

Notes for The 3rd Sunday of Easter: April 10, 2016

Welcome to your church! it is very exciting to be back in our building! Today we will bless our building & we have the baptism of Peter Stancliffe Hale!

Communion uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the bread only, if you prefer, or “intinct” it into the wine. Non-gluten wafers? Check with clergy. Thanks to service participants! (the schedule is on the back table and at the top of the leaflet this morning).

Church School –To find out more about “Feasting on the Word” curriculum for Easter speak with **Nicole Nichols** churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com or Liaisons, Kim Bergandahl or Melissa Zahansky.

Fundraisers for the Pilgrimage: Starting to look ahead. Our **Rummage Sale** that coordinates with the Town-wide event is on Saturday, May 7th. Please start putting items aside. The following Sunday the J2Aers are doing the **Car Wash** starting at 7:30 a.m.

Innovation comes to our Church! The Episcopal Church in CT is re-engineering, re-imagining, re-creating itself in a bold, new fundamental way! The driving issue is WHERE IS GOD AT WORK IN OUR WORLD? The Church is reorganizing to encourage you and me, its parish members, to participate more fully in the needs and ministries of our area. By building new connections among parishes, we can better leverage our efforts and impact in the ways we are called towards God’s mission of reconciliation and restoration. HOW THIS WILL ACTUALLY WORK IS UP TO US. A **Convocation** to explore our reorganizing with a focus on ministry will be held Friday evening and Saturday, April 22 and 23, in Ashford. ALL OF US ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. See Dave C, Jane H or Lindsay Paul

Relay for Life is May 21-22nd at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. We are assembling a Team. J2A members are invited to join. If they raise \$100, they can spend the night with us at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. Anyone who would like to get a Relay for Life t-shirt needs to register **this week**; All registrations (for people wanting t-shirts) need to be done online by Tuesday, 4/12. Contacts: Dayna Flath and Ginger Lusa! *Sign-up protocol on the back.*

Teen Program: J2A and YAC activities, see separate email notices; J2A students and their parents need to take a look at the **Wonder Voyage** website and start checking out possible trips; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); Catherine Bastow: 860-928-3575; catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net

Vestry: Regular Meeting in the Library at 7:00 p.m., May 11th.

Vine and Branches Mural: See Rite-13ers or Jim Goodwin to get your photo taken!

Women’s Spiritual Growth Workshop: 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 26th** in the library (or larger space) for spiritual exploration and celebrating our Sisterhood! Just bring yourself. Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.

Worship Upcoming: Wednesday Healing Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. on April 13; Sunday, April 17th is a Contemporary and Church First Sunday.

House-keeping:

Courier Deadline for May: April 18th; *We will mail out first class to those who request it.* Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

Directories... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

CSO – Community Kitchen on April 25th; Cooking a meal at CCPomfret and taking it to the Hill Church (1st Cong.) in Woodstock. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor. **We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS.**

Flowers: the memorial/thanksgiving form is on the stand in back. Master Flower Sign-up outside the office .

Pastoral Call Emergencies should be directed to office (860-315-7780) or Fr. Dave’s cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-315-7780.

Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More in the hallway closet by the offices: Rebecca Patenaude: patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com.

Special Mission - the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer’s programs on Spirituality are in the Reminder.

Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016: It’s never too late to submit your pledge!

For the Restoration of Things Profaned

Celebrant: I saw water proceeding out of the temple; from the right side it flowed, alleluia;
People: **And all those to whom that water came shall be saved, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.**

Each profaned object may be symbolically cleansed by the use of signs of purification, such as water or incense. The Celebrant touches or extends a hand toward each object and says

Celebrant: I declare this church restored to the use for which it has been dedicated and consecrated.

Then the Celebrant, standing in the midst of the church, says

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the radiance of your Son's appearing you have purified the world: We humbly pray that you would continue to be our strong defense; and grant that [*this nave, these pews, these walls, these seats, this ambo, this keyboard, these stalls, this organ, this altar and*] whatsoever in this church has been stained or dirtied may be purified and cleansed by your abiding grace; that this place, purged from all pollution, may be restored and sanctified, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Register online for Relay for Life: May 21-May 22 Woodstock Fairgrounds

1. Go to the relay website: relayforlife.org. **Search** for Relay for Life of Northeastern Ct.
2. Click on **Sign Up**
3. Click on **Join a Team**
4. Our Team name is **Christ Church Family and Friends**
5. Fill out your contact information
6. Take a collection envelope to get sponsors. You can also send out emails from your online page. You must raise \$100 to stay overnight.
8. There will be a sign up sheet at church to choose walking times.

Questions: call Ginger at (860) 428-5351 or email at gingerlusa@gmail.com