



# CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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## Upcoming Events

Friday, February 14,  
Valentine's Day  
Wednesday, February 26, Ash  
Wednesday

## Volunteers Needed

We need someone to staff the Thrift Store on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please see Barbara Parsons if you are able to help in this area.

We also could use some more counters to tally the Sunday donation offerings. Counters are scheduled in pairs for one Sunday a month. Counting generally takes about 20 minutes after the 10:00 a.m. service. Please see George Coulombe if you are interested in helping with this.

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Christ and The Epiphany Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday January 26, after the 9:00 a.m. service.

Elected:

Sr Warden: Barbara Parsons  
Clerk: Kristina Langlan  
Treasurer: Susan Shultz  
Vestry: Wendy Bellmore  
Vestry: Carol Link-Ude  
Vestry (open remaining two-year term): Audrey Sundwall  
ECCT Convention Delegates: Astrid Swanson and Barbara Coulombe (Barbara Parsons alternate)

We have no Junior Warden (responsible for Building and Grounds) but Wendy Bellmore has agreed to spearhead that area for a while.

Thanks to everyone for their service and participation!

The budget for 2020 was approved as presented. While we ended 2019 on a strong note with a \$2,000 surplus instead of our budgeted \$5,000 deficit, we did lose some pledges and have some increased projected expenses so our conservative budget for 2020 has an \$8,000 deficit. But we do hope to do better than that! God will provide.

Full copies of the Annual report including all Commission and Ministry reports as well as the 2019 and 2020 financial reports can be obtained from the church office. Call Diane Rowley at 203-467-2310 or [christandtheepiphany@gmail.com](mailto:christandtheepiphany@gmail.com).

## 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 [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 2020 Flowers and Sanctuary Candles

The 2020 sign-up sheets for Sunday altar flowers and sanctuary 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.

## Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

**Next Meeting** - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday February 16 after the 10:00 a.m. service.

**Treasurer** - We will be switching to a different auditing company for the 2019 audit because the current company has not been able to complete our audits in a timely manner.

**New Business** - The Vestry approved the purchase of new letters and numbers for the hymn boards. Our current set is from the 1960s(!) and is a very worn.

## Summer Study at Yale Divinity School

Diane Villano

Registration is now open for Summer Study courses, June 1-5 and June 8-12. Classes are two and a half hours per day; run Monday through Friday; and are \$450 with a discount for multiple course selections. Offerings include "Faith and Reason", "Trauma and Forgiving in an Age of Egoism and Condemnation" and "The Book of Genesis: In the Beginning was the Story." I'm looking forward to taking "Acts of the Apostles" with Harold Attridge, former Yale Divinity School dean, and "The Bible through Art and Artifact" which includes private tours of many of Yale's collections.

Lunch and coffee are included, as well as free off-street lot parking. Details and registration form are online at [www.summerstudy.yale.edu](http://www.summerstudy.yale.edu).



**Episcopal  
Church in CT  
(ECCT)**

### Spring Training

Spring Training 2020, will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, at Berlin High School, 139 Patterson Way, Berlin, CT. Workshop categories include Christian Formation; Communication; Leadership; Parish Operations; Racial Healing; Justice and Reconciliation; Social Justice and Advocacy; Spiritual Practices; Stewardship and Worship. Register at [www.episcopalct.org/spring-training](http://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training).

### Cycle of Prayer

The complete ECCT Cycle of Prayer for 2019-2020, which begins on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup>, is now available on their website at [www.episcopalct.org](http://www.episcopalct.org). Christ and The Epiphany Church's prayer Sunday is February 2<sup>nd</sup>, together with All Saint's, East Hartford, St. John's, East Windsor, and the Haitian Ministry Network.

### What's New in 2020

Tony Lamberti

This year the Metropolitan Opera House is hosting new and exciting productions from Berlioz, Gershwin, and a rare production of Handel. Let's start with one of my all-time favorite operas - *The Damnation of Faust* by Berlioz will be highlighted with its outstanding concert featuring Elina Garanca singing the title role starting on February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, in February George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* will also debut. This production will be broadcasted in HD at your local theaters and tickets are on sale now.

On February 29, one of the lesser known operas Handel's *Agrippina* will make its debut in HD as well. This will be a Metropolitan Opera premiere starring mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato as the controlling, power-hungry Agrippina. Handel's tale of intrigue and impropriety in ancient Rome runs four hours and arrives in cinemas on February 29 with Harry Bicket conducting. Sir David McVicar's production ingeniously reframes the

action of this black comedy about the abuse of power to "the present" where it should loudly resonate. The all-star cast features mezzo-soprano Kate Lindsey as Agrippina's son and future emperor Nerone; soprano Brenda Rae as the seductive Poppea; countertenor Iestyn Davies as the ambitious officer Ottone; and bass Matthew Rose as the weary emperor.

Another classic opera comedy will be presented on February 22, Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*. A little gem with a lot of fun and laughter. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy one or more of these operas.



February 9 - Fred Bowden  
February 18 - Tony Lamberti  
February 20 - Mary Lou Clark

### Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Beverly W., Carol Ude, Carol C., David, Devin K., Diane, Diane Link, Dulci, Ed, Eileen F., Eleanor N., Faith and Family, Father Eddie, Fred H., Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow Family, Greg T., Ian, J.D., Dr. Jeremiah Martin, Jim C., JoAnn & Victoria, John A., Joseph, Judy C., Judy DeFeo, Julia, June W., Karen Dattilo & Family, Katherine Burdick, Katrina R., Leah S., Linda and Family, Lisa, Lisa H., Lois, Lucas Sundwall, Madelaine, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt,

Melissa D., Rachael, Ray C.,  
Sallie Alexander, Shawne G.,  
Stan R., Vivian S.

recovers in less than three  
months or passes away, please  
update the church office.

For updates to the Birthday or  
Anniversary lists, please call  
the church office at 203-467-  
2310.

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

### Next issue

The deadline for the March  
2020 issue is **February 19**. If  
you have contributions for the  
newsletter please email us at  
[newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com).

Charlie Langlan & Susan  
Shultz, Editors

## Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	DEC	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$21,543.16	\$5,325.66	\$107,133.47	\$7,717.47
EXPENSES	\$10,580.79	\$2,650.65	\$104,878.82	\$619.82
NET	\$10,962.37	\$2,675.01	\$2,254.65	\$7,097.65

Notes: Instead of ending the year with the budgeted \$5,000 deficit, we had a \$2,600 surplus! This was primarily due to a \$5,000 special gift that came in at the end of the year. While we were almost \$2,000 under our pledge commitments, we did save ledges were over budget in November due to people “catching up” on their yearly commitments.

## Worship Schedule (10:00 a.m.)

	<u>February 2</u>	<u>February 9</u>	<u>February 16</u>	<u>February 23</u>
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Ron Blevins	George Coulombe
Lector	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall	Richard Mead	Susan Shultz
Usher	Gail Schappa	Diane Villano	Audrey Sundwall	Gail Schappa
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz
Counter		Fred Bowden		Kristina Langlan