



# CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, February 3,** Souper Bowl Sunday, collection of canned and packaged soup for the East Haven Food Pantry.

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

## Around the area

**Through Sunday, February 3,** Christmas in Poland, Knights of Columbus, One State Street, New Haven.

## Annual Parish Meeting

At the annual parish meeting, Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be electing two vestry-at-large representatives, as well as clerk, treasurer, senior and junior wardens, and annual convention delegates. We thank Joyce Aurelius and Sallie Alexander for their years of service as at-large vestry members. The vestry meets on the third Sunday of the month after the 10:00 a.m. service. If you are interested in joining the vestry, please speak with Wendy Bellmore or Jan Cianelli before Sunday, January 13th.

## Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

**Senior Warden** - While Barbara Parsons would prefer to step down as Senior Warden in

2019, if she gets help with Administrative tasks, she would be willing to serve another year.

**Building & Grounds** - Thanks to "A Way of Life" group who gave a \$200 donation on top of their rent this month.

**Treasurer Report** - The 2019 budget proposal from the Finance Committee was presented and accepted. The budget proposes a deficit of just under \$5,000 for 2019 which is half of the deficit proposed for 2018.

**Altar Guild** - In 2019 we will be buying new purple vestments (paid for out of the memorial fund) as the current ones are quite old and falling apart. If anyone wants to make a donation to the memorial fund in memory of Carol's brother that would be appreciated.

**Pastoral Care** - Reminder that Jan Cianelli will be the Pastoral Care lead while Joyce and John Aurelius are in Florida for the first few months of 2019.

## Do You Enjoy Coffee Hour?

Carol Ude, Feast, Festivities and Fund Raising Chair

The New Year brings with it a need for me to cut back on

some of the responsibilities of chairing this committee. Thank you to everyone who has hosted coffee hour in the past and helped clean up afterward. Your help has been greatly appreciated, but I find that I am no longer able to host coffee hour every week. If we are to continue to have a coffee hour following the 10:00 a.m. service each week we will need volunteers to host this event. I will continue to chair fund raisers and special events throughout the year. I will also occasionally still volunteer for coffee hour. Most of the shopping has already been done! Coffee, cheese, pepperoni, crackers, milk and all paper goods will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be on the Feast & Festivities board in the Great Hall. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Carol at 203-458-0590 or at coffee hour.

## Donation Envelopes Available in Narthex

Susan Shultz

If you forgot your pledge envelope or want to put cash in the offering plate, there are now blank "My Offering" donation envelopes available in the Chapel and Narthex (church foyer). Simply put your

donation in the envelope and write your name on the outside. This will ensure that all your donations are properly recorded to your account. Thanks to Kristina Langlan for the great suggestion! If you have ideas on how we can make your experience with Christ and The Epiphany better feel free to tell a Vestry member or send the suggestion to the office at christandtheepiphany@gmail.com or 203-467-2310.

### **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](http://www.fox61.com/closing) and [www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com) as well as on our Facebook page.

### **Sign up for 2019 Flowers and Altar Candles**

Susan Shultz

The 2019 sign-up sheets for Sunday altar flowers and candle donations are posted in the Narthex. Weekly flowers are only purchased for the altar if they are paid for by a personal donation. Please consider signing up and provide the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be printed in the bulletin. Flowers are **\$35** a

week and Altar Candles are **\$10** a week. Note that this year, flower and candle commitments will be entered as separate pledges on your account. This will allow the quarterly contribution reports to include that information and help us keep track of what we have signed up and paid for throughout the year.



**Episcopal Church in**

### **Connecticut (ECCT)**

Christmas Message from the Bishops

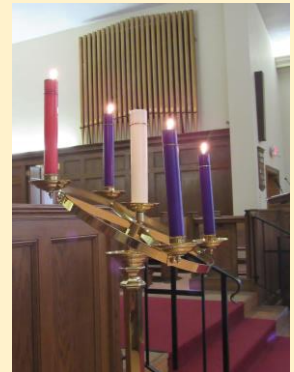
December 21, 2018

Dear Companions in Christ,

Jesus, born as one for whom there was no room, is our Savior and our Lord. He is the one who not only makes room for us, but loves us. He loves us in midst of all of our brokenness and all the ways we fall short. Jesus, born as one for whom there was no room, is the one who makes room for us - to grow, to learn, and to feel the full embrace of His love. And he calls us to create room for others to grow, to learn and to know God's love. He calls us to live in such a way that others may know that "God has brought good news of great joy for all people." To live in such a way that they may know that angels rejoice in their lives as they rejoiced so many years ago in the holy city of Bethlehem.

### **Church Life in Photos**

**Monday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve Service



Thank you to all who contributed to our hat and mitten tree to benefit our neighbors served by the East Haven Food Pantry.



The gift of the incarnation is that God became flesh and dwelt among us; showing us a glimmer of the vastness of God's love. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God gives us the gift of forgiveness and new life. As the Christmas hymns invite us to ponder what gift shall we give to the Christ child, perhaps our answer might be, we give room to others so that they may know Christ's gifts as well. May you have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

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



**The Episcopal  
Church**

## Letter to the Episcopal Church from the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies

Statute of Limitations  
Suspension for Clergy Sexual  
Misconduct Begins January 1,  
2019

Advent 2018

Dear People of God in the  
Episcopal Church:

Nearly a year ago, we issued a call for the church to examine its history and come to a fuller understanding of how we have handled or mishandled cases of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse through the years. In particular, we asked to hear voices from the

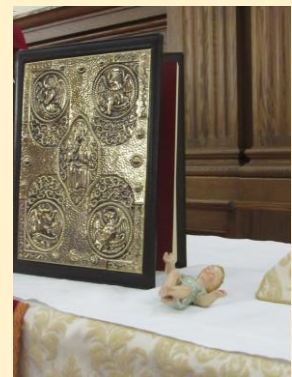
wider church at General Convention so that deputies and bishops might consider both how to atone for the church's past and shape a more just future. As followers of Jesus of Nazareth, as children of God with all people, we could do no less, and we must do more.

In July, General Convention considered 26 resolutions and one memorial addressing issues the #MeToo movement has brought to light, many of them developed by the House of Deputies Special Committee on Sexual Harassment and Exploitation. One of these resolutions, Resolution D034, suspends for three years the canon (church law) that places a time limit on initiating proceedings in cases of clergy sexual misconduct against adults. There is no time limit on reporting clergy sexual misconduct against children and youth under age 21.

As a result of this resolution, from January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2021, those who wish to bring a case of sexual misconduct against a member of the clergy will be able to do so, regardless of how long ago the alleged misconduct occurred. Allegations of misconduct can be made to the intake officer in the diocese where the alleged misconduct occurred, or, if the allegation is against a bishop, to the Office of Pastoral Development. You can learn how to reach the intake officer in a diocese by checking its

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website or calling the bishop's office.

We hope that this temporary suspension of the statute of limitations will be one way for the church to come to terms with cases of sexual misconduct in our collective past. Between now and General Convention in 2021, laypeople, clergy and bishops appointed to several task forces created by the 2018 General Convention will be working on other ways of addressing these issues, including a process to help the church engage in truth-telling, confession, and reconciliation regarding our history of gender-based discrimination, harassment and violence. We are grateful to the many deputies, bishops and other volunteers across the church whose careful work before, during, and after General Convention is helping our church move closer to the day when, having repented of our sins and amended our common life, we may be restored in love, grace and trust with each other through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,  
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President, House of Deputies

## Opera Insights

Tony Lamberti

Christmas 2018 has passed, and we are now into the New Year 2019. In the upcoming months there will be some wonderful productions such as Verdi's "Otello" on January 5th followed by a new opera production of Chilea, "Adriana Lecouvreur" on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The most exciting opera this new year and not to be missed is "Pelleas et Melisande", at the Metropolitan Opera House, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, January 19.

How well do you know Verdi? Let's take a quiz to get you ready for "Otello". Verdi's Requiem was dedicated to:

- A. Rossini
- B. Manzoni
- C. Lopardi

Answer: B. Manzoni

I hope you enjoyed a taste of the opera and I look forward to reviewing these operas in the upcoming newsletter. Have a Safe and Happy New Year!



January 29 - Charles Kamano



January 15, 1971 - Jan and Pete Cianelli

## 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., 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.

## February Newsletter

The deadline for the February 2019 issue of the newsletter is **January 23**. If you have contributions for the newsletter, email: [newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com](mailto: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**

	NOV	UNDER/OVER BUDGET	YTD	UNDER/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$6,755.64	\$427.31	\$89,015.40	\$1,568.77
EXPENSES	\$6,868.23	(\$1,099.30)	\$93,926.48	(\$3,040.89)
NET	(\$112.50)	(\$1,526.61)	(\$4,911.08)	(\$4,609.66)

Notes: Loose plate is down for the year but Project income is up bringing our overall income over budget to date.

**January 10:00 a.m. Worship Schedule**

	<u>January 6, 2019</u>	<u>January 13, 2019</u>	<u>January 20, 2019</u>	<u>January 27, 2019</u>
Welcomer	Barbara Parsons	Kristina Langlan	Barbara Parsons	Kristina Langlan
Crucifer				
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Steve Langlan	Ron Blevins
Lector	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz	Kristina Langlan	Steve Langlan
Usher	Gail Schappa	Diane Villano	Gail Schappa	Diane Villano
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz
Counter	Kristina Langlan	Fred Bowden	Diane Villano	Kristina Langlan