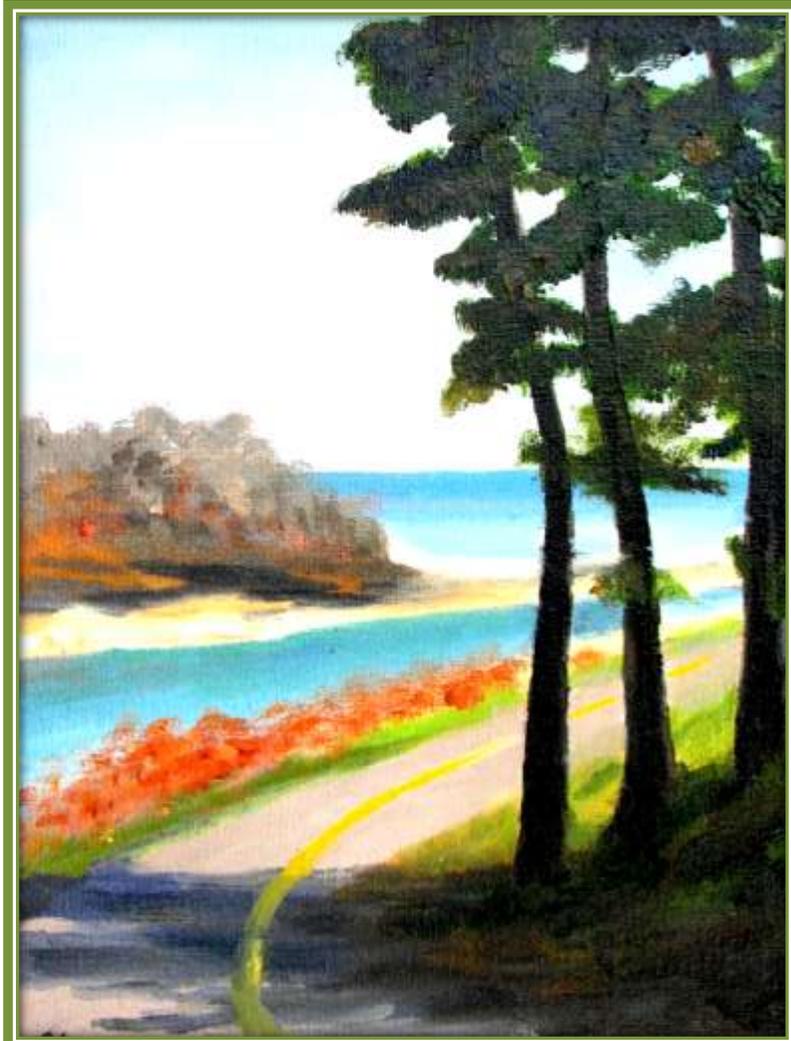
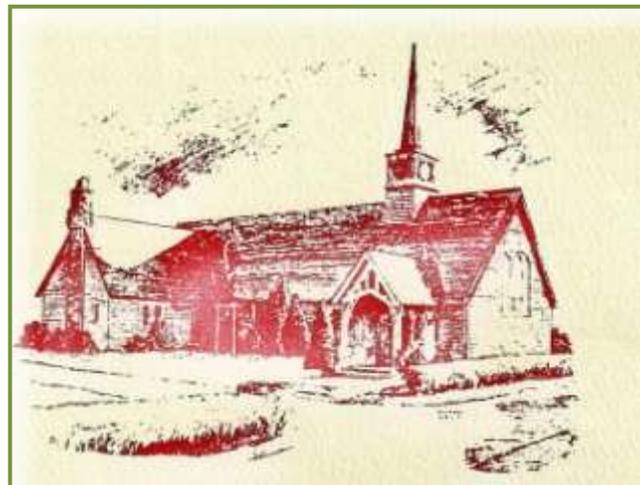


August 2013  
HARBOR WATCH: A Harbor for God's Peace



Porter Lewis, *Mill Creek Road to the Sound*, 11" x 14", oil on canvas, 2013

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### **The Skipper's Log: Rector's Reflections,**

The Great Blue Heron stood majestically beside the water at Cockle Cove, and as the daylight faded, the heron seemed camouflaged, serving as sentinel, silently guarding the Cove. Our family has a saying that any day we see a Great Blue Heron is a good day. And so this good day ended with our twilight view of the beautiful bird. I had forgotten that sunset is getting earlier now even before eight o'clock in the evening. That means summer is gradually fading into fall in a few weeks. As the herons return to us in early August, they signal the fading of summer. Just the other day we saw two Great Blue Herons flying down Mill Creek almost in formation. They were graceful and beautiful. They are such a gift of God's creation to me and they remind me of the Great Creator's gentle Spirit descending to us as a blessing.

Our semi-annual meeting on July 28 was a blessing as well. We planned it to include our seasonal members, which had been done historically when the parish was a summer chapel. The Spirit of God was palpable in our worship and meeting last Sunday. The music was especially meaningful as we heard the choir sing a spiritual "Walk you in the Light," and some Episcopalians found themselves clapping in rhythm. We sang the wonderful hymn we've learned this summer about our church as anchorage, harborage and safety from the storms of life, and how we are called to leave "blessings in our wake" ("Let this place our anchorage be" by Joanne Crowell). Some of our parishioners took on roles of the founding mothers and the men who supported them as we presented "Christ Church: Then and Now," recalling the history of the parish from 1925 to 1978 (the end of our written history). The theme that kept popping up for me was how the faithful parishioners who have gone before us have left blessings in their wake and how we are called in this day to leave even greater blessings in our own wake while we serve in faithfulness at Christ Church.

That takes me back to the Great Blue Heron, who, for me, always leaves blessings in its wake, always flies gently by or overhead with great power and beauty, waits patiently for a fish, and always brightens my day. I told a story in my sermon on Sunday about a "Good Samaritan," who had gone beyond care for himself to minister to my family and to leave blessings in his wake. The story reminded us of the good in people and how some people want so much to serve their fellow human travelers on the road of life. We are called to look for those opportunities to be a blessing to others as this man was to my family. The brief version of the story is that since I forgot about the incredible traffic jams coming on and going off Cape in the height of summer, I had agreed to meet a former seminarian of mine for brunch about two hours away as she was heading to Maine from Maryland. My family was caught in stopped traffic just the other side of the Sagamore Bridge because of an accident and because of summer. We sat still for more than thirty minutes and, because of the accident, cars were not coming in the opposite lane. We knew no other way to go. Just when I was about to call my friends and tell them that, as much as I wished we could see them (we hadn't seen them for a couple of years), we were just stuck for what looked like hours because of an accident near the Bourne rotary. Since we all had our windows down, I asked the man beside us about another way to go and he said we were on the right road. Then the car in front of us turned around (since there were no cars in the other lane) and the man pulled in front of us and said, "Follow me." He took us down the Bournedale Road for miles in a winding, curving, two-lane road. When the road ended, he got out and said to turn right and we would come to I-195 in Wareham and be on our way. I thanked him for his gracious generosity and then he said he had to go back



into that traffic jam to get where he was going.

I was overwhelmed that he would do that for us, complete strangers and then go back into the traffic jam, being further behind than he was. A Good Samaritan, indeed! We were only an hour late to meet our friends and we had a wonderful reunion and gave thanks to God for the kindness of the stranger that day and for the blessings left in his wake.

As our parish moves from the peak of summer through August, we will be working on strategic planning for our future, thanks to the overwhelming input from our recent survey. We will also begin writing some of our church's history from 1978 forward. I give thanks for all of you who supported our terrific semi-annual meeting and I give thanks especially for our senior warden, Jane Romer, who was the "playwright" for "Then and Now" and general coordinator for the day. The fabulous lobster roll team prepared our delicious luncheon, and Bonatt's restaurant in Harwich Port gave us "meltaways" for coffee hour. Joan and our great choir offered wonderful music. The founding women of our parish and their vision for an Episcopal Church in Harwich Port in 1925 left blessings in their wake, and all the faithful who call and called this church "home" have been a blessing to us as well. Like the majestic Great Blue Heron and the new Good Samaritan, let us all leave blessings in our wake. "Let us then with voices strong, sing a new and joyous song, and new missions undertake, leaving blessings in our wake."

❖ *Faithfully, Mother Judith +*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS AND MINISTRY**

Our Altar Guild does so much for us. One aspect of their work is making sure we have lovely flowers on our altar for Sundays. New England Gardens delivers flowers each Saturday and the Altar Guild places them on the altar. These flowers are given by caring parishioners for memorials, thanksgiving and blessings. After the Sunday services the flowers are taken out to be enjoyed by others.....to someone who is ill or unable to come to church, to someone celebrating a birthday or anniversary or perhaps to say thank you.

We have a team of 10 or 12 who take turns delivering the flowers. Look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board by the office if you wish to give flowers. The cost is \$45 per Sunday and may be shared by more than one donor. You can arrange to give the flowers automatically on the same date each year. Please contact Elizabeth Salomé for further details. If you would like to help deliver the altar flowers, contact Sidney Coursen.

#### **Sunday flower Delivery Schedule**

**August 4** Mary Ellen Eichmann, Jane Romer

**August 18** Leave for Nursing Home Luncheon

**August 11** June Bissonette, Betty Decker

**August 25** Lydia Bell, Sidney Coursen

#### **Flowers on the Altar:**

In August flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory/honor of loved ones on:

**August 4** Lynne Sampson, Kevin Bradley, Mark Jacobs

**August 18**

**August 11** Bill Gorham

**August 25** Lucille Ward

#### **Altar Guild Schedule**

**July 31 – August 13** Betty Decker, Elizabeth Salomé

**August 14 – August 27** June Bissonette, Lydia Bell

**August 28 – September 10** Elizabeth Salomé, Boo Lewis

#### **Pastoral Care Committee**

At a recent visit to one of our home-bound members, he spoke of his long-ago addictions to cigarettes and alcohol. He stated that it had been 55 years since he gave them up. "It was one of the best things I ever did; because I could see what bad things they could do to a life. And my faith told me that I didn't need them."



### August Birthdays

Please let us know yours or write your name beside the date on the birthday calendar on the bulletin board by the offices.

August 9	Matt Ellis	August 19	Bob Lawton
August 10	Julie Hubbard	August 19	Jane Bourette
August 11	Anne Gilson	August 20	Fred Thompson
August 16	Charlotte Clark (jr)	August 22	Jamie Gilson
August 17	Annalise Clark Meecham	August 23	Cal Walsman
August 17	Barbara Malin	August 27	Peg Blackburn
August 18	Shoshanna Clark Coburn	August 31	Dave Ward

### August 2013 Sunday Ministries – 8 AM Service

#### Aug. 4

**Greeters:** June Bissonette  
**Ushers:** Bill Hendricks, Earl Beardsley  
**Lectors:** Woody Price, Anna Andolina  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Robert Lawton  
**Prayers:** Jane Romer, Robert Lawton  
**Coffee Hosts:** Betty Decker

#### Aug. 11

**Greeters:** Sheila Moss-White  
**Ushers:** Earl Beardsley, Matt Ellis  
**Lectors:** Karen Alexander, Elizabeth Salomé  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jane Romer  
**Prayers:** Robert Lawton, Jane Romer  
**Coffee Hosts:** Bill Hendricks, June Bissonette

#### Aug.18

**Greeters:** Earl Beardsley  
**Ushers:** Asa Decker, Matt Ellis  
**Lectors:** Elizabeth Salomé, Jane Romer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andy Ross  
**Prayers:** Karen Alexander, Andy Ross  
**Coffee Hosts:** Nancy Macdonald

#### Aug 25

**Greeters:** Asa Decker  
**Ushers:** Andy Ross, Brian Ladley  
**Lectors:** Karen Alexander, Anna Andolina  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Betty Decker  
**Prayers:** Elizabeth Salomé, Betty Decker  
**Coffee Hosts:** Jane Barter

### August 2013 Sunday Ministries – 10 AM Service

#### Aug. 4

**Greeters:** Sandra & Lee Josselyn  
**Ushers:** Julie & Vince Kraft  
**Lectors:** Kathie McDowell, Ann Brown  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Butler,  
Porter Lewis  
**Prayers:** Jim Pappas  
**Coffee Hosts:** Nancy & Dave Truesdale

#### Aug. 11

**Greeters:** Rue & Carl Siegel  
**Ushers:** Bob Neese, Jon Robertson  
**Lectors:** Ric Ferri, Lucille Whipple  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill Gorham, Porter Lewis  
**Prayers:** Diana Landau  
**Coffee Hosts:** Gail Gibson, Diana Landau

#### Aug.18

**Greeters:** Grace & Darwin Price  
**Ushers:** Gail Gibson, Bill Gorham  
**Lectors:** Mary Ellen Eichmann, Greg DeLory  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deborah Aylesworth,  
Porter Lewis  
**Prayers:** Boo Lewis  
**Coffee Hosts:** Sidney & Beau Coursen

#### Aug 25

**Greeters:** Robin & Taylor Weeman  
**Ushers:** Sandy Allard, Jim Pappas  
**Lectors:** Gail Gibson, Rue Siegel  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deborah Aylesworth,  
Bill Gorham  
**Prayers:** Grace Price  
**Coffee Hosts:** Jean Bertrand, Cathy Walsman

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am Healing Eucharist & Nursing Home Luncheon, LEM: Bill Gorham

## Thrift Shop Update

First of all, a big thank you to those of you who work in the shop. Many of you have been with us for years and your service is invaluable. Ask anyone who works in the shop why they do it. They will tell you that it is fun and you get to meet so many interesting people! They also feel fulfilled by helping out the church they love. I know you have seen our appeals before, and maybe you're getting tired of us asking, but we are in near crisis mode. We DO NOT have enough volunteers to cover all the hours the shop is open. **This is no longer a gentle request; it's a plea for help!** At this point, we will have to close the shop for lack of volunteers. The last month has been excellent with many customers spending money at our shop. This is the crucial time of year when we make money in support of Christ Church. We do not want to have anyone working alone, so we need at least two people on for the hours the shop is open. If we only have one person who can work, we will have to close the shop under those circumstances. We need to hear from you. Our calls for help have gone unanswered in the past, but now we are pleading for your help. ANY hours/days you can give us will help. Please call Nancy at 508-432-6826 or Dottie at 508-432-1295.

# AUGUST

THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE



Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Nancy & Dave Truesdale	<b>2</b> Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	<b>3</b> Nancy MacDonald, Joan Murphy
<b>6</b> Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Ann Waldo	<b>7</b> Sandra & Lee Josselyn	<b>8</b> Mary Sparrow, Betty Ann Waldo	<b>9</b> Lucille Ward, Peg Blackburn	<b>10</b> Jeanne & Matt Ellis
<b>13</b> Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Suzanne Lee	<b>14</b> Sandra & Lee Josselyn	<b>15</b> Dave & Nancy Truesdale	<b>16</b> Lucille Ward, Jane Romer	<b>17</b> Nancy MacDonald, Nancy Truesdale
<b>20</b> Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Decker	<b>21</b> Sandra & Lee Josselyn	<b>22</b> Mary Sparrow	<b>23</b> Lucille Ward, Marge Marion	<b>24</b> Asa Decker, Sheila Moss-White
<b>27</b> Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Ann Waldo	<b>28</b> Sandra & Lee Josselyn	<b>29</b> Dave & Nancy Truesdale	<b>30</b> Lucille Ward, Marge Marion	<b>31</b> Nancy MacDonald

Dear Rev. Judith & Friends at Christ Church

7/29/2013

Thank you so much for the warm welcome at your semi-annual meeting and for the absolutely beautiful flowers. Also Judith, for the copy of the history of Christ Church. I now have a plaque of the church (done by Janet Stark) and a print of the church dated 11/75. I am so thrilled to have all these mementos. I may not be there physically all the time, but my spirit is. You were my family for almost 20 years and in my heart you all are still there. Again, many thanks and God Bless all of you.

Pauline Caputo

## Outreach

Thank you to all who participated in this year's **African Jewelry and Craft Sale**. We sent a total of \$808 to African Team Ministries. The monies are used to provide for orphan and refugee relief and missions in the East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. Profits from the sale of African jewelry and crafts provide school fees, tuition, books and uniforms for children. Additionally, meals are also provided to families in drought stricken areas. The worst drought in 60 years has caused a severe food crisis in Kenya and has left more than 3 million Kenyans facing malnutrition and starvation. African Team Ministries has sent a 40 foot container with 250,000 meals. Thank you again for supporting this ministry.

Please be on the lookout for information on the Orleans **Habitat for Humanity** build. Habitat reports that infrastructure building continues to go well and that volunteer crews will start in late July/early August.

**Don't forget to bring food for the needy:** Thank you for your donation to the families who really need food for life! Please bring non-perishable food to place in the food basket on Sundays or during the week. This food is also taken to the Family Pantry. **The "food of the month"** is Sugar, Flour, Coffee, Tea, Rice - plain and mixes, Crackers & Cookies. We bring gifts of food forward at the Sunday offertory as well reminding ourselves to care for the needy. Thank you!

► Elizabeth Salomé for the Outreach Team

## Education for Ministry (EfM) – An Evening Course of Study and Reflection!

A new course, **Education for Ministry**, is starting up on Tuesday evenings in September at 5:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Sara T. Fry, PhD, RN (from the Church of the Holy Spirit) and I will be Co-Mentors. This program is a great place to search for answers and to study the Bible, Church history and theology. *EfM* is a journey of study, reflection, small group experience, and yes, laughter! The course fee is \$350 per year, but an anonymous donor is helping with tuition, which will finally be less than \$200 each for the year. Some additional scholarship help may be available from our church. If you want to know more, talk with me. The most helpful aspect of *EfM* for me was the "Theological Reflection model," which really helps us synthesize our own experiences and questions with the rich traditions of the Church. The course can cover four years (Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Church History, Theology). The *EfM* four-year curriculum was developed by the School of Theology (Episcopal) at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. We meet for 3 hours each week for 36 weeks, September through May. We have wonderful discussions about the information we have read and what it means to each person. You need commit for only one year at a time. Our course begins near the end of September. Course fee includes books and materials. More in the next *Harbor Watch*! ► Mother Judith



**ART KAMP 4 KIDS** will be held once again this year from **August 19-23**, Monday-Friday, 10am to noon with snacks provided. Ages 6-13, \$50 for the week, or \$10 per day. 20% discount for siblings, cousins, etc. Family cap of \$150. Art supplies provided. This year's theme is "painting and drawing from nature" and will involve time outdoors near the church with supervision. Artists from the Guild of Harwich Artists will offer instruction in various media in the visual arts. **Please register by August 14** by calling or emailing the church. Parents or Grandparents are welcome. Great activity for visiting grandchildren!



Photos from the semi-annual meeting: Lobster roll crew; Parishioners watching skit.



# AUGUST 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Semi Annual Parish Meeting & Breakfast	<b>29</b> 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	<b>30</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12:00 PM Book Group @ The Melrose 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace	<b>31</b> 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Yoga	<b>1</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open	<b>2</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:30 AM Lobster Roll Lunch	<b>3</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:00 AM Wedding & Reception 7:30 PM AA Meeting
<b>4</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	<b>5</b> 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	<b>6</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace 7:00 PM Property Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Yoga	<b>8</b> 9:00AM Worship Mtg 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 4:30 PM Outreach Meeting	<b>9</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:30 AM Lobster Roll Lunch	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Fellowship Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Baptism	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM GHA Board Meeting 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	<b>13</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace 5:00 PM Vestry	<b>14</b> 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast/Discussion 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Yoga 5:00 PM Good Grief @ Hunan	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Pastoral Care 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 4:00 PM Planned Giving/Stewardship	<b>16</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:30 AM Lobster Roll Lunch	<b>17</b> 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
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## Semi Annual Meeting Report

The meeting was opened and a quorum declared. A short skit covering parts of the early history of the parish was performed to the delight of all. Treasurer, Asa Decker spoke about Planned Giving. We have several donors who have given more than \$102,000. Twenty two per cent of parishioners have indicated that they have included Christ Church in their estate planning. Asa noted the big difference in the cost of running the summer church for \$1200 to the present cost of more than \$900 a day. He noted that some of the pledges for this year are not up-to-date and hopes this can be corrected.

Following Asa's report, Jan Robertson, chair of the Administration Committee and the Strategic Planning Task Force reported on the recent survey which will provide us with an overall view of ourselves including indicators of our feelings and positions about our parish. This was very successful. More than 65 parishioners responded with a few more to be included. This information is to be used in the strategic planning choices and decisions about our programs, worship and finances for the future growth and health of the parish. We expect that the gathering of all the information started in June will be completed by September/October. Then the vestry will have a report of our current assets and liabilities as well as information and responses to the survey along with suggested options, choices and decisions we will need to make to promote a strong and active future in this special place.

We are grateful to Asa and Jan for their long hours of work and dedication. Special thanks to Bonatt's for the gift of three trays of meltaways for coffee time.

*This place is truly blessed.*

*There are so many willing hands to help and hearts to reach out.*

*Joy, enthusiasm, music and laughter have been given to us in abundance.*

*Thank you Father for all your love, strength and blessings.*

► Jane Romer, Senior Warden

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**Vestry 2014:** Elizabeth Salomé

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**Vestry 2015:** Lynne Sampson

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Sexton: Todd Woolley

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