

The Chart

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From the Rector

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

As we enter into September, Fall is just around the corner, and with it comes the arrival of the program year at Christ Church. We fully expect to be into the new Parish House quite soon (although I have learned the hard way that the only certain things in life are death, taxes, and now, construction delays.) With the arrival in the parish house, we look forward to several new programs, in addition to the return of our Children's and Youth Program with Sundaes on September 20.

Confirm Not Conform is our new confirmation course, designed for youths in 8th grade and Above. We will meet numerous times during the program year, on Sunday evenings, to explore scripture, faith, and where it fits into everyday life. An information session will be held in late September or early October with the details of the program – and confirmations will be held at the Cathedral in Garden City in May. Stay tuned for details.

Transforming Questions is our new adult faith inquiry series, and is open to newcomers and long-term members of Christ Church alike. Over eleven sessions during the program year, participants will be able to engage with some of the difficult questions of our Christian faith, like:

- Can we question our faith?
- Who is Jesus?
- How should I read the bible?
- Does God answer prayer?
- Why do bad things happen?

We will work in small groups, and invite participants to commit for the whole series. If you have friends who have wrestled with any of these questions, invite them to come! There's no requirement to commit to worship on Sundays; but they will find a supportive environment where life's big questions will be wrestled with openly.

A schedule for both programs will be forthcoming when the Parish Hall schedule comes into full view.

We will also, as October arrives, dive into the opportunities for life and ministry at Christ Church, tell the stories of how our ministries change lives, and ask your support for our ministry for the coming year.

In the meantime, Choral Eucharist resumes on Sunday, September 13; Sunday School kicks off on September 20 with the traditional "Sundae Sunday."

Lots will be happening, very soon. I can't wait to see you there.

I'll see you in Church!



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Parish Notes:

A message from our Director of Spiritual Formation

One God, One World

The rich and the poor have a common bond, The LORD is the maker of them all.

Proverbs 22:2

In mid-July, I led 42 teens and 7 chaperons on a mission trip to Birmingham, Alabama for a week of service, renovating homes in underserved communities. While there, we worked hard, prayed a lot, connected with local residents and spent a fascinating afternoon at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and 16th Street Baptist Church. Despite the outrageous heat and humidity, it was a powerful experience being God's hands and feet in this world.

No sooner had I returned to Manhasset, I started preparing for our annual Spiritual Arts Camp, which welcomes two dozen children from local community centers and shelters for

bible study, theater activities, games, free play and all forms of art-making. This year, we explored the Fruits of the Spirit, and the love and joy exhibited by the children are enough to understand why our entire community rallies in support of this program in the way of scholarships, transportation, teaching assistance, administrative help and prayers.

These two service experiences are always the highlight of my year. I feel called to mission and outreach work. I love teaching our children and youth about the importance of reaching out and serving people in need, which, at the same time, always sheds light on the many blessings and privileges we have in our lives.

This summer, however, I felt another emotion stirring inside of me: frustration. More than ever, there seemed to be a huge divide between the lives of those who serve and those who need. Many questions linger in my mind from these recent experiences, and they all focus on class and race relations in this country and how we, as Christians, are called to respond:

- What do we do about the fact that every person we served this summer was from a racial minority?
- What is our answer, as a community of faith, when we see such a discrepancy in the privileges/needs of two different communities of God's people?
- How can we learn more about the lives of those we serve as well as the challenges, struggles and prejudices (so clearly illustrated at the Civil Rights Institute) that still exist? How can we help?
- How can we find our common bond and build authentic relationships that last longer than a week and allow for significant societal change?

I do not have answers to these questions. Yet I know that God is calling me to explore them (and my challenging feelings), because the need is there, and there is so much more that can be done. I pray that as we begin this new church year, we can discuss these challenges together and imagine faithful responses. Proverbs 22 states, *The Lord is maker of [us] all*. May we find a way to honor this fact and move forward together in a bold, new way.

Blessings,

Lesley Mazzotta

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Youth Reflection on Christ Church's Summer Mission Trip

This summer I had the wonderful chance to be able to go to Birmingham, Alabama. There, we scraped, washed and repainted the home of a citizen in need. These candidates went through a rigorous application process to be able to have their homes redone. It was a wonderful and thought provoking experience.

We spent the week living in the church with others from Maryland, Texas, and Maine. Each morning we got up and got ready to go to our mission sites. But before we could do that we had morning devotions. After morning devotions we headed out to our missions sites. We put in a hard day's work, and afterwards went back to the church for free time. Then it was time for dinner (which campers helped serve and clean up from), and afterwards we broke up into "family groups." We talked about the day's work, and thought about our situations at home.

One question we were asked to think about was "How is your neighborhood different than Birmingham?" And, like it was supposed to, it made me think. It made me realize how lucky we are to live in Manhasset. The privileges we have here, the fact that we can



Lindsey Ryan, Lucy Pavlovich, Annie Miller and Stephanie Mahler

just walk around outside and not worry. The fact that our churches don't have bullet holes in them. The fact we don't have to pull a hose out of the house to water our plants, that we have taps outside. Most of us realized this after we went out to the Civil Rights Institute as a field trip. It was a very informative and very interesting trip. It was about the African American history in Alabama, it was very interesting to see the racism that existed. I knew it existed but some of the things they called the African Americans was horrific: "dogs", "one step higher than ape," and other terrible names.

After our "family group time", we had evening devotions, where we listened to a camper read the scripture, then a sermon by one of the staff members. We heard about Zacchaeus the tax collector, the Widow and her offering, and the famous Leper story. My favorite was the one about the Widow, and how she donated 2 pennies, but that was worth more than what the rich people gave, because the rich gave what they had extra of where as she gave what she needed. It made me think about what we were doing here, the fact that all of us donated a week of our summer to help others.

The trip was a great experience and I can't wait for next summer. And hopefully Father Sibley can come next year.

Lucy Pavlovich

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Upcoming Events and News

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

GIRL INSPIRED FRIDAY NIGHT FILM CHAT

Friday, September 18, 6 - 9 p.m.

Join us for our first FNFC of the church year at Monica Pierce's house, 11 Mason Drive, Manhasset. All girls, ages 12-17, are invited to discuss the portrayal of women in SPORTS and how we can learn to hit, kick and run like empowered girls! A light dinner will be provided. Friends are welcome! Please RSVP to LesleyMazzotta@gmail.com. *Girl Inspired "Friday Night Film Chats" provide a safe space for girls to engage modern culture and relevant life issues through film and develop new friendships through inspired discussion and fellowship.*

3rd ANNUAL YOUTH FALL BBQ/MESSY GAMES DAY

Saturday, September 19, 1 - 3 p.m.

A day of muddy tug of water, water balloon fights and other messy competitions along with good food, conversation and fun to kick off the new church year. Join your

friends and other community youth from 1 – 3 p.m. at Rev. Lori Burgess' home, 90 Country Club Drive, Port Washington.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 20. 9:50 a.m.

Please join us for our first Sunday back from summer and the launch of the new Sunday School season. Sunday School for Pre-K thru 9th grade starts at 9:50 a.m., worship services begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by our annual Ice Cream Sundae Sunday hospitality with the Community Reformed Church.

Please remember we have a wonderful Nursery available for infants through 3 years located below the sanctuary of the Community Reformed Church. The Nursery is taught and staffed by Lydia Jeong with an age-appropriate “curriculum” for our littlest church members.

Parents, watch your mail for our Sunday School information packet coming soon. If you have not received a Sunday School information packet in the past, please email or call the Parish Office to be included on the mailing list.

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CHANCEL CHOIR TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

The Christ Church Chancel Choir & Schola Cantorum will resume weekly rehearsals on **Thursday, September 10** from **6:45–8:15 p.m. in the church**. The Chancel Choir is open to any parishioner with a love of singing. If you are interested in joining, please contact Harriet Kapner, Organist & Choirmaster, at whrestlersmother@aol.com for more information

ALTAR FLOWERS

There is an opening for Altar Flowers as a memorial or thanksgiving offering for Sunday, September 13. Please call Diana Tadler t 516-627-0128 or the Parish Office if you would like to make a donation.

HOUSING WANTED

Two individuals have recently reached out to the Church looking to rent housing in the greater Manhasset area:

- A Christ Church parishioner is looking for affordable housing (\$800-\$1000) in the community to be near family. Ideally such housing would have two rooms and kitchen access; a separate entrance is not necessary.
- A schoolteacher has called looking for a single room in the community for rent.

If you or someone you know are interested in renting a space to them, please contact the Parish Office or e-mail Father David at dsibley@christchurchmanhsset.org.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Now until Sunday, September 27

Families have been asked to provide refreshments and serve **iced 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 **25** 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 following people are scheduled to host Sunday Hospitality.

DATE COORDINATOR

Sept. 6	Meaghan & John Janedis	917-608-6510		
Sept. 13	Laura & Bob Pavlovich	627-3503	Michelle & Kawall Deosaran	365-1075
Sept. 20	Ice Cream Sundae Sunday			
Sept. 27	Arlene & Jerome Blocker	487-2081	Susan & Mark Bunyon	248-7355

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

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL FALL BRUNCH

Saturday, September 19

Join a community of amazing women for our Annual Fall Brunch, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Gessner Hall, The Church on the Hill, 167-05 35 Avenue, Flushing. Come enjoy a delicious meal and meaningful conversation with a new community of friends. Learn about our program offerings for this new church year.

The brunch speaker is Rev. Liz Testa, Coordinator for Women's Transformation and Leader in the Reformed Church in America.

RSVP required: lesleymazzotta@gmail.com or [917-623-4554](tel:917-623-4554).

ASSIGNMENT

The Assignment schedule is posted at <http://www.christchurchmanhasset.org/pdf/AssignmentPDF.pdf>.

Parishioners who are scheduled to serve on Sunday should arrive at the Church no later than **9:45 a.m.** so that the service may begin on time! If you cannot serve when assigned, please find a **substitute** and **notify** the office of the change no later than 12 p.m. on the preceding Friday.

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.

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 816-883-2718.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY - Fourth Food Sunday, September 27

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:

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

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.

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.

SERMONS

Missed church this weekend because of the holiday or vacation? Don't worry, Christ Church has you covered. Listen to all of Father David's sermons at: <http://christchurchmanhasset.org/sermons>

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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. from September to

June, 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!!!

OCTOBER SAVE THE DATES

KIDS CLUB DINNER GATHERING- *A New Ministry*

Monday, October 5, 6 – 8 p.m.

Mark your calendars, and stay tuned for more info about this exciting **new ministry** for our **Sunday School children**, grades 3-6.

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL MINISTRY FALL SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Tuesday evenings, October 13 – November 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

All women are welcome to join. Book title to be revealed soon!

GIRL INSPIRED FNFC

October 16, 6 – 9 p.m.

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Youth Group members from Christ Church, CRC, and Congregational Church working hard painting a home in Birmingham, Alabama during the Mission trip.

Calendar for the Month of September 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.
September 7	Labor Day (Parish Office closed).
September 10	Chancel Choir and Scola Cantorum rehearsals resumes at 6:45 p.m..
September 13	The Choral Eucharist resumes after summer break.
September 17	Chancel Choir and Schola Cantorum rehearsal.
September 18	Girl Inspired Friday Night Film Chat.
September 19	3rd Annual Youth Fall BBQ/Messy Games Day.
September 20	Sunday School resumes. Welcome Back Sunday and Ice Cream Sundae Hospitality.
September 21	Vestry meeting, all parishioners invited to attend.
September 24	Chancel Choir and Schola Cantorum rehearsal.
September 27	Family Service /4th Food Sunday Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers

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Sunday Readings

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 18), SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10(11-13)14-17; Mark 7:24-37

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Edith Gallatin Egan
by Mrs. & Mrs. Thomas G. Gallatin, Jr..

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 19), SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-8; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 20), SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3,7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Steve Kambourian
by Mrs. Steve Kambourian.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 21), SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Margaret Torrey Crain
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pavlovich.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

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

Robert Pavlovich (1), Hope Whalen (7), Alex Bennett (7), Janet Rider (11),
Tom Gallatin (12), Pam Smith (13) Andy Phillips (13), Ted Beinecke (14),
Walter Stackler (14), Tom Pritchett (16), Michelle Deosaran (18), Dylan Field (19),
Michael Henahan (20), Hannah Pavlovich (20), Walter Edward Stackler (21),
Lucinda Pavlovich (23), Katherine Allen (26), John Trezza (27), Charles Bindert (28),
Bradford Lightcap (29), Graham Siener (30), Phyllis Sternemann (30).

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

Walter and Lesley Stackler (7), Tom and Lucy Chaly (12), Nicholas and Oriana Cyprus (15),
Jeff and Jane Lightcap (18), Robert and Laura Pavlovich (24),
Jerome and Arlene Blocker (27).

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