

# CHRIST CHURCH



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### **Mission Statement of Christ Church**

*To the glory of God, the mission of Christ Church Parish is to serve Jesus Christ and all the people of God; to encourage and facilitate spiritual development for people of all ages; to grow as Christians in a loving and forgiving fellowship, thereby confirming, witnessing, and leading others to the faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Once more the summer beckons us outside, though as you know we really do not experience summer, at least for someone such as myself who has experienced Minnesota summers!

There are changes afoot, in several areas. Instead of church school this summer we will be offering monthly Family Sundays outside on the lawn. There will be a potluck lunch, tables and chairs, and a badminton game. The first such Sunday will be June 22. Invite your friends!

There will also be clerical changes. Nancy Streufert will be ordained as a transitional deacon at Trinity Cathedral at the end of June and will

begin her six-month ministry as a deacon at Christ Church. Sr. Diana Doncaster is in Davis all summer, for her Clinical Pastoral Education training. On Oct. 2 she will be ordained as a transitional deacon by Bishop Barry Beisner. Mother Lesley McCloghrie will be at St. Albans, providing ministry during Mother Sara Potter's sabbatical. We expect to welcome Mother Lesley back to Christ Church in September.

If you are curious about what being a transitional deacon means, please plan to attend the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) lunch and program on June 11. A healing Eucharist will begin at 11:00, followed by a potluck lunch and a presentation on deacons at 12:00. Currently we have three deacons in training: Nancy Streufert, Pam Gossard, and Anne Pierson. The presence of deacons will greatly enrich our parish and extend our ministry into the community.

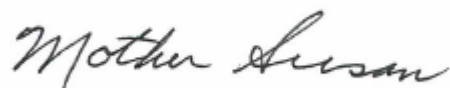
"Cinema Chat" attracted 26 viewers in the Chapel last month. Now that we can post the name of the film, I am sure attendance will continue to be strong. Thanks to Dr. Jeff Sellars for selection of the film each month, as well as to his family for the free popcorn and snacks! Jeff leads a lively discussion after the film.

At the Clergy Conference which just concluded, the Bishop presented two well-known experts in new social media to explain the value for churches of using such media. Watch for opportunities to participate in enlivening our Christ Church community through Facebook and Twitter!

This summer also brings two wonderful camps for children: Music and Arts Camp in July and Camp Living Waters in early August. Applications are available now in the Heritage Room and in the office.

An exciting summer lies ahead filled with opportunities for faith sharing, outreach, and invitation. Let's commit ourselves anew to being a church that is empowered by God to point others to God, filled with His presence and glowing brightly.

Mother Susan



Many of us are aging and the reality cannot be ignored. I belong to a group of women (all over 60 and more now over 70) who meet monthly to share our thoughts on how to live the later years of our lives as full and rewarding as we can. I recently saw the phrase “spirituality of aging” and how there are workshops for the elderly population to provide guidance to make their later journey meaningful.



Here are some research findings on older adults and religion given from the research of Ebersole & Hess:

Religion and associated activities are common among older adults (9 of 10 older adults rate religion important in their lives).

There is a positive relationship between religion and physical health.

Most older persons report that religion helps them cope or adapt with losses or difficulties.

While other sources of well being decline, religion may become more important over time.

At the time when religious support is most needed, older persons are less able to access it (due to failing health, immobility or lack of transportation).

40 – 60% of congregations are composed of retired persons.

The church has the greatest potential for reaching older adults with needed services.

People do not necessarily become more religious as they age.

Because many of the present cohort of elderly were religious in their youth; a large percentage of them will retain their religious interest. Others will not; hence it is important to remember that elders – as with the members of other populations – are independent in their thoughts and actions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lyn Klay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# QUILTERS... PLUS!

JOAN STEWART

The busy quilters sewing machines and needles will be working at home over the summer. If anyone is interested in a private lesson or a morning of chatting and working with fabric please give me a call. Joan 443-9637. We have two thank you notes to share with you from people who are currently using our comfort quilts. Happy summer. Meetings begin in September.

Dear Christ Church and Quilters Guild, Thanks so much for the comfort quilt you gave to George recently. He is really enjoying it and thanks you for thinking of him.  
Signed Jane Bermudez

To the ladies who made the beautiful little quilt that I truly love,  
Over the years I have helped make items but this is the first time I have been on the receiving end and I was thrilled (underlined)! I just love it and send my heartfelt thanks for giving it to me. It is perfect for me and I have never had one. I love it! (A heart drawn)  
Shirley Armstrong (Mother Susan's mother)

## ECW

RENÉE ROSS

COME AND FIND OUT WHAT OUR DIACONAL ASPIRANTS ARE DOING!

ECW will hold its final meeting of the year on Wednesday, June 11. Following an 11:00 a.m. Eucharist and Healing service in Lewis Hall, ECW will host a potluck at 11:45 a.m. that is open to the whole congregation. The program, entitled The Sacred Order of Deacons: A Call to Servant Ministry, will be presented by a panel including Nancy Streufert, Pam Gossard, and Anne Pierson who are all being sponsored into the Diaconate by Christ Church. As candidate Nancy Streufert put it, their discussion will include "...a brief history of the order, what comprises a deacon ministry, the process of becoming a deacon in our diocese and where each of us is in the process, and what we three individually and collectively hope to accomplish in our deanery and at Christ Church as deacons."

We want to thank Helen Person for being chaplain at many of our meetings. We are in her debt as well as to those who have pitched in to help with set up, organization, and clean up over the course of the year. We will reconvene in September.

# MARVIN DAVIS EDUCATION FUND

The Graduate!

Congratulations to Marvin Garbeh Davis, Jr.! On Saturday, May 24, he graduated on schedule with his M.A. in International Studies, Magna cum Laude, from Chapman



University, Orange, CA. In addition to academic honors, he was recognized for the quality of his research. Despite all the challenges of the past 14 months, he ranked third in his class.

Although no one from here was able to attend his graduation, Marvin actually had some family there. His aunt and cousin, both from Monrovia, stayed over after attending a conference in the U.S. and were able to be present.

Marvin flew from southern California on Monday, May 26, on the return trip home to Monrovia. He arrived home late the following day. He'll have a very few days to reunite with Nyanda and Lyndon before the first week in June when he begins his position as Program Manager for Youth and Urban Poverty for Action Aid, Liberia.

Marvin has assured us he will keep in touch. He'd welcome emails at: [marvingarbeh@gmail.com](mailto:marvingarbeh@gmail.com)

He is so grateful for the prayers and financial support from Christ Church that have made an enormous difference in his life. His goal is to make a major contribution to the post-civil war rebuilding of a fractured society in Liberia. He believes that education of children and young people is critically important. Please continue to pray for him as he meets new challenges and begins a new chapter in his life journey.

## **A Letter from Marvin to the Congregation upon his Graduation**

Greetings,

My family and I are very grateful to Christ Church, Eureka and to the wonderful people of Eureka for all your contributions, financial commitment, love, support, and **most** importantly

your prayers. Last year was a very difficult year for every one of us, especially my family and me because of the death of my mum, but the generosity of this amazing Church provided us more hopes for the tasks ahead of me. Ten years from now, I am going to run for President of Liberia and having an American education here at Chapman has given me the adequate qualification and knowledge. In the next four days, I will be defending my Master's thesis and presenting my book at Chapman University, all of this wouldn't have been possible if this Church wasn't there for me. You all kept my dreams alive and I am more hopeful than ever before for the journey and task that is ahead of me.

There isn't a day that goes by that I don't miss my mum, Lynn, but I am also very thankful to God for allowing me to experience what motherly love is. I like to think of my mum in the present rather than in the past because I feel her presence in everything I do daily. I am looking forward to spending time with my family, helping my wife raise my son and being able to give him the love that I never had growing up. Lyndon is growing into a handsome young man and he has filled my heart with so much love.

I graduate from Chapman University on May 24th and leave for Liberia on May 26th, and will arrive on May 27th. I start a new Job as Program Manager for Youth and Urban Poverty for Action Aid, Liberia. It's an international NGO and I assume Peg has looked them up on the internet already. My goal is to contribute my own quota to rebuilding the minds of young people in Liberia.

Thank you all for everything and I promise to keep in touch to let you know how things are going with me back home. Those of you who have facebook will continue to watch Lyndon grow; those of you who don't, Peg will show you pictures. My journey isn't over; it is just about to start.

Sincerely Yours,  
Marvin Davis Jr [marvingarbeh@gmail.com](mailto:marvingarbeh@gmail.com)

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

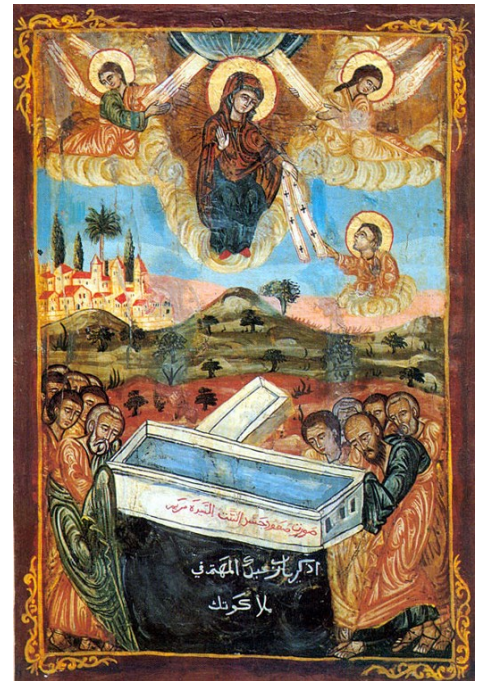
### A request

Donna Jackson is seeking a woman to help her for two to three hours a day. It would be wonderful if this person enjoyed cooking. For the amount of time requested she indicated that she could pay \$20.00 per hour. At this point Donna is house-bound and in a wheel chair. She described herself as lonely. She would be grateful for visitors. For more information see Elizabeth, or Barry in the office.



## Mary the Mother of Jesus

Join Mother Susan for the final presentation on Mary at the 9:15 Forum on June 8. We will discuss the dogmas of the immaculate conception, her perpetual virginity, and the bodily assumption. Should we pray to Mary? In conclusion, we will consider how feminists view Mary.



**The Eureka Interfaith Fellowship**, of which I am a member, organized a large community meeting to consider the problem of late-night releases of jail inmates. The Sheriff's office has responded, as indicated in the following news release.

Mother Susan

### **Sheriff's Office Changes Midnight Release Policies; Mental Health Screenings, Call to Friends and Family Now Standard Procedure.**

After attending community fora and speaking with the Humboldt County Chiefs of Police, County Counsel and Humboldt County Mental Health, Humboldt County Sheriff Michael Downey has implemented a Pre-Release Verification Form, along with other changes regarding nighttime releases.

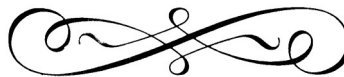
The new Humboldt County Correctional Facility policy became effective on March 17, 2014. Since enacting this new policy, Correctional Officers will now conduct a documented exit interview. The exit interview form requires officers to ask inmates being released a series of questions and to document and observe the inmate for signs of being under the influence or having mental health issues. If the inmate displayed signs of being a danger to others, a danger to themselves or being gravely disabled, a mental health hold could be placed on the inmate

per 5150 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The releasing officer is also required to ask the inmate if they would like to speak with a mental health professional or like a courtesy ride to mental health.

If the inmate is being released between 10:00 p.m and 6:00 a.m, the releasing Correctional Officer will offer to contact a friend or relative by phone to see if they can pick up or assist the inmate with going home. They will also offer to call a cab for the inmate (at the inmate's expense), or the inmate can voluntarily stay in custody until daylight. Since implementing this new policy, Correctional Staff estimates three to five inmates a week have chosen to take advantage of staying in custody until daylight.

Other changes that have occurred with the implementation of the new policy are those inmates that are being detained for short periods of time, such as public intoxication, will no longer have any cash in their possession deposited in the jail's account. In the past the inmate's cash would be deposited in a jail account and when the inmate was released, they would be provided a check. If the inmate was released at night, they would have difficulty turning the check into cash to pay for a cab or other transportation. Now the inmate's cash when they are booked will counted and placed in a sealed envelope. Upon the inmate's release the cash is returned to the inmate.

Sheriff Downey believes these changes will assist with making the community safer, while still complying with the law and United States Constitution.



**Bishop Beisner will be at St. Francis** in Fortuna this Saturday, June 7, at 3:00 p.m. for a deanery wide confirmation service.

Fresh Produce Sunday this month will be on **June 29**, the last Sunday of the month.

**Beginning on June 22**, there will be family Sundays once a month after the 10:30 service, with a potluck at tables outside and badminton on the lawn.

The **Lectionary study group** will continue with discussions of the weekly Gospel readings on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel.

## **Lay Ministry Schedules**

Marty Vega

Our very busy Lent and Easter season required calling on almost all of our Lay Ministers – thank you so much, everyone, for enhancing our worship opportunities. We filled almost all of our Ministry slots for the current quarter, and it seems that our upcoming schedules will meet a different challenge – vacations with travel plans. Please consider all of your Lay Ministry opportunities; there's something for everyone, just contact the person in charge of the ministry you'd like to experience.

## Lay Ministry Contact Persons

Lin Chase	Coffee Hour
Office	Ushers
John Patton	Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes
Sanford Pyron	Announcers
Vickie Patton	Sunday School and Nursery
Marty Vega	Lectors and Intercessors
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors

*Sing a  
New Song!*



Dear People of Christ Church,

It has been almost six months since I began as your new Music Director ... and what a six months it has been! From Christmas Eve through Easter, it has been exhilarating, a bit daunting at times, but a joyful experience for which I am deeply grateful. Many thanks to all who have offered words of welcome, encouragement, and advice!

It is been a privilege to become part of the choir here at Christ Church – and I want to take this opportunity to thank all members of the choir for their ministry, as well as offer a bit of information on just what it is that they do each week.

Each member of the choir has their personal reasons for participating in the ministry of singing, but all share a common passion, dedication, and commitment that is noteworthy. They attend weekly rehearsals (Wednesday evening and Sunday morning), learn new music every week, vest and process on Sundays, and commit to singing their best each Sunday. Wednesday evening rehearsals begin with a prayer, warm-ups, and move on to learning and refining the anthems for the coming weeks. We work on listening to each other (as important, if not more, than making our own joyful noises) and building a cohesive sound for the purpose of conveying the message of the lyrics and text. As there is time, we learn a little about the music we are singing.

A good church choir is much more than a collection of individual voices. It is an ensemble of people that cares for, supports, and listens to one another, and works hard together to provide

music that enlightens and supports our corporate worship as well as to lead the congregation in its ministry of singing. Oh yes, and we laugh together – most important of all!

The impact of the staffing changes and transition of leadership of the church's music program was especially profound for the choir. Many thanks to Doug Moorehead's capable leadership, the choir that formed last Fall was a ready and willing ensemble; patient and accepting of a neophyte choir director. I've appreciated the choir's willingness to try a variety of new music, especially as I experiment with what works best conducting from the organ console. I've promised that I won't turn them into a Gospel choir (though I think there is good potential there); choir members' willingness to sing music beyond individual comfort zones has been wonderful. For me, it has been a delightful experience to work with this talented choir. This is a ministry open to all who have a desire to sing (some experience is helpful, but not required) and who are able to commit to the time required. If you have questions, I would love to talk with you.

June 15<sup>th</sup> will be the choir's last Sunday to vest and process until reconvening in September. However, you may expect to hear from choir members over the summer; they will be providing special music and/or singing as members of the congregational choir.

And speaking of the congregational choir – the “primary” choir of the church – I will be offering three fora in July on “Hymns: A Congregational Study.” The fora will be an opportunity to learn about the hymnal (and its supplements), the history of congregational song, and a few tips on how to develop great congregational singing. I hope you will join me in exploring some of the rich history of our hymnody and our communal singing.

Last but not least, I want to mention the upcoming “Sundays at 4” concerts – a summer series begun five years ago by the concert series committee. All concerts are free and open to the public and will be held in the Nave/Sanctuary. They are informal and informative concerts featuring local musicians. Please save the dates and watch for more information!

June 22, 4:00 pm McKinleyville Community Choir

July 27, 4:00 pm Douglas Moorehead and Merry Phillips (four-hand organ and piano and organ duets)

August 24, 4:00 pm Elizabeth Rau, soprano and Gregg Granoff, piano

Heartfelt thanks to all the talented Christ Church musicians (vocalists and instrumentalists) who have enhanced our worship services this past year on Sundays and special weekly services with your talent and dedication!

Yours in Christ,

Merry Phillips

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Randy Barthman	June 3	Nick Smithler	June 16
George and Jane Bermudez	June 4	Laura Julian	June 20
Spenser Erickson	June 5	William Brantley	June 21
Jim and Carrie Hogan	June 8	Irene Hannaford	June 22
Elaine Grosso	June 10	Bill Taylor	June 22
Doug Moorehead	June 10	Bob and Sara Hines	June 23
Donna Jackson	June 11	Willie McCarthy	June 26
Judy Rex	June 14	Howard Gardner	June 28



Mother Lesley preaching on Ascension Sunday, June 1.

# Christ Church Events

## June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 4:00 pm Lectionary Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 3:00 pm Confirmation at St. Francis, Fortuna
<b>8</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Forum- <b>Mary Mother of Jesus Part 3</b> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11:00 am Eucharist & Healing Service 11:45 am ECW Potluck- <b>The Sacred Order of Deacons: A Call to Servant Ministry</b>	<b>12</b> 4:00 pm Lectionary Study	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Worship committee	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Building and Grounds meeting 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:15 pm Vestry Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:00 pm Lectionary Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Cinema Chat <i>Being There</i> with Peter Sellers
<b>22</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Family Service Potluck on the lawn 4:00 pm McKinleyville Community Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:00 pm Lectionary Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Nancy Streufert Ordination- Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento
<b>29</b> Fresh Produce <b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	<b>30</b>					

## Nancy's Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons

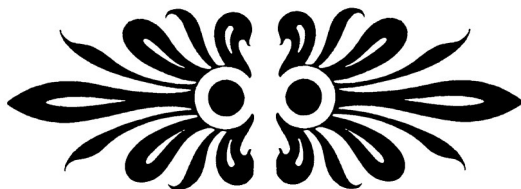
Dear Friends – I am pleased to invite you to my ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons at Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento on June 28 at 11 am. I hope you will be with me in spirit, if not by your physical presence! It is a great blessing to me that Bishop Beisner and Mother Susan have agreed to my service as deacon at Christ Church until my ordination to the priesthood, which is scheduled for January 31 at Christ Church.

Since my last update over a year ago, my time has been eventful and Spirit-filled! Last summer I completed the required Clinical Pastoral Education (an eleven-week chaplain internship) at Genesis Medical Center in Iowa. In September, I completed my seminary education at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin and was awarded the Master of Arts in Ministry degree at my graduation on May 22. January was especially eventful with celebrating my 15 month field education at St. Alban's, sitting for the General Ordination Exam, and traveling to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage with Bishop Beisner and other seminarians from our diocese (including Sister Diana) and the bishop and seminarians from the Diocese of Olympia (WA).

I thank you, my sponsoring congregation, for your wonderful support over the years! And I ask for your prayers and good wishes on June 28 and the months to follow as I begin this new phase of my ministry. I am especially grateful to my mentor priests Ron Griffin+ and Sara Potter+ over the six years of my discernment and formation toward Holy Orders. And I look forward to further mentoring from Susan+ and Lesley+ during my diaconal ministry at Christ Church – and from all of you!

Blessings from Your Sister in Christ,

Nancy Streufert



Nancy Streufert with the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary





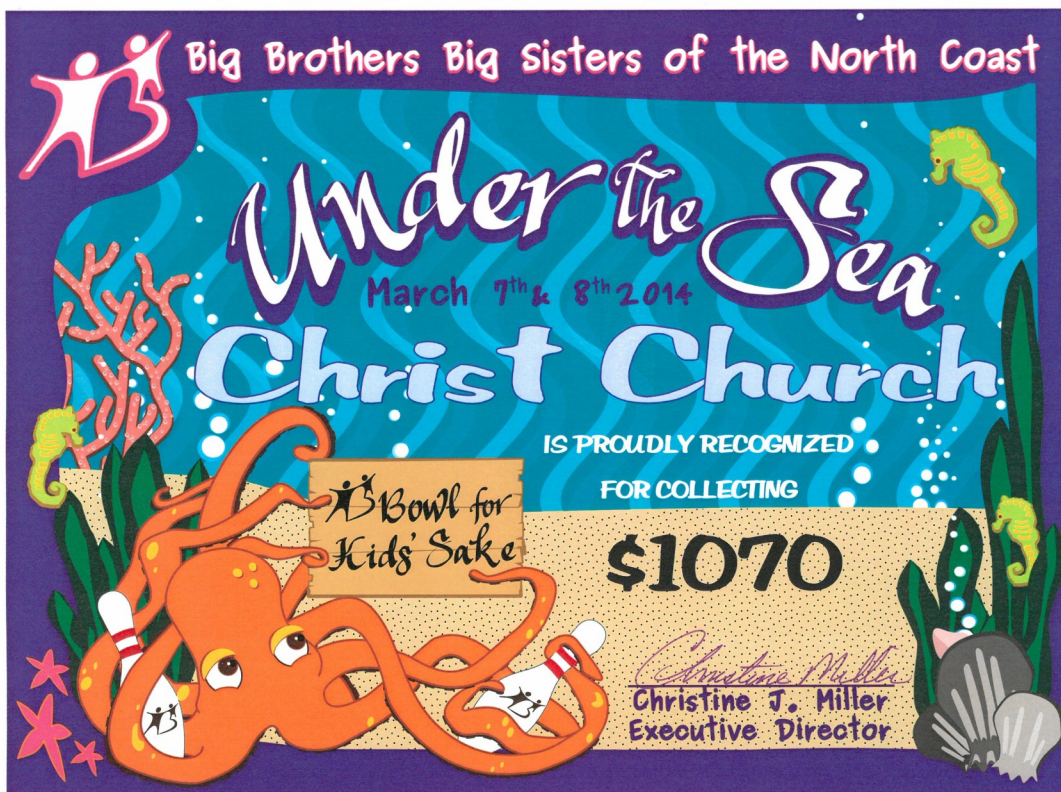
Nancy with Rev. Sara Potter



Nancy with Bishop Beisner in Jerusalem



Members of Christ Church parish collected \$1070.00 for Big Brothers and Sisters of the North Coast at this year's annual Bowling for Kids event. Pictured are the Christ Church Flounders.



**Saturday, June 21**

**6:00 p.m.**

**In the Chapel**

**Corner of 15th and G Streets**



**Cinema Chat**

## CINEMA CHAT FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 21

*Being There* is not the kind of movie you just happen to come across. This moody, surreal movie from 1979 is complex and mysterious, and leaves you wondering if you “got it” at the end.

The movie surrounds a character named “Chance,” a gardener who has lived his whole life with an old man. When the Old Man (as he is known throughout the film) dies, Chance is banished from the home by the executors of his will and thus has to find his way in the world. But having grown up tending the garden, he has no knowledge of the outside world. His only windows into this world that he gets are radio and television. Confused, he sets out on a journey to make a life for himself.

I would like to think that Chance is analogous to Adam, growing up in the Garden of Eden. Having no knowledge of the world, he is neither good nor bad, but ignorant. The interesting thing about Chance is that his “tree of knowledge of good and evil” is the TV set; his moral compass is skewed by the mores of a media perspective.

As he sets out, he examines the world through this prism. He walks down a street and discovers an electronics store featuring a closed-circuit TV screen. Through this screen, Chance discovers himself, playing with his image, thrilled to see he is on the beloved television. As Adam and Eve discovered themselves through the tree, so does Chance see himself on TV. As he walks down the street, he examines the new world he is in, the harsh urban landscape, the empty lots filled with gangs. In an especially touching scene, he examines a tree and seeks out a police officer anxiously, to report that, “This tree is very sick.” If my analogy of the TV as the tree of knowledge is correct, than this can prove to be very telling.

You may wonder, if Chance is Adam, then who is Eve? As Chance is walking down the street, he is hit by a limo. The limo belongs to a wealthy woman named Eve, who takes Chance back to her mansion, where he can receive medical care from doctors who are taking care of her ailing husband. Upon arrival, Chance meets another “Old Man,” and thus he is now living with Eve, under the auspices of her husband, who is dying. Chance (misnamed “Choncy Gardener” by Eve) endears himself to the old man by telling him about his love for gardening. His simple gardening advice is misinterpreted by the old man as business savvy. The old man is passionate about commerce and is close to the President of the United States.

And so “Choncy” soon gets an audience with the President, and once again dispenses his painfully obvious wisdom about the seasons. The more literal and common-sense his message, the more he is misinterpreted by those around him. He becomes a valuable consigliere to the President, and is wined and dined by local and international debutants. At this point, inquiries are made into his past, but it seems no one can put a trace on where Choncy came from—it is as though he had no past, no record, no parents, no home.

Review by Timna Burton, excerpted from <http://jewisheyesonthearts.com/2011/01/being-there/>



The Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner  
*Bishop, Diocese of Northern California*

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