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From the Rector

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

Easter Day has come and gone. We had nearly 160 people at Christ Church on Easter Sunday, which made for a full church, joyful singing, and a jubilant celebration of the Resurrection. But the season of Easter is not one day, but fifty days – beginning with the first Eucharist of Easter and reaching its conclusion on the Day of Pentecost. Our forty days of Lenten preparation – of fasting, prayer, and works of mercy - are not meant to prepare us for but one day – but for the whole season of Easter, and indeed, for a season that marks our foremost hope as Christians – that because we have been united with Christ in baptism, we will share with him in his resurrection.

This reality – that the resurrection of Jesus is not only something we celebrate but something we share – is a reality outside of time, and one that is beyond any one day or season. We celebrate the resurrection every Sunday of the year, no matter what season of the liturgical year we occupy. We see the resurrection lived every day in the space of our own lives, as that which we would count for dead is found to be alive, and those things and people we would write off come into full bloom. The life we see in the Risen Jesus belongs to us all.

Easter tide gives us a unique and focused opportunity to look at the world around us, and, holding the resurrection of Jesus in front of our eyes, to see and celebrate how in the light of the empty tomb, nothing can be the same. To look with fresh eyes on the things, the lives, and the world that we too often take for granted. The promise of the resurrection is that nothing is beyond redemption – nothing is beyond God's love – and that we are held by love which is stronger than death itself. In this Eastertide, may we have the grace to see that unfolding reality in our lives and in our world.

I'll see you in Church!



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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 April 24th.

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 April 13th, in preparation of the Fire Marshall's test by April 24th.
- All walls painted, drop ceilings and lighting installed.

What's To Be Completed?

- Installation of the carpeting the Office areas, Guild Room, flooring, hallways by April 17th.
- Finalize the Office, Small Conference Room, File Room furniture configurations and, order furniture by April 17th.
- Repair, stain and apply polyurethane finishes to the Great Room floor by April 20th.
- Completion of the access control/ security system by April 30th.
- Enabling the telephone system, Internet access and, Fire Alarm and Elevator monitoring systems by April 30th.

Vestry Discussions

Building upon the theme of the Vestry Retreat, our focus is 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?

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 studied by Vestry members include the following: Worship, Formation and Outreach; Buildings and Grounds; and, Finance and Stewardship. At the March Vestry meeting, Vestry members were assigned to the above groups, where the Vestry groups discussed the assigned topics, with Fr. David and the Wardens' coordinating with each group. Each group reported back to the total Vestry and identified topics, which they will review, providing the focus and preliminary time frames to achieve their objectives. As the topics are important to the direction of the parish, this focal point will be our major Vestry responsibility for 2015. The total Vestry will also identify and discuss Long Term-Planning/ Major Projects.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Your Wardens

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Parish Notes:

A Message from our Director of Spiritual Formation

Girl Inspired

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. - Psalm 139: 14

It's impossible. Your voice doesn't count. You'll never be good enough. You're too old. You're too young. Your worth is in your beauty. Don't get angry. You're stupid. To take care of yourself is to be selfish. Failure means they were right about you. Stay in your place. Sit down and shut up. You're being too emotional. You will be humiliated. Just do what they tell you. Your feelings don't matter.

These are just a small selection of statements that women shared with me in mid-March, when I led a retreat day for women leaders in our church. We were exploring our challenging inner voices, the "spiritual saboteurs" that spin in our heads, cause us fear, steal our hope and prevent us from living fully into God's plans. It's these statements that constantly tell us untruths, limiting our beliefs in what we can be, do or become.

While these statements were painful to hear, they were sadly not surprising. In my work with women, I have had thousands of conversations where we've shared universal feelings of inadequacy, shame, doubt and fear. We all have "spiritual saboteurs," which can begin as subtle ideas, but often gain power by many insidious influences: modern day living (speed, multitasking, disconnection, distraction); difficult life experiences (which can stay with us for a long time), unhelpful societal messages (telling us we are NEVER good enough) and historic and institutional barriers (changing, yet ever present). They ultimately sabotage our life with God.

This is why I'm so excited about the work that I'm doing with Monica Pierce at The Community Reformed Church and Rev. Lori Burgess from The Congregational Church. In fall 2014, we launched ***Girl Inspired***, a new ministry on Long island that equips girls with the social and spiritual tools to identify, confront and transform cultural biases against women and help them live abundantly. We want to inspire all girls to develop a deep faith and strong sense of themselves so they can challenge their spiritual saboteurs and grow fully into the amazing women that they are meant to be.

We have just begun to dream about the things we want to do with ***Girl Inspired***. We are offering monthly Friday Night Film Chats, where girls can engage in modern culture and relevant life issues through film, media and entertainment while developing friendships and having fun! We're holding a retreat day for women and girls on Saturday, May 9 in Manhasset. Our website will be launched this Spring, and we're planning a scholarship program and summer empowerment camp for underserved girls starting in 2016!

As you can see, we're dreaming big. And our biggest dream is that someday soon, all women and girls, of every age and background, can fully banish their spiritual saboteurs and boldly claim to all: *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta

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Upcoming Events and News

ALL CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT:

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Join us for our Easter Worship service, followed by our annual Easter Egg hunt in the cemetery. All children are welcome to search the church grounds for bright colored eggs, chocolate bunnies, stuffed baby sheep and sweet candy treats!

EASTER EGG HUNT – Volunteers Needed

All of the children from Christ Church and Community Reformed Church will be participating together, on Sunday, April 5 after our 10:00 a.m. Easter service. We expect close to 50 children. **Volunteers are needed 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.

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY LENTEN OUTREACH

*****Easter Sunday, April 5, is the last day to donate Gift Cards*****

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).

EASTER BASKET OUTREACH PROJECT

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Sunday School Easter Basket Outreach project during Lent. Between Christ Church and CRC, we prepared **100 baskets** that will be delivered (through Episcopal Community Services) to children who are still struggling with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. We appreciate your generosity in helping create a sweet Easter for these children!!!

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church is hosting a series of fellowship dinners: small, intimate gatherings of no more than ten to 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.

Meaghan and John Janedis (51 Hawthorne Place, Munsey Park) will host on Monday, April 6. (*Due to the popularity of this event, there are no seats available for the April 6 dinner.*) **Oriana and Nicholas Cyprus (215 Trumbull Road, Munsey Park) will host on April 25.** A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of the church or you can contact the Parish Office at admin@christchurchmanhasset.org or 516-627-2184

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!

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Spring Spiritual Book Club

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2015

6:30pm - 8:30pm, The Community Reformed Church, Manhasset

Join a wonderful group of women for food, fellowship, meaningful conversation and personal reflection on Sue Monk Kidd's book, *When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions*. 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 lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554).

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

Friday, April 24, 6pm

Please join us for a special evening with Wonderful Women, Great Conversation, Delicious Food and Gorgeous Raffles at The Reformed Church of Locust Valley. Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and Shopping: 6:00 p.m.. Dinner: 7:30 p.m. with guest speaker, Barbara Costello, Founder/President of **Guardian Angel Family Crisis Center** located in Sea Cliff, New York. \$25 per Person. Please contact Lorrie Latzen [\(516\) 484-0678](tel:516-484-0678) or Ardis Mercer [\(516\) 759-3463](tel:516-759-3463) for tickets or additional information

APRIL SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Now until Sunday, April 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. 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
April 5	Easter	
April 12	Eileen & Richard De Haan	646-413-4815 Kelly & Michael Butler 801-2184
April 19	Meaghan & John Janedis	570-0603 Carlyn & William Casey 627-5803

April 26 Kathy & Vincent McGill 627-7708 Karen & Andrew Sherry 487-7003

If you are unable to host, please email Gloria Ryan at bucknell48@aol.com or 516-883-2718.

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 and refrain from parking in the Citibank lot.

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 Gloria Ryan at bucknell48@aol.com or 516-883-2718

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 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

***Girl Inspired* FRIDAY NIGHT FILM CHAT**

Friday, April 17, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

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 Rev. Lori Burgess' home, 90 Country Club Drive, Port Washington. *Girl Inspired "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.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL EARTH DAY PARTY

Sunday, April 19

Our children, K – 6th grade, will participate in a special lesson and celebration for Earth Day, with fun activities and projects to raise awareness, increase appreciation and inspire action in caring for God's great world.

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 & 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

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Sunday, May 3 – Sunday School Planting Sunday

Saturday, May 9 - *Kind Heart, Fierce Mind, Brave Spirits*: Annual Women and Girl's Retreat Day

Saturday, May 16 - Annual Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

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Calendar for the Month of April 2015

Sunday	Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Church.
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
Thursday	Chancel Choir & Schola Cantorum at 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
April 2	Maundy Thursday, service at 7:30 p.m.
April 3	Good Friday, service at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.
April 4	Altar Guild at 10 :45 a.m. decorates the church for Easter
April 5	Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. All Church Easter Egg Hunt to follow 10 a.m. service <i>No 8:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.</i>
April 6	Fellowship Dinner at the home of Meaghan & John Janedis.
April 12	Sunday School Bagels & Bibles <i>*Since Easter falls on the 1st Sunday of April, B&B will be held on the 2nd Sunday of April.*</i>
April 17	<i>Girl Inspired</i> Friday Night film Chat
April 19	Sunday School Bagels & Bibles Sunday School Earth Day Party
April 21	Ecumenical Women's Ministry Spring Spiritual Book Club
April 24	Ecumenical Women's Ministry Annual Spring Dinner
April 25	Fellowship Dinner at the home of Oriana & Nicholas Cyprus
April 26	No Sunday School Family Service Fourth Food Sunday
April 28	Ecumenical Women's Ministry Spring Spiritual Book Club

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Sunday Readings

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118-12,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 12, 2105

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 19, 2105

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 26, 2015

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Nicholas Cyprus, Bob Carpenter, Lucy Chaly, Barbara Gutierrez, Analiese Deosaran, Jane Lightcap, Elena Gibbons, Allison Melichar, Alex John Storozum, Kate Phillips, Lydia Dibble Siener.

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

William and Terry Riffin (19).

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