



# CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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## MISSIONAL MEANDERINGS FROM THE MISSIONAL PRIEST

Rev. Andrew G. Osmun

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Wouldn't it be nice to avoid change? Wouldn't it be nice to have figured out that we don't actually need all this stuff before we started filling every available space where we lived? Wouldn't it be nice if there was someone to tell us what to do when we can't figure it out ourselves?

There are once again changes coming to Christ and The Epiphany as one Priest ends their time and another begins. My work at C+E began in June of 2014 and will end September 24th, three and a quarter years. (I had committed to three). How the time has flown by!

Now I am faced with the overwhelming, daunting and frightening reality of: WHAT COMES NEXT???? Where do

Terry and I move to, what do we move into, how do we come to a place of win-win with each other and the decisions we make, what do we do with all the things we have kept until now expecting some future use that now seems to be impossible to continue to anticipate???

We are not alone as one family or individual at C+E has faced this when a parent has died, or a spouse has died, or health has forced a move from 'single family home' to a different place, or employment and income have dictated change. I have a whole host of thanksgivings as I prepare to face into this future - thanksgivings for the community of Christ and The Epiphany. I have a whole host of regrets as well. The nature of part time work - is that other part time jobs are needed and thus I have worked for Environment Design, the playground company, Westmount Group, the woodworking shop, as well as 4 to 5 spiritual directees. This

often means getting up in the morning and getting communications with C+E done before I leave for another job at 7:30 or 8 - and then continuing with sermon preparation, administrative issues, etc. in the evening. If there is no other work - then I can focus on C+E - but when the other jobs call - it can be exhausting.

None of the above is a surprise to anyone reading this, who struggles with the myriad challenges of finances, employment, planning retirement, downsizing, etc. etc.

I regret that I have been unable to walk closely with each of you, visit you in your homes, lift those boxes, paint those walls, etc. Time has not permitted. I have tried to show you Jesus, to stand foursquare on the truths of the Gospel, and love with Christ's love. Soon I will formally commend you to your new priest. Till then, we walk the way of the cross together.

## Senior Warden Report

Barbara Parsons

Our Letter of Agreement with Father Charles Kamano has been sent to the Diocese for finalization. The plans are to have Father Charles join us as our Missional Priest as of October 1, 2017. Let's all pray that our time together will be fruitful and joyful.

Andrew's letter of resignation, effective as of September 30, 2017, was accepted at the August Vestry meeting. We can praise God for the time he was with us. May he be blessed in his retirement.

We were notified by the Diocese that there will be a visit from Bishop Laura Ahrens. The date is currently in discussion.

Refreshed New Wine Church has begun their services at Christ and The Epiphany. I have personally attended one of their Sunday services and felt greatly blessed.

We are in the process of organizing a celebration and introduction of Fr. Charles with the parish along with all

the various groups that share our space at Christ and The Epiphany. More information will follow.

We will be experiencing some exciting times along with some changes in our future. The most important thing that we need to remember is "Lord, our life and times are in your hands".

The burial for Walter Henry Bretthauer, Jr. took place on August 11, 2017. The service was a fitting and moving tribute to a man who was just so loved and admired. I was blessed to have seen Walt the Sunday that he passed away.

## Feast, Festivities

### Harvest Fair

Saturday, September 9  
Diane Villano

All hands on deck! Our "triple play" is Saturday, September 9, holding our annual bake sale in front of the church, offering handmade crafts at our booth on the Green at East Haven's Fall Festival, and having a half-price sale at the Good Shepherd Thrift Store. In addition, the Garage may be open, offering even more treasures at terrific prices.

## Upcoming Events



**Saturday, September 9**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Harvest Fair, East Haven  
Fall Festival and the Good  
Shepherd Thrift Store's  
Autumn Half Price Sale.

Grand opening of the East  
Haven Historical Society  
Museum at 47 Park Place



**Saturday, December 2**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Fair

Please bake, make and create to help make this event successful. We need staffing at all locations and "prayer warriors" after the event for all those who complete prayer request cards. Please contact Barb Parsons or Carol Link-Ude.

**CHURCH LIFE in photos**

**Annual Parish Picnic**



**Fred hard at work**



**Aiden and Ricky with conductor**



**Junior Warden Report**

Janet A. Cianelli  
Building and Grounds

Upgrades to the building will be frozen until we have resolved some other issues. Price quotes for upgrades will continue in the interim as will competitive pricing for electric distribution and oil purchase.

We have received negative feedback concerning our custodian of the building and may be seeking a replacement.

It was decided that Building Use Agreements should include dates, times and area/location/room.

We were alerted to the fact that the men's room had been vandalized. There were no witnesses to the destruction. I would like to propose a change in the locks on both side doors. New keys would be distributed along with a sign-in sheet listing time in/out at the door on the side of 47 Park Place.

A Thank You to everyone who pitches in to help make our

building look presentable. Your time and efforts do not go unnoticed!

**MISSION MINISTRY**

Barbara Parsons

Christ and The Epiphany pledged \$1,000 for the Kateri medical clinic in 2017. Due to the generosity of our parishioners this goal was met in August! We actually surpassed our goal and sent this needed ministry a check for \$1,243.

We will continue to designate the first Sunday of each month with a separate collection for Mission. Discussion as to the charity is more than welcome.

**Outreach**

**Midnight Run**  
Kathy Alison

Our participation with Midnight Run continues as does the need. We were quite low with our supply of applesauce, however, after a note in the Sunday epistle our parishioners pulled together and stocked our shelves!

We've begun to distribute a Personal Care bag to the children. The bag contains juice, toothpaste, child's toothbrush, bandages with cartoon characters, a small bar of soap, and a small toy. These bags induced smiles and giggles from the children.

Lastly a quick reminder to take the small samples of personal care (soap, shampoo, conditioner) that are offered when you travel. They are of great value to the homeless.

A huge Thank You to [Ann Mancini](#) from Our Lady of Pompeii Church who so generously donated a \$100 Stop & Shop gift card from her winnings at their summer carnival. She specified that it was to be used solely for Midnight Run as she knows of the great need that exists within the homeless in New Haven.

## Handicap Ramp Repair

Kathy Alison

John and Joyce Aurelius spearheaded the effort to repair/restore the handicap ramp which has now been beautifully completed. Joyce immediately commented that

this project could not have come to fruition without the help of so many hands. In quoting Joyce, "There is no I in Teamwork."

## Series of Romantic Composers

Tony Lamberti



### GIUSEPPE VERDI 1813-1901

Giuseppe Verdi was born in Le Roncole in the town of Parma in 1813.

Verdi's first opera was Oberto, conte di San Bonifacio which debuts in the City of Milan. Verdi was referred as one of the greatest musical composers of the 20th century. Oberto was received favorably, however, after several setbacks Verdi wrote the opera Nabucco which made him an overnight celebrity. Verdi went on to compose many other operas such as, Rigoletto, IL Trovatore, La Traviata, Aida, and Otello.

Verdi was rejected early on by the Milan Conservatory when

## CHURCH LIFE in photos

All aboard



John Aurelius and passengers



Repaired handicap ramp



Supply Priest  
Allyson Brundige



**CHURCH LIFE in photos****Barbara Parsons at  
Family Meeting****Celebrating August  
Birthdays****Happy Birthday Rose****Short and sweet sermon  
by Rose**

they proceeded to tell him he had no talent. This saddened Verdi greatly and along with the personal tragedies he was dealing with at the time, he sank into a deep depression. Out of his sorrow he composed the opera “Nabucco”.

As time passed Verdi composed several operas in rapid succession, this period in his life was his so called “Middle Period”. Verdi was finally recognized as a “genius”. His last great work was the “Requiem Mass of 1874” in which he dedicated to his personal friend Alessandro Manzoni. The next years of Verdi’s life were spent living the life of a country squire at the farm of Sant Agata with his close friend Guiseppina Strepponi. As time passed Verdi’s slogan of the times became known as” VIVA VERDI”.

Verdi served as deputy in the first Italian Parliament in 1861 and in 1874 was appointed as senator.

Verdi was very involved in charity work and founded the Casa di Riposa, in honor of all the retired musicians in Milan

in 1899. Today it remains a home for retired opera singers and musicians in Milan.

Verdi went on to write many popular Operas such as IL Trovatore, Aida, La Forza, Don Carlo, Mac Beth and Simon Boccanegra that are enjoyed by many opera lovers.

Next month I will begin the series “Opening Night at the Met”.

**What happened on this date?**

Diane Villano

October 31, 1517 - what happened on this date that ignited the spark of the Reformation?

Email your answer (Who, What, Where) to Diane Villano at [Communications@ChristandTheEpiphany.org](mailto:Communications@ChristandTheEpiphany.org) or call (203) 467-2310 by September 15, 2017 and your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$5.00 gift card. Answer and winner will be posted in the October newsletter.

### September Birthdays

8-Sep Robert Chappuis  
 17-Sep Judy Clearwater  
 22-Sep Jill Lamberti  
 24-Sep Morgan Chappuis  
 24-Sep Jan Cianelli  
 28-Sep Leland Hubbard

### September Anniversaries

9/11/2005  
 Kenneth & Kathy Dougherty  
 9/20/1958  
 John & Joyce Aurelius  
 9/27/2003  
 Steven & Kristina Langlan

### Intercessory Prayers

Beverly W. - Bill Hodge -  
 Bradley D. - Bruce Langlan -  
 Bunny W. - Carol - Carol C. -  
 Cheryl Link - Chester Chappuis  
 - David - Dennis Family - Devin  
 K. - Diane - Eleanor N. - Eric  
 S. - Faith and Family - Father  
 Eddie - Gale - Goodfellow  
 Family - Greg T. - Harry  
 Bruneau, Jr. - Helen - J.D. -  
 Jay - Jim C. - John A. - John  
 D. - Joseph - Judy DeFeo -  
 June W. - Karl - Kasch T. -  
 Kathrine Burdick - Katrina R. -  
 Ken Wortz - Lage Family -  
 Lucas Sundwall - Sister  
 Madonna D. - Mark Conti -  
 Marty - Matt - Melissa D. -

Olivia and Family - Rachael -  
 Richard - Robert J. - Sean - Vi  
 S. and Family - Vidar H. -  
 Vivian S.

To submit names for the  
 Intercession Prayer list please  
 call or email the church  
 office. Names will be kept on  
 the list for 3 months unless  
 longer time is requested. If a  
 person you have placed on the  
 list recovers in less than 3  
 months or passes away, please  
 update the church office.

### October Newsletter

The deadline for the  
 September issue of the  
 newsletter is Friday,  
 September 22, 2017.

If you have any contributions  
 for the newsletter, or an  
 update to the Birthday or  
 Anniversary list, please call  
 the church office at 203-467-  
 2310.

~ Kathy Alison & Susan Shultz,  
 Editors

**2000 years ago  
 Jesus ended the  
 debate of which  
 lives matter. He  
 died for ALL!**

The Wagner Supply Company of  
 ODESSA, TX displayed the below  
 sign on July of 2016. People  
 began posting this on Facebook  
 in an effort to share the  
 message.



TREASURERS REPORT

Susan Shultz

		JULY		UNDER/OVER BUDGET		YTD		UNDER/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$	12,037.36	\$	1,241.03	\$	64,083.60	\$	4,038.69
EXPENSES	\$	8,903.94	\$	(5,418.15)	\$	61,391.00	\$	(8,213.63)
NET	\$	3,133.42	\$	(6,659.18)	\$	2,692.60	\$	12,252.92

Notations:

\*We are \$5,000 under our July and YTD expenses due to a budgeted \$5,000 worth of building repairs, including a new furnace for 47 Park Place, which have not yet incurred.

\*Due to some members entire 2017 pledge payment our YTD income ahead of this month's budget by \$4,038.69

\*The Vestry adjusted the 2017 budget numbers to include the additional rental income from Refreshed New Wine Church.

CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY CHURCH

10:00 AM September Worship Schedule

	<u>September 3, 2017</u>	<u>September 10, 2017</u>	<u>September 17, 2017</u>	<u>September 24, 2017</u>
Welcomer	Joyce Aurelius	Carol Link-Ude	Barbara Parsons	Joyce Aurelius
Crucifer	Brooke Dennis	Caden Moore	Ricky Alexander	Brooke Dennis
Chalice Bearer	Hal Levi	Kristina Langlan	Steve Langlan	George Coulombe
Lector	Susan Shultz	Terry Osmun	George Coulombe	Steve Langlan
Usher	Ron Blevins	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz	Kristina Langlan
Counter	Pat Walters	Astrid Swanson	Diane Villano	George Coulombe
Counter	Mariam Amendola	Fred Bowden	Susan Shultz	Ron Blevins

