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THE COURIER FOR FEBRUARY 2016

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The Rev. David M. Carter, Rector



Musings

“I wonder what good we’re really doing,” was a question that came up during our final meeting of our PID work week in Concepcion Ixtapa, Guatemala. There was a pause in our conversation. We had been two teams. One team put in stoves in villagers homes and worked on crafts with kids in the afternoon. Each task was very limited in scope. The medical team in the clinic, were themselves challenged in making accurate diagnoses and doing very limited treatment. Then one of us remembered that they had seen some of the crafts we were doing up on the walls of the homes. Plainly they were valued, by the kids at the very least, and possibly by families. The medical team also responded that the smiles they had received from the mothers might have meant the same thing. We talked about this. This was low-key, small impact, ministry. Perhaps this is what Jesus had in mind in the Parable of the Sower. There Jesus equates the Kingdom of Heaven with the work of the Sower who simply scatters seed. The Sower does not water or tend. He/She simply sows. Perhaps we were sowing seeds for the Kingdom. ---- Dave

Worship & Formation

Ash Wednesday service is at 7:30 a.m. followed by Ashes-to-Go all day in the office. Just stop by! February 10th.

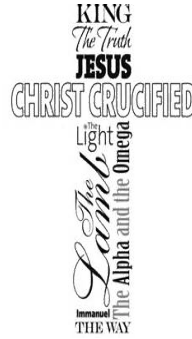
Healing Eucharist & B’fast at the Bean suspended until March 2nd in anticipation of cold and ice! Names for **The Prayer Chain?** Call the office: 860-315-7780.

Lenten Words Jane Hale and Dave Carter will be doing an online daily reflection “Word” during the season. If interested, watch for it in the Reminder as a link.

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! Fr. Dave is away on Feb. 14th when the Rev. Katherine White will be celebrant and Jane Hale is the preacher. Feb. 21st. is **Scout Sunday** and **Church First** when we’re hoping to hear about Guatemala.

Women’s Spirituality meets on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. with Jane Hale.



Lenten Happening:

Lenten Words

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Annual Reports for year 2015

Available in the office

Chili Cook-off

February 6, 2016
6p -8p

\$7 Adults & \$5 children

under 12

In Great Hall!



Church School News - Greetings from your Church School! This month we will finish our **preparations for Lent** by putting away our "Alleluias" (literally!), wrapping up our Heifer Read to Feed outreach, and listening to a presentation by one of our parish Guatemala missionaries, Philippa Paquette! **Godly Play** (preschool through kindergarten) will wonder about The Great Pearl and Jesus' parables of the Sower, the Leaven and the Mustard Seed.

On February 21st, we will have a **special Scout Sunday Service at 10:15**, where our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will have an opportunity to participate in all aspects of the church service. All scouts (youth and adults) are invited to wear their uniforms to church and meet to process in together and sit up front. All children in grades 1-5 will be in church to support their peers that Sunday, and Godly Play will meet for their story downstairs as usual.

Toward the end of February, we will offer a short **Lenten workshop cycle called "The Moses Chronicles" for children in grades 1-5**, from which possible offerings include Drama (Baby Moses & Burning Bush), Bible Story (Plagues), Movie (Moses), Kitchen (Passover Seder), and Art (Ten Commandments). This rotation will run from Feb. 28th through Mar. 20th (Palm Sunday). We need leaders to run these workshops, so please contact me as soon as possible if you can help out or would like more information about any of the topics. This curriculum is quite easy to follow and implement, and deals with familiar and engaging Exodus themes!

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. ALSO - Welcome to Catherine Bastow who has taken the position of Teen Coordinator that started on January 1st 2016.

Fundraiser Info: Chili Cook-off is scheduled for February 6, 2016. \$7 for adults/\$5 for children under 12 and the time is 6p-8p in the Great Hall. See flyers that are posted around if you'd like to enter a chili in the contest. 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 - Chili Cook-off on Feb 6th and then **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 will be 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 been working on a new approach to sealing off the Rectory front chimney. He's sprayed it with water-proofing. The next step is installing copper flashing to cover the slanted forward section. The new windows in the chapel were recently completed by John Murphy. John has reworked the kitchen doors after the new floor and reinstalled them and he is replacing the door to the church foyer structure. Thanks to Jeff Page who took down the large pine by the corner of the Great Hall for no charge. It was time. We could no longer fly an American flag on the pole due to its interference. ***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 again in the new year for disbursements; ***Special Mission:*** Our trip to Guatemala group with PID (Partners in Development) had a wonder-filled trip. It was hard work yet eye-opening. We felt we made just a difference. We'll be reporting on our trip at the Adult Forum this month. Our collaboration with the ***Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer*** continues, see the Reminder; ***Community Kitchen on February 22nd*** see Pauline Phillips. ***Access News*** - General food supplies, nutritious snack foods for kids are appreciated OR send checks to: ***Access Danielson - 231 Broad Street, Danielson, CT 06239.***

Lenten Event- The seasons are moving quickly this year as Easter is fairly early. Ash Wednesday is on February 10th. See notes on page one of the Courier. Jane and Dave are working on a "Lenten Word" series, which will be available online and in a printed single page take home. One "Lenten" word for each day, to think about, respond to, hang on to (photo, comment or conversation).

Music in February- Choir rehearsal on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. ***Nine6teen*** is playing at the Rectory Chapel on Feb. 7, 21 and 28. Next Contemporary will be March 13th.

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

Worship Specials: The Rev. Katherine White is celebrant on the 14th and Jane Hale is preaching when Dave is away; No 9:15 Chapel on Feb. 14th. Feb. 21st (Church First, Scouts).

Vestry Notes - the vestry met for their regular meeting on Jan. 20th reviewing expenditures, revenues and the endowment as well as the continuing program year. The most important discussion involved the 2016 Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Women's Spirituality Workshop- a time of spiritual and faith exploration, story-sharing, and celebrating our Sisterhood! Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.



February brings both Saint Valentine's Day and President's Day. All the books I've chosen this month reflect one of these two themes. Stop by the Christ Church Library to check one out!

Adult: Perfect Love, Imperfect Relationships: Healing Wounds of the Heart by John Welwood. Although this book is described as being about relationships, it really is about discovering, connecting with, and loving ourselves. After all, before we can love another, we must be at peace with our own being.

Young Adult: A Time to Love: Stories from the Old Testament by Walter Dean Myers. This book is a collaboration between the celebrated young adult author Walter Dean Myers and his son, illustrator Christopher Myers. In it, father and son retell six well-known stories from the Old Testament, all with love as their central theme. But what makes these stories unexpected is that they are all told in first person by an unexpected narrator. Essays by the author and his children about their own spiritual journeys is a welcome and enlightening addition to this book as well. Ages 12 and up.





Children: Abraham Lincoln by Amy Cohn and Suzy Schmidt. This picture book offers a comprehensive and beautifully illustrated biography of Abraham Lincoln presented in a folksy style. Its plain and simple language will grab young children's attention, as will the delightful drawings. Ages 7-11.

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



FEBRUARY 2016

ASH
WEDNESDAY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day 6:30p-8:30p Spirit Companions Spring or more winter  | 3 12p AA Meeting | 4 7:30p AA Meeting | 5 Dave's Day Off | 6 5:30p-8p Chili Cook-Off  |
| 7 Super Bowl 8, 9:15 and 10:15 Services  | 8 | 9 Mardi Gras  | 10 Ash Wednesday Ashes-to-go all day 7:30a Ash Wed Service 12p AA Meeting 7p Vestry ? CC starts up 6p | 11 7:30p AA Meeting | 12 Dave's away for the weekend | 13 10a-12:30p Spirituality Workshop: Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer |
| 14 Valentine's Day 8a & 10:15 Services Rev. Kathryn White, Celebrant Jane Hale preaching  | 15 Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED  | 16 | 17 12p AA Meeting | 18 1p-3p Spirit for the 2nd Half 7:30p AA Meeting | 19 Dave's Day Off Girl Scouts overnight event starts 4:30p | 20 Girl Scout event overnight ends at 7:30a |
| 21 8, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 10:15a Church First & Scout Sunday | 22 Community Kitchen 8a | 23 | 24 12p AA Meeting | 25 7:30p AA Meeting | 26 Dave's Day Off | 27 |
| 28 8a, 9:15a-10:15a Jane Hale preaching | 29 | <p>Notes: 2/6 - Chili Cookoff 6p-8p \$7 adults/\$5 kids under 12 2/10 - Ash Wednesday service 7:30 AM, then Ashes to go AND Vestry meeting at 7p 2/21 - Church First Service with Scouts 2/22 - Community Kitchen cooks 8a</p> | | | | |

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for February 2016

| | Last Sunday after Epiphany 2/7/2016 | 1st Sunday in Lent 2/14/2016 | 2nd Sunday in Lent 2/21/2016 | 3rd Sunday in Lent 2/28/2016 | 4th Sunday in Lent 3/6/2016 |
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| Lector | G. Groom | B. Anderson | S. Adams | P. Mann | B. Phillips |
| LEM's | C. Sloat S. Bridgman | B. Anderson P. Mann | S. Adams D. Flath | P. Mann K. Madenjian | B. Phillips W. Danenhower |
| Altar Guild | L. Goodwin M. Bridgman Ash Wed 2/10 J. Hague | P. Phillips L. Swenson No Wed | A. Sheldon D. Patton No Wed | G & C Hesler M. Eichorn Wed 3/2 L. Goodwin | M. MacNair D. Crawford Wed 3/9 |
| Acolytes | C. Sloat D. Flath | B. Anderson P. Mann | S. Adams D. Flath | P. Mann K. Madenjian | B. Phillips W. Danenhower |
| Ushers | R. Wishart T. Hamilton | B. Bastow P. McCarthy | N. Weiss C. Sloat | B. Bastow R. Wishart | T. Hamilton B. Bastow |
| Nursery | Carrie | Carrie | Carrie | Carrie | Carrie |
| Coffee Hour | Red Team | Orange Team | White Team | Purple Team | Turquoise Team |
| Flowers | | | | | |

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

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LIST

Happy Birthday to:

3 - Carlyn Morrison
 4 - Amy Lusa
 5 - Newell Hale III
 6 - Mary Wishart
 8 - R. J. Rawcliffe, Kate Ritzau
 10 - Al Eichorn
 12 - Tiffany Phillips
 13 - John Brooks
 14 - Ashley Danenhower

15 - Christopher Martin
 16 - Margaret MacNair, Zach Gagnon, Daniel Pontrelli
 17 - Maggie Eichorn
 19 - Signe Stevens, Katie Lusa
 21 - Rosemary Parquette, Emma Folsom
 23 - Meredith Bergendahl
 24 - Steven Wedegis
 28 - Lauren Semancik

Happy Anniversary to: