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Update: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry released from hospital, scheduled for surgery

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Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is resting at home following a hospitalization to address a reoccurrence of internal bleeding. He will undergo surgery to remove his right adrenal gland and an attached mass on Friday, Sept. 8, and his surgeon estimates his recovery period will be two to three weeks, after which Bishop Curry is expected to resume his regular work schedule.

Appropriate adjustments will be made to Bishop Curry's September schedule. Please continue to pray for Bishop Curry, his family, and his entire medical team.



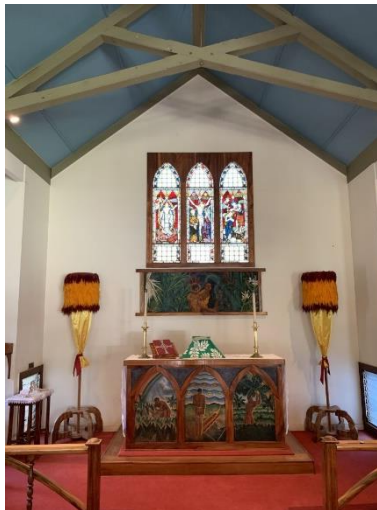
Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT)

Reflections on the Wildfires on Maui

A Sign of God's Grace

Here at ECCT we have been exploring diversified sacred images through Iconography. The piece above/behind the

altar showcases the Hawaiian Madonna and child which was painted for Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Lahaina, HI in the 1940s.



“The unthinkable happened when wildfires ravaged the island of Maui, tearing through Lahaina town, and leaving death and destruction in its wake. Holy Innocents Episcopal Church was one of hundreds of structures that succumbed to the fire.” In the midst of wildfire smoke, the same iconographic image, Hawaiian Madonna and child, that stood at the altar was also used for the church's welcome sign and by the grace of God, that welcome sign is still intact in the front yard! This is a testament that even in a spiritual season of winter, a waiting season with darkened days faced with the cold reality of loss or change, is also the time when God is doing something powerful underground which we cannot

Worship Services

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

(Zoom connection information at the end of newsletter.)

Events

Autumn Book Study, Tuesdays September 5 through October 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Harvest Fair, including Bake Sale, Carol's Kitchen, and the Garage Sale, Saturday September 9, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Kindness Rocks of E.H., Sunday, September 24, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Junk in the Trunk, Sunday, October 1, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., with Bake Sale and Carol's Kitchen

see. That welcome sign still standing is a visual and tangible representation that God is forever present even in times of refuge. It affirms that a church is so much more than four walls or a building at all; a church is a home where your heart rests in the Lord through all spiritual seasons.

A Prayer for Maui

Almighty God, who is our strength and our refuge; be with those who are besieged by fire, guide those who evacuate so that they may find care and comfort in a safe

place; protect their homes and their pets, their neighbors and their friends, so that they may return home to a loving community. We ask this in the name of Jesus your son, who abides with you and with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, whose love encircles us; sustain those who respond when wildfires roar, keep them safe from harm and hold them in your sheltering embrace so that they may complete these burdensome tasks, return home to their families, and keep the lives and homes of all they protect safe from harm, in the loving name of Jesus, who gave his life for all. Amen.

Loving God, our strength in times of despair, be with all those who have lost their homes to wildfire, comfort them in their distress, strengthen them for the journey ahead, and sustain them with your loving embrace, that they may find a sense of home once again. We ask this in the name of your son Jesus Christ, who heals the sick and restores the lost. Amen.

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii

More available on
Episcopalct.org.

July/August Vestry Summary

The Vestry did not meet in July or August. Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, September 17th after the 9:00

a.m. service in the library and via Zoom.

Piano Class with Tony Lamberti

Tony Lamberti will hold a weekly program every Monday from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Hagaman Memorial Library in the Community Room, beginning Monday, September 11. Registration is suggested but walk-ins are welcome.

Healing Prayer

Offered by lay ministers, healing prayer will take place during Eucharist Services (not Morning Prayer, see the Worship schedule below). Please join us in the Chapel after Communion.

Kindness Rocks

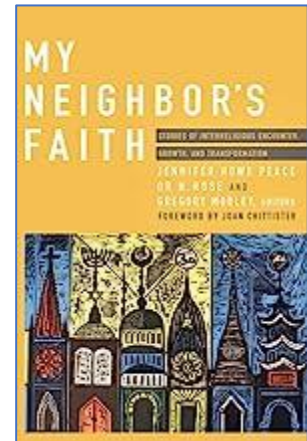
Our Kindness Rocks session in August was cancelled and is rescheduled for Sunday, September 24th, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



A local artist, Kristina Nigro will lead us in painting rocks with positive, uplifting phrases and images to be left for others to discover. Let's cultivate connections within our community and lift others up through simple acts of kindness.

Reserve your space by leaving a message with the office at 203-467-2310.

Autumn Book Study - My Neighbor's Faith Diane Villano



Our next Zoom book study will be held at 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for seven weeks, September 5 through October 17. Each session will cover a section in *My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation*, edited by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley. This is a book I studied in my Year Four of Education for Ministry, and I'd like to share insights and revelations with others. Register by email at diane_villano@yahoo.com. Please be prepared to discuss the Introduction and Part I: Encountering the Neighbor at our first session on September 5th.

Building and Grounds

Junior Warden

Barbara Parsons

Handicap ramp damaged boards were replaced by three retired East Haven firefighters who volunteered their time. They would not take payment but would like us to make a donation to a charity of their

choice, which will be noted in our next newsletter.

Iovanne Funeral Home donated the money for the wood. They sponsor the Grief Support Group that meets at our church.

East Haven Public works were kind enough to pick up the old wood that was left at the curb. They also put new handicap signs in front of the church.

The firefighters and a friend with heavy equipment cleared the bushes around the church. We can now put in some plantings that will not require care.

Hopefully everyone has seen the front of the church since it's been painted. The front steps have been recemented. The cement had begun to fall out causing a danger to anyone using them.

Our building needs our care in order to be safe and be a pleasant looking place for those who enjoy our green.

New Beginnings - On-Line Educational Opportunities

Diane Villano

'Tis the season when students and instructors are heading back to the classroom. It's also a great time for everyone to explore educational resources. There is a plethora of Christian formation learning opportunities open to ordained and laity available including:

Education for Ministry - the local group in Durham is meeting on Zoom exclusively.

Around the Church

Replacement of damaged boards on the handicap ramp - a true community effort

Before:



After:



Freshly painted!



Contact the co-mentor Karen Otte at 860-349-3631.

The Continuing Education department at Yale Divinity School is offering numerous free Bible Study courses covering most of the books in the Old and New Testaments, suitable for individual or small group study which run 6 to 8 weeks. Details available at yale.bible.study.org.

The Church Divinity School of the Pacific's (CDSP) Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership (CALL) program offers several 7-week courses. The fall session includes The New Testament Parables, Navigating Conflict: Speaking the Truth in Love, and Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer. Refer to <https://cdsp.edu/call/online>.

Additional educational resources are posted in the e-newsletter produced by the Episcopal News Service. Subscribe by contacting news@EpiscopalChurch.org



Annual Convention

The 239th annual convention, titled "Be of Good Courage", is October 27-28 at the CT Convention Center in Hartford. Barbara Coulombe and Astrid Swanson are our elected voting delegates and everyone is welcome to attend. Details available at www.episcopalct.org



September 22 - Jill Lamberti
 September 28 - Leland Hubbard



September 11 - Ken & Kathy Dougherty
 September 27 - Ray & Audrey Sundwall

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alexis, Alfred, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Bohdan and Family in Ukraine, Brandon, Carol Ude, David & Irene, Diana, Diane Link, Dick, Doreen St. Germaine, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Faith, Fran Zella, Francesca, Geneva O'Donnell, Jack Uberti & Holly Chickos, Jack and Jan McDonald, Jason F., Jay Medlyn, Jay W., Jim R. &

Family, Joan Shaffner, John Smith, Joyce Aurelius, Kris, Laura R., Lauren, Leah S., Lucas Sundwall, Mark Pilletere, Matt R., Mike, Minogue Family, Nicole C., Pat Walters, Rachael, Ray Sundwall, Sr., Sallie Alexander, Sam W., Stanley Rogalski, Susan Diaz, Thomas Brown, Tim, Tricia Clearwater, Turiano Family, Wayne

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.

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.



Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	JUL	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$11,063.80	\$4,057.30	\$62,542.65	\$8,129.85
EXPENSES	\$10,334.78	(\$1,277.63)	\$58,177.54	(\$13,055.83)
NET	\$729.02	(\$5,334.93)	\$4,365.11	\$21,185.68

Notes: Our savings in expenses is a little overstated as there are a few items we did not pay in July but will still need to pay such as our annual audit (\$1,500) and some fuel and lawn care.

Our income remains on target with the surplus primarily due to our special gifts of \$5,500 and a stronger than expected Thrift Store (up \$1,500). Our expense savings are in the areas of fuel (down \$3,400), snow removal (down \$4,500) and fewer supply clergy (down \$1,700). Thanks to everyone for your continued support!

Next Issue

The deadline for the October issue is **September 19**. 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 or email christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

Worship Schedule 9:00 a.m.

	<u>Sept. 3, 2023</u>	<u>Sept. 10, 2023</u>	<u>Sept. 17, 2023</u>	<u>Sept. 24, 2023</u>
Service	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
Presider Officiant	Barbara Parsons	Rev. Evelyn Wheeler	Wendy Bellmore	Judy Herzman
Crucifer		George Coulombe		
Acolyte		George Coulombe		
Lay Reader	Audrey Sundwall	Pat Walters	Ray Clearwater	Gail Beck
Usher	George Coulombe	Wendy Bellmore	Audrey Sundwall	Astrid Swanson
Zoom Tech	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	Pat Walters	Susan Shultz
Assistant Counter	Ray Clearwater	Fred Bowden	Melanie Miller	Audrey Sundwall

Clergy, Vestry and Staff

Priest-in-charge	Open
Senior Warden	George Coulombe
Junior Warden	Barbara Parsons (Outreach)
Treasurer	Susan Shultz (Technology)
Clerk	Gail Beck
Vestry Member	Ray Clearwater
Vestry Member	Carol Link-Ude (Altar Guild; Hospitality & Fund Raising)
Vestry Member	Audrey Sundwall (Communications)
Vestry Member	Astrid Swanson
Vestry Member	Diane Villano (Newsletter)
Music Director	Barbara Coulombe
Parish Administrator	Diane Rowley

ECCT continues to experience a shortage of supply clergy for Sunday services. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving at C & E, please contact George Coulombe at bgcoulombe@gmail.com.

To connect by computer, enter: <https://tinyurl.com/3kbvnb4>, or click on the link on our webpage: www.ChristandTheEpiphany.org

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 Rowley 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 203-589-1142 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