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1355 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, NY 11030*

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Wardens' Letter

February 1, 2014

Hello Fellow Parishioners:

As we write this letter, not only we here in New York, but others around the country, including the South, are encountering bitter cold temperatures and an inordinate amount of precipitation in all forms. We hope that you and yours are faring well and keeping warm.

As we pray for your safety and warmth, we also ask that you please keep in your prayers those who are not accustomed to or prepared for such temperature abnormalities. Also, PLEASE remember that the food pantry has come to rely on our support; supplies are at an all time low. Please do what you can to add to the baskets in the rear of the Church. Imagine the smiles of joy and thanks of those families who receive a bounty of plenty from us. It really does not take much - just another minute in the pasta, soup or cereal aisles to pick up a few extras for those in need and a drop off at Christ Church. Our very own special volunteers manage the actual delivery to the Food Pantry.

On the topic of feeding the needy, this Saturday, February 8th, youth from various churches, including our very own, will be participating in a Leadership Lab entitled: **The Reality of Hunger: Second Annual Youth Leadership Lab.**

The program will focus 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. The program will run from 9am – 3pm at The Congregational Church, 1845 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, and will include interactive workshops, creative activities, a documentary film (with popcorn!) and a service project creating over 500 lunches for The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network). The fee is \$20 per youth, which includes materials and lunch. Please contact Lesley Mazzotta for further details.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

2014 has already proven to be a busy and productive time for Christ Church. As we moved into February, we moved into the next cycle for the Church calendar with the Annual Meeting, which took place on February 2nd. Efforts were made to not only publicize this meeting but to encourage parishioners through individual contact by Vestry members to attend. We were pleased to see more 50 in attendance at the meeting. Written materials were also distributed days in advance of the meeting with the hope of sparking interest in and dialogue at the meeting. And so they did – the meeting proved to be an interactive one with reports made and questions asked and answered.

At the Annual Meeting, we heard highlights not only from the various committees for which written reports were distributed, but we also heard from Andy Phillips about the status of the Rector search; Ariana Tadler Paterson about the progress being made on our "under construction" Parish House, with details about the actual layout of the space, and anticipated furnishing needs; and Tom Allen about the current financial status of the Church and what we can anticipate in the future insofar as expenses and the need to engage in solid fundraising to ensure that our Church thrives

well into the future.

Parishioners were also reminded and positive discussion ensued about Church assignments. Specifically, all who serve are asked to please be respectful and responsible in carrying out their Church assignments. Parishioners who are assigned to serve on a particular Sunday are responsible for making arrangements for substitutes, by contacting other parishioners to serve, if they themselves cannot serve. Please do not ask the Church Office to make such arrangements.

- If you are assigned to *Hospitality (Coffee Hour)* for a particular Sunday, and you are unable to serve that Sunday, please make arrangements to swap with another parishioner and then notify both Donna, our Church Secretary, and Holly Melichar, Chair of Fellowship.
- If you are assigned as an Usher or Oblation Bearer, please do make it a point to be early to Church to greet parishioners; if you are unable to serve, please make arrangements to swap with another parishioner.
- If you or your child is assigned to serve on the altar in any capacity, please do make it a point to arrive at Church and be present in the Sacristy *by no later than 9:45am* to ensure proper time for robing and coordinating with Father Charlie Colwell. Tardiness of those who are to serve on the altar delays the start of the service. We ask that you please be mindful of being on time. If you or your child cannot serve on the assigned Sunday, please make arrangements to swap with another parishioner, and then advise Donna, our Church Secretary, and Valerie Siener, who works hard to create and manage the schedule.

Worthy of particular note were the following reports:

- Diana Tadler, Directress of the Altar Guild, reported that funds for altar flowers are down significantly. Historically, the Altar Guild has been a self-sustaining program that allows for the beautiful flowers on Sundays and, of course, the beautiful decorations on our highest holy days. Funds for these provisions come from donations made by parishioners *separate and apart from their Annual Pledge*. We encourage you to contact Diana Tadler about making a donation for flowers for a particular Sunday in memory of or thanks for loved ones or to celebrate a particular occasion. General donations may also be made and those funds will be used to provide for flowers and decorations throughout the year.
- Andrew Yeargin, our Organist and Choirmaster, also reported on our various music programs, the details of which can be found in his written report. But worthy of highlight here is our *Schola Cantorum* program which provides special opportunities to youth (grades 9-12) to learn and participate with the Chancel Choir. In exchange for a high level of commitment to the Church's Music Program, each choral scholar is offered a scholarship from the Church upon graduation from high school. We have one choral scholar expected to graduate from high school in June who has been an active participant in the program and who has made our Sunday music extra special. This program is also a self-sustaining program based on donations from parishioners. Andrew made an appeal to the parish to give to the Church's *Schola Cantorum* Fund, which makes it possible for Christ Church to grant scholarships to teenagers who give their time and skill to enrich the music program as choral scholars.

We also installed our new Vestry members:

Warden: William Siener (2014 - 2016)

Vestry Members: Daniel Wright (2d 3-year term), Gloria Ryan (3-year term) and Kathy Bindert (3-year term)

And we recognized and thanked Pattie Gallatin for her service on the Vestry and as our fearless leader; and Liz Giacomia for her service on the Vestry and as Co-Chair of Hospitality.

STEWARDSHIP

To date, we have received 54 Pledges/ Trust gifts from the 85 pledging families, or 65% of the total. However, we continue to receive pledges. As we close out the Stewardship Campaign, based on pledges received, we should achieve the Stewardship budget estimate. A personal follow up effort to families who had not yet pledged, will continue.

We close this letter with an additional exultant thank you, expressed with the utmost gratitude, to Senior Warden Pattie Gallatin, who has steered our Vestry and Christ Church over the past two years during a time of important transition with grace and unfaltering effort.

Wishing you Peace and Blessings,

Ariana Tadler Paterson
Senior Warden

William Siener
Junior Warden



Parish Notes:

A Message from our Director of Spiritual Formation

Faith as an Epic Adventure

"We are all wired for an epic myth." - C.S. Lewis

I just returned from a three day Christian Formation conference in Washington D.C., where hundreds of spiritual leaders from around the country came together to talk about reshaping the way we create faith-based programming. As the title of the conference indicates, we're looking for a bold new approach: *The Once and Future Church: Forming Faith as an Epic Adventure*.

In today's world, people of all ages are longing for epic adventures. Advertising campaigns and reality TV spend big money promoting exotic vacations, extreme sports and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. People use social networking platforms to share every aspect of their lives, transforming the ordinary into a connected global story. One billion people and counting enter the world of *Angry Birds* on a regular basis to play in an exciting, imaginary world. Even ordering a cup of coffee at Starbucks has become the most personal, adventurous and satisfying thing that it can be. Everywhere we turn, we find the desire to experience the extraordinary.

At a time when religion can range from being politically incorrect to a last priority, how can we make our spiritual journey equally extraordinary? How can we teach our children that baptism is the beginning of a hero's journey in an unending story with God? What would it be like to open the bible and greet all of the characters, stories, prayers, hopes and dreams as THE paramount epic adventure of our life?

For inspiration, I have begun looking at societal epic adventures to see how they can connect us in a deeper, more meaningful way. One of my favorites: JK Rowling, author of the outrageously successful Harry Potter series, says that there are two scripture passages that sum up the entire reason for her books. They are carved on the tombstones of two wizards. The first: *Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* – Matthew 6:21. The second: *The last enemy that shall be defeated is death.* –1 Corinthians 15:26. In the midst of Harry's improbable adventure, he is searching to answer the exact same questions we are on our Christian journey: *What are you seeking?* and *Do you know that death will be defeated?* What would happen if we acted with the same courage, commitment and curiosity as Harry? Imagine the possibilities!

I believe we have already begun to form faith as an epic adventure at our church. I see this in the ways people share at retreats: the hunger for understanding the Bible; the energy that our children exhibit when leading us in worship; the passion for service and community outreach; and the joy people share when greeting each other on Sundays. Clearly, we are on the right track. Clearly, we have the ability to find a bold new approach to faith, one that will put societal attempts at epic adventure to shame.

What type of epic adventures do you crave? How can they inspire your Christian journey? Get in touch with me to share your story. I'll be eager to hear and perhaps play a small part in your epic adventure!

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation



Upcoming Events and News

February Sunday Hospitality

Now until Sunday, February 23

The following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

| DATE | COORDINATORS | | OTHER TEAM MEMBERS |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Feb. 9 | Ariana & David Paterson | (869-3163) | Leslie & Walter Stackler (365-2328) |
| Feb. 16 | Liz Giacomia | (944-9760) | |
| Feb. 23 | Holly Melichar | (404-6688) | Jane & Jeff Lightcap (365-8821) |

If for some reason you are unable to host, please email **Holly Melichar** hbm10078@gmail.com or call her at **516-440-6688**. Coffee and juice will be provided by the church.

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.

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Vestry Meeting

The February Vestry Meeting scheduled for February 17th has been rescheduled to **February 10th** due to the President's Day holiday weekend and the School Winter Recess Week closing.

Women's Dinner - Rescheduled

Tuesday, February 11, 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 is 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. (*Please provide your contact information in case of cancellation due to inclement weather.*) 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 Melichar at hbm10078@gmail.com.

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

Now until February 26th hosted by Christ Episcopal Church. Meetings will be held at The Community Reformed Church Lounge at 90 Plandome Road, 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.

Feasting on the Word

Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 pm, 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 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

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Sunday School Pajama Party



Sunday, February 9

Roll out of bed and into Sunday School! Children should come to Sunday School in their favorite pajamas for a special lesson and celebration! There won't be any pillow fights, but we promise lots of fun, laughter and a few yummy treats!

Save the Date

Lenten Soup and Supper Series - The Power of Forgiveness

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Please join members of Christ Church, CRC and other local churches for a Lenten program to be held on the following Wednesdays: March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. Dinner will be offered at 6:15 pm in the Community Reformed Church Fellowship Hall, followed by a program led by Father Colwell at 7:00pm that includes an inspirational message, group conversation, personal reflection and prayer. Friends and family are welcome! To RSVP, please sign up at the back of Christ Church or contact the parish office at [516-627-2184](tel:516-627-2184) or by email at admin@christchurchmanhasset.org

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

2014 KORF Winter Concert

Saturday, February 8

The third annual Katie Oppo Research Fund Winter Concert will be held at Munsey Park Elementary School auditorium in Manhasset, at 7:30 PM on Saturday, February 8th 2014. Tickets are available for presale at A&F Market on Plandome Rd. - - two for \$20.00. Tickets will also be available for \$15.00 at the door. Featuring live local bands and the Queens College Dance Troupe. All proceeds will go directly to ovarian cancer research and prevention.

Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday, March 21

The Diocese of Long Island Episcopal Church Women present Lenten Quiet Day at The George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology. Registration and Details will be sent y Friday, February 21, 2014.

Tools for a Miraculous Life; An experiential workshop with Christina Forin, MMQ

Saturday , February 8 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 12 Prospect Street, Huntington

The heart is a door through which divine enters... the door to our soul. It is our responses to life's challenges and experience that can create a barrier in our hearts that keeps us from moving forward and from living a soul realized life. We can nurture our souls bloom by changing our way of being in the world, by grounding and connecting to God from within us. By working within our physical self using mediation, the mind body connection and energetic principles to nurture a deep spiritual connection and build a strong foundation in God energy, we can remove the barriers that keep us form ling a soul realized life and find balance in the truth of who we are... a soul in a body. Continental Breakfast at 9:00; Workshop 9:30 -12:30. Lunch immediately following. Suggested Donation \$15.00. For reservations contact Heather Kress: hkress@optononlin.net or (631)549-5186



Calendar for the Month of February 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 pm

The Reality of Hunger: Second Annual Youth Leadership Lab, Saturday, February 8

Sunday School Pajama Party, Sunday, February 9

Vestry Meeting, Monday, February 10, 2014, Compline at 7:30 pm and meeting at 7:45 pm in the CRC Lounge

Women's Dinner – Rescheduled, Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 pm

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Sunday Readings and Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgiving for January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD AT THE TEMPLE - FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Abdulah Mishrick by the Cyprus Family

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – FEBRUARY 9, 2014

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; I Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Donald Tsakis by the Christiane Tsakis

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – FEBRUARY 16, 2014

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – FEBRUARY 23, 2014

Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23; Matthew 5:38-48



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

Jeff Lightcap (1), Senetta Koch (6) Karyn Sherwood (12), Natalie Bindert (18), Carole Beinecke (22), Lori Kelly (23), Elizabeth Kelly (23), Vincent McGill (23), C.J.(Carole) Sevely (23), Will Ivers (23), Jade Blocker (25), Thomas Allen (27).

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

Angus Stopford and Jeannine Daly (19)