



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Thankfulness

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

If it's true that thankfulness is the foundation for all Christian ethics, then the numerous Bible calls to be thankful at all times should come as no surprise to us. Beyond the above-quoted verse, Paul's desire is that we *“[give] thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Ephesians. 5:20). Thankful always? Thankful for everything? Giving thanks in all circumstances? Who is possibly cut out for this?

We all know someone who seems to have a cheery disposition no matter what. At some point the persistent pleasantness may start to annoy us, because it just doesn't seem natural! At a low moment, you might permit yourself to think, Why can't they be as a grumpy as me? But we should admire this attitude. What might we do to better cultivate it ourselves? How can we live in constant thankfulness –especially in light of the troubles and sorrows of life that will inevitably come?

Take to heart Paul's teaching here: Gratitude is *“the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* Thankfulness, contentment, and happiness is something that God actually wants for you! What a God we serve! It brings him a smile to make you and me smile. So many people are desperate to know God's will in their lives, seeking answers and direction. Here is a place in the Bible where God's will is explicitly spelled out for us. The direction he would have us walk is the way of joy, ceaseless communion with him, and constant thankfulness.

God's plan for you isn't to be disgruntled or disappointed. Grumpiness doesn't make it into glory. God's will—both his desire and his plan—is that we'll be joyful for eternity. God wants you to be grateful, and what God wants he gets. For the here and now he has given us new hearts that are supernaturally equipped with a capacity for gratitude. And for the hereafter, we'll be so consumed with thankful praise that the thought of being anything less will be an absurdity. Instead, we will sing: *“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen”* (Revelations. 7:2).

- Jonathan Landry Cruse

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., St. John's North Haven's Holiday Fair

Sunday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. Veteran's Sunday

Sunday, November 20, 10:30 a.m., Vestry

Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m., Old Stone Church, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Christmas Fair

(Zoom connection information at end of newsletter.)

Note

Sundays Nov 13 & 20
No Zoom Available

Clergy Schedule

November 6 -
Fr. Andrew G. Osmun
November 13 -
Fr. Andrew G. Osmun
November 20 -
Morning Prayer
November 27 -
Morning Prayer

Ecumenical

Thanksgiving Service

The annual East Haven United Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at Old Stone Church on **Tuesday November 22 at 7:00 p.m.** We encourage you to come and show your support for our united town community.

Help the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is extra busy during the holiday season. Their Thanksgiving and Christmas bundles go to more than 400 families and they can always use more hands sorting and packaging the donations. Consider lending an hour of your time to help out!

Saturday Nov 12, 3:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving donation sorting

Thursday Nov 17, 6:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving bundle assembly

Saturday Nov 20, 12:00 p.m.
Christmas donation sorting

Christmas Fair

Work on the Christmas fair is progressing.

Donations still needed:

- **Scratch lottery tickets** for Lottery Tree (unscratched)
- **Gift Certificates/Cards** for Raffle tree. Ask at your favorite store, hairdresser, restaurant, etc. Give these to Ken or Kathy Dougherty. See Carol if you need a donation letter. **Due by Nov 27**
- **Raffle basket items** **Due by Nov 27**
- **Craft items** for handicraft tables
- **Baked goods** for bakery table (Pies, Cakes, Cookies, etc.) **Due by Dec 2**

Around the Church

Blessing of the Animals



We could also use a few more people to work tables on the day of the fair.

Set-up for the fair will be on Dec 2 beginning at 9:00 a.m. We ask everyone available to try to come help. There are signs to make and hang, baked goods to be packaged, etc. Everything must be completed by end of day on Friday.

Lastly, sign up for poinsettias in the library. Order by **Nov 20**. Payment can be made at the fair.

Any questions please contact a committee member. Fair Committee: Carol Link-Ude, Barbara Parsons, Audrey Sundwall, Melanie and Paul Miller.

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!!

Vestry Meeting

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

Senior Warden Report - After numerous administrative issues with ECCT, we are finally on the list of parishes in Good Standing. This is a requirement for getting a new priest-in-charge. George C continues to attend the monthly Warden Zoom meetings and has been the only one to attend every meeting since they started!

Building & Grounds - The Community Kitchen served on the first and third Saturdays in October. However attendance was light so between that and

the upcoming holidays they have postponed any more luncheons until the new year.

The sanctuary windows painting will be done by Nov 1. The painter wants to complete the chapel windows before closing this phase. A member of the food pantry will put in the sanctuary storm windows after the painting is finished.

The grant for 47 Park Place architectural review is moving along. The first part has been received and sent to the state for approval. Once approved we can move on to the next phase. Anyone interested in being a part of restoring 47 Park Place please see Wendy Bellmore.

New Business - Next month the nominating committee will need to get moving to prepare for 2023.

Stewardship - After a discussion it was decided that the wardens would write a stewardship letter to mail out; A stewardship YouTube sermon will be played on Sunday Oct 30 (Morning Prayer); and Stewardship Sunday will be November 27.



November 4 - James Reynolds
November 8 - Fred Walters
November 9 - Carol Link-Ude
November 10 - Ray Clearwater
November 15 - Joyce Aurelius
November 24 - Lucas Sundwall



Encouraging Words Audrey Sundwall

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and feels a hungry with good things. - *Psalm 107:8-9*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - *Romans 15:13*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. - *1 Chronicles 16:34*

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - *Galatians 6:9*

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. - *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

I call on you, oh God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer. - *Psalm 17:6*

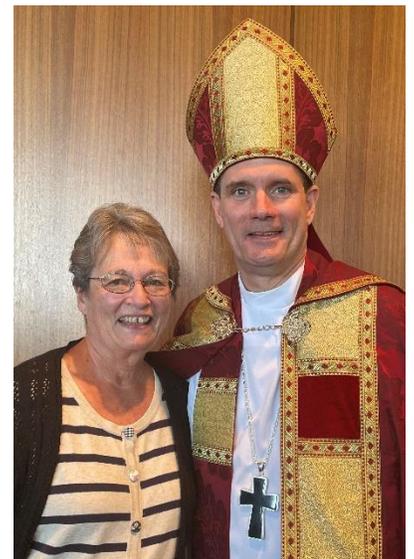
Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! - *Psalm 106:1*

O come let us sing to the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! - *Psalm 95:1-2*



Ordination and Consecration of Rev. Jeffrey Mello

Barbara Parsons and Terry Osmun attended Rev. Jeffrey Mello's consecration in Hartford last month. The service is still available to view on YouTube/Facebook. <https://www.youtube.com/c/ctepiscopal>





**ECCT
South
Central
Region**

Town Hall with our Bishops Southeast and South Central Region Convocation

**November 12, 9:00 a.m. -
11:30 a.m. St. Andrew's,
Madison and on Zoom**

We strongly encourage you to come and join in with other Episcopalians from the Southeast and South Central Regions to meet with each other and with our Bishops Jeff Mello and Laura Ahrens.

We will have time for prayerful conversation, choosing from the following questions:

- What do you love about the community in which your parish is located?
- What do you love about your parish community? What excites you?
- What breaks your heart? What keeps you up at night?
- Where do you see potential for new life? What do you dream about us doing together?

There will be time to ask our Bishops about whatever is on our minds! And we will have time to be mark this moment in our common life, listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit in our worship together. And, we will share a festive coffee hour at the end (around 11:30am). Do come and join the fellowship!

Note that we will do our best to provide those who participate on Zoom with support and engagement.

Please recognize that, alas, in the world of technology, intentions do not always translate to reality.

Click here to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southeast-and-south-central-region-convocation-tickets-425310413897>

Advent Study Series: Becoming Beloved Community Mondays 7-8 p.m. on Zoom

As Advent is a season of preparation for the inbreaking of Jesus, the Episcopal Church has developed an Advent study series to help us reflect on how to make flesh the Beloved Community of God's dream. Each week will we look at the lectionary readings for the preceding Sunday.

The Rev. Rachel Thomas will facilitate the Monday evening group on Zoom from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm beginning November 28. Email her at rthomas@episcopalct.org to receive the link.

A Prayer for Transition and Guidance

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.**

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alfred, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Bohdan & Family in Ukraine, Brandon, Carol Ude, David & Irene, Diane Link, Ed, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Erick Villano, Faith, Fran Zella, Francesca, Judy Herzman, Jack Uberti & Holly Chickos, Jack and 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., Susan, 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 December issue is **November 23.**

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.

History Nook Spotlight: Harry R. Bartlett

November 30, 1894 to April 27, 1918

Harry was the son of Charles and Minnie J. Bartlett of Hemmingway Avenue, proprietors of the summer business, Mansfield Grove House at Momauguin for many years. He was 23 years old at the time of his death, and the first US service member from East Haven to lose his life in the war.

As a young man, Harry had graduated from Union School on Thompson Avenue in 1908, and Hillhouse High School in 1913. He went on to be employed by L. Candee & Co as a receiving clerk prior to entering into the Army.

Harry enlisted into the cavalry and reported to Niantic in July of 1917, and left for France in October of the same year. He was assigned to Company D of the 101st Machine Gun Battalion, later changed to the 103rd Machine Gun Battalion.

While his parents had been notified of his death by Battalion command, further news came home via letter from James McCartin of Company D Machine Gun Battalion on May 3, 1918. He described, “four fellows killed by one German shell into the trenches, they never knew what hit them”. Harry’s brother Charley, serving with the Dr. Flint Yale Mobile Hospital Unit in France, was notified while in country.

American Cemeteries from many wars are located throughout the world, with over 130,000 US Troops interred in those grounds. The Bartlett family, however, had the means to repatriate Harry’s remains, and he is buried in East Lawn Cemetery in East Haven.

Harry was a baptized communicant of Christ Church, Main Street, East Haven. It was deemed appropriate that the East Haven community, and the Christ Church parish should have some fitting memorial for him. At that time, American Legion Posts were forming, and Harry R Bartlett American Legion Post 89 in East Haven organized in spring of 1920.



On Sunday, May 8, 1921, at Christ Church, with a detail of the American Legion Post 89 in attendance, a processional cross crafted by Rudolph Geissler was dedicated to his memory, given by his mother. On the bulb at the base of the cross is inscribed: To the glory of God and in memory of her son Harry Richard Bartlett who fell at Apremont, April 27, 1918 by Minnie J Bartlett. The processional cross remains one of many memorials located at Christ and The Epiphany Church in East Haven, which stands as the merger of Christ Church of East Haven, and Epiphany Church of Forbes Avenue, New Haven.

Harry’s funeral was held on Wednesday June 21, 1921 at Christ Church, Rev Herbert Grantham (1919-1921) officiating. At 3 pm, bells tolled at Christ Church and Old Stone Church while servicemen, many in uniform, and Ladies Auxiliary members in white with black armbands processed in honor.

The Harry R Bartlett Post 89 subsequently was chartered in February of 1922, and incorporated in April of 1924. In that time period, the original membership of 15 had increased to over 100. The current site of Post 89, 574 Thompson Avenue, was purchased for an American Legion building to be erected. Architects Shiner and Appel were secured, with plans for a building with “a touch of the foreign” battlements in its design.

Harry R Bartlett, described as best natured, without fear, and daring, was survived by his parents, and brothers Charles and Donald, and a sister Jessie.



Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	SEP	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$6,857.30	(\$733.20)	\$71,959.64	(\$242.86)
EXPENSES	\$7,412.69	(\$1,641.81)	\$83,570.47	\$7,720.47
NET	(\$555.39)	\$908.61	(\$11,610.83)	(\$7,963.33)

Good news - our 2022 budget had a surplus of about \$9,000. And because we do not yet have the priest-in-charge we budgeted for, we will save some more expense money in Q4. **Bad news** - we are already almost \$8,000 over budget in expenses, we still have some furnace repairs to make, and some of our income is based on some end of year special gifts. **Conclusion** - we are likely to end the year with a deficit but it should not be to the extent our current expenses would imply.

The beauty of a heart cracked open (by Wilriecke Sophia)

Thank you love
For cracking me wide open
Allowing me
to open my heart
again and again.

Thank you love
For breaking me open
Showing me
There's a choice
again and again.

Thank you love
For tearing me open
Giving me
All and no reason
to cry.

Thank you love
For cracking me wide open
Surrendering me
To feel deeply alive
again and again.

Thank you love.

--Editor's Note: Can you guess the theme in the last three month's poems?

Worship Schedule (9:00 a.m.)

	<u>November 6</u>	<u>November 13</u>	<u>November 20</u>	<u>November 27</u>
Usher	Diane Villano	Wendy Bellmore	Melanie Miller	Astrid Swanson
Officiant	n/a	n/a	Audrey Sundwall	Barbara Parsons
Lay Reader	Wendy Bellmore	Judy Herzman	Richard Mead	Pat Walters
Crucifer	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	n/a	n/a
Acolyte	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall	n/a	n/a
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	Pat Walters	Susan Shultz
Asst Counter	Audrey Sundwall	Fred Bowden	Melanie Miller	Audrey Sundwall

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 = 763 909 4733

Password = 39

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 860-669-1104 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.)*