



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
TBD, 6:00 p.m., Outside in-
person Communion service
Sunday, Sept 13, 8:00 a.m. -
12:00 p.m., Junk in the Trunk
Sunday, Oct 4, 1:00 p.m. -
3:00 p.m., Blessing of the
Animals

(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

Sept 6, Fr. Andrew Osmun
Sept 13, Fr. Bob Stocksedale
Sept 20, Fr. Bob Stocksedale
Sept 27, Fr. Bob Stocksedale
October 4, Fr. Bob Stocksedale

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

With the success of our first
outside in-person Communion
service we are preparing for a
second service in September.
Specifics including date will be
forthcoming via email.

Junk in the Trunk

Diane Villano

Our first "Junk in the Trunk"
event was a success! We had
six vendors setup in our
parking lot (with masks and
social distanced) selling tag
sale items and artwork. We
had a steady stream of
shoppers attracted by the
numerous signs Ken placed

around the Green, cross traffic
from the East Haven Farmers
Market, and coverage in local
newspapers. Ken and Kathy ran
the Garage while Barbara P.
with Wendy's assistance,
staffed the Good Shepherd
Thrift Store. Many thanks to
those who cleared the parking
lot of storm debris.

The next event will be 8:00
a.m.-12:00 a.m. on September
13. If you're looking to clear
out some closets, this would
be a great opportunity for you!
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.

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.

We bid farewell to our sister in Christ, Judy Clearwater, Aug 5



A lifelong resident of East Haven, Judy (Cunningham) Clearwater passed away on August 5, 2020 peacefully at home with her loving husband and daughter by her side after a courageous 14 month battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born September 17, 1939 in New Haven to James and Lilyan Cunningham. Judy is survived by her husband of 54 years, Ray Clearwater and their two children, Tricia O'Reilly of New Haven and Ray Clearwater Jr. of San Diego along with five grandchildren, Brendan and Ian O'Reilly; and Makai, Sienna and Maya Clearwater. She is also survived by her brother, James Cunningham, and many cousins, grand nieces/nephews and lifetime friends.

Judith was best known for her smile and kindness to all who knew her and everyone she met felt comfortable in her presence. She retired from the New Haven Savings Bank in 2000. Judith loved traveling with Ray to visit their son and grandchildren in California.

She also enjoyed watching and supporting their grandson's sporting events in CT and New England. Her favorite winters were spent with her husband and friends in Englewood, FL.

The funeral was August 14 at Christ and the Epiphany. Donations may be made to the church in her memory.

Senior Warden Report Barbara Parsons

August was a very busy month! First we had the official reopening of the Good Shepard Thrift Store following CDC precautions. Wendy and Heather spent countless hours cleaning the space and the compliments have been many.

Then we had our first in-person service on the side lawn of the church with Fr. Andrew and 15 attendees. Barbara C selected the beautiful pre-recorded the music. It was a special night.

We also held our first "Junk in the Trunk" event organized by Diane Villano and cleared about \$700 for the church.

Lastly we held a funeral for Judy Clearwater. We saw her tremendous strength and faith during her illness. We are grateful to have been able to express our love to her during our Sunday Zoom services. She will be sadly missed.

Time and circumstances will determine when we will be in our Sanctuary again. Until then, let us continue to love and support one another. God's Peace and Blessings to you all.

Outside Worship Thursday August 6



Junk in the Trunk Sunday August 9





September 22 - Jill Lamberti
 September 24 - Richard Mead
 September 28 - Leland Hubbard



September 11 - Kathy and Kenneth Dougherty
 September 27 - Audrey and Raymond Sundwall

August Vestry Summary
 Susan Shultz

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, September 20th via Zoom after the 9:00 a.m. service.

Worship - Barbara Parsons will not be running for Senior Warden in 2021. We are grateful for her service and will start looking for a candidate.

Feast & Festivities - No concrete plans are in place since so much is still in flux. We are hoping we will be able to have a “limited” fair in December but are also pursuing a possible on-going “mini fair” room in the Thrift store.

Old Business - We are still looking into getting someone to speak on the topic of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation to the parish during/after a Sunday Zoom service.

Music of America
 Tony Lamberti

As we enter into times where “Normal” is now just the opposite, we still have music from some of the greatest composers to listen and enjoy. This music can soothe us as we pass the time away, straying from the everyday life we once knew! For example we have Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, Virgil Thomson, Amy Beach, Roger Sessions, Lou Harrison and Charles Ives.

These are only a few of the notable composers who have passed away in the height of their careers. In Symphony, Opera, and Choral Trill their music can still be enjoyed through their recordings. In these times of uncertainty, we must keep in mind that we will someday be able again to attend a live performance of the Metropolitan Opera, or travel to a favorite venue and listen to a live concert.

Starting next month, I will be back to reporting about the upcoming performances at the Metropolitan Opera. In the meantime, you can catch some of the live performances on PBS on Sundays starting at 1:00 p.m. Great Performances. Check your local listings.



Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Barbara R., Barbuschak Family, Carol Ude, Carol C., Clearwater Family, David, 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., 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, Sallie Alexander, Shawne G., 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 October 2020 issue is **September 23**. 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

| | JUL | (UNDER)/OVER BUDGET | YTD | (UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET |
|----------|------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| INCOME | \$7,532.24 | (\$1,365.26) | \$46,336.99 | (\$9,150.51) |
| EXPENSES | \$5,799.79 | (\$1,555.91) | \$50,029.87 | (\$10,816.87) |
| NET | \$1,732.45 | \$190.65 | (\$3,692.88) | (\$1,666.36) |

Notes: Pledges continue to be about \$1,000 under budget. While the Community Kitchen continues to be closed, the Thrift Store is back in business and the Food Pantry gave us extra money over their rent. Utilities and Building & Grounds expenses continue to be significantly under budget.

Parishioner Spotlight - Carol Link-Ude

Tell us about your family

I have my "foster-son" Craig, who is my great-nephew and godson. I took him as a foster son 24 years ago and he now resides in Mass. Many of you know my sister-in-law, Diane, who helps with C&E events I undertake. I was the youngest of six and I still have one brother who lives in Maine.

What's your favorite pastime?

Reading mystery, historic romance and Amish novels. I also love jigsaw puzzles. Half my dining room table usually has a puzzle in process.

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

In 1991 I wrote an article on Datacenter Automation which was published in an International magazine "Datacenter Manager". It was one of the greatest highlights of my career to see my photo and words in print.

What brightens your day?

To wake up and see what God has planned for that day.

What brought you to Christ and The Epiphany?

My parents - I was originally born into Church of The Epiphany. My life was always in the church - baptized, Sunday School, Junior choir, confirmed and youth group. My father was part of the building committee that built Christ and The Epiphany, I am still here 77 years later.

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

In church I am a Vestry member, Directress of the Altar Guild, and Chair of the Feast, Festivities & Fund Raising committee. In my community I volunteer at the VNA Community Healthcare and Hospice.

What was your occupation prior to retirement?

I spent 37 years at United Illuminating Company, starting as file clerk and working up to Computer Center Analyst. I began my own computer consulting company after retirement from UI (CLU Consulting) and continued to work for UI until after the Y2K (2001). I then became a corporate sales representative for Godiva Chocolatier for 17 years until 2018.

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

I love the bible writings of Max Lucado and my favorite songs are "What a Friend I have in JESUS" and "How Great Thou Art".





Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation

“Transformation is a process, and as life happens there are tons of ups and downs. It’s a journey of discovery - there are moments on mountaintops and moments in deep valleys of despair.” Rick Warren

Transformation

My friends, during this Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation, we are being invited into a time where we each must have the courage to ask - what needs transformation in our lives? For some of us, the need is to be transformed in the way we view ourselves. We live in a very intolerant and unforgiving society that demands action, performance, and success. Not making the grade is unsatisfactory. Such a state of personal disrespect requires transformation. Yes, we all need to be able to look into a mirror and not only see, but fully believe, that the reflection we view is a child of God.

For some, transformation of our attitudes toward others is needed. Sometimes we place people on the margins and fringes. There are times, as well, that we place ourselves above others. We separate and differentiate between people - those who can help us and those who can’t, those we consider friends and those we don’t, those who have the right skin color, or religion, and those who don’t. We can create a destructive atmosphere in our relationships with others, without lifting a single finger. Our attitudes, words, and actions can be used to uplift people up or used to tear them down...the choice is ours.

Finally, I would like to suggest that all of us need to transform our faith practice. Our conversation with God must be central to the life of all people of faith, yet too often the busy contemporary lifestyle we lead causes us to find and make excuses for not taking time to pray. Transformation means we make prayer a priority and make no excuses.

Transformation takes courage, because if we do it well, the personal discoveries may lead to revelation. As the Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation continues, let us look into our hearts, and ask the difficult question: "What needs to be transformed in my life?" Then, with a renewed sense of purpose, let us courageously go forth and seek new beginnings in attitude, personal conduct, and faith. Let us be transformed in Christ, the one who died to set us free and will one day bring us to eternal life. Amen.

The Rev. Tracy Johnson Russell, Rector, Rector, St. Monica’s Episcopal Church
April 2019

A Native American Prayer

Thanks to Fr. Bob Stocksedale

Earth teach me quiet - as the grasses are still with new light.
Earth teach me suffering - as old stones suffer with memory.
Earth teach me humility - as blossoms are humble with beginning.
Earth teach me caring - as mothers nurture their young.
Earth teach me courage - as the tree that stands alone.
Earth teach me limitation - as the ant that crawls on the ground.
Earth teach me freedom - as the eagle that soars in the sky.
Earth teach me acceptance - as the leaves that die each fall.
Earth teach me renewal - as the seed that rises in the spring.
Earth teach me to forget myself - as melted snow forgets its life.
Earth teach me to remember kindness - as dry fields weep with rain.

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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.)*