

# The Chart



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### *From the Rector*

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

Ever since I was a little kid, I always associated October and November in the church with “stewardship season.” If you’ve been in the Church for any length of time, I suspect you know what I mean. There are sermons urging gifts to support the church’s operations in the forthcoming year; there are testimonials about why we give to our church family; and maybe there’s even a big “thermometer” at the back of the church to count the progress toward each year’s goal for annual giving. If it was fall in the church, I could expect Stewardship to be in full swing, and, as fall gave way to winter, things would return to “normal,” and that message would recede into the background for another year.

But here’s the thing – stewardship isn’t a seasonal affair. It is something we do year round, and in the whole of our lives, not just in church. Stewardship is our ongoing and active response to the many blessings of God in our lives. At Christ Church, we’re about to kick off our annual giving campaign as we look ahead to our ministry over the coming year. It will bear many of the hallmarks of “stewardship season” that I mentioned above – albeit, without a giant thermometer. But that campaign is not the end-all and be-all of stewardship. We may be about to enter our annual giving campaign – but stewardship, in and of itself, has no season.

Ultimately, stewardship is our response to our belief that God is doing something in our lives, in our church, in our community, and in our world by the power of the Holy Spirit and through the person of Jesus Christ. The generosity shown by God knows no season – and so, as disciples, our call to faithful stewardship knows no season either.

As we enter into our Annual Campaign this month, I’d ask you to take some time and reflect on the blessings you have experienced over the past year – on the ways that God has been present and active in your life. Note them well, and pray on them. And then – as we are called to do year-round – respond. Respond by pushing that blessing outward – carrying your ministry and our ministry at Christ Church forward – so that abundance of grace we know in Jesus Christ becomes still more seen, and still more known.

I’ll see you in church!

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### *The Wardens’ Letter*

November 1, 2014

We hope that you have been enjoying the fairly mild fall weather up until now. Even Halloween allowed for fun with winter attire, which is always a “treat”. Still, the cold weather is coming. We are so grateful to those of you who took the time to sort through your closets and generously donate your lightly used coats. We collected more than 90! The coats have already been donated to those in need.

We also wish to thank those of you who contributed to our collection of basic food items for the Food Pantry. This past month’s collection showed a substantial increase in collections from past months - it is this level of contribution that we need so that we can really help those IN NEED. The Food Pantry has remained sadly very low. As we prepare to give thanks later this month for our many blessings, we ask that you all please think of

those who do not have enough to eat day to day. Contributing to the Food Pantry is easy. All you need to do is purchase nonperishable food items, preferably with some protein (e.g., peanut butter, tuna fish, beans) but pasta and other items that you might find on sale are also welcome as are basic household goods like bleach, toilet paper and paper towels. Bring those items to and leave them in the back of the church. We have special helpers at church who actually deliver the items to the Food Pantry each month. As the weather gets colder, the needs will increase. So when you go to the supermarket, please consider adding some extra items to your food cart and then bring them to Christ Church when you join us for worship.

Operation Christmas Child is underway. We have two more weeks to complete this traditional project of wrapping and filling shoeboxes with special treats for children in need around the world. We are aiming to deliver 150 shoeboxes this year so we need your help on making that goal. Instructions are in The Chart and the Sunday announcements.

Sunday School is now in full swing. We hope that you were able to attend the mandatory meeting on November 2nd when our teachers shared important information about our programs. Our Sunday School offers a nurturing environment for our parish children to learn about God and share in the liturgy in which we participate in Church as adults. Please make every effort to deliver your children on time to ensure that classes begin on time. Sunday School children join us in Church mid-service to share in the celebration of Holy Communion. Please also watch for news from our Sunday School teachers as the year progresses.

We are preparing to launch our Annual Giving Campaign for the next year. Each fall, we ask our parishioners and friends to make an annual pledge to support the work of Christ Church. Our church relies on your pledge to craft a budget to support our ongoing ministry over the coming year. Your support makes these ministries happen – ministries that we believe change lives, and make our lives richer. As you consider your pledge for 2015, please consider what the work of Christ Church means to you and your family, and respond generously. A pledge may be a single donation of what you are able to give, or fulfilled over the course of year building to the full pledged amount. Please prayerfully consider what your pledge will be in the coming year. More details and encouragement will follow – stay tuned!

The Parish House project continues to near completion. With each week we see more progress. Hopefully, we will be able to share that progress by taking possession of the space by year end... Until then, we ask for your prayers and patience!

Please review the assignments for the month. Whether it is hospitality, usher, lector, crucifer or torchbearer, or altar guild service, if you are assigned, we ask that you PLEASE carry out your assignment or make arrangements for another to serve in your place. If you do not intend to participate at all, please alert the proper people, whether it be Donna in the Church office, Valerie Siener or Diana Tadler. Please be courteous and considerate.

As the cold winter draws near, we wish you good health, safety and warmth. We also pray that you will think of those in need and do what you can to lighten their load.

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*

##### Deeper Understanding

*Mark 8:29: Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"*

As many of you know, I just returned from a 10-day trip to the Sultanate of Oman. This beautiful country, located on the Arabian Sea, next to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, stands as a peaceful and safe place in a volatile part of the world. Oman is gracious and approachable, eager to welcome all people and share its country, culture and traditions with those who are willing to hear.

While there, we stayed in the capital city of Muscat, hosted by the Al Amana Centre, an RCA ministry working internationally to foster understanding, acceptance, trust and peace between Muslims and Christians. Our adventures abounded: we hiked mountains, lunched on the beach, toured religious sites, visited an Omani school, shopped at bustling souks, explored ancient towns, rode camels, took a sunset dhow cruise, went dune bashing (both thrilling and terrifying – look it up!) and spent our last night watching shooting stars in the desert sky. However, it was the chance to meet and talk with the country's gentle and hospitable people that warmed my heart and made me fall in love with this place.

As a Christian, I felt blessed to have the opportunity to speak in-depth with the Omani people to share our lives, celebrate our religious similarities and honor the differences on our unique and personal journeys with

God. I was struck by the openness everyone had to discuss their religious truths and learn more about mine. I also observed the deep theological conversations that the ministers in our group had with one another, colleagues sharing about the joys and challenges of our Christian faith in the heat of the Wahiba Sands.

Wherever I went, I felt called to answer the same question: *What do I believe?* or as Jesus asks, *Who do you say that I am?* The RCA ministers at the Al Amana Centre talked passionately about the importance of upholding our religious convictions in order to truly engage in interfaith dialogue. This is not to convince others to believe as we do, but to fully articulate our faith to create a safe space for exploration and discovery of the differences between us. I have to admit that when I think of the questions above, I can't yet express my beliefs as well as my minister or Omani friends. But I want to, and I'm committed to continuing to question, study and explore until I can.

This is the most surprising part of this transformational experience. A trip aimed at helping me understand other religious points of view strengthened my own. I have returned with a greater faith in God and a yearning to deepen my Christian beliefs in the hope that as I do, I am able to live unconditionally into God's word and will while fully engaging in interfaith conversations with all of God's people. I look forward to sharing this unfolding journey with all of you!

Fall blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta

Director of Spiritual Formation

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### *Upcoming Events and News*

#### **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.

#### **Feast of All Saints**

**Sunday, November 2**



We will observe the **Feast of All Saints and the Faithful Departed** at the **10 a.m. Choral Eucharist**. At this very special service, we not only honor the heritage of the Saints, but commemorate those departed loved ones who live on in our hearts and memories. At the centerpiece of this service will be the reading of the names of the Faithful Departed.

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

**Now till 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. Please pick up a letter with instructions and labels, which you'll find at the back of the church and fill your own shoebox (or two or three!!) with toys and gifts. All boxes must be returned 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).

#### **5th Annual Raking of the Leaves**

**Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** (Rain date: Sunday, November 23)

*All parishioners are invited to help!* Please bring gloves and a rake and any extra rakes (all labeled with your name) that you own. A few shovels and brooms would come in handy too! Come have fun and help make Christ Church beautiful! **Community service hours will be given to those high school students who participate.**



#### **Children's Voices Needed for the Chapel Choir!**

**Wednesday evenings, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**



The Chapel Choir is open to all children in 2nd through 8th grade. If your child would like to participate, but Wednesday is not a good day for you, please email [Pavlovich.Laura@gmail.com](mailto:Pavlovich.Laura@gmail.com). She is considering changing the rehearsal day to Tuesday to accommodate more children. It is all about participation! We learn great songs, we have fun, and we sing in Church and other settings to share God's love. Come once to check it out - no need to commit to the entire season.

Laura Pavlovich will be conducting the Chapel Choir until a full-time organist is found.

#### **Ecumenical Women's Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Ecumenical Women's Fall brunch on September 27. We had a wonderful morning of food and fellowship while writing over 80 letters to **Restore NYC** sex trafficking victims. We will be delivering these letters in early November, along with a donation check, to support this important and necessary work. For more information, visit: <http://restorenyc.org/>. We appreciate your generosity!

#### **November Sunday Hospitality**

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. Beverages 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. If the edible goodies you supply would be best served on paper plates or large napkins, we ask that you provide them as well. **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	
Nov. 9	Piera & Ted Andel	365-0854	Carole & Doug Schmidt-Spadaro	627-8901
Nov. 16	Valerie & Bill Siener	570-0679	Richard Freund	365-8692
Nov. 23	Joint Ecumenical Service. with CRC. No coffee hour.			
Nov. 30	Laurie Gibbons	627-3958	Heather Bennett	627-2727

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

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 10 a.m. services in the CRC Education Building 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.

Nov. 2 – A Way Out of No Way – Joshua 3:7-17

Nov. 9 – Living in Hope – Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 16 – Venture Discipleship – Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 23 – no study – brunch after service

Nov. 30 – Opening to Holy Hope – Isaiah 64:1-9

### 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) fed more than 1400 people each month in August and September just from their Freeport pantry. In recent months there has been a growing number of requests for assistance from working families who have had their SNAP (food stamps) benefits reduced due to Congressional budgets cuts.



This would be a great time to donate unopened food (please check the expiration dates), particularly canned vegetables, jelly and pasta, personal care items, small household goods and grocery bags on any Sunday. Donations may be left in the back of the Church.

Monetary donations to support the emergency food

centers would be greatly appreciated. These donations should be sent to The Long Island Council of Churches, 1644 Denton Green, Hempstead, NY 11550. You can also donate on-line through [www.LICCDonate.org](http://www.LICCDonate.org).

### Children and Youth Activities

#### 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!

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

**Friday, November 7**

Hey Inspired Girls! What are your favorite movies? What TV shows do you love? Come to our second FNFC with your "must see" list for a chat about the portrayal of women and girls in popular film and television. Dinner included! At Rev. Lori Burgess' home, 90 Country Club Drive, Port Washington. Please bring dessert to share and \$5 for supplies. RSVP to Lesley: [lesleymazzotta@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymazzotta@gmail.com) by November

5. *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.*

### **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! \*\*\*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.

### **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!!!

### **December Save the Dates**

**Youth and Older Children Christmas Tree and Holiday Wreath Sale** (December 5 – 7)

**Youth NYC Christmas Trip** (December 12, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.)

**All Church Christmas Pageant** (December 14, 10 a.m. at Christ Church)

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## *Calendar for the Month of November 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. Chapel (Children's) Choir at 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Thursday	<b>Chancel Choir &amp; Schola Cantorum</b> at 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
November 2	Feast of All Saints and the Faithful Depart at 10:00 a.m. service. Bagels & Bible class at 9:50 a.m. Sunday School at 9:50 a.m. Mandatory Sunday School Parent meeting at 11:15 a.m.
November 7	Girl Inspired <i>Friday Night Film Chat</i>
November 9	Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.
November 15	Youth Ropes Course Adventure

- November 16 Bagels & Bible class at 9:50 a.m.  
 Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.  
 Operation Christmas Child ends.
- November 17 Vestry Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the CRC Fellowship Hall.
- November 22 5th Annual Raking of the Leaves from 9:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*(rain date: November 23)*
- November 23 Joint Ecumenical Service at CRC 10:00 a.m. No coffee hour  
 Fourth Food Sunday
- November 27 Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
- November 30 First Sunday of Advent

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*Sunday Readings and Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgiving for November*

ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 134:1-10,22; 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12  
 Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Robert Schmidt by the Schmidt Family.  
 Altar Flowers a given in loving memory of Guy Osborne by the Osborne Family.

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, November 9, 2014

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13  
 Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Lee Wright by the Holly and Ward Wright

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, NOVEMBER 16, 2014

JUDGES 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30  
 Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Amy Angus by the Altar Guild

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING, NOVEMBER 23, 2014

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46  
 Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of my Family by Marie Ferraro

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 30, 2014

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,16-18; 1 Corinthians, 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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

Brian Lightcap (3), Kate Wright (4), John Ryan (5), Margot Cyprus (8),  
 Erica Wedeking (22), Kathy Bindert (24), Don Koch (25), Laura Pavlovich (28),  
 Mary Jane Whalen (28), Megan Lightcap (29).

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