

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.*



Embracing Brave Change.

Sandy Marshall has been a consultant for parishes in her work with the Alban Institute for many years, and we are fortunate that Sandy has retired to Orleans, and has agreed to work with us as we “re-imagine” our church for the next 2-5 years. Sandy met in a two-hour working session with the Vestry on June 15 to gather data and have conversation about our parish. She will meet with the entire congregation on **Sunday, July 16, during an expanded coffee hour, following one service at 9am.** This will be a similar data-gathering session as we listen to one another about the future of our parish. The Vestry will provide expanded coffee hour refreshments. The impetus for these conversations came out of meetings earlier with consultants, the Canon to the Ordinary, and Bishop Gayle. Our meetings also result from the new mission strategy of the Diocese.

Last fall, the Diocesan Convention adopted a new mission strategy that calls the people and congregations of the Diocese of Massachusetts to “embrace brave change by reimagining congregations, building relationships and engaging the world.” In a short video available on the Diocesan website (<http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-news/Imagine-Embracing-Brave-Change-Everyone-Invited-Join-Mission-Strategy-Conversation>), you can learn more about this mission strategy.

Our parish's work: Following the mission strategy planning from the Diocese, we are also engaging in a similar process to begin a Re-Imagining process for the parish that will enable the Vestry and parishioners to plan realistic and clear action steps for maintaining the parish's mission and bottom line for the next two to five years.

Please join us on Sunday, July 16 at 9am for joyful (somewhat shorter) worship and a meeting over refreshments to share with each other in answering crucial questions as we move forward. Sandy Marshall, the Rector and Vestry will be with us. Ponder these questions yourselves until then and pray about your responses:

- 1. What are we doing well at Christ Church?**
- 2. What do we need to do differently?**
- 3. What new visions do you imagine for the parish? Draw picture if wish**
- 4. What do we need to let go of that we're doing now?**

A famous Vietnamese monk gave this advice that will help all of us as we move forward: "Only three things matter: how well you lived; how much you loved; how you let go of things not meant for you." Let us embrace brave change as we move forward. I hope to see all of you on July 16. Faithfully, Judith+



Pastoral Care in our parish is not always visible to everyone. The Rector and various Lay Eucharistic Ministers visit parishioners and bring them communion. Others deliver flowers after the Sunday service. Another group is the Prayer Circle—a phone tree that is activated in acute pastoral situations. The members agree to pray for the person for whom prayers are requested. It takes place at 7pm the night when they are called. We usually reserve this Prayer Circle for acute situations like surgery, an accident or a death. In addition, we offer anointing and healing prayers at the third Tuesday Eucharist. Friends from area nursing homes attend this service and also enjoy a lovely lunch provided by parishioners.

Recently, we have added the Prayer Table in the church, where you will find prayer squares contributed by the Knitters for Peace. Take one and give it to someone who needs healing prayers. A book is on the table for the long-term prayer list. Feel free to write names in it. In addition, the prayer list for our weekly Prayers of the People is on the table. Feel free to make additions or deletions.

The Pastoral Care team meets monthly to pray for and care for the needs of our parishioners and friends. The team also sends cards to cheer up those who need healing. Finally, we want to offer again healing prayers in the Sunday Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month, beginning in August. Someone from the Pastoral Care Team will be in the back of the church near the font and prayer desk to pray with you as you return from communion. All are welcome there for healing prayers for yourself or others. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Property Committee A group of gardeners gathered at the Church on Saturday, June 3, to spruce up the grounds as we headed into Lobster Roll season. Dave and Nancy



Truesdale, Jane Romer, Kam Anderson, Tina McGrath and Jon Davis trimmed shrubs, pulled weeds, edged beds and spread mulch on the beautiful, sunny



morning. We'll have to keep

an eye on the cursed bittersweet and circle around to touch up a few areas, but after four

truckloads of yard waste and 35 bags of mulch, the church is ready for prime time!

Jon Davis



Money Matters

- Just a reminder for those folks making purchases for fellowship events, and the like, to remember that as a church we do not pay tax. Purchasers are responsible to transact these purchases without paying tax. If your vendor requires you to provide a copy of our tax exempt certification we can do that – please see Kerry to get a copy before you go shopping.
- We need about 5 business days starting on Mondays to reimburse parishioners for monies paid out of their own pockets. Bills are paid on Mondays and reimbursements take a little longer because we need to get two authorization signatures. Please see Skip Atwater, Treasurer, if you need help.

Pentecost



Betty Hadfield & Sheila Moss-White



Fellowship Team served Newcomers' brunch

The festive Pentecost Service followed by the Fellowship Team's brunch for Newcomers as well as Old Timers was a special time of worship and fellowship. The geraniums were planted outside thanks to Dave Truesdale.



Marge Marion and Jennifer Lutz



LOBSTER ROLL LUNCHESES

June 16th to September 8th

Every Friday

11:30am to 2:00pm

The first Friday's start up was a sellout! The kitchen and serving crews worked hard to keep up with all of the orders. Many thanks for your dedication!

Y'all come to the best lobster roll lunch available.



Coming Events

*July 2nd- Betty Sadler's 100th birthday!

*July 16th – One Service only at 9am followed by an expanded coffee hour and **Parish wide meeting** with Sandy Marshall who will guide the Re-Imagining process for the Parish's future.

*July 30th- Diocesan Consultants at both 8am and 10am Services.

Regular Activities

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

3:00 pm Christian Yoga

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

Fridays: Lobster Roll Lunches, June 16th – September 8th

11:30am – 2:00pm - \$16 includes lobster roll, homemade cole slaw, pickles, chips and drink. Pie slices available for \$3.

Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall always behind you.

Native Peoples of New Zealand

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Ottaway, The Rev. Darwin L. Price, The Rev. Stephen Stuart

Vestry

Wardens: Grace Price and Jon Davis

Treasurer: Skip Atwater, Asst. Treasurer: Karen Butler, Clerk: Tina McGrath

Vestry 2017: Jane Barter

Vestry 2019: Ann DeLong

Vestry 2017: Betty Ann Waldo

Vestry 2019: Christine Menard

Vestry 2019: Kam Anderson

Vestry 2019: Joyce Phillips

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