



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Upcoming Events

Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m.,
Sunday Service via Zoom
Every Thursday, 7:00 p.m.,
Compline Service via Zoom
Saturday, August 1, 10:00a.m.
- 12:00 p.m., Good Shepherd
Thrift Store opening day
Thursday, August 6, 6:00
p.m., Outside in-person
Communion service
Sunday, August 9, 8:00 a.m. -
12:00 p.m., Junk in the Trunk

(Around Town)

Every Sunday, 8:00 a.m. -
12:00 p.m., Farmer's Market
on the East Haven Town Green
Every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. -
12:00 p.m., Farmer's Market
on the East Haven Town Green

Clergy Schedule

August 2, Fr. Andrew Osmun
August 9, Fr. Andrew Osmun
August 16, Fr. Bob Stocksdale
August 23, Fr. Bob Stocksdale
August 30, Fr. Bob Stocksdale
Sept 6, Fr. Andrew Osmun

Zoom Services

We are holding worship
services Sundays (9:00 a.m.)
and Compline on Thursdays
(7:00 p.m.) both via Zoom.

To connect by computer click:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7639094733?pwd=WkR1ZHBNYTNKWmJqM2NvTkRjZ09hdz09>

To join by phone call:
929-436-2866
Meeting ID = 763 909 4733
Password = 39

The weekly bulletins are
emailed out on Fridays and the
Zoom room is usually opened
up around 8:30 a.m. on
Sunday. Intercessory prayers
are also emailed weekly.

Past sermons are available on
the YouTube channel "Christ
and The Epiphany Church"
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkGs9WC8ug7syl9n0kHkRaA>.

If you are not receiving the
bulletin please email or call
Diane in the office at
christandtheepiphany@gmail.com
or 203-467-2310.

If you want or need any help
getting connected on Zoom
please reach out to Susan
Shultz at 860-669-1104 or
sbshultz@gmail.com.

Special Worship Service

A special in-person Communion
service for the Feast of
Transfiguration will be held
outside in front of the church
on Thursday August 6th at 6:00
p.m. **Please RSVP to Susan
Shultz (sbshultz@gmail.com) or
860-669-1104) to help us
prepare for the number of
attendees.**

If possible please bring your
own chair (we will also have a
few chairs available). We will
setup with social distancing
and require masks. If the
service goes well we hope to
hold one each month.

Junk in the Trunk

Diane Villano

We're trying a new event at
C&E - Junk in the Trunk! This
event will be held on various
Sundays, to coordinate with
the East Haven Farmer's
Market held on the green.
Tentative dates are August 9,
September 13, and October 11.

Hours are 8:00 a.m. -12:00
p.m., with vendors admitted
at 7:00 a.m. Vendors will rent
a space in the right side of the
parking lot and sell directly
from their vehicles. The
church will sell cold bottled
water and open the Good
Shepherd Thrift Store. Any
help you can offer will be most
gratefully appreciated.

July Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

Next Meeting - The next
Vestry meeting will be Sunday,
August 16th via Zoom after the
9:00 a.m. service.

Building & Grounds - We hope
to open the re-organized thrift
store at the beginning of
August. Only so many people
will be allowed in at a time
and masks must be worn.

Worship - We are planning one
in-person communion service
each month to be held outside
on the back lawn on a weekday

night. There will be social distancing and masks required.

New Business - The bulk of the Vestry meeting was devoted to discussing Racial Justice issues. How the Vestry feels and how we can get the parish involved.

Trying to Figure It Out

The Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT) designated 2019-2020 as a two year “Season of Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation”. In light of that initiative and current events, the Vestry wanted to get involved in the conversation. Therefore we spent most of the July Vestry meeting discussing that topic.

Most felt that it was hard to know what to do or even where to start. However all agreed that it is important work and we want to ensure we are not minimizing or being derogatory to anyone. We are all in God’s image and deserve dignity.

Some thoughts we had:

- It is a process
- listen to other’s stories
- avoid epithets and unintentional offense
- bring Jesus into discussion
- more empathy
- understand people live in fear and are being judged
- how do we make connections to widen our work with other groups

Moving forward we want to bring the entire parish into the discussion. Toward that end we are working to have a guest speaker for one of our Sunday

services. Also we are going to include an ECCT Racial Healing bulletin insert in each of the rest of the 2020 Newsletters.

Here are some resources different members of the Vestry found helpful and spoke to them.

Barbara Parsons - TED talk on deconstructing racism with Baratunde Thurston (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZgkjEdMbSw>)

Audrey Sundwall - The book “Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race” by Debby Irving

Diane Villano - TEConversation with Dr. Catherine Meeks from 2018 Episcopal Convention (<https://tinyurl.com/y5vxzs7n>)

Susan Shultz - The book “The New Jim Crow” by Michelle Alexander



Education for Ministry (EfM) Diane Villano

I have completed my first year in the Education for Ministry program - a four-year course administered by the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. This program is geared to developing the lay minister and exploring how one can serve others.

Each year can be taken separately, and seminars meet weekly from September through June. I belong to the group at Church of the Epiphany in Durham, and we

Reorganized Good Shepherd Thrift Store



meet every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Currently, we are sharing our reading and insights via Zoom and holding Open House meetings biweekly through the summer. The next Open House is August 10 and you are welcome to join us.

If you are interested in learning more about EfM please let me know or check out efm.sewanee.edu.



August 30 - Janet Nolan



August 18, 1989 - July Randall and Richard Schiavone
 August 20, 2005 - Susan and Tom Shultz
 August 24, 1974 - Pat and Fred Walters

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Barbara R., Barbuschak Family, Carol Ude (Parishioner), Carol C., David, David C. (Relative of Gail Schappa), David & Edward, Devin K., Diane, Diane Link, Dot Tate, Ed, Eileen F., Eleanor N., Faith and Family, Father Eddie, Fran Zella, Frank P., Frank (Brother of Tony Lamberti), Fred H., Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow Family, Greg T., Holly and Family (Parishioner), Ian, J.D., Jack K., Jen and Tyler W. (Friends of Diane Levi), Dr. Jeremiah Martin, Jessica and her Baby Olive Estelle (Niece and Grandniece of Pat Walters), Jim C. Jim R. and Family, Joe Riccitelli (Brother-in-law of Ron Blevins), John A., John M., John U., Joseph, Judy C., Judy DeFeo, Julia, June W., Karen Dattilo & Family, Kathrine Burdick (Friend of Diane Rowley), Katrina R., Leah S., Lisa, Lisa H., Lois, Lucas Sundwall (Parishioner), Madeline, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt, Matt R. (Son of Kathy Alison), Melissa D., Michelle C., Mitzi Parisi, Patty R., Phil

M. (Friend of Barbara Coulombe), Rachael, Ray C., Richard Mead (Parishioner), Ron C. (Friend of Diane Levi), Sallie Alexander (Parishioner), Shawne G., Turiano Family, Zach Schatz

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.

Next issue

The deadline for the September 2020 issue is **August 19**. If you have contributions for the newsletter please email us at newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

For updates to the Birthday or Anniversary lists, please call the church office at 203-467-2310. Charlie Langlan and Susan Shultz, Editors

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	JUN	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$6,272.08	(\$1,1355.42)	\$38,804.75	(\$7,785.25)
EXPENSES	\$5,826.86	(\$478.84)	\$44,230.08	(\$9,260.96)
NET	\$445.22	(\$656.58)	(\$5,425.33)	(\$1,475.71)

Notes: Income is still down in the pledge and thrift store areas. Most of the missing pledge money is not likely to come in. We hope to start receiving some thrift store income again. The Food Pantry gave us an extra \$500 donation to help with any increased utilities and the Great Hall floor work. In the next month I will be putting together a revised budget so we can better understand what to expect the rest of our 2020 year to look like.

Parishioner Spotlight - Charlie Langlan

Tell us about your family

I currently live with my mom and our three dogs, Houston, Laila, and Clyde. We also have our cat Frosty and some fish and frogs. We love to watch movies and spend time together, especially during the quarantine.

What's your favorite pastime?

My favorite pastime is probably hanging out with friends and going swimming and just having a good time. I love to get to see friends and family.

What's the one thing about you that no one knows?

One thing about me that no one knows is that I like to paint on canvases or using an app on my iPad to relax and just have some time to myself.

What brightens your day?

One thing that brightens my day is knowing I can help others whether it be at work or in a store or even my fellow parishioners at Christ and The Epiphany. I love helping people with whatever they need.

What brought you to Christ and The Epiphany?

My family had been going to Christ and The Epiphany before I was born and since then I've been attending with them.

In what ways do you serve your church family or community?

I serve my church family in many ways, I always make sure that everyone there knows that if they need anything that I will always be there to help. I often can be found working on the newsletter, setting up coffee hour or even fixing the speakers during our in person services.

What is your fondest childhood memory?

My fondest childhood memory is probably spending time with both my great grandmother, who has since unfortunately passed away and my Uncle Harry, who has also passed away, and making memories as they were both heavily involved in my life and I miss them dearly.

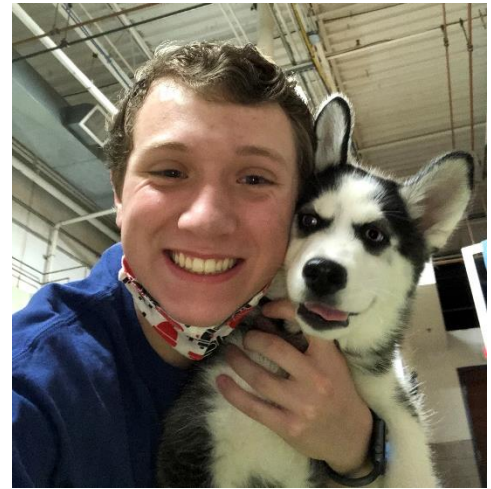
What is your occupation?

I currently work at All Pets Club in Branford as a cashier! The picture I submitted is actually me with one of our dogs we had there named Stefan, he has since found a loving home! I also attend North Branford High School during the school year, and will be a junior this fall.

Do you have any favorite psalms, Bible passages, or inspirational sources?

One of my favorite passages is 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17. ***May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*** I love the encouragement it gives and it's something to think about daily and a reminder that God is constantly with us!

Editor's Note: This past month Charlie turned the milestone of 16 years old! We are so grateful to have him and his mom with us - Susan.





Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation

“And you have seen men in uniform drive by and murder Tamir Rice, a twelve-year-old child whom they were oath bound to protect.”

From Between The World And Me by Te-Nehisi Coates

“And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers!’” Mark 3:34

I wanted to believe it was over. I really wanted to believe it was over. I wanted to believe that the battered bodies, the kids at the receiving end of fire hoses and killer dogs, the boycotts and marches and protests - that they all had not gone for naught. After all, the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts were enacted in the '60s, abolishing Jim Crow. Affirmative Action put into law equal opportunity for jobs and college education. We raised our kids to be color blind. And on November 4, 2008, an African American was elected president. What better evidence was there that it was over?

But soon after President Obama took office it was obvious that legislation supported by him that would benefit a large majority of Americans was blocked because he was Black. A Black woman, a good friend, told me how Obama as president was a double-edged sword for people of color; that they were so proud of him and yet, because he was president, racism had gotten worse.

So it never went away. A beloved president, beloved by many White people anyway, had run the Willie Horton ad during his 1988 campaign. 46% of those who voted for president in 2016 voted for a racist. The cop convicted of murdering Laquan McDonald, a 17-year-old Black boy who was shot sixteen times for carrying a knife, was sentenced to just seven years in prison, and will get out in three. He had a record of stopping and beating African American men - for traffic violations. Many of the kids in Washington who surrounded and chanted racial epithets at a Native American man playing his drum, trying to diffuse what could have been a violent confrontation, were wearing the red campaign hats of a racist president.

The thousands of children who were separated from their parents at the border were not White. No, America is not color blind.

Often we White people think, “it’s not where I live.” But it is where I live. In 2014 a member of the Norwalk Board of Education spewed racist venom at one of the Black members of the board, and later posted more on his Facebook page. Redlining, the practice of excluding families of color from looking for houses in White neighborhoods, is practiced in Norwalk. Down the road - in liberal left New York City - is the most segregated school system in the country. Up the road, Bridgeport schools remain some of the most underfunded.

I cannot understand the experiences of people of color. I don’t know what it’s like to walk out of my house every day in fear. I have never had to have “the talk” with my sons: “Don’t put the hood up on your sweatshirt; if you’re stopped just get out of the car, put your hands on the roof and spread your legs, because you just might get shot for that faulty tail light.”

The irony is that Jesus, the woman at the well, Muhammad and Abraham were people of color. St. Paul most assuredly had brown skin.

So what do I do? First, I must listen. Second, I must search my soul, discover where the racism is in me. Third, when I become aware, I must act. The Rev. William Barber says: “We must learn how our issues intersect in a comprehensive moral agenda that demands transformation of everyone - not least, of us.” Of me.

Bob Giolitto, St. Paul’s on the Green, Norwalk
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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Online Zoom Worship
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Online Zoom Compline

*(Check your email or ask us on facebook for the
Zoom connection information details.)*