



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Upcoming Events

Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m.,
Sunday Service via Zoom
Sunday, Feb 14, Valentine's
Day
Wednesday, Feb 17, 7:00
p.m., Ash Wednesday Service
via Zoom

Clergy Schedule

Feb 7, Rev. Mary Anne Osborn
Feb 14, Fr. Andrew Osmun
Feb 21, Rev. Mary Anne
Osborn
Feb 28, Morning Prayer

Zoom Services

We are holding worship
services via Zoom on Sundays
at 9:00 a.m.

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.

Ash Wednesday

During February we often focus
our attention on Valentine's
Day and the subject of Love.
But let us not forget the love
God has for us - so immense he
sent his son to die for us. Lent,
the season preceding Easter
begins on Wed, Feb 17. We will
be holding an Ash Wednesday
service via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
Use the same link as for
Sunday services (listed above).

Lenten Resources

As Lent begins this month, this
seems like an appropriate time
to share favorite reflection,
prayer, and worship resources
for Lent and throughout the
entire year. I invite you to add
to the following list:

*"Living Well Through Lent
2021: Listening With All Your
Heart, Soul, Strength, and
Mind"*, an 80-page booklet
published by Living Compass.
This resource is available at
the Good Shepherd Thrift Store
and on the brochure stands on
the stairway landings of C&E.

To receive one by mail, please
contact the office.

Holy Ordinary by Rev. Carol
Mead - emails Monday through
Friday, meditations on
Scripture at
www.holyordinary.com.

Pray As You Go - www.pray-as-you-go.org, website and
podcast, available as an app.

Living Compass by Rev. Dr.
Scott Stoner - email Friday,
<http://www.livingcompass.org>

Protein Push!

The Lions Club is spearheading
a "protein push" for the East
Haven Food Pantry this
February. We are collecting
canned tuna fish, canned
chicken, peanut butter and
oatmeal. All items that are
high in protein and less
regularly donated. You can
drop off any donations at the
Food Pantry or Thrift Store
(Tue 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.,
Sat 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.) or
contact the office to schedule
a pick-up.

Annual Meeting Report

The Annual Meeting was held
on Sunday, Jan 24, 2021 via
Zoom after the 9:00 a.m.
service.

The parish by-laws were
revised to have a Vestry of five
at-large positions (instead of
six).

The following people were elected:

- * **Senior Warden** - George Coulombe
- * **Junior Warden** - Wendy Bellmore
- * **Treasurer** - Susan Shultz
- * **Clerk** - Kristina Langlan
- * **Vestry At-Large** - Astrid Swanson and Richard Mead

* **ECCT Convention Delegates** - Astrid Swanson, Barbara Coulombe and alternate Diane Villano

Continuing Vestry:

Diane Villano, Audrey Sundwall and Carol Link-Ude.

Thanks to everyone for serving and thanks to Barbara Parsons for her years as Senior Warden!

See the Annual Report booklet for more information from the various commissions and ministries.

If you need an Annual Report mailed to you please contact Diane Rowley in the office at christandtheepiphany@gmail.com or 203-467-2310.



- February 9 - Fred Bowden
- February 18 - Tony Lamberti
- February 20 - Mary Lou Clark

January Vestry Summary

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, February 21st via Zoom after the 9:00 a.m. service.

Worship - Services will continue to be held via Zoom until the pandemic lessens. We continue to wait on feedback from Rev. Mary Anne Osborn as the Vestry is in favor of hiring her.

Building & Grounds - A new snow removal contract has been signed with Anthony Page. We are holding off on a new lawn contractor to see how our current vendor (Juan Sampredo) is doing.

In 2021 we will need to paint the upper portico. This will likely run between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Wendy is working on getting bids.

The church storm windows were not replaced after Judy Clearwater's funeral. Wendy is working to get those put back in place for the rest of the winter.

Communication - We received the ECCT Technology grant for \$2,000. Susan will take the lead on determining what to purchase to improve our in-church technology capabilities.

Diversity - The Vestry is considering a book group (open to parish) with the book *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. A decision will be made in February.

Our Street Sign (see all on Facebook)





Love is in the Air

Tony Lamberti

February is the month to overcome the hate and uncertainty of 2020. In our present society and in the world of Classical Opera there is so much to say about “Love”. Let’s start off with Beethoven (1770-1827) and his famous *Moonlight Sonata* and Ravel (1875-1937) who wrote a wonderful ballad *Daphnis et Chloe*. One of my favorite composers of the Romantic Era is and will always be Wagner (1813-1883) with his wonderful Opera *Tristan und Isolde*.

Let’s not forget the most famous composers of the Romantic Era and their piano works such as Mendelssohn’s

(1809-1847) *Song Without Words* and from Schumann (1810-1856) *Liebeskreis*, which he wrote for the love of his life “Clara”.

As we continue the tradition of giving our loved ones candy and flowers, think about giving the gift of Music. So much can be learned from just a few of the composers mentioned. So sit back with a glass of wine and enjoy the history of this Romantic Era through these wonderful pieces of history.

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Barbara R., Brandon, Barbuschak Family, Carol Ude, Carol C., Clearwater Family, David, David C., David & Edward, David & Irene, Devin K., Diane, Diane Link, Dot Tate, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Eleanor N., Faith, Father Eddie, Fran Zella, Frank P., Frank, Fred & Judy Herzman, Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow Family, Greg T., Heather, Holly & Family, Ian, J.D., Jack K., Jen & Tyler W., Dr. Jeremiah Martin, Jessica & baby Olive Estelle, Jesse, Jim C., Jim R. & Family, Joe Riccitelli, John A., John M.,

John U., John & Vera DePalma, Joseph, Judy DeFeo, Julia, June W., Karen Dattilo & Family, Karl, Kathrine Burdick, Kate W., Katrina R., Ken, Kristina Langlan, Leah S., Lila Day, Lisa H., Lois, Lucas Sundwall, Madeline, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt, Matt R., Melissa D., Michael, Michelle C., Mitzi Parisi, Nancy S., Patty R., Rachael, Ray C., Richard Mead, Ron C., Sallie Alexander, Shari, 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 February issue is **February 24**. Email 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

	DEC	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$24,696.80	\$11,309.30	\$98,839.77	\$49.77
EXPENSES	\$9,080.76	\$1,824.46	\$86,589.77	(\$10,210.07)
NET	\$15,616.04	(\$9,484.94)	\$12,250.00	(\$10,259.84)

Notes: As mentioned last month, in December we received two anonymous donations of **\$5,000 each!** Between this and our lower expenses (mostly utilities and snow/grounds) we are ending the year with a significant surplus. However we will need this money to address shortfalls in the 2021 budget. But our trust is in the Lord and it looks like he wants us to keep doing what we are doing! See the Annual Meeting booklet for more detailed financial information or write to Susan Shultz at sbshultz@gmail.com.

Parishioner Spotlight - George Coulombe

Tell us about you and your family

I was born on July 17, 1935 and grew up in East Hartford until I came New Haven in 1959. I was at UConn from 1953 to 1959 (The army got me for two years between my sophomore/junior years) and completed a BS degree in Accounting. I met Barbara (C&E's Music Minister) through church functions at St Thomas' and we have been married for over 55 years. Our daughter Susan (C&E's Treasurer - a chip off the old block from dad) works for Tickets.com. Our older son Peter is a deputy director for the State of MA specializing in child support. He is also the hand bell choir director at Old South Church in Boston (a chip off the old block from mom). Our younger son David lives in Winston-Salem, NC and is a manager for an insurance company. He has two boys who are our only grandchildren.



What brought you to Christ and The Epiphany?

My relationship with C&E started in 1976 when Barbara and I went on a Marriage Encounter weekend and an unknown couple prayed for us the entire time. That couple turned out to be Father Mac and Margaret McMurtry of C&E. Through them we met many other parishioners, primarily those who also had been on Marriage Encounter. Although our home parish continued to be St. James, we attended many special services and fellowship functions at C&E. We became members after Barbara was hired as the Music Minister in 2009. What I like most about C&E is being able to be fully immersed in the worship including the music and especially praise music which speaks more directly to my heart. Another important aspect of C&E for me is its acceptance and tolerance (especially having to listen to my croaking every Sunday). I consider C&E parishioners a wonderful extended family that if you need anything they will be there for you.

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

I was the treasurer for 10 years and am currently the senior warden, bookkeeper, lay reader, chalice bearer, lector, counter and usher (whew!).

What was your occupation prior to retirement?

The day after graduation I started working for the United Illuminating Company. I retired from them on Dec. 30, 1994 after 39 1/2 years working in various accounting and information technology positions. While at UI, I completed my MBA at UNH.

What's your favorite pastime?

Since retirement 26 years ago, I have done volunteer work primarily for Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and Hospice. These have been on hold because of the pandemic which has given me considerable free time to read (murder mysteries) and do puzzles (crossword, sudoku and jig saw - I can't wait to show you my photo album). My pastime when I was younger was mostly sports related - softball, bowling and golf for company teams and racquetball, skiing and hiking for myself. Now at 85 it's just gym and walking.

Tell us a little about your spiritual life

My spiritual life started with nine years of parochial school. I attended daily mass most of my time in the army and for the last two years of college. I was received into the Episcopal Church in 1964. My life has been richly enhanced by Cursillo with which I became active in 1982. That also led to being very involved with Emmaus (the teen expression of Cursillo).



Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation

I was raised in the aftermath of the Civil Rights Movement in Virginia Beach, a community of about 20% African American. I went to a large high school with an integrated, diverse population. We all went to class together; we all played the same sports. I traveled with the band's diverse and eclectic musicians, sharing buses and rooms. However, for the most part, we sat at different tables in the lunchroom. We gathered in cliques, and we segregated ourselves.

I went to college at The Catholic University in D.C.; I worked downtown, riding the buses and subways. I student taught in Bowie, MD. I was surrounded by diversity on campus and off. But I didn't see this; I simply saw my world, a black world and a white world. Yet I was mostly unaware, mostly naïve.

In the fall of 1981, I received my first teaching job at Bladensburg HS, just east of Southeast DC. This school predominately served a population of color and a population that struggled economically. In addition, this was a very rough school. I was told: Don't stay alone in a room after school or go to the parking lot alone, stay out of the stairwells - where drug deals occurred. The police came almost daily.

In this first teaching job, my students struggled to pass a basic literacy test - which included reading advertisements, forms and check blanks. One senior, white, could not write or spell - the letters on his written page looked random. One student never appeared in class: he was incarcerated. I became aware of how sheltered I had been in my honors classes.

A black student, a girl of about 16, and tall, stood up in class and threatened to beat me up. I fled the room to call for help. I didn't know what to do.

Several weeks afterward, I entered that same classroom to find most of the students peering out the windows. I believed they were watching the light snow coming down onto the football field; they were unusually quiet. I joined them at the window. They were not watching the snow. They were looking out over the field where someone had marked out in letters over the whole field: KKK.

It took a long time for me to look back and really see those kids, to see the Christ in each of them. I wish I had been an older, more experienced teacher. I wish I had understood their anger. I wish I had understood their fear. However, I was dumbfounded and silent and afraid. So I fled. I went home. Those kids couldn't flee.

-- Beverly Olsen, St. Mark's, Mystic
December 2019

Worship Schedule (9:00 a.m. via Zoom)

	<u>February 7</u>	<u>February 14</u>	<u>February 21</u>	<u>February 28</u>
Lay Reader	n/a	George Coulombe	Wendy Bellmore	Diane Villano
Lector	Richard Mead	Barbara Parsons	Ray Clearwater	Carol Link-Ude
Voice of the People	Pat Walters	Barbara Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall	Susan Shultz