



Saturday, December 5, 2014 - New to Christ Church & The Fair? Not new but have never gotten involved with the Fair? Want some ideas to get you started? Well, here you go - a list of our major booths and what they need.

****We especially need someone to help organize, delegate, and solicit items for the Silent Auction prior to the day of the Fair****

Booths and the items we'll need for each:

- **Give It Again** - new items (such as gifts) that have never been opened/used.
- **Bottle Board** - bottles/jars filled with pretty much anything fun/interesting that you can think of.
- **The Elegant Booth**- a *new* booth dedicated to nice china sets in good condition! (needs a manager)
- **Craft Booth** - Crafts, Christmas items, doll clothes for 18 inch dolls, knitted/sewn items for tweens/teens.
- **Chocolate Extravaganza** - yummy chocolate treats.
- **Jewel Box** - vintage costume jewelry.
- **Toy Booth** - gently used toys in good condition-(NO Stuffed Animals!); collections of books or toys such as Legos, etc.)
- **Double Play Sports Gear**- *new* booth for gear!
- **Silent Auction** - Unique, higher valued items, services, gift cards, etc (i.e., museum gift certificates). We **would love to have new ideas** for this booth. We can also use help picking up donations.
- **Bakery** - any yummy items you like to bake (pies, cakes, muffins, scones, breads, bars, jams & jellies, etc)
- **Cookies by the Bag** - lots, lots and lots of yummy cookies. Please label (and whether includes nuts). J2A group is in charge of this booth and the proceeds go towards their pilgrimage.

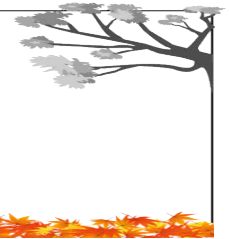
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Musings

It is one of the more beautiful times of the year in our part of the world. Colors on color, red and yellow on blue. Add in the special gold of a sunrise or a sunset slanting in from the horizon and it's remarkable to be alive another day. Sometimes, due to how close we can be to loss and grief of all kinds, someone in my profession gets an extra glimpse of how fortunate we are (read, I am) to have a job, a place to live, an intact family, an incredible view out my office window! If I don't spend real time every day recalling this then I'm usually not being particularly aware because this is not just generating a "f-i-f" (funny inside feeling). It is reality, something to be noticed and appreciated. I believe Thoreau put it this way, "The perception of beauty is a moral test". In this train of thought the perception of beauty is very connected to the perception of how much we continue to receive, how much we really have to be thankful for and in turn, how much we can share. As many Native Americans groups understood the measure of a person may be found more in what we give away than in what accumulate---- Dave

Worship & Formation

Set the Clocks Back on Oct. 31st so you can be on time at church on Nov. 1st!

Communion Class for 2nd grade young people or a little older is again offered on Sat., Nov. 21st this fall. The class does not run without request. So if you are interested call before Nov. 19th to enroll with Dave (860-608-7632)

Healing Eucharist continues on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. followed by Breakfast at the Bean! Names for **The Prayer Chain**? Call the office and leave a message: 860-315-7780.

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

Specials! November 22nd is a Contemporary and Church First featuring an Adult Forum with Jane Hale as presenter; November 29th is Pledge Sunday and Fair-set up day!

Newer Members meet & greet

Sat. Nov. 7th

5:30 p.m.

Kids included!

At the Carters

Spirituality

The Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer continues offering opportunities to expand or explore your spiritual practice (including **Spirituality for the Second Half of Life and Spirituality Workshops** (Nov. 3rd, 14th & 19th see calendar for times)

Jane Hale continues to host a **Women's Spirituality Workshop** on the fourth Tuesday of the month (November 24th)

Pledge Sunday

November 29th

**We will offer all our pledges
Please send or hand your
pledge in, on or before!**

Church School News - We are now 'settling' into the school year, as many of our busy friends wrap-up former weekend commitments and return to church on Sundays. It's great to have everyone back! (Remember to get those Registration forms in ASAP, even if you only attend occasionally.) We will close out the season of Pentecost with fun activities to explore some of our Christian Saints, Saint-related traditions, and the idea of "Everyday Sainthood". What (and who) is a Saint? Consider the possibility that a 'saint' may be anyone who makes doing God's work the central in his/her life, who turns to God in the face of fear for strength, and in turn is a source of strength for others.

Godly Play (pre-K and Kindergarten) will wonder about The Communion of Saints, Mother Theresa, Saint Margaret and Saint Nicholas. Elementary (gr. 1-5) children will draw upon church and family history to make Family Shields, do a Sidewalk chalk "One Body" exercise, and create a Cloud of Witnesses banner. Through these and other activities, a connection will be made between past, present and future, and the children will see the 'saints' all around them as well as their own 'saintly' potential to do God's work in the world!

We will also have special guests downstairs at the start of the month... **Jane Hale** joins us on November 1st (All Saints' Day), and **Dave** visits with music on November 8th. They will both help us with our "Everyday Sainthood" explorations during Church School! Be on the lookout for some of the 'saints' among us to come 'marching in' to church one Sunday...

The **Church School Committee** will meet in the library on November 8th after church to plan for an all-new family Advent event and Christmas Pageant preparations. We would like to develop a roster of permanent committee members to help guide our mission. Please join us in this important and joyous work!

Note: **Communion Class for 2nd Graders** and older with Fr. Dave at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 21st as wanted. Call the office (860-315-7780). Baptized children can always take communion with their parent's supervision. This class is to add in a little more understanding to that process. It is based on the story of Thanksgiving.

With gratitude for your continued support and fellowship,

Nicole Nichols, Church School Director ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com



Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood) - Safe Church Training, if you need this training make sure you have registered to take it. Training sites can be found at the diocese website: www.ctdiocese.org.

ALSO just announced - DeeDee Markes will be stepping down as the Teen Coordinator, so if anyone is interested in this paid position, please speak with Fr. Dave for further information.

Fundraiser Info is in discussion.

Rite-13 - The Rite 13ers got together and carved pumpkins of all sizes and with many different designs for October.

J2A - The group is meeting regularly and starting to gear up for the St. Nick Fair things they will be helping out with for that.

YAC - The YAC group presented their slideshow and experiences of the pilgrimage to San Francisco on October 25th during the Church First service.

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 -We are waiting for the Roofing Store get back to us to take care of winter damage on the church roof outside the Sacristy as well as water-proofing the Rectory chimneys. We will be reviewing a quote for new windows in the chapel, the library and the hallway from John Murphy. Brian Densmore & Son will do our snow-plowing and clearing again. Snow and bad weather closings will be posted through WFSB Channel 3 and on the answering machine & through the Reminder. Thanks so much to all who came out to work on October 17th.

Christian Social Outreach - the Committee meets later in the fall; **Special Mission:** Our scheduled trip to Guatemala with PID (Partners in Development) is now booked to leave on Jan. 9th. Another Special Mission is our collaboration with the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer, see the front cover of the Courier and the Reminder; **Community Kitchen on November 23rd** see Pauline Phillips. **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 November- Choir assembles weekly on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. for rehearsal. Contemporary Service on November 22nd with Nine6teen; Dennis and Jim at the 8 o'clock.

Newer Members Meet and Greet with the Vestry at the Rectory on Saturday, November 7th at 5:30. We've sent out invitations to newer members whose mailing addresses we have. But if you are "newer" you are included. See Dave!

Nutsale- The main order is in. Please help us do the sorting and packing during the third week of November. We'll be posting the dates.

Parish Life Activities -The Coffee Hour Team Schedule is posted on the Library Bulletin Board.

St. Nicholas Fair is on Dec. 5th. See our note on the back cover of the Courier! We'll be doing sign-ups for Booths and there are a lot of items you can contribute. All proceeds go out into the community. "Help us Help others". **Fair Set-up day is Nov. 29th.**

Worship Specials: On **Nov. 22nd** it will again be a Church First Sunday. Jane Hale will be the presenter in Forum. She will be talking about the priesthood both ordained and lay. No 9:15 on Nov. 29th.

Vestry Notes - the vestry met for their regular meeting on Oct. 14th reviewing expenditures, revenues and the endowment as well as the continuing program year. We set a date for our **Newer Members Dinner** at the Carters at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 7th. Next Meeting is Wednesday, November 11th at 7 p.m.

Women's Spirituality Workshop- a time of spiritual and faith exploration, story-sharing, and celebrating our Sisterhood! More than 20 of us gathered in October. Our tentative next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 24th, 7:00 p.m. Contact Jane Hale at jchale@charter.net.



An autumn evening is a perfect time to curl up with a good book. You will find many interesting and thought provoking titles in the Christ Church Library collection, including the following:


Adult: The Happiness Project: Or, Why I Spent a Year Trying To Sing in the Morning, Clean My Closets, and Generally Have More Fun by Gretchen Rubin. Gretchen Rubin is a successful writer with a loving husband and two great daughters. Nevertheless, she can't help but wonder if she could be happier. This idea leads her to search for greater happiness in different areas of her life ranging from her marriage and relationship with her children to her spirituality and desire for self-improvement. Although the year-long journey is not a perfect success, Rubin does feel happier at the end of the year and offers suggestions for others interested in starting their own happiness project.

Young Adult: Wonder by R.J. Palacio. August Pullman was born with a severe facial deformity. Due to his numerous surgeries, he has always been homeschooled. Now at the age of ten, he is finally attending school as a fifth grader at Beecher Prep. He wants to be treated like any other middle school kid, but will the school community be able to look past his appearance and see the real person underneath? This book is wonderfully written and inspiring, and it is not surprising that it made its way on top of multiple "Best of" book lists in 2012! Ages 10 and up.

Children: The Story of Daniel in the Lion's Den by Michael McCarthy. Church School is wrapping up a unit on the story of Daniel. Why not bring home a book to reinforce what children have been learning on Sunday? This picture book, told in rhyme, tells the story of Daniel's refusal to renounce his beliefs and can be used to teach children the importance of staying true to oneself and making good choices.

Just a reminder, feel free to offload your old DVDs and books for others in the Christ Church DVD and Book Swap.

NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day Daylight Saving Time Ends 8a, 9:15 & 10:15 Services 	2	3 Election Day 9:30a-11a Clergy Group 6:30p-8:30p Spirit Companions	4 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Mtg in Library	5 7:30p AA Meeting	6 Fr. Dave's Day Off	7 Newer Members Dinner 5:30p at the Rectory
8 Stewardship Season 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services Jane Hale, Preacher (8 & 10:15) Church School Com mtg in library 11:45a	9	10 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	11 Veterans' Day 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Mtg in Library 7p-9p Vestry	12 7:30p AA Meeting	13 Diocesan Convention in Cromwell, CT	14 Diocesan Convention in Cromwell, CT 10a-12:30p Spirituality Workshop: OBrock
15 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services	16 Courier Deadline	17 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	18 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Mtg in Library	19 1p-3p Spirit for 2nd Half 7:30p AA Meeting	20 Fr. Dave's Day Off	21 Altar Guild Cleaning Day 8:30a 10 a.m. Communion Class (by Request)
22 Church First Sunday 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services Jane Hale, Preacher (8 & 10:15) 10:15a Contemporary Service	23 Community Kitchen cooks 8a	24 9:30a-11a Clergy Group 7p-8:30p Women's Spirituality	25 12p AA Mtg in Library	26 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30p AA Meeting	27 Fr. Dave's Day Off	28
29 Advent Sunday Fair Setup Pledge Sunday 8a and 10:15 Services only	30	Notes: Turn back your clocks 1 hr on Oct. 31st for time changes 11/11 Vestry Meeting at 7 p.m. 11/13 & 14 Diocesan Convention in Cromwell, CT 11/21 Altar Guild Cleaning Day & Possible Communion Class 11/26 & 27 Office Closed for Thanksgiving				

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*

	24th Sunday after Pentecost 11/8/2015	25th Sunday after Pentecost 11/15/2015	Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King day) 11/22/2015 Cont Svc	1st Sunday of Advent 11/29/2015	2nd Sunday of Advent 12/6/2015
Lector	M. Bridgman	B. Anderson	S. Adams	P. Mann	B. Phillips
LEM's	M. Bridgman K. Madenjian	B. Anderson S. Bridgman	S. Adams D. Flath	P. Mann W. Danenhower	B. Phillips K. Madenjian
Altar Guild	P. Phillips M. Bridgman Wed 11/11 J. Hague	M. MacNir D. Crawford Wed 11/18 A. Sheldon	A. Sheldon J. Hague Wed 11/25 No Service	E & C Hesler L. Swenson Wed 12/2 D. Crawford	J. Busse M. Eichorn Wed 12/9
Acolytes	M. Bridgman K. Madenjian	B. Anderson C. Sloat	S. Adams D. Flath M. Landis	P. Mann W. Danenhower	B. Phillips K. Madenjian
Ushers	R. Wishart T. Hamilton	R. Wishart B. Bastow	C. Sloat N. Weiss	B. Bastow P. McCarthy	B. Bastow R. Wishart
Nursery	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie
Coffee Hour	Yellow Team	Red Team	Orange Team	White Team	Fair Leftovers
Flowers				Advent Season -	No Flowers

Coffee Hour					Fair Leftovers
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Celebrant	Fr. Dave	D. Sciesio	Fr. Dave	No Rectory	D. Sciesio
Music	Nine6teen	Nine6teen	Nine6teen	Chapel Service	Nine6teen

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LIST

Happy Birthday to:

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| 3 - Nicole Apicelli, Crystelle Ranhoff | 17 - Steven Madenjian |
| 6 - Chelsea Weiss | 18 - Ted Cohen |
| 9 - Andre Bessette, Jackie Mahoney, Jotham Reynolds | 22 - Phoebe McCarthy |
| 10 - Kate & Molly Landis, Amy Nunes | 25 - Kim Lane |
| 11 - Peter Ellsworth Sr., Charlotte Nichols | 26 - Mitzi Davis |
| 12 - Maggie Gagnon | 27 - Anna Battye |
| 16 - Carrie Carter, Dorin Dehls | |

Happy Anniversary to:

- 25 - Rich & Judy Miller