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THE COURIER FOR OCTOBER 2015

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The Rev. David M. Carter, Rector

Musings

Many Christ Church members were originally Roman Catholic, perhaps more than 50% of us. When I mentioned this to Bishop Douglas last May his response was that this was generally true across the Episcopal Church. Those of Roman background find the communion service amazingly familiar. And though we've evolved to be dramatically different in a number of ways we also have Bishops, Priests and Deacons, Dioceses and Deaneries, Doctrine and Canons like our forebears.

Our identity as a separate institution had its start in the 16th century when Henry the VIII of England took his geographical part of the Church of Rome and created the Church of England. The subsequent Kings and one Queen of England (Elizabeth) had an important role in forging this new entity. Eventually the C of E included a variety of worship styles and kept large parts of the inherited organization. As the English settled around the world they brought their church. And over time it changed, nation by nation. In America we did our own institutional "break off" after the Revolution to become the Episcopal Church.

Here we created an organization with a strong democratic emphasis modeled after the new America. We elect our Bishops and make decisions with them. Our elected delegates at Convention pass resolutions that affect our national church. We consider and then vote on changes to Canon and Doctrine. Each parish hires it's own clergy, staff and contractors. Our ordained leaders, male and female, can choose marriage or not. ----Dave

Worship & Formation

Thursday Healing Eucharist has now moved to Wednesdays. All services are 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! Oct. 4th, Chris George from IRIS, visiting (coffee hour time with him) and October 25th, Contemporary Service at the 10:15 AND a ***Church First*** presentation.



NUT SALE



Orders can be placed up until OCTOBER 18th. If you need a form see Catherine Bastow, Caroline Sloat or Fr. Dave.

All proceeds go to outreach programs.



Spirituality Workshops:

The Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer will continue offering opportunities to expand or explore your spiritual practice starting on **October 8th at 6:30 p.m.** (see calendar for other dates & times) Others: **Spirituality for the Second Half of Life** group and a **Spirituality Workshop**.

Clean Up & Clear Out

October 17th from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Cleaning up & Clearing out Great Hall attic, rooms, garage and grounds. Bring clippers and rakes, etc.

Will coincide with POMRET Bulky Waster being held that weekend. "Many hands make light work." So join us if you can.



Church School News - October is going to be a busy and exciting month in Church School!

Whether you are a new or returning family to the Church School, please complete a new **2015/16 Registration Form** for each of your children from Pre-K to Grade five as soon as possible. Each family should also review the **Church School Behavior Strategies** letter and sign and return the attached acknowledgement slip. I will try to catch up with you over the first couple of weeks to get these forms to you, or you may pick them up on the table under our bulletin board at the top of the stairs. It is also important that you sign your child/ren in each Sunday morning on the **Attendance Sheet**, which you will find in the same location.

On **October 4th**, we will host a special program for grades 1-5 with **Chris George, Executive Director of I.R.I.S.** (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services). The plight of refugees is a growing world crisis that our young children may hear about but not fully understand. Chris will share from his personal and professional experiences through a fun and engaging activity for children in grades one to five (as he did several years ago). Mark your calendars and don't miss this very special event!

In addition to our **Sunday offering of nonperishable food and personal care** donations for the local pantry, **we are also collecting items for I.R.I.S.** to present to Mr. George as a special outreach mission to the refugees IRIS helps. (See link to flyer in the Thursday Reminders.) You will find a collection box at the top of the Church School Stairway for your convenience. We will honor **St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 11** with a **Blessing of the Animals** at the conclusion of the 10:15 church service, as we have done in the past. Children are invited to bring in a pet photo or drawing, or one special "stuffed" friend for a special blessing by Fr. Dave!

Our **"Creation Stories" for Godly Play** and **"Daniel" Potter's Workshops** are underway... Would you like to join the excitement in church School this fall? Additional workshop leaders, shepherds, and Godly Play storytellers/doorpersons are needed. This is a truly fulfilling mission at our church and can be as small a commitment as a couple of hours per month. See Nicole or any current volunteer you know for more information!

Nicole Nichols, Church School Director ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com

Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood) - Safe Church Training on October 3rd is on, so if you need this training make sure you have registered if you want to take it here. Other training sites can be found at www.ctdiocese.org.

The Opening Ceremony Dinner for our Youth in Church was held on Saturday Sept. 19th. We severed over 80 people, with donations of sauce and pasta from Joanne Fagan & UNFI, and the hard work of Gregg Nichols & Randy Markes who put it all together for us. Thanks to everyone who brought salads and deserts, they were all delicious! Our Rite 13 kids did a great job helping us set up for dinner. Thank you to the YAC for making our Scavenger Hunt for the J2A. And thank you to all who participated in the evening ceremony, it was a very nice evening.

Fundraiser Info for the fall in discussion.

Rite-13 - They did a great job helping us set up for the Opening Ceremony Dinner that was held.

J2A - The group had a great time for the Opening Ceremony Dinner that was in their 'honor'.

YAC - YACer's were in charge of the Scavenger Hunt at the Opening Ceremony Dinner on Sept. 19th.

I'm looking forward to meeting all our new teens in the Rite 13 and J2A groups in the coming weeks. 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 - Tile repair in the kitchen was completed thanks to Rich DiBonaventura and volunteers. Kim Cutler put on a sealer and 2 coats of wax. 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. Rotten wood around several windows on the chapel and library is now being investigated by John Murphy. He will be giving us a quote soon. Thanks so much to all who came out to work on the front and side of the church from weeding to clipping on Sept. 12! We're doing one more morning on **October 17th** to take advantage of Bulky Waste Weekend in Pomfret.

Budget Committee meets on Oct. 18th at about 11:30 a.m. to start the process for the 2016 Budget. Input? See a Vestry person.

Christian Social Outreach - the Committee meets in October; The **CSO Dinner** to benefit Day Kimball Hospital Chaplaincy raised \$700 for the cause. Thanks to all who were able to there AND thanks to all from the Committee who made the dinner happen!; **Special Mission**: Our scheduled trip to Guatemala with PID (Partners in Development) looks good for a departure on Jan. 10. Participants were asked to make their own deposit so PID can make flight arrangements. Another Special Mission is our collaboration with the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer, see the front cover of the Courier and the Reminder; **Community Kitchen** on **October 26th**. 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 September- Choir assembles weekly on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. for rehearsal. All voices are invited to join. Contemporary Service on October 25th. **Nine6teen** has been invited to play at the Diocesan Convention Reception on Nov. 13th. We're working on making the arrangements.

Nutsale- One of our favorite fun-d-raisers for outreach is now started. All nutsale order forms must be in by Oct. 18th! Prices are still very good although a touch higher because of the drought in CA.

Parish Life Activities -The Coffee Hour Team Schedule is posted on the Library Bulletin Board. It's already countdown for the **St. Nicholas Fair**. Notices will begin to appear over the next month or so.

Vestry Notes - the vestry met for their regular meeting on Sept. 10th reviewing expenditures, revenues and the endowment as well as the plans going into the new program year. We especially noted that the budget continues in good condition although we have a deficit. We're excited to hear of Jane Hale's involvement this academic year.

Women's Spirituality Workshop- a time of spiritual and faith exploration, story-sharing, and celebrating our Sisterhood! Almost 20 of us gathered on September 29th. Our tentative next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 7:00 p.m. Contact Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.



As the weather grows colder and we replace outdoor fun with indoor pursuits, why not choose a good book from the library to curl up with and read? This month I recommend the following titles:

Adult: Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand. This is the amazing life story of Louis Zamperini who was, among other things, a juvenile delinquent, Olympic runner, World War Two bombardier, prisoner of war, and inspirational Christian speaker. This is an amazing book that chronicles an amazing life.

Young Adult: Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella. The author of the popular Shopaholic series has written her first young adult novel. In it, readers never find out exactly how two mean girls at school tormented Audrey, only that it left her with such crippling social anxiety that she wears dark glasses all the time and is unable to leave her house. Once she meets Linus, however, she slowly begins to recover. Ages 12 and up.

Children: My Mei Mei by Ed Young. Antonia desperately wants a sibling, but when her parents return from China after adopting her new little sister, Antonia finds out that babies aren't that great after all. They can't walk or talk they cry all the time. But is Antonia's little sister, or mei mei, all that bad? This is a great story for any sibling who has ever had to adjust to a new baby in the house. Ages 4-8.

Just a reminder, also, feel free to offload some of your old DVDs (temporarily located on the Book Swap cart outside the library) and books for others in the Christ Church DVD and Book Swap.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10/3 Safe Church Training here 9-4 10/4 Chris George from IRIS visiting at 10:15 a.m. 10/12 OFFICE CLOSED 10/14 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m. 10/25 Church First & Cont. Service at 10:15 a.m.				1 7:30p AA Meeting	2 Fr. Dave's Day Off	3 9a-4p Safe Church Training
4 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 10:15a Chris George from IRIS visiting	5	6 9:30a-11a Clergy Group 6:30p-8:30p Spirit Companions	7 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting	8 7:30p AA Meeting	9 Fr. Dave's Day Off	10 10a-12:30p Spirituality Workshop: Rev. Brockmeyer
11 8a & 10:15 Services J. Hale preacher	12 Columbus Day Office Closed	13 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	14 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting 7p-9p Vestry	15 1p-3p Spirit for 2nd Half Of Life Discussion Grp 7:30p AA Meeting	16 Fr. Dave's Day Off	17 Clean Up & Clean Out Morning 9-11:30 a.m.
18 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 11:30 Budget Comm. NUT SALES ENDS TODAY-Orders must be in w/payment	19	20 9:30a-11a Clergy Group 7:00 p.m. Women's Spirituality Workshop (tentative date)	21 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting	22 7:30p AA Meeting	23 Fr. Dave's Day Off	24 United Nations Day
25 Church First Sunday 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 10:15a Contemporary Service-J. Hale preacher	26	27 9:30a-11a Clergy Group	28 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting	29 7:30p AA Meeting	30 Fr. Dave's Day Off	31 Halloween



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*

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for October 2015

	19th Sunday after Pentecost 10/4/2015	20th Sunday after Pentecost 10/11/2015	21st Sunday after Pentecost 10/18/2015	22nd Sunday after Pentecost 10/25/2015 <i>Church First & Cont Svc</i>	23rd Sunday after Pentecost 11/1/2015 <i>All Saints Day</i>
Lector	C. Sloat	W. Danenhower	C. Norris	K. Madenjian	G. Groom
LEM's	C. Sloat	W. Danenhower	S. Adams	K. Madenjian	D. Flath
	S. Bridgman	B. Phillips	P. Mann	B. Anderson	B. Phillips
Altar Guild	C&G Hesler	P. Phillips	M. MacNair	A. Sheldon	J. Busse
	M. Bridgman	M. Eichorn	L. Swenson	J. Hague	D. Patton
	Wed 10/7	Wed 10/14	Wed 10/21	Wed 10/28	Wed 11/4
	L. Goodwin	J. Hague	A. Sheldon	D. Crawford	L. Goodwin
Acolytes	C. Sloat	W. Danenhower	S. Adams	K. Madenjian	D. Flath
	S. Bridgman	B. Phillips	P. Mann	B. Anderson K. Landis F. Rigney	B. Phillips
Ushers	B. Bastow	B. Bastow	P. McCarthy	N. Weiss	R. Wishart
	R. Wishart	P. Mann	T. Hamilton	C. Sloat	B. Bastow
Nursery	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie
Coffee Hour	Purple Team	Turquoise Team	Blue Team	Green Team	Silver Team
Flowers					

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

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LIST

Happy Birthday to:

- 3 - Mark Tedisky, Rich Miller
- 4 - Jillian Black
- 5 - Peter Battye
- 8 - Elisabeth Sloat
- 9 - Lisa Humphreys
- 11 - Lyle Vincent
- 12 - Nancy Weiss, Jeremy Wildgoose
- 13 - Karen Morrison Ciccone
- 14 - Patrick McCarthy

- 15 - Everett Cowley, Rachael Straub, Barbara Anderson
- 17 - Tom Malboeuf
- 18 - Ashley Nunes
- 19 - Eleanor Cass
- 23 - Connie Crawford
- 24 - Jayne Battye
- 26 - Tricia Apicelli
- 27 - Jim Goodwin

Happy Anniversary to:

- 6 - Ray Gravelin & Laura Curley
- 25 - Chris & Amy Landis