



THE COURIER FOR MAY 2015

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Musings

"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb". Ha! There was plenty of snow on the ground for Palm Sunday! We were rescued by a few warm days in Holy Week so that our young-people's Eggstravaganza was outside. Besides the weather, that week had its special services which served in another way for those who could or wanted to observe. It was a very good crowd on Easter Day. Many thanks to the volunteers and staff that helped make it meaningful!

I'm about to leave for a conference offered by the Church Pension Fund for Episcopal Clergy called CREDO. This one is in the mountains of North Carolina for 5 days and entails time for reflection on all aspects of my priesthood from the spirit to finances! I've had several hours of homework including medical and financial appraisals, a timeline of my spiritual journey, reflections on my ministry to date, and invitations to a variety of folks to respond to a questionnaire with current feedback. Conferences are often discovery events. Who knows what might emerge? It's perfect for the season, as one of the elements of resurrection is that it is God's amazing surprise and our on-going discovery. Dave

Worship & Formation

Thursday Services on May 7, 14, 21 & 28
Names for **The Prayer Chain**? Call the office and leave a message.

Rectory School Chapel- NOT May 3 but May 10, 17, 24 and the last of the season on May 31.

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 Scholarship Time- Graduating Seniors who are going on to higher education are invited to apply for a scholarship. Deadline: 5/24. Check the downloadable PDF through the Reminder.

Specials! Church First, **May 3rd**; Bishop Ian Douglas, Mom's day Breakfast on **May 10th**; Baptisms on **May 17th & May 24**; Choir Sunday is also **May 24th**; Contemporary Music on **May 31st**



Got Rummage?

When: May 2, 2015
Time: 7:15 - 1:00

Christ Church Great Hall
(Rte. 169 -across from Rectory School)

Proceeds go to the Teen Program Fund

You can start bringing in right now
Call the office if you have bigger items for donation. Thanks.



Spirituality Workshops:

The Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer has been invited by Christ Church to continue offering a once a month presentation on spiritual practice along with more frequent Group Spiritual Direction. Times and Dates: TBA

In the meantime Quiet Corner Community Healthcare is offering

Build Your Better Busy Lifestyle

At Christ Church on Sat., May 9th

From 2-4 p.m.

\$25 per person: 860-455-4654

Mother's Day Breakfast

May 10, 2015

9a-10a

Visit from Bishop Ian
this day also



Church School News - Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who have given their time and talent to the church youth this spring! We had two large events during Lent (Easter Eggstravaganza and the Heifer Living Market), both of which were lots of fun and very successful!

This month, children in grades 1-4 will finish their “**Jesus and Discipleship**” workshops, and then begin preparing for **Youth Sunday and the Parish Picnic on June 7th** along with students in the Grade 5/6 group.

We are very excited about our upcoming fieldtrip to Heifer’s *Overlook Farm* in Rutland, MA on **Sunday May 24th**. It’s not too late to join us! Please see one of us as soon as possible for more information. There is no cost to families for this activity.

In Peace,

Nicole Nichols and Amy Landis

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

A Special Message from Amy Landis:

As of July 1, I will be stepping down as Co-Church School Director. My last three years in this position have been a rewarding and fulfilling experience. I was able to work during the hours that my children were at school, and on Sunday mornings share my faith and commitment to religious education with them and the rest of the Christ Church youth. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to serve as Church School Director to help teach and nurture our youngest parishioners each Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted - Amy Landis

Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood) - We will be looking for new leaders for the upcoming Teen Groups. If you think you’d like to do this, please contact Fr. Dave or DeeDee.

Fundraiser Info: May 2, 2015 - RUMMAGE SALE - 10th Annual Rummage sale, all hands on board!

Rite-13 - May 31st, the Rite 13 will run the service at church, so please have your children come as often as they can between now and then. (It’s also a Contemporary Music Service)

J2A - To all J2A parents, you should be paid in full at this time and your child's release form should be turned in to me or the church office, for our Pilgrimage.
The last payment of **\$250 was due March 25, 2015.**

YAC - There is a special meeting with Pat McCarthy for Graduating Seniors in the Library on **May 3rd** to discuss applying for the Scholarship from the church and to consider your CREDO statement and address the church which is part of the process for receiving the scholarship. Looking forward to re-connecting!

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 -We're investigating the floor in the kitchen and considering a summer project to replace the tile and underlayment there and possibly in the Great Hall. There is some roofing damage from the winter on the church roof. **Late Spring Clipping/Clean up will be on May 30th from 9 to 11 a.m. All volunteers are encouraged to participate!**

Christian Social Outreach - CSO disbursements were: Americares, \$250, SAMS, \$1,000, Day Kimball Chaplaincy, \$1,000, TEEG, \$500, Pomfret Emergency Services, \$500 and IRIS, \$500. **Special Mission:** We have tentatively scheduled a trip to Guatemala with PID (Partners in Development) for the start of 2016, probably leaving on January 2nd or 3rd; a Stop Hunger Now project in our Great Hall packing boxes with emergency food is being considered for the fall; We've heard about interest in Habitat as well. Another Special Mission is continuing to work with the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer, see the front cover of the Courier; **Community Kitchen on June 29th.** 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 May- Choir Sunday is scheduled for May 24th; the final **Contemporary Music service** of the season is May 31st! We thank all our music folks for their hard work this academic year!

Parish Life Activities -**Don't miss the Rummage Sale organized by the J2A for their Pilgrimage Fund. AND, Mother's Day Breakfast between the services on May 10th (Bishop Ian Douglas will be visiting that day.**

Pastoral Notes - Inreach- Prayer Shawl Ministry- Shawls can be blessed by request- Info in the Thursday Reminder. The Coordinator of the Prayer Shawls is Rebecca Patenaude. Her contacts are: 860-928-5504 or email patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com

Vestry Notes - Vestry had our Meeting on April 8th at which we considered the budget to the present, reviewed another special mission possibility mentioned elsewhere and accepted Amy Landis' resignation as co-Director of the Church School. The next Vestry meeting will be with **Bishop Douglas** on Sunday, May 10th in the Library at 11:30 a.m.



Warmer weather leads to spring cleaning. As you are tidying & decluttering, please keep the Christ Church Library in mind by 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: God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It by Jim Wallis. These days in politics the Right embraces religion values and integrates it into its political platforms while the Left often ignore the subject entirely. Wallis, however, argues that true faith transcends political philosophies and should guide all people to better society as a whole. With presidential campaigns already up and running for 2016, this book couldn't be more timely.

Young Adult: A Corner of the Universe by Ann M. Martin. Twelve-year-old Hattie's predictable small-town life is turned upside down after learning that her mother has a brother Hattie never knew existed. Her mother's mentally unstable brother Adam returns home soon after having been institutionalized.

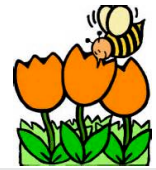
Children: Signed by Zelda by Kate Feiffer. Eleven-year-old Lucy wants to be a handwriting expert when she grows up. When her upstairs neighbor Zelda goes missing, leaving behind only a handwritten note as a clue, Lucy must use her budding skills as she tries to track Zelda down. Ages 8-12.

Your Church: Sharing the Feast

Visions and Ventures 2015: To date we have received 87 pledges of anticipated gifts totaling \$190,810. This includes some members who have not pledged in the past. Your pledges are vital to our program. Pledging/being generous with your resources is a way of life, isn't it? It's a way of thinking and planning, recognizing what "we" really need, postponing other items that we might want, so we can give away a little more! Thanks.



May 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5/2 – J2A Rummage Sale 7:30a-1p 5/10 – Mom’s Day Breakfast & Bishop Ian visit day 5/13 – Vestry Mtg 5/25 – Memorial Day – Office Closed					1 Fr. Dave's Day Off	2 7:30a-1p J2A Rummage Sale
3 8a and 10:15 Services 10:15a Church First: Jon/Judy Busse	4	5 9:30a-11:30a Clergy Group	6 12p AA Meeting	7 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	8 Fr. Dave's Day Off	9
10 Mother's Day 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services Bishop Ian Douglas 9a Mom's Day Breakfast	11	12 9:30a-11:30a Clergy Group	13 12p AA Meeting 7p-9p Vestry	14 Ascension 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	15 Fr. Dave's Day Off	16 Armed Forces Day
17 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 10:15a Ellsworth Baptism	18	19 9:30a-11:30a Clergy Group	20 12p AA Meeting	21 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30aB'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	22 Fr. Dave's Day Off	23
24 Pentecost Choir Sunday 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 10:15a Tyler Baptism	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 9:30a-11:30a Clergy Group	27 12p AA Meeting	28 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a-B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	29 Fr. Dave's Day Off	30
31 Trinity Sunday 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 10:15a Contemporary Service	Notes: Youth Sunday and Parish Picnic (rain or shine) - June 7th Nine6teen Annual Fund-raiser for the Deary Fund at the Vanilla Bean Saturday, June 13th with guest, Derek Joly					

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for May 10, 2015 - June 4, 2015

	6th Sunday of Easter 5/10/2015 Mother's Day	7th Sunday of Easter 5/17/2015 Relay 4 Life & Baptism	PENTECOST 5/24/2015	1st Sunday after Pentecost 5/31/2015 Cont Svc	2nd Sunday after Pentecost 6/7/2015 Youth Sunday
Lector	B. Anderson	W. Danenhower	B. Phillips	C. Sloat	Youth
LEM's	D. Flath B. Anderson	W. Danenhower B. Phillips	P. Mann B. Phillips	B. Anderson C. Sloat	
Altar Guild	P. Phillips M. Bridgman Thurs 5/14 J. Hague	L. Goodwin L. Swenson Thurs 5/21 A. Sheldon	M. MacNair D. Crawford Thurs 5/28 L. Goodwin	J. Busse J. Hague Thurs 6/4 D. Crawford	A. Sheldon D. Patton Thurs 6/11
Acolytes	B. Anderson D. Flath	W. Danenhower B. Phillips	B. Phillips P. Mann	B. Anderson C. Sloat	
Ushers	R. Wishart B. Bastow	N. Weiss C. Sloat	P. McCarthy G. Nichols	P. Mann T. Hamilton	B. Bastow R. Wishart
Nursery	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie
Coffee Hour	Mom Breakfast	Turquoise Team	Blue Team	Green Team	Parish Picnic
Flowers			Woodbridge		

	5/10/15	5/17/15	5/24/15	5/31/15	6/7/15
Coffee Hour					

	5/10/15	5/17/15	5/24/15	5/31/15	6/7/15
Celebrant	Fr. Dave	W. Whitmore	Fr. Dave	W. Whitmore	
Music	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

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| 1 - Hannah Flath, Hunter Malboeuf, Griffin Edwards | 18 - Laurence Hale |
| 3 - Doris vonConta, Katie Humphreys, Yvonne Bessette, Mia Edwards | 20 - Hazel Rigney |
| 6 - Seth Galante | 22 - Charles Lounsbury |
| 9 - Paul Humphreys | 23 - Timothy Oles |
| 13 - Carlyn Duncan | 24 - Evan Deary, Alice Sheldon |
| 16 - George Groom, Deborah Crawford | 25 - Kelsey Smith, Natalie Paul |
| 17 - Brian Smith | 29 - Melinda Bridgman |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| 5 - Sky & Melinda Bridgman | 20 - Penn Handwerker & Joan Stevenson | 28 - Peter & Jayne Battye |
| 14 - Tim & Tricia Apicelli | 24 - Henry & Kristine Folsom | 29 - George & Sandy Groom |