



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, March 3, following 10:00 a.m. service, Pancake & Ham Brunch

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Indoor Tag Sale

Annual Parish Meeting

At the annual parish meeting, Sunday, February 10th, we will be electing two vestry-at-large representatives, as well as clerk, treasurer, senior and junior wardens, and annual convention delegates.

Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

Senior Warden - Thanks to all for a wonderful 2018. Looking forward to 2019.

Building & Grounds - The East Haven Food Pantry served 449 families last year! The EHU Community Kitchen serves on average 80 meal per seating (twice a month). Thanks to Steve Langlan for removing the large pieces of the tree that came down by the garage. Thanks to

Astrid Swanson for keeping our outdoor flowers beautiful all year. Thanks to Steve Langlan and Ken Dougherty for their immense help keeping the building running smoothly. We are hoping in 2019 to be able to get the floor in the Great Hall redone (partly subsidized by the Lions benefit dinner last year which raised \$1,600). We continue to try to keep costs down by doing the church cleaning ourselves.

Treasurer - Based on some questions raised during the Vestry, a few minor changes will be made to the 2019 accounts. We will provide a clearer breakout of the building insurance cost and Charles' contract commitments for expenses and continuing education. We will also revive the "Building Supplies" account to separate out building supplies (primarily paper goods like paper towels and toilet paper) from "Fellowship Supplies" which are things specifically for use by the Christ & The Epiphany family such as coffee hour supplies.

Outreach & Mission - We made payments at the end of the year of \$500 to the Kateri Health Services in Nigeria and \$500 to the Society of Anglican

Missionaries and Senders (SAMS) specifically for the Women of Madagascar.

Inclement Weather

Diane Villano, Communications Commission Chair

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 www.fox61.com/closing and www.wtnh.com as well as on our Facebook page.



The Many Voices of Christianity

PRESBYTERIANISM

Susan Shultz

Presbyterian churches derive their name from their presbyterian form of church government, which is governed by representative assemblies of elders where lay and clergy votes count the same. Presbyterianism is part of the reform tradition within Protestantism and traces its roots to Scotland and John Calvin (Calvinism). Calvin was greatly influenced by Martin

Luther who is considered the father of the Protestant Reformation. Presbyterianism was brought to America primarily by Scotch-Irish immigrants. The first American Presbytery was organized in Philadelphia in 1706 by Rev. John Witherspoon, the only minister to sign the Declaration of Independence.

While Presbyterian doctrine is very similar to Episcopal doctrine, it only recognizes two sacraments - Baptism and Communion. Presbyterians have a strong belief in Scripture and salvation through grace. Presbyterians greatly value education for all and have historically founded many schools. Generally Presbyterian churches are locally organized and the worship style can be quite different between churches.

Presbyterian membership is 1.5 million representing about 10,000 churches across all 50 states. There are two national Presbyterian organizations - The Presbyterian Church in the USA (PCUSA) and the more conservative Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The PCA is a much smaller branch and is significantly more conservative in its theology. For example, in the PCA, women cannot be ordained and abortion, divorce and homosexuality are all considered sins.

There are three Presbyterian USA churches in New Haven (two of which are named "Christ Presbyterian"). See the church's

website: www.pcusa.org for more information.

New Event at C&E

Diane Villano

The Indoor Tag Sale on April 13, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., will provide a convenient space for individuals and families to sell their unneeded household goods and for bargain hunters to find treasures. We are renting space in the Great Hall to those who want to rent tables (\$30, and \$35 for a table with electrical access), and space in the Upper Hall to those bringing their own (\$25). The vendor application is included in this newsletter. Our luncheon counter will be open, offering a hot meal and beverages. An announcement flyer and vendor application are available on our website and in the Good Shepherd Thrift Store. Please help spread the word and consider volunteering to help set up tables the day before. See me or Carol Ude.

Summer Study at Yale Divinity School

Diane Villano

Registration is now open for Summer Study courses, June 3-7 and June 10-14. Classes are two and a half hours per day, run Monday through Friday, and are \$450. Offerings include Mozart's Sacred Music, Christianity and Sexuality, and Paul and the Christians at the Crossroad: 1 and 2 Corinthians (which I'm taking). Lunch and coffee are included, as well as free off-street parking. Details and

registration form are on-line at www.summerstudy.yale.edu.

Sidewalk Sign Messages

Diane Villano

Here are some messages I'd love to put on our sidewalk sign, but they're too long to fit. Hope some of these touch your heart and perhaps your funny bone.

Show your love for Christ to someone today. And Christ will show His love for you forever.

If your Bible is falling apart, chances are your life is staying together.

The company you keep helps determine the trouble you meet.

We don't change when we see the light, but when we feel the heat.

A crack doesn't mean something is broken. It means it was put to the test and didn't fall apart.

Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

And my favorite of this group: God gives every bird its food, but He doesn't throw it into the nest.

Opera Insights

CHOCOLATE, WINE, OPERA!!!

Tony Lamberti

February is typically a month we celebrate with boxes of heart shaped chocolates, romantic dinners and champagne. This is no different in the world of

opera. On February 2nd Bizet's immortal opera "Carmen" makes a comeback with Roberto Alagna singing the lead role. And on February 9th Mariusz Treliński's haunting production of the pairing of Tchaikovsky's and Bartok's one-act operas makes its first return to the stage since its Metropolitan premiere in the 2014-15 season. Soprano Sonya Yoncheva (following her triumphant 2017-18 performance as Tosca) is the blind princess, Iolanta, who discovers love for the first time, opposite tenor Matthew Polenzani as the dashing knight Vaudémont. Then in Bartok's chilling "Bluebeard's Castle", baritone Gerald Finley is the menacing Bluebeard, and soprano Angela Denoke is his initially unsuspecting new wife. Henrik Nánási conducts. Try not to miss these chilling operas.

This month's Opera News Quiz:

Who hid Iolanta and placed her in the care of the simple people, Martha and Bertrand so she would not find out she was blind? "Her eyes are only for crying".

- A. Martha and Bertrand, simple people
- B. Robert, her future husband
- C. King Rene' her father
- D. None of the Above

Answer: King Rene' her father

In closing, the month of February is not only dedicated to Wine, Chocolate, and Opera, but to LOVE.

Happy Valentine's Day!



Feb 1 - Rev. Tom Beck
 Feb 9 - Fred Bowden
 Feb 18 - Tony Lamberti
 Feb 20 - Mary Lou Clark

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Beverly W., Bill Hodge, Carol C., Carol Ude, David, Devin K., Diane, Diane V., 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., Leah S., 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.

The deadline for the March 2019 issue of the newsletter is **February 20**. 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

TREASURER REPORT

Susan Shultz

	DEC	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$15,653.29	\$1,014.92	\$104,668.69	\$2,583.69
EXPENSES	\$8,747.29	(\$2,158.74)	\$102,673.77	(\$5,199.63)
NET	\$6,906.00	\$3,173.66	\$1,994.92	\$7,783.32

Notes: Although projecting a deficit of over \$5,700, we ended the year with a surplus! However, the Lion’s Club benefit dinner raised \$1,600 for the floor in the Great Hall which was not spent. We also still owe the second \$500 payment for the 2017 audit. So essentially we about broke even. Still good news!

While loose plate income was half our expectations, our overall income was up due to:

- Increased project income - for example the new Craft Fair brought in an unbudgeted \$1,000.
- Increased Thrift Store earning - more than \$3,000 over budget.
- Generous end of year Special Gift of \$1,000.

While Expenses generally are higher than expected we did have lower than budgeted expenses in these areas:

- Snow removal - hopefully 2019 will also be a light year!
- Repairs - we put off a number of repairs to reduce costs
- Cancellation of cleaning company contract - we are now cleaning the building ourselves
- 2017 audit was late so we still owe half of the expected 2018 payment

See the Annual Report for details of the 2018 income/expense and the 2019 budget.

February 10:00 a.m. Worship Schedule

	<u>February 3, 2019</u>	<u>February 10, 2019</u>	<u>February 17, 2019</u>	<u>February 24, 2019</u>
Welcomer	Barbara Parsons	Barbara Parsons	Barbara Parsons	Barbara Parsons
Crucifer				
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Steve Langlan	Ron Blevins
Lector	George Coulombe	Ron Blevins	Audrey Sundwall	Susan Shultz
Usher	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundwall	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundwall
Lead Counter Counter	George Coulombe Ron Blevins	Astrid Swanson Fred Bowden	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz Kristina Langlan

Indoor Tag Sale Vendor Application

April 13, 2019

This completed and signed vendor application, with your payment by check, is due March 23 to Diane Villano, 1355 North High Street, East Haven, CT 06512. For any questions, call 203 467-2310 or email Communications@ChristandTheEpiphany.org.

Business name: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Rental tables are 6' long and include two chairs. A limited number of tables have access to electricity. All spaces are approximately 8' x 8'. Vendors may not place anything beyond the boundaries of their rented space.

Fill out the number of spaces and total rental price	Price each space	Number of spaces	Total rental amount
I will bring my own table and chairs	\$25		
I will rent a table (includes two chairs)	\$30		
I will rent a table with electricity (includes two chairs)	\$35		

If you are accepted as a vendor, you will be notified by April 1 by email or phone. Once accepted, your registration fee is non-refundable. If you are not accepted, your check will be returned if you include a SASE, otherwise, your check will be shredded.

You are responsible for collecting, reporting, and paying sales tax to the state of Connecticut. Tag sale hours are 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and setup begins at 8:00 a.m. You must remove all your belongings by 4:30 p.m. Our luncheon counter will be open, offering beverages and hot food.

Note: This is not a handicapped-accessible space.

I hereby release Christ and The Epiphany Church from all liability for personal injury and/or for loss or damage to personal property due to fire, theft, or accident. I also understand that once accepted as a vendor, the registration fee cannot be refunded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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