

The Chart



*Christ Church
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030*

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Letter from the Wardens

October 1, 2013

Hello Fellow Parishioners:

Happy October, and welcome to the beautiful fall weather!

Let's start by thanking the approximately 30 parishioners who came to Appreciative Inquiry on Saturday morning, September 21st. And thanks as well to our Search Consultant Father Bruce Griffith who facilitated our session that Saturday.

We are especially grateful to the parishioners who have agreed to serve on the Search Committee and Writing Committee, both of which will be key to this search process. We acknowledged these individuals before commencing the Appreciative Inquiry.

Andy Phillips is the Search Committee Chair, with Ted Andel, Heather Bennett, Arlene Blocker, and Jeff Lightcap on this committee.

Andrea Watson and Lesley Stackler have agreed to be the Writing Committee.

The Writing Committee gets up and running first, capturing the comments of the parish from the Appreciative Inquiry session in a three panel brochure that will be circulated to all interested Rector candidates. It will also be sent to all Christ Church parishioners, as they may know of interested candidates, and the Diocese of Long Island will mail the brochure to the top 125 clergy in the diocese for their circulation to potential candidates.

This brochure will reflect the parish spirit through graphics, narrative and photos that convey what our church means to us.

The brochure must be in circulation for 60 days before candidates can begin being vetted. Meanwhile, the Search Committee can begin to organize their work. Ideally, candidates will be interviewed in the fall through the spring, with a new Rector chosen by May and in place in the summer-fall time frame. Father Griffith will work with both committees to guide them through their process.

The Appreciative Inquiry Process focusses not on what is wrong but rather what kind of parish do we want to be. To identify what we at Christ Church believe important to us, as a church family and ultimately in a Rector who will reflect those values, we broke our large group into smaller tables of people, and then using a unique "interview" process, we paired two parishioners with each other to answer three key questions: 1) what is your best experience in the last ten years of being at Christ Church?; what made it memorable? 2) describe what you value most about life at Christ Church. 3) if all goes well with our search, what will Christ Church be like in 5 years? Then we all compared our answers on these questions, and very similar themes emerged.

Our best experiences at Christ Church center around the very supportive and welcoming parish community that exists at the church, our strong sense of fellowship, and the very comforting Rector who has cared for us as individuals or as families when we needed extra help and attention.

We feel welcome no matter what; Christ Church is our home. It is a peaceful haven for us, and the sermons and wonderful music uplift us on Sunday and sustain us all week long.

We also aspire to grow our parish family in the next 5 years, with more people in attendance on Sunday and a vibrant Sunday school and youth program, as well as continued community outreach.

Interestingly, it was these same themes that were articulated by the Vestry when they held their Appreciative Inquiry session in April of this year.

Since not all parishioners were available to come on September 21, we will try to come up with an option for collecting the input of those parishioners who were not in attendance. Please stay tuned for further information. And we will of course update you all regularly on the Search Progress.

In other news, it is now time to form the Vestry Nominating Committee. The outgoing Senior Warden serves as Committee chair, and one non-rotating/ continuing Vestry person is also on the Committee. We need three other interested parishioners to also serve on the Nominating Committee. If you are interested, please contact either Warden so we can begin the nominating process.

We have also commenced organizing a Capital Campaign. We will need new furnishings in the newly renovated Parish House and we want to maintain our endowment and not spend down the principal. Vestry members Clayton Tadler and Dan Wright have volunteered to spearhead the Capital Campaign, and you will hear more from them on their strategy and the opportunities for you to be involved and support the effort.

And fall is also our traditional Stewardship Campaign time, as we ask for your support to generate the income to support our annual church budget and pay our expenses, staff salaries, heat, light, phone, etc. You will see correspondence on Stewardship in the near future.

And while all the above is in play, there are also many events and youth programs underway, which are listed in the Chart. Please peruse the list for those of interest to you.

With blessings,
Pattie Gallatin
Senior Warden

Ariana Tadler Paterson
Junior Warden
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Parish Notes:

A Message from our Director of Spiritual Formation

*Time flies on wings of lightning, We cannot call it back; It comes, then passes forward
Along its onward track; And if we are not mindful, The chance will fade away; For life is
quick in passing – 'Tis as a single day.*

- Improve the Shining Moments", Hymns, no. 226

There is a road that I walk every morning when I'm up on Cape Cod. It's a beautiful journey, leading me past quaint cottages, blooming hydrangea bushes, tall, magnificent trees and harbors filled with boats, all the way to a sparkling beach with gentle lapping water and golden sand. It is God's world at its finest.

When walking there in late September, I realized that Fall had arrived. The trees were changing colors, the air was cool, the flowers were tinged with brown and the crickets were singing a non-stop song. It seemed like just yesterday, I was on this same road in early spring, where everything was alive with new growth. I felt completely the same, but the passing of time was undeniable in front of my eyes. Where had the time gone?

When I was a child, it seemed like time moved at a snail's pace. There was plenty of time to play. There was always time for conversations, games and laughter with friends. I spent hours reading a favorite book. And less enjoyable, the days leading up to those big moments (my birthday and Christmas!!) were always excruciatingly long.

Now as an adult, time seems to fly *on the wings of lightning!* I rush from one task to another and still don't have enough hours in the day. Days turn into weeks, and at the end of a month, I almost forget the activities and events that have filled the breathless moments that just passed. Even vacations and holidays, joyous and relaxed, go by in the blink of an eye. How can we slow time down?

One way for me is spending time with God. Whenever I dedicate time for prayer and meditation (which I'm not always good at doing!), I feel like the rest of my day flows along with ease and joyful focus. It really doesn't make sense: I just "used up" 30 minutes, but somehow when I commit to this practice, the rest of my day expands to embrace all that I need and want to do. Perhaps this is luck, perhaps it is just coincidence. I suspect, however, that it's God's grace and love, something we can't completely understand, but can always feel when we put our minds and hearts to it.

What ways do you value the gift of time? If life is lived with increasing speed, what does that mean for how we use the time we have? How do we stop rushing through it, despite long "to do" lists, needs and desires, so we can wisely inhabit our days, with intentions set on living in and celebrating the present?

I would love to hear your thoughts on this important topic. Also, if you are a woman of any age, join us at our first annual joint **Women's Ministry Fall Dinner** on **Friday, October 18** where we will discuss **The Gift of Time** to better understand and honor God's great gift in all of our lives.

Fall Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation

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Upcoming Events and News

- The Christ Church website has two new functionalities. After many years, we now have updated our photo albums of our events. Also, we recently started recording the Sunday sermons. This will allow the whole community to hear the insightful and spiritual messages being preached at our church. Both features can now be found on the website www.ChristChurchManhasset.org. Christ Church is thankful to Dan Wright for adding the sermons online and photo albums, as well as to Laura Pavlovich for keeping the website updated. We all appreciate the hard work that both parishioners have given to this wonderful website.

- **Choir Rehearsal, Thursday evenings**

Chancel Choir (Adult) 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The **Chapel Choir** will begin rehearsing for *Christmas Eve* on **Thursday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the church**. If your child (grades 3 through 8) is interested in leading the 4 P.M. Family Eucharist on Christmas Eve as a member of the Chapel Choir, please be sure they attend rehearsals from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursdays in December. Christmas is one of the most important and special times in the church year, and it is a wonderful time for our children to join in leading the liturgy in song. For more information, please contact Andrew Yeargin, *Organist & Choirmaster*, andrew.yeargin@gmail.com or call the church office. Please note: There will be no Chapel Choir rehearsals in October or November. We hope to see your child at our first rehearsal for Christmas Eve on December 5!

- **October Sunday Hospitality**

Now until Sunday, October 27

The following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

	<u>COORDINATORS</u>		<u>OTHER TEAM MEMBERS</u>
10/6	Susan & Mark Bunyon	248-7355	Carlyn & Bill Casey 627-5803
10/13	Oriana & Nick Cyprus	627-5425	Pam & Glenn Smith 922-7052
10/20	Carol & Tom Allen	365-8501	Junko & David Smitham 627-5453
10/27	Arlene Blocker	487-2081	Lisa & Arthur Field 718-224-7309

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

- **World Communion Sunday**

October 6 at 10 a.m. – shared service at Christ Church with Community Reformed Church. Sunday School classes will meet as regularly scheduled.

- **Blessing of the Animals**



Sunday, October 6, 2013, at 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church will host its Annual Blessing of the Animals, in commemoration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, in the cemetery between Christ Church and The Community Reformed Church, weather permitting. Alternatively, the Blessing will occur in the Church. All are invited to attend, regardless of religious affiliation. The Church requests that dogs be on leashes and that other pets, as cats, birds, etc. be brought in appropriate crates or containers.

- **The Gift of Time**

Friday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., Community Reformed Church

Join us for the first annual **Joint Women's Ministry Fall Dinner** presented by a collection of Long Island churches, committed to celebrating and inspiring women's lives. Come enjoy a delicious dinner and meaningful conversation with a new community of friends. \$20 for the evening. RSVP: lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or 516-627-3494 – CRC church office.

- **For All Saints Day**



A custom throughout the Church is to celebrate the Heritage of The Saints and to commemorate The Faithful Departed on November 1, All Saints' Day. If you would like to have departed loved ones remembered during **Sunday, November 3rd** Eucharistic service, please email their names (using both the Christian name and surname for each) to admin@christchurchmanhasset.org no later than Sunday, October 27th.

- **Feasting on the Word**

Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Community Reformed Church

Join us for a dynamic bible study with meaningful conversation immediately following the service each Sunday. Teens and adults meet in the Community Reformed Church sanctuary. Middle schoolers, ages 8 -12, and children, ages 4- 7, meet separately in the CRC lounge. All are welcome!

- **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.

- **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.

Children and Youth Activities

- **Youth Service Opportunity,**

Tuesday, October 8, 3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. - Looking for youth to tutor at-risk kids at "Adventures in Learning,". AIL is a program providing quality after-school programming for kids and parents that live around the government housing apartments. Meet in the driveway of The Congregational Church (1845 Northern Boulevard) to drive over and serve together. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Lori Burgess at 516-784-6942.

- **All Church Halloween Party**
Friday, October 25, 5 p.m. -8 p.m. - All children, youth and adults are invited to our **Halloween Party in the Graveyard**. Join other families and friends for a pumpkin carving contest, followed by a spooky delicious dinner, messy games for the youth, arts and crafts for the children, and a twilight service in the graveyard. Come in costume! It's not to be missed!



- **Youth Retreat Day**
Saturday, November 16, "Twelve Hours of Gratefulness," our day long retreat will start at 9am with an exciting and action-packed adventure: Project C.A.R.E., a state of the art ropes course in Amityville, NY! We'll test our physical and mental capabilities, while building confidence, appreciation and trust! Then, we'll return to Manhasset for an afternoon of workshops, games, activities and conversations to explore and expand our gratitude and thankfulness for all that we can do, be, learn and experience in God's great world. Evening ends at 9pm after a creative worship service, designed by the youth. Price: **\$65 for the day**, including Project C.A.R.E., snacks and dinner. Space is limited, and advance registration is required by Sunday, November 1, no exceptions!

SAVE THE DATE

- **Youth Christmas Tree and Wreath Sell**
Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8.
All proceeds go towards our joint church youth group.
- **Youth Christmas trip to NYC! Friday, December 13th**
- **Joint Church Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 15th**
- **New Year's Youth Dinner Friday, January 10th**

Upcoming Events in the Community

- **"A Harvest of Song" Music Concert**
Friday, October 4, 2013, at 7:00 pm, Community Reformed Church
Fall into the harvest season with a musical, spiritual journey through jazz, Christian and contemporary performances. A wine, cheese and dessert reception will follow. \$20 tickets in advance. \$25 tickets at the door. All proceeds will benefit the CRC Music Ministry, which will be doing outreach to the community. Purchase advance tickets online through Eventbrite: www.harvestofsong.eventbrite.com (it's simple and it's easy!). Please spread the word by inviting your family and friends. Thank you! (Please note that this event is not sponsored by Christ Church.)
- **"Fascinating Rhythm" Music of Stephen Sondheim and George and Ira Gershwin**
Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 3:00 p.m., The Congregational Church of Manhasset
Presented by Congregational Church's own Chancel Choir and Soloists Light refreshments will be provided. \$10 tickets in advance. \$15 tickets at the door. This is a Music Program Fundraiser for Congregational Church. Please contact The Congregational Church of Manhasset, 1845 Northern Blvd, Manhasset, at 516-627-4911 or their website at www.uccmanhasset.org for more information. (Please note that this event is not sponsored by Christ Church.)
- **Children's Orchestra Society**
SAVE THE DATES
October 4, 5, 6, 2013
Noli Me Tangere
<http://nolimetangereoperanyc.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.
(Please note that this event is not sponsored by Christ Church)

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Calendar for the Month of October, 2013

Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6 p.m. in the Church.
Feasting on the Word at 11:30 a.m. (CRC)
Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.

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

Thursday Choir Rehearsal, Chancel Choir (Adult) 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Christ Church, joint service with CRC.

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Women's Ministry Fall Dinner, Friday, October 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (CRC)

Vestry Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2013 Compline begins at 7:30 p.m. and Vestry Meeting at 7:45 p.m. in the CRC basement.

All Church Halloween Party, October 25, 2013, Christ Church and CRC cemetery.

Family Service, October 27, 2013 Fourth Food Sunday, Come in Halloween Costume!

Please remember to bring in your donations for the Freeport Emergency Food Center of the Long Island Council of Churches



*****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 October

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 6, 2013

Lamentations 1:1-6; Canticle a Song of Waiting; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Ferenc Czegledy
by Debbie Czegledy

THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 13, 2013

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:14-21

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Claude Mapes
by the Mapes Family

THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 20, 2013

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Kenneth Fribush
by Louise Fribush

THE TWENTY THIRD AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 27, 2013

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of William Angus
by Mrs. William Angus

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

James Kelly (8), Carolyn Kessler (12), William Riggin (14), William McMahon II (16), Terry Riggin (16), Wyndham Stopford (23), Marge Trapp (23), Jonathan Siener (24), Diana Tadler (24), Clare Peters (24), Heather Bennett (27), Jeannine Daly (28), Zachary Field (30), Cathy Trezza (30), Dorisene Roberts (31), Nicole Sternemann (31), Pamela Storozum (31).



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

Gregory and Denise Polis (5), Duncan and Denise Small (5), Daniel and Kate Wright (9) .

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