



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 6, 1:00 p.m.

- 3:00 p.m., Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 13, following 10:00 a.m. service, Family Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting

Sunday, October 20, 3:00 p.m., International Buffet

Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, ECCT Convention, all welcome to Sunday service

Tuesday, November 26, Ecumenical Thanksgiving service

Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Church Fair

Family Meeting

We are planning a Family Meeting on Sunday, October 13 at coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service to discuss the upcoming ECCT convention resolutions and any other parish topics.

Bible Study?

Wendy Bellmore

We will start Bible study with Acts of the Apostles and Corinthians, and close prior to Advent drawing our experience back to our opening work exploring the writings of Frances MacNutt. Jesus leads the Apostles, who pave the way for the continued mission to today's Christian.

December 1 through Christmas, we will take advantage of our Walk with Jesus over the last year, and explore the chapters of the Latter Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Our study will focus on the strong connections of the prophets to the coming of Jesus.

Around Lent and into Easter we will move to the powerful Revelation and discuss John's vision for the end days.

Blessing of the Animals

We will collect donations of canned and dry pet food, treats, toys, and bedding for the East Haven Animal Shelter at our annual Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 6, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rev. Charles L. Kamano will offer a special blessing for your pet in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi. Well-behaved dogs on leashes, cats in carriers and other pets (or their photos) are welcome.

International Buffet

Our first annual International Buffet is Sunday, October 20, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. We are celebrating the diversity of our parish through food, drink, and music. Sample food from around the world crafted from treasured family recipes. Sign up for appetizers, entrées, and desserts on the sheet posted in the Great Hall. Tickets are

\$15.00 and available only in advance - they will **not** be sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Good Shepherd Thrift Store, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or through Eventbrite online at: www.Eventbrite.com.

Great Hall Floor Re-Tiling

The floor of the Great Hall will be re-tiled soon. Last year the Lions club raised \$1,600 for this project and the other half will come from the church budget. Please think about contributing to this project with a special donation to the building fund. All rental groups will also be receiving an appeal. The tiles are coming from DelRocco's Flooring at a significant discount and we are greatly looking forward to a shiny new floor!

Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be **Wednesday October 16 at 6:30 p.m.** This is to avoid conflicting with the International Buffet on Sunday Oct 20.

General - We still have an open Vestry At-Large position. If you are interested, please

speak to Barb Parsons or Jan Cianelli.

Worship - The Vestry will be holding a “huddle” on Wednesday Sep 25 as a “mini retreat”. Charles will be in Africa for Christmas but Fr. Andrew will sub for the afternoon Christmas service.

Building & Grounds - We are going to look for someone to come in and clean once a month. We are also getting ready to have the floor tiles in the Great Hall replaced.

ECCT Convention - We will hold a Family meeting after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday Oct 13 to discuss any Convention resolutions. On Convention Sunday (Oct 27) Carol will lead morning prayer at 8:00 a.m. and there will be no 10:00 a.m. service.



ECCT Convention

The Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT) annual convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. This year the diocese is holding a worship service open to all on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. at the convention center. All parishes are encouraged to send at least 12 members. We will have carpools available to take those interested to the service. A light breakfast is included with your free registration. Sign up online at episcopalct.org.



Many Voices of Christianity - Lutheranism Susan Shultz

Lutheran churches get their name from Martin Luther, a 16th century German reformer. His efforts launched the Protestant Reformation and divided Western Christianity. The split between the Lutherans and Catholics came in 1521 and centered on two points - the proper source of authority in the church and the doctrine of justification. Lutherans believe essentially that scripture is the final authority on all matters of faith whereas the Roman Catholic Church believe authority comes from both Scriptures and Tradition.

Lutheranism is very similar to Episcopalanism with its emphasis on scripture, sacraments (like the Eucharist) and a liturgical service. Some areas of difference revolve around original sin, free will and atonement. It also shares similar social views such as acceptance of all, and female priests. Lutheranism started in Germany while Episcopalanism comes from the English Reformation. The Lutheran World Federation estimates its total membership at over 74 million.

There are three Lutheran churches in New Haven - Trinity Evangelical Lutheran on Orange St, Bethesda Lutheran on St. Ronan St, and Emanuel Lutheran on Humphrey St.



October 12 - Barbara Coulombe
October 13 - Hal Levi
October 23 - Violet Satterthwaite
October 30 - Kristina Langlan

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Beverly W., Bill Hodge, Carol Ude, Carol C., David, Devin K., Diane, Diane V., Dulci, Ed Patrick, Eileen F., Eleanor N., Faith and Family, Father Eddie, Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow Family, Greg T., Helen, J.D., Jim C., JoAnn & Victoria, John A., Joseph, Judy C., Judy DeFeo, Julia, June W., Karen Dattilo & Family, Katherine Burdick, Katrina R., Ken Dougherty, Leah S., Lisa, Lucas Sundwall, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt, Melissa D., Rachael, Ray C., Rich & Judy, Salvatore D., Sam, Fr. Stan & Nancy, 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 three months unless longer time is requested. If a person you have placed on the list recovers in less than three months or passes away, please update the church office.



Encouraging Words

Charlie Langlan

I am going to be continuing this monthly edition of the scriptures for you to read and think about. I hope that they bring a thought to your mind and make you think. I hope you enjoy the cooler weather and get ready for the cold season! Happy early Halloween!

Accomplishment

Proverbs 13:12

A longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

Answered Prayer

Jonah 2:2

In my distress I called to the LORD,

And he answered me.

From the depths of the grave I called for help,

And you listened to my cry.

Help

Hebrews 2:18

Because Christ himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Healing

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a

righteous person is powerful and effective.

The Met and You!

Tony Lamberti

This fall at the Metropolitan Opera House there will be a line up of some new and exciting productions for you to enjoy. Some will be presented in HD at your local theatres starting with Puccini's "Turandot" on October 12th.

This is a Franco Zeffirelli production which will be conducted by the new Metropolitan Opera conductor Yannick Nezet-Sleguin. Another must see on October 26 at your local theatre will be "Manon" by Jules Massenet.

Jules Massenet (1842-1912), a French composer wildly popular in his day, was noted for his operas, songs, and oratorios. While Manon has maintained a steady place in the repertory, in recent decades several of his other operas, especially Werther (1892) and Thais (1894), have been performed more frequently. His librettists for Manon were Henri Meilhac (1831-1897) and Philippe Gille (1831-1901), who adapted the hugely influential novel L'Histoire du Chevalier des Grieux et de Manon Lescaut by the colorful Abbé Prévost (1697-1763). (Metropolitan Opera, 2019)

Manon is a quintessentially French tale of the beautiful young woman who is incapable of forsaking both love and luxury. Massenet's Manon features one of the truly unforgettable, irresistible, and archetypal female [characters](#) in opera. While the story is firmly set in class and gender issues of the past, the character of Manon herself is timeless, convincing, and familiar. The opera has been a success ever since its premiere, championed by a diverse roster of singers who have cherished its dramatic opportunities, exalted style, and ravishing music. (Metropolitan Opera, 2019).

Be sure to check your local listings for a time and a theatre near you! Enjoy!

Next issue

The deadline for the November 2019 issue of the newsletter is **October 23**. 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



Convention Resolutions - How do they work?

In light of the upcoming annual ECCT (Episcopal Church in CT) convention, here is a short article about how resolutions work at the Convention from the ECCT website: www.episcopalct.org.

Every year, your ECCT Convention Planning Team hears the question, “*Isn’t there something we can do about resolutions?*” The team understand the sentiment: the process for drafting, submitting, presenting, and debating resolutions can seem convoluted. Even though it’s designed to be fair for everyone, it feels like one needs to know a secret language in order to participate. Plus, parliamentary procedure doesn’t foster conversation about the ideas behind the resolutions, just the words and sentences on the page. We leave untapped the great wisdom present in the 600+ people who gather together in Convention every year.

How can we have thoughtful and in-depth conversations and still vote on necessary business? Until recently, we didn’t have a good answer. But now we have something new, a different way of doing our business together in Convention. Here’s how it will work:

Step 1: Submit a Question

What do you want our Convention discuss? Any voting member of Convention may submit a single question/topic before September 7 that they would like Convention to consider together. It can be very specific and concrete or it can be big picture—the sky is the limit!

Step 2: Refine the Question

In early September, everyone who submitted a question/topic will be invited to a half-day gathering. Together, we will refine the questions and work with others who submitted similar questions. The goal will be to leave with a core set of questions.

Step 3: Vote on Questions

The core questions will be submitted to voting members of Convention in an electronic ballot. They will have one week to rank the questions in the order from greatest interest/passion to least. The 4 - 6 highest ranked questions will move to Convention to be discussed in workshops.

Step 4: Join the Work

On the Saturday afternoon of Convention, we will break into 4 - 6 workshops, each focused on one of the core questions. Participants will choose the workshop for which they feel the most passion. The workshop will dig into the core question, exploring and expanding it, until a course of action to emerges. Workshop participants will then report back to the whole Convention on their work, along with any actions needed from Convention. Any action approved by Convention will carry the same weight as a resolution.

Step 5: Celebrate

As we leave our time together at Convention, we will be able to celebrate the fact that we together at Convention, helped to discern and create the work of our church here in Connecticut, and thus further our participation in God’s mission.

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	AUG	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$5,362.48	(\$435.52)	\$64,970.50	\$984.50
EXPENSES	\$8,827.37	\$1,252.86	\$69,884.80	(\$2,547.78)
NET	(\$3,464.89)	\$1,688.38	(\$4,914.30)	(\$3,532.28)

Notes: Year-to-date income is up primarily due to building use and project income being slightly higher than budgeted. For August, expenses were over budget due to some building maintenance work. However year-to-date expenses are still under budget mostly due to lower than expected grounds maintenance costs.

Worship Schedule

	<u>October 6, 2019</u>	<u>October 13, 2019</u>	<u>October 20, 2019</u>	<u>October 27, 2019</u>
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Chalice Bearer	George Coulombe	Kristina Langlan	Ron Blevins	George Coulombe
Lector	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall	Susan Shultz
Usher	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundwall	Diane Villano	Gail Schappa
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz
Counter		Fred Bowden	Charles Langlan	Kristina Langlan