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Wardens' Letter

June 1, 2014

Spring has finally arrived in its full glory – with warm weather, blooming flowers, and an enthusiasm for all things bright and beautiful! After the long winter we had, we welcome this time of growth and renewal of spirit.

On May 18th, we celebrated the Holy Confirmation of 11 young men and women from Christ Church, with Bishop Lawrence C. Provenzano presiding. (Thanks to Pattie Gallatin for the articles and photo in the Manhasset Press!) Our church was beautifully decorated and the pews filled with parishioners and their families and friends. Bishop Provenzano spoke earnestly about the mission of our church and what the future is calling us to do – to be ministers of Christianity wherever we are – i.e. whether we are in church, at work, at school, at the grocery store, etc. He spoke about how we view “church” must change if we are to have a vital presence in the world today. We hope that our parish will pray and act on this mission as we move forward into Christ Church’s future – a future that presents great opportunity for growth, joy and support for our parish and the community at large.

The Vestry is in the final stages of the Affirmative Inquiry Process to call a new rector to Christ Church. As we will be calling a new rector, our third rector in nearly 30 years, a review of the rules governing this process would be in order. We are governed by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, with the Canons stating that the calling of a new rector is the sole responsibility of the Vestry and the Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Provenzano.

As reported during church services and at the Annual Meeting, the Affirmative Inquiry Process began with the Vestry participating in a small group session with Father Bruce Griffith, our Affirmative Inquiry consultant, and a subsequent larger session to which the entire parish was invited to participate in the Fall 2013. Through these two sessions, the Vestry was able to identify the core missions and values of Christ Church, which, in turn, would be used as the platform to describe our church and parish to prospective rector candidates. Thereafter, a writing committee was established to craft a brochure about Christ Church that was wisely disseminated throughout the diocese and to potential candidates. A Search Committee, comprised of members of the parish, but not Vestry members, was appointed. The Search Committee, chaired by Andy Phillips, vetted the candidates who submitted their interest for our rector position. Consistent with the Affirmative Inquiry Process and the Bishop’s directive, the Search Committee narrowed the group of candidates and presented 3 candidates to the Vestry for review and final selection.

As of the anticipated publication of this letter, the Vestry will have met with 2 of the 3 candidates, with the final candidate to meet with the Vestry in mid-June. When meeting with the Vestry, each candidate spends a Friday afternoon and evening with members of the Vestry, inclusive of a tour of our community and a dinner during which the Vestry and the candidate can get to know one another. The following Saturday morning, the candidate and the Vestry participate in a service, including celebration of the Eucharist and a sermon, and an interview follows. Each of the candidates also meets independently with Bishop Provenzano and Father Charles Colwell. As called for by the Affirmative Inquiry Process, once the Vestry has vetted each of the 3 candidates, the Vestry will select the new rector for Christ Church. The process is a rigorous one but well worth the effort given the goal.

Assuming all goes well, we hope to call a new rector by mid-Summer with a start date of late August or early September 2014. We ask you please to keep the Vestry, Christ Church and each of the candidates in your prayers as we complete this critical process which will set a new and exciting path for our church – a path of growth, opportunity and God’s love.

Meanwhile, our Parish House renovation continues and notwithstanding certain delays (often inevitable with construction), we hope to be in our new Parish House space in September. Of course, we will need to outfit that space with furniture – more news on that to come as part of our long-anticipated capital campaign. Also underway are renovations to the Rectory that are part of the contract with JOBCO which will update and prepare the home for our new rector.

We pray that as school and Church School come to an end and summer prepares for its arrival this month, our parish will celebrate and give thanks for all that is good. On June 8th, our Church Youth will orchestrate our Sunday service, and our parish picnic will follow.

We also pray for your safety, good health and spiritual wellbeing. Please remember that we at Christ Church are a family, strengthened by our love for Christ and our fellowship with one another. By these gifts, we are encouraged and empowered to help others, especially those in need.

Wishing you peace and blessings,

Ariana Tadler Paterson
Senior Warden

William Siener
Junior Warden

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Parish Notes:

A Message from our Director of Spiritual Formation

Second Chances

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens his friend. - Proverbs 27:17

Don't you just love second chances? It's those amazing but rare opportunities we're given to try again, make something right, live with renewed promise and re-commit to someone or something with hope, faith and love. I believe we all need second chances, because we rarely get things right the first time!

I was recently given a second chance when I reconciled with a beloved friend after almost two years apart. I had stepped away from our friendship, because I found myself in a difficult life situation. Honestly, my decision was neither fair nor kind, but I did what I had to do during significant challenge. Recently, I realized how much my choice had hurt my friend, so with things resolved in my life, I knew I wanted to sit down, ask for forgiveness and hopefully start to rebuild our relationship.

The night that we met was hard. It was hard staying open, honest and vulnerable, sharing the struggles that had gone on in my life. It was hard to hear the pain, sadness and confusion that my friend had experienced during our time apart. It was hard hoping desperately for reconciliation, while not knowing what my friend wanted or needed.

God blessed us that night, because after hours of conversation, clarification, pledges and assurances, we came to a place where we were ready to move on. We both had the same intention in meeting each other that evening: to listen and understand, to forgive and start again. Our friendship was founded in love, and thank God, love won. We were going to be okay.

I learned many things through this experience. Neither second chances nor renewed friendships come by accident; you have to be intentional in doing what is necessary to make things right. Both create extraordinary growth opportunities that allow you to look at a situation, admit your mistakes and commit to doing better. Most importantly, as in my case, they help sharpen your abilities to reach beyond yourself to care for, know and honor someone while letting the miracle of forgiveness heal and strengthen your relationship.

I am so thankful to have my friend back, who is a person of heart and spirit, joy and grace. I am delighted by every new opportunity for conversation, sharing and laughter, which reinforces our growing trust and reconciliation. And I am grateful for the lessons learned in this second chance friendship, which continues to bless my life in countless ways.

May you, also, be blessed with your second chances!

Lesley Mazzotta, Director of Spiritual Formation

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News and Upcoming Events

We were honored to have Bishop Provenzano visit Christ Church on May 18 to celebrate the Eucharist with us. At the 10:00 service, the Bishop also celebrated the Rite of Confirmation for those students who had participated in confirmation class.

It is a joy to support and welcome our newest Confirmands into the life of the Episcopal Church. Christ Church celebrates Kayla Deosaran, Elizabeth Kelly, Decker Paterson, Lucy Pavlovich, Michael Polis, Sage Sherry, Megan Smith, Walter Stackler, William Stackler, Una Stopford and Charlotte Trezza on their decision to be confirmed. You have worked faithfully to fulfill the requirements for confirmation and the congregation congratulates and supports you.

- **Youth Fundraising Car Wash**



The Christ Church Youth Group along with other Manhasset community youth groups met on Saturday May 17 at The Congregational Church parking lot to raise money for "Adventures in Learning," an organization that helps at-risk kids in our community. A total amount of \$800 was raised during the carwash. Give a shout out to the young people of Christ Church!

- **Annual Church Picnic – JUNE 8, Rain or Shine**

Christ Church and the Community Reformed Church will hold our ANNUAL PICNIC on June 8 after the 10:00 service. It will be a wonderful day so please join us for fellowship, great food and lots of fun. We ask that you bring something delicious to share for lunch.

Beverages are provided by the churches. Please email the Church office at

admin@christchurchmanhasset.org if you plan on attending. A head count is needed along with what food item you plan on bringing.



- **Volunteers Needed for the ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC – JUNE 8**

There is still time to volunteer to help set up and clean up at our ANNUAL PICNIC. We would also like volunteers to organize some simple children's games so that the children can have some fun, too. If you have a little time and can help, please speak with Heather Bennett or Lesley Mazzotta. You can also email Heather at aualka51@gmail.com or Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com.

- **Pentecost Sunday, June 8 - Please wear RED!**

- **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.

- **June 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 July, please notify Valerie no later than June 15th.

If you cannot serve when assigned, please find a **substitute** and **notify** the office of the change no later than 12:00 pm on Friday.

- **June Sunday Hospitality**

Now until Sunday, June 29

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



The following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

June 8	Annual Picnic	
June 15	Debbie Czegledy	365-6773
June 22	Louise Fribush	305-5410
June 29	The Carr Family	721-9250

Hospitality will now be held near the front side door on the eastside of the church. If for some reason you are unable to host, please email **Holly Melichar** at hbm10078@gmail.com or call her at 516-404-6688.

- **Summer Hospitality Volunteers**

The Summer Schedule has begun and continues through August 31, Labor Day weekend. Volunteers are needed to provide "Hospitality/Fellowship" for July and August. A sign-up sheet will be located in the back of the church. If you should have any questions, please contact Holly Melichar at hbm10078@gmail.com or 516-404-6688. **Iced tea and juice** will be provided by the Church.

- **Summer Time - Informal Home Communion**

Wednesday Evenings in July at 7:00pm.

Hosts will be needed for the Informal Home Communion on Wednesday evenings for July 9, 16, & 23.

The Pavlovich family has graciously offered to host July 30. If you would like to host a Wednesday Evening Home Communion, please contact Holly Melichar at hbm10078@gmail.com or 516-404-6688.

- **Second Annual Summer Arts Camp**

Donations needed for Second Annual Summer Arts Camp: Please consider making a donation to our summer arts camp for underprivileged children. We need multiple donations of the following items:

- Gift cards to Michaels for art supplies and materials
- Gift cards to King Kullen for healthy snacks and drinks
- Scholarships (\$40 per child, 25 children total)



Our camp, offered in early August, will include five days of art-making, theater activities and bible study to nurture children's faith and deepen their relationship with God. Your support will help make this program a reality for dozens of children who, otherwise, would never get this opportunity. For more information, contact Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or 917-623-4554.

- **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 at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or 917-623-4554

- **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 at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com.

- **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.

- **"Feasting on the Word"**

A dynamic bible study with meaningful conversation immediately following service each Sunday, 11:30am-12:30pm. Teens and adults meet in the Community Reformed Church, 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. 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

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



Just a reminder that this Sunday, June 8, is World Children's Sunday with the 10:00 service being held at Christ Church. The children will be leading the service. If your child wants to participate and did not sign up, please let Heather Bennett at hbennett@firststerling.com or Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com know ASAP. There will be a rehearsal this Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 in Christ Church.

- **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.



- **Mission Trip**
July 21 - 26, 2014

In July the combined Youth Groups of Christ Church, the Community Reformed Church, St. Mary's and the Congregational Church are heading to (drum roll please...) Atlanta, GA to join **Passport Camps** for a week of mission work!



Passports is a nonprofit company whose goal is to work for integrated, ecumenical, inspirational weeks of summer camp that model important lessons like service in the name of Christ. Founded in 1993, they have developed a reputation for creative, high quality Christian programs for students; moving and theologically stretching worship; an energetic staff; and hands on mission and discipleship experiences for youth and mission education for kids. They value both a freedom to dream, as well as a respect for tradition.

Our headquarters for the July week will be in a local church in Atlanta. We will be serving at various mission work sites for 6 hours each day. Most of these will likely involve working with Atlanta's homeless population, soup kitchens and possibly inner city children. We will be working, serving and living with other youth groups from around the country during the week. I believe the total capacity at our mission site is 75 youth.

Because we are heading to Atlanta, we will be traveling by plane! (Yippee! No Megabus!) The approximate cost of the trip is \$725 per student. This will cover the fee for Passport Camps, airfare, food, lodging, van rentals, gas, a t - shirt and any extra costs.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Munsey Park Women's Club "Fun Run" to benefit SCA Project Share - Calling All Kids Ages 2-12
Saturday, June 7, 9 - 10:30 am, Waldmann Pond "Polliwog Pond" (Park Ave. & Remington Rd.)

SCA Project Share invites you to join them at the one mile race open to all kids ages 2-12. The primary beneficiary of this Munsey Park Women's Club event is SCA Project Share, a volunteer organization created by the SCA to help provide families in our community with basic need items. If you can't make the run, join us at the finish line fair. Rain or Shine



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Calendar for the Month of June 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.
June 1	Christ Church Choir Awards
June 8	Pentecost—wear RED World Children's Sunday Awards Sunday at Christ Church Annual Church Picnic immediately after 10 am service
June 14	Youth Karaoke Night in NYC
June 15	Trinity Sunday
June 16	Vestry Meeting, Compline at 7:15 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm in the CRC Lounge

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Sunday Readings and Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgiving for June

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION, JUNE 1, 2014

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Joseph Vallo by Mrs. Diana Tadler

PENTECOST, JUNE 8, 2014

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35,37; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Richard Lombard and Thomas Redwood by Mrs. Janet Lombard

TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014

Genesis 1:1-2,4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Edith Smitham by Mr. & Mrs. David Smitham

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JUNE 22, 2014

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:10,16-17; Romans; 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Jane & Joseph Ryan and Audrey & Charles King
by Mr. & Mrs. John Ryan

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JUNE 29, 2014

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the Marriage of Kathryn & Colin Morse by Mrs. Anita Schmidt

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

Meara Gibbons (4), Carole Schmidt-Spadaro (5), Penny Tadler (7), Scott Ivers (8), Jessica Storozum (8), Ariana Paterson (8), Jasmine Blocker (9), Oriana Cyprus (10), Brian Gibbons (10), Katherine Kelly (15), Lesley Stackler (18), Betts Carpenter (20), Marie Ferraro (21), Liam Whalen (27), Alexander B. Siener (29), Douglas Schmidt-Spadaro (29), Kawall Deosaran (30).

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

Greg and Cathy Trezza, (10), James and Lori Kelly (18), John and Gloria Ryan (24).

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