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THE COURIER FOR MARCH 2016

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Musings

The surgeon Sherwin Nuland in one of his books shares his sense of amazement and wonder in the capacity of the human body and mind to be healthy. It is an almost miraculous ability and includes being able to coordinate a response to intrusion and disease. Here are all these diverse processes in the organs, in the brain, in our muscles and bones, *no body telling them what to do*, and yet they function together over and over, enabling us to live, *and to live meaningfully*. For him, the thoughtful mind & heart are an end result of the "miracle" of the body and finding a purpose for others is the most important of those meanings. By derivation I've wondered whether Resurrection is part of this, the next *emergent* property of the human-divine reality, Jesus' emergence to empower us in discovering this reality.--- Dave

Worship & Formation

Communion Class on Saturday, March 19th at 9 a.m. for 2nd graders on older. See Dave (Music, Art, Pita Bread Baking). *Class runs if there is interest* (860-315-7780)

Healing Eucharist & B'fast at the Bean starts up again on March 2nd! Names for **The Prayer Chain**? Call the office: 860-315-7780.

Lenten Words Jane Hale and Dave Carter are producing the online daily reflection "LentenWord" during the season. If interested, watch for it in the Reminder as a link.

Science & Faith with Krista Tippett, Mondays, March 7, 14 and 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Rectory. See the notice, page 3.

We've put up a **Prayer Net** in the Great Hall. Attach a bit of yarn for your Lenten Prayer, Dream or Wish! (Yarn in the bag by the net)

Readers & Acolyte Notes - if you are not assigned you can often help out. Just check in the back. Thanks. Dayna Flath 860-974-3276!

Specials! Jane is away on March 6th and 13th for a vacation break. March 13th will be a Contemporary service. See the Holy Week Schedule to the right!

Women's Spirituality meets on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. with Jane Hale.

Lenten Happening: *Lenten Words*

online daily reflection
"Word" during the season.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - 8a & 10:15a

Maundy Thursday - 6 p.m. Soup/Bread & Table Eucharist at the Rectory; Stripping of the Altar in the church at 7:15p

Good Friday - Walking the Labyrinth, 8 a to 9 p; 6:30 p.m. Liturgy in the church

Saturday- Eggstravaganza at 10 a.m.;

Rectory Chapel at 3:30 p

Easter - 8a Eucharist with Hymns, 10:15a

Festival Service/Choir (Nursery only)

Eggstravaganza

March 26th 10a – 12p

Great Hall

**Bonnet making, Egg hunt,
Cupcake walk, Easter painting,
Resurrection gardens just to name
a few things happening!
Come join the fun!**

Church School News - Bringing Church School lessons home... While we no longer use curriculum that includes 'take-home' guides, we hope to build a strong Church School/Home connection in new ways. Throughout March, we will be offering a variety of possible ways to spark Lenten and faith conversations at home in meaningful, fun ways! Keep an eye out at the top of the stairs for printed materials and posted ideas (many from BuildingFaith.org), including "Lent in a Bag", "Creating a Lenten Prayer Space at Home", and "Resurrection Eggs".

In March, our Godly Players will wonder about the "Mystery of Easter" and "The Faces of Easter (I-VII) with Mrs. Galante. Grades 1-5 will learn about the life of Moses through a series of workshops in Drama, Movie, Story and Art. Chapel time for all will include special Lenten Prayers, music and reflection time.

With help from our past co-director Amy Landis, we are preparing for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 26th from 10:00am to noon. Activities will include making Easter Bonnets, Resurrection Gardens, Easter Morning Paintings, Boats with Fr. Dave, Decorated Bags (for the Egg Hunt!), a Cupcake Walk, Flowering the Cross, and Decorating Easter Cookies! Teens are welcomed to help out with the activities and crafts, and adult helpers with baking cupcakes and cookies in advance are also appreciated! Please see Nicole Nichols or Amy Landis for more information on ways you can participate in this festive preparation for Easter Sunday!

May you be sustained by the Grace and Peace of the Lord on your Lenten journey,
Nicole Nichols, Church School Director ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com



Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood) - Safe Church Training sites can be found at the diocese website: www.ctdiocese.org.

Fundraiser Info: Chili Cook-off raised about \$1500 from the evening. Contact Catherine Bastow if you need further information.

Rite-13 - The Rite 13ers are still working on the mural project in the hall by the choir room.

J2A - CROSSROADS NIGHTWATCH trip is **March 4, 2016**. Permission slips should have already been returned to Catherine Bastow. **Payment was due by Feb. 1st for Nightwatch, for \$85.** We're looking to borrow 2-3 mini vans for the overnight trip to NY City.

YAC - They did community service at a local cat shelter recently and are using the **Confirm not Conform** curriculum in between other scheduled activities.

If you have any questions about the Teen Program contact Catherine Bastow at 860-928-3575.

Building and Grounds / Projects Notes -Shawn Densmore of Flue Doctor has just about finished the Rectory front chimney. He's sprayed it with waterproofing and installed copper flashing to cover the slanted forward section. In the spring he will be doing some repointing repair on the top section; John Murphy reinstalled the kitchen doors after the new floor and has now replaced the door to the church foyer structure with a barn-slider. It will need painting in the spring. One of the Shure Portable Mike sending units in the church was replaced when it ceased to function; ***Snow and bad weather closings will be posted through WFSB Channel 3, on the answering machine & through the Reminder.***

Christian Social Outreach - the Committee meets for disbursements later in April; ***Special Mission:*** Our trip to Guatemala group with PID (Partners in Development) reported on our trip at the Adult Forum last month. Mitzi Davis reminded us of several possible continued outreach opportunities with PID beyond going on another trip: Sponsoring a Child; Paying for Cleft-palate Surgeries; Bringing used clothing to the PID Dropoff in Ipswich; Our collaboration with the ***Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer*** continues, see the Reminder; ***Community Kitchen*** on **March 28th** 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.**

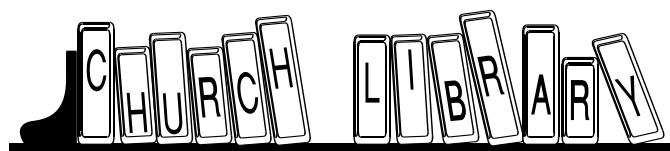
Lenten Events- Jane and Dave continue working on the **LentenWord** series, available online and in a printed single page take home. Dave will offer 3 Monday evening ***Lenten Listening Evenings*** with Krista Tippett on Science, Humanity & Faith- March 7: The Science of Healing Places; March 14: Her Deepness, Lessons from the worlds deep oceans; March 21: Exoplanets & Love, Science that connects us to one another. You can also catch these on Tippett's ***OnBeing*** website podcast list.

Music in March- Choir rehearsal on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. ***No Rectory Chapel in March.*** Next Contemporary will be March 13th. Festival Choir on Easter, March 27th. If you are interested in singing in the ***Easter Choir*** the rehearsals will still be on Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

Parish Life Activities -The Coffee Hour Team Schedule as well as the 8 o'clock Schedule for 2016 are posted on the Library Bulletin Board and the former can be accessed through the Reminder.

Vestry Notes - the vestry met for their regular meeting on February 10th reviewing expenditures, revenues and the endowment as well as the continuing program year. The most important discussion, revisiting the 2016 Budget. The next meeting is our Planning Meeting on April 3rd starting with lunch at noon.

Women's Spirituality Workshop- a time of spiritual and faith exploration, story-sharing, and celebrating our Sisterhood! Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.



Easter comes pretty early this year. How about trying one of these titles in preparation for the holiday? Stop by the Christ Church Library to check one out!

Adult: We Preach Christ Crucified by Kenneth Leech. Leech, a well-known author and priest, uses hymns and poetry to discuss the importance of the cross in today's daily life. Themes of compassion, suffering, healing and justice are discussed.

Young Adult: At Jerusalem's Gate: Poems of Easter written by Nikki Grimes and illustrated by David Frampton. Twenty-three free-form poems tell the story of Easter from the days leading up to the crucifixion to the resurrection from the point of view of those who witnessed it. The poems are accompanied by intricate woodcuts and includes biblical references for each poem in the back. Grades 5-8.

Children: He is alive! A picture book on the last week of Jesus' life and his resurrection written by Helen Haidle and illustrated by Joel Spector. This beautiful picture book tells the story of the last days of Jesus on earth and the first days after his resurrection. It encourages children to develop a deeper understanding of the meaning of Easter by celebrating that Jesus is alive and lives in all of us. Ages 4-8.

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

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS 3/13 so don't forget to move clocks <u>ahead</u> 1hr!!		1 6:30p-8:30p Spirit Companions	2 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting	3 7:30p AA Meeting	4 Fr. Dave's Day Off Nightwatch to NYC:J2A	5 Nightwatch to NYC:J2A
6 8a-10:15 Services 10a Fr Dave, preaching	7 6:30p-8p Science/Faith #1	8 International Women's Day	9 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting 7p-9p Vestry	10 7:30p AA Meeting	11 Fr. Dave's Day Off	12 10a-12:30p Spirituality Workshop: OBrock
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8a-10:15 Services Cont. Music Service 10a Fr Dave, preaching	14 6:30p-8p Science/Faith #2	15	16 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting	17 1p-3p Spirit for the 2nd Half 7:30p AA Meeting	18 Fr. Dave's Day Off	19 9a Communion Class (if wanted: call the office)
20 Palm Sunday Spring Begins 8a-10:15 Services 10a Jane Hale preaching	21 6:30p-8p Science/Faith #3	22 7p-8:30p Women's Spirituality	23 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting	24 Holy Thursday 6p-7:15p Maundy Thursday Gathering 7:30p AA Meeting	25 Good Friday 8 a Walking the Labyrinth 6:30p Good Friday Liturgy	26 10 a Eggstravaganza 3:30p Rectory Easter Service
27 Easter 8a-10:15a Dave Carter preaching	28	29	30 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 12p AA Meeting	31 7:30p AA Meeting	Notes: Holy Week Schedule – see below	

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Easter - 8a Eucharist with Hymns, 10:15a Festival Service/Choir (Nursery only)

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for March 2016

	4th Sunday in Lent 3/6/2016	5th Sunday in Lent 3/13/2016 <i>Cont Svc</i>	3/20/2016 Palm Sunday	3/27/2016 Easter	2nd Sunday of Easter 4/3/2016
Lectors	B. Phillips	D. Patten	S. Bridgman	D. Flath	S. Adams C. Norris
LEM's	B. Phillips W. Danenhower	D. Flath B. Anderson	S. Bridgman M. Bridgman	W. Danenhower P. Mann	S. Adams B. Phillips
Altar Guild	M. MacNair D. Crawford Wed. 3/9/16 J. Hague	G & C Hesler J. Hague Wed. 3/16/16 D. Crawford	P. Phillips M. Bridgman Wed. 3/23/16 A. Sheldon	L. Goodwin D. Patton Wed. 3/30/16 L. Goodwin	J. Busse M. Eichorn Wed. 4/6/16 J.Hague
Acolytes	B. Phillips W. Danenhower	D. Flath B. Anderson	M. Bridgman C. Sloat	W. Danenhower P. Mann	S. Adams B. Phillips
Ushers	T. Hamilton B. Bastow	C. Sloat N. Weiss	R. Wishart B. Bastow	B. Bastow P. McCarthy	B. Bastow T. Hamilton
Nursery	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie
Coffee Hour	Turquoise Team	Blue Team	Green Team	No Coffee Hr	Silver Team/YAC
Flowers	<i>No Flowers in</i>	<i>Lenten Season</i>	PALM SUNDAY	MEMORIALS	

Coffee Hour	Bill & Jan				Bill & Jan
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Celebrant	No Rectory	No Rectory	<i>No Rectory</i>	MAR 27th	Fr. Dave
Music	<i>Service</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Service</i>	EASTER Service	<i>Nine6teen</i>

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LIST

Happy Birthday to:

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| 3 - Ryan Humphreys | 18 - Alexander Crawford, Linda Goodwin |
| 4 - Brandon Nagle | 19 - Jane Hale |
| 5 - Jacob Black | 20 - Nathaniel Heath |
| 7 - Rhys Evans | 24 - Ryan Black |
| 9 - Bunny Baur | 25 - David Eichorn |
| 11 - Clay Danenhower, Kirsten Paquette-Rigney | 26 - Meghan Eichorn, Liam Adams |
| 15 - Rev. David Carter, Laura Curley | 28 - Katherine Sokoloski |
| 17 - Lora Erskine | |

Happy Anniversary to: