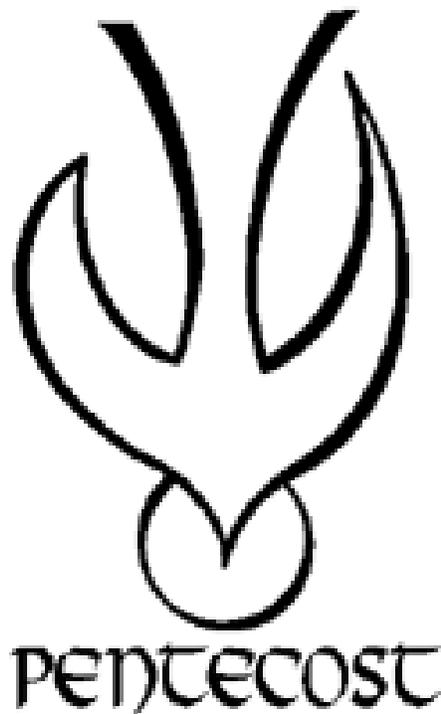


THE GOOD NEWS

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Christ Church Mission Statement:

*Our mission at Christ Church 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.*



note from
the Rector

Saint Benedict, who founded monastic communities in the sixth century in Europe, said in his *Rule of Benedict*, Chapter 43, that “Nothing is to be preferred to the work of God,” and for Benedictine monastics this “work” (Greek work *leitourgia* ‘public service, worship,’ from *lēitos* ‘public’ + *-ergos* ‘working’) is praying the Liturgy of the Hours (like Evensong). That prayer is central to the life of the community and is usually prayed three times a day, Morning, Noon, and Evening (known also as Matins, Noonday prayers and Evensong). The Liturgy of the Hours concludes with Compline, an office that “completes” the day. These Offices are a means for God to be praised, for the needs of people the world over to be remembered, and an opportunity for the members to be shaped and changed.

For those of us who attended our services of Holy Week, particularly in the evenings with Evensong on Palm Sunday, Tenebrae on Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies in the evening (and Good Friday at noon), we found ourselves more centered in prayer, shaped and changed, and found praying with others to be very meaningful. Joan and I particularly liked chanting the antiphons for the Psalms at Tenebrae.

All of this is to say that prayer is central in our personal devotion and corporate liturgy. And to make this point, I have put a table in the Church (where we put the crèche at Christmas) with a sign that says “Prayer Table.” You will find a notebook in which you may write prayer requests, and our regular “prayer list” (featured in the “This Week at Christ Church”), as well as a long-

term prayer list. You may make additions and deletions to these lists. We like to keep people on our prayer list for a month at a time. In addition, a few “prayer squares” by the Knitters for Peace are on the table, and you may take one to give to a friend who needs healing love. A candle will be burning to indicate that prayers have been said at the table. Please take advantage of this Prayer Table. In addition, when we come to the prayers of the people on Sundays, please name the persons you have on our prayer list. This increases everyone’s participation in prayer.

This Eastertide, let us be more attentive to prayer as we pray for our parishioners, family and friends, as well as the needs of the world. Keep in mind these words from an old gospel hymn I grew up singing: “Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father’s throne, Make all my wants and wishes know.”

Happy Easter, Faithfully, Judith+



March: 1. The Rector’s Report included a review of the Diocesan Business Practices Workshop attended by the Rector, Skip Atwater, Jon Davis and Chris Menard. Copies of the Manual of Business Methods and Church Affairs are in the church office. 2. The Rector consulted with The Rev. Andi Taylor of St.

David’s Episcopal Church in South Yarmouth to exchange audit teams between our two churches, which will cost far less than paying an external CPA. 3. The vestry discussed a review and

clarification of our mission statement. 4. A Newcomers Brunch will follow the one service at 9:00 am on June 4th.

April: 1. Elaine Ottaway's resignation for health reasons was accepted. 2. The Worship Committee purchased a Holy Week banner to highlight the week. 3. The Lobster Roll volunteers are ready to resume work from late June through Labor Day. No chairperson has been found yet. 4. The Rector launched a discussion on how to "Re-Imagine" the church in this day and age. 5. The mission statement review discussion proved how difficult it is to write a statement that can be used in guiding decision making. 6. A Diocesan consultant will come in May to help us plan for the future including staffing and a 3-5 year strategic plan to include the Rector's mandatory retirement at age 72.

A Brief History of Our Lobster Roll Luncheon



Lobster Roll Luncheons have been a summer time tradition for approximately 36 years at Christ Church. The first lobster roll luncheon was begun by the women of the church. It was not until 1982 that it was held every Friday throughout the summer under the direction of the Men's Club. Fred Rowley reported in 1984 that an average of 147 lobster rolls @ \$5.00 each were served each Friday, and 3,076 were served that summer. Profits after costs were given to the parish. Fred Rowley and Joan Murphy reorganized the Lobster Roll process in 1988. Betty Ripley took

charge in 2001 after Fred and Joan stepped down. Betty served until 2007 when Boo and Porter Lewis assumed the leadership. Homemade pies were almost always sold out from then on. Meg and Jim Pappas took over in 2010 when the price per lobster roll had risen to \$14.00 due to the rising cost of lobster. A net profit of \$10,000 was given to the parish that year. In 2015 Nancy and Dave Truesdale needed to raise the price to \$15.00 serving 1,620 lunches. “Daisy the Dishwasher” aka Ellen Veinotte introduced the fund raising project of selling aprons, T-shirts and tote bags with our Christ Church Lobster Roll logo. Approximately twenty volunteers share the duty of preparing and serving the lobster roll, Cape Cod potato chips, homemade cole slaw, coffee tea, lemonade and a slice of pie, along with free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for children. The lobster meat is purchased fresh each week. Visitors come from all over the country and even other parts of the world. The lobster roll lunch has become a tradition for a number of generations of families and friends each year. If you have never tasted one of these lunches, you have really missed a great treat. Also, think about joining the team!



Fellowship: April 28 Potluck dinner and report on Habitat’s Build, Dominican Republic
Pastoral Care: Easter flowers delivered to sick and home bound parishioners
Worship: Lenten, Holy Week and Easter planning and scheduling services

Holy Week 2017

Thank you to all who helped make our Lenten programs of Evensong, Holy Week and Easter meaningful: Mother Judith, Joan Kirchner and the Choir, Elizabeth Salomé and the Altar Guild members, ushers, greeters, LEMS, lectors and readers, coffee hour providers and grounds cleaner-uppers. Alleluia!



Palm Sunday



Tenebrae



Good Friday



Easter

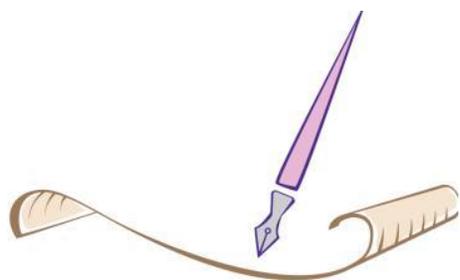


World Day of Prayer

On Friday, March 3, 2017 I attended and participated in the world day of prayer. It was an ecumenical service held worldwide and locally at the Pilgrim Church in Harwich. The world day of prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together observing a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. It is a movement that is carried out by women in

more than 170 countries. It brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions into close fellowship, understanding, and prayerful action. Each world day of prayer worship service has a special theme prepared by a specific country. Last year our church hosted the event about Cuba. This year's country was the Philippines. I and five others participants processed into the church wearing the colors of the Philippine flag and carried symbols of the Philippine women's lives. I carried a bowl of rice and a string of fish. The congregation shared the gospel reading and prayers written by the women of the Philippines. We also listened together as each of us represented a woman from the Philippines and shared her story. We learned about abuse and injustices committed against women and children in the Philippines such as unfair wages, physical and emotional abuse, and human trafficking. We prayed in solidarity for justice and peace with the women of the Philippines and women all over the world. It felt wonderful to participate in a nonviolent, prayerful call for justice!!! I encourage you to attend or pray at home next year!

Submitted with prayer by: Tina McGrath



We All Have a Story

I was born in Binghamton NY, the second of 4 children (Dad wouldn't give up until he got his boy!). I spent my early years, until age, 6 in Binghamton until we outgrew our 2 bedroom apartment and moved to Maine, NY, a small town with

not much more than a tiny grocery store and a few churches. If you had the opportunity to watch the Little League World Series this past year, you got a glimpse of my alma mater, Maine-Endwell High School, the winning team! YEAH!

When I graduated I began my nursing career at Robert Packer Hospital School of Nursing in Sayre, PA. I loved nursing but did not have the opportunity to finish my schooling at that time. I returned home and worked part-time for IBM until I married in 1965. The most precious things I was blessed with from that marriage were my two children (Steven born in 1966 and Sheri born in 1969). We were able to purchase a home in Apalachin, NY where we lived for 8 years before the marriage broke up. By then, I had taken a job with the local Telephone Company as a service representative. I worked for that company for 25 years in various positions. I earned my Associates degree in Business Management while working and was able to advance to a management position. It was difficult juggling work, raising children and attending college at the same time, but well worth it. The children and I laugh now about eating Banquet Pot Pies (at 33 cents each), hot dogs and mac and cheese several nights a week.

I met Asa in 1981 while working in Norwich, NY. At one point he was even my boss (a position that changed when we were married in 1991). My last position with the Telephone Company was as Quality Team Administrator. At that time the company was downsizing and I was asked to prepare the employees for future employment. I decided to start from the beginning, to have them take aptitude tests to determine what they **really** wanted to do the rest of their working lives. In taking the tests myself, I determined

I had to go back to school and complete my nursing degree. I entered Ellis Hospital School of Nursing in Schenectady, NY and graduated Valedictorian in 1999. Being 55 years of age there were several people that questioned my desire to enter that profession at that stage of my life but I am convinced, and it has become my life philosophy, that if you are on the right track and serious about what you want, you cannot be stopped. I have a refrigerator magnet that says “What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail” I wish we could all live our lives that way.

As most of you know, I worked for the Visiting Nurses Association for 13 rewarding years after we moved to the Cape in 2000. I found my Hospice work to be the most fulfilling time of my life, assisting patients to be at peace and ready to cross over to their awaiting home with Jesus.

We joined Christ Church Episcopal in 2003 and again found our church home. As I often say “You had us from HELLO” and both Asa and I have enjoyed the “church work” we have done and our church family.

Submitted by: Betty Decker



Coming Events

- May 25 Ascension
- June 4 Pentecost- one service @
9:00 am followed by
Newcomers Lunch
- June 11 Trinity Sunday

Regular Activities

Tuesdays: Book Club at The Melrose (except 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Third Tuesday of the Month: Healing and Eucharist Service for Nursing Home Residents

Wednesdays: 7:30 am Eucharist Service followed by breakfast and discussion

Wednesdays - Saturdays: 11:00-3:00 pm Thrift Shop open

Fridays: 3:00 pm Christian Yoga



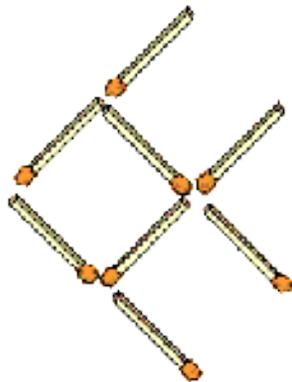
PASS IT ON!

Please e-mail to the church, your stories, articles, prayers, items of interest etc. for the next newsletter by June 23.

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Challenge Yourself

Move just 3 matches so that the fish swims the other direction.



Submit the correct solution to Kerry and receive a prize!!

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