



# CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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## Where Did Pentecost Come From?

Dr. Ray Pritchard

If you go back and read the Old Testament, you will discover that Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. That's the Greek name. The Jews called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It is mentioned five places in the first five books (Exodus 23 & 24), Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16).

Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine, there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. So that meant Pentecost always fell during May or early June.

Why was it sometimes called "Feast of Weeks"? The Feast of Firstfruits celebrated the beginning of the barley harvest and 50 days later would be the Day of Pentecost. Since 50 days equals seven weeks, it always came a "week of weeks" later - thus "Feast of Weeks".

Pentecost was a pilgrim festival. According to Jewish Law, all the adult Jewish men would come from wherever they were living to Jerusalem to personally be in attendance during this celebration. And

Pentecost was a holiday. No servile work was to be done. School was out. The shops were closed. It was party time.

Modern Christians celebrate Pentecost as the moment the church was born.

On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit filled the Church with power. The account in Acts reports that after Jesus ascended into heaven, his followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting, All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:2-4).

This strange occurrence drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ. By the end of that day, the Church grew by 3,000 people. And Christianity is no longer this little sect of believers who followed a Jewish rabbi from Nazareth but an unstoppable force that no one can deny any longer.

The event also fulfills an Old Testament prophecy in Joel 2:28-29. "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams,

## Upcoming Events

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

**Sunday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.,**  
Pentecost Sunday (Wear red!)

**Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. -**  
3:00 p.m., Old Stone Tag Sale

**Sunday, June 19, Father's Day**  
and Juneteenth

**Sunday, June 26, 10:00 a.m. -**  
2:00 p.m., Junk in the Trunk

**Monday, July 4, Independence**  
Day

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

your young men will see  
visions. Even on my servants,  
both men and women, I will  
pour out my Spirit in those  
days."

Pentecost is not just a  
historical memory. Now it is  
the living reality of the  
moment that the spirit of God  
bursts forth.

## Clergy Schedule

**June 5 & June 12**  
Rev. Bill Cavanaugh

**June 19 & 26**  
Rev. Jean-Baptiste Rock

## Ukraine Relief

George Coulombe

To date, we have received \$145 for the Ukraine Relief. I would like to pass along whatever we receive for this purpose to ECCT in a single check. If you still wish to contribute to this relief effort, please let me know so that I can send our contribution to ECCT by the middle of June.

## Junk in the Trunk

In light of the summer heat, we have decided to move the time of Junk in the Trunk to earlier. The new time will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting with our next event on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

We are also hoping the time change will boost attendance as the May event was not as popular with shoppers as we had hoped.

As always 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](mailto:cude@snet.net).

## May Vestry Meeting

**Next Meeting** - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, June 19th in the Library and via Zoom after the 9:00 a.m. service.

**Worship** - We have supply clergy for almost every Sunday over the next month but continue to need to find more. Andrew may also be available starting in the Fall.

## Around the Church

June is Pride Month!



## Signs of the Times



**Building & Grounds** - We have a Grief Support group starting and it is possible we will see some more self-help group requests come in as it appears the East Haven Catholic parish is no longer allowing groups to meet at their three churches.

**Feast & Festivities** - We are considering a parish picnic and Rev. Mary Anne goodbye reception for late summer or early Fall but nothing else.

**Priest-in-Charge Search** - Unfortunately, ECCT has not given us any updates on the next steps needed to get a new priest. Hopefully now that a new bishop has been elected they might have more time to focus on this. But there are still lots of parishes looking so we are still resigned to this being a slow process.

**General** - The Vestry has postponed holding a retreat until the Fall. Also the July and August meetings may be skipped (to be decided at the June meeting).

## Encouraging Words

Audrey Sundwall

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*

But the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. - *John 12:26*

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

- 1 Corinthians 3:16

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." - Acts 2:38

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

- 1 Corinthian 12:7

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- Galatians 5:22-23



June 4 - Charlie Langlan

June 12 - Ron Blevins

June 17 - Kathy Alison

June 28 - Rich Schiavone



June 8 - Richard & Lynn Mead

June 26 - George & Barbara Coulombe



Episcopal  
Church in CT  
(ECCT)

Welcome Bishop-Elect Rev.  
Jeffrey Mello!



On Sat May 21, the Episcopal Church in CT elected the Rev. Jeffrey Mello as our next Bishop Diocesan starting in October 2022 when Bishop Ian Douglas retires.

To see more Information about Rev. Mello including a brief professional biography, photos, introductory video, curriculum vitae, essay answers and sermon links, click here: <https://ctbishopsearch.org/nonees>.

**Friday is National Gun  
Violence Awareness Day &  
Wear Orange Weekend**

Join ECCT & people across the country and #WearOrange this weekend to draw attention to the gun violence crisis that takes more than 110 lives and wounds hundreds more in the US every single day.

Snap a selfie and share on social media why you #WearOrange, and tag ECCT on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter. #ECCT #EndGunViolence



**Intercessory Prayers**

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alfred, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Beverly W., Bohdan & Family in Ukraine, Brandon, Carol Ude, David & Irene, Diane Link, Dot Tate, Ed, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Erick Villano, Faith, Fran Zella, Francesca, Judy Herzman, Jack Uberti & Holly Chickos, 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 July issue is **June 20**. 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

When the new church was dedicated, it contained many furnishings from the three merging parishes. This allowed the newly formed congregation to see parts of their old sacred spaces in our newly consecrated location. Last time we looked at the Memorial Chapel. Now let us look at the church proper.

As you enter the church, your eyes are rightly first drawn to the Altar. In a church, the space from the altar rail to the back wall is called the Sanctuary, and represents the church victorious. It is the most holy place in the church, signifying the Church triumphant in the presence of God and receiving the bliss of heavenly rewards. God's presence is represented by the Altar. Originally as was the custom, the Altar was pushed back against the wall and clergy faced the altar during the Holy Eucharist. During the 1960s most Episcopal churches moved their altars out, so the Priest faced the congregation during the liturgy.



On the front of the Altar is the symbol "I H S," which represents the first three letters in the Greek name for Jesus.

The carved wooden edifice behind the Altar is called a Reredo. At the very top, there is a carving of the official seal of the Episcopal Church. The reliefs underneath represent the historical establishment of the Episcopal church. From left to right are the



seal of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the English rose.



These refer to the Episcopal Church's roots in the Church of England. On the opposite side is



the Scottish thistle and the seal of Bishop Seabury.



He was the first Bishop of the American branch of the Church of England and consecrated by the Scottish Bishops.

At the base of the reredo is a wooden box called the Tabernacle. The front is engraved with a chalice and wafer which indicate the reserved Blessed Sacrament is kept within.

At first a large brass cross from Christ Church was placed on top on the tabernacle. But in 1971 that cross was moved to the chapel, and the "Christus Rex," was hung in the center of the reredo. This symbolizes the three states of Christ - the human Christ of Crucifixion; Christ the King in his Kingdom; and Christ as the victorious sacrifice in the Eucharistic Feast.



Additionally, emblems of the four Evangelists - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are carved onto the four arms of the cross.

## Cheers to our High School Graduate Charlie Langlan!

Not only is June 4 Charlie's 18th birthday but this month Charlie also graduates from High School. Yea!

How time flies! Many of us have seen Charlie grow up at Christ & The Epiphany. Over the years he has been involved with almost every aspect of church life. We at the Newsletter are very grateful for his stint as co-editor! We will certainly miss him and his enthusiasm even as we wish him all the best on his next adventure.



### *Some words from Charlie...*

In the fall, I will be attending the University of Massachusetts Boston for Information Technology Management, within the college of management. I am extremely excited to begin this new chapter of my life as well as close the chapter of my life that began in North Branford Public Schools. In the meantime, prior to departure for graduation, I will be working my summer job and spending time with friends and family, as well as a few vacations here and there to enjoy the summer! I miss my C&E family greatly and hope I can return to services soon.

### *From Susan Shultz...*

One of my first memories of Charlie is when we would have a children's choir sing at Easter and Christmas. Charlie was the oldest in the group and was always shepherding the younger ones. I'm grateful for the time we've been able to spend together and to see the fantastic young man he has grown up to be. Congratulations and I can't wait to see what happens next for you.

Editors: We didn't want to embarrass him too much - but we couldn't let him get away without a little smile. Here is Charlie at his 10th birthday which fell on the same day in 2014 as our church picnic at Carol Link-Ude's house.



## Everyone is searching

*In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." Mark 1:29-45*

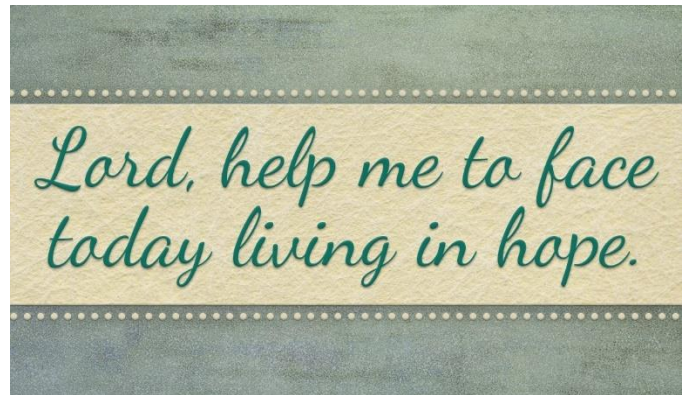
When I moved to seminary, I had only been once to the apartment complex where I would live. I arrived and recognized the neighborhood, but drove up and down the street several times before finding the place again. It turned out I was looking on the wrong side of the street.

Flawed memory and assumptions can keep us looking in the wrong places for something important. Having a preconception of a general location or of the appearance of a lost item can prevent our seeing it at all. We even stymie ourselves in looking for God because of a preconceived notion of how God will appear to us.

I think of those self-inflicted barriers when I read Mark's account of Jesus' ministry, when his disciples told him, "Everyone is searching for you." Today, everyone is searching for Jesus without even knowing it. We try all manner of pursuits, looking for joy and fulfillment, and wonder why nothing quite fills us. We think we are searching for status, material success, human relationships, or entertainment. We often don't even realize that we are searching for Jesus.

And our assumptions about what matters may even have us looking on the wrong side of the street.

Carol Mead



## Joy Amid Despair

*Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither, shall fruit be in the vine... Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. - Habakkuk 3:17, 18*

Though the fig tree may not flourish,  
And the ground is lacking dew;  
Though the plants we tend and nourish  
Are in number growing few.

Though there is no feed for cattle,  
And the autumn harvest fails;  
And survival is a battle,  
As the countryside travails.

When the poor are needing water,  
And there is no water there;  
And for every son and daughter  
There is sorrow and despair.

Yet our hearts will not be craven,  
Though the news is full of woe,  
For the Lord will be our haven,  
And His love will overflow.

For the rivers He will summon,  
And the fountains they will spring;  
On the hillside and the common,  
Exultation will be king.

Both the cypress and the pine tree  
Will abound with shouts of glee,  
In a newly fashioned country  
Where the ransomed will be free.

Maurice Dyson

# Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	APR	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$7,682.36	\$841.36	\$33,617.62	\$729.12
EXPENSES	\$13,180.02	\$5,634.02	\$48,419.54	\$10,682.54
NET	(\$5,497.66)	(\$4,792.66)	(\$14,801.92)	(\$9,953.42)

**Notes:** Income for the month appears above budget but this is due to some timing (for example in April we booked both the April & May rent from 47 Park Place). Expenses still include some salary overage from last month's ADP mistake that will continue to even itself out. However, we are now expecting to be a good bit over budget in expenses for the year. This will likely wash out our projected budget surplus and some. This is partly due to higher than anticipated snow plowing costs and expensive furnace repairs. Besides last month's \$2,000 repair bill, this month we had another \$1,800 bill and we have deferred until September another \$2,500 estimate.

## 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.**



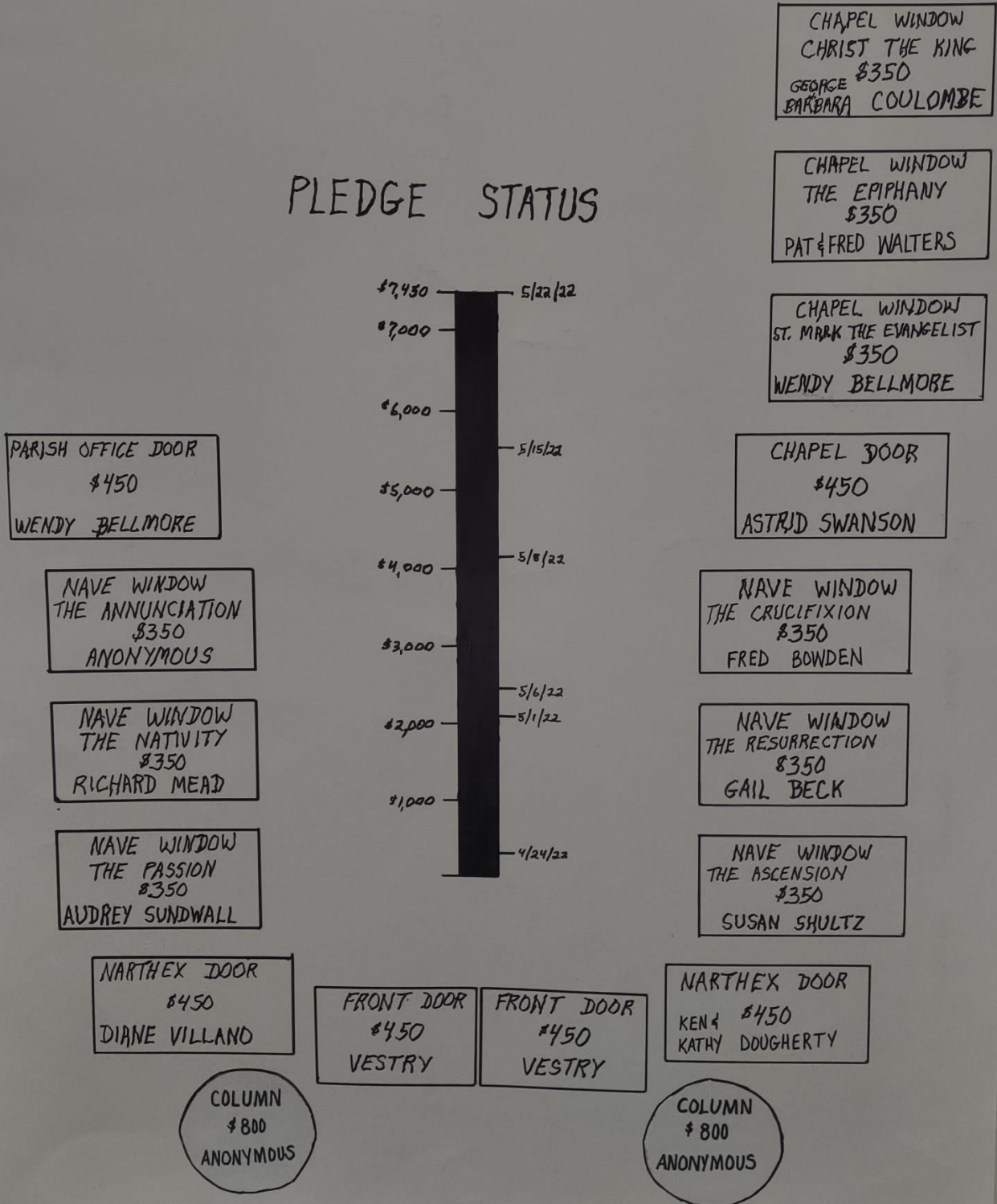
## Painting Campaign

George Coulombe

We have great news about Phase 1 of the campaign to spruce up our church buildings. We surpassed the amount needed to complete the doors and stained glass windows of the church proper. In all, we have pledge commitments totalling \$10,700. Since the first phase was budgeted for \$7,450, we will already have a start toward the doors and upper windows of the Parish Hall. Wendy Bellmore is submitting a matching grant application to ECCT. We hope to hear more about it for the next newsletter. See our updated thermometer board below!

# PAINTING PROJECT - PHASE 1

## PLEDGE STATUS





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

	<u>June 5</u>	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
Usher	Diane Villano	Barbara Parsons	Audrey Sundwall	Astrid Swanson
Officiant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lay Reader	Carol Link-Ude	Pat Walters	Gail Beck	Richard Mead
Crucifer	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe
Acolyte	Audrey Sundwall	Audrey Sundwall	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	Pat Walters	Susan Shultz
Asst Counter	Barbara Parsons	Fred Bowden	Melanie Miller	Richard Mead

## Zoom Worship Connection Information

To connect by computer click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933030663?pwd=VnU2RjAxZDg0WWcvbVA4RHdOd3ZUUT09>

To join by phone call:

929-436-2866

Meeting ID = 993 303 0663

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.)*