

The Chart

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From the Rector

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

This edition of the Chart is hideously late. And, as loathe as I am to admit it, it's completely my fault. This very letter was sitting on a "to-do" list since the end of February – and somehow, I let stuff pile on – more and more and more and more – to the point that I decided I couldn't even find fifteen minutes to sit down at the computer and write. Somehow, I suspect all of you know the feeling. We lead increasingly busy lives, need increasingly complex pieces of technology to manage all of the communications, events, and to do lists in our lives, and often lose the time to simply be still... to simply be.

That temptation – to do, and do, and do some more – creeps into our spiritual lives as well. Making time for the basics – time for prayer, time for worship, time for study – fall at the core of what Lent is all about. It is these small moments of awareness of being in God's presence that ultimately grow into a larger vision of what Jesus Christ is doing in the world around us. But it begins with that one moment. With that moment that we decide to take a respite from our busy lives, sit down, be present, and decide that this work – prayer, worship, study – is worth doing.

In just over a week's time, on March 29, the church will enter into Holy Week. There are few times in the church year that are better for making time to be present and attend to our souls – to make time to be consciously aware of God's presence. Because the story of Holy Week – from the hosannas of Palm Sunday, to broken bread and washed feet on Maundy Thursday, to the cross on Good Friday – is our story. It is the story of a God who loved humanity so much that he took on human flesh and the entirety of our experience – joy and pain, life and death. In doing so, Jesus transformed and expanded our vision of what it means to be beloved of God – and in the resurrection, we find that our initial vision is fully transformed, broadened, enlivened. But it begins with that one decision to simply be present to God – to walk from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday to the cross on Good Friday... and to the empty tomb on Easter.

I'll see you in Church!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. P. +', written in a cursive style.

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In The Wardens' Corner

Parish Hall Project Status

The good news: We are anticipating a Town of North Hempstead inspection and, the approval and granting of a Certificate of Occupancy by March 23rd.

What's Completed?

- ◇ The HVAC system is completed with heat in all areas of the building.
- ◇ The Fire Alarm and Sprinkler systems have been installed with the Fire Alarm system to be tested the week of March 11nd, in preparation of the Fire Marshall's test by March 16th.
- ◇ All walls have been constructed, with spackling and taping completed.

What's To Be Completed?

- ◇ Installation of the dropped ceiling and lighting in the Office areas, Guild Room, flooring, hallways and carpeting by March 13th.
- ◇ Painting of all Parish Hall rooms to be completed by March 20th.
- ◇ Finalize the Office, Small Conference Room, File Room furniture configurations and, order furniture by March 19th.
- ◇ Repair, stain and apply polyurethane finishes to the Great Room floor by March 20th.
- ◇ Completion of the access control/ security system by March 19th.
- ◇ Enabling the telephone system, Internet access and, Fire Alarm and Elevator monitoring systems by March 20th.

Vestry Discussions

In conjunction with our Covenant of Ministry with Fr. David, the Rev. Elizabeth Tunney, the Rector of St. John's, Patchogue and an organization consultant, conducted a full day Vestry Retreat with Fr. David and the Vestry in early January.

The theme of the Vestry Retreat was the focus upon group formation and shared leadership resulting in Vestry cohesion. Our oversight role as a Vestry is to discern what is our mission and what are we called to do? What is God asking us to do in the world?

Following the installation of new Vestry members at the Annual Meeting, a major portion of the February Vestry meeting was focused on continuing the discussion and addressing the questions raised at the Vestry Retreat. Namely, how is Christ Church called to ministry in our community? Sub-topics to be initially studied by Vestry members include the following: Worship, formation and Outreach; Buildings and Grounds; Finance and Stewardship; and, Long Term-Planning/ Major Projects. Vestry members will be assigned to the above groups, discuss and report back to the total Vestry, with this focus being our major Vestry responsibility for 2015.

Stay tuned for more information on this process, as parishioners will be joining the Vestry in this most challenging assignment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Your Warden

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Parish Notes:

A message from our Director of Spiritual formation

Not my will, but Yours...



In 2007, when I was working in New Orleans, I met Ward “Mack” McClendon, a bold community leader in the Lower Ninth Ward of the city. Mack was everything I thought of when I think of a “typical” person from New Orleans: gregarious, quirky, artistic, relaxed, welcoming, brave, a bit superstitious, and astoundingly faithful.

After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in his neighborhood, Mack looked for a way to distract himself from the loss and pain he felt. He found an old cavernous building a few blocks from his demolished home, which he decided to purchase to work on old junk cars. God, however, had another plan.

As Mack tells is, “This telephone technician comes walking into my building one day and tells me I should forget about cars and turn this into a community center; you know, to help bring people back to the community. At first, I ignored the crazy guy, but as much as I tried, I couldn’t get that idea out of my head. I wanted to work on my cars, but I think God was nagging me to do something else. So I said, ‘God, I’m going to make a flyer and hold an open house. If anyone shows up, you win. I’ll do what you want. If not, you need to leave me and my precious junk cars alone!’”

One hundred people showed up for the open house, and the rest, as they say, is history.

I was blessed to see the early stages of Mack’s Community Center. He had big dreams: a gymnasium, job training programs (recording studio, culinary area, computer lab) for youth, a movie theater for community gatherings, meals for the homeless and more. Mack gave everything to the center, including his life savings, intentionally stopping renovations on his home until the center was complete and open to the public.

Through the center, Mack brought the community back, helping to make it whole. He served everyone around him, in particular the elderly, youth and the working class. He helped thousands of people see and understand the injustices that the Lower Ninth Ward, a community that had the highest concentration of black homeowners, faced. Over time, he realized that his problems were small compared to those he knew. He realized that God’s plan for his life was so much greater than his.

Pastor Steve writes in his article this month about Jesus’ prayer to God in the Garden of Gethsemane: “If you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” While the circumstances are drastically different, I wonder if Mack prayed these same words to God. I also wonder if I ever have to pray them, will I be brave enough to follow God’s will, despite the loss of my own dreams.

Mack died peacefully on February 14, 2015, after a short but painful fight with terminal brain, lung and kidney cancer. He remains a stunning example of how each of us can touch lives and change this world for the better, when we trust and follow God’s will. May Mack find eternal rest with our Lord, surrounded by a multitude of his precious junk cars.

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta

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Upcoming Events and News

LENTEN SUPPER AND STUDY SERIES: The Parables of Jesus

Parables make up nearly one-third of Jesus' speech in the gospels. Using stories of the world around him, Jesus spoke in parables to help reveal the presence of the kingdom of God in our midst. Yet for a medium meant to make the life of discipleship more clear, why do parables often seem so dense? And how do we approach these lessons two thousand years later?

On Wednesdays during Lent, Christ Church and the Community Reformed Church are hosting a joint supper and study series on the Parables. A light supper will be served at 6:00 PM in the CRC Fellowship Hall, with our study to begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Discussion will be led by Pastor Steve Pierce of CRC, Pastor Linden DeBie of the Reformed Church of Douglaston, and Father David.

A \$5.00 donation is suggested; childcare is available upon request. RSVP is requested to the Parish Office by emailing Donna Cullinan-Gillis at admin@christchurchmanhasset.org, by calling 627-2184, or by signing up on the sheets available at the back of the church.

March 4 Neighbors: The Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:25-37)
March 11 Vocation: The Workers in the Vineyard (Mt. 20:1-16)
March 18 One: The Lost Sheep (Lk. 15:1-7)
March 25 Celebration: The Lost Coin (Lk. 15:8-10)

LENTEN SOUP AND SUPPER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Christ Church will be responsible to provide soup for the **March 11 and 25** Lenten Supper Series. We are looking for **volunteers** to provide two soups (one meatless), fresh crusty-type bread, fruit and cookies/brownies for dessert. Approximately 25 people are to attend. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Beginning on March 5, Christ Church will begin hosting a series of fellowship dinners: small, intimate gatherings of no more than twelve persons in which members of Christ Church can break bread and share time with one another. If you're new to Christ Church, this is a great way to get to know people a little better, and even if you're a long time member, this is an ideal opportunity to dive deeper into the life of our community.

Our first dinner will be hosted at the home of Ariana and David Paterson (67 Bourndale Road North) on Friday, March 6; for this gathering, parents are invited to bring their children. A limited number of slots are available—please sign up at the back of the church.

Future small gatherings will be hosted in the near future—if you can't make this one, don't worry—more are to come. Those who are willing to host future gatherings are asked to let Father David know. More dates will be announced soon!

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

As we draw closer to Easter, we are again appealing to your generosity for flowers to decorate the church and the music that will be played on Easter Sunday. Traditionally, both are given in memory or thanksgiving for those we love.

If you would like to contribute to the joy of Christ Church's Easter worship through the gift of altar flowers and/or music, please submit to the Parish Office the offering form located at <http://www.christchurchmanhasset.org/pdf/EasterOffering.pdf>. Please place it, along with your check (designated either Altar Guild/Easter Flowers or Easter Music) in the Sunday offering plate or you can mail it to Christ Church, 1351 Northern Blvd., NY 11030. All offerings must reach the church office no later than Wednesday, March 25. Please provide a separate check for flowers and or music.

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY LENTEN OUTREACH

Through Sunday, April 5, our women's ministry is collecting \$25 gift cards to Amazon, Trader Joe's or the New York City Metro for **Restore NYC**, a non-profit working to end sex trafficking in New York. These cards will be given to the women they serve to provide necessary food, toiletries and travel while they work to get out of their horrific situations. For more information or to contribute, please contact Lesley Mazzotta at lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554).

BIRD SEED IN THE CEMETERY

Recently on a few occasions, birdseed has been sprinkled on the snow and walkways of the cemetery. Even though this is a kind gesture for our feathered friends during this snowy winter, it is a walking hazard to those passing through the cemetery and it attracts rodents. We do not want anyone to slip and fall and injure themselves nor do we want to be bad neighbors to those homeowners surrounding the cemetery because of the rodents. We kindly ask that this person please refrain from feeding the birds.

ALL CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

EASTER EGG HUNT - DONATIONS NEEDED

All of the children from Christ Church and Community Reformed Church will be participating together, Sunday April 5 after the 10:00 am Easter service. We expect close to 50 children, so here's what we need to make it happen:

Donations of candy and chocolate, to be delivered to the church by Sunday, March 22. These will be placed in plastic eggs and sprinkled on the ground for kids to hunt and gather.

Volunteers to help stuff plastic eggs on Sunday, March 29 from 11am - 1pm (Community Reformed Church library).

Volunteers to help set up the Hunt on Sunday morning, April 5. Please let Lesley Mazzotta (lesleymazzotta@gmail.com) know how you are willing to help. Everyone's support is needed to make this a fun day for all of our children.

MARCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Now until Sunday, March 29

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	
Mar. 1	Kathy & Charles Bindert	365-1772	Debbie Czegledy	365-6773
Mar. 8	Laura & Robert Pavlovich	627-3503	Michelle & Kawall Deosaran	365-1075
Mar. 15	Jeanine Daly & Angus Stopford	883-4985	Marina Conrad	365-5656
Mar. 22	Ariana & David Paterson	869-3163	Denise & Greg Polis	365-4421
Mar. 29	Oriana & Nick Cyprus	524-5603	Karen & Michael Courts	365-6978

If you are unable to host, please email Kathy Bindert at Kathy.Bindert@gmail.com or 365-1772.

PRAYER LIST

The Parish Office maintains a prayer list of names for the intercessor during the Prayers of the People. You may put the name of a person who is sick or who has passed away. You may also put the name of a person for clarity on making a decision or in need of support. If you would like to include someone's name, please contact the office by telephone or email with the person's first name. Their name will stay on the list for one month, unless specified differently.

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 Kathy Bindert at Kathy.Bindert@gmail.com or call her at 516-365-1772

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 - 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. (A list of food and items and can be found on the Christ Church website <http://www.christchurchmanhasset.org/ministry/outreach.html>)

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY

Sunday, March 8

Roll out of bed and into Sunday School! Children should come to Sunday School in their favorite pajamas for a special lesson and celebration! There won't be any pillow fights, but we promise lots of fun, laughter and a few yummy treats!

SIGN UP NOW!

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP, WEST VIRGINIA, *Sign up ends March 15*****

Sunday, July 19 – Saturday, July 25, 2015

Sign Up now for an amazing week of service and fun in the rural community of 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. In addition, we will participate in our own worship services, educational programs and social activities around our service experience. Cost: \$725 per student (approximately), all inclusive

EASTER BASKET OUTREACH PROJECT

Our joint Sunday School is organizing our third annual Easter Basket Outreach program for needy children through Episcopal Community Services. Pick up an Easter basket during Sunday service on **March 15** and **March 22** and fill it with fun Easter treats, then **return it by March 29** for blessings and delivery by Easter. Our goal: to fill six-dozen baskets between Christ Church and Community Reformed Church. You can help make a huge difference this Easter!

GIRL INSPIRED FILM CHAT: GIRLS IN POPULAR MUSIC

Friday, March 20, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Our fourth FNFC will explore the portrayal of women and girls in popular music – the songs, the lyrics and music videos that dominate our culture. All inspired girls should come with a list of their favorite songs, and we'll listen and learn together over dinner. At Monica Pierce's home, 11 Mason Drive, Manhasset. *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.*

YOUTH LEADERSHIP LAB

Saturday, March 28, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. (includes travel time)

*****Registration is closed*****

Join us for our Third Annual Youth Leadership Lab as we head into NYC to work with YSOP (Youth Service Organization Project, NYC - <http://ysop.org>) and do direct service with homeless and hungry people. YSOP is a pioneer in the field of service-learning, leading thousands of young people and adults in programs to encourage community participation and engaged citizenship. The fee for the day is \$50, which includes breakfast, lunch, the service project and a t-shirt. Students will be responsible for paying for a round trip LIRR ticket as well. We look forward to a meaningful day as we learn more about homelessness in our state.

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

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!!!

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL/MAY

Friday, April 17 - Girl Inspired *Friday Night Film Chat*

Saturday, May 9 - Ecumenical Women and Girl's Retreat Day

Saturday, May 16 - Annual Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

Calendar for the Month of March 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. <i>(On hiatus until further notice.)</i>
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
Thursday	Chancel Choir & Schola Cantorum at 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
March 1	Sunday School Bagels & Bibles
March 4	Lenten Supper & Study Series: Neighbors: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-27)
March 6	Fellowship dinner at the home of Ariana and David Paterson.
March 8	Daylight Savings Time begins. Clock go forward Sunday School Classes
March 11	Lenten Supper & Study Series Vocation: The Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)
March 15	Sunday School Bagels & Bibles Easter Basket Outreach begins Last day to sign up for Summer Youth Mission Trip, West Virginia
March 18	Lenten Supper & Study Series One: The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:8-10)
March 20	Girl Inspired Film Chat: Girls in Popular Music
March 22	No Sunday School Family Service Fourth Food Sunday Easter Basket Outreach Last day to donate for Easter Egg Hunt
March 25	Lenten Supper & Study Series Celebration: The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10) Last day to submit contributions for Easter Flowers and Easter Music.
March 28	Youth Leadership Lab
March 29	Palm Sunday No Sunday School All Easter Baskets must be returned today for Easter Basket Outreach Volunteers to stuff plastic eggs in CRC Library

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, <i>March 29</i> :	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday, <i>April 2</i> :	7:30 pm
Good Friday, <i>April 3</i> :	12:00 noon & 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday, <i>April 5</i> :	10:00 am followed by the Easter Egg Hunt (no 8:00 am service)

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Sunday Readings

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 1, 2015

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16; Psalm 22:22-30; romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. MARCH 8, 2015

EXODUS 20:1-17; PSALM 19; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25; JOHN 2:13-22

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 15, 2015

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 22, 2015

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Mark 11:11; Psalm 118:12,9-29

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 51:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Kayla Deosaran(1), Katelyn Bennett (8), Carter Paterson (8), Indu Subaiya (11), Jack Cyprus (14), Ruth Mishrick (25), Dana Sevely (25) Marjorie Kippins (27) Laurie Gibbons (30).

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

Fred and Annemarie Schreiber (12), James and Karyn Sherwood (18).

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