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### From Pastor Jane

Over the past month we have been looking at how we manage our own personal resources and ultimately how God leads us, guides us, and provides for us. We have also been looking at how the church manages our resources.

Each Sunday during announcements we had short finance talks to increase transparency and learn more about different components of the church's finances. We spoke about endowments, budget, pledging money and pledging time. Please see the "Finance Talks" (on the next page) for summaries of our announcements.

As we have held these talks, I have heard and seen the incredible heart in our church. I have heard from one person who has explained that he has given to the church for many years. He always thought that when he retired he would give less money, but as he learned more about the inner workings of the church, he decided not only to continue giving, but in fact he decided to give up some of his own retirement goals so that he could increase his pledge. I heard from another person who explained that her finances are quite limited. Her current income is \$100 a week. Somehow she makes due, but she is so committed to the work of the church that she sacrifices so that she can still give \$10 a week. Both these folks are a huge blessing to the church, and both have done the work of putting God at the top of their priorities. It is incredible to be among people who sacrifice and give so generously.

But folks at Christ Church do not just give generously of their finances. Since the moment I stepped into Christ Church, I have been in awe of how much time people give to the church. We have people who set the altar, make coffee every Sunday, hand out bulletins, organize, run, and volunteer at the Apple Festival, teach our children about God, meet with contractors, organize fundraiser dinners, make quilts for those in need, visit the sick, fix broken heaters, and feed, clothe, and give gifts to the hungry.

Over the past year, I have come to learn that Christ Church is a place where people boldly live out their faith by giving generously and sacrificially of their time and money. We are a community that is committed to God, one another, and those in need.

This year, you have an opportunity to pledge your money and your time. Be inspired by those around you who give their money sacrificially. Be moved by those around you who give their time generously.

Join us as we commit to making Christ Church a beacon of God's light, a spiritual home, a place of belonging for all those in our community.

If you have already pledged, we thank you and hope this letter has been an encouragement. If you have not already pledged, you may complete your pledge form and send it via mail, put it in the offertory plate, or drop it off with Maryanne in the Parish Office.

We thank you for your commitment to God, Christ Church, and our community.

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## From Pastor Jane (continued)

### Finance Talks:

**Endowments:** Endowments are given to the church often in someone's will. These endowments are given with the intention of sustaining the church for decades and even centuries to come. Therefore we can only take a small portion each month to help with our operating costs. If we take more each month, we drain our endowments. This makes our church more vulnerable and more importantly it means that we have not used the money as the giver intended us to use it.

**Budget (Year to Date):** By October, we had spent about \$131,000 and our income was about \$123,000. Our endowments gave us about \$28,000 this year so far. We are blessed to have had \$12,000 in rental income because we are renting the rectory. We also have had really successful fundraisers that have led to \$17,000 in income. In addition our pledges and cash donations, during the offertory have generated \$65,000.

**Financial Pledge:** A pledge is an annual commitment that church members make to help us plan our budget. We would not be able to keep the church running without a sense of what our funds are each year. Some folks give their annual pledge all at once. Others give it weekly. Others will give a pledge once a month or quarterly. You may pledge online on our website [www.christchurchtrumbull.org](http://www.christchurchtrumbull.org) by going to "Help us Help Others" at the top and click on donate. You may give a check or cash donation in an envelope. You can also set up an auto-pay on your online checking account. This year we hope to have a pledge base that will allow us to meet our budget. We hope in the years to come to be in a fortunate position to exceed our budget and then we will have the happy work of discerning what we ought to do with our money if we exceed our budget. We may save it for incidental expenses that come up or loss of rental income. We may increase our support of children's or music ministry. We will take time to think and pray about the best use of any monies that come in over our budget.

**Time Pledge:** Our time is limited. When we are young, other people tell us what we are doing with our time. As adults we are pulled in many directions trying to do our best for our family and in our work. As we age, we become more aware of how our time here is finite. Wherever we are in life, we want to use our time meaningfully. As we think about giving to the church, it is important to think about the ways that we can find meaning, purpose and fulfillment by giving our time to our spiritual lives, the work of the church, and to those in need outside our church. We ask this year that you would commit some of your time each week. You can spend this time in prayer, reading scripture, attending our meditation group, helping in Sunday school, serving at Calvary St. George's community suppers, among other things. If you need help thinking about how you will spend your time, feel free to reach out to me, any leader in the church, or to Maryanne. We are happy to help you find a place to volunteer that would help us and nourish you as well.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Jane



### ***Thank you for supporting Socktober once again!***

Thank you to our amazing parishioners who donated so many new and warm socks to our Deanery's annual "***Socktober***" campaign.

Your kindness will help so many people in need this winter. You all are the best!

But, we're not done yet! We need someone to deliver the second box of socks to St. John's Sanford House (1067 Park Avenue in Bridgeport)

*on either Saturday, November 9th (9am-12pm) or  
Tuesday, November 19th (11:30am-1:00pm)*

Please contact the Parish Office if you can deliver the remaining socks.

Last but not least! Thank you to Christine Abramson who delivered the first box of socks to the Deanery last week.

## From Todd Rossel, our Senior Warden

I am sorry to begin with continuing news on the archway ceiling in the choir loft. When I first wrote of the need for repairs back in June, I hoped we would have completed this project by now. Not a week has gone by without some progress being made, whether it be agreements on coverage amounts with insurers, dismantling the organ, getting bids from contractors, or authorizing an engineering report so that contractors can better understand the structural failures and how the repairs and restoration can be done in a way that both recreates the original area yet secures it to last for future generations.

The bottom line is that, as of this writing, we are getting closer to starting the actual repairs. The engineering report revealed that the failure was not from all the recent work on the steeple, or water damage, or years of vibration from the organ. The primary factor is the weight bearing wall that surrounds the archway and runs from the choir loft down through the sanctuary to the undercroft. Without going into too much detail, some measures will need to be taken to shore up that wall prior to actual archway repairs and we are prioritizing the work, with the assistance of the engineer, so that we can do what is absolutely necessary now and make future plans to add structural security for the long haul. Thankfully, the insurance money will cover the archway repair and we will use portions of the gifts we have received for capital projects to shore up the areas surrounding the archway, some now and some in the future. I am praying that the main repairs and the organ re-assembly will be completed by Christmas; please make those prayers more powerful by joining with me! At the same time, we expect to continue with our primary building objective; finalizing design and beginning construction on the uppercroft in the months ahead.

Shifting gears, as we head into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, I would like to add some personal thoughts on another key season that is often tied to the end of the calendar year: Stewardship. I have said to Pastor Jane, tongue in cheek, that she probably doesn't want me to speak to the congregation about Stewardship because I see too much of the church's operational results and financial data. I am likely to speak more on practical budget realities and needs for more pledges rather than offering an inspirational message or asking that we all search our personal relationship with God to discern what we can do to provide for the needs of Christ Church. Let me try and do a little of both – some practical and some personal (if not inspirational!). Over my years as a CCT member, I have been humbled in leading the annual stewardship campaign on at least four separate occasions. While our members are generous and provide so much in time and talent, along with their treasure, over the past ten years there has been a precipitous drop in the number of pledging families/individuals and the overall pledge base. It also shows that the church's operating budget has, thankfully, stayed rather flat in that period of time, primarily due to dedicated austerity and a continuing need to restructure the cost and commitment related to our rectors. One fact that I wish would change is that the percentage of pledged income to our overall operating budget has dropped from well above 50% to below 40%. We are able to survive, and in fact are in better shape financially today than we have been over much of the past decade, but that is due to three primary factors: 1) the continuing restructuring of the priest position from 100% to 75% to 33%, 2) the creation of new endowments by the incredible generosity of legacy members, bringing overall endowments back to historical levels, and 3) the infusion of new cash from the rental of the rectory.

My personal view is that pledging, which is so essential to our financial planning and budgeting for the year, provides the financial foundation of the church, hence the need to reverse our trend line and bring our pledge base back closer to the 50% of annual budget mark. A drastic change in the financial markets will impact our endowments (as has happened before), the rectory could easily go unrented for months at a time or longer, and unplanned, expensive maintenance costs from unforeseen events could tax us beyond even the Marjorie Scott funds and certainly derail other desired projects. This is why I humbly ask the congregation to step back from the sense that "everything is okay," and take more ownership of a healthy operating position for the church while recognizing their responsibility towards our current and future existence. I have long been in awe of past members, going back centuries, and thinking of the tremendous sacrifices that must have been made to build and sustain this place we gratefully worship in each week. That is why I often say, "Christ Church was built out of love and purpose, but mainly it was built to last." I ask all of us to take a long, deep look at Christ Church's meaning in our daily lives and prayerfully consider our abilities to increase our pledge or pledge for the first time.

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## From Todd Rossel, Our Senior Warden (continued)

I'll finish with a pledging tip that works for me. I have a weekly amount that I feel I can give comfortably. I have been writing that same amount on my offering check for many years. Yet I have managed to increase my pledge each year, which I am happy to do, knowing that our church truly needs it. The way I "trick" myself is that I write a check each January for the total difference between the annual total of my "comfortable" amount and the new annual pledge amount. I don't necessarily enjoy writing that singular check and, candidly, as I write it, I feel some pain and question if I have done the right thing, if I have extended my family too much. But I do it...and when it's gone, it's gone. It gets absorbed quickly, is put to good use, the Rossel family manages, and it is soon forgotten. Then I go back to writing out my comfortable check the next 51 weeks! The "pain" is short-lived, but the "gain" is realized each week as I see the majesty of this place from Madison Avenue, as I step into our beautiful, historic sanctuary, as I catch up and laugh with my church family, and as I feel the presence of God in my life.

During this season of Stewardship, I feel it is even more meaningful to say: thank you for all you do for Christ Church and God bless,

Todd

## 43rd Annual Apple Festival News

On behalf of this years Apple Festival Committee, Jody and I would like to thank everyone for their participation at this year's festival. We truly appreciate the congregations suggestions and support with this year's planning. We had a few challenges, but we were able to overcome them for the good of the church and community. We had a lot more volunteers which made it easier and much less stressful. Some key items to pass along:

- 303 pies were made in August. Pie sales were down. As of September 29th, we had 60 pies left over (double crust and 1 peach).
- 82 quiches were made, 66 sold. Of those 6 were sold since the festival and 2 were given away.
- Please continue selling the remaining pies at \$15.00 each.
- Karen Holmes and Pastor Jane's Apple Cider Floats were delicious!! I can't thank them enough for feeding the children all that sugar and then sending them over to the Kid's Area to play :).
- Meditation with Peter Ulisse and Pastor Jane's outdoor service were well received.
- Everyone enjoyed the music performed by Mark Platt, Ray Hofbauer, and Matthew Johnson.
- Most parents approved of the \$10 admission fee into the Kid's Area.
- Face painting was busy both days.
- We had more vendors attend this year than 2018. Thank you to Virginia Green who helped with the vendors and Pick-A-Prize table. A BIG thanks to all the parishioners who donated to the raffle table. We will need a volunteer to help chair the Vendors/Pick-A-Prize with Virginia next year.
- Thank you everyone for baking up a storm of great items. The Baked Goods table continues to do well thanks to you. We sold many goodies. Candy and caramel apples were popular. The dog treats again were a big hit. We sold out of all the baked pies along with the frozen crumb and frozen blueberry. All the veggie based quiches were gone by Sunday.
- The last weekend in September 2020 is Yom Kippur. It is a 3 day holiday weekend. Please consider changing the festival to September 19th and 20th.
- If you haven't already returned your completed survey, be sure to return it before the holidays!

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Woods and Jody Irwin



## Parish News

A note from fellow parishioner, Karen Holmes:

What a lovely evening we had on September 20, 2019. We were fortunate to have “Organic Song Farmer” musicians Lindy Hearne and Lynn Adler give us a house concert at the home of Karen and John Holmes. We started on the back deck with wonderful potluck food and fellowship, and moved into the living room for an intimate concert. It was a lovely evening with a surprise intermission with John and Karen renewing their wedding vows on their 22nd anniversary. (A surprise for Karen!) Lindy Hearne expressed much gratitude for the event stating "This was one of our favorite House Concerts in a long time: a bunch of enthusiastic singers crowded into an 1850's New England home. We didn't know but one person when we arrived (and they didn't know us) but we felt the closeness to everyone when it was all done. Thank you Karen and John Holmes for a wonderful experience and for introducing us to your circle of friends. This is how a House Concert is supposed to be done! We would travel hundreds and hundreds of miles for this audience (and we did!) I wish all musicians like us will have the same experience with such gracious hosts."

Thank You to all who came and made it a special evening for all!



## Service Opportunities

### Time Pledge

If you are looking for how you can give your time, below are a list of opportunities to enrich your life spiritually, serve locally, and areas of need in the church. Some of them also include teen involvement, so please keep your kids in mind, as well.

### Spiritual Enrichment

#### *Christ Church/Diocese Groups:*

Meditation Group  
Mom's Group  
Spiritual Growth Series  
Leadership Retreat  
Preaching Class

#### *Phone apps:*

Insight Timer app  
Pray as You go app  
Bible.is

#### *Episcopal Resources:*

The Daily Office  
Common Lectionary

### Areas of Need in the Church

Apple Festival Assistant Coordinator  
Vestry Member  
Altar Guild  
Pastoral Care Ministry  
Prayer Ministry  
Children's Ministry

### Outreach Opportunities

Calvary St. George's Community Suppers  
Greater Bridgeport Literacy Program  
Delivery of winter coats, apparel and household goods to St. John's Family Center and IRIS  
Jesse Tree Donations  
McGivney Center Donations and Coordinator



For more information on holiday outreach opportunities at Christ Church Trumbull, please look in our Outreach Ministries section of this newsletter.

## November Calendar at a Glance

### **November 3rd: 8am and 10am Celebration of All Saints Day**

- Please email us the names of those whom you have loved and since lost. We will lift them up in prayer. We will also take time to have healing prayer during communion.

### **November 4th: 11:45am-12:30pm Meditation Group**

- Join us in the elementary classroom as Peter Ulisse helps us take time to calm our minds, bodies, and spirits in guided meditation.

### **November 7th: 7:30-9pm Mom's Group at Karen Holmes' House**

- Come for fellowship, a glass of wine, and prayer.

### **November 10th:**

#### 9-9:45am: Open Forum

- Please join Pastor Jane in the undercroft to ask questions, share ideas and give feedback.

#### 11:30am-12:30pm: Prayer Workshop

- If you want to learn more about praying for other people, please join us. Michele will be leading our prayer workshop. She has held prayer workshops all over the diocese.

### **November 16th:**

#### 9:00am-3:30pm Leadership Retreat

- If you volunteer at Christ Church, this is a time for you to pray, gather, and learn more about yourself as a person and leader in your own life and in the life of the church.

#### 5:30-8pm Roast Beef Dinner \$25/person

- Christ Church Trumbull is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner! It will be delicious and really, really fun! Come early or stay late to help out.

### **November 17th: One body. One Church.**

- 11:30am-12:30pm Potluck Brunch at Grace Church in Trumbull
- 12:30pm Holy Eucharist at Grace Church (Christ Church will be closed)
- The three Episcopal Churches in Trumbull have collaborated to host a joint service at Grace Church. All three priests will be present and Regional Missionary Erendira will preach.

### **November 18th: 11:45am-12:30pm Meditation Group**

- Join us in the elementary classroom as Peter Ulisse helps us take time to calm our minds, bodies, and spirits in guided meditation.

### **November 21st: 7:30-9pm Mom's Group at Courtney Dever's House**

- Come for fellowship, a glass of wine, and prayer.

### **November 24th: 11:30am-12:30pm Prayer Workshop**

- If you want to learn more about praying for other people, please join us. Joel is a prayer minister at Elm City Vineyard and has led many in prayer.



## Outreach for IRIS—Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services

Margaret Marcotte contacted IRIS to see what their needs are for the coming winter. Here's how Bethany, the Housing & Donations Coordinator from IRIS, responded:

“We definitely could benefit this year from an additional collection! We are a little low and slow on donations this year. We will gladly welcome warm winter (snow ready) coats for men, women and children. Many of our clients are waiting out in the elements for buses etc. so they need really warm and water resistant coats and boots. We also accept gloves, hats and scarves. We have a great need for men's gloves (many male clients seek shoveling jobs in the winter) and children's gloves and mittens, infant-children's.

**Unfortunately we do not have the capacity at this time to accept any other clothing items like sweaters or winter clothing—besides snow ready winter coats.”**

Some additional items needed: (*\*'d items are in urgent need as IRIS is currently out of them*)

- \*Dish soap
- \*Antibacterial spray cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- \*13 gal trash bags
- \*Fire extinguishers
- \*Sponges
- Shampoo
- \*Men & women's deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Shaving cream/razors
- Feminine products
- \*Toilet paper
- Combs & brushes

KITCHEN ITEMS: (not necessarily new):

- \*Can openers
- \*Sharp knives
- Non-Teflon pots and pans & cookie sheets
- Silverware
- \*Glasses
- \*Mixing bowls
- Tea kettles
- Cooking utensils

LINENS:

- \*Twin Bedding, - sheet sets, blankets and comforters
- Full sized bedding
- Shower curtain and rings
- Curtains (63-84 inch)
- 13 gallon kitchen trash cans

These are all items required to be included in each new home and that IRIS is in weekly need of, and most are running low. There is a great need for these items in the upcoming weeks.

If you would like to donate to this organization and the clients they serve, please begin to bring in your items as soon as you can. Look for a table in the undercroft with an IRIS sign on it. Please leave your donations there.

Thank you!



## 43rd Annual Apple Festival—Pie Making and Festival Photos!



Pie making is a lot of work...  
But as you can see, also a lot of fun!



Here's a photo of a few of our hard working parishioners on Sunday afternoon after our festival closed ... tired but certainly happy too!





# More Apple Festival Photos!





## Photos of Georgia Yourieff's Wedding with Pastor Jane Officiating

The Wedding of  
GEORGIA & ANDREW  
Yourieff Dease



## More Photos of our Church Community

Lay Eucharistic Minister Ray Hofbauer with Pastor Jane at a Sunday morning service.



Here are some photos from our most recent Calvary St. George's Community Supper.

Thank you to our faithful parishioners who continue to serve.



## More Parish News

**ECW Christmas Party!** - Save the Date!! **Sunday, December 8th** from 1:00pm until 3:00pm for our annual ECW Christmas party. Please bring an hors d'oeuvres or a dessert to share. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the wonderful women of our parish! Welcome to the new women of our parish too! We hope you can join us at our holiday party ... we'd love to spend time with you!

**Calvary / St. George's Community Supper** — Our last community supper this year for Calvary St. George's will be on **Monday, December 9th**. For those who would like to serve that night, please come to Calvary at 4:00 p.m., if possible. A reminder email will be sent closer to the date. As of this point, we know that we will be requesting cupcakes (store bought are just fine), clementines and candy canes. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped at all of our suppers this year. You are truly so appreciated! A great big thank you to Martha Kaechele who continues to spearhead these dinners year after year ... after year!! We are so thankful for your hard work and dedication to this ministry.

**UTO InGathering**—Thank you to everyone who donated to the United Thank Offering again this year. The donations in those little blue boxes go a very long way to help those in need. If you haven't brought your blue boxes in yet, please bring them to the church as soon as you can. Just drop them in the collection plate on Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

*A big thank you to our ECW who continues to help our church in so many ways!!*

### **A note from the Sew Caring Quilters**

The Sew Caring Quilters have just completed their recent distribution of:

49 quilts to Villa Maria Nursing Home in Plainfield, CT  
and

29 baby quilts to Griffin Hospital in Derby, CT

Brady's Smile, an organization that provides boxes of goodies and a quilt for children in the hospital, were given 30 quilts.

A parishioner of our church who is in a nursing home was also given a quilt.

Thank you notes were received from Cambridge Manor and Hopeline for gifts of quilts earlier in the year.

If you know of anyone else in our parish in a nursing home or hospital in need of a comfort quilt, please let Maryanne in the Parish Office know.

If you would like to help support our caring group of quilters in this ministry, please speak with one of our quilters or contact Maryanne in the Parish Office.

### **Mediation Group at Christ Church Trumbull**



Peter Ulisse leads a Meditation Group right here at Christ Church Trumbull.

If you have an interest in meditation, ever thought you'd like to try meditation, or would just like to try something new, feel free to join us on —

The 1st and 3rd Monday  
of each week.

This group meets in the Primary Classroom — right down the hall from the Parish Office.

All are welcome!



## Outreach Ministries at Christ Church Trumbull

**Thanksgiving Fixings** - As our annual Thanksgiving outreach, we have committed to donating **15 frozen turkeys and baked pies** (as many pies as possible!) to the Trumbull Food Panty. *Please make sure the pies are baked and not frozen—store bought is fine* - as they do not have the freezer space for anything other than frozen turkeys. There will be a table set up in the undercroft soon for the pies (*please look for the sign*). **Sunday, November 17th** is the final day to bring in your food items for this outreach effort.



We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the food to the Trumbull Food Pantry. The scheduled delivery date is **Friday, November 22nd between the hours of 9am and 3pm**. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help with this.

**The Greater Bridgeport Ministry Network** needs our help too! They are collecting food items to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for over 200 families in need. We have been asked to collect **canned cranberry sauce**. There will be a table in the undercroft for this collection (*please look for the sign*). **Sunday, November 17th** is the final day to bring in your donations. We also need volunteers to deliver the items. Donated items need to be dropped off at the St. John's Family Center, 1067 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, on **Tuesday, November 19th between the hours of 11:30am and 1:30pm**. (back blue door). Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help with this delivery.

**St. Nicholas Coat Drive** - Christ Church Trumbull will once again collect new or slightly used coats and winter items (such as hats, scarves, gloves) to support the St. Nicholas Coat Drive. Please start to set aside your coats to bring to CCT in mid November. We will deliver the coats by mid-December. There will be a table set up in the undercroft for the donated items (*please look for the sign*). If you would like to help deliver the coats, please contact the Parish Office. Your generosity always makes this coat drive a big success and helps so many people. Thank you!

**Jesse Tree** - Our Christmas Jesse Tree will be up by the first week of December and filled with tags for the men and women of the Prospect House in Bridgeport. Please come and “un-decorate” our tree, and while Christmas shopping, buy something warm for that person (don't forget the warm socks!). Gift wrap, secure the tag to the package and place the present under the Jesse Tree. The final date for bringing in your “gift” is **Sunday, December 15th**. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful outreach each year!

**McGivney Center Christmas Store** — We will once again collect new gift items and toys to donate to the McGivney Center Christmas Store. There will be a large box in our church office entryway for collecting the items. We will collect from mid-November through December 15th. Let's help to make this Christmas season a very happy one for all of the hardworking students at the Center! If you would like to help with the delivery of these items to the McGivney Center, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Annual Fall Clean Up at Christ Church Trumbull!**

*This week! Saturday, November 9th at 9:00am/10:00am.*

Please RSVP to the Parish Office whether or not you can make it – and also if you can bring some supplies — leaf blowers, rakes, wheelbarrows, pruners, tarps, bags, work gloves, rubber trash cans — we appreciate any tools you can bring!

If you would like to help, but can't do outside work, we have a request!

Please consider helping out with feeding the workers. Suggestions:  
Bread, cheese, sandwiches, chili (if very cold weather), cider, coffee, soft drinks etc.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you are able to help in this way, too.

***Thanks in advance for all of your hard work!***

**The Trumbull Interfaith Council**

cordially invites you to attend one of Trumbull's  
most meaningful events during this beautiful time of year.

**TRUMBULL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Sunday, November 24th at 4:00 p.m.

The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena

220 Shelton Road, Trumbull

Our Pastor Jane will be participating in the worship service.

Reception in the Church Hall will follow the service.

*Please bring a non-perishable food donation to benefit  
Trumbull Social Services.*



**December Worship  
Service Schedule**

**Sunday, December 22nd—Advent 4**

- ◆ Regular Worship Schedule—8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Services

**Tuesday, December 24th—The Eve of the Nativity**

- ◆ 4:00 p.m. — Choral Christmas Service

**Wednesday, December 25th—Christmas Day**

- ◆ No worship service at Christ Church Trumbull

**Sunday, December 29th—The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

- ◆ One service at 9:00 a.m. for Lessons and Carols

*Invite your family and friends ... all are welcome.*

## Altar Flowers for Christmas Services

### 'TIS THE SEASON!



As we look forward to a truly blessed Advent and Christmas Season, it's the perfect time for us to think about welcoming the Christ Child by making a Christmas flower offering to our Altar Fund.

Please use the form below for your offering. A suggested amount is \$30, but whatever you are comfortable giving is welcome. Your offering can be mailed to Christ Church, or put in the Christmas flower envelopes located in the church, undercroft, and parish office and placed in the offering basin at any of our worship services by **Sunday, December 15th**. Thank you!

## Christmas Flowers

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

IN LOVING MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN THANKSGIVING FOR \_\_\_\_\_

*Your offering can be mailed to Christ Church, or put in the Christmas flowers envelopes located in the church, undercroft and parish office and placed in the collection plate at any of our services by **Sunday, December 15th**. Thank you!*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## NOVEMBER

1-Nov Ray Hofbauer  
11-Nov John Holmes  
12-Nov Emily Hawkins  
16-Nov Dick Mayo  
18-Nov Katie Morton  
19-Nov Robert Mitola  
22-Nov Timothy Yourieff  
24-Nov Collin Woods  
27-Nov Penny Hawkins

## DECEMBER

1-Dec Jennifer Holt  
3-Dec Shirley Mayo  
10-Dec Pastor Jane Jeuland  
16-Dec Carolyn Gregory  
30-Dec Susan Walker



Coffee Hour after our worship services is a wonderful time to get to know one another. A time to catch up with old friends and get to know new ones. Let's keep our Coffee Hour fun and well attended by providing goodies and/or refreshments on Sunday!

If you would like to bring something in for Coffee Hour, there is a sign up sheet on the front table in the Undercroft.

Feel free to sign up for more than one date!

Thank you!

### *Thinking about becoming an Altar Server?*

We always welcome new members!  
There are MANY ways to serve!

You can be a Lay Eucharistic Minister and assist Pastor Jane on the altar & read the Epistle, be a Prayer Leader and read the Prayers of the People on Sunday, be a Lector and read the First Reading, be a Greeter and greet everyone on Sunday mornings and bring up the gifts before Communion, or be a teacher at our Church School and get to know our kids!

If math is more your thing, you can become a Counter and assist a fellow parishioner with recording the Sunday collection.

If you are interested in any of these, please talk with Pastor Jane or Maryanne in the Parish Office.



## Vestry Information

### Current Vestry Members

Todd Rossel.....Senior Warden  
Jaye Irwin.....Junior Warden  
Kim Atherton.....Treasurer  
Karen Holmes.....Clerk  
Pastor Jane Jeuland.....  
Martine Yourieff.....  
Bob Mitola.....  
Amy Germano.....  
Pat Foster.....  
John Flader.....

### Christ Church Tashua Vestry Meeting Policy

Parishioners are welcome to attend Vestry meetings if they have a particular concern, idea or proposal that should be brought to the attention of the Vestry. A written request should be made to one of the Vestry officers or the Rector a week in advance for inclusion on the meeting agenda, along with any documentation to be reviewed in advance of the meeting. Approximately the first 15 minutes of the next Vestry meeting will then be set aside to address the parishioner's concerns, ideas or proposals. Otherwise, in the interest of covering all of the items on the agenda in a timely way, Vestry meetings are generally closed to parishioners.

### Upcoming Vestry Meeting Dates-- 6:30pm

**November 20, 2019**  
**December 18, 2019**



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## Sunday Servers ~ November 17 through January 12, 2020

	November 17	November 24	December 1	December 8	December 15
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Shirley Mayo	Karen Godfrey	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo	Karen Godfrey
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	Shirley Mayo	Shirley Mayo	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sally Lundy Karen Godfrey	Jaye and Jody Irwin	Todd and Jen Rossel	Karen Godfrey Margaret Marcotte	Jaye and Jody Irwin
<b>Lay Euch. Min.:</b>	Susan Vasone	Todd Rossel	Ginnie Glassman	Sally Lundy	Margaret Marcotte
<b>Lector:</b>	Jaye Irwin	Martha Kaechele	John Holmes	Peter Ulisse	Pat Foster
<b>Counters:</b>	Sally Lundy Kim Atherton	Todd Rossel Jody Irwin	Bev Van Der Ploeg John Holmes	Sally Lundy <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Bev Van Der Ploeg Kim Atherton
<b>Refreshments:</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Flowers:</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Greens for Advent	Greens for Advent	Greens for Advent
<b>Chalicer—8am</b>	Ray Hofbauer	Margaret Marcotte	Ray Hofbauer	Margaret Marcotte	Ginnie Glassman

- ◆ **Sunday, December 22nd—Regular Worship Services at 8am and 10am (4th Sunday of Advent)**
- ◆ **Tuesday, December 24th—One service at 4:00pm—Choral Eucharist Service (Christmas Eve)**
- ◆ **Sunday, December 29th—One service at 9:00am—Lesson & Carols (First Sunday after Christmas)**

	December 22	December 24 4:00pm	December 29 9:00am	January 5	January 12
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo	Karen Godfrey	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele	Karen Godfrey	Karen Godfrey
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sally Lundy <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Margaret Marcotte Sally Lundy	Karen Godfrey <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Jaye and Jody Irwin	Todd and Jen Rossel
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<b>Refreshments:</b>	Volunteer Needed	No Coffee Hour	<b>Christmas Cookies</b>	<b>Christmas Cookies</b>	Volunteer Needed
<b>Flowers:</b>	Greens for Advent	Christmas Flowers	Christmas Flowers	Christmas Flowers	Volunteer Needed
<b>Chalicer—8am</b>	Ray Hofbauer	No 8am service	No 8am service	Ray Hofbauer	Ginnie Glassman

## Parish Calendar -- NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> The 21st Sunday After Pentecost  Worship 8 & 10:00am	4	5	6	7	8	9  Fall Clean Up at CCT!  9:00am
<b>10</b> The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost  Worship 8 & 10:00am	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>17</b> The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost Worship 8 & 10:00am  Last Day to drop off:  Cranberry Sauce Frozen Turkeys Fresh Pies	18	19  Delivery to St. John's Sanford House (11:30am-1:30pm)  (Cans of cranberry sauce)  Volunteers Needed!	20  Vestry Mtg 6:30 p.m.	21	22  Delivery to Trumbull Food Pantry (9am-3pm)  Volunteers Needed!	23
<b>24</b> The Last Sunday After Pentecost  Worship 8 & 10:00am  Trumbull Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 4:00pm St. Catherine's Trumbull	25	26	27	28  	29  Office Closed	30  Office Closed

## Parish Calendar -- DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 The 1st Sunday Of Advent  Worship 8 & 10:00am  <b>ECW Christmas Party—1pm-3pm</b>	9  4:00pm - Calvary St. George's Community Supper	10	11	12	13	14
15 The 2nd Sunday Of Advent  Worship 8 & 10:00am  <b>Final day to drop off the presents for the Jesse Tree</b>	16	17	18  Vestry Meeting 6:30pm	19	20	21
22 The 3rd Sunday of Advent  Worship 8 & 10:00am	23	24  <b>4:00pm Choral Eucharist Service</b>  <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	25  <b>Christmas Day</b>  <b>No Service</b>	26	27	28
29 The 4th Sunday of Advent  One Service at 9:00 a.m.  <b>One Service at 9:00am Lessons and Carols</b>	30	31				