



# CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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## Upcoming Events

**Monday, November 25, 7:00 p.m.**, East Haven United's annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Old Stone Church, 251 Main St, East Haven

**Thursday, November 28,** Thanksgiving

**Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**, Church Fair

**Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.**, Christmas Eve Service

## Christmas Crafters Still Needed!

**Audrey Sundwall**

We are still looking for parishioners willing to use their time and talents to create ornaments for the Fair on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Since the ornament table is right by the door that most people enter through, a festive display will help set the tone for our guests, and hopefully encourage them to open their wallets for the benefit of our Church mission! If you are still looking for ideas, the bulletin board in the Great Hall near the choir room has some suggestions on the back. Feel free to take any directions that you would like to try. There are all different types of craft styles and difficulty levels on the board. If you have any of your own ideas, please consider making some of them. If you need any materials, you

can email Audrey at [asundwall@comcast.net](mailto:asundwall@comcast.net) and she will get them to you. Let's work together, as we always do, to further the work of our parish.

## Vestry Summary

**Susan Shultz**

**Next Meeting** - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday November 17 after the 10:00 a.m. service.

**General** - We still have an open Vestry At-Large position. If you are interested, please speak to Barb Parsons or Jan Cianelli.

**Building & Grounds** - The re-tiling of the Great Hall floor will take place the Friday after Thanksgiving. We have received donations from East Haven United, the Food Pantry and the Community Kitchen to help with this project. Many thanks to them for their generosity!

**Fr. Budding Scholarship** - The Vestry approved a Fr. Budding scholarship for Sophia Coppola to help her pursue a Chemical Engineering/Pre-Med degree at UConn. Sophia is Jan Cianelli's granddaughter.

## Blessing of the Animals, October 6



## Outreach

Kathy Alison

The Backpack Program is currently on-going with a small number of volunteers. Its longevity is uncertain without the continued assistance of the Connecticut Food Bank.



October was Domestic Violence month. The East Haven Police, in partnership with the Umbrella Center, published a "Wish List" of items needed to re-stock the Safe Houses. This list was included in the Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday bulletin. We asked parishioners to review the list and donate what they could by simply dropping it off at church during the month of October. Those donated items were then transported to the police station.

From the East Haven Police Department facebook post: Wow!! We are overwhelmed with the number of donations we received while collecting for The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services! Thank you to all who donated!!



## Encouraging Words

Charlie Langlan

Remember this season to tell someone why you are thankful for them. For me, I'm thankful for my parents who've loved me unconditionally and care for me for hours on end. I'm thankful for friends and family who are always by my side through everything, and last but not least, I'm thankful for my C&E family for all that you do for me, I love you all. Enjoy the holiday, and remember to eat what you want and be thankful!

## Salvation

Titus 3:5

God our Savior saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

## Thankfulness

Psalm 107:8-9

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.

## Prayer

Psalm 17:6

I calling you, oh God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.

Psalm 17:6

Hope

Romans 15:13

## International Buffet, October 20



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.



## ECCT Poetry Spotlight

Did you know that the Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT) has a poetry network? There are over two dozen different Ministry Networks run by ECCT from Climate and Environment Stewardship to Episcopal Church Women to Hispanic Ministry. The Poetry Ministry is a ministry of people who create poetry and gather to share it with others. Also at some churches on Poetry Sundays, poets weave poetic responses to the propers for the day into the Eucharist. This practice started at St. Mark's in New Britain. The ministry network email is [episcopalct.poetry@gmail.com](mailto:episcopalct.poetry@gmail.com) and the primary contact is Dr. Barbara A. Campbell who was named the first official "Diocesan Poet". Here is one of her poems.

### The Remnant by Barbara A. Campbell

Like metal filings to a magnet,  
I am drawn to fabric stores.

I roll my carriage  
through the new offerings  
but know I am headed  
to that corner of the store  
where the remnants are,  
usually strewn.

I don't mind the mess,  
I'm looking for that one piece  
of material,

just the right size,  
perfect color and feel  
for a special project.

That bolt of material down to  
its last yard  
knows it is still worth  
\$9.99 or \$12.00 or even \$24.00  
a yard,  
so, too, those of us still in the  
church  
know our worth lies in God's  
grace.  
We see, feel and know  
(we count the congregation)  
we are at the end of our bolt  
and surrounded by new  
possibilities.

From all those shirts and  
dresses -  
a warm quilt of memories,  
from the Red Tag shelf -  
the silky scarf so admired,  
from the tail ends of skeins -  
the knit laprobe  
that delights with color,  
warmth and prayer.

What's the next quilt, or scarf  
or laprobe  
God's fingers are itching to  
create?  
What relationships of color  
and texture and warmth  
will transform this remnant  
into a new creation?

Within that grace,  
will I be able to follow Her  
pattern?

More importantly,  
will I be willing  
to share my stash?

### November Shines at the Met Tony Lamberti

This November promises to be an exciting month for new productions. On November 9 is the world premiere of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* which is one of my all time favorites. This three-act Italian opera first premiered in Milan in 1904. The Italian libretto tells the story of the doomed love of a Japanese woman ("Butterfly") for a US naval officer who marries and deserts her. The narrative is based on the 1898 short story "Madame Butterfly" by John Luther Long, which itself was based on the 1887 semi-autobiographical novel *Madame Chrysanthème* by French writer Pierre Loti. Puccini wrote five versions of the opera, which was originally in two acts, not three. The fifth version, completed in 1907, is considered the standard for performances.

On November 23, the premiere of Philip Glass's *Akhnaten* will be performed. Year One of Akhnaten's reign begins with the funeral of Amenhotep III. We see him first revealed both as a corpse and as a ghostly figure, reciting words taken from the Egyptian Book of the Dead. During the ceremony we see a sacred ritual performed in which the body's organs are carefully taken out and placed into canopic jars and the body is wrapped and embalmed. There is also a scene in which the Pharaoh's heart is weighed against a feather; if his heart is as light as this it will ensure that Amenhotep will travel through into the afterlife.

So if you can, try not to miss these world premieres. Be sure to check your local listings at your local theatres in the upcoming months as well.

## Thanksgiving Thoughts

*1 Thessalonians 5:18:* Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

As we eat our Thanksgiving meal this year, let us remember to thank God for all his wonderful blessings.

It is not always easy to give thanks but "thanks giving" has great power to bring joy and contentment and break the power of the enemy. A thankful heart turns your situation around because it changes you, your outlook and your attitude.

Here are three ways to practice an attitude of thankfulness in everyday life.

1. **Thank and praise God for everything in your life.** Thank Him even for the difficulties. He can turn troubles into triumph.
2. **Don't allow yourself to complain about anything.** During difficult times, be careful to watch your tongue. Instead of complaining, think of ways you can verbally offer God the sacrifice of thanksgiving.
3. **Don't compare yourself with others.** Don't wish that your life was different. God knows what is best. When we begin to thank God for what we

have rather than comparing ourselves with others, it opens the door for God's blessings..



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

## Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Beverly W., Carol Ude, Carol C., David, Devin K., Diane, Diane Link, Diane V., Dulci, Donald D., Eileen F., Eleanor N., Faith and Family, Father Eddie, Fred H., Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow Family, Greg T., Helen, J.D., Jack K., Jim C., JoAnn & Victoria, John A., Joseph, Judy C., Judy DeFeo, Julia, June W., Karen Dattilo & Family, Katherine Burdick, Katrina R., Leah S., Lisa, Lois, Lucas Sundwall, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt, Melissa D., Rachael, Ray C., Sallie Alexander, Salvatore D., Stan R., Vivian S.

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. If a person you have placed on the list recovers in less than three months or passes away, please update the church office.



## Online Faith Resources

Here are a few online resources you might be interested in checking out.

The **Episcopal News Service** [www.episcopalnewsservice.com](http://www.episcopalnewsservice.com) has both an informative website and a free email newsletter.

**Pray as you go** has both a website and mobile app. <https://pray-as-you-go.org> This daily prayer session helps you pray whenever you find time.

Visit the **Episcopal Church** [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org) for tons of information, articles, action activities, videos and other resources.

Get free **Daily devotionals** delivered to your email from [www.inspiration.org](http://www.inspiration.org).

Study the bible with free courses from **Our Daily Bread University** <https://christianuniversity.org>

## Next issue

The deadline for the December 2019 issue of the newsletter is **November 18**. If you have contributions for the newsletter, email [newsletters.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com](mailto:newsletters.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com), or for an update to the Birthday or Anniversary list, please call the church office at 203-467-2310.

Charlie Langlan & Susan Shultz, Editors

**Treasurer Report**  
Susan Shultz

	SEP	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$6,986.50	(\$2,021.00)	\$71,957.00	(\$1,036.50)
EXPENSES	\$8,121.84	(\$606.42)	\$78,006.64	(\$3,154.20)
NET	(\$1,135.34)	(\$1,414.58)	(\$6,049.64)	\$2,117.70

Notes: Income is under budget primarily because we did not hold a Craft fair as budgeted. This should be made up by the unbudgeted International Buffet income which will be posted in October.

**Worship Schedule**

	<u>November 3</u>	<u>November 10</u>	<u>November 17</u>	<u>November 24</u>
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Ron Blevins	Kristina Langlan
Lector	George Coulombe	Kristina Langlan	Audrey Sundwall	Susan Shultz
Usher	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundwall	Diane Villano	Gail Schappa
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz
Counter		Fred Bowden	Charles Langlan	Kristina Langlan