



# CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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## SHOUTING IN CHURCH

Maybe some of you know that in an email, text or Tweet, if you write in ALL CAPS, it means that you are SHOUTING. Usually, we Episcopalians like our worship nice and orderly. We aren't known for our spontaneous "Alleluias" or "Praise the Lords." And we certainly aren't known for shouting in church.

But if you look on page 363 in the Book of Common Prayer, you'll see that at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer the "AMEN" is in ALL CAPS. It is so important that it even has a name: *the Great Amen*. And those capital letters express a fundamental meaning of what we are doing when we say the Eucharistic Prayer. (BTW: every Eucharistic prayer has the Great Amen at the end, not just on page 363.)

The Eucharistic prayer isn't something to just passively listen to and think the priest is doing it all. The prayer is a call and response, a dialogue between the priest at the altar and the people in the pews.

So, what is so important about this Great Amen? While you may see the priest saying many of the words, it's the entire Eucharistic prayer (not just specific actions during it) that consecrates the bread and the wine. And here is why the Great Amen is so significant: it is through the role of the

entire congregation that the Holy Spirit effects consecration.

That moment when we say AMEN, is *the moment* when we express that the bread and wine are consecrated, and that the entire congregation has had a part in it. The theological importance of that AMEN emphasizes the profound role that the congregation has in assenting to the words the priest has said on behalf of the people.

A priest cannot celebrate the Eucharist alone. It's not possible without people. You may notice that in the bulletin we often call the priest who is at the altar on a particular Sunday the "Presider." The priest presides *on behalf of the people*, and the Great Amen (also known as "The People's Prayer") is the congregation's way of completing the Eucharistic prayer.

Amen is often translated as "let it be so." When we say AMEN at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we are not offering our AMEN as a sigh or some halfhearted token of thanks, we're blasting AMEN to God through a bullhorn of grace and hope that God has given us in Jesus.

The next time we celebrate the Eucharist and we come to

AMEN, remember that you are part of the consecration and

that it's not complete without your assent. And it's ok to shout in church! AMEN!

*Faithfully yours,  
Mary Anne*

## Upcoming Events

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

**Sunday, July 4,** Independence Day

**Sunday, July 11,** noon - 4:00 p.m., Junk in the Trunk

*(Zoom connection information at end of newsletter.)*

## Summer Liturgical Changes

Given that in summer we often deal with uncomfortable heat and humidity in church, we are making some efforts to trimline our service while still offering honor and glory to God. You will notice that we are doing a few minor things differently, like omitting the Gloria and singing a Celtic "Alleluia" instead of the hymn before and after the gospel.

If you become over heated in church, please feel free to get up and do whatever you need

to do to hydrate and get cooler! Masks are quite uncomfortable in the heat and can be problematic to people with pulmonary concerns. If you need to remove your mask for medical reasons while in your pew, please do so. We want everyone to be safe and to worship God in heart, mind, and body.

## Junk in the Trunk

Our Junk in the Trunk events continue to be big successes. July 11 still from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In June Carol sold out all her baked goods in an hour. So if you want to make some goodies for July please let her know. She will also continue to sell luncheon items (a little bird mentioned maybe wraps this time?). While it takes all hands, it is enjoyable to spend a day together.

## Thank You!

Astrid Swanson

I just re-read all the Get Well Cards and Wishes from my Parish family and just wanted to say your words, love, and prayers have sustained me throughout my convalescent period. I have such admiration, love and deep appreciation for all of you. We may be a small parish, but we're a mighty strong one and each of us wears so many hats.

I am honored beyond words to be a part of such a God loving church where His presence is in every corner of our building and in every corner of our hearts, bodies and minds. We continue to be blessed over and over again with special

## Around the Church

### June Junk in the Trunk



clergy like Rev. Mary Ann and Fr. Andrew and many others who have been sent to us to bind us together to love and to serve Him with unconditional love.

Thanks for your love, support and hugs - you're amazing.

## Finance Meeting

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on **Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.** in the church library. Please consider coming to this meeting as our church finances are an important part of church participation. And snacks will be provided!

## June Vestry Summary

**Next Meeting** - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, July 18th after the 9:00 a.m. service in the church library.

**Admin** - Vestry meetings will be held in July and August and will now start with a 15 minute bible study.

**Worship** - Hybrid in-person and Zoom worship generally going well. Need to figure out alternate method for recorded sermons on Morning Prayer Sundays. Still looking for more volunteers to be Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Please see Rev. Mary Anne if interested.

**Building & Grounds** - We will be purchasing a memorial brick for the new brick sidewalk border on the Town Green.

**Finance** - Finance Committee meeting set for Thursday July 15 at 3:30 p.m. in library.

**Fundraising** - The June Junk in the Trunk at the new time went well. Carol's food table was a big hit and she is excited to continue selling different food offerings. We are also researching getting an ice cream or Italian ice truck to park in the 47 Park driveway.

## June Tag Sale

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Good Shepherd Thrift Store booth at the Old Stone Tag Sale on June 26. An especially big shout out to Diane Villano and the indefatigable Ken & Kathy Dougherty. Packing up was a breeze because we sold almost everything we brought!



Our booth



Pastor Mark & Rev. Mary Anne



Selling the leaf blower!

## Encouraging Words

Charlie Langlan

### Love for God

Jesus said, "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

-John 14:21

### Finances

He who gathers money little by little makes it grow.

- Proverbs 13:11

### Security

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

-Psalm 16:5

### Self-Worth

Jesus said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

-Matthew 10:29-31

## Strength

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." *Isaiah 41:10*

## Encouragement

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

-1 Thessalonians 5:11



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## Tell me Something Good

On each episode of *Tell Me Something Good*, you can expect to hear the Good News of God's great love from the perspective of farmers and mothers, pie-bakers and Sunday School teachers.

Sharing the stories of how God is showing up in extraordinary and ordinary ways, guests from around The Episcopal Church chat with hosts Jerusalem Greer and Marcus Halley, exploring the themes of hope, curiosity, and innovation in their ministries and their lives.

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**Season of Racial Justice,**



## Healing, and Reconciliation

### A message from the ECCT Reparations Task Force

**Did you know?** Work on reparations is not new. The first demands for reparations were made by enslaved people before the Civil War. Several Episcopal Dioceses have already taken up the work of reparations: Maryland, New York, and Massachusetts.

This is the Diocese of New York's definition for reparations:

*Reparations is the process to remember, repair, restore, reconcile, and make amends for wrongs that can never be singularly reducible to monetary terms. The process of reparations is "a historical reckoning involving acknowledgement that an offense against humanity was committed and that the victims have not received justice."*



July 3 - Diane Verderame  
July 4 - Sallie Alexander  
July 14 - Barbara Parsons  
July 17 - George Coulombe  
July 27 - Wendy Bellmore  
July 30 - Phyllis Marston

### Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Astrid Swanson,  
Barbara R., Barbuschak  
Family, Brandon, Carol Ude,  
Carol C., Charlie & Kris  
Langlan, Clearwater Family,  
Courtney, Craig, David, David  
C., David & Edward, David &  
Irene, Devin K., Diane, Diane  
Link, Dot Tate, Doug, Ed,  
Eileen F., Elaine, Eleanor N.,  
Faith, Father Eddie, Fran  
Zella, Francesca, Frank P.,  
Frank, Fred & Judy Herzman,  
Gale, Geneva, Glenn  
McKnight, Goodfellow Family,  
Greg T., Heather, Holly &  
Family, Ian, J.D., Jack K.,  
Jacob, Jaime Aguayo, Jen &  
Tyler W., Jeremy Maldonado,  
Jessica & baby Olive Estelle,  
Jesse, Jim C., Jim R. &

Family, Joe Riccitelli, John A.,  
John Guida, John M., John U.,  
John & Vera DePalma, Joseph,  
Judy DeFeo, Julia, June W.,  
Karen Dattilo & Family, Karl,  
Kathrine Burdick, Kate W.,  
Katrina R., Ken, Leah S., Lila  
Day, Lisa H., Lois, Lucas  
Sundwall, Madeline, Mark  
Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Martin  
Micheo, Marty, Matt, Matt R.,  
Melissa D., Michael, Michelle  
C., Mitzi Parisi, Nancy S.,  
Patty R., Rachael, Ray C., Rob  
& Family, Ron C., Sallie  
Alexander, Stan R., 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 August  
issue is **July 21**. Email  
newsletter.christandtheepipha  
ny@gmail.com. For an update  
to the Intercessory Prayers,  
Birthday or Anniversary lists,  
please call the church office  
at 203-467-2310.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to  
watching online worship from home.



## Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT)

### Live Stream, In Person, Holy Space

*This blog post was written by Beverly Olsen, Senior Warden at St. Mark's, Mystic (Edited)*

A month ago, I met with our priest, the Rev. Adam Thomas, to learn how to run the internet software so that we can remain virtual even as our church moves back to in-person worship. Two weeks later, sitting next to the altar and hidden behind a TV screen, set to project the week's readers for the in-person congregation, I felt a little bit like the Wizard of Oz - *take no notice of the little woman behind the screen*. Over the last year, we have all adapted our way of being together and praying, but we have been together often, and we have prayed fervently, sorrowfully, joyfully and with one another. We have learned much.

As senior warden as the world locked down, I was first person to stand in for the congregation on-line, providing responses, reading the prayers and lessons. We had one camera, which we turned from one of us to the other. We soon shifted to YouTube Live opening the worship to all who wished to be there. With this and along with most of the churches in America, we brought the church out of the building into the homes of the people.

The longer the pandemic continued, the more the space in the building shifted and changed: plexi-glass, more cameras, a new computer monitor, then a TV screen and speaker were added; readers were enlisted, and most especially impressive, the choir and friends of the choir recorded the anthems each week - a task of electronic wizardry. We faced one another, each a face in a box with a name - what a blessing. Far away families joined us in worship and during the Zoom Coffee Hour. During these sessions, we all sat in each other's studios, living rooms, kitchens, and patios. These images became our holy space. But now we are back. Our first service back was emotional; we all choked up a little at that first Alleluia.

For two weeks now I have sat behind the computer screens. I look out over the TV to check out who is there, recognizing folks I have gotten to know online this past year. I read the chats as they appear during the service and let them know someone is sitting behind the screen and still listening. I have had the gift and privilege to have a front row seat behind the scenes to all this change. As we move the people back into the church, we continue in prayer together wherever we are, hoping that more people are listening to God's word in these holy spaces. Alleluia!

### Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	MAY	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$6,284.54	\$332.04	\$30,573.08	(\$6,469.42)
EXPENSES	\$7,277.88	(\$668.15)	\$44,856.29	(\$1,149.45)
NET	(\$993.34)	(\$1,000.19)	(\$14,283.21)	(\$5,319.97)

Notes: Although pledges continue to be slightly under budget and the 47 Park Place rent was late we still managed to be \$300 over the month's budget. Utilities & Grounds were under budget which balanced out with some Building Maintenance that went over the month budget (although YTD is on budget). We are now about \$5,000 under our annual budget and since that budget has a \$15,000 deficit all improvement is exciting!

## Parishioner Spotlight - Pat Walters

### Tell us about your immediate family and pets

I have been married to Fred for 47 years. He does all the grocery shopping and cooking. Lucky me! I have two amazing children, Jennifer who is an attorney and Adam who teaches music in Spain. Jennifer and her husband, Christopher, blessed us with two healthy, beautiful granddaughters, Adeline and Amelia. They are my reason for living.

### What brought you to Christ and The Epiphany?

My family were members of the original Christ Church on Main Street in East Haven. I also helped out at St. Mark's Mission in Momauguin. Christ Church and St. Mark's merged with Epiphany Church in New Haven. I am the second generation that attended the church. I remember when they built the parish hall for Christ Church. It is now the East Haven Senior Citizens Center on Taylor Avenue. Christ Church used to have a bowling alley in the basement for the youth groups that met there.



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

I volunteer at the Thrift Store. I help Carol Ude when I can with Feast and Festivities. I help set up for the Christmas Fair. I have a very important job at the Fair - I handle all the money! After I retired, I volunteered two days a week at my school in Clinton. I assisted in the second and third grade classes. The pandemic changed many of my activities but I hope to resume them soon.

### What was your occupation prior to retirement?

Up until six years ago I was a special education teacher in Clinton. I worked with kindergarten through third grade with students that needed a little extra academic instruction. I loved my job! How could anyone not love working with young children. You never know what they are going to do or say. I have so many wonderful memories of my school and the children.



Adeline and Amelia

### What's your favorite pastime?

I love the beach! Swimming, walking, collecting shells and sea glass, building sand castles, and just looking at the water.

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

I love dogs more than people. In another lifetime, I would run Assisted Living for older dogs. They would be pampered and cared for until they cross the Rainbow Bridge.

### What is your fondest childhood memory?

My father flooded part of the back yard in the winter at our house on Frank Street in East Haven and we had our own skating rink. It was wonderful!

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

My absolute favorite psalm is Psalm 23. It always gives me goosebumps. The Lord is My Shepherd!

## Worship Schedule (9:00 a.m.)

	<u>July 4</u>	<u>July 11</u>	<u>July 18</u>	<u>July 25</u>
Usher	Pat Walters	Melanie Miller	Diane Villano	Audrey Sundwall
Lay Reader	Audrey Sundwall	George Coulombe	Carol Link-Ude	Barbara Parsons
Crucifer	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe
Morning Prayer Officiant	n/a	Richard Mead	n/a	n/a
Counters	Pat Walters	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz
	George Coulombe	Melanie Miller	Barbara Parsons	Diane Villano

## Zoom Worship Connection Information

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

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

Past sermons are available on the *Christ and The Epiphany* YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkGs9WC8ug7syl9n0kHkRaA>.

If you are not receiving the email bulletin please contact Diane in the office at 203-467-2310 or [christandtheepiphany@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sbshultz@gmail.com).

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m. In-Person & Online Zoom Worship

*In-person with masks and social distancing*

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

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