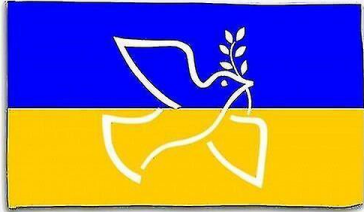




CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Ukraine

While originally we had planned to run an Easter article here, we cannot ignore the conflict in Ukraine which is so devastating and weighs so heavily on our hearts.

As ECCT bishops Ian Douglas and Laura Ahrens say, we live in anxious and scary times. Vladimir Putin's unprovoked and evil war unleashed upon Ukraine is not only bringing death and destruction to the brave and resilient people of Ukraine, but also threatens the possibility of a global war between Western NATO aligned nations and Russia.

So instead here is an excerpt from the bishops of The Episcopal Church recent statement on the conflict.

We are gathered at a moment of profound jeopardy to the principles of international law and peace. There is a direct link between our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of all people in Christ and the demand to respect the will of nations to determine their own destiny when

expressed freely through the ballot box.

We pray that the nations of the world call upon the Russian government to cease immediately this unjustifiable violence, especially against the innocent;

We pray that our siblings in the churches of Russia and Ukraine remind their leaders of Christ's commandment that we love our neighbors as we love ourselves – which we believe provides no justification for violent conflict unless in the defense of women, children, the elderly and those otherwise vulnerable;

And we pray that God protect and defend those who, with great courage, have stood and spoken against the choice for war in the counsels of their governments, their churches, and in the public square.

You can read the entire Bishop's statement here: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2um8mh>

What you can do

Please pray the *Collect for Peace* on the next page (or your own peace prayer) often. We will also be keeping a collection basket in the church for donations. These will be sent to the Episcopal Relief

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Sunday Service in-person and via Zoom

Apr 10 - Palm Sunday

Apr 17 - Easter Sunday

Sunday, Apr 3, 10:30 a.m., Vestry special meeting in-person and via Zoom

Thursday, Apr 14, 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service in-person and via Zoom

Friday, Apr 15, 6:30 p.m., Good Friday Service in-person and via Zoom

Monday - Friday, Apr 18-22, various times, Good Shepherd Thrift Store changeover from Winter to Summer clothing.

Sunday, Apr 24, noon - 4:00 p.m., Junk in the Trunk

Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m., Family Meeting after 9:00 a.m. Service (in-person and via Zoom)

(Zoom connection information at end of newsletter.)

and Development fund to support the millions of refugees fleeing the strife.

Clergy Schedule

Apr 3, Fr. Andrew Osmun

Apr 10, Fr. Andrew Osmun

Apr 17, Fr. Andrew Osmun

Apr 24, Fr. Andrew Osmun

Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship Changes

Beginning on Easter, we will be distributing unwrapped communion wafers. We will continue to use the individual wine cups. Receptacles will be placed in the hallways for you to dispose of your cup before you return to your pew. We will also continue to have gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Family Meeting

We have scheduled a Family Meeting for **Sunday May 1** after the 9:00 a.m. service. There will be both an in-person and Zoom option. We strongly encourage you to attend. Topics for discussion will be our search for a new priest in charge and the exterior painting campaign.

In our transition period please reflect on the following questions - **Where do you see Christ & The Epiphany in three months? a year? five years? How do you think we will get there?**

If you have any other topics or questions you would like to see discussed please let our Senior Warden know at 203-467-4229 or bgcoulombe@gmail.com.

Around the Church



Thrift Store Easter



Thrift Store Happenings

The Thrift Store starts their new hours in April - **Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon** (used to be Tuesday 9-11 a.m.) and **Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (used to be 10:00-noon). Also note that masks are now optional in the store.

The annual **Winter Half Price Clothing Sale** (\$1.00 an item!) will run from April 2 - April 16.

We hope the sale reduces our inventory as we then make the big switch from *Winter to Summer clothing* the week of **April 18th** in preparation for **Junk in the Trunk** on the 24th. This is a large undertaking and many hands will greatly reduce the burden. For specific dates and times see Barbara Parsons at mannybarb1@gmail.com.

Junk in the Trunk Carol Link-Ude

Our first Junk in the Trunk of 2022 will be Sunday April 24 from noon to 4:00 p.m. If you want to add to our supplies of baked goods for sale in "Carol's Kitchen", Carol would be most appreciative! You can contact her at cude@snet.net. Also we are always looking for Volunteers to help out during the event. We hope to see you there!



April 16 - Brady Reynolds
April 28 - Kathy Dougherty



Altar Flowers

Now that we are back to in-person services you can once again sponsor flowers for the altar or the altar candle. Sponsorships may be for any reason - to remember a loved one; to celebrate a birthday or special event; or as a thank offering.

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Narthex. Flowers are \$35 and the altar candle is \$10. Your sponsorship message will be included in the bulletin. You can also sign up by sending an email to the office at christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

Online Church Calendar Susan Shultz

Our parish event and building use calendar is now available online! To view the public calendar click:
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=christandtheepiphany%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York

Or if you use Google Calendar you can add a calendar by url with this url:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/christandtheepiphany%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

Note that any additions or changes to the calendar still must go through the Diane Rowley in the office at 203-467-2310 or christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

Souperama II

Thanks to everyone who participated in last month's Souperama! While our turnout was lighter than we had hoped, we still had a good time and raised almost \$500! We also raised \$50 for Ukraine.



April 27 - Leland & Madeline Hubbard

March Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, April 24th in the Library and via Zoom after the 9:00 a.m. service.

Worship - Starting on Easter we will use unwrapped communion wafers and place trash receptacles in the hallways.

Building & Grounds - All current 2022 rental agreements have been signed as well as the 47 Park Place lease. The emergency lights were all checked and are in working order. We need to replace a circulator pump for the boiler that services the

upstairs. We are waiting on a part. Also Boiler #1 (we have three) is not working. Quality Mechanical will look at it when they come to replace the circulator pump. Barbara will be away April 7-12.

Technology - The TV in the church is working again. The old copier has been removed and the office is looking much less cluttered. The large monitor that was recently donated has been setup in the priest's office. Lastly, we have a new online calendar.

Encouraging Words

Audrey Sundwall

The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
-2 Peter 3:9

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.
-Acts 3:19

In him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. -Ephesians 1:7

I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.
-Isaiah 44:22

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
-Romans 6:23

Your Help Needed

Astrid Swanson

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR PAINTING PROJECT!

We need your help desperately. I am chairman of the committee to raise money so we can get the windows, doors and the columns outside painted at church. There is a grant available to us if we can raise enough money by June 1st to qualify. We need to raise \$6,000 to qualify for the grant of \$6,000.

The columns will cost \$800 each and someone has already committed to take care of these. The windows will run between \$300 - 600. Don't be shy about any contribution you would like to make to this project. All amounts are greatly appreciated and help us move towards our goal. Thanks for your generosity!



Opera Podcast

The second episode of Tony Lamberti's Opera series is now available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/UElMbDrLG44>



Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT)

Updated COVID-19 Protocols

It is with guarded optimism that ECCT has reevaluated the precautions that we have faithfully followed over the last two years. The levels of infection in CT have not been at such a low level since early last summer, before the incidence of the Delta and Omicron variants.

Remember our decisions regarding COVID protocols should not be what we wish for ourselves, for our own comfort and desires, but an attempt to protect, as much as possible, the most vulnerable and at risk in our communities. Following the way of Jesus, who gave himself up as a self-offering for us and for all people, we must always act from a place of love and concern for the other in our midst.

We believe parishes can determine whether to require masks for worship and can even return to the common Communion Cup if desired as receiving from the shared chalice does not appear to cause an elevated risk. *[Editor note: C&E will continue to use individual communion cups.]* We do still recommend people continue to sit at a safe distance from one another and consider designating a zone that is set apart for people who choose to continue to be masked.

We would like to emphasize, once again, that the most

effective way for us to protect ourselves and our parishes and communities against COVID-19 is to become fully vaccinated and boosted. We encourage you to do all you can to encourage all eligible members of your parishes to be vaccinated to the furthest extent possible. We give thanks for your collegiality, faithfulness, and leadership in these challenging times.

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alfred, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Beverly W., Brandon, Carol Ude, David & Irene, Diane Link, Dot Tate, Ed, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Erick Villano, Faith, Francesca, Judy Herzman, Jack Uberti & Grandson Zayne, Jack & Jan McDonald, Jay Medlyn, Jay W., Jim R. & Family, Joyce Aurelius, Kathrine Burdick, Keith M., Leah S., Lee Hubbard, Linda Lonardo, Lucas Sundwall, Mark Conti, Matt R., Mike, Nicole C., Rachael, Ray Sundwall Sr., Sallie Alexander, Sue R., Tricia Clearwater, Turiano Family

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 May issue is **April 26**. Submissions can be sent to newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com. For an update to the Intercessory Prayers, Birthday or Anniversary lists, please call the church office at 203-467-2310.

The History Nook

Audrey Sundwall

The Memorial Chapel

The Memorial Chapel is a good illustration of how elements of the three former parish buildings were incorporated to make a new whole. Items were combined, just as our congregations were joined to make a new parish. The chapel was designed in a Gothic motif, since both the Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church were furnished in that style.

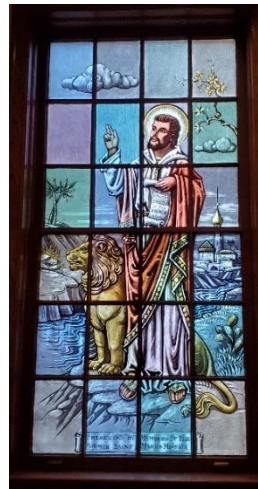


As you look at the chapel, the reredos (the wood paneling covering the wall in back of the altar) and the altar itself came from Christ Church. It was handcarved in oak by Frederick M. Faeth of East Haven in 1931. The altar was given in memory of Charlotte Heermans, who had died while her husband, the Rev. Nile W. Heermans, was rector of Christ Church. The clergy chairs, the prie-dieux, and the baptismal font also came from Christ Church. The altar rail, kneelers, and altar appointments came from the Church of the Epiphany, and the cathedral chairs, kneelers, and the original organ came from Saint Mark's Mission.



The stained glass windows signify the three groups that became one. The three windows depict scenes from the Gospels. The window nearest the altar shows Christ the King, as the risen, victorious, reigning son of God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. It represents Christ Church.

The center window illustrates The Epiphany or Visit of the Magi, when the three Kings visited the infant Jesus and gave him gifts. This window represents The Church of The Epiphany.



The final window shows St. Mark the Evangelist, who holds in his hand a scroll of scripture revealing words from his Gospel. The lion stands for St. Mark's depiction of our Lord as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. This window represents St. Mark's Mission.

The Memorial Chapel is so named because it contains items which were given in memory of parishioners from Christ Church, The Church of The Epiphany, and St Mark's Mission. The names on those memorials are some of those who came before us who worked to create and uphold the Episcopal work of God and our Lord Jesus in our area. It was through them and the many other parishioners we remember, starting in 1789 with the organization of The Episcopal Society of East Haven, which became Christ Church; the establishment of a trust by Mrs. Betsy Forbes Bradley for the purpose of founding a church which, became The Church of The Epiphany in 1902; and the creation of a Sunday School in 1929 which became St. Mark's Mission in Momauguin, that the foundation of Christ and The Epiphany was possible.

The chapel remains a place where we honor those who have continued in the care and life of our parish. More recently a new memorial was added to the chapel in memory of Ron Swanson. The wood carving of Jesus as a carpenter was done by Ron's carving teacher and given in his memory by his wife Astrid and her family.



Celebrate Earth Day April 22



In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth....and God saw that it was good!

We Christians believe that God asked the human race to take care of Earth, honor it and when necessary, help it to heal. To do so well requires understanding, understanding that everything is connected. What happens to the Amazon affects the whole world, how we live here affects Long Island Sound, all of Connecticut, the northeastern US, and beyond. Our simplest habits affect the health of the earth and thus our future. Here are some ways you can celebrate God's creation this month.

- Read Rev. Stephanie Johnson's book, *How Can I Care for Creation?*
- Join the *Earthkeepers Challenges*. Trinity Church, Branford's Environmental Team invites you into a campaign of thoughtful stewardship of the earth, our island home. Together we can make a difference through better choices. And we can encourage one another along the way. *How it works:* Aim to complete the current Challenge within a month and come back to find a new Challenge at the beginning of next month. Join the process at any time. When you have completed a Challenge, let us hear from you about what your experience (earthkeepers@trinitybranford.org). And here's the fun part - You can win a prize in any of the steps. Check back every month to see who won and why. For more info check out <https://www.trinitybranford.org/ministries/earthkeepers.html>
- Attend the free Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet *Body & Land* on April 24, from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. on the Guilford Green. *Body & Land* is a four-part dance work that follows the path of the four seasons. ECB has worked with local composer, Scott Simonelli who blended his musical composition with that of Vivaldi. The work uses dance - an embodied art form - to compare the effects of climate change on both human bodies and the body of the earth. This work is meant to encourage us to feel these changes on both an intellectual and a visceral level, and also to give voice to the people who are affected most.

A promotional poster for a book study. The left side is a blue triangle containing white text. The right side is a photograph of an open book with a yellow flower resting on it, set against a dark, textured background. A small blue starburst icon is in the bottom right corner of the poster.

**BOOK STUDY AT
CAMP WASHINGTON**

**"Beating Guns: Hope for People
Who Are Weary of Violence" by
Michael Martin and Shane Claiborne**

**Friday, April 1, 8, 29
& May 6 at 10 AM
at Camp Washington
and via Zoom**

Registration and More Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ecct-book-study-beating-guns-hope-for-people-who-are-weary-of-violence-tickets-293814586337>

Parishioner Spotlight - Ray Clearwater

Tell us about your immediate family and pets

I have a daughter, Tricia, who lives with me and she has two sons Brendan (22) and Ian (24). My son Ray lives in San Marcos, CA. He has a son Makai (25) and a daughter Siena (20) from his first marriage. He is now married to Rita and they have one daughter Maya (13). Tricia and I also have two cats, named Oakley and Bubbles.

What brought you to Christ and The Epiphany?

I joined Christ and The Epiphany when I started to date Judy, as her entire family belonged to the church.

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

I mostly serve by just being a part of the family, and with my pledge. I have recently been elected to serve on the Vestry. I need to find a way to do a lot more. I really enjoy everyone and want to be a part of us being able to continue to survive.

What was your occupation prior to retirement?

I was a hockey player for 17 years and then I scouted in the NHL for 30 years before retiring.

What's your favorite pastime?

My favorite pastime is playing golf and watching golf and hockey on TV.

What brightens your day?

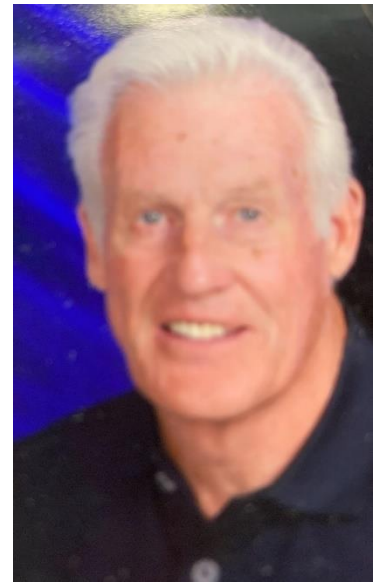
I love to be here in Florida, and just seeing the smiling faces of the people here in our community brightens most days.

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

One thing I am not sure everyone knows about me is I love to sing and have taken part in a choir this winter and have really enjoyed it.

What is your fondest childhood memory?

My fondest memory of my childhood was the summer of my 13th year which I spent on a farm with my Dad's family. I learned what it was to work and provide for others as well as riding horses bareback and other skills.



Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	FEB	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$8,501.17	\$2,715.17	\$20,567.05	\$1,975.05
EXPENSES	\$9,416.13	(\$1,067.37)	\$21,099.58	(\$712.92)
NET	(\$914.96)	\$3,782.54	(\$532.53)	\$2,687.97

Notes: While it appears pledges are much higher than budget, the Year-to-date numbers show that we are on track and Feb just included some late January pledge payments. Church building use also appears over budget but is just a discrepancy in the timing of payments. We did receive an unexpected \$500 special gift from one of our paishioners for which we are very grateful.

A Prayer for the Election of our XVI Diocesan Bishop

Please continue to pray for the Bishop Transition Committee.

God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, without you nothing can be done. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Episcopal Church of CT, especially the Bishop Transition Committee, during this time of transition. Bless and continue the good work begun in your name. Open the committee's ears to the hurts and hopes expressed to them and broaden our vision to see where you lead. Enliven their hearts with honesty and compassion to do the work that lies ahead, within our church and beyond its walls. Grant us the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy. Guide the committee as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church of CT. Bless and be with our Bishop Ian as he transitions to a new life serving you. Bless our candidates. Bestow them with the abilities to lead and serve. Let us learn from them and they from us, so we may live your word serving all. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Transition and Guidance

Pray for our parish as we search for a new Priest in Charge.

O Lord, you are with us in every transition and change. With your deep compassion, presence and abounding love ease our anxiety. We pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, and daring in our faith. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Help us accept change as a gift of your direction for our journey in this transition. Instill in us a vision of the church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Worship Schedule (9:00 a.m.)

	<u>Apr 3</u>	<u>Apr 10</u>	<u>Apr 14</u>	<u>Apr 15</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>
		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Maundy Thur</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Easter</i>	
Usher	Barbara Parsons	Audrey Sundwall	Wendy Bellmore	Astrid Swanson	Melanie Miller	Diane Villano
Lay Reader	Diane Villano	Gail Beck	Barbara Parsons	Audrey Sundwall	Wendy Bellmore	Richard Mead
Crucifer	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe
Acolyte	Audrey Sundwall	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall	George Coulombe
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	n/a	n/a	George Coulombe	Pat Walters
Asst Counter	Richard Mead	Fred Bowden	n/a	n/a	Barbara Coulombe	Melanie Miller

Zoom Worship Connection Information

To connect by computer click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933030663?pwd=VnU2RjAxZDg0WWcvcvVA4RHdOd3ZUUT09>

To join by phone call:

929-436-2866

Meeting ID = 993 303 0663

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Weekly bulletins are emailed out on Fridays. Zoom is opened around 8:45 a.m. on Sunday.

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

If you want or need any help getting connected on Zoom please reach out any time to Susan Shultz at 203-589-1142 or sbshultz@gmail.com.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m. In-Person & Online Zoom Worship
In-person with social distancing and optional masking

*(See the newsletter, our website, or Facebook page for
Zoom connection information details.)*