

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



Brewster Grist Mill by Betty Decker, acrylic on canvas, 2013



A newsletter of Christ Church Episcopal-Harwich Port, MA

*Our mission is to invite all people to celebrate with us in our worship and service of God,
so that together we may make Christ's love known in our world.*



Mother Judith teaching Art Kamp 4 Kids

The Skipper's Log: Rector's Reflections,

August has felt like early fall on Cape Cod and we are thankful for some cool nights and low humidity. September is here and our cycle of life starts up again as 'back-to-school,' football games and all the signs of fall always show us. The shorebirds have begun their migration early because of the cool days and nights. The warm waters of Nantucket Sound and the ocean of the Outer Cape have driven the whales further north this late August, and I saw some early orange leaves on Maple trees this week. We are finishing up our Fellowship team's summer raffle with all of your wonderful offerings, and now we move into fall, concluding our famous lobster roll lunches, which our team has faithfully prepared all summer, even on unbearably hot July Fridays. We also we begin our fall classes, meetings and events.

We have many offerings for fall and something for everyone. Our book group meets on Tuesdays (except for the third Tuesday when we have our wonderful healing Eucharist and luncheon for our friends from area nursing homes), and we are enjoying a fabulous biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We welcome any of you to join us at noon at the Melrose (bring your bag lunch). Our Wednesday morning Eucharist, breakfast and theology discussion is open to all. About 15 of us gather weekly for a great beginning to our Wednesdays. Our discussion topics range from the "saint-of-the-day" to current issues like the March on Washington, which we discussed this week. We take turns preparing a simple breakfast. Our Bible study group begins again on Wednesdays at 9am. We have been discussing the Wisdom literature of five faith traditions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism) and we will continue that through September and then study other scriptures. Our Knitters for Peace will now enjoy a larger room since we moved the downstairs parlor across the hall. All are welcome to join this spiritual experience. Christian Yoga meets on Fridays and offers a meditative spiritual experience for all who join in. We will begin an Education for Ministry Group on Tuesday evenings to study Scripture, Theology, Church History and learn and enjoy "Theological Reflection" in an intentional small group sharing (see the August *Harbor Watch*).

A group of us enjoyed a wonderful trip to see the Sadao Watanabe Biblical Prints in Chatham this summer and we are planning a field trip to the Russian Icon Museum in Clinton in early fall. Our wonderful choir welcomes you to join in the community of singers in weekly rehearsals and participation in a vital role in our worship. Our pastoral care Friends in Faith and worship team meet regularly in planning our ministries. Our Good Grief group is available to you for support and care. Our Friday painting group, Artful Parishioners and Friends, welcomes you to join us. All of us can find some offering of our parish to enrich our spiritual life this fall.

If you are seeking a more active role in the life of our parish, we welcome you to find your ministry among us. Remember, we could use a few more of you to help in our Thrift Shop. We are a great parish family and we would love for more members of our larger community to be a part of our life together. Tell your neighbors and friends about how much you love our parish and invite them to come to church with you some Sunday or to join you in a fellowship event like "Game Night" in September.

I look forward to sharing a great fall season with you all. Thanks for a great summer for all of you who participated in Lobster Roll, Thrift Shop, Choir, Collation Team, Fellowship Team, Good Grief, Outreach, Vestry, Pastoral Care, Worship, Property, Strategic Planning, Stewardship, Planned Giving, our incredible Yard Sale, Finance Team, Altar Guild, and whatever I left out. We had our best ever Art Kamp 4 Kids with 13 kids registered and they enjoyed our week of art instruction.

Finally, I would share with you that those families who came to our church as guests for baptisms and weddings this summer were very impressed with our worship, our welcome, our friendliness, our caring, and our beautiful church. They felt a spirit here that was vital to them. Our seasonal visitors on Sundays and

at Friday lobster roll lunches expressed similar sentiments. Those who come for our Healing Eucharist and Lunch from area nursing homes love coming to church and sharing lunch; they were thrilled with their lobster rolls in August. We have a great parish that means so much to us. Let us go into fall, always leaving blessings in our wake and let us commit ourselves to all that we can be as witnesses to our faith in this place, our anchorage.

► *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

September 1 Ann Brown, Pat Kennedy	September 8 Sheila Moss-White
September 15 Leave for the Nursing Home Luncheon	
September 22 Mary Elen Eichmann, Jane Romer	September 29 June Bissonette, Betty Decker

Flowers on the Altar:

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

September 1 Coursen Family	September 8
September 15 Meg & Jim Pappas	September 22
September 29	

Altar Guild Schedule

August 28 – September 10 Elizabeth Salomé, Boo Lewis
September 11 – September 24 Sheila Moss-White, Lydia Bell
September 25 – October 8 Betty Decker, Elizabeth Salomé

September Birthdays

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

September 1	Kerry Lotti	September 14	Elizabeth Salomé
September 1	Judy Axner	September 18	Abigail Walsh
September 2	Phyllis Ingalls	September 18	Karen Butler
September 5	Beau Coursen	September 20	Todd Woolley
September 5	Mary Sparrow	September 23	Kimberly Schoener
September 6	Porter Lewis	September 25	Tyler Hadfield
September 14	Deborah Aylesworth	September 27	Claudette Williams





ART KAMP 4 KIDS was a huge success this summer with 13 kids registered. They learned art instruction in the visual arts of drawing and sketching, painting in acrylic, printmaking and tissue collage. They were proud of their drawings and their painting of a beach scene to frame along with their print and tissue collage. Mother Judith led the Kamp along with help from fellow members of the Guild of Harwich Artists, Barbara Grasso and Lydia Bell. Jane Romer's friend El and Ellen Veinotte also assisted. The kids can't wait 'til next summer.



September 2013 Sunday Ministries – 8 AM Service

September 1

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

September 8

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

September 15

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

September 22

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

September 29

Greeters: Asa Decker
Ushers: Earl Beardsley, Matt Ellis
Lectors: Elizabeth Salomé, Anna Andolina
Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Decker
Prayers: Robert Lawton, Betty Decker
Coffee Hosts: Nancy MacDonald

Counter's Schedule

September 1 Beau Coursen, Lucille Ward
September 8 Asa Decker, Bob Neese
September 15 Matt Ellis, Julie Kraf
September 22 Betty Decker, Vince Kraft
September 29 Beau Coursen, Lucille Ward



From summer thank-you notes to Judith and the Church:

For a wedding in August

“What a special ceremony you performed for us. We loved your words and humor and especially your blessing and words of guidance. You made our special day even that much more personal and special.”

For a baptism in August

“Sincere thank you to you and the members of Christ Church Episcopal for the endearing and welcoming ceremony at the Baptism of my grandson. Your words at the ceremony and during the sermon were thought-provoking. My husband and I will be at Christ Church on our visits to our family in the future. And the cranberry bread was yummy.”

For pastoral care in August

“Just a quick note to thank our wonderful Christ Church family for your cards, notes, calls and visits. Every one brightened my day. Hope to join you in church soon.”

And a note with a donation from one of our nursing home guests concerning the Healing Eucharist/Luncheon:

“Please accept this donation in memory of Joe. Joe did not participate in many programs but every month he would enthusiastically accept the invitation to attend the ‘church trip.’ He loved it! The monthly service and luncheon is a wonderful thing for nursing home residents. Thank you for your dedication.”

September 2013 Sunday Ministries – 10 AM Service

September 1

Greeters: Sandra & Lee Josselyn
Ushers: Julie & Vince Kraft
Lectors: Jan Robertson, Beau Coursen
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Butler,
 Porter Lewis
Prayers: Lucille Whipple
Coffee Hosts: Nancy & Dave Truesdale

September 8

Greeters: Mary Sparrow, Juliette Levesque
Ushers: Bob Neese, Jon Robertson
Lectors: Ann Brown, Ric Ferri
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Butler, Bill Gorham
Prayers: Kathie McDowell
Coffee Hosts: Jean Bertrand, Cathy Walsman

September 15

Greeters: Pat Kennedy, Lucille Whipple
Ushers: Gail Gibson, Jim Pappas
Lectors: Dave Bowley, Sidney Coursen
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth,
 Porter Lewis
Prayers: Mary Ellen Eichmann
Coffee Hosts: Sidney & Beau Coursen

September 22

Greeters: Robin & Taylor Weeman
Ushers: Sidney Coursen, Jon Robertson
Lectors: Diana Landau, Grace Price
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Butler, Bill Gorham
Prayers: Jim Pappas
Coffee Hosts: Gail Gibson, Kathie McDowell

September 17th, 11:30 am Healing Eucharist & Nursing Home Luncheon, LEM: Bill Gorham

September 29

Greeters: Grace & Darwin Price
Ushers: Julie & Vince Kraft
Lectors: Boo Lewis, Greg DeLory
Eucharistic Ministers: Deborah Aylesworth, Bill Gorham
Prayers: Rue Siegel
Coffee Hosts: Elaine Gray, Lydia Bell



SEPTEMBER

THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Ann Waldo	4 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	5 Nancy & Dave Truesdale	6 Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	7 Nancy MacDonald, Jane Barter
10 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Decker	11 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	12 Mary Sparrow, Betty Ann Waldo	13 Lucille Ward	14 Matt & Jean Ellis
17 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Ann Waldo	18 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	19 Nancy & Dave Truesdale	20 Lucille Ward, Jane Romer	21 Nancy MacDonald,
24 Nancy MacDonald, Betty Decker, Dottie Callaghan	25 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	26 Mary Sparrow, Ann Brown	27 Lucille Ward, Marge Marion	28 Asa Decker, Sheila Moss-White
Oct. 1 Nancy MacDonald, Dottie Callaghan, Betty Ann Waldo	Oct. 2 Sandra & Lee Josselyn	Oct. 3 Nancy & Dave Truesdale	Oct. 4 Lucille Ward, Pat Kennedy	Oct. 5 Nancy MacDonald,

Education for Ministry (EfM) – An Evening Course of Study and Reflection is starting up on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 24 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. *EfM* is a journey of study, reflection, small group experience, and yes, laughter! The course fee will 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 Judith. 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 covers four years (Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Church History, Theology). The First Year course for new participants is Hebrew Bible, but other class members will be studying the other areas and we share together, combining our insight. 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 on September 24. Course fee includes supplies.

VESTRY Notes: The painting of the church's exterior trim has been completed with an on-budget cost of \$6500. A motion to approve \$2400 for repairs and replacement of some of the wood around the front entrance that had to be done before that area could be painted was unanimously approved.

Janet Robertson reported that almost all of the Strategic Plan surveys had been returned and the responses to the survey questions were very positive. A large majority of the responders found Christ Church very supportive of its members, very welcoming to new people, a spiritually vibrant and joyful place, with 90% being completely satisfied or moderately satisfied with Christ Church. More than 80% find the church to be a joyful place. Janet also reported on various ways that Christ Church can attain various degrees of economic stability in the future. These will be discussed as part of the Strategic Plan being formulated for the parish.

► Lee Josselyn

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	3 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace 7:00 PM Property Meeting	4 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist /Breakfast/Discussion 11:00 AM Finance Committee 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts meeting	5 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open	6 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:30 AM Lobster Roll Lunch	7 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
8 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	9 9:30 AM GHA Board Meeting 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	10 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12N Book Group 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace 5:00 PM Vestry	11 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist /Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:00 PM Good Grief 6:00 PM Boy Scouts meeting	12 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:30 PM Choir	13 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:30 PM Game Night	14 10:00 AM Fellowship Meeting 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
15 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	16 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	17 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 11:30 AM HE & Luncheon Nursing Home Residents 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace	18 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist /Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 6:00 PM Boy Scouts meeting	19 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:30 PM Choir	20 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Yoga	21 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
22 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	23 4:00 PM Weight Watchers	24 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 12N Book Group 2:00 PM Knitters for Peace 5:00PM EfM	25 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist /Breakfast/Discussion 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 5:00 PM Good Grief (Location TBD) 6:00 PM Boy Scouts meeting	26 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 4:00 PM Planned Giving/Stewardship 5:30 PM Choir	27 9:00 AM Artful Parishioners 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 3:00 PM Yoga	28 11:00 AM Thrift Shop Open 7:30 PM AA Meeting
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OUTREACH

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. This food is also taken to the Family Pantry. **The "food of the month"** is oatmeal, powdered milk, instant potatoes, jell'o, pudding mixes, canned vegetables, and canned meats: ham, stew, chili. We bring gifts of food forward at the Sunday offertory as well reminding ourselves to care for the needy.

Habitat for Humanity reports that the Orleans build is progressing. Foundation permits have been secured for the site, trees will soon be removed in preparation for excavation work, and then foundations. They anticipate volunteers will be working on site this fall. There will be a Kick-Off for the Orleans build on September 18 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

As you all know, September is the start of hurricane season, and it's always a good idea to refresh what we need to have ready in case of emergencies. Emergencies can come at any time, whether it be a hurricane, a fall storm that knocks out power, or a winter snow storm that may force some into shelters. Everyone should have a "go kit" and guidelines are published in an article in the September 2013 issue of *To Your Good Health* (and posted on the bulletin board at church). Thank you!

► Elizabeth Salomé for the Outreach Team

Our season of gratitude: It's time for our fall pledge drive for our commitment to our parish. Our theme this year is "Gratitude and Commitment." We will invite you to "fireside chats" the week of September 22-29 to discuss our financial life and how we express our gratitude for all this parish means to us. A fireside chat host will call you.

Altar Guild: The Fall Devotional of the Diocesan Altar Guild will take place on Saturday, October 16 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal, Quincy, MA.

The speaker for this year's meeting will be Steve Fendler, President of CM Almy and he will be speaking on the "Care of Your Altar Silver and Brass." It should be a very informative presentation.

We must make our reservations by October 16. The agenda for the day will be Morning Eucharist at 10:00, with a coffee break at 10:45. The speaker will begin at 11:00. Please let me know if you are able to attend. I have directions to Quincy for those interested. ► *Elizabeth Salomé*

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