

Columbus Cum Christo

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Every Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Wednesday's With Jesus Downtown

Dates & Rectors of Future Weekends

Women's 148th: April 11-14, 2013

Rector: Judy Cable

Men's 154th: Oct 3-6, 2013

Rector: Tim Galvin

Women's 149th: Nov 7-10, 2013

Rector: Shelby Fleck

Men's 155th: Mar 13-16, 2014

Rector: Jerry Abraham

Women's 150th: April 3-6, 2014

Rector: Susan Willeke

Men's 156th: October 9-12, 2014

Rector: Mark Shy

Women's 151st: Nov 13-16, 2014

Rector: Colleen Barta

Mission Statement

The mission of Cum Christo is to bring Christians together in an ecumenical environment that renews their relationship with Jesus Christ and motivates them to grow as disciples of Jesus in their churches, their everyday life and other places where God leads them

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From the Lay Directors

Cliff Glowacki M88 , Julie Glowacki W79

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the first Quiri of 2013 and, as usual, includes our annual financial report for 2012.

This has been a good year financially for Cum Christo. We have worked hard to control expenses and be good stewards of your donations. Kudos to our Treasurer, Cheryl Brown, for reducing many of our utility costs by about 20%, electricity being the exception. The Sustaining Fund Drive was the most successful in years and with careful spending should allow us to begin to establish a fund later in the year that will provide income for Cum Christo into the future. It is never too late to make a contribution to this fund for the future. Heartfelt thanks to God for Katie and Bert Kram and their Sustaining Fund team. Having said all of that many of our other expenses continue to increase. For example, the cost of our weekends in 2012 increased to \$2,100 a weekend compared to \$1,800 a weekend in 2011.

Our old lease on the Cum Christo Center expired August 30 of last year. We have been working with the Diocese since then to craft a new lease. We will keep you informed of the progress.

Cum Christo faces many challenges other than financial as we move into 2013. First and foremost, what can be done – what is the cause, of the seeming loss of enthusiasm for this movement of God's within this Cum Christo community? Why do rectors have to call so many people to assemble a team of 16? Why can't this community of over 8,000 souls sponsor 16 candidates

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for a weekend? Leaders School is discussing these issues and others to try to understand why the Spirit seems to be weaker in Cum Christo than in the past. We look for your insights into these issues. Send your feelings to laydirectors@cumchristo.org.

We ask you to continue to pray for this wonderful God given Movement that is so important to so many of us. We ask that you search for ways that you can become active in this Movement. Ask God for guidance and don't be afraid to say "YES" to Him.

De Colores

Leaders School

Jerry Abraham M138

As Leaders School begins a new year we, the members of Leaders School, are taking time to reflect on who we are and what God is calling us to do for our Cum Christo community. We know that the purpose of Cum Christo is "to bring all to Christ and motivate all to persevere, to live an authentic Christian life, and to grow as disciples of Jesus in their churches, their everyday lives and all places God leads them". Leaders School is called to guide and help all members of Cum Christo achieve that purpose. We try to do that by studying and understanding the Cum Christo-Cursillo Method and praying about how God wants us to grow our community through the loving perpetuation of that Method. We try to do that by being knowledgeable of our By-Laws and Guidelines so that we can be good stewards of the resources of and be leaders in our community. We try to do that by preparing our rectors at Rector's School and training our potential leaders at Weekend Orientation sessions to be the best Christian servants that God created them to be. As we try, we know that God determines our success; we know that He calls us, all of us, to His Community called Cum Christo and we in Leader School will strive to carry our His plan for Cum Christo in 2013.

De Colores

Pre Cum Christo

Tom Corroto M126

A Harvest of Souls

As we reflect on the harvests from the farmers' fields, we remember a song that we learned on our Cum Christo weekend. Of course, the song is De Colores. In this song we are reminded of our role as a Christian. "Joyfully we will bring to our savior a harvest of souls." When we learned these words on our weekend, we came to realize the awesome responsibility we were being called to. Yes, Christ is counting on us to bring him a harvest of souls. Christ is counting on us to be His hands, feet, eyes and mouth to bring others to a closer union with Him.

So what about this awesome responsibility to bring Christ a harvest of souls? Are we called to plant the seeds, cultivate, fertilize and harvest the soil of each person we meet? Or is it possible that we are just one little migrant farm worker who may contribute to only one aspect of these crops. We believe that at times we plant and at other times we cultivate the seeds planted by others. And most recently, the Spirit has called us to the harvest. The harvest for us as Cursillistas is to bring others to say "YES" to God's call for a weekend experience.

Post Cum Christo

Event Planning Team

The following is an excerpt from the thank you note that was received from The St. Mark's Food Pantry following our Christmas collection. The entire letter is posted on the Center bulletin board.

“ . . . I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the collection and donation of personal hygiene items that were delivered to the St. Mark Emerald Food Pantry in Lancaster recently. When your donations arrived on that Saturday morning we had clients waiting and being checked in. They were so excited to see what was on the truck that they helped unload and put items on the shelves. They wanted to be able to select from the wonderful bounty that was being brought in. . . .”

Again my sincere thanks,
Robin Romano, Director

Weekend Section

Susan Willeke W106

This January, I was honored to take over the role as the Weekend Section Leader. Many of you know that Nancy Ryan faithfully served in this role for four years serving the Cum Christo community with grace and efficiency. We thank God for her selfless Christian service!

As the new Weekend Section Leader, I am responsible to work with the rectors as they are discerned, build their teams and prepare for the weekend. Even though I made my own weekend 20 years ago (I like to tell people I was the only nine-year old to ever make a weekend; that's my story and I'm sticking with it...) and have myself served as a rector, in these past few months, as I shadowed Nancy and now have taken over the role, I am blessed with a new behind-the-scenes glimpse of our beloved Movement. I am humbled at the love and dedication of those who do so much to make the weekends a reality. It is such a privilege to be a part of it all.

God was good in 2012 as He brought 55 Babe Chicks into our fold! Last year's weekends were led by Rectors Tami Ritter, Mike Agriesti and Katy Kram. We thank God for their hard work in preparing their teams for Christ-filled weekends that introduced the candidates to the gift of grouping. We also thank God for the churches that opened their doors and hearts for our Closings: St. Christopher's, Our Lady of Victory and St. Elizabeth's.

Sadly, not enough candidates were sponsored by the community for the Spring Men's weekend to proceed. This was a heart-breaking development for Tom Dlusky and his team who had prepared so well – and such a loss for those who could have been blessed by making the weekend. After the community was informed that the weekend could not proceed we heard from some members of our community that they had had candidates for the weekend but hesitated to submit applications until they were certain that the weekend would proceed. *If only 2 of these candidate's applications had been submitted, the weekend would have gone forward.* Please pray for the Lord's guidance on who He would have you sponsor. Remember, we are called to “Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.”

The importance of prayer cannot be overstated; the weekends – and the Movement – cannot exist without it! Please keep Judy Cable in prayer as she embarks on her team formation and Tim Galvin and Shelby Fleck as they begin the process of team discernment for the fall weekends.

De Colores!

From Your Treasurer

Cheryl A. Brown W124

Highlights of the Cum Christo Year 2012 Financial Report:

(Cash Flow is reported on a Cash basis for the Years Ending December 31, 2011 and 2012)

Sustaining Fund Contributions increased by 33%. This represents gifts from 289 donors which is an increase of 59 donors from the 2011 campaign. In addition, our average donor gift increased in 2012 to \$165.00 from \$154.00 in 2011. Cum Christo now accepts credit card donations on-line via PayPal. A special thanks for the efforts of the Sustaining Fund committee.

The largest expenditure in 2012 was for a new refrigerator for the center. Maintenance and building improvements have continued to increase.

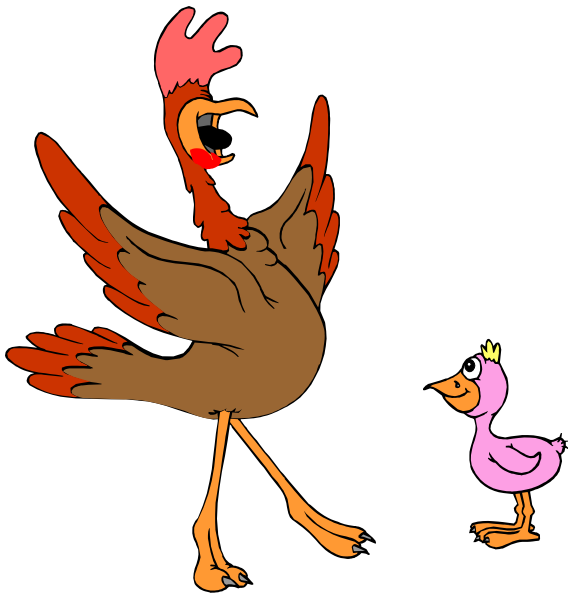
Postage and printing expenses were slightly lower for 2012 due to the constant monitoring of our database. Utility costs dropped significantly due to the monitoring of our usage as well as a review of all current contracts with vendors.

Weekend income decreased in 2012 due to less candidates attending and expenses dropped accordingly. It has been my honor to serve as your Treasurer for the past year.

De Colores

Ending Cash Balances	2011	2012	Operating Expenses	2011	2012
Checking	\$7,925.53	\$16,020.16	Rent	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Savings In Bank	\$69,005.56	\$89,254.01	Utilities	\$19,973.01	\$15,864.89
			Postage	\$4,706.64	\$4,030.91
Total	\$76,931.09	\$105,274.17	Printing	\$3,898.86	\$3,101.27
			Maintenance & Equipment	\$3,845.91	\$5,045.60
Annual Revenues			Insurance	\$1,006.00	\$1,164.00
Weekend Income	\$14,324.00	\$10,708.00	Event Expenses	\$5,254.81	\$7,510.80
Sustaining Fund Deposits	\$31,639.88	\$47,469.19	Other	\$920.96	\$1,900.34
Boiler Fund Deposits	\$2,700.00	0	Sub Total	\$40,806.19	\$39,817.81
Event Income	\$5,222.26	\$10,765.54	Weekend Expenses		
Rental Income	\$4,340.00	\$4,490.00	Food & Beverage	\$6,519.47	\$4,931.46
Reward Points Income	\$0.00	\$509.61	Miscellaneous	\$878.68	\$1,347.32
Other Income	\$255.39	\$468.15	Sub Total	\$7,398.15	\$6,278.78
Total Cash Revenue	\$58,481.53	\$74,410.49	Building Improvements	\$2,182.15	\$1,278.63
			Total Cash Expenditures	\$50,386.49	\$47,375.22
			Net Cash Flow	\$8,095.04	\$27,035.27

Welcome to the Babe Chicks of the Women's
147th



• Patsy Barnes, Mary Campanelli, Ankita Cochran,
• Sally Faries, Stephanie Fernandes, Lisa Holt,
• Marty Johnston, Dixie Lauer, Vickie Lybarger,
• Paula Majors, Rita McCloskey, Amy Nyhan, Mary
• O'Kane, Janet Oberliesen, Barbara VanFossen-
• Cook and Linda Williams

We lift our prayers in Thanksgiving

For new beginnings - For answered prayers - For health and wellness - For family and friends

For the blessing of close moments - For the freedom to worship as we choose –

For opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We Lift UP

A prayer for peace in our world - All those in positions of leadership - Those who have died and their loved ones,

Those suffering from illness or accidents - Those in the military, and their families –

The unemployed and under-employed - Those with no-one to pray for them - The unborn - Our children

Those discerning a religious life - For our priests, pastors and all religious.

CUM CHRISTO SEDER MEAL

A celebration commemorating Passover.
A symbolic meal intertwined with a prayer service.
To be followed by a substantial dinner.

**WEDNESDAY – March 27, 2013
(NO ULTREYA)**

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
444 East Broad Street
Columbus**

(East of Cleveland Avenue & West of the Art Museum)

Doors open at 6:00 PM - Service begins at 6:30 PM

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
(Attendance limited to 150)

(A TABLE CAN BE RESERVED for 6 OR MORE - TABLES SEAT 10)

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: March 21, 2013

The cost of preparing each meal is \$20

A Donation to Cover Meal Cost may be paid in advance to
Cum Christo at P.O. Box 163712, Columbus 43216
OR

You may pay at Registration

Please remember that your reservation is a commitment to attend and share in the
cost of preparing this very special Passover Meal.

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

**Jerry Abraham 614 579-1357 or jabraham67@gmail.com
or go to <<http://www.cumchristo.org>> to Register online**

Cursillistas and their guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The service and meal are not recommended for children

THE SEVEN P's OF PALANCA

1. **Pure:** Palanca is sincere (from the heart), honest (truthful), self-less (devoid of ego and self-importance), unconditional (without conditions of reward or recognition), and wholly voluntary. Palanca gives, it does not receive. Palanca is other-oriented, not self-oriented.
2. **Prayerful:** Palanca is full of prayers of petition, praise and thanksgiving from the core of our being; full of communication with God, and devotion and reverence to God in thought and act; *piety*.
3. **Price:** Palanca exacts a cost from us, a *sacrifice*: something physical, mental, or spiritual or all three at once. It exacts some form of self-denial or labor of love which stands alone, by itself, of its own worth.
4. **Ponder:** Palanca is reflective, contemplative, meditative, full of thought and *study*.
5. **Performance:** Palanca is an intended *act* of good for another; an act that takes the form of prayer and sacrifice from you to God; *action*.
6. **Precious:** Palanca arises from your personal, inner life in being with God; it is a treasure, a gem of great value which you offer to God.
7. **Purposeful:** Palanca is for the sole reason of overcoming another person's resistance to God's grace and for bringing that person into a closer relationship with God.

Palanca is, therefore, a sincere, honest, self-less, unconditional, voluntary offering of *prayer and sacrifice*, a studied, intended act of good, a personal gift of great value offered to God from the core of our being for the sole purpose of bringing another into a closer relationship with God. It allows us to lift something which is beyond our personal strength and to accomplish more than we could do alone.

This understanding of the meaning of Palanca helps us understand a little of the mystery of the communion of saints.

"It is really an awesome mystery, which we will never meditate enough, that the salvation of many is dependent on the voluntary *prayers and sacrifices* of the members of Christ's Mystical Body." (Pius XII in his Encyclical on the Mystical Body)

"Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)

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Prayer Chain:

Over 250 Cursillistas are members of the CumChristo Prayer Chain. These "prayer warriors" petition daily on behalf of the prayers submitted by the community. Your prayer strength is needed to keep this a powerful force in "God's army" of good versus evil. To join this action-oriented ministry go to www.cumchristo.org and follow the prompts in the Cum Christo Prayer Chain box on the front page.

Building Needs:

It's an old building and it's not beautiful to some, but within its weathered exterior are love and memories. It is where faith has been reborn and burdens lifted. For so many it has been a place where life began anew. The Cum Christo Center is in need of constant upgrade and repair, and it's done primarily by one group of people - **us** - the men and women of CumChristo.

Ongoing and short-term volunteers are ALWAYS needed to help with a multitude of jobs around the Center. Email Cliff Glowacki at covenantassociates@columbus.rr.com information about how you can help.

Also, continued financial support is needed for CumChristo operations through the Sustaining Fund.