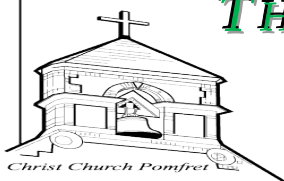


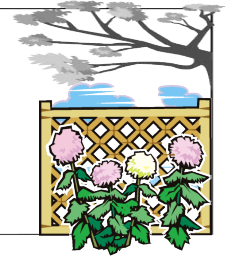
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Musings

Perhaps some will remember Ursula LeGuin's *Earthsea* fantasy series? I had reread all 6 books last summer (the classic "binge" reading episode). LeGuin is a master in exploring both the very dark and the very light, the depths of cruelty, the heights of our capacity to love. LeGuin reveals the characters of Ged and Tenar (and later, Tehanu) as she tells parts of their life stories. Something that struck me this time around was how these stories are not classic good and evil tales. We discover as we travel with these people that at their *best* they can have very mixed and sometimes selfish motives and that even their "finest" deeds can have mixed results. On the "other" side it can be equally unclear although LeGuin is very sensitive to *exploitive* behavior as it can become so destructive.

The temptation of those in power to *use* those without is a ubiquitous problem. For instance, human trafficking is going on in every major city in our country and it is often connected with legitimate needs for migrant or occasional workers, from farms to convention centers. Then there is the exploitation of our planet, from throwing a plastic cup overboard when we're out for a cruise to flushing anti-biotics down the toilet, to running the AC all day. The "good" and the "evil" are often so intertwined. But that does not preclude changing our minds and responding in new ways! Dave

Worship & Formation

Thursday Services back on September 3!
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. Let Dayna Flath 974-3276 know if you will not be around!

Senior Credo Time- Thanks to all our seniors who have or will be doing their Credo speeches to the parish through the summer!

Specials! August 2nd, Blessing of our Pilgrims; August 23rd, Baptisms

Summer Sundays

Starting on July 5th, 2015

We go to our 9:15
Combined Service

Refreshments Sign up on the
Parish Life Bulletin Board

Spirituality Workshops:

The Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer will continue offering a once a month presentation on **spiritual practice starting again in the Fall**. The more frequent Group Spiritual Direction gatherings will continue on a once a month basis during the Summer.

Next Group Spiritual Direction meeting is
June 30, 2015 at 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Nine6teen at the Bean

Thanks so much
We raised \$1900+
for

The Deary Memorial
Cancer Fund

Church School News - Greetings from Your Church School! I pray that all our young friends and families are enjoying a fun and relaxing Summer Vacation! **Godly Play** for children in preschool and kindergarten will resume (along with the rest of Church School) following the “Welcome Back Breakfast” on September 2nd. **Nursery** care continues to be available most summer Sundays.

In September, we will begin the **Potter’s Workshop Rotation “Daniel; A Believer in Babylon”**. Children in grades 1-5 will explore the book of Daniel through a Game, Movie, Science, Storytelling, Spiritual Walk, and Drama. There will be also be a special guest visitor presentation in the fall to help us explore what it means to be a refugee in the U.S., and how people can help them thrive here and also embrace their cultural diversity. As a Jew taken to Babylon after war in Jerusalem, Daniel knew what it was like to be a stranger in a strange land. He knew what it meant to be tested and scared, but his strong faith in God brought him through. We will explore ways to help refugees, being Children of God who can help ease the suffering of those in need for whom we pray; “...the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.” (BCP, 1978)

2015/16 Volunteer Shepherds and Workshop Leaders are being sought now- no experience necessary! Perhaps you have a special interest in one of the workshop topics above, or would like to “team up” with a friend to shepherd children through their workshop activities... Or if you can recommend someone you think would be great for one of the workshops, please do! For more information on these volunteer roles, the level of commitment involved, I’d be happy to discuss it with you: ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com or by phone: 860-928-2155.

Thanks for your support, and have a GREAT summer!
Nicole Nichols, Church School Director

Please email ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com if you are interested in (or have any questions about) the church school programs/activities.

Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood) - We are getting 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 that is still a little short. **ALSO- Safe Church Training coming this Fall to Christ Church for those incoming leaders who have not had it: October 3rd starting around 9 a.m. TBA.**

Fundraiser Info: Start up in September

Rite-13 - Summer Rite 13ers - becoming the **New J2A** - Important to *mark your calendars* for parents, families and new J2A - *Opening Dinner is Sept 19th*.

J2A - (current group) Thank you to all who have supported our J2A fundraising for the last two years. You are amazing and the most generous group of people I know. We are all very excited to be going on our Pilgrimage August 6th-12th, and look forward to sharing our adventure with you.

YAC - Congratulations and Best Wishes in your new adventures! Looking forward to re-connecting! We’ve loved hearing your Credo statements and look forward to a few more this summer!

If you have any questions about the Teen Program contact DeeDee Markes at 860-963-0846 or email at deedeespa@charter.net



Building and Grounds / Projects Notes - Our current plan is to repair the floor in the kitchen around the dishwasher over the summer as a combined volunteer/contractor initiative (Rich DiBonaventura). We have some roofing work to do where there was winter damage on the church roof outside the Sacristy. The snow blower came back from Tractors to Trimmers after oil change and tune up. We have finally completed switching over to Charter for internet and phone lines at the church so you should be able to call the church on the main number. We have received some quotes for preventative work on the organ; Dennis Patton is helping assess these. Plumbing items in the upstairs Rectory bathroom and a blown pipe in the wall were taken care of by Louis LaPalme. The plexi foyer is down thanks to Rich Galante.

Christian Social Outreach - Disbursements include TEEG, \$750, Access Emergency Shelter, \$500, Access Agency Food Bank, \$500, Episcopal Relief and Development, Nepal, \$1000, Heifer International, Nepal, \$750. **Special Mission:** We have scheduled a trip to Guatemala with PID (Partners in Development) for early 2016. 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 **July 27th and August 24th**; 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 over the Summer - A summer Choir will assemble on July 5th, July 19th & August 2nd. Watch the Reminder for other August dates!

News for the Fall - Congratulations to Jane Hale, parishioner, seminarian, Postulant for Holy Orders. She has now completed seminary! She does have a few more requirements for ordination and will be with us on a professional basis this next year! We're looking forward to her new involvement! More later!

Parish Life Activities - Thanks for all your participation. Sign ups for July and August at the 9:15 service. Feel free to do light snacks, juices and iced tea for adults! The Coffee Hour Schedule at the 10 starts up again September 20th. Welcome Home Breakfast on September 13th.





Warmer weather leads to cleaning. As you are tidying & decluttering, please keep the Christ Church Library in mind with an eye out for any Christ Church Library books hanging around your house & bringing them back as soon as possible. Also, feel free to offload some of your old DVDs for others in the Christ Church DVD Swap (temporarily located on the Book Swap cart outside the library).

Adult: My Monastery is a Minivan: Where the Daily is Divine and the Routine Becomes prayer by Denise Roy. As a young woman the author almost became a nun but decided against this idea because she wanted to get married and have children. Now a busy working mother of four, the author has written a series of personal anecdotes about her life and family and demonstrates that even one's mundane, daily tasks can lead to spiritual rewards. Who knew that picking up toys and folding laundry could be a religious experience?

Young Adult: Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos. In the summer of 1962, the twelve-year-old Jack Gantos finds himself grounded for the summer. The one freedom he is allowed is visiting his elderly neighbor, whom Jack must help with her household tasks which include, among other things, typing out obituaries about the town's original founders. And that's only the tip of the iceberg.

Children: The Incredible Life of Balto by Meghan McCarthy. Balto, the famous celebrity dog, was well known for leading a dogsled team that traveled through a blizzard to deliver a lifesaving serum to the people of Nome Alaska. This comical picture book describes what happened to Balto once the excitement died down.

Vestry Notes - Vestry had our Meeting on June 10th and approved CSO grants. The next Vestry meeting will be **Wednesday, August 19th** in the Library at 7 p.m. NOTE change of date.

<h1 style="color: red;">July 2015</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: Fr. Dave on Vacation all month Rev. James Kellaway on 7/5 & 7/12 Rev. Joan Phelps on 7/19 & 7/26			1 Dave's Vacation Begins 12p AA Meeting	2 7:30p AA Meeting	3 Billings Wedding on July 4 th !	4 Independence Day 
5 9:15 Service-Rev. Jim Kellaway, guest	6	7	8 12p AA Meeting	9 7:30p AA Meeting	10	11
12 9:15 Service-Rev. Jim Kellaway, guest	13	14	15 12p AA Meeting	16 7:30p AA Meeting	17	18
19 9:15 Service- Rev. Joan Phelps, guest	20	21	22 12p AA Meeting	23 7:30p AA Meeting	24	25
26 9:15 Service-Rev. Joan Phelps, guest	27	28	29 12p AA Meeting	30 7:30p AA Meeting	31	
 <h1 style="color: orange;">August 2015</h1>  						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: J2A Pilgrimage leaves on 8/6 and returns on 8/12 Jane Hale guest preacher on 8/2 along with Pilgrimage Blessing Morning Prayer services on 8/9 and 8/16 Baptisms on 8/23						1 Fr. Dave Back from Vacation 9a Guatemala Update?
2 Pilgrimage Blessing 9:15 Service -Guest Preacher: Jane Hale w/Fr. Dave	3	4 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	5 12p AA Meeting	6 J2A Pilgrimage Leaves 7:30p AA Meeting	7	8
9 9:15 Service- Morning Prayer - Bruce P. & Peter M.	10	11	12 Pilgrimage Returns 12p AA Meeting	13 7:30p AA Meeting	14 Nine6teen at Cotuit	15 Nine6teen at Cotuit
16 Nine6teen at Cotuit 9:15 Service- Morning Prayer - Barbara A. & Stephen A.	17	18 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	19 12p AA Meeting 7p Vestry	20 7:30p AA Meeting	21 Fr. Dave's Day Off	22
23 9:15 Service- Baptisms Fr. Dave	24	25 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	26 12p AA Meeting	27 7:30p AA Meeting	28 Fr. Dave's Day Off	29
30 9:15 Service-Fr. Dave	31	Welcome Back Sunday – and all programs start up again – on September 13th with divided services again and Breakfast in between the services				

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for July - August 2015

	6th Sunday after Pentecost 7/5/2015	7th Sunday after Pentecost 7/12/2015	8th Sunday after Pentecost 7/19/2015	9th Sunday after Pentecost 7/26/2015	10th Sunday after Pentecost 8/2/2015
Lector	P. Mann	C. Norris	D. Patten	G. Groom	D. Flath
LEM's	P. Mann	C. Sloat	B. Phillips	S. Adams	D. Flath
Altar Guild	D. Crawford	J. Busse	M. Bridgman	D. Patton	A. Sheldon
Acolytes	P. Mann	C. Sloat	B. Phillips	S. Adams	D. Flath
Ushers	B. Bastow T. Hamilton	G. Nichols P. Mann	N. Weiss C. Sloat	R. Wishart B. Bastow	B. Bastow R. Wishart
Flowers	Billings	Lussier	Lussier	Groom	Sturni

	11th Sunday after Pentecost 8/9/2015 <i>Morning Prayer</i>	12th Sunday after Pentecost 8/16/2015 <i>Morning Prayer</i>	13th Sunday after Pentecost 8/23/2015 <i>Baptisms</i>	14th Sunday after Pentecost 8/30/2015	15th Sunday after Pentecost 9/6/2015 <i>Last Combined 9:15 Service</i>
Lector	B. Phillips	S. Adams	B. Anderson	P. Mann	B. Phillips
LEM's	B. Phillips P. Mann	S. Adams B. Anderson	B. Anderson	P. Mann	B. Phillips
Altar Guild	M. Eichorn	J. Hague	L. Goodwin & Heslers	P. Phillips	D. Crawford
Acolytes	P. Mann	B. Anderson	B. Anderson	P. Mann	B. Phillips
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Flowers	Groom	Carter			Groom

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