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Letter from the Rector

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Dear Friends,

2012 went quickly—but in many ways not quickly enough. It was an extraordinary year. Hurricanes, unprecedented Northeasters following an abnormally dry and warm winter, spring and summer. We are (as of this writing at least) still teetering on the 'fiscal cliff.' The Middle East is no less restive than it was a year ago—and possibly more so. I guess our hope and New Year's resolution should be a year of reprieve from 'interesting times.'

But each New Year brings new hope as well. And my hope for this New Year is for a spirit of genuine problem solving in our nation and around the world. Technology has created an increasingly interconnected world that has the potential to bring great benefits to God's creation. Yet technology also brings the potential for catastrophic destruction. It is still part of the human will to use increasing knowledge in ways that brings about order and common good.

The New Year will bring many opportunities and challenges to Christ Church. It will be the year when the process of choosing a new rector will begin. Changes in leadership can be very creative and enlivening. Yet, there is an anxiety in such a process as well. Differences in opinion about the church and the direction in which the church should move can create divisions in the congregation. A solid spiritual and prayerful approach to the process will be invaluable.

The New Year will also bring the full force of the renovation of the Christ Church campus upon activities of the parish. Construction has been delayed because the Sandy. It is expected that ground preparation will start within a week or two. This will cause the closure of much, if not all, of the church parking lot. Parking will be available at the library on Sunday mornings.

Although there have been some growing pains, the increased sharing of activities with the Community Reformed Church has gone well. Within this edition of the *Chart* you will find news of shared Church School and youth activities. We are also planning adult education programs for members of both congregations. We will also have a number of joint worship activities.

I wish for all of you a healthy 2013, filled with blessings and true spiritual growth. That will make 2013 a very good year for all of us!

Blessings,

THE VERY REV'D DAVID B.

LOWRY, RECTOR

Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners this month on their birthdays...

Arthur (Ward) Wright, Susan Bunyon, Caroline Carr, Holly Melichar, Decker Paterson, Corinne Riggin, Nicole Sevely, Nicole Winters, Joseph Sevely, James Carr, William Riggin, Robin Cuthbert Stopford, William Siener, Lisa Carr, Elizabeth (Lisa) Ciaccio, Debbie Czeglédy, Audrey Eisser, Christine Bunyon, Brian Wedeking.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... Mark and Susan Bunyon, James and Carole McCarvill, Joseph and Ida Miletich.

SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

EPIPHANY – JANUARY 6, 2013

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 7:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Gregory Hills
by the Carr family

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 13, 2013

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Nancy and Joseph Cioffi
by Louise Fribush

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 20, 2013

1 Samuel 3:1-10,11-20; Psalm 139:1-5,12-17; 1Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dick Field, Albert and Irene Field
and Richard and Lucy Siegel by Lucy Field

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 27, 2013

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:6-14; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Harold Roberts
Dorisene Roberts and family

JANUARY, 2012 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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| Jan. 6 | Gloria & Gary Ryan (883-2718) | Suzanne Parker (944-9238) |
| Jan. 13 | Lisa & Tim Carr (365-9790) | Sari & Peter Kulka (767-0222) |
| Jan. 20 | Louise Fribush (883-4113) | Marina Conrad (365-5656) |
| Jan. 27 | Cathy & Greg Trezza (484-2265) | Patti Crisifulli (850-1355) |

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Parish Notes:

Christmas Thank You.

Our Christmas services were especially wonderful this year. A special thanks are extended to the Altar Guild, for the decorations, the Choirs, for the inspiring music and to the weather man for the light dusting of snow. It was great to have the church virtually filled twice on Christmas Eve.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Once every seven years or so the Feast of the Epiphany, which ends the 12 days of Christmas, falls on a Sunday. Twenty thirteen (2013) is one of those magical Sunday's. We will be celebrating the Epiphany with a procession of the three kings. Please do plan to be part of *The Great Feast of the Epiphany* and the closing of Christmas.

Men's Epiphany Dinner, Monday January 14 at 7:30PM

This being the season of Epiphany we will explore the cuisine of the East. The Men's Epiphany Dinner will be held on Monday, January 14 at 7:30pm at the Rectory. Please sign up on the sheet at the Church or call the church office at 627-2184 to make your reservation. The donation for the meal will be \$10.00.

Confirmation Class

Preparation for confirmation will be offered for those currently in 7th and 8th grade. Classes will begin on **Sunday, January 13** following the 10am service at the **Rectory**, 54 George Street. Classes will run from 11:30 am to 12:30pm. Classes will generally be held every other week through the end of the school year in June. Confirmation will take place in the fall of 2013. A letter will be sent out to the all candidates. Father Lowry and our Seminarian Lauren McLeavey will teach the Confirmation class.

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone!

I hope you all had joyous and blessed Christmas holidays. I had both a filling and fulfilling celebration with family and friends in Boston. Now, I am thrilled to be back, looking forward to all of the wonderful things that we have planned for our children and youth in 2013! Here are some highlights for January:

Our Sunday School begins again on **Epiphany Sunday, January 6** at 9:50am. Our teachers have fun, creative lessons planned each week, exploring the Gospel of Luke (as well as a little Matthew and John). I hope that your children can join us, as we prepare our way for Lent.

Our youth group has two exciting events to kick off the new year. On **Friday, January 11**, we're having our **Dream It! Do It! dinner** in the Community Reformed Church lounge from 6pm - 8pm. All youth, 6th grade - 12th grade, are invited for a delicious meal, interesting conversation and creative activities to explore hopes and dreams for the year ahead. On **Saturday, January 26th**, we will be helping serve as wait staff at the Gospel Choir Brunch at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Shelter Rock Road, 11 AM to 3 PM. All proceeds from the brunch go to help programs like Adventures in Learning, who help at risk children in our community.

If you have any questions or need more information on any of these events, please contact me at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554).

I am so excited for the start of this new year. I pray that it will be a rich, joyous, vibrant journey for each of us!

Blessings,
Lesley

Youth Service Event - Saturday, January 26 - EOC GOSPEL BRUNCH

On Saturday, January 26th, we will be helping to serve as wait staff at the Gospel Choir Brunch at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Shelter Rock Road. The event will take place from 11 AM to 3 PM. All proceeds from the brunch go to help programs like Adventures in Learning, who help at risk children in our community. Join us for this exciting day of music and entertainment. For those youth needing community hours, this is a great opportunity toward achieving your hours – and fun too! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation, at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or 917-623-4554.

Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2013.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees for Warden and Vestry members prior to **January 7th**. In addition, any member of the parish may run for the Vestry by presenting a nominating petition to the Christ Church office no later than January 18, 2013. Reports by the various Parish Committees are due at the Parish Office by Monday, January 21, 2013.

Calendar for the Month of January, 2013

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| Tuesday, January 1 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, January 2 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Thursday, January 3 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Friday, January 4 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, January 5 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church |
| Sunday, Jan. 6/ Epiphany | 10:00 AM | Choral Eucharist | Church |
| | 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |

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| Monday, January 7 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Tuesday, January 8 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Wednesday, January 9 | 8:45 AM 10:00 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel Chapel |
| Thursday, January 10 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Friday, January 11 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Saturday, January 12 | | | |
| Sunday, Jan. 13/1 Epiphany <i>Confirmation Classes Begin for 7th & 8th Grade</i> | 8:00 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Church School Choral Eucharist Confirmation Class Holy Eucharist | Church CRC Church Rectory Chapel |
| Monday, January 14 Men's Epiphany Dinner \$10 Rectory, 54 George Street | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM 7:30 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Men's Dinner | Chapel Chapel Rectory |
| Tuesday, January 15 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Wednesday, January 16 | 8:45 AM 10:00 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel Chapel |
| Thursday, January 17 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Friday, January 18 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |
| Saturday, January 19 | | | |
| Sunday, Jan. 20/2 Epiphany | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist Choral Eucharist Evening Prayer | Church Church Chapel |
| Monday, January 21 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM 7:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Vestry Meeting | Chapel Chapel Rectory |
| Tuesday, January 22 | 8:45 AM 5:45 PM | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer | Chapel Chapel |

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| Wednesday, January 23 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Thursday, January 24 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Friday, January 25 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Saturday, January 26 | Youth Service Event-EOC Gospel Brunch | | |
| Sunday, Jan. 27/3 Epiphany | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church |
| | 9:50 AM | Church School | C RC |
| | 10:00 AM | Choral Eucharist | Church |
| | 11:30 AM | Confirmation Class | Rectory |
| | 6:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| Monday, January 28 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Tuesday, January 29 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Wednesday, January 30 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |
| Thursday, January 31 | 8:45 AM | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| | 5:45 PM | Evening Prayer | Chapel |

Christ Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place in the church on Sunday, February 3, 2013, immediately following the 10am Eucharist. All interest members of the parish are invited to attend. All Parish Committees must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than January 21, 2013.

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