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From Pastor Jane, our Missional Priest in Charge

For so many the Fall brings with it the return to routine. Of course if you are in school or you have young ones in school, we move from time off of work and school, traveling, camp, lazy days at the lake or the beach back to school and regular work hours. But even when we are not in school or taking a child to school, the summer is often a different pace and often a different routine and the cool cold air of the Fall brings with it a return to familiar routines.

I have heard that creativity at work can peek after an employee returns from a vacation. Vacations allow our minds to rest, and they give us the space and time to find new solutions and dream new dreams. Our minds, bodies, and souls need rest and vacation, a break from the routine. I have a friend who is an artist, and we were talking about limitations recently. He said, "Without limitations it's harder to be creative. I find the art I produce is better when my budget or time is a little tighter. Limitations force me to come up with solutions I never would have before. No... Limitations are a good thing." In many ways I think routines can function in this way as a limitation. Our routines set firm boundaries on our time and location, and we are forced to come up with new and creative solutions based on these limitations. Creativity is not something that comes simply when we are on a break from the routine, creativity can happen in fact because of routine. We may get a creative burst when we are headed toward a deadline or facing the end of a long day at work.

Routines can also help us move forward. Routine and structure are like the lines on a road that help us know if we are on a one way or a two way street. They set up boundaries and allow us to get where we need to go. As any of us know who have tried a new fitness plan, fitness plans do not help us become fit without plenty of repetition and routine. Hard work and dedication means showing up to the gym even when and especially when we do not feel like it. Routines finally can bring comfort and reassurance to those of us who like order. It is reassuring to know what is coming next. Even if we don't want to go to work tomorrow, it is comforting to know that we are going to work tomorrow. It is comforting to know that we have a job, to know what we are expected to do and to have the ability to do the job.

Our spiritual lives similarly need some form of routine and structure. The structure and boundary of deeply engaging in one faith, in one denomination, in one community allows us to go deeper in our journey with God. These boundaries allow us actually to see and experience God in new ways. The structure and routine of weekly church attendance, daily prayer, daily scripture reading allows us to engage our faith again and again, and this exposes us to more and more of God. The more we regularly engage our faith, the more we are able to see God at work in our lives and in the world. And of course the structure and routine of a faith community brings a great deal of comfort. The rhythm of church life brings with it deep and lasting friendship and prayers that are comforting even in their familiarity.

This is the meaning and purpose of routine. It is meant to push our creativity, move us forward, and bring us comfort. Yet we know that routine can also stop serving these purposes. Some routines can become just that – routine. They neither help us think creativity, learn and grow, nor feel any reassurance. Instead some things that become routine can actually seem to stifle or oppress creativity, stunt growth, and create agitation in their sameness.

As you turn from lazy summer days to the familiarity of routine, notice in your life, your family, your community, and your church where routine is serving its purpose. Notice where it is producing good fruit and give thanks for the routine, the usual. Notice also where routine has lost its purpose and it has become stagnant.

As the air turns cool and crisp take inventory of your routines and embrace the ones that give you life and perhaps let go of the ones that have just become – well, routine.

From Todd Rossel, our Senior Warden

A few months back, we arrived for a Sunday morning worship service to find a surprise - a large section of the archway ceiling above our historic organ had given way, raining heavy chunks of 100+ year old plaster on to the organ and the floor below, bending its pipes and making it unplayable (though Matthew soldiered on anyway that day, making music despite several keys that were either barely recognizable or missing entirely!). The result has been summer months with no organ and weeks largely consumed by calls, visits, and discussions with our insurance broker; an amazing organ repair specialist (more on him later); multiple contractors who specialize in plaster repair and consolidation, historic restoration and painting; and structural engineers.

While it will take some time to have the entire area repaired and organ music once again filling the Sanctuary, we are focused on doing the job right and maintaining safety more so than doing it fast. We have some choices to make based on the engineering report and we have to decide what restoration contractor to use. But when we looked at who to bring in to look after our 1849 Simmons & McIntire organ, there was only one person to call – Richard Hamar, master organ builder and repairman, who has been lovingly building, playing, restoring, tuning and assembling (and re-assembling) organs for over 55 years since learning his craft in Germany in the mid-1960s. In fact, Richard has not only tuned our organ several times over the years, he took it apart completely and restored it once before – in 1970!

So with the organ damaged by falling plaster and also needing to be moved to allow for repairs to the archway, we brought Richard in and he made the immediate decision that the organ would not be moved, but in fact had to be taken apart, pipe by pipe (295 of them), piece by piece, screw by screw. And so, at the end of August, Richard (aided by two “apprentices,” Jaye Irwin and me) guided us through the fascinating process of dismantling the organ over two days and carefully storing each piece in the pews running along both sides of the choir loft. Photos of this first phase are included with this article.

While the circumstances may be unfortunate, Jaye and both agreed it was amazing to watch Richard work, knowing where to begin and removing each section like an intricate puzzle, often commenting on certain screws and woodwork that were original to 1850 versus others that were replaced in 1970. We are so grateful that he is so knowledgeable and cares so deeply about this artifact that is truly part of the soul of Christ Church. We pray that God continues to guide his eyes and hands to bring our organ back to its original glory. Jaye and I look forward to continuing our “apprenticeship” after the ceiling is repaired and Richard returns to re-assemble our organ. Additional “apprentices” will also be welcome.

It may be awhile as we bring other craftsmen to Tashua to repair and repaint the area and make it as good as new. But I especially cannot wait to hear Matthew play the organ once again, and I certainly will have a new appreciation for the instrument when that happens. If Christ Church is indeed the “little church with the big heart,” then I think it is our organ, built in Boston more than 170 years ago, that truly makes its heart sing.

We'll keep you posted on the work as it progresses. Thank you for all you do to support CCT and God Bless, Todd

Richard Hamar after removing the pipes from the organ.



Individual components organized and stacked in the choir loft pews.



Richard vacuuming years of dust & plaster from the organ.



Getting ready to remove the front section of the organ



News from Todd Rossel (continued)

Front section removed, openly revealing damaged area.



Top of organ, safely stored on the side.



Jaye Irwin helps remove the final pieces under Richard's guidance.



Empty arch area after completion of disassembly.



News from the ECW

Thank you everyone for your amazing support of our Bakeless Bake Sale again this year!! By the end of August we had raised just about \$800!! We can do so much good for our church and our community with your generous support. Thank you for continuing to give year after year. It is greatly appreciated.

Garden Help Needed!!

Martine Yourieff will be working in the church gardens on this Friday, September 6th (starting at 10am) and this Saturday, September 7th (also at 10am). She will be weeding and doing general clean up before our Apple Festival. Volunteers are needed!! If you are able to help Martine, please RSVP to Martine at: martineyourieff@iia-funds.com or email the Parish Office at info@christchurchtrumbull.org. Thank you in advance!!

New this year at the Apple Festival—Christ Church Hosts!

Pastor Jane would like to connect on a more personal level with our community during the Apple Festival. We are all so busy during the festival days that it is hard to dedicate time to really talking with our visitors. In an effort to change that, Pastor Jane would like to have “Christ Church Hosts” present each day during the festival. These hosts would be available to introduce themselves to visitors and answer any questions about our community and even show people around our church building.

If you are interested in being a host, feel free to talk with Pastor Jane about it. We’ve added a “Hospitality Section” to our sign up sheets so that you can volunteer. You’ll find the Apple Festival sign up sheets on the front table in the undercroft.

No experience needed!! Just a willingness to talk about our awesome church!

43rd Annual Apple Festival at Christ Church Trumbull!

Our 43rd Annual Apple Festival is fast approaching! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28th — 10am-5pm and Sunday, September 29th — 11am-4pm!

Our festival will look a little bit different this year as we've had to scale back because we just don't have enough volunteers to man all of the stations. This is what we will have:

- 1) **Food Tent and CC Cafe** — please start to bring in donated bottles of water, cans of soda, Gatorade, coffee, hot chocolate, plastic utensils, paper plates, cups, napkins, and chips. Please leave your donations in the undercroft.
- 2) **Bake Sale Table** — Calling all bakers!! We need baked goods of all kinds for *both* days ... so that's a lot! The popular candy and caramel apples as well. Any questions, please see Jen Rossel after church or contact her at: 203.209.3086 (cell), 203.268.8965 (home) or e-mail Jen at: jatr818@gmail.com.
- 3) **Kid's Zone** — Here's what's new in this area. There will be no tickets for the games — instead we are going to have wrist bands for the kids at a cost of \$10/day. Once they have their wrist band, they will be able to go in the inflatable obstacle course, play the games, paint a pumpkin and have their face painted. We will have CCT volunteers in the Kid's Zone for supervision, however, the pumpkin painting and the games will be more of a "parent supervised" area this year (and no prizes). We've changed the structure of the kid's area to address the decline of CCT volunteers.
- 3) **Pick a Prize Table and 50/50 Raffle** — please start to bring in your donations for our Pick-A-Prize Table. *New Items Only*. Previous donations included vendor samples, candles, gift cards (grocery stores, Amazon, Visa, etc.), jewelry, sporting event tickets, sporting equipment, decorative household items, fun activities (i.e. party location gift certificates, ride in a police car), kitchenware, handmade quilts, scarves and more. Nothing is too big or too small!
- 4) **Vendors / Crafters** — We will once again have an area for vendors/crafters. If you know of any vendors, or come across any over the next few weeks, please pass along our information to them or get contact" information from them and pass that along to Jody Irwin, Virginia Green or the Parish Office.
- 5) **Entertainment** — We are in need of more entertainment this year as we have less groups/people that have volunteered. If you know of anyone who would like to perform, please give them our information ... we'd love to hear from them!
- 6) Monetary donations are always welcome! If you would like to donate money to help offset our expenses for the Apple Festival, please make your check out to "Christ Church Tashua" and put "Apple Festival Expenses" in the memo section. Feel free to drop your check in the collection plate on any Sunday or mail your check to the church.
- 7) Sign up sheets will be available in the undercroft on Sunday, September 1st. Please sign up for a shift or two!

Help Needed! Mark Your Calendars!

On **Sunday, September 8th**, we need help after church moving the games, chairs and Apple Festival signs down from the garage loft.
The more people who help, the easier it will be!

Please consider staying after Coffee Hour on Sunday, the 8th,
and giving us a hand. Thank you in advance!!

News from the Episcopal Church in CT

Celebrating Baptism: video series and reflecting guide—The sacrament of baptism is an opportunity for joy, power, and a deep connection with tradition. *Celebrating Baptism offers an opportunity to teach and learn about this sacrament through a free video series and accompanying reflection guides available from The Episcopal Church [here](#)*: "Whether participants are preparing for baptism, reaffirming their baptismal vows, or simply learning about the Episcopal theology of baptism, we hope that this series will help inform and inspire all who participate into a greater understanding of what it means to live a baptized life," says Jerusalem Greer, staff officer for evangelism for The Episcopal Church.

Registration now open—Pilgrimage November 16-17—Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.—[The Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network's](#) pilgrimage planning team has acquired tickets to the Museum of African-American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. for Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17. Travel will be by motor coach, departing Hartford Nov. 16 at 4:00am and stopping in Riverside at approximately 5:30am en route. The bus departs D.C. at 2:00pm on Sunday for the return trip. The cost for bus riders is \$80 per person. The Network has an additional 20 tickets available for individuals who wish to make their own travel arrangements. They must be present with the rest of the group to have their timed-entry tickets accepted. Attendees will be responsible for making their own reservations at a nearby hotel, discounted rates are available. Lunch on both days, and Saturday dinner, are also separate. There is no admission fee to the Museum; you need the timed-event tickets. Group size is limited and will be first-come, first-served. [Register today!](#)

From Roots to Leaves: Digging Deep and Growing Tall Faith with Bishop Carol Gallagher—Tuesday, October 8th-10th at 12:00pm. Registration now open, [click here](#) to register:

What's Happening at Camp Washington? The fourth annual Youth Festival will be taking place this Saturday and Sunday, September 7th-8th, for grades 8-12: Come for fun, music, games, great food, worship, and friendship. [More info and register here - reserve your space and t-shirt.](#) [Click here for flyer.](#) Sunday, join Camp Washington in welcoming retired CT Bishop Jim Curry for an afternoon of exploration and healing as we gather around the forge and together, turn swords into plowshares. 4:30 p.m. Followed by worship and meal. \$10 suggested donation for dinner; Register by phone, 860-567-9623.

What's Happening at Christ Church Cathedral? Save the Date: Sunday, September 15th at 3:00pm
This Hip Hop Mass is a Cathedral Centennial celebration offered to all young people (and young at heart) from ECCT and beyond. A fellowship time will follow the service. RSVP to the Hip Hop Mass—[Click here to register](#). This fresh expression of worship began as a Mass in the streets of the Bronx. "From the time of our earliest working-group meetings, our goals remained simple and straightforward: It was to sing the new song of Jesus Christ in the vernacular – the language of the people – especially our younger generations," said Timothy Holder, Creator and Founder. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt in the hood."

Upcoming Events at Christ Church Cathedral—Specially designated Centennial Year events

- October 5, St. Francis Day & Blessing of the Animals, Bushnell Park, 2 p.m.
- October 6, Canon Jones Award, 10 a.m.
- October 26*, Centennial Evensong and Reception ([more info and registration here](#))

ECCT Podcasts and Blogs— Listen to episodes at [Coffee Hour at The Commons](#), or on [iTunes](#), [Google Play](#), and [Stitcher](#)! ECCT's podcast "Coffee Hour" will return on September 6th. [Here's a list of archive guests by date](#) with name/s and topic in case you want to check out past episodes.

STAY CONNECTED



Photos from the Sky's the Limit Party!

Sharing a note from Tonie Kooloian, Jane Flader's wonderful friend who hosted the party for Jane at her home last month. This is what Tonie shared with her friends and family after the party:

About last night fund raiser for our brave and beautiful friend, Jane Flader. Jane is fighting the fight against cancer. The theme was "Sky's the Limit!" A huge heartfelt thank you to all who helped make this a huge success. The Geremia Nurseries for donating over 75 potted plants for the raffle, the thoughtful gift card from our generous friends at Stop and Shop in Trumbull, Crystal Restoration Services of CT Inc. generously lended us tables and chairs, special thank you to Jean Walker for lending them. To the countless volunteers from Christ Church lead by Pastor Jane and the church's amazing administrator Maryanne whose time and efforts are beyond words. There were well over 200 caring people who not only joined us to show love and support. The love and their generosity had no bounds. Honored with many anonymous contributors, those who could not attend but gave selflessly to help Jane and her overwhelming medical expenses. DJ Budda Luvjonz who not only provided the best in entertainment which created a relaxing environment and fun tone to lift spirits, which was the intention for this very memorable event. Thanks to anyone I may have accidentally overlooked; without the "Team Jane" selfless kindness, caring and love this would not have been possible. To Jane's three children, Carolyn, Mark and Matt whose efforts and all of their true friends who showed up in force showing love, respect and support to the Flader family, you all are greatly appreciated and demonstrated what "true friendship" is all about! Thank you everyone much love appreciation to you. God bless you all!



Sunday Servers ~~ September 15 through November 17th

	September 15	September 22	September 29 9:00am Outdoor Service	October 6	October 13
Altar Guild:	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo	Martha Kaechele
Altar Linen:	Shirley Mayo	Shirley Mayo	Shirley Mayo	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele
Greeters:	Volunteers Needed	Sally Lundy Volunteer Needed	Todd and Jen Rossel	Margaret Marcotte Volunteer Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Susan Vasone	Ginnie Glassman	Sally Lundy	Todd Rossel	Susan Vasone
Lector:	Martha Kaechele	Peter Ulisse	John Holmes	Martha Kaechele	Peter Ulisse
Counters:	Bev Van Der Ploeg Kim Atherton	Volunteers Needed	Sally Lundy Volunteer Needed	Todd Rossel Bev Van Der Ploeg	Kim Atherton Volunteer Needed
Refreshments:	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Chalicer at 8am Service	Ray Hofbauer	Margaret Marcotte	No 8am Service	Ray Hofbauer	Ginnie Glassman

	October 20	October 27	November 3	November 10	November 17
Altar Guild:	Shirley Mayo	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo
Altar Linen:	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo	Shirley Mayo	Shirley Mayo
Greeters:	Jen Rossel Volunteer Needed	Volunteers Needed	Jaye and Jody Irwin	Jen and Todd Rossel	Sally Lundy Margaret Marcotte
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Todd Rossel	Ginnie Glassman	Sally Lundy	Tom Hawkins	Susan Vasone
Lector:	Margaret Marcotte	Pat Foster	John Holmes	Peter Ulisse	Jaye Irwin
Counters:	Bev Van Der Ploeg Volunteer Needed	Todd Rossel Volunteer Needed	Sally Lundy Jody Irwin	Margaret Marcotte Volunteer Needed	Sally Lundy Kim Atherton
Refreshments:	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Chalicer at 8am Service	Ray Hofbauer	Margaret Marcotte	Ray Hofbauer	Ginnie Glassman	Ray Hofbauer



September Birthdays!

1-Sep	Kimberly Atherton
3-Sep	Todd Rossel
3-Sep	Guy Walker
5-Sep	Barbara Westerman
7-Sep	Jackson Gilman
7-Sep	Ellie Emmerthal
9-Sep	Vanessa Woods
13-Sep	Sharon McNeal
15-Sep	Jennifer Rossel
18-Sep	David Green, Jr.
18-Sep	Meagan Hawkins
22-Sep	Beth Gilman
27-Sep	Quinn Irwin
27-Sep	Betty Hofbauer
29-Sep	Martine Yourieff
29-Sep	Chris Gilman

October Birthdays!

1-Oct	Kyle Atherton
11-Oct	Matthew Lundy
11-Oct	Cole Irwin
12-Oct	Eliane Baijal
14-Oct	Lindsey Atherton
14-Oct	Caitlin Foster
19-Oct	John Flader
22-Oct	Jerrold Gregory
23-Oct	Nelson Rawlins
27-Oct	Larry Morton
27-Oct	Sadie Walker

*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 numbers are 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.

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!

Vestry Information

2019 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 Date -- 6:30 p.m.

September 18, 2019
October 16, 2019
November 20, 2019
December 18, 2019

Please support our Altar Guild!

One way to support our Altar Guild and the beautiful flower arrangements that they create every Sunday is to sign up for Altar Flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones ... or whatever you'd like!

There is a sign up sheet on the front table in the Undercroft. Feel free to sign up for a few dates.

Possibly more important, Martha Kaechele and Shirley Mayo would really appreciate having some more people help with altar preparation each week.

If you have an interest in this or are just curious as to what's involved before committing, please talk with Martha or Shirley.

They'd be happy to explain what they do and would welcome teaching a few more of our parishioners how to set up our altar each week.



Thanks for your consideration!

SEPTEMBER 2019—Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 The 12th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>One service at 9am</p>	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>8 The 13th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>Worship Services: 8am and 10am</p> <p>Sunday School Outdoor Class</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>15 The 14th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>Worship Services: 8am and 10am</p> <p>Sunday School Officially Begins</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>Vestry Mtg. 6:30 p.m.</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>House Concert at the Holmes Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>RSVP to the Evite!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Possible Picnic and Apple Picking with the kids</p> <p>12:30-2pm</p>
<p>22 The 15th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>Worship Services: 8am and 10am</p> <p>Possible Picnic and Apple Picking with the kids</p> <p>12:30-2pm</p>	23	24	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>Apple Festival Set Up — All Day!!</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Apple Festival 10am — 5pm</p>
<p>29 The 16th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>One Worship Service At 9:00am—Outdoors</p> <p>Apple Festival 11am — 4pm</p>	30		31			

OCTOBER 2019—Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 The 17th Sunday After Pentecost Worship Services: 8am and 10am	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 The 18th Sunday After Pentecost Worship Services: 8am and 10am	14	15	16 Vestry Mtg 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20 The 19th Sunday After Pentecost Worship Services: 8am and 10am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 The 20th Sunday After Pentecost Worship Services: 8am and 10am	28	29	30	31		