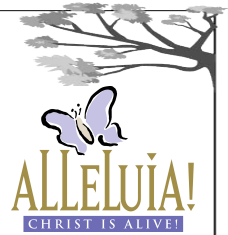




# THE COURIER FOR APRIL 2015

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## Musings

Up until recently I served on the Board of the Bishop's Fund for Children which raises funds for organizations in the state that work with at-risk children. As the donation pool became smaller in the early 2000's we decided we would have to focus. One way was to give grants to smaller organizations that foster "resilience" in children and teens.

Resilience was just becoming a key word in conversations and research exploring how certain young people survive and sometimes flourish even when their lives are surrounded by chaos and violence, and how others do not. I just ran into this word again the other day in terms of leadership in non-profits and again in terms of how Boston is responding to this record-setting winter. It could be applied also to our sense of parenting or volunteering or working in care-giving today. Life knocks you down. Life defeats our plans and programs. Life can call your self-understanding into question. Resilience is getting back up and often means finding resources, friends and family to do it. It may be another way we participate in the Resurrection. He is Risen indeed. Dave

### Worship & Formation

**Young People's Communion Class** Congrats to Owen Rigney, Jack Archambault, Luke Landis and Becca Hague! We made the communion bread for Palm Sunday.

**Lenten Study Living Islam** with Dave based on Krista Tippett interviews. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> and more?

**Thursday Services** on April 2, 9, 16 & 30. No Service on the 23rd. Names for **The Prayer Chain**? Call the office and leave a message.

**Rectory School Chapel**- April 12, 19 & 26. Weekday on April 3rd

**Readers & Acolyte Notes** - if you are not assigned you can often help out. Let Dayna Flath 974-3276 know if you will not be around!



## Got Rummage?

When: May 2, 2015  
Time: 9:00 - 1:00



### Christ Church Great Hall

(Rte. 169 -across from Rectory School)

Proceeds go to the Teen Program Fund  
You can start bringing in items the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> for small items & April 26<sup>th</sup> for larger items, placing items in the choir room or in the Great Hall directly.  
Thanks.

## Spirituality and Health Workshops

may continue into the spring.

There is an interested Group of Folks

That would like to find a way To explore spiritual community.

Possibly led by:

Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer

The health of the body and the health of the spirit.

## A Look ahead to Holy Week:

**Maundy Thursday, April 2:**

7:30 a.m. Healing Service; 6 p.m. Potluck & Table Eucharist at the Carters; the Stripping of the Altar in Church around 7:15/30 p.m.

**Good Friday, April 3:**

Walking the Labyrinth in the Great Hall starts at 8:15 a.m.; 7 p.m. Liturgy in the Church

**Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Eggstravaganza with the Passion Story  
4 p.m. Rectory Chapel (still being planned)

**Easter:** 8 a.m. and 10:15 Festival Services

**Church School News** - Greetings from your Church School - March was an exciting month in our Church School! In addition to a visit from Fr. Dave, the children learned the importance of Heifer's work and how individuals coming together as a community can have a huge impact around the world. The Heifer curriculum which included an introduction to Heifer video as well as storytelling and art workshops culminated with the Living Market on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

We will kick off the month of April with the annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. We are looking for bakers to make fish shaped cookies and muffins for the muffin march (formerly the cake walk). We are also in need of volunteers to help with setup, cleanup and coordinating the cookie decorating table. Please email us at [ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com](mailto:ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com) if you can help. We have some new activities this year. Come check them out!!

During the month of April, the Godly Play classes will hear The Crosses, Easter Eggs and Mary the Mother of Jesus. And Grades 1-4 will begin their next unit on April 12<sup>th</sup>, Jesus and Discipleship. The children will take part in the following workshops: Nature, Art, Evangelism, Storytelling, Journey and Lego.

A big thank you to all of you who dedicate your time to our Church School! We are blessed!!

In Peace,

Nicole Nichols and Amy Landis

Please email [ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com](mailto:ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com) if you are interested in (or have any questions about) the church school programs/activities.

**Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood)** Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, it was a great success! **Fundraiser Info: May 2, 2015 - RUMMAGE SALE** - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage sale, all hands on board! ***We will start taking Rummage sale items on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> for smaller items, and Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> for larger items.***

**ALSO** - We are having our 30 Hour Famine starting Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>. The kids will spend the night at church that night and we will end our fast around 6 p.m., Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> with dinner at church. This is a fundraiser for World Vision, and we are asking each participate to ask at least 5 sponsors to donate.

**Rite-13** - We will have our last Rite 13 Ceremony on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.. Celebrates are: Natalie Paul, Paloma Flath, Yvie Bessette, Meg Ritzau, Tristan Monahan, Melissa Wishart, Blake Zahansky & Charlotte Nichols

Looking ahead, **on May 31<sup>st</sup>**, the Rite 13 will run the service at church, so please have your children come as often as they can between now and then.

**J2A** - Thanks to all worked at the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. ***To all J2A parents***, you should be paid in full at this time and your child's release form should be turned in to me or the church office, for our Pilgrimage. The last payment of **\$250 was due March 25, 2015.**

**YAC** - Continues to meet when they can with their leaders.

If you have any questions about the Teen Program contact DeeDee Markes at 860-963-0846 or email at [deedeespa@charter.net](mailto:deedeespa@charter.net)

**Building and Grounds / Projects Notes** -The Roofing Store was here in their off season to clean off the Great Hall roof, the front foyer roof of the Church School building, flat roof sections and clear numerous ice dams last month. We're investigating the floor in the kitchen around the dishwasher. The new Library doors were installed and look very fine.

**Christian Social Outreach - CSO** disbursements continue this month. **Special Mission:** Of the 3 mission ideas that were generated, two have gained some interest: 1) A trip to Haiti with PID (Partners in Development) which we are considering for the end of 2015 or the start of 2016, 2) a Stop Hunger Now project in our Great Hall packing boxes with emergency food which we are now considering as a Church School event in the fall. **Community Kitchen** at the Hill Church (1<sup>st</sup> Cong.) in Woodstock, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Speak with Pauline Phillips (through office). **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 April-** April 2, M. Thursday at 6 p.m. a capella music, April 3, 7 p.m. G. Friday hymns with Dennis. On April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rite-Ceremony at the 10:15 we will have Contemporary Music, hymns at the 8 a.m. with Jim and Dennis.

**Parish Life Activities -In terms of parish events, don't miss the Rummage Sale organized by the J2A for their Pilgrimage Fund. You can start bringing in items the week before (April 26<sup>th</sup>)** Sign up for a Coffee Hour Team via our email or by talking with Caroline Sloat or Catherine Bastow.

**Pastoral Notes - Inreach- Prayer Shawl Ministry-** Shawls can be blessed by request~ Info in the Thursday Reminder. The Coordinator of the Prayer Shawls is Rebecca Patenaude. Her contacts are: 860-928-5504 or email [patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com](mailto:patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com)

**Vestry Notes** - Vestry had our annual Planning Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> in which we began to outline the ways that we can be more welcoming, improve program and communicate better. New Vestry assignments include: Rich DiBonaventura (B & G), Melissa Zahansky (Church School) & Tom Hamilton (Stewardship) and Craig Tiffany (CSO). The next Vestry meeting will be on Wed., April 8th at 7 p.m. in the Library.



April is traditionally the month in which we celebrate Easter, so the books that I have chosen this month all revolve around that theme.

**Adult: The Last week: the day-by-day account of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem** by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossman. After Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of Christ* premiered Borg and Crossman, well-known Jesus scholars, found themselves inundated with questions about the last week of Jesus' life. In response, they used the Gospel of Mark as their guide to describe the last week of the life of Jesus in this book. Recommended for ages 16 and up.

**Young Adult: At Jerusalem's Gate: poems of Easter** by Nikki Grimes with woodcuts by David Frampton. Twenty-two poems tell the story of the first Easter through the voices of those who witnessed it. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

**Children: He Is Alive! A picture book on the last week of Jesus' life and his resurrection** by Helen Haidle with illustrations by Joel Spector. This book presents a faithful retelling of the Easter story., beginning with the raising of Lazarus from the dead and ending with the resurrected Christ visiting his mother, Mary Magdalene, and his disciples. Recommended for children ages 4-8.

**Don't forget to return any library books you may have at home!**

Do you have input or ideas for the Library?  
Email them: [sraarch7569@gmail.com](mailto:sraarch7569@gmail.com) - Kristin

### *Your Church: Sharing the Feast*

**Visions and Ventures 2015:** To date we have received 87 pledges for anticipated gifts totaling \$190,810. This includes a number of members who have not pledged in the past. Your pledges are vital to our program. Pledging/being generous with your resources is a way of life, isn't it? It's a way of thinking and planning, recognizing what "we" really need, postponing other items that we might want, so we can give away a little more! Thanks.

						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4/2 Maundy Thurs. Potluck/Euch 6p</b> <b>4/3 Good Friday Labyrinth all day</b> <b>and service in church at 7p</b> <b>4/4 – Eggstravaganza 10a</b> <b>4/5 Easter services at 8a &amp; 10:15a</b>			<b>1</b> 12p AA Meeting <b>7p Lenten Study</b>	<b>2 Holy Thursday</b> 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean <b>6p Potluck &amp; Eucharist</b> 7:30p AA Meeting	<b>3 Good Friday</b> Fr. Dave's Day Off <b>Good Friday Labyrinth all day</b> <b>7p Liturgy service</b> 	<b>4</b> <b>10a Eggstravaganza</b> 4p Rectory Easter Service
<b>5 Easter</b> 8a & 10:15 Services 	<b>6</b>	<b>7 World Health Day</b> 9:30a-11:30a Clergy Group	<b>8</b> 12p AA Meeting <b>7p-9p Vestry</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	<b>10</b> Fr. Dave's Day Off	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Divine Mercy Sunday</b> 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services <b>10:15a Contemporary Music Service &amp; Rite-13 Ceremony</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30a-11:30a Clergy Group	<b>15 Tax Day</b> 12p AA Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	<b>17</b> Fr. Dave's Day Off	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9a-11a Clericus//Clergy Group	<b>22 Earth Day / Administrative Professionals Day</b> <b>CREDO</b> 12pAA Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>7:30a NO Healing Eucharist</b> 7:30p AA Meeting	<b>24 Arbor Day</b> <b>30 Hour Famine – Teens Program</b> Fr. Dave's Day Off	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services Rev. J. Kellaway, Guest	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30a-11:30a Clergy Group	<b>29</b> 12p AA Meeting	<b>30</b> 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	<b>Notes:</b> <b>4/8 Vestry mtg 7p</b> <b>4/24 Teen prg 30 Hr Famine</b>	

In other library news - DVDs are now part of the church swap. For now they are located on the book swap cart. Bring in some of your old DVDs to swap or browse current titles for something new to watch. And, as always, please make sure you return them as well as any Christ Church library books in a timely manner!

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Schedule: Serving on Sundays for April 1, 2015 - May 3, 2015

	Easter Sunday 4/5/15	2nd Sunday of Easter 4/12/2015 Cont Svc & Rite 13 Svc	3rd Sunday of Easter 4/19/2015	4th Sunday of Easter 4/26/2015	5th Sunday of Easter 5/3/2015
<b>Lector</b>	P. Mann	K. Madenjian	C. Norris	S. Bridgman	G. Groom
<b>LEM's</b>	P. Mann B. Phillips	K. Madenjian S. Adams	D. Flath B. Phillips	C. Sloat S. Bridgman	D. Flath W. Danhower
<b>Altar Guild</b>	P. Phillips D. Crawford <b>Thurs 4/9</b> D. Crawford	M. MacNair L. Swenson <b>Thurs 4/16</b> J. Hague	J. Busse J. Hague <b>Thurs 4/23</b> A. Sheldon	L. Goodwin Patton/Heslers <b>Thurs 4/30</b> L. Goodwin	A. Sheldon M. Eichorn <b>Thurs 5/7</b> D. Crawford
<b>Acolytes</b>	P. Mann B. Phillips K. Landis M. Landis	K. Madenjian S. Adams	D. Flath B. Phillips	C. Sloat	D. Flath W. Danhower
<b>Ushers</b>	B. Bastow G. Nichols	C. Sloat N. Weiss	P. Mann T. Hamilton	B. Bastow R. Wishart	G. Nichols P. McCarthy
<b>Nursery</b>	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	No coffee hr	Yellow Team	Red Team	Orange Team	White Team
<b>Flowers</b>	Memorials	Jean Cass			

	4/5/15	4/12/15	4/19/15	4/26/15	5/3/15
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	No coffee hr				

	4/4/15	4/12/15	4/19/15	4/26/15	5/3/15
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Dave/Whitmore	W. Whitmore	Fr. Dave	W. Whitmore	No Chapel
<b>Music</b>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	

***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

Happy Birthday to:

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| 1 - John Rligney                   | 21 - Kelly Madenjian                |
| 2 - Sandy Groom                    | 22 - Nancy Morrison, Samuel Paul    |
| 3 - Betty Hale                     | 23 - Isabelle Dee                   |
| 5 - Amy Landis                     | 24 - Michael Groom, Gregory Nichols |
| 6 - Erica Martin                   | 25 - Jamie Wildgoose                |
| 9 - Michael Mahoney                | 27 - Catherine Bastow, Andrew Sloat |
| 12 - Meribeth Tedisky, Judy Miller | 28 - Donna Bessette                 |
| 19 - Katie Mellen, Tyler Malboeuf  | 30 - Genevieve Cohen                |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| 13 - Michael & Meribeth Tedisky | 18 - Brian & Catherine Bastow |
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