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From the Rector

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

As we sit on the very doorstep of summer, the pace of life changes. For children and teens, the activity of the academic year is replaced with any number of summer activities, from camp, to visits to relatives, to summer jobs. Even those of us long out of the rhythm of the academic year feel things change in the summer – friends and colleagues leave town for vacation, offices close early on Fridays, our evenings shift from being spent indoors to being spent outdoors.

The rhythm of the church's year has its own ebbs and flows, its own changes in pace. The "strong seasons" of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter and their liturgies and themes have dominated the past few months – and now, with Pentecost and Trinity Sunday behind us, we move into the Sundays after Pentecost – the time that our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters often call "Ordinary Time."

In reality, however, no Sunday is ever ordinary – even if the hangings on the altar have been green for weeks on end. Each time we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day, each time we pray together, each time we hear the Word broken open, each time we break bread together – we do something extraordinary.

You see, it's often easy to look for signs of Jesus' kingdom in the "strong seasons" of the year – as we prepare in Advent for Christmas, move through the fasts Lent, and celebrate the resurrection in Eastertide, specific events, specific moments animate our prayers, and keep our focus. But now – as we move into "Ordinary Time" – we are re-

minded that as Christians, God is not simply at work in the ordinary and the normal, and in the ebb and flow of everyday life. In fact, the scandal of Christianity is the God inhabited the ordinary in the person of Jesus Christ – knew the stuff of our normal days – and transformed them, and made them holy – and in the process, makes us holy, too.

The Eucharistic Prayer we use on Sundays in the summer months asks God to "open our eyes to see [God's] hand at work in the world about us." As we enter this summer season, as our lives change pace and adjust, where do you see God's hand at work? And how, in this and every season, will you respond?

Blessings for a fruitful, restful, and enjoyable summer. I'll see you in Church!

In The Wardens' Corner

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Parish Hall Project Status

All Parish House construction has been completed. The HVAC system and, the Fire Alarm and Sprinkler systems have been tested in preparation of the Fire Marshall's test. The Office, Small Conference Room, and File Room furniture have been received into the vendor's warehouse and await installation. In addition, JOBCO has completed the "punch list" of outstanding items.

Of continuing frustration to the project team, is the Fire Marshall's test, which has been in limbo for several months. Upon the successful completion of the Fire Marshall's test,

we anticipate that the Town of North Hempstead (TNH) inspection will be completed and, the approval and granting of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO). Following the issuing of the CO, we will file a TNH Permit of Public Assembly to permit use of the facility.

We will enable the Fire Alarm and Elevator monitoring systems following the granting of the CO. The telephone system and Internet access have been enabled, with full use of these services when we move into the Parish House.

Vestry Discussions

Starting with the February Vestry meeting, we are focused on continuing the Vestry Retreat discussion from early January, which is to discern our oversight role as a Vestry. What is our mission and what are we called to do? What is God asking us to do in the world? 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. This focus is the major Vestry responsibility for 2015.

The Buildings and Grounds Group identified signage on the church property, a new church sound system, the Bell Tower reconstruction, and a new Parish House Kitchen as the Group's initial priorities. Working with the Finance Group, both groups will prioritize the financing and time frames for each project.

The Worship, Formation and Outreach Group will review the Church School and Youth Ministry from a needs perspective and assess the present programs.

The 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

The Blessing of Community

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. ~ George Bernard Shaw

In the book of Genesis, we are told that "it is not good for man to be alone." While this quote, taken in context, refers to the importance of every human being finding his or her life partner, it also points to the importance of surrounding ourselves with a community of others.

The modern day world teaches us that we should be able to do everything on our own; be as self-sufficient, independent and in-control as possible. For many of us, our work and life responsibilities take all of our time and energy, so we don't have the chance to intentionally nurture relationships and build community. This leads to challenges for ourselves and the world, since God calls us to be in community. We can do things together that are not possible alone. We are stronger together than apart.

Our Christian faith emphasizes this important fact. Jesus' ministry was about creating a community of disciples, not just individual people. His twelve disciples left their lives and followed Jesus wherever he went. They lived together, ate together, studied together and slept together. They protected each other and helped deepen each other's faith, especially during difficult times. They counseled and prayed for one another. They forgave each other, as Jesus taught them to do. They believed what Shaw adamantly states, ...it is my privilege to do for [community] whatever I can.... for the harder I work the more I live.

In so many ways, I see the spirit of community working within Christ Church. I see it in the way our children learn and play together in Sunday School, in the efforts our youth group makes to welcome new students and serve those in need and in our adults participating in spiritual growth programs and fellowship dinners and generously contributing to our outreach projects throughout the year. It is an unspoken obligation we fulfill by learning, loving, embracing, trusting, growing and supporting one another.

However, how can we do more? If we want to be *thoroughly used up* in our efforts to support and build our community of faith, what are some things we can do to strengthen our unspoken obligation to the whole? Jesus and His disciples teach us that being part of a com-

munity means more than just joining a church and engaging in its programs and activities. What bigger role can each of us play?

As we enter the warm summer months, I know that many of us will be traveling away from our Christ Church community for much of the time. I hope that you take the time to pray on how the spirit of community is moving within you and what call you can honor in service to God, our community and one another.

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta

Upcoming Events and News

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On April 6, 2015, the Gibbons family, Brian, Laurie, big sisters Elena and Meara, welcomed Alice Rose into this world, weighing seven pounds, fifteen ounces and measuring twenty-one and one-half inches.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE AND PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 14

Christ Church and Community Reformed Church will worship together at 10 a.m. to celebrate our third annual Children's Day. Our joint service will be held at CRC and led by our children and youth, include our Sunday School awards and finish with our annual church parish picnic!

Please join us for a special service, fellowship, great food and lots of fun. We ask that you bring something delicious to share for the picnic lunch. Beverages are provided by the churches. **A** sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church.

Even if you attend the 8 a.m. service, please join Fr. David, your fellow parishioners and friends at the Parish Picnic for lunch.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

SUMMER HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

The Summer Hospitality Schedule will begin on June 21 and continues through September 6, Labor Day weekend. Volunteers are needed to provide "Hospitality/Fellowship" for June, July, August and Labor Day Weekend. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Ryan at bucknell48@aol.com or 516-883-2718. Iced tea and juice will be provided by the Church.

SUMMER TIME - INFORMAL HOME COMMUNIONS

Wednesday Evenings in July and August at 7:00pm.

A Volunteer Host is needed to open up their home for the Informal Home Communions on Wednesday evening for July 1. The Host Family will provide the beverages and paper goods for the potluck dinner, while the attendees will provide the entrees, salads and desserts. **If you are interested in hosting this Wednesday Evening Informal Home Communion, a sign -up sheet is located in the back of the church.** If you have any questions, please contact Holly Melichar at hbm10078@gmail.com or 516-404-6688.

The Fellowship Committee thanks the following parishioners for volunteering their homes: Patti Crisafulli & Michael Smolens on July 8, Senetta & Don Koch who are co-hosting with Anita Schmidt on July 15, co-host Heather Bennett and Arlene Blocker on July 29, Lucy & Tom Chaly on August 5, Gloria and John Ryan on August 12 and Marge Trapp on August 19.

THIRD ANNUAL SPIRITUAL ARTS CAMP

Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7

Donations Needed

Plans have begun for our summer spiritual arts camp for underserved children, for ages 8-12, in our community. The camp, will include five days of bible study, theater activities, games and art making to nurture children's faith and deepen their relationship with God. Your support will help make this program a reality for dozens of children who, otherwise, would never get this opportunity.

Please consider making a donation. We need multiple donations of the following items:

Scholarships (\$50 per child)

Gift cards to Michaels for art supplies and materials

Gift cards to King Kullen for healthy snacks and drinks

Please write donation checks to Christ Church with *Spiritual Art Camp* in the memo section. If you would like your gift card donation recorded to your end of year tax statement, it must be submitted to the Parish Office in an envelope with your name and the amount loaded on the card. Donations can be placed in the Sunday collection basket.

For 2015, our theme focuses on Galatians 5:22-23: By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Each day will be a "fruit day" in which one fruit is focused on in different yet creative ways. For example, one day will be "Love Day" and activities and lessons would center around loving God and others. Yet another day will be "Patience Day" and activities and lessons could pertain to the importance of exercising patience each day. By the end of the week, the children will better understand ways in which they can allow the fruits of the Spirit to manifest in their daily lives. They will also explore how to live out these fruits as they reach out and serve the world.

JUNE SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Now until Sunday, June 28

Families have been asked to provide refreshments and serve ice 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 hospitality team will be responsible for bringing food items of their choice for 30 people (i.e. cookies, coffee cakes, donuts or bagels). 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	
June 7	Diana Tadler	627-0128	Louise Fribush	305-5410
June 14	Parish Picnic			
June 21	Debbie Czegledy	365-6773	Volunteer Needed	
June 28	Kelly Butler	917-796-9046	Volunteer Needed	

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

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.

Those who are willing to host future gatherings are asked to let Father David know.

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 8516-83-2718.

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) fed more than 2800 people in August and September in 2014 just from their Freeport pantry. This past year 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.

The can or jar that you bought and forgot about, hidden in the back of your shelf. "Oh," you say, "it's expired. I'll have to throw it out." **Don't throw it out - donate it.** The LICC Food Pantry will take nearly anything, with a few exceptions: you really do need to throw out rusted cans, cans dented along the seams, or baby food or infant formula that has passed the date on the can or jar (expired baby food can be donated to animal shelters). The LICC Food Pantry will even take fruitcake and excess Valentine's Day, Easter or Halloween candy.

This would be a great time to donate unopened food, particularly:

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

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Ecumenical Women's Ministry Lenten Outreach to **Restore NYC,** a non-profit working to end sex trafficking in New York. We collected \$250 and 25 gift cards, which will be given to the women they serve to provide necessary food, toiletries and travel while they work to get out of their difficult situations.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

EPISCOPAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

FOR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE: Open to all High School Students in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island. Two students will receive an accolade from the Bishop of Long Island and \$500. The application can be found on the following link: http://www.dioceselongisland.org/cms.Admin/uploads/myrayouthtwo.pdf. The application deadline is June 6.

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Lesley Mazzotta is looking for Youth and Children readers and soloists for speaking parts, as well as children interested in singing solos and duets. A rehearsal will be on Saturday, June 13 in the afternoon for a few hours.

This service will be fun and fabulous, so <u>if your child is interested in being involved, please email Lesley by Sunday, June 7</u>. The service is based on the children and youth who can participate.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING

FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND CHAPERONS

Sunday, June 7

All parents, chaperons and youth attending our week long trip to Birmingham, AL in July, must attend this required meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the South Lounge of The Congregational Church. We'll have your mission trip packets along with all the necessary paperwork to fill out. We will go over the details of the trip and have a time for you to get your questions answered. We will also have a notary present as various forms require a notarization. Mark your calendars today for this important meeting.

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 ex-

plore 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!!!

Calendar for the Month of June 2015

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Sunday	Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Church.		
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.		
June 6	Episcopal Youth Scholarship for Leadership and Community Service Deadline		
June 7	Sunday School and Bagels& Bibles have class.		
	Mandatory Youth Mission Trip meeting.		
	Last call for Children Volunteers for the World Children's Day joint service.		
June 14	World's Children's Day joint 10 a.m. service at CRC.		
	Parish Picnic - All Parishioners are invited to attend!		
June 15	Vestry Meeting - All are invited to attend.		
June 21	Father's Day		
June 28	Family Sunday		
-	Fourth Food Sunday		

Sunday Readings

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 5), JUNE 7, 2015 Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35 The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Joseph Vallo by Mrs. Diana Tadler.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 6), JUNE 14, 2015
Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Sarah & Thomas Lombard
by Mrs. Janet Lombard.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 7), JUNE 21, 2015 JOB 38:1-11; PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41 The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Edith Smitham by Mr. & Mrs. David Smitham.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 8), JUNE 28, 2015
Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Jane & Joseph Ryan
and Audrey & Charles King by Mr. & Mrs. John Ryan

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Meara Gibbons (4), Cade Austin (5), Carole Schmidt-Spadaro (5), John Turnbull (5), James Turnbull (5), Penny Tadler (7), Scott Ivers (8), Jessica Storozum (8), Ariana Paterson (8), Jasmine Blocker (9), Oriana Cyprus (10), Brian Gibbons (10), David Sibley (13), Katherine Kelly (15), Lesley Stackler (18), Liam Whalen (27), Alexander B. Siener (29), Douglas Schmidt-Spadaro (29), Kawall Deosaran (30).

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

Greg and Cathy Trezza (10), James and Lori Kelly (18), John and Gloria Ryan (24).

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