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*Christ Church
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030*

Letter from the Wardens

July 1, 2013

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As we approach the July 4th Independence Day holiday, we reflect on the courage of our Founding Fathers and the generations that came after them, who fought for the freedoms we have the privilege to enjoy in this great United States – freedom of speech, of worship, of choice. Please remember all your friends and family who also help protect these freedoms for future generations, even while you enjoy the simple fun of the family BBQ on July 4th.

As we enter July, we are in great transitions at Christ Church. The Parish House project is progressing quickly. The Citibank branch is going up by leaps and bounds, and the General Contractor is also working on the Parish House interior. We are blessed that Father Lowry continues to oversee this construction project in conjunction with General Contractor Mike Puntillo. And Father Lowry has volunteered to continue to supervise this project, even after he and Mary have relocated to their new home in New Orleans. Many, many thanks, David.

Certainly, we are all grateful to Father Lowry, who has been our spiritual leader these last nine years at Christ Church, and who has inspired us to greater mission and outreach, with the food pantry, the Helping Hands in the community, the caregiver support group, and our numerous Sunday school and youth programs, to cite but a few. Father Lowry has always admonished us that a church is more than the buildings; and we must look to do more for our parishioners and the community at large. Nonetheless, the greatest gift Father Lowry leaves us may be his vision for the new Parish House and an endowment to sustain our mission into the future for Christ Church.

To thank and celebrate Father Lowry and Mary's ministry at Christ Church, we recently had a lovely retirement party, attended by well over 125 parishioners at the Pavlovich home. We would like to express great appreciation to the Fellowship Committee of Liz Giacomia, Holly Melichar, and Meaghan Janedis for organizing this Retirement Party for Father David and Mary Lowry.

And we owe the Pavlovichs big thanks as well for hosting at their lovely home, and for ordering great weather and a magnificent sunset that evening. And thanks to all the parishioners, who brought the hors d'oeuvres, dinner entrees, and desserts. It was indeed fabulous.

And the morning after the party, as we all now know, Father Lowry was hospitalized and now has been diagnosed with a lung melanoma. We are all keeping David and Mary in our thoughts and prayers as David begins his regimen of treatment next week, for his full recovery. We want him well to enjoy his well deserved retirement life!

Transition has also impacted our church staff. Our Parish Administrator of 14 years, Kathy Hoffman, has left Christ Church to begin a new chapter in her life. We thank Kathy for her years of dedication and service and wish her well. In her stead, we are pleased to have Donna Cullinan-Gillis join us in this capacity. We owe thanks to Meaghan Janedis for soliciting her network for appropriate candidates for the position, and helping us get Donna in the nick of time.

Donna lives in Munsey Park; her husband is in the music industry; and she is the mother of three children. Donna has business background, working for The Walt Disney Company and Gruner & Jahr USA Publishing, and more recently, a wealth of volunteer experience with the Girl Scouts, Manhasset School Community Association, the Munsey Park Women's Association, to cite a few. Please be sure to drop by the church office and introduce yourself to Donna.

Our seminarian Lauren McLeavey was ordained a Deacon of the Episcopal Church in June and will continue her ministry at Christ Church under Father Lowry's guidance until September 1st when she goes to her new church assignment in Great River, NY. We thank Lauren for her support this summer.

We also have a signed Letter of Agreement with Interim Rector Charlie Colwell, and will arrange to have him spend some transition time with Father Lowry in July, prior to joining us on August 18 as the Interim Rector, with two weeks overlap with Father Lowry before his retirement. Father Colwell was Rector of The Church of St. Barnabas in Irvington, NY, for 36 years before his retirement. He has served as an Interim Rector for many churches in the diocese, among them St. Luke's in Sea Cliff and St. Stephen's in Port Washington.

Then on Saturday, September 21 from 9-12:30 p.m. we will hold the Parish Appreciative Inquiry session, with Father Bruce Griffith facilitating. Father Griffith is our Search Coach and Consultant. The Parish Appreciative Inquiry will be held next door at the Community Reformed Church, and will be for the Parishioners to define what Christ Church means to them, what they value, and what they want Christ Church to be in the future. This will be the second step in the Search Process, the first being when the Vestry undertook their Appreciative Inquiry.

We will need a Writing Committee appointed to capture the Parishioners' thoughts and document them in a written piece, which will subsequently be used in advising Rector Applicants about Christ Church. Four people will be needed on this Committee, and one has already agreed to serve and another is considering it.

A Search Committee will also need to be appointed, with some 6 -7 members. On advice of Father Griffith, this is the right size, as you need the Committee to move ahead even if some members cannot make each meeting. This Committee shall operate separate and apart from the Vestry, have no Vestry members on the Committee, nor any spouses or relatives of the Vestry. The Committee will be guided by Father Griffith as they undertake their significant duties of attracting candidates, screening and interviewing candidates, and making the recommendation to the Vestry of their top three choices. The Vestry will then interview those candidates, and make a final choice.

During the Search Process, extra budget will need to be allocated for candidates' travel to Christ Church for interviews, overnight lodging and meals with Search Committee members and later the Vestry members on the final selection interviews.

The Search Committee is appointed by the Wardens, and we are prayerfully considering the Search Committee member candidates, reflecting the breadth of the Christ Church Parish make-up. We hope to have the Committee in place by September.

There is a great deal to be done during this transition, and all Vestry members will be asked to help manage the Church business while we are in this interim stage. We will try to parse out the responsibilities equitably.

We thank everyone in advance for all we know you will all do to make this transition/interim stage work seamlessly as we seek our new Rector.

Again our sincere appreciation to Father Lowry and Mary for their prayerful guidance of our church family these past nine years and our prayers and support for good health for Father Lowry.

Best regards,

Pattie Gallatin Ariana Tadler Patterson
Senior Warden Junior Warden

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Parish Notes

Dear Friends,

As you may know, I was here as a Seminarian during the 2012-2013 school year. I graduated from General Theological Seminary this past May and was ordained Deacon on June 1st. It is my pleasure to be working here at Christ Church Manhasset this summer. First, a little bit about myself. I was born and raised in Boxford, MA and attended Trinity Episcopal Church in Topsfield, MA until I went to Syracuse University. After graduating from SU in 2002 with a degree in TV, radio, and film production as well as German, I moved to Douglaston, Queens and joined Zion Episcopal church. Having always been active in the Church, I discerned a call to ordained ministry at Zion and began seminary in 2010.

As a Deacon, my role is to serve the poor, sick, and lonely in the community, while communicating those needs to the Church at large. I also assist Fr. Lowry in liturgical settings and attend to other tasks as needed. This summer I am working with Fr. Lowry and learning about a life of service and about a clergy person's place in the community. I am also assisting Lesley Mazzotta with the Spiritual Arts Summer Camp as well as the youth mission trip to Pittsburgh. So far, I am learning a great deal and also enjoying getting to know the people of Christ Church.

I am what is known as a Transitional Deacon, meaning that I will be ordained a priest in December. All priests spend an amount of time as a deacon, but there are also people for whom being a Deacon is their specific calling, we refer to these deacons as Vocational (or permanent) Deacons. The diaconal period is a time to learn about this specific type of ministry. When someone is ordained as a priest, they do not lose their deacon-hood, all ordained people are deacons first, when one becomes a priest, one is still a deacon as well.

Starting September 1st, I will be working as the Clergy in Charge at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Great River as well as the Curate at St. Mark's in Islip, where my focus will be youth and young adult ministries.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Deacon Lauren McLeavey

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Psalm 93:4: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Every summer, I go to a special beach on Cape Cod for time to play, rest and rejuvenate. I love swimming in the ocean. I love jumping and diving into oncoming waves. I love floating on my back, looking up into the bright, blue sky. I love walking along the shore, collecting sea glass, rocks and shells. And I love sitting on the sand for hours, letting it run through my fingers as I marvel at the vastness and beauty in front of me.

It is in this place that I sense God in a BIG way. I get an overwhelming feeling of gratitude that I can be part of this amazing world. Year after year, the beach is always the same, yet always feels brand new. Amongst the sparkling sunshine, soft wind and squawking seagulls, I feel most alive, most grateful, most humble and most content. I feel connected to everything, and everything seems in its perfect place. Prayers of thanksgiving are effortless. I can easily see the blessings that I have been given in my life.

I can't wait to return to my beloved Cape Cod this summer. When I go, one of my prayers of thanksgiving will surely be for the year I have just spent working in Manhasset. (July 1 marks my one year anniversary!!) My time at Christ Church and CRC has been energizing, challenging, transformative and rewarding. In our community, I have also felt God in a BIG way, thanks to the opportunities I have been given here.

While on the beach, I will try to bottle up the feelings of aliveness, gratitude, humility and contentment to bring back for all of us as we start another church year in September. I have already begun planning and dreaming many exciting new things for our community, and I look forward to sharing them with you soon.

In the meantime, I wish all of you a joyous, restful summer, and I hope you find a place in God's amazing, beautiful world to give thanks for the abundance of blessings in your life.

Blessings, Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation

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Upcoming Events and News

- **Helping Hands**

Help wanted

There are times when some of our Christ Church family need assistance, whether it is to have a meal provided for them or to be driven to an event, a doctor's appointment or to Church. If you would like to join this group of volunteers or if you have a need for a "helping hand", please let us know or talk to the Rector. Thank you in advance. Contacts: Holly Melichar at hbm10078@gmail.com and Carol Allen at GoCarol26@aol.com.

- **Sunday Hospitality/ Summer Volunteers Needed**

Now until Sunday, September 1

The following people have signed up to host Sunday Hospitality.

7/14	Debbie Czegledy	8/11	Liz Giacoma
7/21	Kathy Bindert	8/18	Heather Bennett
7/28	Marina Conrad	8/25	Nellie Egrie
8/04	Tom and Lucy Chaly	9/01	Valerie Siener

Thank you to those who have volunteered to host Sunday Hospitality. If for some reason you are unable to host, please email **Liz Giacoma** egiacoma@verizon.net or call her at **944-9760**. Iced tea and juice will be provided by the church.

- **Summer time - Informal Home Communion**

Wednesday Evenings in July & August at 7:00pm.

The following have volunteered their homes for the Informal Home Communion.

7/17	Regina and Lester McDowell - 142 Pond View Drive, Port Washington
7/24	Patti Crisafulli/Mike Smolens - 121 Allenwood Road., Great Neck
7/31	Carol and Tom Allen - 29 Eakins Road, Manhasset
8/07	Lucy & Tom Chaly - 60 Mill Spring Road, Manhasset

Hosts will be needed for the Informal Home Communion on Wednesday evenings for August 14 and 21. If you would like to host a Wednesday Evening Home Communion, please contact Liz Giacoma by telephone at 516-944-9760 or by email at egiacoma@verizon.net.

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church each week for you to indicate who will attend and what you will bring - - either an entrée, appetizer or dessert.

- **Youth Mission Trip**

Saturday, August 4 - Thursday, August 8

We have found a tremendous mission opportunity for our youth through the organization "Project Pittsburgh."

Through PP, we'll be joining with other local Christian youth in serving Pittsburgh's vulnerable home owners and elderly citizens.

- **Vacation Bible School**

Monday, August 26 - Thursday, August 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 pm

Christ Church, the CRC and the Congregational Church presents **Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together**, this year's VBS for children ages 4 – 12. During the week, children will enjoy creative crafts, fun games, lively songs and exciting Bible stories as well as receive a colorful t-shirt, snacks, and a week they will always remember. The materials fee for the week is \$50 per child. **Space is limited this year and the program will fill up quickly.** Please register your child by contacting Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554)

- **Food for the Hungry**

Freeport Emergency Food Center of the Long Island Council of Churches' (450 N. Main Street, 516-868-4989).

The Food Center continues to need non-perishable foods, diapers, dog food, tuna in water not oil, low sugar cereal, baby food, and infant formula (especially those with iron, such as Enfamil with LIPIL). Donations of children's books and plastic or paper shopping bags also are welcome. Please accept our grateful appreciation to those parishioners, of all ages, who continue to support the Christ Church Hunger Program with food in the basket in the Church.

- **Teaching Opportunity**

Help Wanted – dedicated person to teach the 7th / 8th grade class on Sunday mornings from September to June.

Curriculum is provided. Most, if not all candidates, already have the prerequisites. Hours are 9:45 to 11:30-ish with a tiny bit of overtime for an occasional meeting. Numerous benefits, best salary you'll ever earn! If interested, please contact Heather Bennett at aualka51@gmail.com or Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com.

- **Parish Inquiry**

Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

As one of the first steps in the search process for a new Rector, we will hold a Parish Appreciative Inquiry in the Community Reformed Church Education Building. The Vestry and our Search Coach, Father Bruce Griffith, will lead this session for parishioners to put our thoughts in writing. The information from the inquiry will be used to identify what we value about Christ Church and its mission, as well as what and where we want our church to be in the future. All statements will be accumulated into one document and shared with Rector candidates so they have an idea of our goals for the present and the future.

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Calendar for the Month of July, 2013

Monday, July 1	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Tuesday, July 2	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Wednesday, July 3	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel Chapel
Thursday, July 4 <i>(office closed)</i>	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Friday, July 5	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Saturday, July 6	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Sunday, July 7/7 Pentecost	8:00 AM 10:00AM 6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	Church Church Chapel
Monday, July 8	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Tuesday, July 9	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Wednesday, July 10	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Carlyn & Bill Casey	7:00 PM	Home Communion	
Thursday, July 11	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Friday, July 12	8:45 AM 5:45 PM	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	Chapel Chapel
Saturday, July 13	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Sunday, July 14/8 Pentecost	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Choral Eucharist	Church Church

	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, July 15	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
<i>Vestry Meeting</i>	7:30 PM	Compline	CRC
	7:45 PM	Vestry Meeting	CRC
Tuesday, July 16	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, July 17	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Regina & Lester McDowell	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
142 Pond View Drive	7:00 PM	Home Communion	
Port Washington			
Thursday July 18	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Friday, July 19	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, July 20	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Sunday, July 21/9 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, July 22	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, July 23	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, July 24	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Patti Crisafulli & Mike Smolens	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
121 Allenwood Rd, Great Neck	7:00PM	Home Communion	
Thursday, July 25	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Friday, July 26	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, July 27	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Sunday, July 28/10 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, July 29	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, July 30	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, July 31	8:45 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Carol & Tom Allen	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
29 Eakins Road, Manhasset	7:00 PM	Home Communion	

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SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS & THANKSGIVING FOR JULY

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 7, 2013

2Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 66:1-8; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11,16-20

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Sandra Payson
by Lorinda deRoulet

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 14, 2013

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Peggy Wright
by Ward Wright

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 21, 2013

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Wendy Templeton

By Marianne Templeton

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Louis A. Trapp Jr.
By The Trapp Family

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 28, 2013

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

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

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Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners who have birthdays during this month...

Brian Sternemann, Bruce Sternemann, Rosemary Andel, Gabbie Kessler, Emma Carr, Suzanne Parker, Max Smitham, Tim Carr, Evans Cyprus, Marlena McGill, Joseph Miletich.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month...

Timothy and Lisa Carr, Arthur and Lisa Field.

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