

The Chart



Christ Church

1355 Northern Boulevard

Manhasset, NY 11030



Wardens' Letter

May 1, 2014

The Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!

And what an Easter celebration we had on April 20 at Christ Church! We were truly blessed with a church filled with parishioners and guests, a melodious choir, a spirited and moving sermon, a spectacular altar of flowers, and beautiful children who enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt immediately after the service under a warm and sunny sky. Our Easter service reminded us of just how fortunate we are to share in worship together.

Building upon the Easter service, we are hopeful that the positive energy of Easter will reinvigorate our Christ Church family and friends to attend our 8am or 10am Sunday services with greater frequency. In an effort to bring our parish together and encourage broader fellowship with one another, we have decided to have our Sunday School children and their teachers join us in church during the 10 am service to share in Holy Communion and participate in the latter part of the service. Thus, as of April 27th, the children now begin Sundays in Sunday School and are then escorted by their teachers to church in time for Holy Communion.

The Parish House and Rectory renovations remain ongoing. As is common with construction projects, a few delays have been encountered moving our anticipated completion dates out into the early summer. Still, we remain on track in terms of our usage plans for the Fall.

The Vestry has concluded negotiations with the New Heart Mission Church for their continued use of our sanctuary, with a 6-month contract, effective May through October, for the same amount of weekly use. In discussions with Pastor Paul Chung, both parties recognize the dynamic growth of the New Heart congregation, which in the future will exceed our sanctuary facilities and lead New Heart to seek its own sanctuary.

Our April Vestry meeting focused on the process of calling a new rector. At *present*, the Search Committee has completed its role, having narrowed from 6 interviewed candidates to 3 candidates for consideration by the Vestry. During the April meeting, our Affirmative Inquiry Consultant, Father Bruce Griffith, instructed us on next steps and Andy Phillips, an active member of our parish and Chair of the Search Committee, made a presentation on behalf of the Committee regarding the candidates. Over the next 6 weeks, the Vestry will be meeting with the final candidates, who will also meet with the Bishop. We extend the utmost gratitude to the Search Committee for its work over the last 5 months and ask that you keep the Vestry in your prayers as we proceed through the Affirmative Inquiry process to select a new rector.

Finally, over the last month, we have learned of several tragedies, including the loss of the people on Malaysia flight 370, the South Korean ferry, and the fires in Valparaíso, Chile. Please pray for the families of those lost and injured, and those who now find themselves without homes and basic needs, including our Sexton Enrique Valdes' daughter Paulina and his 7-month old granddaughter. If you would like to offer some assistance, donations are being collected (checks may be made payable to Christ Church, with a notation in the memo "Chile"), as are gently used clothing for a woman (size small) and girl (size 9-12 months) – it is currently Fall/Winter in Chile.

These events remind us to be grateful for our blessings and our faith in God. We are grateful for our Christ Church family and look forward to fellowship and worship with you as we move forward into what we hope will be a sunnier and warmer spring season.

Wishing you peace and blessings,

Ariana Tadler Paterson

Senior Warden

William Siener

Junior Warden



Parish Notes:

A Message from our Director of Spiritual Formation

Following Jesus

Fifty Days of Easter

The story of Easter is the ongoing story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise.

~Carl Knudsen

As a child, I always thought of Easter as a one-day celebration. My family and I would go to church; I had a brand new dress with matching hat (whether I liked it or not!!), and I'd carefully sit in the pew, waiting impatiently for the service to end, so I could participate in the Easter egg hunt. I'd race around our church lawn, laughing with all of my friends, as we gathered up as many eggs as possible. When Sunday was over, I put away my fancy outfit, ate some candy and went on my way without any thought of the Easter miracle.

It was only a few years ago when I understood that Easter is considered to be a special season of the year that lasts for 50 days. Known as Eastertide, it stretches for seven weeks from Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday to his Ascension on Pentecost Sunday. During this time, some congregations continue to sing Easter hymns, listen to "Easter-themed" sermons and even say "Happy Easter" to those they greet. (Sadly, there are NOT 50 more Easter egg hunts. Sorry kids!) For many, it's a very thoughtful time of deep reflection and commitment to their Christian faith.

This makes me wonder what we can do with these important days of Eastertide. There are no official rules on how to spend our time or if we are even "required" to do so as Christians. However, I like the idea of having intentional time to think and pray about the good news of Jesus' resurrection and its meaning in my life. While this is an ongoing practice we can make all year long, here are some of my thoughts on how to use this season in focused celebration of the Easter story. Perhaps they will inspire you too:

- Continue the practices and/or commitments we began in Lent. How do they differ now that we are in a time of feasting, instead of fasting?
- Dedicate time to noticing and honoring the various ways that Jesus appears to people in the Bible. How do you sense his presence in your life too?
- Explore ways you can create "new life" in your life. What does that mean, in practical terms, for how you live your day to day?
- Walk with the disciples during this time and imagine their questions, thoughts, prayers and actions. How does their journey inspire your own?

I am going to commit to one of these practices in the coming weeks. I'll let you know what I learn. I hope you do too. And I pray that no matter what you choose, this Eastertide season and every future season offers you ongoing spiritual growth, divine surprises and deeper connection to God.

Eastertide Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation



Upcoming Events and News

- **Bishop Provenzano visits Christ Church
Sunday, May 18**

We are honored to have Bishop Provenzano visit Christ Church to celebrate the Eucharist with us. At the 10:00 service, the Bishop will also celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for those students who have participated in confirmation class. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this special day. It is a joy to support and welcome our newest Confirmands into the life of the Episcopal Church.

- **Substitutes Needed:**

The Parish Office is looking for volunteers to be substitutes for the monthly Assignment Schedule. You will only be called if a regularly scheduled parishioner is unable to fulfill their assignment. Please send the office your contact information so that you may be included in a list to be distributed to those on the assignment schedule.

- **May Assignment**

Valerie Siener is having difficulty scheduling people to fulfill the Assignment Schedule. People are placed on the schedule and do not attend the service. If you know that you (and your family) will be away, please

send Valerie an email at siener@optonline.net with the days that you cannot serve so that you will not be scheduled. This notice should be sent to Valerie at least two weeks before the new month begins. For example, if you will be unable to serve a weekend in June, please notify Valerie no later than May 15th.

If you cannot serve when assigned, please find a **substitute** and **notify** the office of the change no later than 1:30 pm on Friday.

- **May Sunday Hospitality**
Now until Sunday, May 25



Families have been asked to provide refreshments and serve coffee, tea and juice to both adults and children following the 10 a.m. service in the Church. The beverages for both children and adults will be provided by the Church. Each coffee hour team will be responsible for bringing food items of their choice for **50** people (i.e. cookies, coffee cakes, donuts or bagels), and 2 quarts of milk. The coordinator of each team should contact the other team members to coordinate refreshments.

The following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

DATE	COORDINATORS	OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
May 4	Jeannine Daly & Angus. Stopford	883-4985 Holly Melichar 404-6688
May 11	Anita Schmidt	627-0365 Regina McDowell 439-4352
May 18	BISHOP'S VISIT	
May 25	Meaghan & John Janedis	570-0603 Carlyn & William Casey 627-5803

If for some reason you are unable to host, please email **Holly Melichar** hbm10078@gmail.com or call her at **516-404-6688**.

- **Altar Flowers**

There is an opening for Altar Flowers as a memorial or a thanksgiving offering for Sunday, May 25. Please call Diana Tadler at 516-627-0128 or the Parish Office at 516-627-2184 if you would like to make a donation.



- **GIRL RISING: A Retreat Day for Women and Teenage Girls**
Saturday, May 10

Join us from **9am - 1pm** at Community Reformed Church, Manhasset to discuss courage, dreams and faith, as inspired by **Girl Rising**, a global campaign and award-winning international documentary, showcasing the unforgettable stories of nine girls living in the developing world, who overcome insurmountable odds to achieve their dreams. We'll share breakfast together while watching this short, but inspiring film. Then, we'll engage in inter-generational conversation and activities to ignite our passion and commitment to trust, imagine and transform ourselves, our communities, and eventually, the world. \$30 includes breakfast, healthy snacks and retreat materials. Scholarships available upon request. For more information, contact Lesley Mazzotta, lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or 917-623-4554.

Please RSVP to Lesley Mazzotta by Sunday May 4 if you plan to attend.

- **Joint Women's Ministry is Making Blankets**



Our Joint Women's Ministry is launching a summer long outreach project for our local hospital. If you can knit or crochet, help us by making blankets for babies (3x3) and adults in the Palliative Care Units (5x5). We are also looking for donations of new fleece blankets. All blankets will be blessed at our worship service and delivered in early September. The women's ministry team is happy to offer a quick lesson, for those who have never knit or crochet before. Just ask!! More info to follow. In the meantime, if you have questions, contact Lesley Mazzotta: lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554)

- **Tragedy in Chile**

Christ Church Sexton Enrique Valdes' daughter Paulina and his 7 month old granddaughter Florencia have been struck with tragedy. Paulina lives in the port city of Valparaiso, Chile, which has been consumed by wildfires. Paulina and her daughter are safe and fine but are now homeless because their home has been destroyed in the fires that are consuming the hillsides of Valparaiso along with 2,500 other homes. There are currently 11,000 people that are homeless and 15 people are dead. Christ Church is requesting monetary donations that will be sent to Enrique's daughter. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Christ Church (designate Chile in the memo), and place it on the offering plate. Or you can mail it to Christ Church, 54 George Street, Manhasset, NY 11030.

Enrique is also collecting gently used clothes that he will ship to his daughter and granddaughter. Paulina wears a size small and the baby is wearing 9-12 months. Please note Chile is entering the Fall/Winter season.

To date parishioners at Christ Church have been generous with their donations. The collection has grown to over \$3,000 along with many bags of clothing.

- **Coat Drive**



As part of Christ Church's mission and community outreach, we are asking parishioners to donate any gently-used adult or children's winter coats/outwear that may be outgrown or no longer used.

There is a coat rack at the back of the church for parishioners to use when donating coats.

Coats will be collected and donated to organizations in the Fall, for their distribution to needy people for their use as we go into the winter months. So, as you clean out your closets to change from winter to spring clothes, please think to donate any coats to this purpose. See Vestry Members Carol Allen or Nick Cyprus who are chairing this effort, should you have any questions.

- **Nursery Care available each Sunday**

The Community Reformed Church has hired a new nursery attendant, Lydia Jeong, and is inviting parents from Christ Church who might be interested in having their infants and toddlers stay in the nursery during service each Sunday. Just like our joint Sunday School, we want our nursery to be available to both CRC and Christ Church to support our current members and attract new families to our congregations. For more information, please contact Lesley Mazzotta, lesleymazzotta@gmail.com.



- **Episcopal Charities Appeal**

Episcopal Charities funds social outreach and justice programs throughout Long Island. The Diocesan's goal this year for Christ Church is \$7,500. We would like to exceed that total. Checks should be made out to Episcopal Charities of Long Island and may be mailed to Christ Church (please use the 54 George Street address), placed in the offering at church or sent to Episcopal Charities of Long Island, 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530. If you are sending in your contribution directly to the Diocese, please note 'Christ Church, Manhasset' on your check.

- **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.

To date, we have received 67 Pledges/Trust gifts from the 85 pledging families, or 79% 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 have not yet pledged, will continue.

- **Fellowship**

Fellowship is an important part of the Christ Church community. With our newly renovated Parish House opening this year, it will be a great space to have many more functions like the men's and the women's dinners, family parties and cocktail parties. If you have ANY suggestions or IDEAS please send them to Holly at hbm10078@gmail.com or call her at 516 404-6688.

- **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**

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

- **Sunday School**

Please note the change in dismissal for Sunday School. The Sunday School will meet for class at 9:50 as usual. However, rather than gathering for children's chapel after class, the children will join their parents in the church for the end of the service.

- **Youth Fundraising Car Wash**
Saturday, May 17

Join other community youth from 8:30am – 3pm at The Congregational Church parking lot to raise money for "Adventures in Learning," an organization that helps at-risk kids in our community. We need help with the car wash and bake sale of homemade treats and lemonade. Lunch is provided, and this event is a fun way to get community services hours.



Save the Date

- **Children's Day**
Sunday, June 8

Christ Church and Community Reformed Church will worship together at 10am to celebrate Children's Day. Our joint service, held at Christ Church, will be led by our children and youth, include our Sunday School awards and finish with our annual church parish picnic! In order to make this service a joyful success, we need all children's gifts and talents as readers and singers. If your child is interested in being involved, please email lesleymazzotta@gmail.com by **May 15**. We will be creating the service based on the children who can participate.

- **Youth Karaoke Night**
Saturday evening, June 14

 Spend an evening in NYC singing the blues or country or rock and roll! It's your choice at Karaoke Duet, an "under 21" club with thousands of songs to make your own! We've booked a private room to enjoy dinner, fellowship and a couple of hours of music before getting dessert and heading back home. Meet at the Manhasset train station at 4:30pm to travel into the city together. Cost: \$20, plus the price of a train ticket, paid by each youth.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

- **DeWolfe Summer Camp 2014**

Camp Registration 2014 is now open online at www.campdewolfe.org or by returning the brochure located in the back of the church. There are Episcopal Charities Scholarships for up to 50% fees before June 1, 2014, applications are on the Camp DeWolfe website.

Save the Date! Open House on Sunday, May 18 at 1:00 pm. This includes camp activities, tours and a meal. RSVP to the Camp Office at 631-929-4325 or email office@campdewolfe.org by May 11, 2014.



Calendar for the Month of May 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) 6:45 to 8:15 pm
May 4	Confirmation Class, at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Rectory Sunday School, Planting Sunday for Children
May 10	Retreat Day for Women and Teenage Girls
May 11	Mother's Day Presentation of First Communion Students at 10:00 am service No Sunday School
May 17	Youth Fundraising Car Wash at The Congregational Church
May 18	Bishop Provenzano visits Christ Church and Confirmation Family Service Open house at DeWolfe Summer Camp
May 19	Vestry Meeting, Compline at 7:15 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm in the CRC Lounge
May 25	Fourth Food Sunday Sunday School
May 26	Memorial Day





Sunday Readings and Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgiving for May

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 4, 2014

Acts 2:14 a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Lee Wright from Ward Wright

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 11, 2014

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Guy Osborne from the Osborne Family

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 18, 2014

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
Altar Flowers are given with thanks for God's blessings, and may God bless Decker Reed Paterson on the celebration of his Confirmation from Mr. and Mrs. David Paterson

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 25, 2014

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



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

Gloria Ryan (6), Taylor Small (7), Lorinda de Roulet (8), Yoshi Mapes (8), Emily Bunyon (10), Arlene Blocker (11), William Stackler(12), Hannah Phillips (18), James (Jazz) Sherwood (18), Katherine Siener (19), Daniel Wright (21), David Paterson (22), Jennie Whalen (24) Marianne Templeton (25), Blanche Kambourian (26), Amy Angus (28).



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



Douglas and Carole Schmidt-Spadaro (4), Paul and Clare Peters (17).

