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*Christ Church
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030*

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Letter from the Wardens

September 1, 2013

Hello Fellow Parishioners:

As we write this letter to you, it is late August, just before Labor Day, and we are anticipating a busy September up ahead. Many of you may still be on vacation, as school commences later this year, and others of you may already be back home from vacation, and readying your family for the school year ahead.

But before we plunge into the September events at Christ Church, we would like to recap our celebration of Father Lowry and Mary's ministry to us, in case some of you missed our Sunday service on August 25th, when we, as a Parish, bid fond farewell to Father David and Mary, with great appreciation for their 9 ½ years of wonderful spiritual and managerial leadership to Christ Church.

We had a full house for the Holy Eucharist Service at 10 a.m. on that Sunday, with a record turnout of our own parishioners for the last Sunday in August, and many guests from the community-at-large. Among our numerous guests were:

The Reverend Steven Pierce, from the Community Reformed Church, with whom we share Sunday school, youth program, and various church services during the year;

Pastor Paul Chung, of the New Heart Church, and about 30 of his parishioners, with whom we share our church and many fellowship and church services throughout the year;

Father Chris Ballard, our former seminarian and Sunday school teacher, who is now an ordained priest in Brooklyn;

Deacon Lauren McLeavey, our seminarian whose last Sunday it was before leaving Christ Church for a new church in Great River, NY;

Mother Barbara Hutchinson, former Interim Rector at St. Stephen's in Port Washington, who made the trip from her new church in Pennsylvania;

Our Interim Rector, The Reverend Dr. Charles R. Colwell;

Yeou-Cheng Ma, of the Children's Orchestra Society, our friend and former Parish House tenant;

Mike and Janet Puntillo and their family; Mike is our General Contractor from Jobco Realty and Development, who is working with Father Lowry on the Parish House renovation.

We thank them all for making a special appearance at this service, which made it so meaningful to David and Mary.

As part of the celebration of Father Lowry and Mary's years with Christ Church, we acknowledged and thanked David for his accomplishments of encouraging our ministry be more than worship and to incorporate more Parish Community Outreach through the Food Pantry, caregiver support group, and Helping Hands, as a few examples; his innovative and path-breaking ecumenical outreach to partner with The Reverend Dr. Steven D. Pierce of the Community Reformed Church to offer joint Sunday School, youth programs, and various services throughout the year, as well as his partnership with Pastor Paul Chung of the New Heart Korean Church to offer joint fellowship and services during the year. And, we continue to thank and acknowledge David for his parting gift to Christ Church: his commitment to continue to spearhead the renovation of the Parish House with Mike Puntillo for its future use for ministry and outreach.

Father Lowry and Mary were presented with an oil painting of Christ Church by the Vestry and Parish as a thank you for their years of service to the church. The beautiful painting was rendered by our own resident parishioner, artist Debbie Czlegedy. Bouquets were also presented to Mary and to Deacon McLeavey with thanks.

The Christ Church Choir reprised the music composed in Father Lowry's honor by McNeil Robinson, and sang a beautiful closing Benediction. Yeou-Cheng Ma also performed a Bach Violin Sonata at Communion.

All of the above contributed to a lovely tribute to the Lowrys, followed by a well-attended reception under the apple tree just outside the Sacristy.

And now we are preparing for Fall 2013 and all that it brings to the calendar. September will ramp up, with Lesley Mazzotta planning a **Youth Fall BBQ/Messy Games Day on Saturday, September 14th**, from 12-2 p.m. at The Congregational Church's Reverend Lori Burgess' home, 90 Country Club Drive, Port Washington. It will include a muddy tug of war, water balloon fights and messy competitions. Lunch will be provided, and please bring a dessert to share with the group. To register for this upcoming event contact Lesley Mazzotta at LesleyMazzotta@gmail.com or 917-623-4554.

Sunday School will commence with our **Annual Ice Cream Sundae on Sunday, September 15th** (location: joint cemetery grounds) with Christ Episcopal Church Manhasset and the Community Reformed Church of Manhasset again combining their Children and Youth Ministries this year. This includes a joint Sunday School; a youth program (grades 9 through 12); church-wide events and service opportunities so that our children and youth can learn and grow together. On Sunday September 15th, there will also be a joint coffee hour to share fellowship with the Community Reformed Church.

Because of the ongoing renovations to the Christ Church Parish House, Christ Church and the Community Reformed Church's joint Sunday School education program will be held in the classrooms of the Community Reformed Church. The Community Reformed Church and its Education Building are located at 90 Plandome Road.

The **Sunday school program** will be as follows: Church School students and teachers will go to their classrooms in the **Community Reformed Education Building at 9:50 a.m.** for Sunday school. Parents should bring their children at that time, after which parents can proceed to their respective churches for Sunday worship service. Christ Church's service begins at 10:00 a.m. as does the Community Reformed Church service. Sunday School will also have their service in the playroom, lower level, of the Reformed Church at 10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsals will resume on September 12th, with the Chapel Choir [youth choir] meeting from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and the Chancel Choir [adult choir] meeting from 7:30-9 p.m.

And on **Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, we will hold a **Parish Appreciative Inquiry in the Community Reformed Church Education Building**, as one of the first steps in the search process for a new Rector. 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. **All members of the parish are encouraged to attend this very important meeting on Saturday, September 21st to prepare for the future of Christ Church.**

Please note that the Saturday 5 p.m. Eucharist and all weekday prayer services are suspended for the time being. The Wednesday morning Eucharist and the Sunday services all continue as usual.

We anticipate launching a Capital Campaign and commencing our Stewardship program in the early Fall this year. Your contribution to the capital campaign and your annual financial pledge to Christ Church will be used for the care of our church and its facilities and to ensure that we are able to provide services, programs, fellowship and mission outreach, as we are called to do as Christians. The Church needs such funds to operate. Expenses relating to the Church and its grounds have continued to rise, and income from prior resources has dissipated. Without your financial support, Christ Church is unable to do all that it is and we are called to do. We ask that you think prayerfully in the coming weeks about your pledge for the next year.

We also ask you to remember to contribute to the Food Pantry. Sometimes we forget that nearby there are people who have little to eat. They rely on the Food Pantry for food and other basic items. Please bring items to church; our handy helpers will be sure to deliver them to those in need.

We wish all a great Labor Day weekend and start of the school year, and we will see you at Christ Church for all our September activities.

With blessings,
Pattie Gallatin
Senior Warden

Ariana Tadler Paterson
Junior Warden
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Parish Notes:

For Father Lowry, a poem by Amy Angus

Nine very short years ago
our church was really running low;
when out of the blue, we struck a chord
and Father Lowry arrived with the Word of the Lord

He came from places mighty and pretty;
from New Orleans, New Guinea and Garden City.
Even though his travels were here and there,
he gave his blessings to lives he shared.

Back in Manhasset with challenges galore
he still had time for many a chore.
From Men's Club cook to teaching his flock
to shoveling snow, no matter the clock.

But the biggest problem on his plate
was the Parish Hall and its eventual fate.
After endless searching with buyer and town
he reached the best deal to be found.

Sunday School will be quartered near church-
a children's school is not left in the lurch.
Offices for Mr. Puntillo are on the third floor
and Citibank replaces the "Blue House" next door.

So now we must meet the August date
when David and Mary don their roller skates.
To head for warmer climes and sunny days
with thanks and endless love we send them on their way

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*For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- Galatians 5:14*

I recently had a conversation with Rev. Steve Pierce at CRC about his summer reading list. While I was relaxing my mind with light "beach reads" about family drama and romance, he was engrossed in Charles Dickens' masterful novel, *Great Expectations*. As we discussed (and I vaguely remember from high school), the book focuses on Christian themes of acceptance, power, forgiveness and good triumphing over evil; all things we struggle to understand and embrace on our own spiritual journey.

Rev. Pierce explained how the book inspired in him the idea of "living expectantly," knowing that despite life's challenges, God has wonderful things in store for us and we, in turn, can do wonderful things in our lives. Just like Pip, the main character of Dickens' novel, we deal with life's blows and setbacks, but we can still grow closer to God as we connect with our brothers and sisters in God's great world.

This summer, when I wasn't relaxing with my suntan lotion and "reading light," I was challenged by this idea of "living expectantly" during our youth mission trip to Pittsburgh in August. Needless to say, I was not filled with positive expectation before I left. I had no hope that this would be a pleasant week for me. I expected hot, sticky weather; long, exhausting work days; horrible, unhealthy food and a lumpy, uncomfortable bed. All of

these fears quickly became realities, and I worried how in God's name I would keep a mature, loving and faithful spirit for myself and the 22 Manhasset youth I was leading.

After taking a deep breath and reluctantly settling in, things began to change. I was introduced to the dedicated leaders of the service camp. I started hearing the amazing stories of other church members from around the country. I had meaningful conversations with your kids, who are spectacular, btw!! I met our grateful homeowner, Miss Ivy, who was recently widowed, having lost much and needing more. In essence, my eyes opened, I stopped focusing on myself, and I started to really care.

I learned from my experience that "living expectantly" has everything to do with the way in which we reach out to know, serve and "love our neighbors as ourselves." This is often, as Pip knows, in the midst of challenging experiences, yet it's in these moments that, despite our discomfort, we become God's answer to someone else's prayer. These are the great things that God hopes for us.

As we begin our fall season, I plan to create many opportunities which will inspire (and perhaps annoy!!) us to reach out to our community in new and meaningful ways. For you, this may mean a simple act of kindness for our neighbor, taking part in a group Bible study, volunteering for jobs in our congregation or contributing to a large scale humanitarian effort. No matter what, these actions, whether great or small, will help us feel the deep happiness of "living expectantly" while becoming a more loving and dynamic church, as God intends.

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation

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Upcoming Events and News

- **Altar Guild**

The Guild is in need of new members. Two of our members have just retired. Please consider joining a dedicated group of women in preparing the altar for Sunday services and decorating our lovely church. Only a little training is involved. If you would like more information contact Diana Tadler at 627-0128 or dtadler@mac.com.

- **September Assignments**

The September Assignment was emailed or mailed to those parishioners on the schedule. You may also refer to the church website for the Assignment schedule. <http://www.christchurchmanhasset.org/ministry/assignments.html>

- **September Sunday Hospitality**

Now until Sunday, September 29

The following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

	<u>COORDINATORS</u>	<u>OTHER TEAM MEMBERS</u>
9/08	Liz Giacoma	
9/15	Ice Cream Sundae (Sunday School)	
9/22	Pam Storozum 570-2204	Karen & Andrew Sherry 487-7003
9/29	Lori & James Kelly 365-9711	Rachel & Bob Titus 365-2774

If you are unable to host, please email **Liz Giacoma** egiacoma@verizon.net or call her at **516-944-9760**. Iced tea and juice will be provided by the church.

- **Choir Rehearsals Resume September 12**

The 2013–2014 choral season begins with the first choir rehearsals on **Thursday, September 12**. All children in grades 3 through 8 with a love of music are invited to join the **Chapel Choir**, which rehearses from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** each Thursday. The Chapel Choir sings at the Family Eucharist on the fourth Sunday of every month, and leads the 4 p.m. service on Christmas Eve and the 9:30 a.m. service on Easter Day. The **Chancel Choir** is open to *all adults* in the parish who have some musical ability. As the saying goes, "Those who sing pray twice." The Chancel Choir leads all 10 a.m. services from September through May and rehearses from **7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** each Thursday. The Chancel Choir is supplemented by the **Schola Cantorum**, which is open to any teenager in grades 9 through 12 with some background in music. Members of the Schola Cantorum (called "choral scholars") are expected to commit to the majority of rehearsals and services during the year and receive a scholarship from the church for use upon graduation from high school. If you or your child are interested in joining one of the choral ensembles at Christ Church, or if you would like more information, please call Andrew Yeargin at 919-270-3137 or email at andrew.yeargin@gmail.com.

- **Youth Fall BBQ/Messy Games Day on Saturday, September 14th**, from 12-2 p.m. At The Congregational Church's Reverend Lori Burgess' home, 90 Country Club Drive, Port Washington. It will include a muddy tug of war, water balloon fights and messy competitions. Lunch will be provided, and please bring a dessert to share with the group. To register for this upcoming event contact Lesley Mazzotta at LesleyMazzotta@gmail.com or 917-623-4554.

- **Get Ready for Sunday School!!!**

Mark your calendars – Sunday School begins on **September 15** at 9:50 sharp. It's our **Annual Welcome Back Sundaes Sunday** (and who doesn't love ice cream!) Watch your mail for the information packet with registration forms, calendars, etc. The teachers can't wait to see all our fabulous kids!

- **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**.

- **Parish Inquiry**

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- **Children's Orchestra Society**

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.

- **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.

- **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.

Calendar for the Month of September, 2013

Sundays Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6 p.m. in the Church.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

Thursday Choir rehearsals begin **September 12th**. Chapel Choir 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting, Monday, September 16, 2013, Compline begins at 7:30 p.m. and Vestry Meeting at 7:45 p.m. in the CRC basement.

*****Please note that Saturday Evening Holy Eucharist and Weekday Prayer Services have been suspended.*****

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Sunday Readings and Altar Flower Memorials & Thanksgiving for September

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Elizabeth Hopkins
by the Altar Guild

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of my Family
by Ms. Marie Ferraro

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Steve Kambourian
by Mrs. Steve Kambourian

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Margaret Torrey Crain
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pavlovich

There is an opening for altar flowers as a memorial or a thanksgiving offering for this Sunday, September 8.
Please call Ms. Diana Tadler at 516-627-0128 or the Parish office if you would like to make a donation

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Happy Birthday!!!

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

Robert Pavlovich, Hope Whalen, Alex Bennett, Janet Rider, Tom Gallatin, Pam Smith, Andy Phillips, Ted Beinecke, Walter Stackler, Tom Pritchett, Michelle Deosaran, Dylan Field, Michael Henahan, Hannah Pavlovich, Walter Edward Stackler, Lucinda Pavlovich, Katherine Allen, Charles Bindert, Bradford Lightcap, Graham Siener, Phyllis Sternemann.

Happy Anniversary!!!

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

Walter and Lesley Stackler (7), Tom and Lucy Chaly (12), Nicholas and Oriana Cyprus (15), Jeff and Jane Lightcap (18), Robert and Laura Pavlovich (24), Jerome and Arlene Blocker (27).

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