

The Chart

*Christ Church
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030*

Letter from the Rector

August 1, 2013

Dear Friends,

This is my last Rector's letter to you and it is bittersweet to write it. The past nine and one-half years at Christ Church have been wonderful for Mary and me. Along with you, we have accomplished many of our goals for the church; however, there is much more to be done. In a sense, we have created a platform from which Christ Church has an opportunity to spring forward into a much fuller realization of our mission and ministry within the Manhasset community.

Creating our platform has taken much hard work. Christ Church is well on its way to having an attractive of usable Parish Hall for ministry and fellowship, a well-maintained campus, an endowment to support ministries and a church building that is air conditioned and in good structural order. However, churches are much more than buildings and endowment; churches are spiritual homes and hubs of ministry. It is my hope and prayer that our financial and physical structures will engender ministries that transform lives within and beyond our parish family.

You have already taken steps toward more vibrant ministries. The re-emergence of youth ministries at Christ Church, the evolving relationships with the Community Reformed Church, the Congregational Church of Manhasset and the New Heart Church are a reflection of ministries that grow among us. I believe such sharing of ministries is crucial for the mission and ministry of Christ Church.

You will have an important opportunity to choose a new priest and rector for Christ Church. Although this person will be your spiritual leader, he or she will not **be** Christ Church. All of you are the 'body of Christ' in this place and no matter how dynamic your new rector may be, he or she will be just a part (although an important part) of the faithful community at Christ Church. Defining, creating and implementing ministry is everyone's job. The Appreciative Inquiry process will help Christ Church not only choose and new rector, but it will allow Christ Church to realize a comprehensive strategy of ministry. I hope you will all actively participate in that process.

I close with some personal news. Virtually every clergy person invites parishioners to visit when they move on—sometimes they really hope visitors will come; sometimes they don't. Mary and I would love your visits. Our new address is 5032 Prytania Street in New Orleans (University District). Our telephone number is 504-897-5345. Do remember that I will **not** be your rector when you visit. We will be grateful friends, however.

I will be sneaking into Manhasset over the coming months to oversee the renovation of the Parish House. I hope you will not even know that I have come and gone. I will be offering observations to the Vestry on work progress, however.

Finally, I feel fine. I have now completed radiation therapy (five sessions in all) and have had one of four chemo-therapies. The 'infusions' take place every three weeks and the next treatment is on August 7. My first scan will be in late October and we will know how successful the treatment has been.

Mary joins me in sending regards and blessings.

Sincerely,
The Very Rev'd David B. Lowry

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Letter from the Wardens

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We hope that you all have survived July's heat wave and are enjoying your summer. With summer, we all look forward to enjoying time outside with family and friends. We hope the August brings us warm (but tolerable), sunny days and cool nights to enjoy special gatherings of fellowship.

We also hope that as you enjoy your summer, you will remember what goes into being a faithful Christian and active member of the Church. In that regard, we ask that you remember to continue to maintain your pledge-giving, donate food and sundry items to the Food Pantry, and volunteer, if you are able, to participate in our Helping Hands program. A little effort can go a long way for people in need.

Fellowship opportunities also abound with our Home Communion programs that are scheduled for each week during the balance of the summer. The schedule and location of each week's service gathering is posted in the Chart, as well as the weekly service leaflet.

As we enter August, our transitional work at Christ Church also continues. The Parish House project is proceeding apace. The General Contractor has made great progress with the bank; interior work continues on the Parish House, which is in and of itself a big project. And if you peek through the fence surrounding the parking lot, you will see exterior work has commenced, with windows being taken out. Very exciting to watch!

Father Lowry - our unwavering and unfaltering priest and friend - continues to oversee this construction project in conjunction with General Contractor Mike Puntillo; as reported previously, Father David will continue to supervise this project, even after he and Mary have relocated to their new home in New Orleans. We extend our unending gratitude to David for his commitment to seeing this project through.

As previously reported, Father Lowry has been diagnosed with a lung melanoma. He is undergoing treatment about which he is cautiously optimistic. He has continued to actively minister to our parish and even manages to run most days! Please keep David and Mary in your thoughts and prayers for his full recovery.

In early August, our Youth Program will travel to Pittsburgh on a missionary trip to assist the elderly and underprivileged in Project Pittsburgh, helping with home repairs, garden and lawn work, daily chores and shopping. It is a first for the youth of Christ Church, The Community Reformed Church and the community at large. Our group will be escorted by Christ Church Deacon Lauren McLeavey and Director of Spiritual Formation Lesley Mazzotta.

Then in late August, we will host Vacation Bible School for youths ages 4-12. This is a joint venture of Christ Church, The Community Reformed Church and the Congregational Church, themed "Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together," with crafts, songs, games and Bible stories. It will run Monday, August 26th through Thursday, August 29th - so parents note your calendars, please, and contact Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or 917-623-4554 as space is limited.

Interim Rector Charlie Colwell will be joining us effective August 18th, as we commence our search for a new Rector. Father Colwell and Father Lowry will overlap the last two weeks of August to ensure a smooth transition. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, September 21, from 9-12:30 p.m., we will hold the Parish Appreciative Inquiry session. We encourage all members of the parish to attend. The purpose of this CRITICAL parish gathering is to engage the Parish in identifying the factors that we value most and that should impact our calling of a new Rector. Father Bruce Griffith, who has been hired as our Search Coach and Consultant, will facilitate this intentionally interactive discussion. 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 its Appreciative Inquiry earlier this past Spring.

Following our Parish Appreciative Inquiry session, an appointed Writing Committee will encapsulate the results of that session, coupled with those from the Vestry's session, in a written piece, which then will be used to educate and hopefully attract Rector Applicants to Christ Church.

A Search Committee comprised of 6-7 members will also be established. As previously reported, the Search Committee is appointed by the Wardens. Based upon Father Griffith's counsel, 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 it undertakes its charge to recruit, screen, and interview candidates. The Committee ultimately will recommend to the Vestry its top three choices among the candidates. The Vestry will then interview those candidates, and make a final choice. We encourage all members of the Parish to be prayerful about the Church's future and our calling of a new minister.

During the Search Process, Rector candidates will be asked to travel to Manhasset to visit with the Search Committee and later with the Vestry for the final selection process. Appropriate budgeting will be required for the costs associated with these visits.

Donna Cullinan-Gillis is our new Parish Administrator. She can be found in our interim church office in the basement of the Community Reformed Church. Office hours are 8:30 – 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The office phone number remains the same: 516-627-2184; admin@christchurchmanhasset.org.

Last but certainly not least, please take the time to thank Father Lowry and Mary for their nine years of ministry and friendship. Our prayers and support for good health for Father Lowry abound. And it would be wonderful if we could have a full house at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, August 25th, Father Lowry's last scheduled service with us, to again thank him for all he has given to Christ Church.

Best regards,

Pattie Gallatin
Senior Warden

Ariana Tadler Patterson
Junior Warden

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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.

- **Website Challenge**

Currently the Christ Church website has seven headings in its main menu. They are:

Home
Worship
Children
Ministries
Music
Clergy/Staff
History

As we look ahead to the Parish Inquiry in September, let's consider if these seven headings really reflect the most important aspects of our parish home. It is a fun intellectual exercise *to consider*. The webmaster is looking for suggestions of the five to eight topics that YOU would use on the Main Menu. Please send all suggestions to Pavlovich.Laura@gmail.com before September 15.

- **Sunday Hospitality**

Now until Sunday, September 1

The following people have signed up to host Sunday Hospitality.

8/04	Tom and Lucy Chaly	8/25	Nellie Egrie
8/11	Laurie Gibbons	9/01	Valerie Siener
8/18	Heather Bennett		

Thank you to those who have volunteered to host Sunday Hospitality. If for some reason you are unable to host, please email **Liz Giacom** 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 August at 7:00p.m..

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

8/07 Lucy & Tom Chaly - 60 Mill Spring Road, Manhasset

8/14 Kathy & Vincent McGill - 91 Eakins Road, Manhasset

8/21 Carol & Tom Allen - 26 Eakins Road, Manhasset

8/28 Marge Trapp - 35 Central Drive, Plandome

Thank you to those who have volunteered their homes for the Home Communion. If for any reason you are unable to host, please contact Liz Giacomina by telephone at 516-944-9760 or by email at egiacoma@verizon.net as soon as possible. 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, salad or dessert.

- **Children's Orchestra Society**

If you are free, please join us at Old Westbury Gardens this Sunday August 4, 2013 at 3 p.m.... see below:

Cross-Island with Yeou-Cheng Ma

Suzanne Mueller, founding member

Elinor Abrams Zayas, Piano

West Porch Beech Tree Concert Series, 10th Anniversary Season Closing Concert

Old Westbury Gardens at 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury, NY 11568

SAVE THE DATES

October 4, 5, 6, 2013 Noli Me Tangere

<http://nolimatangereoperanyc.org>

If you are interested in attending any of these performances, please contact Dr. Yeou-Cheng Ma at Children's Orchestra Society, 65-03 180th Street, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365-2139. Her phone number is (347) 542-3308.

- **Youth Mission Trip**

Saturday, August 3 - Thursday, August 8

This week, Christ Church youth join others from Community Reformed Church, the Congregational Church and St. Mary's at **Project Pittsburgh**, a Christian service camp that provides assistance to the city's elderly, poor, shut-in, widowed, and disabled, addressing home repair needs. **Twenty-three** Manhasset youth and five adult chaperons will participate in five days of painting, dry walling, carpentry, and yard work, as well as morning prayer and devotions, group games and activities and spiritual reflection on their experience together. Please keep them all in your prayers for a safe journey and a God-filled experience in service to others.

- **Vacation Bible School**

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

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 August, 2013

Sundays Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6 p.m. in the Church.
Saturdays Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m. in the Chapel.
Weekdays Morning Prayer at 8:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel.
Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
Home Communion at 7 p.m.. See Upcoming Events and News for location.
Saturday, August 7, 2013, Memorial Service for Richard Scheib at 11 a.m..
Monday, August 19, 2013, **Vestry Meeting**, Compline begins at 7:30 p.m. and Vestry Meeting at 7:45 p.m. in the CRC basement.

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Sunday Readings and Alter Flower Memorials & Thanksgiving for August

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 4, 2013

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9,43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 11, 2013

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8,23-24; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Altar flowers are given in loving memory Dr. Anthony Grella
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carpenter

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 18, 2013

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-18; Hebrews 11:29-12:2,; Luke 12:49-56

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Richard Field
By Mrs. Richard Field

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Anne MacIntosh
By Mrs. Amanda Berman

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 25, 2013

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Peggy and Dorothy Wright
by Mrs. Holly Melichar

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Happy Birthday!!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners who have birthdays during this month...
Lisa Field, David Lowry, Sarah Phillips, Austin Kulka, Andrew Field, Richard Kelly, Paul Subaiya, Liz Giacomina, Victoria Bindert, Margaret Pavlovich, Douglas Melichar.

Happy Anniversary!!!

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

David and Ariana Paterson, Joe and C.J.(Carole) Sevely, Vincent and Kathy McGill, Charlie and Kathy Bindert, George Faeth and Beth Morningstar, Bill and Emma McMahon, Kawall and Michelle Deosaran, David and Mary Lowry.

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