dinner is one practice that keeps us relatively calm and together. For fun and sanity, I cook and knit and read. Our family likes to hike when we can. Jeff and the kids will visit here sometimes while they keep their ties to St. Aidan's.

I love the mission of Epiphany and am happy to be among a diverse group of people trying to follow Christ in our time and place. Thank you for being fine companions!

### **Samaritan Ministry – Your Walking Supports our Ministry**

Does the perfect day in your life begin with a walk? If you know so or would like to test this theory join many, many others who will walk in the Fannie Mae Walk a thon on Saturday, November 17. Check the Samaritan Ministry website for instructions

[www.samaritanministry.org](http://www.samaritanministry.org). The walk will be good for you and the funds raised will help so many homeless and low income folks in D.C.

## Renovation Review

By the Renovation Ministry Team

RMT Members: Brad Carpenter, Randolph Charles, Christian Clough, Mary Dail, David Downes, Tripp Jones, Pat Pickering

Through this monthly column, the Renovation Ministry Team would like to continue sharing with you details about the Renovation Master Plan. One part of the column will share parishioner comments and questions excerpted from the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study surveys. The other part will discuss a specific aspect of the plan. We hope this will be helpful and as always, we appreciate and encourage your feedback.



### Renovation Comments & Questions

#### Parishioner Comments Regarding the Renovation Plan

- things you like best *“preservation of unique artistic aspects of the worship space, especially the mosaic near the baptismal font.”*

*“I’m grateful that the floor mosaic under the baptismal font can be preserved and used within the scope of the design.”*

*“nice blend of necessary and desirable; minimal damage to historic church”*

#### Parishioner Questions

**Q.** *“Nothing in the proposed plans will compromise the building’s historic status, right?”*

**A.** Our church’s placement on the National Register of Historic Places only restricts what we do to the outside of the building. Besides restorative and repair work, the only construction we are doing on the outside is the addition of accessible ramps to the front door as well as the Parish House door. These changes will make us compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and pose no threat to our historic status designation. We are free to make any changes we want to the interior space. With that being said, our aim with this renovation is not to gut the building, but rather to maintain as much as possible its historic and sacred feel.

## Renovation Feature

### “An Outward and Visible Sign”

By Tripp Jones

The catechism in our prayer book defines baptism as “the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ’s Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.” It goes on to

say that “the outward and visible sign in Baptism is water.” Baptism has been administered through various means in the church’s history, but in recent times most often at a font. The stone font at Epiphany is actually one of the two oldest pieces of furniture in the church. The other is the marble altar in front of the reredos. Our font was given in 1858, only 16 years after the church’s founding, by Louisa Harrison Coffin, the same generous woman who gave us the lots of land upon which the church was built.

The records are scant, but according to pictures our font appears to have had several locations in the church over the past century and a half. The niche in which the font now resides dates to the 1890 renovation. We know that the three painted panels above the font were added at that time. There is no record at all about the mosaic floor beneath. One can only guess that it was added as well during this time. The renovation architect was Edward J. Neville-Stent, who was a leader in the English arts and crafts movement.

When the font was placed in its current location, baptisms were typically a private family affair and were not a part of a public service. Today’s prayer book states, “Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast.” It has also been a recent trend to place baptismal fonts at or near the entrance to a church to remind believers of their baptism as they enter the church to worship. This becomes even more powerful in a church such as ours where people enter the church for a wide variety of purposes every day of the week.

Our proposed renovation plan calls for moving the baptismal font from its current location to the center of the aisle at the rear of the church. Several whole pews and several more half-pews would be removed to allow for a gathering space around the font. The wonderful mosaic depicting water filled with sea creatures will be moved to surround the font in its new location.

With the font in its new location, baptismal candidates, standing with their sponsors, will begin their Christian journey appropriately enough at the entrance of the church. In addition, each of us will be reminded of our baptismal promises every time we enter the church. Water in the font and symbolized in the mosaic will truly become an outward and visible sign. Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching, persevere in resisting evil, seek and serve Christ, strive for justice.... We will!

## November: A Month of Thanksgivings

By Susan Walker, Program Associate

It is natural to associate the month of November with giving thanks. The connection floods our lives as consumers, members of communities, and as the people of God. As I think about my own ways of celebrating the abundance of good things in life, I wonder about the desire to say thank you. As gratitude relates to spirituality, St. Ignatius of Loyola and his teaching about prayer and gratitude come to mind.

Ignatius was a 16th century soldier who sustained a serious leg injury in battle and had to endure a long, painful recuperation following surgery. During his time in bed, Ignatius had a spiritual experience of God's love for him and the insight that God was constantly giving him gifts that expressed God's love for him. This notion that God is always, ceaselessly giving each of us good things can be quite startling, since so much of our culture teaches us to be dissatisfied with life and to grumble about what we don't have. Our tendency to discontent can lead to constantly striving for that thing which is just out of our reach, or the feeling that we never having enough.

For Ignatius, the reality of God's generous giving led him to begin teaching others about making a prayerful, daily examination of their lives, beginning with the practice of noticing the gifts that God had given that day. These gifts might be as simple as a good night's sleep, the feeling of renewal after exercising, or something more significant such as a satisfying conversation with a co-worker or family member. It might be that a negative experience, on reflection, turned out to teach you something about yourself – another gift to be grateful for.

There are other ways to begin a prayer, such as with a petition to God, asking for your needs or for others' needs, or by praising God for just being God. But for Ignatius, to begin with thanksgiving was to start with an awareness of God's active presence in daily life. Ignatian scholar, Tim Muldoon, noted that this was the heart of how Ignatius understood God – as the one who continuously gives gifts that reveal God's boundless love for us. Our feelings and expressions of gratitude confirm this deep reality of our spiritual lives: God's love for us is never ending. The idea of giving God thanks was so vital to Ignatius' spiritual teaching that he viewed the failure to recognize God's giving as the cause of sin and evil in the world. (*The Examen Prayer*, 58-59)

No wonder we want to say thank you. God has placed that response in our hearts when God invited each of us into a relationship. And, as soon as we say 'yes' to God, God immediately responds with a continuous flow of gifts.

Reviewing our day helps us notice specific gifts we receive from God. Responding with gratitude helps us nurture and deepen our relationship with God, and those "thank-yous" can take on new and innovative expressions. Knowing God as the unceasing giver of gifts will ultimately lead us to greater inner freedom in responding with increased love and charity for one another, especially those who are different from ourselves.

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faith, our courage, and our hope in you, and set our hearts on fire with your love,  
so that we may do your ministry in the world, and rejoice in the mystery of your presence in all Creation. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

### Campaign Schedule.

- Nov 4 **All Saints' Sunday:** Guest Preacher, The Rt. Rev. Jane Dixon, Ret., Diocese of Washington  
**All Saints' Feast:** Fun, Music, Fellowship, and Campaign Presentations
- Nov 11 Campaign Preacher: Brenda Morris: Rejoice
- Nov 18 **Commitment Sunday:** Offering of Pledge Cards  
Annual Parish Meeting
- Nov 25 Commitment Sunday II
- Dec 2 **Celebration Sunday:** Announcement of Pledge Results  
Campaign Celebration Party

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praying, journaling, or walking around inside the building or in the garden. There will also be the option for one-on-one conversations. Being silent doesn't mean "no talking", so if you have a friend you'd like to reflect with on what you are praying about, you may do so in a way that doesn't disturb others' quiet. The day will end with a contemplative Eucharist at 12 noon in the chapel.

If you think that a quiet day is something you can't afford to take time for before Christmas, think again. It might be that a morning of quiet will give you the focus needed to meet and respond to the demands that come this time of the year. And best of all, an Advent Quiet Day will remind you of God's gift to us and how we are meant to be gifts for one another.

Sign up for the Advent Quiet Day on Sundays at coffee hour or phone the church office during the week, 202-347-2635. There is no charge for this offering.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>November 2007 Calendar</b> <b>The Church of the Epiphany</b>			<b>Ford's Theatre Rehearsal</b> 10:00am Daily except November 1-3, 5, 12, 19 and 22.		<b>1 All Saints' Day</b> 12:00 SLAA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 12:30 Nourish Your Soul Bag Lunch Presentation 2:00 S. S. Vendors Training 6:00 S.S. New Volunteer Orientation 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>2 All Souls' Day</b> 12:00 AA 12:10 Holy Eucharist 1:00 Islamic Prayer Service	<b>3</b> 10:00 Ford's Theatre rehearsal 10:00 Diocesan Confirmation Cathedral
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# The Welcome Table Thanksgiving Dinner

By Susan Weinbeck, Welcome Table Ministry Team Leader

The leaves are changing and it's getting cooler. It is getting to be that time again. What time? It's time for The Welcome Table Thanksgiving, a dinner for the downtown poor the evening before Thanksgiving *and* a fundraiser for The Welcome Table breakfast program. We are not participating in the Help the Homeless Walkathon to raise money for the Welcome Table, so support The Welcome Table Thanksgiving Dinner. Get the word out. Pick up some of the flyers for the dinner from the church, or copy the form below and give some to your friends and co-workers. The dinner will be on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 5 pm. You can participate by sponsoring dinner for our guests, volunteering your time to help set up clean up, or serve, or by joining us for worship.

We especially need donations for the dinner because any extra funds will go to support The Welcome Table, Epiphany's Sunday morning breakfast program that feeds 200 men and women each and every Sunday throughout the year.

You can donate through our web page, [www.epiphanydc.org](http://www.epiphanydc.org), or you can fill out the form below and send it to us along with a check or credit card information. If you have questions, please phone the parish office, 202-347-2635.

## The Welcome Table Thanksgiving Dinner

\_\_\_ # of dinners I would like to sponsor (\$25 each)

Make checks payable to The Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St, NW Washington, DC 20005.

Be sure to write *WT Thanksgiving* in the memo line.

\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer \_\_\_ Before dinner set up \_\_\_ After dinner clean-up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card number and 3 digit code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the credit card. \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this form to the church office by Monday, November 19, 2007.*

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