



THE COURIER FOR SUMMER 2016

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Musings

I know we work very hard, all of us, to provide risk-free environments for our children, for staff, for contractors, for parents. Over the years we've made many changes to our plant to be "safer", for instance putting glass see-through windows in most interior doors and getting to repairs as soon as possible. This also means aspiring to safety emotionally as well as physically. The Diocese mandates Safe Church training for employees and anyone who accompanies children off-site. They are also asking for our Church School and Nursery volunteers to do Safe Church. Something we will return to in the fall as our programs start up again. The Safe Church training is excellent and while it entails a Saturday commitment the information and workshop elements include material for every age group, even our seniors.

But there are always ways in which risk remains, when we take our young people off-site, to Heifer in Massachusetts or just up the street to Seely-Brown Village or on the Pilgrimage. In fact a certain amount of risk is part of the "adventure" of discovery, part of growing up, part of "being out in the world" encountering God, and God encountering us. A certain calculated risk is involved in being this country, being a democratic republic, having freedom to travel, inviting new people to our shores.... Dave

Worship & Formation

Healing Eucharist & B'fast at the Bean is completed for the season but will begin again on Wednesday, September 7th; Names for **The Prayer Chain?** Call the office: 860-315-7780.

Readers & Acolyte Notes - Check in the back. Thanks. Dayna Flath 860-974-32761

Specials! During August if the weather is cooperative there are some Sundays we will look to being outside. We'll put that information in the online Reminder. Simpler Eucharist: A-capella Music; **Baptism** on August 7th (Tiffany)! Dave is away with Nine6teen at the Cotuit Federated Church on August 21st.

Women's Spirituality is concluded for the season OR until further notice as Jane and the leaders consider the next steps! We wish Jane all blessings as she continues her professional ordained ministry!



Church School News - Happy Summer Christ Church Families; Conversations continue over the summer regarding changing our approach to chapel time and lesson-based activities to make them more engaging for youth and volunteers alike! We are reorganizing our structure with advance planning by 'terms'; Fall, Winter and Spring, and hope to schedule volunteers by team for these (with 'special' seasons and events as well, such as Fall outreach, Advent's Christmas Pageant, and Lenten outreach). There are a number of great ideas already on the table which we are very excited about!

If you have any interest in helping out downstairs at any point this year, I'd be happy to discuss what's planned so far and when you might be available to join a "team" of helpers. A "Fall Schedule of Curriculum and Activities" will soon be posted for your review on the Church School bulletin board, and later will be available online. Also, watch for a link to complete your child(ren)'s Church School Registration forms online in August (another streamlining effort you can help us out with). We will be calling past volunteers and Church School supporters beginning in August, unless you call first! Thank you...

Have a fantastic summer!

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Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood)

Fundraiser Info: Fund raising efforts will be key this next year as Christ Church as one community gets ready to bless the J2Aers on their journey. Thank you all for your support and help.

Rite-13 - The Rite 13ers are still working on the mural project in the hall by the choir room and have been doing discussion groups. The Rite-13 wrapped up their curriculum and will pick up in the fall as they move towards their "Journey to Adulthood-Rite-13" ceremony.

J2A - J2A are focused on many things as they break for the summer, but the most important being on their Pilgrimage destination - Vancouver 2017; with the date set for Aug 2nd -9th 2017. They will meet again in the fall ready to contemplate this tremendous journey of faith and self-evaluation through community service and adventure. *All J2Aers intending to go on the Pilgrimage need to submit their \$150 deposit as of July 1st. We need to make a down payment to Wonder Voyage very shortly! You can also do the payment through easytithe, online. Check the Reminder.*

YAC - They are using the *Confirm not Conform* curriculum in between other scheduled activities. Resumes in the fall.

Teen Program contact Catherine Bastow at 860-928-3575.

Building and Grounds / Projects Notes -The soot cleanup project may be complete but not the final reckoning. It takes a while. All the bills have been received and duplicates submitted and the insurance carriers have begun to get reimbursement checks to us but it is coming along quite slowly. Other projects include: John Murphy working on Dave's office door; the interior Library window replacement as well as the Library hallway window replacement. Rich DiBonaventura is researching what needs to be done with the concrete steps leading the Offices. Hometown has let us know that our water heater in the parish hall side of the plant needs replacement before the fall season. We are researching that.

Christian Social Outreach - the Committee meets for disbursements later in September; *Special Mission: The Mission trip to Guatemala will be heading out for their week of service starting August 6th!* Please look at the PID website, on line for updates on this trip, www.pidonline.org. We are very excited to send out another group. Group members include Suzanne, Charlotte and Julia Powell, Kristen Archambault, Hannah, Dayna and Paloma Flath & Mike Finneran. Please keep them in your prayers! Our collaboration with the Rev. *Oscar Brockmeyer* will have new offerings in the fall, see the Reminder; *Community Kitchen* on July 25th and August 22nd, see Pauline Phillips. *Access News* - General food supplies, nutritious snack foods for kids OR send checks to: Access Danielson - 231 Broad Street, Danielson, CT 06239.

Music in July- Labor Day- Jim Dehls and Dennis Patton will provide music all through the summer months. Hymns will be announced and anthems prepared. *Pick up Choir will always meet on Sunday at about 8:30 a.m. for the 9:15 service!*

Parish Life Activities - The *Coffee Hour Team* schedule will be posted again in mid-August for the September through January season. Thank you to every team and every member for your hospitality. We'll have an informal sign up for the summer. Lemonade and a small snack is all that's needed for people to linger after the single service. Caroline Sloat and Catherine Bastow

Women's Spirituality- has concluded for the season but keep an eye out for the fall schedule. We'll see what the next steps might be. You may contact Jane Hale at jlhale@charter.net.

Vestry Notes - next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 14th. In the mean time we will be keeping the Vestry informed on unfolding Buildings and Grounds items, the process of moving the endowment accounts to Weiss and Hale (voted in May), as well as new outreach items such as the Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement group effort. We will miss having the Rev. Jane Hale as part of our meetings but wish her all the blessings of her new ordained life!



Summer is has arrived!! If you have vacation time coming up be sure to stop by the Christ Church Library for something to read while you're relaxing. We have many excellent titles for both young and old.

Around this time of year mainstream media starts recommending books for people to read during summer vacation. This is when I start hearing the term "Beach Read," referring to a book that is rather light and can be read quickly. If you are looking for a quick read, check out our young adult section. Our young adult books aren't too long and are quite diverse, including some great historical and realistic fiction.

Personally, I tend to stay away from "Brach Reads" in the summer. In contrast, summer vacation for me is when I like to read the more challenging books, as I am free of responsibility for a little while and can devote the time to a 500-page biography or thought-provoking non-fiction text. You'll find these in our library as well.

Remember, it is easy to check out a book. Just write your name on the book card found in the back of the book, remove it, and place it in the small wooden box on top of the card catalog. Then when you're done, just place the returned book in the box under the card catalog.

Happy Summer and Happy Reading!!