



THE COURIER FOR MARCH 2015

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Musings

This Courier is shorter and “more to the point”. You will find summaries of important items coming up over the next month as well as a look back at important items from last. If you have an assignment on the Schedule it will be mailed to you inside the Courier. Otherwise we will no longer mail it or the Calendar as part of the Courier. Both can be found on our website, in the Thursday Reminder or via a quick email from the Church (if all else fails). This is not an attempt to save money but to be more efficient with office time. Many of the items in past Couriers tended to be repeated throughout the document not to mention in the Sunday Announcements, online and in our emails.

Time is one of God’s gifts. I don’t believe there is such thing as “time on our hands” and heaven forbid we should ever “waste time”. A good Lenten program for each of us might be to be as deliberate as possible with our use of time. Certainly we can’t control or plan every moment and we probably shouldn’t but we can use time wisely, even “odd spare moments”, perhaps for prayer? Dave

Worship & Formation

Young People’s Communion Class on Sat. March 28th at 10 am. in Great Hall

Got Lenten Study/Reflection? Living Islam, a group discussion with Dave based on Krista Tippett’s interviews. Learn and discover. Email us, if interested. ***Starting up week of March 1!***

Thursday Services again on ***March 5th***. Names for ***The Prayer Chain?*** Call the office and leave a message.

Rectory School Chapel- Sunday Chapel, March 1st only, resumes on April 4th for the Easter.

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!

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

When: March 7, 2015

Where: Christ Church Great Hall

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 (take out)
5:30 - 7:00 (eat in)

This is another fun J2A Pilgrimage Fundraiser - Come out and support our young people!



Need a healthier New Year’s Resolution?

Spirituality and Health Workshops continue

March 7th and 21st

At 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall

Workshops led by:

Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer, Dr. Murray Buttner,

Dr. Heather Sullivan & Dr. Doe West

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. Service; 6 p.m. Potluck/Eucharist in the Great Hall with the Stripping of the Altar in Church

Good Friday, April 3:

Walking the Labyrinth in the Great Hall all day;
7 p.m. Liturgy in the Church

Holy Saturday, April 4th

10 a.m. Eggstravaganza

4 p.m. Rectory Chapel (needs confirmation)

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

Church School News - In February we began our Heifer International Unit that will culminate with a "Living Market" hosted by the Church School and organized by the students in grades 5 and 6 on March 29th during coffee hour. Parishioners will have the opportunity to honor a friend or loved one by giving a donation in his or her name. These gifts of animals will empower an impoverished family by providing an animal and training in its care. During Lent, the children will learn about Heifer International and why this organization is so important to so many communities around the world. Children in preschool through grade 6 will raise funds for Heifer by "filling the Ark," a four-week, daily missions-giving program that offers real-life solutions to world hunger. As families fill their arks with coins, they will meet the animals in Heifer's Ark and learn how these animals help families. For more information on Heifer International:

<http://www.heifer.org/>

During our Children's Chapel gathering time, we have begun to use a new resource, God's Word, My Voice: A Lectionary for Children by Lyn Zill Briggs (Church Publishing, 2015). This new reference contains the daily Readings, Psalm and Holy Gospel for the entire three-year cycle using child-friendly language in large print. This will enable us to align our worship "downstairs" with the adults' worship, and allow for more direct participation by "readers".

On March 1st, Father Dave will join us in church school. Additionally on March 8th, we are hoping that you will join us during coffee hour for the Church School Committee Meeting. We need your input! Agenda items include the Living Market, Eggstravaganza, field trip to Heifer's Overlook Farm, the new behavior management program and our next Potter's Workshop beginning after Easter.

Upcoming Events:

March 8: Church School Committee Meeting (moved from March 1st)

March 28th: Communion Class at 10 a.m. in the Great Hall

March 29: Heifer Living Market (Palm Sunday)

April 4: Easter Eggstravaganza

April 5: Easter Services (Nursery/childcare for the youngest at the 10:15)

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

Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 10th Annual Chili Cook off, it was a great success!

Fundraiser Info: March 7, 2015 - Corned Beef Dinner - more information on page 1.

Other Fundraisers: May 2, 2015 Rummage Sale

Rite-13 - will be helping out with the Corned Beef Dinner on March 7th. Rite-13 Ceremony on April 12th with Contemporary Music and Liturgy

J2A - Thanks to all worked at the Chili Cookoff and now we'll be getting ready for the ...***Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 7th***. Our J2A youth group have named their pilgrimage, ***Don't Stop Believing***, which will take place August 6th-13th. By now you all should have your \$100 deposit handed in. The schedule for the rest of the \$650 will go as follows: \$200 was due by Oct. 25, 2014, \$200 due Jan. 25, 2015 and **\$250 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

Building and Grounds / Projects Notes -Many thanks to Paul Warner for his continued help clearing the flat roof sections. We're investigating the floor in the kitchen around the dishwasher. Rich DiBonaventura discovered and repaired three leaks in the machine and one in the sink. The new Library doors should be on by the end of the month.

Christian Social Outreach - CSO disbursements for the year have started. The Vestry voted over \$2,000 in gifts. **Special Mission:** We have three possibilities that have been suggested. 1) A trip to Haiti with PID (Partners in Development), 2) Habitat for Humanity work project in New England, 3) Stop Hunger Now project in our Great Hall packing boxes with emergency food. We might do all three! **Community Kitchen** resumes at the Hill Church (1st Cong.) in Woodstock, Mar. 23rd. 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 March- Choir-led worship all during the month. March 22nd there will be hymns at the 8 a.m. service, contemporary music at the 10:15, M. Thursday a capella music, G. Friday hymns with Dennis.

Parish Life Activities -*In terms of parish events, don't miss the Corned Beef Dinner put on by the J2A for their Pilgrimage Fund.* 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

Vestry Notes - Vestry had a regular meeting on Feb. 11th in which we welcomed newer members, discussed buildings issues, snow plowing & snow blowing, and set the dates for our Planning Meeting. A welcome to new Vestry: Rich DiBonaventura, Melissa Zahansky & Tom Hamilton (3-year terms) and to Craig Tiffany (1-year term). With our thanks, other officers remain as before. The next Vestry meeting will be our afternoon Planning Meeting on March 1st starting at noon with lunch in the Library.



Due to all the snow, I have had ample time stuck at home with plenty of time to read. Here are some of the titles that I have checked out recently, all of which I recommend.

Adult nonfiction: One True Thing by Anna Quindlen. A New York City psychiatrist moves home to care for her dying mother and is arrested for her murder, accused of giving her other a fatal dose of morphine. An extremely well-written account of love, loyalty, and loss.

Young adult nonfiction: The Green Glass Sea by Polly Klages. Set during World War Two, a pair of young girls become friends when they move to New Mexico with their parents, who are working to build the atomic bomb at Los Alamos.



Children's fiction: Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes. A curious and mischievous little kitten wants a drink from what he thinks is a big saucer of milk in the sky. He follows it around all night, unaware that it is a full moon. Winner of the Caldecott Medal for excellence.

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 - Kristin

Your Church: Sharing the Feast

Visions and Ventures 2015: To date we have received 83 pledges for anticipated gifts totaling \$185,390. This includes a number of members who have not pledged in the past. We hope that during the coming month or so you will be able to get back to your desk to look for your pledge card and if not pick up a new copy. You can also download one from the Thursday Reminder. Remember your pledges are vital to our program. Thanks.

						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8a, 9:15 and 10:15 Services 10:15 Dave in Ch. School 12p-4p Vestry Meeting	2	3 9:30a Fr. Dave/Clergy	4 12p AA in Library	5 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	6 Fr. Dave's Day Off	7 9:30a-11:30a Spirituality & Health Workshop 6p-7:30p J2A Corned Beef Dinner
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8a & 10:15 Services 	9	10 9:30a Fr. Dave/Clergy	11 12p AA in Library	12 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	13 Fr. Dave's Day Off	14
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22 8a & 10:15 Services 10:15a Contemporary Service	23	24 9:30a Fr. Dave/Clergy	25 12p-1p AA Meeting in Library	26 7:30a Healing Eucharist 8:30a B'fast at the Bean 7:30p AA Meeting	27 Fr. Dave's Day Off	28 10a Communion Class
29 Palm Sunday 8a & 10:15 Services 	30	31 9:30a Fr. Dave/Clergy	4/1	4/2 Mauudy Thursday 6p Potluck dinner 7:30p service	4/3 Good Friday All day-walk the labyrinth in GH 7p Service in Church	4/4 Easter Vigil 10a Eggstravaganza

This Month:

March 1st - **Vestry Planning Meeting** from Noon - 4 p.m.

March 8th - **Church School Committee Meeting** during coffee hour

Meeting following church service in the library. This is an organizational meeting to plan activities, including "Easter Eggstravaganza". We'll also review new Behavior Protocols. ***Please join us!***

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for March 1, 2015 - April 5, 2015

	2nd Sunday of Lent 3/1/15	3rd Sunday of Lent 3/8/2015	4th Sunday of Lent 3/15/2015	5th Sunday of Lent 3/22/15 Cont Svc	3/29/2015 Palm Sunday	4/5/15 Easter Sunday
Lector	S. Adams	C. Sloat	M. Bridgman	D. Patten	D. Flath	P. Mann
LEM's	S. Adams B. Phillips	C. Sloat W. Danenhower	M. Bridgman S. Bridgman	D. Flath K. Madenjian	D. Flath B. Anderson	P. Mann B. Phillips
Altar Guild	M. MacNair D. Crawford Thurs 3/5 D. Crawford	A. Sheldon J. Hague Thurs 3/12 L. Goodwin	P. Phillips M. Eichorn Thurs 3/19 J. Hague	L. Goodwin Bridgman/Heslers Thurs 3/26 A. Sheldon	J. Busse D. Patton Thurs 4/2 (am) L. Goodwin	P. Phillips D. Crawford Thurs 4/9 D. Crawford
Acolytes	S. Adams B. Phillips	C. Sloat W. Danenhower	M. Bridgman S. Bridgman	D. Flath K. Madenjian	D. Flath B. Anderson	P. Mann B. Phillips
Ushers	B. Bastow T. Hamilton	P. Mann G. Nichols	R. Wishart C. Lounsbury	N. Weiss C. Sloat	B. Bastow R. Wishart	B. Bastow G. Nichols
Nursery	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie	Carrie
Coffee Hour	Purple Team	Turquoise Team	Blue Team	Green Team	Silver Team	No Coffee Hr
Flowers	NO	FLOWERS	DURING	LENT		Memorials

	3/1/15	3/8/15	3/15/15	3/22/15	3/29/15	4/5/15
Coffee Hour	Bill & Jan					No Coffee Hr

	3/1/15	3/8/15	3/15/15	3/22/15	3/29/15	4/4/2015-Sat
Celebrant	W. Whitmore		NO	CHAPEL		Fr. Dave/Will
Music	<i>Nine6teen</i>					<i>Nine6teen</i>

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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 - Rev. Virginia Army, Lora Erskine | |