

I.U. Families' Association

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Summer 2008

60th Old Friends' Day September 14, 2008

An Open Invitation...

Plan to join with family and friends at historic Christ Church, I.U. in Worton, Maryland, for a happy day of reunion in a wonderful setting full of memories and fellowship. As our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. James J. Shand cannot attend this year, the Rev. John MacIntyre will return to I.U. to preside at the 11:00 am services. All are welcome to attend the service.

Afterwards, the Association will host our traditional picnic on the beautiful church grounds. After the blessing and as the picnic progresses, we will offer impromptu tours of the church and its graveyard. Younger folks may find a variety of activities for their amusement. Everyone is encouraged to bring pictures of previous celebrations to the picnic.

In addition to memories, please bring a covered dish to share on a central buffet table. We will provide tables and chairs, as well as iced tea and other cold drinks. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet inside at the nearby Worton Methodist Church Hall.

The feasting and fellowship will be followed by a brief annual meeting of the I.U. Families Association. Highlights of the business meeting will include the reading of the minutes and the election of Officers for a two year term.

Of course, in addition to connecting us with the past, Old Friends' Day raises funds for I.U.'s endowment that helps the church membership preserve and restore this unique chapel and landscape. Come help us celebrate the diamond anniversary of Old Friends' Day!



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Architectural Study Reports....

As reported last year, the Parish Vestry has sponsored a *Historic Structure Report* on the church building. This report provides a "blueprint" for future maintenance and preservation undertakings. Presented to the Vestry in March, the report cites several pressing preservation needs at our church.

Re-pointing the brickwork: The condition of the chimney and west gable needs to be evaluated and corrected before the installation of a new roof. The mason would construct a panel of new brick using lime based mortar that is similar to the color and consistency of the original mortar formula. The re-pointing would also duplicate the manner of the original work, which involves maneuvering the trowel so that it makes an indentation at the bottom of the masonry joint. The mason would use a suitable patch of original pointing as a guide for this detailed work.

Roof Replacement and Repair of the Cornice: The roof, which has lasted since the early 20th century, needs replacement. As a distinctive element the building's character, the cornice needs repair and repainting.

Replacement of the Floor System: This work would install new joists, sub-floor and reclaimed yellow pine flooring. It includes removal of plaster on at least one side of the balcony support wall, jacking it up as much as possible and then refinishing the wall.

Heating and Air Conditioning: Replacement of the heating and air

conditioning system is recommended while the floor is being replaced.

Miscellaneous small repairs: Other tasks include:



Condition of Joists Under the Church Floor

- Renewal of shutter hardware.
- Repair the principal window sashes behind the altar.
- Replacement of interior plaster brackets and pendants.
- Stain the church ceiling white marks to hide the locations of former water leaks.
- Interior painting. This work would best be carried out after a paint analysis is undertaken to determine the history of interior finishes.
- Restoration of the doors.
- Upgrade of the electrical and lighting systems.

How Time Flies...

Sixty years ago, the I.U. Families' Association, Inc. was established by persons concerned with the physical preservation of Christ Church, I.U. Today the Association is led by three officers (elected for a two year term in even numbered years) and a six member Board of Directors (serving two year terms and elected in odd numbered years).

The objective of the I.U. Families' Association is to assist the Parish in the maintenance and preservation of the Christ Church building, cemetery and grounds. Since 1948 the funds raised by the non-profit association have been placed in a permanent endowment. Each year, the Association distributes only funds generated as interest from the endowment to support projects, identified by the Vestry, that assist in the preservation of the property. In 2008, the Association provided over \$6100 in support of our collective mission. The Association will present a comprehensive fiscal report at Old Friends' Day.

The following individuals have agreed to serve as members of the I.U. Families' Association's Officers for the period, 2009-2010. Additional nominations may be offered at the membership meeting or by contacting Advisory Board Member Rennie Stavely.

- John H. Sprinkle, Jr., Chair
- Matilda W. Wessel,
Secretary
- Reyner S. Meikle, Jr.,
Treasurer

Remember I.U. Lodge?...

Does the phrase "Camp Wright or not at all" remind you of youthful summers on the Chesapeake Bay? *A Circle of Friends* alumni group has been established to support the program, staff, mission and goals of Camp Wright, a ministry of the Diocese of Easton. Located on a truly inspirational setting adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay on Kent Island, Camp Wright recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. For many years, the youngest boys' cabin was called I.U. Lodge. For more information about *A Circle of Friends*, contact the camp office at 410- 643-4171.

WWW.IUFamilies.org...

The next time you are surfing the internet, cruise on over to the I.U. Families' Association's new web site: www.IUFamilies.org.

Considered a necessity in today's world, our web site is the product of Treasurer Reyner Meikle's hard work. The Association is still developing materials for the web site and we welcome any assistance with its content or operation.



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How Can I Help?...

The easiest way to help further the mission of the I.U. Families' Association is to make a donation to our endowment fund. Donations can be cash, securities, or other commodities. We distribute a special envelope with our annual newsletter for collection at Old Friends' Day in September. Contact our Treasurer, Reyner Meikle, to make your tax deductible contribution.

In Memoriam...

The members of the Association honors the memory of the following members who passed away during the last year:

Mrs. Pat Keen
Mr. Bob Hepburn
Mr. Earl Newsome
Mrs. Deborah Nau McGuire

In Celebration...

The members of the Association congratulates the following persons who were baptized during the year:

Henry Celzo Martinez
Mary Jane Joiner

Bon Voyage...

Good luck to the parish's organist, Ms. Grace Wheatley, as she journeys southward to attend Salisbury University.

Christ Church, I.U. Parish

Officers

Mr. John E. Nunn, Sr. Warden
Mrs. Nancy Robson, Jr. Warden
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