



## *The Chart*

*Christ Church  
1355 Northern Boulevard  
Manhasset, NY 11030*

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### *Letter from the Wardens*

December 1, 2013

Hello Fellow Parishioners:

We hope you all had a lovely Thanksgiving with family and friends. And now with Advent upon us, we begin our spiritual and emotional preparations for Christmas.

We had a busy November. We thank all the parishioners who helped on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the cemetery raking the leaves. By all accounts, everyone had fun and the work got done! It was a parish "bonding experience" and we saw smiles and laughter on all faces! Thanks go to Ward Wright; Bill Siener; Liz Giacomia; Ariana, Decker and David Paterson; Clayton Tadler; Oriana, Nick, Margot and Jack Cyprus; Meaghan and Teddy Janedis; Debbie Czlegedy; Cathy, Greg and John Trezza; Carole and Tom Allen; Anita Schmidt; Kaden Deosaran and Lucy Pavlovich. And with especial thanks to our sexton Enrique, who worked diligently in advance to create piles in many locations so that more moving than raking was required in preparation for pick up by our gardening company.

The next day, we had a "standing room only" crowd at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service, which was this year hosted by the Community Reformed Church. Members of Christ Church, The New Heart Korean Church and the Newtown Church [Taiwanese] were in attendance. The service was uplifting and inspiring, reminding us all to give thanks for friends, our shared mission and worship.

The month of December has many events scheduled, with details set out inside the December Chart. Among them, the joint Christmas pageant scheduled for the Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> service with the Community Reformed Church and Christ Church at 10 a.m., this year hosted at CRC. The youth Christmas tree sale on Saturday and Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Congregational Church, and the Youth Christmas trip to NYC on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. So please note your calendars and share this news with Church youth and their friends.

The Stewardship Letter for 2014 is out now and should have arrived in your mailbox. We ask that you give your prayerful consideration as to how you might support Christ Church in the coming year – a critical turning point for our Church and its future as we call a new priest and prepare for the opening of our renovated Parish House, which involves new and increased costs.

And last, but certainly of critical importance, the Search Committee reports they are in receipt of three Rector applications to date.

With blessings,

Pattie Gallatin  
Senior Warden

Ariana Tadler Paterson  
Junior Warden



## *Parish Notes*

### *A Message from our Director of Spiritual Formation*

#### The Great Conductor

Every holiday season, my family and I go to Christmas at POPS!, a thrilling evening of orchestral music by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The concert includes soaring Christmas melodies, a touching musical rendition of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, the Holly Jolly Sing Along! of favorite carols and a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who always has the audience simultaneously laughing and groaning at many unamusing holiday jokes.

I love arriving early to admire the beautiful Christmas decorations and lights in the majestic Symphony Hall. I love watching people, dressed in festive attire, bustling about. I love seeing young children, wide eyed in anticipation, staring up at the big stage. I love listening to the musicians warm up and tune their instruments, making a cacophony of conflicting sounds. My favorite part, however, is when the conductor walks on stage, bows to the audience, steps on the podium and picks up his baton. I know that the real magic is about to begin.

I have been told that conductors go to school as long as surgeons to learn and perfect their craft. They must know every instrument intimately and understand each sound, shape and ability. They can hear music before it is played, and with their skilled baton, they guide each individual instrument to make its unique noise at the perfect tempo, tone, pitch and dynamic to create an extraordinary masterpiece of sound.

In a very similar way, God is our conductor, and we are His musicians. God created each of us with unique spiritual gifts – diverse sounds, shapes and abilities - to use in the world. Just like the violin, piccolo, cello, french horn, oboe, tuba and drums, we all have a special part to play in God's great orchestra. God knows each of us intimately and guides us, with His loving hands, to always create our perfect sounds.

This Christmas, let's remember the magic of sharing our special gifts with each other and the world. Whether leading, serving, teaching, praying, encouraging, worshipping, guiding, singing, giving or loving, this is the time, the holy advent season, to use our individual blessings to create an extraordinary masterpiece of sound. I know that if we do, it will be music to God's ears!

Happy Christmas,

Lesley



### *Upcoming Events and News*

- **Parish Office**

Due to security concerns, the outside entrance door to the Parish Office located in the basement of the CRC building will be locked. Please call the Parish Office at 516-627 2184 if you plan to visit.

- **December Assignments**

The following people are scheduled for Sunday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>**: Penny Tadler, Ward Wright, Patti Crisafulli, Meaghan Janedis, John Trezza, Charles & Kathy Bindert, Tom & Lucy Chaly, Leslie & Walter Stackler, Austin Kulka, Zach Field, Nick Cyprus, Susan Bunyon. Please visit the church website for your assignment.

[http://www.christchurchmanhasset.org/pdf/Assignment\\_2013.12.pdf](http://www.christchurchmanhasset.org/pdf/Assignment_2013.12.pdf)

- **December Sunday Hospitality**

Now until Sunday, **December 29<sup>th</sup>**

The following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

### COORDINATORS

12/08 Susan Bunyon 248-7355  
12/15 Christmas Pageant at CRC  
12/22 Arlene Blocker 487-2018  
12/29 Heather Bennett 627-2727

### OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

Kathy & Charles Bindert 365-1772  
Holly Melichar 404-6688  
Cathy & Greg Trezza 484-2265

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

- **Vestry Nominations**

If a parishioner is interested in serving on the Vestry, please advise one of the wardens. Nominations will be upcoming in the early December timeframe, with the election at the annual meeting the first weekend in February. For information or questions, please contact Pattie Gallatin at 516-484-9484 or [gallatin@aol.com](mailto:gallatin@aol.com).

- **Joint Church Christmas Pageant**

Pageant rehearsal on Saturday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 2:30 p.m.-5p.m.  
Sunday, **December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**, Children's Christmas Pageant led by the Sunday School (to be held at the Community Reformed Church).



- **Decorate the Church**



Tuesday, **December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Diana Tadler at 627-0128 or [dtadler@mac.com](mailto:dtadler@mac.com).

- **Chapel Choir for Christmas Eve — Join now!!**

The 4 p.m. Family Eucharist on Christmas Eve will be led in song by the Christ Church Chapel Choir. This ensemble is open to all children grades 3 through 8 with a love of music. If your child is interested, *please* be sure they attend **all rehearsals from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays** during December. For more information, please contact Andrew Yeargin, *Organist & Choirmaster* at [andrew.yeargin@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.yeargin@gmail.com) or call the Church Office.



- **Anticipating a "Blue Christmas?"**

Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

For many, "the most wonderful time of the year" is anything but. It may be the first Christmas without a loved one. Or, it may be a time that has always caused us much stress and anxiety. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation – all these and more can make us feel alone in the midst of the celebrating.

Join Rev. Dr. Charlie Colwell and Rev. Dr. Steven D. Pierce in the Sanctuary at the Community Reformed Church for an inspirational service of song meditation, comfort, hope, and healing.

- **Stewardship Campaign**

The kick off for the Stewardship Campaign has begun this month. 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 our prior resources has dissipated. We are asking that you prayerfully reflect on what Christ Church means to your family and the community at large, and to consider how you can support our ministry financially in 2014.

Should you have any questions concerning your 2013 contributions, compared to your pledge, please contact Donna Cullinan-Gillis at the Parish office at 627-2184 or [admin@christchurchmanhasset.org](mailto:admin@christchurchmanhasset.org).

- **Christmas Giving**

Now until Sunday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Christ Church/Community Reformed Church

This year, we have **two special ways to give** to people in need. Please consider giving generously!

**Christmas in the Schools:** Reminder: . **All gifts must be wrapped, labeled and returned by Sunday, December 15.**

**Homebound Care Packages and Visits:** Bring the spirit of Christmas to one of our local home bound congregants.

1) Purchase **lovely soaps and lotions, magazines, musical CDs** or **other small gifts** to fill care packages and bring to church by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

2) Sign up at the back of church to visit one of our congregants with a care package during the week of December 16.

**Penny Tadler** has kindly agreed to oversee both of these programs this year so look for her after service for more information and to sign up. If you are unable to attend service and would like to participate, please contact Lesley at [lesleymazzotta@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymazzotta@gmail.com) or **917-623-4554**.

### **Children and Youth Activities**

- **Youth Christmas Trip to NYC!**  
**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Join other community youth for a trip to NYC. Come see the Rockefeller Christmas Tree and 5th Avenue windows, shop at the Holiday Market and have dinner at a fun and fabulous Broadway restaurant. We'll meet at the Manhasset train station around 4:00pm to travel into the city together. The cost of train ticket and dinner is approximately \$40, paid by each youth.

### **Save the Date**

- **New Year's Youth Dinner Friday, January 10th**



- **Second Annual Youth Leadership Lab in NYC, February 8th**

- **Women's Ministry Book Club**

Wednesdays, **January 8<sup>th</sup> to the February 26<sup>th</sup>**, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*Presented by a collection of Long Island churches committed to celebrating and inspiring women's lives.*



***An Altar in the World* By Barbara Brown Taylor**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> at Brookville Reformed Church, 2 Brookville Road, Glen Head, NY**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at Christ Episcopal Church, 1355 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset**

In her New York Times Bestseller, Barbara Brown Taylor shares how she learned to encounter God far beyond the walls of the church. Through insightful reflection, winsome prose, thought-provoking stories and simple yet powerful spiritual practices, Taylor reveals meaningful ways to recognize the sacred in the small things you encounter every day. In a world where faith is often construed as a way of thinking, come be inspired to walk through life with greater attention, passion, freedom and true moments of human connection. Discover the altars in your life where God's grace and love abound.

Join us each week for meaningful discussion and personal reflection. Refreshments provided. RSVP requested. Email [lesleymazzotta@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymazzotta@gmail.com) or call 516-627-3494.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY**

- **"A Celebration of Gifts"**

Saturday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Save the Date! At the Cathedral House on December 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of Good St. Nicholas: A celebration of the many ways our congregations have sought to serve their communities this past year. Entertainment, prayer, food, Gifts & perhaps... a visit from St. Nick. It will include an in-gathering of the Diocesan Adopt-a-Family collection. Watch your mail and [www.dioceseli.org](http://www.dioceseli.org) for the Adopt-a-Family forms.



### *Calendar for the Month of December, 2013*

**\*\*\*The Vestry has reviewed the winter schedule and determined that the Sunday services will continue to be at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., and all regularly scheduled activities shall occur. The 6 p.m. Sunday service will be temporally suspended for the time being.\*\*\***

Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.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. and Chapel Choir 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Youth Christmas Trip to NYC**, December 13, 4 p.m., Manhasset Train Station.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**, December 14, 2:30 – 5 p.m.

**"Christmas Giving" ends**, December 15

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

**Christmas Music/Christmas Flowers Donations**, December 18, forms and donations must be in Parish Office if names are to be listed in Christmas Service Leaflet/Bulletin.



### *Christmas Services*

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.**, Children's Christmas Pageant led by the Sunday School (to be held at the Community Reformed Church).

**Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.**, Family Eucharist led by the *Chapel Choir & Schola Cantorum*.

**Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m.**, *Music of the Season*, a half-hour of favorite anthems and congregational carols for Christmas led by the *Chancel Choir & Schola Cantorum* prior to the 8 p.m. Eucharist.

**Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m.**, Festal Choral Eucharist led by the *Chancel Choir & Schola Cantorum*.

**Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.**, Holy Eucharist (Rite I) with the singing of carols!!!





*Sunday Readings for December*

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 1, 2013**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 3:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 8, 2013**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 15, 2013**

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 149:4-9; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 22, 2013**

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

**CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24, 2013\***

**FAMILY EUCHARIST - 4:00PM**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1:14,15-20

**CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24, 2013\***

**FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST - 8:00PM**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

**CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25, 2013\***

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12, John 1:1-14

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 29, 2013**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 147; Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7; John 1:1-18

*\*A Christmas offering envelope is enclosed for your convenience  
or you may pick one up in the rear of the church.*



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

Elaine Phillips, Clayton Tadler, Beth Morningstar, Kathleen McGill, Austin Bennett, Valerie Siener, Katherine Stackler, Kelly Whalen, Tom Chaly, Arthur Field, Jerome Blocker, Elizabeth Pavlovich, Paul Peters.



*Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding*

William and Valerie Siener (14)





### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the joy of our Christmas worship through the gift of altar flowers, please fill out this form and place it, along with your check (designated Altar Guild/Christmas Flowers), on the offering plate. Or you can mail it to Christ Church, 54 George Street, Manhasset, NY 11030.

My offering is

*"In loving memory of..."*

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*"In thanksgiving for..."*

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**All offerings for Christmas flowers must reach the church office no later than Wednesday, December 18th. Please provide a separate check for flowers and/or music. Many thanks for your cooperation.**



### CHRISTMAS MUSIC

If you would like to contribute to the joy of our Christmas worship through donations for special music, please fill out this form and place it, along with your check (designated Christmas Music), on the offering plate. Or you can mail it to Christ Church, 54 George Street, Manhasset, NY 11030.

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