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## *From Our Rector*

Summer flew by didn't it? This summer we had our weekly barbeques which sure felt fun. For all but two of the weeks, a differing group of about 10 to 20 of us met either in the parking lot or on the grass to fellowship and eat. I had a great time cooking and it seems many had a good time not cooking. The weather held out on Wednesday nights thankfully and I think we'll do it again next year.

This summer saw the fence in front of the Church get replaced and it looks great. Some of your fellow parishioners took some of the good slats and replaced the broken or missing ones to the remainder of the fence along Tashua Road. Now if we can get a white washing party this fall for the remaining section we'll be in great shape.

We started a Youth Group this Summer as well – Trinity Trumbull and us finally got it together after an fitful start on Father's Day. We had 12 young people the third week in August and several of them were not members of either congregation. We had a great time and good job doing outreach you guys. For those of you who were away this Summer, come join us. The next get together will be in October. If you have youngsters 10 and up through High School age, join us.

There are some changes coming Liturgically starting this last Sunday in August, so maybe by the time you read this we will have had our first Youth Service. Normally the Youth Service will be the first Sunday of the month Fall through Spring. The young people will act in the reader's role, the hymns will be more "kid friendly", we will be changing the confession to something more symbolic rather than just speaking the BCP words and we'll be singing more. In addition in all services we will be celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel plans. Each Sunday after the Announcements we will pray for those who are celebrating milestones and for those who will be traveling. Many in our congregation are semi-seasonal attendees and it will be nice to acknowledge their going out and their coming in. We will be keeping our Rite 1 services the first and third Sundays at 8:00 AM but inserting the additional prayers.

Look for outreach from your Vestry. Over the next few weeks each of the Vestry members will be reaching out to groups of you to solicit feedback on our strategic plan. At house meetings or via email you will be asked for your input as to where you see us going, what ministries are important for us as a congregation and what is important focus of our community. The Vestry will take your feedback and put forth a vision statement that we will use to guide our decision making and direction over the next several years. This is your chance to give your input. We will roll out the plan this Winter and vote on it at our annual meeting. I envision this something we will do every three to five years to make sure we stay on track and in touch with where you see us going.

Summer is a time when many churches, especially here in the Northeast, see a decline in attendance. It seems as though we at Christ Church are seeing that decline not just in the Summer but throughout the year. It is not that people have walked away for I see you at events and helping out just not as often on Sunday mornings. I know lives are full with many important things. I know too you feel connected to the church because you

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## *From Our Rector ~ Continued*

pledge and volunteer. It's just that we miss you. When the service is attended by 40 or so people the liturgy seems to come alive without us actually changing anything. On top of this there have been some people who have left and don't seem to be coming at all. I would like to ask if you'd be willing to start an outreach ministry to those who have been missing from our pews. I know they are your friends. Their presence enriches our worship and will long after I may have moved on so I am asking you to do this for your community. Sometimes it's hard to face the clergy person if you haven't seen them in a while. They forget that I won't judge them for not coming. I need your help reaching out to our intermittent and absent friends. I didn't plan the article in the newsletter about "Why go to Church" but it does apply.

In a similar vein please take note of the Treasurer's report. You will notice that the amount we are spending is greater than the amount we are taking in. This is distressing. It reflects lower Sunday attendance. It doesn't reflect that some of us have prepaid our yearly pledges. We have been able to make capital repairs and fixes because of the generosity of the Marjorie Scott ongoing gifts which are for non-operating expenses. Paying our month to month operating bills has been a continual juggle. We are looking for ways to decrease our expenditures, however with 40% of the money covering keeping the lights on and the other money just barely covering payroll, we are living collection plate to collection plate. I know most of you are pledging and giving generously, but I need to point out that unless we can increase real income, not just draw down on dwindling endowments, things will have to change in ways none of us will be happy with. We have the additional monies from new endowments but this just keeps our heads above water as we try to reduce our other endowment draws to sustainable levels. We are grateful when people step up to pay an oil bill or elevator repair but our pledging income and operating expenses remain out of whack. The stewardship season is upon us and I would like to remind all of us that stewardship is not just about money, although we need to pay the rent. It is about sustaining a community in size, in outreach, in ministry. What makes this congregation a meaningful viable place to and for you can be shared, needs to be shared. It's a job for all of us.

I've heard it said and I agree this thing we have as a church is not about numbers of people showing up on Sundays it is about the impact those people have in the world and in people's lives. We will never be a Mega-Church nor would we want to be. We are a seed church, a guiding light community. We touch others by who we are and what we do. We need to find ways to reach that space where we can continue, not continually grow but to sustain and blossom. We have shown time and again during my short tenure the grit and determination of the Spirit. We have but a few loaves, a fish or two. If we don't share from what we have and who we are that is all we will ever have. The boy in the parable didn't end up with 12 baskets full because he kept his lunch to himself. Reach out to the Spirit in your neighbor. This coming harvest season reach out and say come join us at our table. Come sing the Spirit's hymn.

Feel free to offer me feedback and suggestions. Remember though that we all have ideas and what we are lacking sometimes is the hands to make them all happen. Think about how you'd respond to me giving you permission to implement the ideas you might offer because I probably will suggest you do just that.

May Almighty God bless and keep you – in Jesus name I pray.

**Rob+**

**“Heavenly Housekeeping!” Our Altar Guild Needs You!!**

**Would you like to learn about preparing the altar for our weekly services? If so, we'd love to have you! Please call Martha Kaechele at (203) 268-8865 for more information.**

**Thank you!**

## Deacon Matters



I have attended the ordinations of friends and colleagues as they enter the ministry of a Deacon in God's church. There have been many ordination sermons about the work of deacons as the bridge between the world and the church, the nudge that keeps the church looking out into the community in which it worships, the servant-leader helping to inspire new ministries within a congregation. I have heard many sermons about the work of deacons, some about the life and call of an individual deacon, but few about what calls us to and sustains us in our ministry. That is understandable since the ministry of a deacon is so bound by our own unique personalities, gifts, and dreams for the world. What we as deacons share is our Deacon's heart and the certainty that heart to heart is the way we serve.

If there was time to share my personal stories of call in this writing, I am sure I could share how blessed and deeply moved I am by the depth and breadth of my relationship with God through Jesus Christ. I came to narrate my story with ease by writing it over and over for the many people who discerned my call with me and guided me toward ordination. I felt God's calling for a period of about 12 years but did not listen. It wasn't until Bishop Clarence Coleridge sat me down and said, "Diane, you are a deacon."

My heart has been and has grown larger in the realm of servant ministry. I know this is where God wants me to be and I find great joy in that.

I imagine that every deacon has a favorite passage from scripture that binds us to our call to ministry. I also think there are three that resonate within a deacon's heart.

**Acts 6**, the story of the calling of the first deacons certainly defines our servanthood. **Isaiah 6**, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" **John 21**, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, do you love me? And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

In each of these favorite passages, we who answer are sent. In Acts, we are charged with the care of those in the community who are overlooked, neglected. In Isaiah, we respond, "Send me!" In John, we are sent where we may not wish to go to do what we may not wish to do. A deacon's life is not settled. In fact, as soon as we are settled, we are sent again! But being unsettled is a gift that forces us to rely upon God and the miracle is that wherever we are, God is - and we build community wherever we are by inviting and empowering others to trust God and share their gifts for ministry.

Let's step back for a moment to remember the Story of John at his birth. Elizabeth is his mother and Zechariah, his father. Elizabeth was of such advanced age that pregnancy had long ceased to be a hope for her. Zechariah, when he learned that after so many years of hoping, his wife was indeed pregnant, did not believe it - for his disbelief, God made Zechariah mute. He did not speak again until the birth of his son. Imagine a child with that story to tell! Imagine the impact on the child of God's intervention in his very birth. Would he not expect God to speak plainly in his life? Would he not expect to do God's work? Would he not find it impossible to live a quiet, unimaginable life with God's spirit burning in and through him, desperate to be shared with the world? No wonder John the Baptist seemed crazy! He was crazy for God.

As a deacon, we all have stories to tell about God's call on our lives, about our desire to do God's work, and

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we do find it impossible to live quiet, unimaginable lives with God's spirit burning. My birth story and those of other deacons may not be so miraculous as John the Baptist's, but deacons do have amazing stories to tell about God's call in our lives, about our desire to do God's work – and we do find it impossible to live quiet, unimaginable lives with God's spirit burning in and through us. We bring God's love to those who have been forgotten or we have forgotten – we hope when others have lost hope – we teach, we pray, we love, we challenge, and we live on the bridge between church and the world – and like Jon the Baptist, tell the story of a Savior who will change everything.

God is at home in our deacon's heart. I have come to understand that when I say "Yes" without thinking, it is God's Holy Spirit and my deacon's heart at work in me. When I said "Yes" to the Executive Committee of the Greater Bridgeport Deanery to become the Deanery Missioner a short two plus years ago, I had no idea what that entailed. It was up to me to figure it out and how to engage our deanery communities of faith. If I had waited to think, I might have missed one of the most Diaconal of all the ministries to which I am called. For me it was the excitement to begin, the ability to imagine and the calm assurance that God had already said "Yes" for me.

And the twelve called together the whole community and said, "Select from among yourselves seven full of the spirit and of wisdom. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" We are God's messengers, God's comforters, God's crazy, imaginative heralds of what might be. **God dreams and Deacon's answer!**

**Deacon Diane**

The following was sent to Deacon Diane by fellow parishioner Nancy Garofolo. Deacon Diane asked to have it shared with the congregation.

### **WHY GO TO CHURCH?**

An answer to 'Why go to church?' If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope! A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

**IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!**

## From Our Treasurer

### Financial Update:

- The new fence work has been paid with the Marjorie Scott donation. We are now investigating fixing the front door of the church to save heating costs and converting the Rectory to more efficient and cheaper gas heat.
- “Money Out” is a summary of Expenses. All bills are not paid which represents the difference between Money In and Money Out.

This chart summarizes our year to date (January to August 24, 2015) income and top expenses.

<b>MONEY IN</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>MONEY OUT</b>	<b>\$\$</b>
<b>Giving</b>	56,397	<b>Clergy</b>	39,219
<b>Fund Raising</b>	2,322	<b>Staff</b>	22,287
<b>Endowment Interest</b>	23,137	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b> (maintenance, snow, etc)	11,147
<b>Other</b>	78	<b>Facilities</b> (utilities, heat)	17,638
		<b>Fund raising Expenses</b>	228
		<b>Other</b> (pledge, admin expenses, worship, mortgage)	17,715
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>81,934</b>	<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>108,234</b>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Pledge payments could be made on the website at: [www.christchurchtashua.com](http://www.christchurchtashua.com) Donations page.

**Kim Atherton**  
Treasurer

### Join us for Bible Study...

**Fr. Rob holds a weekly Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10:30. It runs for about an hour.**

**We'd love to have some new members join us.**

**Come and see what it's all about.**

**All are welcome!**



I hope everyone is getting psyched for the big Apple Festival. We are sometimes known as the small, friendly church on the hill, but we also get dispersed during the summer. Our annual festival is a chance to get together again to do some great “in-reach” as well as outreach and eventually drop a few coins in the bill box. I hope ever one will sign up and put their whole heart and energy into the festival. And honestly, sometimes I have a little trouble getting psyched up myself, but when it’s done I feel great; not so much for what I’ve done, but for the fellowship, the working together and seeing the church move ahead. It’s a wonderful way to set the ground work for the upcoming year and the beginning of our Strategic Planning meeting. I am looking forward to hosting my group.

Status update on the “upper croft”... We are still working on getting bids from general contractors. We have invited 6 contractors to bid. Two have responded and 4 are in the midst of summer work load and while they are very much interested in our project, they are currently behind in their paperwork. I will be meeting with Fr Rob and our architect this week. What we are trying to do is find out if this project is within expectation of cost or if it is bigger than we anticipated. And as I may have mentioned before, we are asking the bidder to respond in 3 pieces in their bidding. The deck, the hall and the kitchen, so depending on cost we may have to do the project in phases or cut back as we did in the original construction. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at church (after the 8 o’clock on Sunday) or at home anytime.

Hope your summer was a great one. Welcome to fall!

**Jerry Gregory  
Senior Warden**



### **HELP NEEDED!!**

**Parishioners needed to move wooden Apple Festival signs (heavy) and games down from the garage loft and the uppercroft to an office classroom. We need this done before the Friday night set up of the Apple Festival (September 25th).**

**If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office at (203) 268-5566 or via email at: [parishoffice@christchurchtashua.com](mailto:parishoffice@christchurchtashua.com).**

**Thank you!!**

### **Apple Festival Weekend Worship Services:**

**Saturday, September 26th -- 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 27th -- one service at 9:00 a.m.**

**The 9:00 a.m. worship service will be a Choral Service.**

**Please join us.**



**Church School at CCT** - Church School at Christ Church Tashua will begin on Sunday, September 13th. If you weren't able to sign your child up for Church School at "Back to School Sundaes", there's still time! Just stop in before class on Sunday and fill out the registration form. Each classroom will have extra forms available. If you are interested in being a teacher this year, we'd love to have you! You don't need to have children in the church school program to volunteer. For more information, feel free to talk with Fr. Rob or contact the parish office via email: [parishoffice@christchurchtashua.com](mailto:parishoffice@christchurchtashua.com) or by phone at (203) 268-5566.



**Youth Worship Service at Christ Church Tashua**- Fr. Rob will have a Youth Service on the first Sunday of each month. During this service, youth from our parish will take a bigger part in our worship, for example, by reading the First Reading and the Epistle. This service will be a bit different from a regular Sunday worship, as Fr. Rob will include some new things. However, this service is not just for the kids. We'd love to have all of our parishioners join us on these Sundays. Because of the end of summer vacations and the Labor Day holiday, our next Youth Worship Service will be held on Sunday, October 4th. Hope to see you there!



Are you on Facebook? We are! We'd love to have you "like" and follow our page. If you are on Facebook and you search "Christ Church Tashua" three different pages come up:

- Christ Church Tashua - Religious Organization
- Christ Church Tashua - Public Group
- Christ Church Tashua - 5170 Madison Avenue, Trumbull, CT

Father Rob has created the page listed as *Religious Organization*. This is our church's official Facebook page. It would be great if you would like our page so that you can see all the great things going on at Christ Church Tashua! Invite your friends to like our page too. If you'd like something posted to our page, please send it to Father Rob or Maryanne in the Parish Office and we'd be happy to post it for you. If you post something to your personal page and would like it to be on our page, tag us! Help us have an online presence.

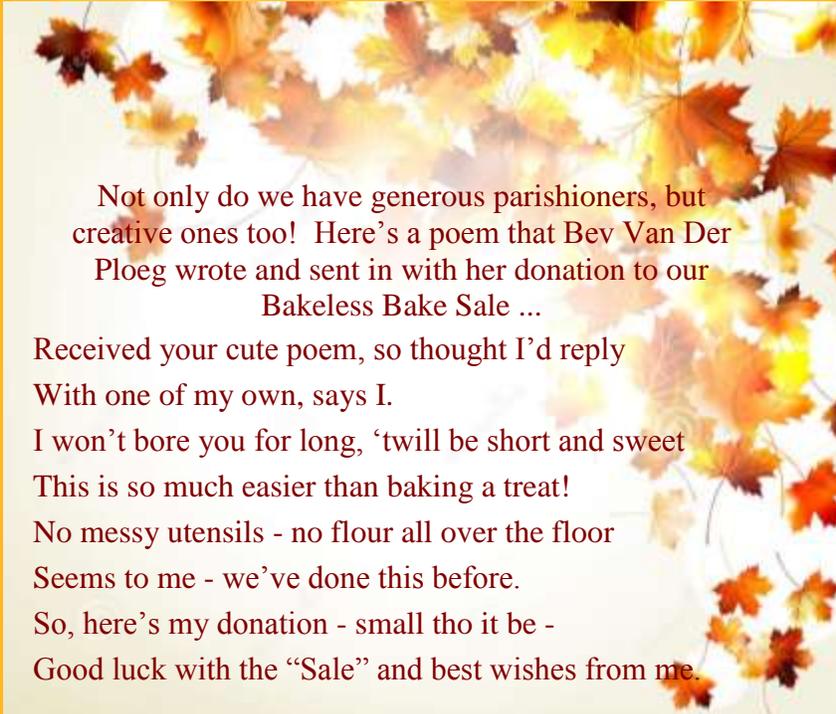
**Christ Church Tashua Website** -- Our website is up and running at: [www.christchurchtashua.com](http://www.christchurchtashua.com). Check it out! There is a lot of good information to be found. For example, a monthly calendar which lists worship services, vestry meetings and upcoming events. We have information on our parish ministries like the Calvary St. George Community Suppers and our community events like our Apple Festival. Also, Fr. Rob posts his weekly sermons. The current sermons are in video form and some of the older sermons are in text. You can also use the website to donate to our church. There is a "donate" tab for your convenience. If you have any pictures of church events and/or information that you'd like to share, email them to Fr. Rob or Maryanne in the Parish Office and we will get them up on the website. We'd love to add to our website -- especially with submissions from our parishioners!

**Check our website ([www.christchurchtashua.com](http://www.christchurchtashua.com)) for current information.**

*Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

**We had an overwhelming response to our annual Bakeless Bake Sale!! Our very generous parish community has given a whopping \$1,225 to Christ Church Tashua's ECW!! If you'd like to donate, there's still time to send it in! We will be able to do a whole lot of good with your donations!**

*Thank you!!*



Not only do we have generous parishioners, but creative ones too! Here's a poem that Bev Van Der Ploeg wrote and sent in with her donation to our Bakeless Bake Sale ...

Received your cute poem, so thought I'd reply  
With one of my own, says I.  
I won't bore you for long, 'twill be short and sweet  
This is so much easier than baking a treat!  
No messy utensils - no flour all over the floor  
Seems to me - we've done this before.  
So, here's my donation - small tho it be -  
Good luck with the "Sale" and best wishes from me.



**A huge thank you** to all of our parishioners who helped with our garden this summer! Whether you donated plants, watered, planted, weeded or spruced up our flower beds, we are so grateful to you! Our parish grounds look wonderful and we have received many, many compliments on them!

Thank you so much!



**Mark your calendar!**

**Blessing of the Animals at  
Christ Church Tashua**

**In honor of the Feast of St. Francis,  
Fr. Rob will bless your pets on Sunday,  
October 4th after the 10:00 a.m.  
worship service.**

## **Christ Church Tashua 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Festival**

*It's almost here!!*

*Saturday, September 26th from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, September 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

**It's Apple Festival time!!** All hands on deck! We've been busy working and still need your help!!

**And the baking continues ...** We've been baking our delicious pies on Tuesday nights in the undercroft. We plan on continuing our Tuesday night baking until we've made enough pies for our two day festival. We've got a lot of pies to make -- please join us!! All are welcome!

**Apple Festival Vendors** - We have some vendors for our Apple Festival but need more. If you are out at county fairs, festivals and/or farmers markets, please pick up business cards from any vendors that you think would do well at our Apple Festival. Or if you know someone who is a crafter/vendor, please ask them if they'd like to be a part of our Apple Festival. You can email or call me, Jody Irwin, so I can forward them the information and application ([jjirwin@charter.net](mailto:jjirwin@charter.net) / (203) 452-9366). Thank you!

Maryanne in our Parish Office will also have copies of our vendor application that you can pick up and pass along to anyone that you know. Thank you in advance! It's always nice to get our returning vendors but especially nice to receive some new vendors.

**Calling all Christ Church bakers!** It's almost time to start baking assorted sweet treats for our upcoming Apple Festival. It will be here before we know it! Part of our success comes from the selling of our home-made baked goods. We need all kinds of goodies! Any questions, please feel free to contact me, Jen Rossel, at 203.268.8965 or [jtrtr@charter.net](mailto:jtrtr@charter.net). Thank you!

### **Donations:**

In an effort to help keep the festival to be as cost efficient and profitable as possible, we would like to ask for your support and help with donations. Below are the areas that are in need of donated items:

**Raffle Prizes:** In the past, we have had donations of home appliances, iPads, yard equipment, vacation stays, sporting event tickets and high value gift cards/certificates. We need notification of all raffle prizes **ASAP** to allow for ample time to secure permits and sell tickets.

**Pick-A-Prize Table:** We will be having our Pick-A-Prize table again this year. Previously, donations included vendor samples, candles, gift cards (grocery, Amazon, Visa, etc.), Swiss Army watches, jewelry, Sound Tigers tickets, sporting equipment, decorative household items, fun activities (i.e. party location gift certificates, ride in a police car), kitchenware, handmade quilts, scarves and more. Nothing is too big or too small!

**Kid's Area Prizes:** Games prizes and giveaways needed for the Kid's Zone. Items include whoopee cushions, balls, plastic jewelry, travel cups, lunch boxes, plastic jewelry, balls, playing cards, ring pops, pencils, small games, party goodie-bag type gifts, stickers, ring pops. For some ideas - last year we ordered a lot of prizes from Amazon.com and Party City. If you have purchased any prizes for our Kid's Zone, please notify Maryanne in the Parish Office. Thank you!!

## Apple Festival

**CC Café and Food Concessions:** We need plastic utensils, paper plates, cups, napkins, coffee, hot chocolate, water, soda, Gatorade, chips.

If you would like to donate to any items, please contact the Parish Office at (203) 268-5566 or via email at: [parishoffice@christchurchtashua.com](mailto:parishoffice@christchurchtashua.com).

**Calling all entertainers!** We are scouting for entertainers to perform during the festival. If you are or know of any local entertainers (musicians, dancers, singers, etc.) who would be willing to volunteer their time for a great cause, please let us know.

**Sign Making:** We will be making and updating our signs during our Tuesday pie-making nights. Kids are welcome to help while adults make the pies.

**Other Items Needed:** We are in need of other items to help lessen our overhead and increase our profit. If you are able to let the church borrow any of these items for the Apple Festival weekend, please let us know - they will be returned/can be picked up on Sunday after the event.

Party/Event tents	Folding chairs
Card tables	Large garbage cans
6 foot tables	Recycling bins
8 foot tables	

### **Volunteers, Volunteer, Volunteers!!**

**We still need MANY volunteers for ALL areas.** Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the undercroft. Thank you to all that have already signed up, but we need more volunteers! We would like to ask each parishioner to sign up for at least one shift. Specifically:

Set Up / Breakdown	Kid's Zone Area
Sign Distribution	Baked Goods Sales
Food Concessions	CC Cafe
Parking	Harvest Heaven
Raffle (item collection, sales, onsite)	Runners
Pick-A-Prize Table	Promotion

***\*Onsite volunteers at the Apple Festival should be 12 or older.***

The Apple Festival Committee is always open to new members! If you would like to join us, just come to our meetings! If you weren't able to join us this year, we'd love to have you next year. Come to our post-Apple Festival meeting to get a head start on next year. You can talk with any committee member for information.

If you have any questions, please contact Maryanne in the Parish Office; Jaime Martelino via email at: [jaim.martelino@gmail.com](mailto:jaim.martelino@gmail.com) or via phone at: (203) 919-1257; or any Apple Festival committee member.

***Let's make this another fun and successful Apple Festival!!***

***Thank you!!***



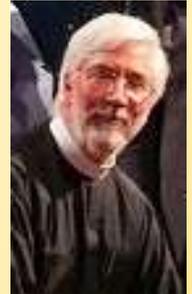
We Episcopalians of the fifteen diverse parishes in the Community of Greater Bridgeport, being one in Christ through Holy Baptism and guided by the Holy Spirit, strive through prayer and action, to grow in understanding and commitment to share, to celebrate, and to witness God's love in our life.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Bridgeport invites you to a Celebration of 10 Years of Ministry of the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Rector.

Friday, September 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.  
St. John's Episcopal Church in Burroughs Hall  
768 Park Avenue - Bridgeport, CT

Donation: \$40 adults; \$15 Children

Kindly RSVP to: (203) 521-6219 or (203) 335-2528



### **Deanery Seeking New Treasurer. Interested?**

Our current treasurer is relocating very shortly which leaves an opening to fill this position. We are inviting any individuals interested in assuming this position to submit your name and contact information.

The time commitment is minor while the benefits to the deanery and the community we serve are great. The individual will receive assistance by the departing treasurer to be brought up to speed.

Please consider this request - share it with others in your communities - pray over it. We'd like to have a person identified as soon as possible. Interested persons please send your contact information to the [Deanery Missioner](#) at your earliest with the word "Treasurer" in the subject line.



### **In Need of a Used Bicycle for an Adult Male ...**

A client of one of our food pantries has had his only means of transportation (a bicycle) stolen. We are seeking a used bicycle for an adult male (nothing fancy). If you are able to assist, please send an email to [Deanery Missioner](#) with **Bicycle** in the subject line. Thank You.



**St. John's Family Center** - As you may know, Christ Church Tashua has pledged our on-going commitment to the babies, children and parents of St. John's Family Center. In addition to food items, they are always in need of clothes and supplies for the babies and children. Also, the mothers and fathers are in need of personal care items. If you would like to donate, we have a box in the Undercroft for collecting these items. Monetary donations are always welcome. Thank you for continuing to support this very worthy and meaningful outreach program. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.



**The following items are always in demand:**

- Tuna fish
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Soups
- Cereals/Oat Meal
- Juice
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Kids Snacks
- Canned Pastas
- Meal Helpers
- Baby food
- Baby formula (not dry)
- Noodles
- Rice
- Beans (dry & canned)
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Seasonings
- Fresh fruit/produce

**Personal Items:**

- Soap
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Combs and brushes
- Bath tissue
- Diapers and wipes
- Personal hygiene products
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream
- Shaving razors
- Deodorant
- Kleenex

In addition to dropping your items in the box in our undercroft, items can be delivered directly to the St. John's Family Center (1067 Park Avenue, Bridgeport) for sorting and distribution between St.Lukes/St.Paul's and the St. John's Family Ctr. Drop off can be made on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:00am - 4:00pm. You may also call (203) 335-2999.

**Would you like to be a Food Pantry Volunteer?**



Make a difference in the lives of the clients who visit the Deanery food pantries. They would love to have you assist and they welcome all ages and church youth groups. If interested, please contact our Deacon Diane Peterson at: [peterson6@optonline.net](mailto:peterson6@optonline.net) for available dates.

***Volunteering makes a difference!***



## *Happenings around our Parish*

Our parishioners have been busy bees making pies for our Apple Festival! Here are some pictures of the hard work and some of our finished pies! Can't wait to order some... how about you?



Our first Youth Night with Trinity was a success!! A fun time was had by all! Fr. Rob was joined by a few of our parish youth, some of their friends and David from Trinity. They talked, laughed, had dinner and played games. Terrific fellowship! We'd love to have some more kids join us! Planning is in process for the next event. Any parents that would like to help with these nights are so welcome! If you and your kids are interested in participating in the future, please talk with Fr. Rob. Here's a few pictures from the fun night...



**Our new fence is beautiful ...**





If you would like to provide refreshments for one of our *Coffee Hours* on Sunday morning, please do!

There is a sign up sheet on the front table in the Undercroft.

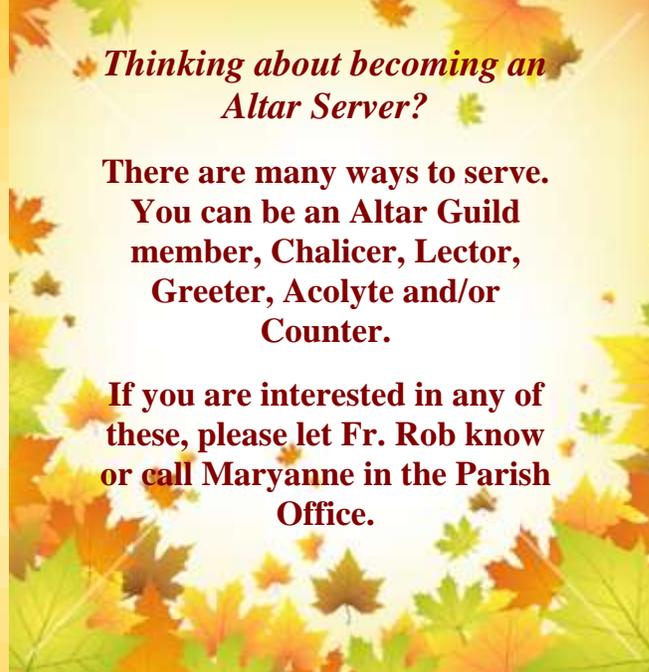
*Thank you!*



*Thinking about becoming an Altar Server?*

There are many ways to serve. You can be an Altar Guild member, Chalice, Lector, Greeter, Acolyte and/or Counter.

If you are interested in any of these, please let Fr. Rob know or call Maryanne in the Parish Office.



*Support our Altar Guild!*

Help defray the cost of our beautiful altar flowers and sign up for altar flowers. There is a sign up sheet in the Undercroft.

Or donate some perennial plants to our flower gardens!

*Thank you!*



**Current Vestry Members**

Jerry Gregory.....	Senior Warden
Susan Vasone.....	Junior Warden and Christian Formation
Jen Rossel.....	Clerk
Kim Atherton.....	Treasurer
Jane Flader.....	Buildings and Grounds
Patrick Liganga.....	Outreach
Lisa Woods.....	Fundraising
Karen Holmes.....	Worship
Marala Baijal.....	Youth Vestry Member

**Upcoming Vestry Meeting Dates -- 7:30pm**

**September 16, 2015  
October 21, 2015**

**Christ Church Tashua Vestry Meeting Policy**

Parishioners are welcome to attend Vestry meetings if they have a particular concern, idea or proposal that should be brought to the attention of the Vestry. A written request should be made to one of the Vestry officers or the Rector a week in advance for inclusion on the meeting agenda, along with any documentation to be reviewed in advance of the meeting. Approximately the first 15 minutes of the next Vestry meeting will then be set aside to address the parishioner's concerns, ideas or proposals. Otherwise, in the interest of covering all of the items on the agenda in a timely way, Vestry meetings are generally closed to parishioners.



**SEPTEMBER**

- 1st Kimberly Atherton
- 3rd Todd Rossel
- 3rd Guy Walker
- 5th Barbara Westerman
- 7th Jackson Gilman
- 7th Ellie Emmerthal
- 9th Vanessa Woods
- 13th Sharon McNeal
- 15th Jennifer Rossel

**SEPTEMBER**

- 18th David Green, Jr.
- 18th Meagan Hawkins
- 22nd Beth Gilman
- 23rd Olivia Fox
- 27th Quinn Irwin
- 27th Elizabeth Hofbauer
- 29th Martine Yourieff
- 29th Chris Gilman
- 30th Autumn Beninati

**OCTOBER**

- 1st Kyle Atherton
- 2nd Jack Douglas Finocchi
- 11th Matthew Lundy
- 11th Cole Irwin
- 12th Eliane Baijal
- 14th Lindsey Atherton
- 14th Caitlin Foster
- 15th Logan Reagan-Rivera
- 19th John Flader
- 22nd Jerrold Gregory
- 23rd Linda Sue Liuzzo
- 23rd Nelson Rawlins
- 24th Kayleigh Henry
- 27th Ryan Lamy
- 27th Larry Morton
- 27th Sadie Walker

## SUNDAY SERVERS ~ September 6 through November 8, 2015

	<b>September 6</b>	<b>September 13</b>	<b>September 20</b>	<b>September 27</b>	<b>October 4</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo	Barbara Stowell	Martha Kaechele	Barbara Stowell
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele	Martha Kaechele	Barbara Stowell
<b>Greeters:</b>	Susan Vasone Martha Kaechele	Jaye and Jody Irwin	Sharon McNeal Tom Fox	Joe Franzino Sally Lundy	Pat and Diane Foster
<b>Lay Assistant:</b>	Tom Hawkins	Todd Rossel	Sally Lundy	Susan Vasone	Tom Hawkins
<b>Lector:</b>	Sharon McNeal	Louisa Rossel	John Holmes	Peter Ulisse	Louisa Rossel Vanessa Woods
<b>Crucifer:</b>	William Holmes	Sarah Holmes	Marala Baijal	Louisa Rossel	Volunteer Needed
<b>Torchbearer:</b>	Marala Baijal	Eliane Baijal	Casey Rossel	Volunteer Needed	Sarah Holmes
<b>Counters:</b>	Margaret Marcotte John Holmes	Michelle Fox Jane Flader	Jody Irwin Sally Lundy	Martha Kaechele Maxine Murray	Todd Rossel Bev vander Ploeg
<b>Refreshments:</b>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

	<b>October 11</b>	<b>October 18</b>	<b>October 25</b>	<b>November 1</b>	<b>November 8</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Shirley Mayo	Barbara Stowell	Martha Kaechele	Shirley Mayo	Barbara Stowell
<b>Altar Linen:</b>	Barbara Stowell	Barbara Stowell	Barbara Stowell	Shirley Mayo	Shirley Mayo
<b>Greeters:</b>	John and Jane Flader	Todd Rossel Susan Vasone	Jaye and Jody Irwin	Martha Kaechele Sharon McNeal	Tom Fox Joe Franzino
<b>Lay Assistant:</b>	Todd Rossel	Sally Lundy	Susan Vasone	Tom Hawkins	Todd Rossel
<b>Lector:</b>	Tom Hawkins	Margaret Marcotte	Pat Foster	William Holmes Eliane Baijal	Jaye Irwin
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Eliane Baijal	William Holmes	Sarah Holmes	Marala Baijal	Vanessa Woods
<b>Torchbearer:</b>	Casey Rossel	Vanessa Woods	Volunteer Needed	Sarah Holmes	William Holmes
<b>Counters:</b>	Susan Vasone Margaret Marcotte	John Holmes Michelle Fox	Jane Flader Jody Irwin	Sally Lundy Martha Kaechele	Maxine Murray Todd Rossel
<b>Refreshments:</b>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

# SEPTEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2	3	4 First Poetry Reading at CCT 7:30pm-9pm In Sanctuary	5
6 The 15th Sunday After Pentecost  <u>Worship 8 &amp; 10:00 am</u>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 The 16th Sunday After Pentecost  <u>Worship 8 &amp; 10:00 am</u>  First Day of Church School	14	15	16  Vestry Mtg 7:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20 The 17th Sunday After Pentecost  <u>Worship 8 &amp; 10:00 am</u>	21	22	23	24	25  Apple Festival Set Up 5pm-7pm	26  APPLE FESTIVAL 10am - 5pm  Worship Service at 5:30 p.m.
27 The 18th Sunday After Pentecost  Worship Service: One Service at 9am  APPLE FESTIVAL 11am - 4pm	28	29	30			

# OCTOBER 2015 CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2  Poetry Reading at CCT  7:30pm-9pm In Sanctuary	3
4 The 19th Sunday After Pentecost  <u>Regular Worship - 8am</u>  <b>Children's Worship</b> at 10:00 am  <i>Blessing of the Animals</i> after the 10:00am service.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 The 20th Sunday After Pentecost  <u>Worship 8 &amp; 10:00 a.m</u>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 The 21st Sunday After Pentecost  <u>Worship 8 &amp; 10:00a.m.</u>	19	20	21  Vestry Mtg 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24
25 The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost  <u>Worship 8 &amp; 10:00a.m.</u>	26	27	28	29	30	31