



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Annual Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 2, 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m., Fundraiser for our Adopted Family

Monday, December 24, 4:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Service

Friday, January 18, Movie Night with the South Central Region

Sunday, February 10, Annual Parish Meeting, after a combined service at 9:00 a.m.

Around town

December 1-9, Trees of Hope, Maritime Center, Long Wharf, New Haven.

Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

Senior Warden - Our Annual Meeting will be moved to Sunday, February 10th so Charles can be present. Thanks to Diane Villano and Barbara Parsons who got the "Whatever You Do" statue for our front porch for the Thanksgiving season.

Building & Grounds -

The building continues to be used by a great variety of groups. The church will also be hosting a religious movie night

in January for the South Central Region of the CT Episcopal church. More information to come.

Outreach & Mission -

The Diocesan Mission Committee meets monthly at St Paul's in Wallingford. Planning for the March 2019 Diocesan Mission Conference is currently underway. The Global Mission Conference will take place in the Dominican Republic in April 2019. Christ and The Epiphany is currently supporting Women of Madagascar under the leadership of Jacky Lowe with SAMS; Kateri (Nigeria) under the leadership of the Rev. Tom Furrer (ret.); and Guinea under the leadership of the Rev. Charles Kamano. The Global Mission Fund has adequate monies to send \$500.00 to Women of Madagascar and Kateri. Per Vestry approval we mailed donation barrels to Guinea. We are behind in our goal to establish 501(c) 3 status for the Guinea Mission. A maximum goal of reaching three missions is optimal, and we have close contact with each.

Worship - Bible Study has steady attendance. Focus is preparation for healing ministry. Study text is foundational writing of Francis MacNutt, the central work of healing in the

Gospel. Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., and Sunday between services.

Pastoral Care - Jan Cianelli will be taking over the Pastoral Care ministry while Joyce and John Aurelius are in Georgia for the winter months.

Senior Warden

Barbara Parsons

The holidays & New Year are upon us. What happened to 2018?!

We'll be reporting on the Christmas Fair in the January newsletter. We hope to see everyone there December 1st.

We are having a fundraiser for our "Adopt A Family" outreach on Sunday, December 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be food served. There is no charge but we would appreciate gift card and cash donations. Think of what gift cards are useful to everyday living. That is what the family needs. Our family is a single mother who has been coming to the Thrift Store regularly and has two disabled children. We will also be reporting on this event in the next newsletter.

Many thanks to the Food Pantry volunteers who helped us bring our Christmas items from the garage to our Christmas Room.

Young backs are so much stronger than old ones!! In return, there were some of us who helped the Food Pantry sort the tremendous amount of food brought in from food drives by the Boy Scouts, the Police Department, and the Knights of Columbus. We have a wonderful relationship with the great people who make up the East Haven Food Pantry.

The Thrift Store brought in \$746.04 for October, bringing the year total to \$7,026.85.

The Global Mission Fund brought in \$132.00 for October, bringing the total to \$1,434.74. We gave Charles \$360 to ship his barrels.

Our South Central Region Missioner, Rev Rachel Fields has asked to host a movie night on January 18th. Further details will be forthcoming.

Father Charles will be away from January 20th to February 7th.

If you have not given your pledge form, please do so. The Finance Committee needs them to set our budget for 2019.

Hoping that you will have a blessed & peace filled Christmas.

With Christ's love,
Barbara

Backpack Program

Kathy Alison

The Backpack Program is affiliated with the East Haven Food Pantry and was established in 2016. The

Superintendent of Schools provides the East Haven Food Pantry with the number of children at each school who is a recipient of reduced or free meals at school. Currently the program services 96 children.

The volunteers meet every other Wednesday to assemble bags that consist of milk, juice, breakfast, lunch, and snacks. The bags are then delivered to each school the following day and stored at the nurse's office. At the end of the week each child stops by the nurse's office where the bags are discretely placed in the backpack to avoid the possibility of any embarrassment.

The Christ and The Epiphany volunteers presently consist of Ken and Kathy Dougherty, Barbara Parsons, Astrid Swanson, Michael Neeley, and myself.

We decided to focus on contributing our time along with a fruit (apple sauce) and cheese sandwich crackers since peanut butter crackers may adversely affect those with a peanut allergy. Any donations of these items will go directly to this program and are very much appreciated.



**Episcopal Church
in Connecticut
(ECCT)**

**Bishops' Letter on Tree of
Life Shootings, October 29,
2018**

Church Life in Photos

Saturday, November 17
Parishioners volunteering
with the East Haven Food
Pantry



Photography by Kathy Alison

Dear Companions in Christ:

Once again, sadly, during our 2018 Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, we were called to pause and pray for victims of violence whose lives were in the process of being senselessly taken by individuals intent on spreading terror and hatred. The first time we stopped to pray for such was November 13, 2015 during the Paris terrorist attacks. And then last Saturday, as we met in Convention in Mystic, we paused yet again to pray for the victims of the horrific shooting in the Tree of Life synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. Such madness has got to stop. As founding bishops and ongoing participants in the Bishops United Against Gun Violence (BUAGV) network, we commend to you our BUAGV letter in response to the Tree of Life shooting. We urge you to take our words to heart and then work with us to end the scourge of hatred, anti-Semitism, and gun violence in our nation.

Our prayers go out to the bereaved and all whose lives were taken on Saturday at the Tree of Life synagogue.

Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas
Bishop Diocesan
The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens
Bishop Suffragan



The Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 2, heralds the start of the Advent season. Resources are available on The Episcopal Church website at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/advent-and-christmas-resources-2018> and include #AdventWord, which provides a daily email to use as a focus for your prayer, and Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar, which is also posted on the main bulletin board in the Great Hall. Living Compass has launched its Living Well Through Advent Devotional for 2018 which can be found at: www.livingcompass.org/advent.

Event Details

Saturday, December 1 - Sunday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 29th Annual Trees of Hope. This event, held at the Maritime Center on Long Wharf, is a major fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut. More than 4,000 people are expected to view (and hopefully bid on) more than 140 trees, wreaths and holiday baskets donated by area individuals, families and organizations. For the fifth year, Diane Villano's artist group, the Southern Connecticut Polymer Clay Guild, donated a tree decorated with ornaments handmade by guild members. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased throughout the event. Free parking and

visits from Santa on the weekends.

Church Life in Photos

Monday, November 19
East Haven United
Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Service
at Christ and The Epiphany



(l to r) Deacon Wayne Sandford and Father Jeremiah Murasso (St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish), Father Charles L. Kamano (Christ and The Epiphany Church), and Kathy Mallory, Old Stone Congregational Church

The Whatsoever You Do Statue



The Whatsoever You Do statue will be on display at C&E until December 1, when it travels to yet another destination.

Inclement weather

We care about our parishioners and visitors. In the event of worship services being cancelled due to weather conditions, a notice will be posted on Fox 61, News 8 and MYTV9 TV stations and can also be viewed at <http://www.fox61.com/closing> and www.wtnh.com as well as on our Facebook page.

Opera Insights Tony Lamberti

Welcome to the new season of the Met!

As the new season opens, I was glad to be there for the new production of "Samson Et Dalila" followed by a grand presentation of Verdi's Opera "Aida". While I was in Ohio, I had the pleasure of seeing another theater presentation of Puccini's "La Fanciulla Del West" with its great new cast.

When I returned to Connecticut, I was able to see a new production this past Saturday, "Marnie", based on the thriller movie by Alfred Hitchcock which took place in 1967 starring Tippy Hendren and Sean Connery. If you enjoy a good thriller along with some good music, this is the one to see.

There are six more operas which will be featured in HD at

the local theatre starting soon. Check the listings of these productions for the times and dates. Starting on December 1st WQXR radio will start their Saturday broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera. The first opera to be featured will be Boito's "Mefistofele" which has not been heard for over two decades. So, all you opera lovers get ready, sit back and ENJOY!!!!

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2018

This year's calendar is posted on the main bulletin board in the Great Hall.



Dec 1 - Conor Reynolds
Dec 15 - Gail Beck
Dec 16 - Astrid Swanson
Dec 20 - Susan Shultz
Dec 25 - Joan Shaffner



Dec 26, 1993 -
Janice and Ron Blevins

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Beverly W., Bill Hodge, Carol C., Carol Ude, David, Devin K., Diane, Eileen F., Eleanor N., Faith and Family, Father Eddie, Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow Family, Greg T., Helen, Howard G., J.D., Jim C., JoAnn & Victoria, John A., John D., Joseph, Judy DeFeo, June W., Kathrine Burdick, Katrina R., Ken Wortz, Lucas Sundwall, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt, Melissa D., Rachael, Rich & Judy, Richard, Salvatore D., Tom Z., Vivian S.

To submit names for the Intercessory Prayers list please call or email the church office. Names will be kept on the list for 3 months unless longer time is requested. If a person you have placed on the list recovers in less than 3 months or passes away, please update the church office.

January Newsletter

The deadline for the January 2019 issue of the newsletter is **December 19**. If you have contributions for the newsletter, email: newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com, or for an update to the Birthday or Anniversary list, please call the church office at 203-467-2310. -Charlie Langlan & Susan Shultz, Editors

TREASURERS REPORT

Susan Shultz

	UNDER/OVER		UNDER/OVER	
	OCT	BUDGET	YTD	YTD BUDGET
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INCOME	\$5,520.10	(\$1,553.23)	\$82,259.76	\$1,141.46
EXPENSES	\$7,584.38	(\$1,029.15)	\$87,058.25	(\$1,941.59)
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NET	(\$2,064.28)	\$524.08	(\$4,798.49)	(\$3,083.05)

Notes: Pledges were down in October but hopefully will get back on track for November. Overall, we are still under budget for the year.

December 10:00 a.m. Worship Schedule

	<u>12/02/18</u>	<u>12/09/18</u>	<u>12/16/18</u>	<u>12/23/18</u>	<u>12/24/18</u>	<u>12/30/18</u>
Welcomer	Barbara Parsons	Joyce Aurelius	Kristina Langlan	Barbara Parsons	Barbara Parsons	Joyce Aurelius
Crucifer						
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Steve Langlan	Ron Blevins	George Coulombe	George Coulombe
Lector	Joyce Aurelius	Susan Shultz	Audrey Sundwall	Joyce Aurelius	Kristina Langlan	Steve Langlan
Usher	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundwall	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundwall	Gail Schappa & Audrey Sundwall	Gail Schappa
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz	George Coulombe	George Coulombe
Counter	Sally Alexander	Fred Bowden	Diane Villano	Kristina Langlan		Sallie Alexander

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Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Adult Education and Discussions

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music