

The Chart



*Christ Church
1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030*

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Wardens' Letter

January 1, 2014

Hello Fellow Parishioners:

This will be Pattie Gallatin's last Wardens' Letter to the congregation, as her term of office on the Vestry concludes with this upcoming Annual Meeting on February 2nd. She wants the Parish to know that it has been a privilege to serve the church in this capacity, and it was great working with all the members of the Vestry, with our wonderful Interim Rector Father Charlie Colwell, as well as all those in the Christ Church family. And she appreciates all the support from everyone in caring for the church, whether it was the Parish House clean-out in Fall 2012 or the leaf raking just this past November. Everyone pitched in cheerfully to get the work done. Pattie also thanks everyone for their helpful suggestions to make Christ Church a warm, welcoming parish for our current and future church family.

As Pattie steps down, Junior Warden Ariana Tadler Paterson will become Senior Warden, and the following are nominated for election to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting: for Junior Warden Bill Siener, and for Vestry members Kathy Bindert, Gloria Ryan, and Dan Wright. We are grateful they have agreed to serve in this important year for Christ Church, as we work to select a new Rector. And we thank the Nominating Committee, including Holly Melichar, Audrey Eisser, Jeannine Daly and Heather Bennett for recommending this slate of candidates.

We are also very appreciative to have a strong Search Committee, chaired by Andy Phillips, with committee members Ted Andel, Heather Bennett, Arlene Blocker and Jeff Lightcap. We are receiving candidate names through January 31, 2014, and as of this writing we have received submissions from ten serious candidates. If you know of any potential candidates, please encourage them to submit their resumes for consideration. We hope to interview candidates and have a new Rector selected by May, so that the new Rector and his/her family can move in by the summer and start serving the church in the fall.

Another important effort is Stewardship. 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. Please also consider the thoughts shared by Father Charlie Colwell in his letter to the Parish in December, reminding us that for our church to thrive, we must give from our substance, not merely the excess balance, if there is any. Doing so makes us whole – a Parish committed to the mission and spirit of Christ Church, enabling us to sustain our church and do good works, as God calls us to do.

Detailed next is an update from Father Lowry on the progress of the Parish House and the Rectory renovation, which he continues to honcho as Project Manager, with our thanks. It is obvious to all that it will be well into the first quarter of 2014 before the Parish Hall will be completed. This is in accordance with the contract, but several months later than the contractor had hoped. There were several complications with the sewer hook-up, which delayed the turn-over of the bank building to Citicorp for interior work, which in turn delayed the opening of the bank, which delayed the completion of the parking lot.

The sewer problem was caused by the discovery of Verizon junction boxes adjacent to the main sewer pipe in the middle of Northern Boulevard. Apparently the boxes were originally MCI equipment that came over to Verizon upon the demise of MCI-Worldcom. The Great Neck Sewer District knew nothing about this impediment so they approved the sewer hook-up design and only when Northern Boulevard was opened to hook up a 14 inch, gravity feed sewer pipe was it discovered that only a 6 inch pipe could fit through the junction boxes. It was necessary to re-design the whole system, add a small pump station and change the location of the hook-up to the sewer. This added to the costs and delayed parts of the project.

Otherwise, all is going well. Most of the stucco work has been completed and the framing-out of the interior of the Parish Hall is complete. Temporary window coverings are in place and the electricity and heating should allow for work to continue during inclement weather.

Now, to the Rectory at 54 George Street: The church is applying for a Certificate of Existing Use for the Rectory which has proven to be a time-consuming and detail-oriented process. Among the

structural work is repair/refurbishment of the current structure, insulation and siding, window replacement and the repair of the porch. Work on the garage should begin in the coming week or weeks.

Father Lowry continues to supervise the Project, coming to town about once a month. He also is doing well in his treatments for lung cancer. And he and Mary have settled into New Orleans; their daughter being married in their new home in November.

In other news, the Vestry of Christ Church also is working with the Children's Orchestra Society and the New Heart Mission Church, both of which organizations have long partnered with us. Children's Orchestra Society wants to return as a tenant one day a week, and New Heart wants to continue using our church. We are negotiating with them on the use of the facilities, the hours and days of use, the upkeep and maintenance required, and the appropriate rents applicable. We will keep you apprised of our progress on these talks with them.

Lastly, there are many activities underway for January. Check the calendar inside the Chart to read all about them.

With blessings,

Pattie Gallatin
Senior Warden

Ariana Tadler Paterson
Junior Warden



Parish Notes:

A Message from our Director of Spiritual Formation

Living in Faith, not Fear

Why are you fearful? —Matthew 8:26

When I was a child, I was afraid of the dark. No sooner had my parents turned out the lights, I was certain there were monsters under my bed that were going to eat me in the middle of the night. Needless to say, I fought to stay awake, so I could protect myself from any and all upcoming attacks!

Over the years, I have come to realize that fear is not just a childhood experience. It comes in all shapes and sizes – anticipation, worry, nervousness, concern, excitement, anxiety, dread, tension, angst, stress, terror, panic, fright, phobia - and can affect every area of our life in both simple and complex ways.

Indeed, some fear is healthy. "Fight or flight" is an emotional response that kept our ancestors safe at a time when loved ones were being devoured by lions. However, in today's world, despite the lack of hungry lions, fear still rises to an intense, unhealthy level that prevents us from embracing a full life, fulfilling our dreams, trying new things, learning to let go, trusting and growing closer to God. Left to our own devices, we are up against a lot of scary monsters under our beds.

I tend to feel fear every January, at the beginning of the New Year. The hectic Christmas season is over, and the world takes on a quieter, slower pace. As I jump back into my regular life, I feel apprehension about what to expect. *What work will I find stacked on my desk? How many emails will I need to read and return? Will I be able to accomplish everything on my "to do" list? More importantly: What will this new year bring? What things does God have in store for me? Will I fulfill my goals and dreams? What challenges await me?*

The Bible states that we are not supposed to worry, but live our lives with faith, hope and love. "Fear Not." (Isaiah 43:1) "Perfect love drives out fear." (1 John 4:18) "Faith is being sure of what we hope for." (Hebrews 11:1) "The Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." (2 Thessalonians 3:3) "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life." (Matthew 6:25). We are clearly being told, over and over, that God has it covered. Perhaps if I had known this as a child, I would have gotten a better night's sleep!

Thank God I know this now, so when fear arises, I imagine Jesus asking, "Why are you fearful?" and can use faith, hope and love to work through my emotions. It can be difficult, and no one can do it alone. That's why we have dedicated two events this month for all of us to explore Jesus' important question in more detail:

Taking Risks: New Year's Youth Dinner **Friday, January 10, 6:30pm**

All youth, 6th - 12th grade, are welcome for a delicious meal, interesting conversation and creative activities around the important topic of taking risks in the new year.

Living In Faith, Not Fear: A New Year's Retreat, Glen Cove Mansion **Saturday January 11, 9am – 2:30pm**

All adults are invited to join us for a special New Year's retreat day to explore this age-old faith challenge within our 21st century realities. Retreat includes interactive group sessions, lively conversation, Bible study, writing activities, quiet time and personal reflection.

I hope you'll be able to join us at these events. In the meantime, I pray you have a faithful and fearless new year!

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation



Upcoming Events and News

January Assignment

The following people are scheduled for Sunday January 12th: Andy Phillips, Penny Tadler, Jeannine Daly, Sarah Philips, Daniel Wright, Tom & Carol Allen, Tom & Lucy Chaly, Jim & Heather Girillo, Zach Field, Tim Courts. Please visit the church website for your assignment. http://www.christchurchmanhasset.org/pdf/Assignment_2013.12.pdf

January Sunday Hospitality

Now until Sunday, January 26th

The following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

DATE	COORDINATORS		OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
Jan. 12	Meaghan Janedis	(570-0603)	Piera & Ted Andel (365-0854)
Jan. 19	Patti Crisifulli	(850-1355)	Kelly Butler
Jan. 26	Jeanine Daly & Angus Stopford	(883-4985)	Lisa & Tim Carr (365-9790)

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.

The Vestry Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee announces the following slate of candidates for election to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2nd. Ariana Tadler Paterson has been the Junior Warden this past year and will become Senior Warden in 2014. The following are nominated for election to the Vestry: for Junior Warden Bill Siener; for Vestry members Kathy Bindert, Gloria Ryan, and Dan Wright. We are grateful they have agreed to serve in this important year for Christ Church, as we work to select a new Rector. We thank the Nominating Committee, Holly Melichar, Audrey Eisser, Jeannine Daly and Heather Bennett, for recommending this slate of candidates.

Additional nominations for office may be made by written petitions, each containing the signature of the nominating parishioner, the signature of a seconding parishioner, and the written consent of the nominee. Petitions must be filed with the Nominating Committee at least fifteen days before the Annual Meeting. No nominations may be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

Stewardship Campaign

The kick off for the Stewardship Campaign began in December. 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.

This week you should be receiving the 2013 year end statement, 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.

Vestry Meeting

The January Vestry Meeting scheduled for January 20th has been rescheduled to **January 13th** due to the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

Women's Dinner

Monday, February 3, 7:00 pm

Meaghan Janedis has kindly offered to host the **Women's Potluck Dinner** at her home at 51 Hawthorne Place, Munsey Park, Manhasset. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church for you to indicate who will attend and what you will bring, either an entrée, salad, dessert or beverage. You may also contact the Parish Office at 516-627-2184 or admin@christchurchmanhasset.org.

If you would like to host a pot luck dinner, please contact Holly Wright Melichar at hbm10078@gmail.com.

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. All children under 12 meet in the CRC lounge for Gospel-based arts and crafts. All are welcome!

Altar Flowers

There is an opening for Altar Flowers as a memorial or a thanksgiving offering for the following Sundays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23. Please call Diana Tadler at 516-627-0128 or the Parish Office at 516-627-2184 if you would like to make a donation.

Altar Guild

The Guild is in need of new members. 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

The Long Island Council of Churches Food Pantry (450 N. Main Street, Freeport, 516-868-4989).is in need of food donations. Please bring your donations any Sunday and they may be left in the back of the church. Please donate unopened food and please check expiration dates before making your donations. There is such a profound need. Please help us, help them. Thank you.

Children and Youth Activities

The Reality of Hunger: Second Annual Youth Leadership Lab

Saturday, February 8

Our second annual Leadership Lab focuses on the important and very real issue of hunger in America and how we, as Christians, can make a positive and significant impact, regardless of age. Our day is from 9am – 3pm at The Congregational Church, 1845 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, and includes interactive workshops, creative activities, a documentary film (with popcorn!) and a service project creating over 500 lunches for local Long Island Food Banks. Join your friends in the community for this fun and meaningful day. The fee is \$20 per youth, which includes materials and lunch.

Save the Date

Living in Faith, Not Fear A New Year's Retreat at Glen Cove Mansion

Saturday, January 11, 2013, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

What did Jesus mean when he said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10)? What fears hold us back from living this scriptural promise of a full, vibrant, joyous life? What spiritual tools can help transform unhelpful habits, belief systems and daily life struggles that block us from creating a stronger, more faithful relationship with God? How can we live boldly into God's deepest desires, hopes and plans for us in this brand new year?

Join us for a special New Year's retreat day to explore this age-old faith challenge within our 21st century realities. Rev. James Eastland of Locust Valley Reformed Church, Rev. Steve Pierce of Community Reformed Church Manhasset and Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation at CRC/Christ Episcopal Church will guide participants through interactive group sessions, lively conversation, Bible study, writing activities, quiet time and personal reflection.

Retreat day runs from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. Cost: \$49.00 for program, morning coffee, snacks, lunch and take away activities for further exploration. For more information, please contact Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554).

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 2

Christ Church will host its Annual Meeting on **Sunday, February 2nd**. This is a very important Christ Church meeting, and we urge all parishioners to attend. Among the agenda topics to be covered are a Financial Report from the Treasurer on the fiscal health of the church and the 2014 budget projections; a report from Andy Phillips, Chair of the Rector Search Committee, on the progress and timeline of the Rector Search; a report on the progress of the Parish House construction; reports from the various church committees – Altar Guild, Music Program, Public Relations, Sunday School, etc. Plus the election and installation of a new junior warden and three Vestry members. REMINDER: Church Committee reports are due in the church office by Wednesday, January 15, 2014, so they can be included in the Annual Report.

While parents are attending the meeting, the children have the opportunity to do another very worthwhile outreach project. They will stay in the CRC Sunday school building and work on the Valentine's for Vets. The time set aside for this (during the annual meeting) is the only opportunity the children will have to do this project. The cards we make will be mailed to the VA Medical Center in Northport and are put on their meal trays to brighten the Veterans' day. The more cards we have, the better. Let's try to beat our card total from last year and let those who have done so much for us know we're thinking of them.



Women's Ministry Book Club



Wednesday evenings to February 26th, 2014, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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 8th to the 29th at Brookville Reformed Church, 2 Brookville Road, Glen Head, NY

February 5th – 26th 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 or call 516-627-3494.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Suicide Prevention

Wednesday, January 15th, 7:30 – 10 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, 48 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset

Featuring Dale Camhi, Metro-New York Regional Director, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Learn the signs that a person is suicidal; reasons for suicide, including bullying; possible actions to take to prevent suicide. Contact Sharyn Esposito for more information at 516-472-2960 or sesposito@uucsr.org. RSVP online at www.uucsr.org. A \$5 suggested donation

Grace Episcopal Day School Open House

Saturday, January 25th, 10 am to 1 pm

23 Cedar Shore Drive, Massapequa (516) 708-1122, www.gracedayschool.org

For over a half century Grace Episcopal Day School has been, and will continue to be, one of the premier private schools on the south shore of Long Island. With a highly educated and experienced faculty, our dedication to quality education is centered in Christian values and ethics, and small class size allows us to touch each child's life. Age 2 to 8th grade, Full Day Kindergarten, After School Program-, Enriched Curriculum.

Adventures In Learning

Treasurer needed (volunteer) for Adventures In Learning (a not-for profit organization)

Responsibilities include:

Recording and reconciling all financial activity

Payment of invoices

Preparation of monthly financial reports and annual budget

Attend monthly board meetings and present financial results

Processing of bi-weekly payroll

If interested, please contact Diana Holden by phone, 516-767-9235 or email

Diana@adventures-in-learning.org



Calendar for the Month of January 2014

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.

Women's Ministry Book Club, Wednesday evenings to February 26th, 2014, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, please see Upcoming Events and News for location.

Living in Faith, Not Fear A New Year's Retreat at Glen Cove Mansion,

Saturday, January 11, 2013, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Vestry Meeting, Monday, January 13, 2014, Compline at 7:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:45 p.m. in the CRC Lounge

Suicide Prevention, Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 7:30 – 10 pm

Grace Episcopal Day School Open House, Saturday, January 25th, 10 am to 1 pm



Sunday Readings and Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings for January

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY - JANUARY 5, 2014

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-6; Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 12, 2014

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - JANUARY 19, 2014

Isaiah 49:1-12; Psalm 40:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Albert & Irene Field
and Richard & Lucy Siegel by Mrs. Richard Field

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - JANUARY 26, 2014

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Harold Roberts by Mrs. Harold Roberts



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

Arthur (Ward) Wright), Susan Bunyon, Caroline Carr, Holly Melichar, Decker Paterson, Corinne Riggan, Nicole Sevely, Joseph Sevely, James Carr, William Riggan, Robin Cuthbert Daly Stopford, William Siener, Lisa Carr, Debbie Czeglédy, Audrey Eisser, Christine Bunyon, Brian Wedeking.

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversary...

Mark and Susan Bunyon (4), James and Carole McCarvill (8), Joseph and Ida Miletich (20)