

# *The Chart*

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### *From the Rector*

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

By the time this edition of *The Chart* hits your mailbox, I will have been on the ground here at Christ Church for the better part of a month. I want to begin by expressing my deep gratitude for the warm welcome you have extended to me from the very moment of my arrival. After much unpacking, numerous trips to Raindeew and Home Depot, and a good deal of shuffling, the Rectory is finally beginning to feel like home.

One of the things I immediately noticed when I moved here is how I was having to learn everything over again: where to buy groceries, where to pick up odds and ends for the house, what roads to take and what roads not to take. The process of moving means rediscovering how to do familiar things all over again, as if for the first time. (We'll all share this experience in the new parish house!)

That experience has made me think about how this phenomenon applies to our spiritual lives as well. The habits of my prayer life were formed over many years, but are more or less old hat by now – praying the Offices of the church, reading scripture, and finding (or trying to find) a small time each morning for naming concerns I have to place before God, and weekly corporate worship on Sundays. Things really haven't changed too much – unlike in my life in the world after moving, in my prayer life, I rarely seem to get the opportunity to “see things again for the first time.”

It's very easy to get focused on the ordinary and routine to such an extent that we can miss the extraordinary things God is doing around us, day in and day out. The promise of the Gospel is that in Jesus Christ, God is always doing something new – shaping not only our lives, but also the lives of our friends, and families, and the whole world. So the challenge I've given myself this month is that in the middle of all the chaos of moving, and all the many tasks involved in getting settled, I'm also going to take time to purposefully pan back in my prayer life. I'm going to try taking in the whole landscape of what God is doing in my life, and the world around me, and let that shape my life of prayer – so that I can see things again for the first time.

Won't you join me? I think we might be surprised what we see.

I'll see you in church!



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## *The Wardens' Letter*

October 1, 2014

Welcome to Fall 2014! We hope that your farewell to the summer ended on a bright and sunny note with warm memories to energize you as we move into this next season where loads of opportunities at Christ Church are in store for you to become an active member of our parish and an inspired and motivated Christian.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, Father David Sibley celebrated his first service as our new rector at Christ Church. His warm smile and inspiring words welcomed our Christ Church family - our pews were filled with 110 parishioners, and the mood was invigorating! Even before Father David joined us officially, he set to work in getting acclimated in the community, meeting some local folks and even participating in the annual September 11 service hosted in Manhasset. Perhaps, you caught a glimpse of him at the service or in the Manhasset Press?

September 14<sup>th</sup> also kicked off our 2014-2015 Sunday School year. Seeing the smiling faces of our cherubs as they returned to Sunday School and to our church service in time for the celebration of Holy Communion was also exciting, as was Sundae Sunday – check out our church website for some fun photos of the day! (In response to requests and solid support from multiple parishioners, junior and senior, we have reinstated our program so that our parish youth start their Sunday worship at Sunday School at 9:45am and then join their parents in church to complete our Sunday worship as a parish.) Meanwhile, Lesley Mazzotta has been working to bring fun and appealing programs to our youth – programs that unite, inspire and uplift them. In today's world, where our youth face increasing social challenges, these programs are a wonderful way to bring balance to their lives and reinforce what really matters most.

As we have continued to report to you, the Rectory renovations have been completed, with the Rector now residing in the Rectory. The Parish House renovations continue towards completion. Bill Siener continues to work relentlessly to move things forward and to an end that is in sight. We are so very grateful for his commitment to this project.

As we mentioned last month, while the structure of the Parish House will soon be complete, the space will require furnishing and we will be working to refresh and bolster our savings, which have been subject to unexpected costs associated with the project and with the Church building itself. A number of repairs to our Church have been necessary which have created unanticipated costs. Still, we remain hopeful that as we move forward into the next chapter at Christ Church, with Father David and a strong, committed and collaborative Vestry, we will soon be in better shape to do what God calls us to do. So watch for news about the Capital Campaign as well as our next Stewardship drive. We hope that as you plan for the coming year, you will consider how you might give to Christ Church to support the Capital Campaign, which is distinct from your annual pledge as part of Stewardship.

With great gratitude, we thank Andrew Yeargin for his service as our talented and focused organist and choirmaster. Andrew has accepted a full-time position to serve the Church of the Holy Trinity (R.C.) in Manhattan. While we are sad to see Andrew leave, we support his future endeavors and wish him the utmost success and happiness. Harriet Kapner has kindly agreed to serve as our interim organist and choirmaster as we work to complete our search for our next organist and choirmaster, who will have big shoes to fill but will be an integral part of our Church's next chapter.

As we enter October, we encourage you all to find time to join us on Sunday for worship. We currently have

two services (8am and 10am), and we are considering adding a third to serve the scheduling of those with other demands on Sunday mornings, whatever they might be (e.g., sports, work, etc.). If you have thoughts about an optimal time for a third service, e.g. Saturday evening or Sunday evening, please share them with one of us or directly with Father David. In order to make such a service work, we would need sufficient attendance.

Finally, we ask that you please review the assignments for the month. Whether it is hospitality, usher, lector, crucifer or torchbearer, if you are assigned, we ask that you PLEASE carry out your assignment or make arrangements for another to serve in your place. Over the last year, and even more so the last month, we have seen an increase in “no shows” (sorry to be blunt) leaving Father David and others scrambling to fill the needs for a given service. Please be considerate and mindful that we are a parish intent on working together, supporting one another and carrying out God’s mission.

We pray that October brings you a more peaceful schedule, with school and work schedules now becoming more manageable, as we enter fall. And we pray for the needs of others, near and far, who are in need of God’s blessings.

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***

Precious Illogical Hope

*Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Psalm 37:4

Our Christian faith teaches us that “if we delight in the Lord, he will give us the desires of our heart.” *Psalm 37:4*. At first read, this scripture makes me want to celebrate: *I delight in you dear Lord... now give me what I want!* However, I’ve learned, through lots of personal experience, that this scripture is not telling us that we will get everything we want, in exactly the way we want it (although I have wished many times for that to be true!) Instead, I’ve understood it to mean that God will fulfill those deep longings in us that truly align with His will and help us live fully into the life God is creating for us.

This is a beautiful notion and one I wholeheartedly believe, but it’s certainly tough to accept when sometimes, all we hope for is our child to get better from her serious illness, a chance for a wonderful relationship with that special person, or the promotion we’ve been deserving after 10 years in the same job. In these challenging situations, we are often too scared or annoyed to care about aligning ourselves with anything but exactly what we want!

The fact is that hopes don’t always transform into reality. No matter how hard we pray, the things we want don’t always happen and can instead be replaced with what we don’t desire and sometimes can’t believe that a loving God could imagine. So how do we keep hope alive in these situations? How do we hold onto a precious dream that seems far-fetched or improbable? How do we honor what we feel in our heart as truth and opportunity when past experience shows us we may be fools?

A friend once wrote that *hope is utterly illogical*. I agree. It sits in the deepest part of our beings. It tells us,

when we are most afraid, that God is a mighty God, who loves us and has plans for us that we can't even imagine. It whispers, *Hey, you just never know, so you must at least try*, despite a huge lack of material evidence. It provides stillness and wisdom that encourages us, over and over, to believe that anything is possible and the world is filled with delightful surprises.

It's from this deep place that we can get our strength. It is from here that we can make a conscious choice to keep believing, praying and acting in ways that keeps us fully alive to God's will while boldly sharing with the world what we long to have happen. It's from this powerful core that we achieve the most faithful acts possible in our lives.

I've been holding onto a big hope for a while that I pray will become a reality now. It has settled in the deepest part of my heart, and I've been praying to God for the path to open wide and my way to be made clear. Yet despite my longing, I don't know what the outcome will be, and that makes me nervous and unsure. But no matter what, I'm committed to delight in the Lord, pray and act with intention, stay on the path and believe that God will give me the desires of my heart as He means them to be, and perhaps, also, exactly as I imagine.

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta

Director of Spiritual Formation

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### *Upcoming Events and News*

#### **Andrew Yeargin's Last Official Sunday**

Andrew Yeargin, Christ Church's very talented Organist and Choirmaster, is moving on to the Church of the Holy Trinity in Manhattan, after six years of honoring God in the musical liturgy, and directing the choir in beautiful anthems and hymns each Sunday. This is a full time position and a wonderful opportunity for Andrew. He will celebrate his last Choral Eucharist with us on **Sunday, October 5**, at the 10 a.m. service. We would love everyone to join us that day as we bid fond farewell to Andrew. The Christ Church Choir will be hosting the coffee hour in Andrew's honor. A search committee is forming to look for a new organist and choirmaster. We are confident that Christ Church's excellent musical tradition will continue during this time of transition.

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 5, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church will host its Annual Blessing of the Animals, in commemoration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, in the cemetery between Christ Church and The Community Reformed Church, weather permitting. Alternatively, the Blessing will occur in the Church. **All are invited to attend, regardless of religious affiliation.** The Church requests that dogs be on leashes and that other pets, as cats, birds, etc. be brought in appropriate crates or containers.

#### **For All Saints Day**

A custom throughout the Church is to celebrate the Heritage of The Saints and to commemorate The Faithful Departed on November 1, All Saints' Day. If you would like to have departed loved ones remembered during **Sunday, November 2** Eucharistic service, please email their names (using both the Christian name and surname for each) to [admin@christchurchmanhasset.org](mailto:admin@christchurchmanhasset.org) **no later than Sunday, October 26.**



## Parking

The George Street entrance is now open for parking on Sunday. Christ Church parishioners are requested to only park in the East lot next to Apple Bank, the North lot off of George Street and the West lot next to the Christ Church Cemetery. Please do not park in the Citibank lot.

## October Sunday Hospitality

Now until Sunday, October 26



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 **30** 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	
Oct. 5	Christ Church Choir			
Oct. 12	Oriana & Nicholas Cyprus	524-5603	Mary Jane & Paul Whalen	365-6722
Oct. 19	Ariana & David Paterson	869-3163	Denise & Greg Polis	365-4421
Oct. 26	Cathy & Greg Trezza	484-2265	Debbie Czegledy	365-6773

If you are unable to host, please email **Holly Melichar** [hbm10078@gmail.com](mailto:hbm10078@gmail.com) or call her at 516-404-6688.

## Operation Christmas Child

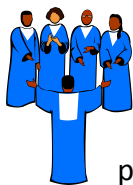
**October 19 – November 16**

Christ Church and CRC, along with our joint Sunday School, are once again participating in **Operation Christmas Child**, an exciting program that brings the joy of Christmas to millions of needy children around the world. Starting **Sunday, October 19**, please pick up a gift-wrapped box (or two or three!!) and a letter with instructions and labels, which you'll find at the back of church, or use your own empty shoeboxes to fill and return to church by Sunday, November 16. Also, we are in need of wrapping paper and empty shoeboxes that are in good condition. We hope to reach **a goal of 150 boxes this year**, so we need your help! For more information, contact Lesley at [lesleymazzotta@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymazzotta@gmail.com).

## Teaching Opportunity

Help Wanted – dedicated person to teach the exciting Bagels & Bible class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Curriculum is provided. Most, if not all candidates, already have the prerequisites. Hours are 9:45 a.m. to 10:45-ish with a tiny bit of overtime for an occasional meeting. Numerous benefits including best salary you'll ever earn! Interested? Any questions? Please don't hesitate to ask us in person or by email - **Heather Bennett** at [aualka51@gmail.com](mailto:aualka51@gmail.com) or **Lesley Mazzotta** at [lesleymazzotta@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymazzotta@gmail.com).

## Chancel Choir has resumed



The Christ Church Chancel Choir & Schola Cantorum has resumed weekly rehearsals on **Thursday evenings from 6:45–8:15 p.m. in the church**. The Chancel Choir is open to any parishioner with a love of singing. We also invite **any** interested teenager in grades nine through twelve with a background in music to join the Schola Cantorum. If you or your teenager is interested in joining, please contact Harriet Kapner, Interim Organist & Choirmaster, [whrestlersmother@aol.com](mailto:whrestlersmother@aol.com) for more information

## **Feasting on the Word - Sunday Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study is offered after Sunday services in the Meditation Room. Helpful handouts as well as fun, interactive conversations make the “Feasting on the Word” study a meaningful experience for everyone involved. All are welcome. Upcoming lessons include the following:

Oct. 5 – no study

Oct. 12 – Joyous Persistence – Philippians 4:1-9

Oct. 19 – Tugs of War – Matthew 22:15-22

Oct. 26 – It All Hangs on Love – Matthew 34-46

## **Coat Drive**

As part of Christ Church’s mission and community outreach, we are asking parishioners to donate any clean and 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. See Vestry Members Carol Allen or Nick Cyprus who are chairing this effort, should you have any questions.

## **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](mailto:hbm10078@gmail.com) or call her at 516-404-6688.

## **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](mailto:hbm10078@gmail.com) and Carol Allen at [GoCarol26@aol.com](mailto: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.



## **Children and Youth Activities**

### **Girl Inspired! \*\*\*Brand New Ministry\*\*\***

We are launching a new ministry, Girl Inspired, with other local churches to support young girls, ages 12 and up, within our community. Through movie nights, retreat days, online activities, educational events and a whole lot of fun, we will work to equip our girls with the social and spiritual tools to identify, confront, and transform cultural biases against women and inspire them to live abundantly. For more information and to support our efforts, please contact **Lesley Mazzotta** at: [lesleymazzotta@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymazzotta@gmail.com) or 917-623-4554.

### **Girl Inspired *Friday Night Film Chat***

**Friday, October 17, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Shout out to all Inspired Girls! Join us from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. for our first **Friday Night Film Chat** at Rev. Steve and Monica Pierce's house, 11 Mason Drive, Manhasset. Enjoy some food. Watch a film. Chat with friends.

Have fun. RSVP to Rev. Lori: [loricburgess@yahoo.com](mailto:loricburgess@yahoo.com). *Girl Inspired's "Friday Night Film Chats" provide a safe space for girls, ages 12 - 17, to engage modern culture and relevant life issues through film and develop new friendships through inspired discussion and fellowship.*

### **All Church Halloween Party**

**Friday, October 24, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

All children, youth and adults are invited to our third annual *Halloween Party in the Graveyard*. Join other community families and friends for a pumpkin carving contest, followed by a spooky delicious dinner, messy games for the youth, arts and crafts for the children, and a twilight service in the graveyard. Come in costume! It's not to be missed!



### **Nursery Care (Newborn - age 4)**

All children, newborn through age 4, are welcome in the newly renovated and fully-operating nursery at Community Reformed Church, open every Sunday, September - June, from 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. There, they will be greeted by our teacher, Lydia Jeong, who works with parents to ensure that their children feel welcomed and comfortable in our space. All toddlers and young children are offered a creative and engaging Bible lesson that helps them play, imagine and explore God's love in all of creation!

### **Sunday School (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)**

Our Sunday School classes for Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are offered from September – June at 9:50 a.m. in Community Reformed Church's Education building. Our children join the children of CRC for a Gospel-focused program that highlights stories, arts, crafts and group discussion. The children meet their families in church for the end of the service. For more information, please contact **Heather Bennett** at [aualka51@gmail.com](mailto:aualka51@gmail.com).

### **Bagels and Bible (7th - 9th Grades)**

The B&B class for the 7th, 8th and 9th grade students explore what we know and what we don't know about the Bible through group discussion and creative activities. The class meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:50 a.m., in the CRC education building. On the remaining Sundays, students are involved in service opportunities during church worship. C'mon and join us - What could be better than conversation, friends and food!!!

## **NOVEMBER SAVE THE DATES**

### **Mandatory meeting for Sunday School parents**

**Sunday, November 2, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

All parents of children, newborn - 9th grade, are requested to attend a short but essential meeting in the CRC lounge, immediately following our worship service. We have important questions and thoughts to share with you as we work to shape a vibrant and meaningful education program for our children in the future. We need you to attend, so please mark your calendar and make every effort to be there!

### **Youth Ropes Course Adventure**

**Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Join us for our second year at Project C.A.R.E., a state of the art ropes course in Amityville, NY! We'll test our physical and mental capabilities, while building confidence, appreciation and trust! Then, we'll grab ice cream and discuss what we learned about gratitude and thankfulness for all that we can do, be, learn and experience in God's great world. Price: \$45 for the day, including Project C.A.R.E., snacks and ice cream. (Each student should bring their own lunch.) **Space is limited, and advance registration is required by Sunday, November 1, no exceptions!**

**Girl Inspired Friday Night Film Chat** (Friday, November 7, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

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### *Calendar for the Month of October 2014*

- Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Church.
- Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
- October 5 Andrew Yeargin's last Choral Eucharist at Christ Church.  
Blessing of the Animals at 4:00 p.m. in the cemetery.  
Bagels & Bible class at 9:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.  
Volunteers to wrap shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child in CRC Lounge.
- October 12 Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.
- October 17 Girl Inspired *Friday Night Film Chat* at Rev. Pierce's home at 6 p.m.
- October 19 Bagels & Bible class at 9:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.  
Operation Christmas Child begins.
- October 20 Vestry Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the CRC Lounge.
- October 24 *Halloween Party in the Graveyard* from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- October 26 Family Service  
Commissioning of the Teachers  
No Sunday School  
Fourth Food Sunday  
Last day to submit names of departed loved ones for All Saint Day/The Faithful Departed  
Eucharistic Service to be held on November 2.

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### *Sunday Readings and Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgiving for October*

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 5, 2014

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46  
Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Ferenc Czegledy by Debbie Czegledy

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 12, 2014

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14  
Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Claude Mapes by the Mapes Family

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 19, 2014

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22  
Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Kenneth Fribush by Louise Fribush

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 26, 2014

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46  
Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of William Angus by Mrs. William Angus



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### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

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



Robert Pavlovich (1), Hope Whalen (7), Alex Bennett (7), Janet Rider (11), Tom Gallatin (12), Pam Smith (13), Andy Phillips (13), Ted Beinecke (14), Walter Stackler (14), Tom Pritchett (16), Michelle Deosaran (18), Dylan Field (19), Michael Henahan (20), Hannah Pavlovich (20), Walter Edward Stackler (21), Lucinda Pavlovich (23), Katherine Allen (26), Charles Bindert (28), Bradford Lightcap (29), Graham Siener (30), Phyllis Sternemann (30).

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

Walter and Lesley Stackler (7), Tom and Lucy Chaly (12), Nicholas and Oriana Cyprus (15), Jeff and Jane Lightcap (18), Robert and Laura Pavlovich (24), Jerome and Arlene Blocker (27).



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