



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Upcoming Events

Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m.,
Sunday Service via Zoom
Sunday, Oct 4, 11:00 a.m.,
Outside in-person Communion
service
Sunday, Oct 4, 1:00 p.m. -
3:00 p.m., Blessing of the
Animals
Sunday, Oct 11, 8:00 a.m. -
12:00 p.m., Junk in the Trunk
Sunday, Oct 18, 10:00 a.m. -
12:00 p.m., ECCT Convention
Worship via Zoom

(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

Oct 4, Fr. Andrew Osmun
Oct 11, Fr. Andrew Osmun
Oct 18, Fr. Bob Stocksdales
Oct 25, Fr. Bob Stocksdales

Zoom Services

We are holding worship
services via Zoom on Sundays
at 9:00 a.m.

To connect by computer click:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7639094733?pwd=WkR1ZHBNTNlWmJqM2NvTkRjZ09hdz09>

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/UCkGs9WC8ug7syt9n0kHkRaA>.

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

With the success of our first
outside in-person Communion
service we will be holding a
second service on Sunday,
October 4 at 11:00 a.m. on the
side lawn of the church.

There will also be a normal
Zoom service at 9:00 a.m. Feel
free to attend one or both!

If possible please bring your
own chair (we will also have a
few chairs available). We will
setup with social distancing
and require masks.

Blessing of the Animals

Diane Villano

On Sunday October 4 from 1:00
p.m. - 3:00 p.m. we will again
partner with the East Haven
Animal Shelter to bless pets
and collect donations of pet
food, treats, toys and bedding.
We are very grateful to Fr.
Andrew Osmun who 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. Please practice
social distancing and wear
masks. We will set up a tent on
the Green and if you can help
with setup and/or breakdown,
please let me know.

Junk in the Trunk

Diane Villano

Our last "Junk in the Trunk"
event will be Sunday October
11 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Spaces are \$20 if setting up
tables, and \$30 to
accommodate a tent.
Reserved spaces will be held
until 7:30 a.m. that morning.

Our last event included sales
from the Junk in Trunk (sales
and rentals), Thrift Store,
Garage, and Carol's "Old
Mother Hubbard" food items.
In total we raised almost \$600!



Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT)

Convention Worship

Each year as part of the Annual Convention, there is a worship service held at the Hartford Cathedral to which all parishioners are invited to attend. This year the service will be via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 18. While we will be holding our normal Zoom service at 9:00 a.m., we encourage everyone to attend the Cathedral service. More information on how to attend will be forthcoming via email.

September Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, October 25th via Zoom after the 9:00 a.m. service. Note that this is a week later since Oct 18th is Convention worship.

Building & Grounds - The new "Seasonal" room of the Thrift Store is coming along nicely. The Children's Chapel is almost ready to be open as well for shoppers who wish to sit and pray for a bit.

We are still in a "wait and see" attitude regarding the fall flu season to see about any in-person church activities. We will research the availability of Zoom in the church.

Treasurer Report - A "what does the rest of 2020 look like?" budget was presented. While the current expectation is a \$13,000 deficit, our goal is

to cut that to \$10,000. With our healthy savings and the emergency nature of the year, it was felt this was an acceptable deficit. So no significant changes are being considered at this time.

Feast & Festivities - We will sell "Old Mother Hubbard" items at any activities around the church such as Junk in the Trunk and the Thrift Store.

Old Business - Still researching ways to have Racial Healing discussions with the parish.

New Business - We will have a small in-church baptism for Joan Shaffner's granddaughter in November with Fr. Andrew. There will be masks and social distancing.

Met Closed for 2020

Tony Lamberti

The Met has made the difficult decision to cancel the entire 2020-2021 season. Because of the large numbers of performers required there was no way to perform safely and meet social distancing needs.

Next month we will discuss alternative musical options.



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

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Barbara R.,
Barbuschak Family, Brandon,
Carol Ude, Carol C., David,

Junk in the Trunk Sunday September 13



Thrift Store New Seasonal Room



Clearwater Family, David C., David & Edward, Devin K., Diane, Diane Link, Dot Tate, Ed, Eileen F., Eleanor N., Faith and Family, Father Eddie, Fran Zella, Frank P., Frank, Fred H., Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow Family, Greg T., Holly and Family, Ian, J.D., Jack K., Jen and Tyler W., Dr. Jeremiah Martin, Jessica and her Baby Olive Estelle, Jim C. Jim R. and Family, Joan, Joe Riccitelli, John A., John M., John U., Joseph, Judy DeFeo, Julia, June W., Karen Dattilo & Family, Kathrine Burdick,

Katrina R., Ken, Kristina Langlan, Leah S., Lisa, Lisa H., Lois, Lucas Sundwall, Madeline, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt, Matt R., Melissa D., Michael, Michelle C., Mitzi Parisi, Patty R., Phil M., Rachael, Ray C., Richard Mead, Ron C., Sallie Alexander, Shawne G., Stan, Turiano Family, Wendy, 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.

Next issue

The deadline for the November 2020 issue is **October 21**. If you have contributions for the newsletter please email us at newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com. For an update to the Intercessory Prayers, Birthday or Anniversary lists, please call the church office at 203-467-2310.

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	AUG	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$7,882.15	\$854.65	\$54,219.14	(\$8,295.86)
EXPENSES	\$5,943.16	(\$847.54)	\$55,973.03	(\$11,664.41)
NET	\$1,938.99	\$1,702.19	(\$1,753.89)	(\$3,368.55)

Notes: We did a review of the budget using current expectations. We project our income to be about \$20,000 under budget. This is due to the likely absence of a Fair, lower pledges, lower Thrift Store, no Fundraising dinners and no Community Kitchen income. We are projecting our expenses to be about \$7,000 under budget primarily due to lower priest costs, lower utilities, lower lawn and snow costs, lower fellowship supplies and deferred repair costs.

This then gives us a deficit of **\$13,000**. We are hopeful that we will be able to do some type of Fundraising and our goal is to find a way to only have a **\$10,000** deficit. With a healthy bank account and the expectation that this is a one-off “bad” year due to the pandemic, the Vestry is not significantly concerned about this year’s deficit. The Vestry still plans to produce a balanced or very low deficit budget for 2021 to put ourselves back on a solid financial track.

Worship Schedule (9:00 a.m. via Zoom)

	<u>October 4</u> <u>(zoom)</u>	<u>October 4</u> <u>(church)</u>	<u>October 11</u>	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Lay Reader	n/a	n/a	George Coulombe	n/a	Wendy Bellmore
Lector	Pat Walters	Diane Villano	Audrey Sundwall	Richard Mead	Carol Link-Ude
Voice of the People	Susan Shultz	n/a	Barbara Coulombe	Pat Walters	Barbara Parsons

Parishioner Spotlight - Audrey Sundwall

Tell us about your family

I live with my husband Ray, and my younger son, Lucas. We also have an older son, Brandon, who lives in Los Angeles with his fiancé, Allison. We have one pet, a rescue dog from the New Haven Shelter named McCloud. He is a 14-pound Chihuahua/Terrier(?) mix who has everyone wrapped around his paw!

What's your favorite pastime?

My favorite pastime is reading. I like to read all kinds of material - fiction and non-fiction.

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

No one knows that I like to go on mini-adventures by traveling on roads where I don't know where I will end up. You never know what new and different things you may see.

What brightens your day?

Sometime during the day I open my book of things I am thankful for. I also try to write in the book daily. It is amazing how looking at all the things I thank God for brightens my day.

What brought you to Christ and The Epiphany?

I was born and baptized (or "Christened" as they said back then) into Christ Church, East Haven, since my parents and grandparents were members. I remember the excitement of merging the parishes and building the new building on the green. Although I have spent my married life in Guilford, and now just moved to North Branford, I never considered migrating to another Episcopal church. Christ and The Epiphany is "home".

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

I recently was elected to serve on the Vestry again, after taking a hiatus for a few years. In the past I spent many years teaching Sunday School. I also try to help the fair effort by creating hand-made ornaments.

What is your fondest childhood memory?

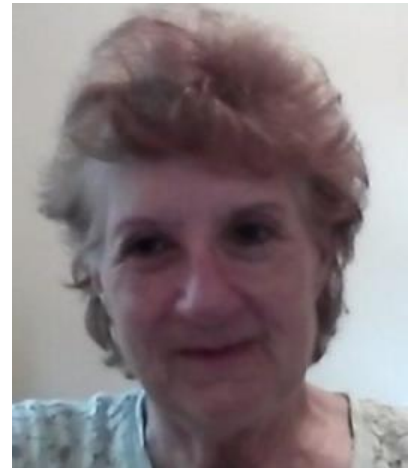
My fondest childhood memories revolved around spending time with my extended family. My family was very close, and we got together often.

What was your occupation prior to retirement?

I am now officially retired, but I was an Elementary School Teacher for 39 years, most of that time in East Haven.

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

My favorite Psalm is the 23rd Psalm. It connects me to my mother, who was also a parishioner. I remember her explaining it to me as a young girl. My mother was such a good example for a faithful follower of Jesus for me.





Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation

What is an **Affirmation**? Webster's tells us it's a positive assertion or declaration. I think of it as "breathing life" into an intention. And for me, **Invitation** means someone wants me to attend an event, be a team member or join in something that holds the promise of a joyful outcome, (like coming to the Lord's table!) However, it may also involve a lot of work! That's okay, the Invitation is what's important. It feels good to be valued.

ECCT is into a two-year Season of Racial Healing, Justice, & Reconciliation. We are an inviting church; we post signs that say "All are Welcome." Why do we need to Affirm and Invite? It is God's church after all. Yet, we are learning new things this Season: the Episcopal Church has a history to overcome. Here's a story: When I talk about my faith to some People of Color, I get this question: "Isn't the Episcopal church a White church?" Or, when I meet White people, I am asked, "Are you Baptist?" This has happened quite a few times and my answers are always "no" and "no." I then explain my faith journey.

So to me, in these divided times in America and around the world, where the cloud of separation hangs over God's creation, making affirmative efforts is a powerful thing to do. I believe in Affirming God's people, all colors, languages and cultures are welcome in the Episcopal Church and can help to overcome parts of our history and break down the stereotype of what is a White church or a Black church.

Another story: Years ago, I worked in a racial justice ministry in New Jersey, where I then lived. Our small, diverse group held church-sponsored anti-racism training. Soon, we figured out that it was wonderful to do this work, but at the end of the day, we returned to our segregated lives. We decided to break that pattern, take an affirming action and enjoy each other at a deeper level, and we did.

How does one move from affirming to taking action - growing our intentions? For me it was normalizing more diverse people, places and experiences I welcomed into my life. Thought was given to saying "yes" rather than "no" and actually seeking out difference; then, I accepted God's invitation and followed the path God laid for me. Like the time I took a belly-dancing class and ended up going to the instructor's Bahá'í wedding reception!

Carol M. Taylor, Trinity Church, Lime Rock, May 2019