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THE COURIER FOR JANUARY 2016

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Musings

It's probable that for many of us time has come to have more "currency" than money. What we wouldn't give for another hour in the day, another day in the week. There are a number of us who find it easier to participate financially than with the other items in that famous list: time or talent. This is certainly true anecdotally as I talk with other clergy. This is part of our modern reality and it's completely understandable. It's one of the reasons we hire folks as part time employees to support the work of volunteers and make it easier and less time-consuming, to empower volunteers to dive into the heart of ministry. For this reason we hired a new Teen Coordinator, Catherine Bastow, who will start on January 1st. Congratulations!

We're also saying thank you and farewell to Dee Dee Markes who has done a great job in that spot as she moves back home to CA. Others who have been key volunteers, are stepping down, Sr. Warden, Peter Lusa and Clerk, Bruce Phillips. Both have given of themselves in serving this parish and it's members. My warmest regards and thanks. We anticipate that there are those in our community who will think about serving as Officers or Members of the Vestry in this year! Welcome! D

Worship & Formation

Healing Eucharist & B'fast at the Bean suspended until March 2nd in anticipation of cold and ice! Names for The Prayer Chain? Call the office: 860-315-7780.

Readers & Acolyte Notes - if you are not assigned you can often help out. Just check in the back. Thanks. Dayna Flath 860-974-3276!

Specials! No Nursery, Church School or Teen Program on Dec. 27th or January 3rd. The Contemporary Service will be on January 24th this month. Annual Meeting Sunday is January 31st with the Meeting following the 10:15 service (coffee/tea and snack before, soup and bread available after we conclude the meeting).

Women's Spirituality meets on Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. with Jane Hale.

Epiphany Open House

**You are invited!
At the Carters**

**Sat. January 2nd
5:30 p.m.**

**Annual Reports for the
2015 Calendar Year
due in office January 19th**

Annual Meeting

January 31, 2016

Great Hall

**At 11:45 (after 10:15
service is over)**

Chili Cook-off Coming

February 6, 2016

**Look for further details
in next month's Courier**

Church School News - Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Christmas Pageant in December, especially our director Donna Bessette. It is always a magical event that brings young and older together to celebrate the renewal of light and hope in the world. **Church School resumes in 2016 on January 10th with a special all grades Godly Play Epiphany lesson with Jan Galante.** Please join us! Before that happens we'll also be having a *curriculum meeting* in the Library after the 10:15 on Jan. 3rd.

We continue to share our light with the world in January through our Heifer International "Read to Feed" campaign. The children are reading to raise money for the purchase of livestock that will help improve the quality of life for a family in another part of the world. **Visit heiferreadtofeed.org and our "Christ Church School Pomfret" team page** for more information or to leave a comment of donate. Student booklets, donation forms and reading logs are available next to our bulletin board. We will submit all monies collected to Heifer by the end of January. Thanks for your support!

Grade schoolers will find out more about Heifer's mission on Jan. 17th and 24th through a video and geography workshop. They will also explore the sacrament of Baptism on Jan. 31st and Feb. 7th through a Lego workshop and Godly Play lesson. **Volunteers needed for each of these workshops for two Sundays each. Please contact me ASAP if interested!** Godly Play students in preschool and kindergarten will wonder about Baptism, The Good Shepherd and The Good Samaritan.

In January, the Church School committee will be reviewing several new lectionary based Christian education curricula for elementary and intermediate grades. Changes in our attendance by grade and volunteer teacher preference have led us to reevaluate the way we 'do' Church School. Our goal is always to provide a solid, Bible based program that honors Episcopal tradition, sacraments, and seasons while providing fun and hands on exploratory opportunities for all learning styles. **Join us in the library on January 24th to review new curriculum plans for Lent!**

I'm looking forward to a new year with your wonderful youngsters. Thank you sharing them (as well as your own time and talents) with us!

Nicole Nichols, Church School Director ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com



Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood) - Safe Church Training sites can be found at the diocese website: www.ctdiocese.org. ALSO - DeeDee has stepped down as the Teen Coordinator, and Catherine Bastow has taken the position starting January 1st 2016. Thanks so much to Dee Dee for her hard work at this spot. It was a great Pilgrimage to San Francisco this summer.

Fundraiser Info: Chili Cook-off is scheduled for February 6, 2016. More information to come.

Rite-13 - The Rite 13ers did a great job helping out at the St. Nicholas Fair & the Christmas Pageant.

J2A - CROSSROADS NIGHTWATCH trip is **March 4, 2016.** Permission slips need to be returned to Dee Dee Markes or Catherine Bastow asap. Payment is due by Feb. 1st, please write a memo on your check with your child's name and Nightwatch, for \$85. We're looking to borrow 2-3 mini vans for the overnight trip to NY City.

YAC - They are doing some community service work in different areas and helped at the fair and the pageant.

If you have any questions about the Teen Program contact Catherine Bastow at 860-928-3575 for right now.

Building and Grounds / Projects Notes -We have another lead on water-proofing the Rectory chimneys and have contracted with Shawn Densmore of Flue Doctor, signing-off on his proposal for water-proofing and renewed copper flashing that the Vestry is considering. The Vestry approved a quote for new windows in the chapel from John Murphy. John is also consulting with us on replacing the door to the church foyer structure. ***Snow and bad weather closings will be posted through WFSB Channel 3, on the answering machine & through the Reminder.***

Christian Social Outreach - the Committee meets again in the new year for disbursements; ***Special Mission:*** Our trip to Guatemala group with PID (Partners in Development) met in December to start our last phase of planning. An interesting development: ***It looks like the construction crew will be helping to install safe cooking stoves that we have been paid for by a last installment of special mission money.*** Our collaboration with the ***Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer*** continues, see the Reminder; ***Community Kitchen*** on January 25th see Pauline Phillips. ***Access News*** - General food supplies, nutritious snack foods for kids are appreciated OR send checks to: ***Access Danielson - 231 Broad Street, Danielson, CT 06239.***

Epiphany Open House- for adults in the parish at the Carter's on January 2nd starting at 5:30 p.m.

Music in January- ***Choir*** assembles weekly for rehearsal on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. ***Nine6teen*** is playing at the Rectory Chapel for the Sundays of January 10-31st as well as our Contemporary service on Jan. 24th at the 10:15.

Parish Life Activities -The new Coffee Hour Team as well as the 8 o'clock Schedules for 2016 are posted on the Library Bulletin Board and can be accessed through the Reminder.

St. Nicholas Fair: You really did "Help us Help others". Our total is over \$15,000! Thanks especially to leaders Dayna Flath and Lisa Humphreys but also to Booth Managers, bakers, auctioneers, lunch preparers and servers to name a few. It was a wonderful and fun fair. Again, thanks!

Worship Specials: The Rev. Jim Kellaway is preacher on the 10th and presiding at services on Jan. 10th and 17th; Jane Hale is preaching on Jan. 17th and then again on the 24th; No 9:15 Chapel on Jan. 3rd.

Vestry Notes - the vestry met for their regular meeting on Dec. 9th reviewing expenditures, revenues and the endowment as well as the continuing program year. Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 20th at 7 p.m. when we will be reviewing our budget for 2016.

Women's Spirituality Workshop- a time of spiritual and faith exploration, story-sharing, and celebrating our Sisterhood! More than 15 of us gathered in November. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 26th at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.







Adult: All Fall Down by Jennifer Weiner. Allison Weiss has an adorable little girl, a successful husband, a career she loves, and a nice house in the suburbs. So why can't she make it through the day without popping a few prescription pain pills? She can't possibly be an addict, because she has nothing in common with the crackheads and junkies she sees on the city streets. Allison's denial, however, almost kills her. The author paints a painful yet realistic portrait of what addiction looks like and how it can almost destroy a family, but offers a glimpse of redemption at the end.

Young Adult: For young adults: Chains by Laurie R. King. Set right before the Revolutionary War, thirteen-year-old Isabel is a slave whose owner promises to free her and her sister, Ruth. After his death, however, Isabel becomes the property of a cruel couple, British Loyalists who have no plans to free them. After her new owners sell Ruth to a southern family, Isabel becomes a spy for the colonists in the hopes of winning her freedom and reuniting with her sister. The first book of a trilogy, *Chains* was the winner of the 2009 Scott O'Dell award for historical fiction and a 2008 National Book Award finalist.

Children: Lemonade in Winter: A Book About Two Kids Counting Money by Emily Jenkins and G. Brian Karas. On a cold winter's day, Pauline and her little brother John-John decide to have a lemonade stand. Pauline gathers her quarters to buy supplies to make lemonade, limeade, and lemon-limeade. Due to the weather they don't make much money but are happy to have enough to buy two popsicles. This book is a great introduction to young children who are learning about counting money. Be sure to check out the last page, where Pauline describes the value of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to her little brother. Ages 4-8.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1/2/16 5:30p Epiphany Party at the Carter's House (Rectory) 1/9-1/17 Mission Trip to Guatemala (Dave away on this trip) 1/18 Courier deadline 1/19 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE in office 1/20 Vestry meeting 7p					1 New Year's Day 	2 5:30p-9p Epiphany Party at Rectory
3 8a & 10:15 Services No Nursery or Church School	4 Jane is starting her GOE's: Keep her in your prayers!	5 6:30p-8:30p Spirit Companions	6 Epiphany 12p AA Meeting 	7 7:30p AA Meeting	8 Fr. Dave's Day Off	9 Mission Trip to Guatemala 10a-12:30p Spirituality Workshop: OBrock
10 Mission Trip-Guatemala Jim Kellaway, celebrant 8, 9:15 and 10:15 Services	11 Mission Trip-Guatemala	12 Mission Trip-Guatemala	13 Mission Trip-Guatemala 12p AA Meeting	14 Mission Trip-Guatemala 7:30p AA Meeting	15 Mission Trip-Guatemala	16 Mission Trip-Guatemala
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24 Jane Hale preaching 8, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 10:15 Cont. Music Service	25 8a Community Kitchen	26	27 12p AA Meeting	28 7:30p AA Meeting	29 Fr. Dave's Day Off	30
31 Annual Meeting Sunday Dave, preaching 8, 9:15 and 10:15 Services	1/20 Community Kitchen cooking 8a 1/31 ANNUAL MEETING 11:45a (after the 10:15 service is done)					

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for January 2016

	2nd Sunday after Christmas Day 1/3/2016	1st Sunday after Epiphany 1/10/2016	2nd Sunday after Epiphany 1/17/2016	3rd Sunday after Epiphany 1/24/2015 Cont Svc	4th Sunday after Epiphany 1/31/2015	Last Sunday after Epiphany 2/7/2015
Lector	D. Flath	K. Madenjian	W. Danenhower	D. Patton	M. Bridgman	G. Groom
LEM's	D. Flath B. Anderson	K. Madenjian P. Mann	W. Danenhower S. Adams	B. Anderson D. Flath	M. Bridgman B. Phillips	C. Sloat S. Bridgman
Altar Guild	J. Busse J. Hague Wed 1/6/16 no service	G & C Hesler D. Patton Wed no service	P. Phillips M. Eichorn Wed no service	A. Sheldon L. Swenson Wed no service	M. MacNair D. Crawford Wed no service	L. Goodwin M. Bridgman Wed no service
Acolytes	D. Flath B. Anderson	K. Madenjian P. Mann	W. Danenhower S. Adams	B. Anderson D. Flath	M. Bridgman B. Phillips	C. Sloat S. Bridgman
Ushers	P. McCarthy R. Wishart	B. Bastow T. Hamilton	R. Wishart B. Bastow	C. Sloat N. Weiss	B. Bastow P. McCarthy	R. Wishart T. Hamilton
Nursery	Volunteer	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie
Coffee Hour	Turquoise Team	Blue Team	Green Team	Silver Team	Yellow Team	Red Team
Flowers						

Coffee Hour	Bill & Jan					
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Celebrant	No Rectory	D. Sciesio	D. Sciesio	D. Sciesio	Fr. Dave	D. Sciesio
Music	<i>Chapel</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LIST

Happy Birthday to:

4 - Sarah Bridgman
 5 - Joshua Malboeuf
 6 - Amanda Wedegis
 7 - Sarah Cass
 9 - Claudia Abbott, Paul Warner
 10 - Jason McNally
 11 - Mac White, Stan Sheldon Jr., Chris Crawford Jr.

14 - Grayson McCarthy, Jim Zahansky
 17 - Carole Buttner
 20 - Thomas Bergendahl
 27 - Marsha Sokoloski
 28 - Edwin Sheldon
 31 - Gail McCarthy

Happy Anniversary to:

2 - Paul & Lisa Humphreys