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Paige Foreman, Our Summer “Virtual” Intern

Dear Christ Church Community,

As I approach the halfway point of my summer internship at Christ Church Trumbull, I find myself reflecting on my title of “Virtual Intern” and what it means to be in community during the COVID-19 crisis. Can I be present at a place I have not physically been to (yet)? I ask this question with the awareness of the deep sense of place CCT has. The building was erected about 175 years ago, ancestors are buried in the church graveyard, and the annual apple festival celebrates the fruits of soil and sun. To grapple with the idea of virtual community, I turn to the stories and wisdom of my own heritage: Deaf and DeafBlind culture.

One of the first virtual communities was created by DeafBlind people in the 1800s. The story begins with Laura Bridgman, the first DeafBlind student at the Perkins Institution in Massachusetts. Later, another DeafBlind student named Oliver Caswell came to Perkins. Oliver and Laura formed a deep bond. They created a system of communicating with each other through touch, Laura taught Oliver how to read, and eventually, they fell in-love. Upon the return of the headmaster from Europe, who was unfortunately deeply prejudiced, Oliver and Laura were separated from each other. Their touch-based bond was seen as strange and unnatural to those who can hear and see. Isolation from others like them was the fate of many DeafBlind people. Laura and Oliver never connected in a corporeal way again, but they went on to create a Deaf-Blind virtual community by writing letters in braille. Laura connected with a DeafBlind inventor in England as well as John Milton, the author of Paradise Lost. This virtual community was full of ideas, creativity, and love. Unfortunately, a lot of this history is lost as sighted people did not appreciate the meaning and value of braille letters. John Lee Clark, a DeafBlind writer, is doing great work in raising awareness of this story and the value of virtual community.

This story and my experiences as a Virtual Intern have taught me about the importance of documentation, from Maryanne putting together this newsletter to Matthew uploading videos of our church services to YouTube. As this virus robs us of a great deal of face-to-face connection, documentation is resistance and a way to cope. Take pictures of your loaves of sour-dough. Write letters to your loved ones and film your children growing up. This sharing of joys, laments, and creativity is participating in virtual community. One of my recent projects was to create a new Facebook page for CCT, which I hope will serve the parish well and become a storehouse of memories.

A few weeks into my internship, I started to tell people, “I really like it here.” I’m not sure what exactly “here” is, but it is a space I can be present to, something that I can fall in-love with. I am “here” when I participate in Meditation Group, I am “here” when I read Scripture in Zoom services, and I am “here” when we pray for each other. I look forward to the time I can be with you all in-person, but until then, I am grateful to be dwelling in this small virtual community with a big heart.

Grace and peace,
Paige



Did you know that Christ Church Trumbull has a YouTube channel? Well, we do! Pastor Jane started it about three months ago when we began having virtual worship services via Zoom. Every Sunday, we upload our service to our YouTube channel.

Here's a link to see all the videos that we've created so far:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxxbME63ZJdXESbHpJOpJZQ/videos>

We'd love for you to subscribe to our channel. Here's the link to our home page which features our most recent videos. **Please click the Subscribe button!**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxxbME63ZJdXESbHpJOpJZQ/featured>

Check back often for new content!



Did you know that Christ Church Trumbull has a Facebook page? Well, we do! 😊

We've had two other Facebook pages ~ the first was set up as Christ Episcopal Church Tashua. We started a new page when we changed to Christ Church Trumbull. However, that was set up as a profile page and not an organization page. So, we've changed that and we're all set ... for good this time! If you were "friends" with us on our other Christ Church Trumbull page, please go to this new page and "like" our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Church-Trumbull-106337991135308>



We're also on Instagram! This is our newest social media endeavor and we're excited to start posting on this platform too. Our name is: christchurchtashuatrumbull. I know, it seems long ... but once you "friend" us, then you're all set. Look for us on Instagram and start following us. We'll follow you back!

Readers and Hosts Needed!

We still are in need of readers for our worship services and hosts for our Coffee Hour on Sundays. We have about four volunteers and we'd like to have more people in the rotation so that our current volunteers don't get too overwhelmed.

The readers need to be at church on Sunday mornings, arriving about 8:30am.



Coffee Hour hosts can be at home -- just need to sign on to our Zoom account at 10am to start the meeting and end it about a half hour later.

I'm happy to lead you through the process, and from what the other hosts have said, it's actually a very easy thing to do... and really nice to catch up with fellow parishioners.

Please let me know if you're interested in being a reader or host or both!

Sunday Worship Services

We have begun holding outdoor worship services at Christ Church while simultaneously holding a virtual online service. You will find Pastor Jane leading the service along with one of our parishioners on our church lawn; while Matthew and Paige are connected via Zoom. The services begin at 9am. Feel free to “attend” either one. **Please note, this Sunday, July 5th, will be an online service only.** If you wanted to attend the outdoor services, the following are guidelines set forth by the Diocese and our CCT Task Force:

- An in-person service of Holy Eucharist will be offered on our lawn or parking lot at 9am.
- Please check our website on Sunday morning anytime after 7am to find out if our 9am In-person service will take place. In-person service may be canceled due to severe weather or a change in our Reopening Plan.
- All in-person participants and clergy must wear a mask.
- In-person participants must bring their own lawn chairs and sit 6-10 feet apart.
- In-person participants may print the full-service leaflet at home or use their phones to view the full-service leaflet
- In-person participants may not sing, receive communion, or shake hands.
- The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut encourages all those who are at high risk including those with pre-existing health conditions and those over 65 to stay home and stay safe; however, high risk individuals are free to make their own assessments of risk.
- If you are experiencing any symptoms of flu, COVID, or any other infectious illness we ask that you stay home until you are well.
- Following the service, in-person participants who would like to talk and share must do so 6 feet apart.
- A virtual service will be provided via Zoom. Our Music Director, readers, prayer leaders, and at times preachers will be broadcast via Zoom. The Zoom service will be recorded for those participating at a later time.

To join the online worship service via Zoom, please follow this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88676720146?pwd=UktJc1BHUWJQWkNVTHpZK25NQldKQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 7672 0146

Password: 5544321

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Password: 5544321

Pastor Jane will post Sunday services by early afternoon to our website and our YouTube channel. Here are the links to both:

Website: <https://www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxxbME63ZJdXESbHpJOpJZQ/featured>

Thank you all for your patience as we navigate during this time of Covid. We miss seeing all of you on Sunday mornings and are looking so forward to the day that we can worship, in our church, together.

God bless you all.

Remembering those lost to Covid in Trumbull



We at Christ Church are honoring those who have passed in Trumbull from Covid 19 by hanging wooden crosses on our church fence in remembrance. Thank you to our faithful parishioners Lisa Woods, Karen Holmes, and Martine Yourieff who have added to our public form of lament. God bless all of those who are affected by this coronavirus and may the days ahead be better. If you would like to add to our remembrance, please contact the parish office for information on purchasing and hanging the crosses.



Summertime at Christ Church Trumbull

Thank you to Martine Yourieff and all of our hard working gardeners and “waterers” for your amazing help with our church grounds. Your help is even more appreciated and special this year as we’ve been and will continue to hold worship services on our church lawn, surrounded by the beautiful landscape. Don’t take my word for it, take a look for yourself!



News from Camp Washington

In this time of change and new life, we invite you to consider new ways to explore our Camp and Retreat Center.

COME AWAY ~ Stay-cations at Camp Washington!

Perhaps your vacation plans didn't work out the way you planned this year. No need to be totally bummed-out. We are now accepting reservations for cabin and cottage rentals in July and August.

Consider coming away to Camp for your summer getaway. Due to current guidelines and social distancing, space is very limited. Email Bart to discuss dates and possibilities @bgeissinger@episcopalct.org

Feeding the Community

Since the Covid-19 pandemic began, CW Chef Ben Thompson has been cooking, plating, and freezing individual meals for those in need in our neighboring communities.

Executive Director Bart Geissinger and Ben have been delivering meals to shelter programs and schools, and in early May began a pick-up day at Camp. Twice a month we offer meals ready to go, with easy drive-in accessibility at Camp.

On the Wednesday of the same week, we collect food pantry and fresh items for Friday availability. There is great need in our communities, and our neighbors are gratefully finding their way to us twice a month.

To date, we have provided over 700 meals to people in our communities! Thanks to the generosity of friends and donors, we have received over \$1,500 in donations to help offset this ministry.

Making a Difference

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused financial implications for many, and Camp Washington is no exception. Weekend retreats have been canceled since early Spring, Nature's Classroom never came to campus, Summer Camp is canceled, and the Fall looks challenging at best. We are anticipating a sizeable deficit by the end of the year and will be more reliant than ever on the generosity of parishes, families, and friends to help close this gap. If you are able to help, please consider making a gift today. To donate, please click here: <https://www.campwashington.org/mobile-cause>

Virtual Tour of Camp Washington!

To see for yourself how great this place is, take a virtual tour of Camp Washington!

Click on this link: <https://vimeo.com/409301428>



Happy Birthday to our Parishioners!

JULY

2-Jul Courtney Green
4-Jul Julie Hawkins
5-Jul Casey Rossel
9-Jul Daniel Mitola
14-Jul Walter Kaechele, Jr.
16-Jul Diane Foster
16-Jul Elias Jeuland
17-Jul Lydia Morse
18-Jul Jameson Mullady
18-Jul Joshua Owen Green
20-Jul Corrine Barnaby
23-Jul Evie Goepfried
25-Jul Patrick Foster

AUGUST

6-Aug Marala Baijal
9-Aug Margaret Marcotte
10-Aug Harrison Hawkins
11-Aug J. Nicholas Vasone
17-Aug Sara Holmes
19-Aug Christopher Brenha
21-Aug Christopher Mitola
21-Aug Lisa Woods
22-Aug Jody Irwin

Christ Church Vestry

2020 Vestry Members

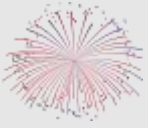
Todd Rossel..... Senior Warden
Jaye Irwin..... Junior Warden
Margaret Marcotte..... Treasurer
John Goepfrich..... Clerk
Bob Mitola
Martine Yourieff.....
Pat Foster
Shirley Mayo
Peter van Zyl.....

Upcoming Vestry Meeting Dates -- via Zoom

July 15th

August 19th

Parish Calendar -- July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 July 4th Holiday!! 
5 The 5th Sunday After Pentecost Virtual Online Service: https:// www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 The 6th Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor and Virtual Online Service: https:// www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	13	14	15 Vestry Mtg. 4:30pm Via Zoom	16	17	18
19 The 7th Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor and Virtual Online Service: https:// www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 The 8th Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor and Virtual Online Service: https:// www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	27	28	29	30	31	

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2 The 9th Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor and Virtual Online Service: https://www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 The 10th Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor and Virtual Online Service: https://www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 The 11th Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor and Virtual Online Service: https://www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	17	18	Vestry Mtg. 4:30pm Via Zoom	20	21	22
23 The 12th Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor and Virtual Online Service: https://www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 The 13th Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor and Virtual Online Service: https://www.christchurchtrumbull.org/online-services/	31					