



THE COURIER FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

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Musings

So when is it best to start something? When we're ready, when all the participants are ready, when it's the correct time of the year or the weather is good, when we've "got our act together"? All of the above? Most of the time we've just got to "go for it". We'd love to have everything "ready" but it seldom is. Having taken a lightweight but active part in two baby deliveries, my wife and I well remember that, "but wait, we're not ready". Still, when it's time, it's time. Or better put when it was "her" time or "his" time, it was time!

Our season is starting and it looks like a very exciting year. And actually a lot of leadership, volunteers and staff are working hard to be in place and "ready". Then again, we're not "perfectly" ready and I wonder about that. I think it might really be a good thing. Isn't that the way the Holy Spirit happens? The surprise participant or volunteer or newer idea then has chance to walk in, email or phone. God has a way of turning things a bit here or there to empower a group effort in ways we had not thought of. It doesn't get "perfect" this way but it often gets "real" and inspiring.

The new Teen Program 2-year cycle is beginning, the Church School, Special Mission season, Adult Forums and Church First events, our Postulant, Jane Hale, is available, our Eucharist Visitors program is taking another step. It's a wonder-filled mix of the prepared and open-ended, just begun and well-seasoned; Ripe for the Holy Spirit. Dave

Worship & Formation

Thursday Healing Eucharist starts up again on September 3rd and continues on the 10th, 17th, 24th and then October 1st. All services are at 7:30 a.m. followed by Breakfast at the Bean! Names for The Prayer Chain? Call the office and leave a message.

Readers & Acolyte Notes - if you are not assigned you can often help out. Dayna Flath 860-974-3276!

Specials! September 20th tentative baptism and September 27th, Contemporary Service at the 10:15

Welcome Back

Breakfast

September 13th

9 a.m. -10 a.m.

Pancakes, sausage, ham eggs,
juice, & coffee

Spirituality Workshops:

The Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer will continue offering opportunities to expand or explore your spiritual practice starting in October These will include: a Spiritual Companions group, Spirituality for the Second Half of Life group and Spirituality Workshops.

Teen Program Celebration Dinner

September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

For all parents & teens in the
program

Invites will be coming in the mail -
Please RSVP to DeeDee Markes

Church School News - Welcome Back to Church School! Excitement is in the air as we get ready to kick-off a new year in Church School! The classrooms have been freshened up and new ideas for chapel time, prayers and curriculum are underway! On September 13th, we will begin the **Potter's Workshop Rotation "Daniel; A Believer in Babylon"** with children in grades 1-5 participating in Drama, Science and Movie workshops. I am still looking for October workshop volunteers (Storytelling, Computer and Lego), as well as anyone interested in being a Godly Play Storyteller or Doorperson. Our Godly Play classroom for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners will wonder about "The Holy Family", "Creation", and "The Flood and the Ark" this month. Whether you are a new or returning family to the Church School, please complete or update an annual **Registration Form and Media Release** for each of your children from Pre-K to Grade 5. I will try to catch up with you over the first couple of weeks to get these forms to you. It is also important that you sign your child(ren) in on the **Attendance Sheet** each Sunday. This will be located below the bulletin board at the top of the stairs leading to Church School for your convenience.

Mark your calendars: On October 4th, we will host a special program for grades 1-5 with **Chris George, Executive Director of I.R.I.S. (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services)**. Some may remember his wonderful program a few years ago, when he shared traditional clothing, food and customs from Oman to help us explore what it means to be a refugee. In addition to our Sunday offering of nonperishable food and personal care donations for the local pantry, we are also collecting items for I.R.I.S. to present to Mr. George in support of the mission to help Refugees get established in temporary housing when they arrive in Connecticut. (See link to flyer in the Thursday Reminders.) You will find a collection box at the top of the Church School Stairway for your convenience.

Feel free to contact me with your questions, suggestions, or if you can volunteer your time and talent with the children of Christ church: ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com

Can't wait to see you all soon!

Nicole Nichols, Church School Director

Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood) - Safe Church Training on October 3rd may be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. There is a training at St. John's, W. Hartford on Sept. 12th and others in Sept. and October (see www.ctdiocese.org). We are really close to having a full complement of leaders for the fall so if you think you'd like to do this, please contact Fr. Dave or DeeDee asap, especially for the Rite-13 class.

Fundraiser Info for the fall in discussion.

Rite-13 - Important to *mark your calendars* for the new parents, families - *Teen Celebration Dinner on Sept 19th* at 6:30 p.m. and Rite-13ers will be cooking and serving the dinner for this.

J2A - (current group) Mark your calendars the new group of J2Aers for September 19th! It is the Teen Celebration Ceremony for J2A parents and their teens starting at 6:30 with a dinner served by the Rite-13ers and then parents walk through the Candlelighting Ceremony and their teens sleep over night at the church to kick off new adventures as a group.

YAC - Congratulations and Welcome Back from Your Pilgrimage as it was a fantastic voyage for all. They can't wait to share it with you all. YACer's are also in charge of Scavenger Hunt at the Teen Celebration on Sept. 19th.

I'm looking forward to meeting all our new teens in the Rite 13 and J2A groups in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about the Teen Program contact DeeDee Markes at 860-963-0846 or email at deedespa@charter.net

Building and Grounds / Projects Notes - Our current project to repair the floor in the kitchen over the summer as a combined volunteer/contractor initiative has been going great thanks to Rich DiBonaventura and friends. The installation will be completed by a professional on Monday, August 31st. We still have some roofing work to do where there was winter damage on the church roof outside the Sacristy as well as water-proofing the Rectory chimneys. Jim Houghton was back at the end of June to do more "bat exclusion" which seems to have been very effective. Our internet and network system was reconnected with a lot of help from Melita Monahan and is now running at the fast speeds we need for websites and future programming. There is rotten wood around several window sills around the chapel and library now being investigated.

Christian Social Outreach - the Committee will be meeting in early September to consider the next disbursements; *Special Mission*: We have scheduled a trip to Guatemala with PID (Partners in Development) for early 2016. Looks like the departure time will probably be Jan. 10. There are 5-8 participants so far. We are offering up to \$600 of the \$1300 cost of the trip. Another Special Mission is continuing to work with the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer, see the front cover of the Courier and the Reminder; *Community Kitchen* on September 28th. Speak with Pauline Phillips (through office). *Access News* - General food supplies, nutritious snack type foods for children would be appreciated OR send checks to: Access Danielson - 231 Broad Street, Danielson, CT 06239.

Music in September- The full Choir will assemble on September 13th for our first session of the season. See you then. All voices are invited to join the Choir. We meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Contemporary Service on September 27th.

News for the Fall - Congratulations to Jane Hale, parishioner and Postulant for Holy Orders. She has now completed seminary! As she completes her requirements for ordination she will be with us on a professional basis this next year probably involved in Women's Events, Adult Forums, Visitations, Worship, Preaching and Program Liaison!

Parish Life Activities -The Coffee Hour Team Schedule at the 10 starts up again September 20th and it's posted on the Library Bulletin Board. *Welcome Home Breakfast on September 13th*.

Vestry Notes - the vestry met for their postponed meeting on August 19th with Peter Lusa presiding. We reviewed expenditures, revenues and the endowment as well as the plans going into the new program year. We especially noted that the budget continues in good condition although we are running our usual deficit heading into the fall. We hope everyone will catch-up pledges! Thanks.



I hope everyone had a wonderfully glorious summer. As we head into fall, head into the Christ Church Library to return your outstanding library books and for something to read. This month I recommend the following:

Adult: One True Thing: A Novel by Anna Quidlen. Pulitzer Prize winner Anna Quidlen tells the story of Harvard graduate and career woman Ellen, who puts her life on hold at the request of her father to care for her cancer-stricken mother, Katherine. Ellen's relationship with her mother deepens and becomes more intimate as Katherine gets sicker, but after Katherine dies Ellen is shocked to find herself on trial for her mother's murder.

Young Adult: Girls Against Girls: Why We are Mean to Each Other and How We Can Change by Bonnie Burton. As school begins once again, some teenage girls may find themselves victims of abuse by other girls. This book discusses different forms of girl-on-girl cruelty such as hazing, cyberbullying, and being betrayed by friends and offers simple and direct advice about how to handle these and other situations.

Children: Little Dog, Lost by Marion Dane Bauer. Written in verse, this little book tells the story of a boy who wants a dog and a dog who needs a home. This is a perfect book for children with pets or those longing for one and is a great read-aloud book. Ages 8 and up.

Just a reminder, also, feel free to offload some of your old DVDs (temporarily located on the Book Swap cart outside the library) and books for others in the Christ Church DVD and Book Swap.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Regular services start again on September 13th with a Welcome Back Breakfast between the services (9 a.m.)		1 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	2 12p-1p AA Meeting in Library	3 7:30p-8:30p AA Meeting	4 Fr. Dave's Day Off	5
6 LAST SINGLE SERVICE for the Summer at 9:15a with Fr. Dave New J2A Pool Party at the Hales: 11:30 a	7 Labor Day Office Closed 	8 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	9 12p-1p AA 7p-9p Vestry	10 7:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist 8:30 B'fast at Bean 7:30p-8:30p AA	11 Patriot Day 9/11 Fr. Dave's Day Off	12 8 a.m. Men's Group Setup for the Breakfast Starting at 8 a.m. and continuing: Playspace cleanup, weeding and brush cutting.
13 All Programs Begin 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 9a Welcome Home Breakfast	14	15 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	16 12p-1p AA	17 7:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist 8:30 B'fast at Bean 7:30p-8:30p AA	18 Fr. Dave's Day Off 8 p.m. <i>NineTeen</i> is playing at the Crossings in Putnam	19 6:30p-8:00p Teen Program Celebration and J2A Opening
20 8a & 9:15a Services 10:15a Service	21 International Day of Peace	22 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	23 Fall Begins 12p-1p AA 	24 7:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist 8:30 B'fast at Bean 7:30p-8:30p AA	25 Fr. Dave's Day Off	26 5:30p-7:30p CSO Dinner
27 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services Contemporary Service at 10:15 Baptisms (rescheduled from 9:20)	28 8a Community Kitchen Cooking	29 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	30 12p-1p AA	Notes: Office closed 9/7 Vestry 9/9 Teen Celebration 9/19 CSO Benefit Dinner 9/26		



Volunteers are always welcome (and needed) to join in on our programs.

Ushers - *Brian Bastow*

Inreach - *Judy Miller*

Community Kitchen - *Pauline Phillips*

Church School - *Nicole Nichols*

Parish Life - *Peter Mann or Caroline Sloat*

Altar Guild - *Linda Goodwin*

CSO - *Judy Miller*

Choir - *Jim Dehls*

Coffee Hour - *Catherine Bastow*

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for September 2015

	15th Sunday after Pentecost 9/6/2015 <i>Last Combined 9:15 Service</i>	16th Sunday after Pentecost 9/13/2015 <i>Welcome Back Breakfast</i>	17th Sunday after Pentecost 9/20/2015 <i>? Baptism</i>	18th Sunday after Pentecost 9/27/2015 <i>Cont Svc</i>	19th Sunday after Pentecost 10/4/2015
Lector	B. Phillips	D. Flath	S. Bridgman	D. Patton	C. Sloat
LEM's	B. Phillips	D. Flath K. Madenjian	M. Bridgman C. Sloat	D. Flath W. Danenhower	C. Sloat S. Bridgman
Altar Guild	D. Crawford Thurs 9/10 L. Goodwin	P. Phillips M. Eichorn Thurs 9/17 J. Hague	A. Sheldon D. Patton Thurs 9/24 A. Sheldon	C&G Hesler L. Swenson Thurs 10/1 D. Crawford	J. Busse M. Bridgman Thurs 10/8
Acolytes	B. Phillips	D. Flath K. Madenjian	C. Sloat M. Bridgman	D. Flath W. Danenhower	C. Sloat S. Bridgman
Ushers	R. Wishart B. Bastow	B. Bastow P. McCarthy	P. Mann T. Hamilton	N. Weiss C. Sloat	B. Bastow R. Wishart
Nursery	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie
Coffee Hour	?	Parish Life	Orange Team	White Team	Purple Team
Flowers	Groom				

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Celebrant					
Music		<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LIST

Happy Birthday to:

- 2 - Marjorie Ellsworth, Denise Oles
- 3 - Sebastlan Paquette
- 4 - Susan Blackshear
- 5 - Sonja Nichols
- 6 - Sylvia Danenhower
- 7 - Jacqueline Brown, Sandy Flath
- 8 - Steve Gagnon
- 9 - Andrew Folsom
- 10 - Thomas Madenjian, Sara Markes
- 12 - Carlo Galante

- 14 - Nancy Hutchens-Relf
- 15 - Carolann Malboeuf
- 17 - Frances Adams
- 18 - John Ellsworth
- 20 - Lucas Warner
- 22 - Jan Galante
- 23 - Jacqueline Wedegis
- 25 - Sarah Sokoloski
- 29 - A. Stephen Sokoloski, Robert Madenjian

Happy Anniversary to:

- 5 - Michael & Jacqueline Mahoney
- 17 - Stephen & Marsha Sokoloski
- 19 - Ray & Rhonda Wishart
- 20 - Peter Deary & Kim Lane
- 23 - Randy & DeeDee Markes