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THE COURIER FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

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The Rev. David M. Carter, Rector



Musings

As we quickly move into our new academic year I know I speak for all of us as we congratulate the Rev. Jane Hale in her new position as “Priest-in-Charge” at Trinity Church in Brooklyn, Ct. She is now a Deacon but will be moving on to the priesthood soon (a transitional Deacon cannot be ordained a priest within 6 months of her/his ordination to the Diaconate). Jane and I stay in touch about “collaborative” efforts especially in regards to the Women’s Group so we have high hopes for some kind of continuation. More on that soon.

Many of us are now aware of this process of becoming ordained in the Church from Jane’s story. A number of you served on her Discernment Committee. The Vestry had to vote more than once in support of her moving ahead. It’s taken several years. It’s not simply being “trained”. It’s much more. It’s what we call “formation”, allowing God through the church, through the seminary, through friends and family, closer in, to help “form” her interests, her direction, her being. It’s about growing as a person not just as a clergy-person. This is a kind of model for all of us. We are all in “formation”, engaged in becoming “God’s People”. We are all called to re-flection, re-consideration, re-thinking, so we might respond appropriately and not merely react. --Dave

Worship & Formation

Communion Class Is there interest in communion instruction? Perhaps in late October or early November with a Thanksgiving theme. Let Dave know, if interested. The Class involves art, some music, conversation on the meaning of communion (we also make the bread for services).

Healing Eucharist & B’fast at the Bean first Wednesday will be Sept. 7th at 7:30 a.m. Names for **The Prayer Chain**? 860-315-7780.

Readers & Acolyte Notes - Check in the back. Thanks. Dayna Flath 860-974-3276!

Specials! Contemporary Service Sunday is September 25th which will be associated with the Sunday to End Gun Violence (nationally)

Women’s Spirituality with Jane Hale is in transition as she begins her new job at Trinity Church in Brooklyn. She’s hoping to start up the Women’s group soon!

Saturday, Sept. 10th

Grounds Clean-up
8 to 11 a.m.
(playscape, trimming,
flower beds)

Breakfast Set-up
8 a.m.!

Welcome Home Breakfast

Free for all: 9 a.m.

Sunday, September 11th

Church School & Teen Program Registrations

(All children and teens need to register; see Reminder or on the back table in church)

Church School News -

- 1) Links to our new ***Feasting on the Word church school*** program are in the Reminder. This is especially important for volunteers who are signing up for specific Sundays as “support” staff as it will permit you to be onboard with the work that morning.
- 2) We’ve decided to us an online **Volunteer Church School Aides sign-up for this fall**. In order to have a safe and creative program we need to know that there will be two support staff/adults/parents available each Sunday to participate, to help with break-out activities, to help re-direct as needed. We’ve added a third slot if you’re interested! You can always call in your interest to me or to the office and we’ll find you an available “slot”. 860-315-7780.
- 3) On **September 11th** we will have an all church school get to know you time downstairs on our first Sunday together. ***Every year*** we have to **Register** all our children for safety. Our new "fillable" form you can open as a PDF, type in the information, save with a new name, email it to us. OR just print it out and bring it. It can also be found in the Reminder or will be available in the Great Hall at the Welcome Home Breakfast starting at about 9:30 a.m.
- 4) **September 18th**, Dave plans to be down in the Church School and will introducing a new, more creative worship time; Church School Committee/Friends Meeting after church in the Library.
- 5) **September 25th**, Contemporary Service... Church School as usual during church-time
- 6) As we approach October you will hear more about some special events!

Nicole Nichols, Church School Director

My contact is 860-928-2155, or by email: ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com



Teen Program News (Journey to Adulthood)

Fundraiser Info: Fall Car Wash & Bake Sale on October 2nd. Thank you all for your support and help.

Rite-13 -The Leaders had a great planning meeting on August 30th (Greg, Christine & Catherine). We have a letter outlining the fall's activities and plans going out to all our Rite-13 families in the next week as we welcome you all back. This is your chance to discover some new energy! The Rite 13ers are still working on the mural project in the hall by the choir room.

J2A - J2Aers have a busy September ahead for them from the Welcome Back with reflections of how their summer went, to starting a Countdown to Vancouver paper chain, a movie night and then the **1st Sunday in October** a Fall Car Wash/Bake Sale and cookout.

YAC - They're using ***Confirm not Conform*** curriculum in between other scheduled activities. More details from the leaders at Welcome Back Sunday (or for info before then contact Jen Ritzau: jenny@masonhill.org)

Teen Program questions, please contact Catherine Bastow at 860-928-3575.

Building and Grounds / Projects Notes -The cleaning bills for the soot damage were finally reconciled with the insurance payments in August. John Murphy finished working on Dave's office door; he will return later to start work on the interior Library window replacement as well as the Library hallway window replacement. Thanks to Rich DiBonaventura the concrete steps leading to the Offices were broken out in places and resurfaced by Mac's Son. Please note, if you can come out for an hour or two on **September 10th** our **Grounds Clean-up starts at 8 a.m.**

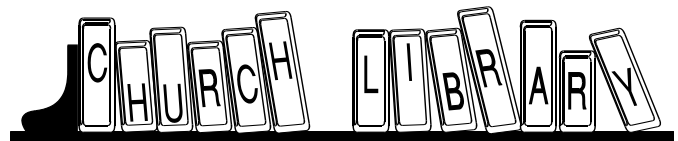
Christian Social Outreach - the Committee meets for disbursements later in September; **Special Mission: The mission trip to Guatemala for the week starting August 6th was very successful. Our group not only participated in the medical clinic but also built stoves and parts of a new house.** We are beginning to look forward to our January, 2017 trip, dates to be finalized soon. Sign-ups are due in October. Our collaboration with the **Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer** will continue, on the second Saturday's of each month, working on our spiritual journeys. See the Reminder; **Community Kitchen on Sept. 26th**, 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.**

Music in September- Choir starts up again on September 11th at 9 a.m. in the Choir Room. All voices are welcome. The first **Contemporary Service** is on September 25th in conjunction with a Concert to end Gun Violence all across America. Note that **Nine6teen** will be playing all secular music at the Crossings in Putnam on September 30th evening.

Parish Life Activities - Welcome Home Breakfast starts at 9 a.m. on September 11th! **Set up for the Breakfast** will be at 8 a.m. on September 10th! The **Coffee Hour Team Schedule** as well as the 8 o'clock Schedule for Fall, 2016 are posted on the Library Bulletin Board and the former can be accessed through the Reminder.

Vestry Notes - the vestry will meet for next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 14th. We will be getting an update on the transfer of the Endowments as well as a look at our programs for the fall.

Women's Spirituality We have spoken with the Rev. Jane Hale and she has a new assignment as the "Priest-in-Charge" at Trinity Church in Brooklyn (she should be priested in December, if schedules work out!). In the meantime she is still very interested in this monthly event. We may know about plans soon! You may contact Jane Hale at jlhale@charter.net.



I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! I am in the process of adding some books to the Christ Church Library collection. Look for these titles soon:

For Adults: *The Bridge Builder: The Life and Continuing Legacy of Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein* by Zev Chafets. Rabbi Eckstein is the founder of an organization called the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. Here is the story of how the rabbi was able to build a bridge of mutual understanding between Jews and Christians and help Christians discover and appreciate the Jewish roots of Christianity. In the process, he turned his organization into one of the most successful charitable foundations in Israel. This book is well worth your time.

For Young Adults: *Forge* by Laurie Halse Anderson. This book is the sequel to *Chains*, which is also available in the Christ Church Library. In the first book, a young slave girl named Isabel narrates her story of growing up during the Revolutionary War, escaping her captors and liberating another slave named Curzon. In the sequel Isabel and Curzon must part, and it is now Curzon who narrates the story of his adventures.

For Children: *Thunderboy Jr.* by Sherman Alexie. Illustrated by Yuyi Morales. Author Sherman Alexie is best known for his young adult novel *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* and his poetry for adults. Here is his first book for children in which Thunderboy Junior, also known as Little Thunder, decided that he doesn't want to be named after his father, and wants a name that celebrates who he is. The language is both poetic and humorous and the illustrations are colorful and enchanting. Recommended for ages 5-10.

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: 9/4 – Last Summer Service at 9:15 a.m. 9/11 – WELCOME BACK Breakfast and ALL programs start up again 9/14 – Vestry Meeting at 7 p.m. 9/18 – Church School Meeting in library 11:45 a.m.				1 7:30p-8:30p AA Meeting	2 Fr. Dave's Day Off	3
4 9:15a Last Summer Service	5 Labor Day Office Closed 	6 9:30a Clergy Meeting	7 12p AA Meeting 6p CCNC	8 7:30p AA Meeting	9 Fr. Dave's Day Off	10 8 a.m. Clean-up the Church Grounds 8 a.m. Breakfast Set-up
11 Patriot Day 9/11 All Programs Begin 8a, 9:15 & 10:15 Services 9a-10a Welcome Home Breakfast	12	13 9:30a Clergy Meeting	14 12p AA Meeting 6p CCNC 7p Vestry	15 7:30p AA Meeting	16 Fr. Dave's Day Off	17
18 8a, 9:15 & 10:15 Services 11:45a Ch. School Mtg (Library)	19	20 9:30a Clergy Meeting	21 International Day of Peace 12p AA Meeting 6p CCNC	22 Fall Begins 7:30p AA Meeting 	23 Fr. Dave's Day Off	24
25 8a, 9:15 & 10:15 Services 10:15a Cont music service: Concert to End Gun Violence (Diocese)	26	27 9:30a Clergy Meeting	28 12p AA Meeting 6p CCNC	29 7:30p AA Meeting	30 Fr. Dave's Day Off <i>Nine6teen at the Crossings</i>	Note: Teen Program Schedule is in the Courier!

Schedule: Serving on Sundays for September 4th to October 2nd 2016

	16th Sunday after Pentecost 9/4/2016	17th Sunday after Pentecost 9/11/2016 Welcome Back	18th Sunday after Pentecost 9/18/2016	19th Sunday after Pentecost 9/25/2016 Cont Music Svc	20th Sunday after Pentecost 10/2/2016
Lector	P. Mann	D. Flath	S. Bridgman	C. Norris	S. Adams
LEM's	P. Mann	D. Flath B. Anderson	S. Bridgman M. Bridgman	C. Norris D. Flath	S. Adams B. Anderson
Altar Guild	P. Phillips Wed 9/7 P. Phillips	A. Sheldon M. Eichorn Wed 9/14 A. Sheldon	L. Goodwin D. Crawford Wed 9/21 L. Goodwin	J. Busse D. Patton Wed 9/28 D. Crawford	P. Phillips M. Bridgman Wed 10/5 L. Goodwin
Acolytes	P. Mann	D. Flath B. Anderson	M. Bridgman B. Phillips	C. Norris D. Flath	S. Adams B. Anderson
Ushers	T. Hamilton B. Bastow	R. Wishart B. Bastow	P. McCarthy T. Hamilton	N. Weiss C. Sloat	B. Bastow T. Hamilton
Nursery	Volunteer	Sonya Nichols	Sonya Nichols	Sonya Nichols	Sonya Nichols
Coffee Hour		Breakfast	Orange Team	White Team	Purple Team
Flowers					
Coffee Hour - 8 a.m.					
Celebrant	No Rectory				
Music	<i>Chapel</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>	<i>Nine6teen</i>

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LIST

Happy Birthday to:

2 - Marjorie Ellsworth, Denise Oles
 3 - Sebastian Paquette
 4 - Susan Blackshear
 5 - Sonja Nichols
 6 - Sylvia Danenhower
 7 - Jacqueline Brown, Sandy Flath
 8 - Steve Gagnon

9 - Andrew Folsom
 10 - Thomas Madjenian, Sara Markes
 12 - Carlo Galante
 14 - Nancy Hutchens-Reid
 15 - Carolann Malboeuf
 17 - Frances Adams
 18 - John Ellsworth

20 - John Ellsworth
 22 - Jan Galante
 23 - Jacqueline Wedegis
 25 - Sarah Sokoloski
 28 - Brody Zahansky
 29- Robert Madenjjan, A. Stephen Sokoloski

Happy Anniversary to:

5 - Michael & Jackie Mahoney
 8 - Scott & Ananda Stevens
 17 - Stephen & Marsha Sokoloski

19 - Ray & Rhonda Wishart
 20 - Peter Deary & Kim Lane
 23 - Randy & DeeDee Markes

