

The Chart



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From the Rector

January 13, 2105

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

Each New Year is always a time of new beginnings. Perhaps it's simply the expectation and hope that we can do better with the turning of the calendar from December to January; perhaps it's some of the rest and relaxation we are able to recoup with the Christmas and New Year's holidays so close to one another; perhaps it is just blind luck. But the New Year always seems to bring new possibilities, new joys, and new challenges.

The coming year at Christ Church is indeed a year of great potential. We will move into the Parish House – hopefully within the first quarter of this year, pending all the necessary permits, licenses, and certificates are issued. On January 24th, Bishop Provenzano will be with us as we formally celebrate the end of the transition process with a Celebration of New Ministry, as I'm formally installed as Rector. And shortly thereafter, in February, we will welcome new leaders onto the Vestry as we begin to chart our course for the next year and the years beyond. On January 10, the Vestry of Christ Church gathered with a facilitator to do some in depth exploration of how we work as a church, how we work together, and, finally and most importantly, to begin to put pencil to paper to define where we believe God is calling Christ Church to go. It's exciting work – work that I'll detail in my address at the Annual Meeting on February 2 – and work that will continue over the coming year, even as a new Vestry takes office.

That task of discernment – of prayerful consideration and listening for the will of God in our lives, both corporately and individually – is both one of the great gifts and challenges of our lives as Christians. It is a challenge because, all too often, it's hard for us to open enough space to hear God speaking. Our minds are often on autopilot, our fears, anxieties, and obsessions can get in the way of hearing that still, small voice of calm. But we are also gifted – gifted to know that when we do open up that space to God, we will find ourselves able to the work we are given to do – and to do it, as the Prayer Book says, “with singleness of heart” – with unity of mind – with determination. This is the joy that comes with being disciples of Jesus Christ – for in following after Jesus, we know God with us. God with us as we seek to find where we are called to go; God with us as we look for the courage to follow in the paths we are led.

I can think of no better time, then, to take on the work of discernment – the work of holy listening – than in the New Year. God grant us the grace to take up that work together in 2015.

I'll see you in Church!

David

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The Wardens' Letter

We hope that your Christmas was filled with joy and good tidings, and the New Year brings you many blessings, including good health, happiness, and prosperity.

Advent was a busy time here at Christ Church with an abundance of celebrations and good deeds. Among other things, we sponsored a toy drive to bring happiness to families in need; we joined with CRC to perform our annual Christmas pageant, which, by all accounts, was a huge hit; with the help of Laura Pavlovich, our youth visited with the elderly at The Sands Point Center and entertained them with Christmas songs; and, with your help, we collected and donated more than 17 bags of food and supplies to the Food Pantry.

Christ Church was in full-decorated glory for our Christmas services. Thanks to Diana Tadler, Directress of the Altar Guild and many helping hands, wreaths, roping, candles, and poinsettias soon found their places on the morning of Monday, December 22, preparing our sanctuary, and most significantly the altar, for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Our Christmas services were well attended. At the 5pm Christmas Eve children's service, our children's choir sang beautifully. Our parish children gathered with Father David around the altar where he spoke of the birth of Christ. Father David inspired the children with his message and, thanks to one little cherub's comment, was able to instill some humor with a spot on ad lib. He then delivered his sermon and reminded us that Jesus is everywhere.

At the 8pm service, Christ Church was filled with beautiful music complemented by our stellar choir, led by Harriet Kapner. *What a joyous feeling to have had over 200 congregants celebrating on Christmas Eve.*

On Christmas Day, Christ Church offered an early morning service to celebrate the birth of Christ, with over 22 in attendance as this service provided our parish family a beautiful time to worship together.

You may have noticed that the king figures from our crèche remain in the back of the church. Christmas continues through January 6th, which marks Epiphany and the visit of the three kings. At that time, the kings will make their way to the altar, hopefully with an assist by a few of our youth!

As we embark upon 2015, we are planning for a year of jubilation and good works. *The Rector and Vestry has participated in a retreat facilitated by the Rev. Elisabeth Tunney on January 10th*, where we focused on how the Vestry can best serve the parish and identify ways to invite the parish into the various mission programs we hope to institute. Then on January 24th at 4pm, we will celebrate Father David's installation, with Bishop Provenzano presiding. A reception will follow. We encourage you all to join us on this very special day!

So as you can see, January is an exciting and busy month. We hope to see more of each of you as we continue to build our parish and our programs.

Wishing you God's 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

Finding God in the Darkness

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

Isaiah 45:3

Living in New York City, the one thing I never experience is darkness. This is the city that never sleeps, with neon signs, glowing billboards, store windows and apartment lights illuminating the city at all hours. If this is not enough, there are always an extraordinary number of people, animals, buses and cars that add noise and chaos to this non-stop brightness. If God is in the midst of the city, I can't quite find Him amongst all of this craziness!

I think this does something to me, as a city dweller, who never experiences the silence and stillness of total darkness. It disconnects me from God and feeling His presence in my life. It also disconnects me from those things that challenge or scare me. Whether the physical darkness of what's under the bed or around the corner, or the spiritual darkness of unknowing, confusion, worry and doubt, my fear is often great yet unchallenged. In the city, I need not worry about these things. There is always something bright, shiny and loud to distract me!

Barbara Brown Taylor, one of my favorite authors, talks about her journey into darkness and what it taught her along the way: *Darkness is shorthand for anything that scares me – either because I am sure that I do not have the resources to survive it or because I do not want to find out. If I had my way, I would eliminate everything from chronic back pain to the fear of the devil from my life and the lives of those I love. At least I think I would. The problem is this: when, despite my best efforts, the lights have gone off in my life, plunging me into the kind of darkness that turns my knees to water, I have not died. The monsters have not dragged me out of bed and taken me back to their lair. Instead, I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one logical conclusion. I need the darkness as much as I need light.*

Taylor is stating what I have learned myself: Darkness holds divine mystery; it is a spiritual teacher that leads us to wisdom, courage and purpose, and enlightens us to what we most need to know. God gave us darkness so that we can know Him better. As Isaiah 45: 3 exclaims, it allows us to find the true treasure, which is *the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls us by name*. It's no wonder I feel God's presence so greatly when I'm sitting at the Cape Cod shore or on Oman's Wahiba Sands. In the darkness of those places, God's presence is undeniable, and I am able to truly feel Him, hear Him and allow Him fully into my life.

What is your relationship with darkness? Do you often deny its beautiful power, like I do? Do you seek the courage and commitment to find the treasure in the dark? No matter where you are, I hope you'll use the long days (and nights!) of winter to explore this topic with me with intention and purpose. I believe it will yield great blessings for all of us, as we see how to find God – or let God find us –in the deepest parts of our lives.

New Year's Blessings to you! I look forward to finding the darkness and light with you in this brand new year!

Lesley Mazzotta
Director of Spiritual Formation

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Upcoming Events and News

ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, February 1, 2015

The Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2015, following the 10:00 am Eucharist in the Church Sanctuary.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of nominees to serve as Church Warden and Members of the Vestry beginning in February, 2015:

Church Warden (2 years, Until 2017): Andrew Phillips

Vestry Member (3 years, Until 2018): Michelle Deosaran

Vestry Member (3 years, Until 2018): Thomas Gallatin

Vestry Member (3 years, Until 2018): Laura Pavlovich

Additional nominations to serve on the Vestry or as Warden may be made by petition. A nomination petition must contain the signature of a nominating parishioner, a seconding parishioner, and the written consent of the nominee. Nominees for Vestry must be baptized and a communicant in good standing of this church; Nominees for Warden must be confirmed and a communicant in good standing.

SAVE THE DATE

Service of the Celebration of New Ministry

Major event on the life of Christ Church will happen on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 4 p.m. when Bishop Provenzano will install Fr. David as the 16th Rector. A festive reception to follow. Formal invitations will be mailed. Please RSVP no later than January 15.

THANK YOU

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY: A special thank you to both the Allen and Carr families for their time and effort in the success of FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY. Both families organize, collect and

drive the donated items to the Long Island Council of Churches Food Pantry in Freeport each month. For the month of December , 17 bags of groceries were donated by the parishioners of Christ Church.

PROJECT SHARE: During this past Christmas season, Christ Church with the Community Reformed Church worked with Project Share to provide groceries to needy families in the Manhasset community. Both churches donated a total of 49 grocery store gift cards totaling \$1,225 and 47 bags of groceries. Project Share, part of the Manhasset School Community Association (SCA), works in conjunction with the school social workers to help the neediest of Manhasset school children. Thank you to those parishioners who participated.

ECUMENICAL WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Second Annual Spiritual Book Club

Tuesdays, January 20, 27 February 3, 10 (17 as a snow day, if needed!)

6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., The Community Reformed Church, Manhasset

Join a wonderful group of women for food, fellowship, meaningful conversation and personal reflection on Anne Lamott's new book, *Small Victories, Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace*. *This book club is presented by a collection of Long Island churches committed to celebrating and inspiring women’s lives.* For more information, contact Lesley Mazzotta at [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554), or lesleymazzotta@gmail.com.

JANUARY 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	
Jan. 4	Caroline & Michael Via	365-1724	Patti Crisafulli & Michael Smolens	829-4031
Jan. 11	Nelly & Paul Egrie	680-1417	Grazia Bozzoli	365-4698
Jan. 18	Lori & James Kelly	365-9711	Kelly Butler	801-2184
Jan. 25	Sari & Peter Kulka	767-0222	Lesley & Walter Stackler	365-2328

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

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY - Fourth Food Sunday

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, particularly:

<i>Canned tuna, chicken, salmon (in water), canned stew, canned ham</i>	<i>*Nuts (low salt), Peanut Butter (low salt)/jelly</i>
<i>*Canned vegetable/ soups (low salt/ low fat)</i>	<i>*Canned/ dried fruit</i>
<i>*100% fruit juice</i>	<i>*Dry milk/ Parmalat</i>
<i>*Complete Pancake Mix/ Syrup</i>	<i>*Hot/ cold breakfast cereal*Past, rice, canned beans</i>
<i>*Tomato/ spaghetti sauce</i>	<i>*Infant Formula Powder, Enfamil w/ Lipil or Simalac Advance</i>
<i>*Diapers (size 3-5)</i>	<i>*Shampoo, Soap, toothpaste, brushes, toiletries</i>
<i>*Paper towels, Toilet Paper</i>	<i>*Clothing – Fall/ Winter</i>
<i>*School Supplies ,(notebooks, pens/ pencils, crayons, rulers, calculators)</i>	<i>*grocery bags</i>

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.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our 2015 Annual Giving Campaign is well underway! Your financial pledge to Christ Church supports our work of mission and ministry: from Sunday School to Worship, from Fellowship to Outreach, your generosity in pledging is what makes our ministry happen. We ask you to prayerfully consider the place of Christ Church in your life, and the many ways that your life has

been enriched by the ministries we share here - and to then respond by making a pledge in order to make that work possible for others.

Pledge cards were mailed on November 21 - and additional pledge cards and letters are available at the back of the church. Completed pledge cards may be returned in the Sunday offering plate, dropping them by the parish office, or by mailing them to the church office at 1351 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, NY 11030. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Should you have any questions concerning your 2014 contributions to date compared to your 2014 pledge, or have questions about making a pledge, please contact Donna Cullinan-Gillis at the Parish office at 627-2184 or admin@christchurchmanhasset.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARKING

We kindly ask that all parishioners please park in the Parish House parking lot on Sundays for service and on weekdays when visiting the office.

CHRIST CHURCH ADDRESS CHANGE

With the anticipated move into the Parish House, our new address will be 1351 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, NY 11030. Please note this address change in all of your correspondence.

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.

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

CHAPEL (CHILDREN'S) CHOIR No rehearsal until further notice.

GIRL INSPIRED FILM CHAT: MAGAZINES AND MEDIA

Friday, January 9, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Our third FNFC will look at the portrayal of women and girls in magazines and media and the false image of society's "ideal girl." All inspired girls should come with a few of their favorite popular magazines to share. Dinner included! At Lori Burgess' home, 90 Country Club Drive, Port Washington. *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, media and entertainment while developing new friendships through inspired discussion and fellowship.*

JANUARY YOUTH SKI TRIP RETREAT

Friday, January 16 – Sunday, January 18, 2015

We are heading to West Dover, VT for a weekend ski retreat at Mount Snow Ski Resort <http://www.mountsnow.com/>. We will leave New York on Friday afternoon at 3:30pm, have dinner on the road, and stay at a UCC church near the slopes.

<http://westdoverchurch.com/rentals/>. We'll ski all day on Saturday, talk through the night and return by early Sunday evening, with a stop for lunch and shopping along the way. Cost is \$190 per youth, inclusive of travel, lodging, food, ski rentals and all day ski pass for Saturday. Space is limited, so sign up today!

GIRL INSPIRED! COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, 5pm, Community Reformed Church

Join us for a fun and inspiring service of music, storytelling, conversation and personal reflection with Rev. Lori Burgess, spiritual counselor Nina Frost, Lesley Mazzotta and Monica Pierce. All are welcome as we celebrate our community's inspired women and girls and share exciting plans for *Girl Inspired* in 2015! For more information, contact Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554).

SIGN UP NOW!

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP, WEST VIRGINIA

Sunday, July 19 – Saturday, July 25, 2015

Pipestem, WV. Our home for the week is the Appalachian Folklife Center, which provides acres

of a beautiful campground, a nearby lake, recreational facilities, cabins with bunk beds, and plenty of outdoor adventures. We will work six hours a day restoring and repairing homes for at - risk and vulnerable homeowners. We will participate in our own worship services, educational programs and social activities around our service experience. Please let Lesley know if your youth is interested.

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 6th 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.

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!!!

FEBRUARY SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH LENTEN SUPPER AND SERVICE EVENING

Friday, February 27, 6pm - 8:30pm

At Rev. Lori Burgess' home, 90 Country Club Drive, Port Washington.

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Calendar for the Month of January 2015

Sunday	Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Church.
Tuesday	Chapel (Children's) Choir at 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. (On hiatus until further notice.)
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
Thursday	Chancel Choir & Schola Cantorum at 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
January 4	Epiphany Sunday Sunday School Bagels & Bible
January 9	<i>Girl Inspired Film Chat:</i> Magazines and Media
January 10	Vestry Retreat
January 11	Sunday School
January 15	RSVP to attend the Service of the Celebration of New Ministry
January 16-18	Youth Ski Trip Retreat
January 18	Sunday School Bagels & Bible
January 19	MLK Day Vestry Meeting at 7:15 p.m. at the CRC Fellowship Hall
January 20	Spiritual Book Club
January 24	Service of the Celebration of New Ministry at 4 p.m.
January 25	Family Service Fourth Food Friday <i>Girl Inspired!</i> Commissioning Ceremony
January 27	Spiritual Book Club

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Sunday Readings

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, THE EPIPHANY, JANUARY 4, 2015
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84:1-8; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a; Matthew 2:1-12

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Gregory, June and James Hills
by the Carr Family.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 11, 2015
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 18, 2015
1 SAMUEL 3:1-10(11-20); PSALM 139:1-5,12-17; 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20; JOHN 1:43-51

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Albert & Irene Filed and
Richard & Lucy Field by Mrs. Richard Field.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 25, 2015
Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:6-14; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Harold Roberts by Mrs. Harold Roberts.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Arthur (Ward) Wright (3), Susan Bunyon (4), Caroline Carr (5), Holly Melichar (8),
Decker Paterson (10), Corinne Riggan (11), Nicole Sevely (11), Joseph Sevely (12),
James Carr (19), William Riggan (18), Robin Cuthbert Daly Stopford (18),
William Siener (19), Lisa Carr (20), Debbie Czeglédy (25), Audrey Eisser (25),
Christine Bunyon (27), Brian Wedeking (28).

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

Mark and Susan Bunyon (4), James and Carole McCarvill (8)

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