



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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MISSIONAL MEANDERINGS FROM THE MISSIONAL PRIEST

Rev. Andrew G. Osmun

"As I write I am finishing up my first week of time off, and about to begin my second. Already I am thinking about services I will celebrate on July 2nd.

Experiences over the past few weeks have left me wondering about a lot of things. In the space of 7 days I conducted a memorial service and a wedding for people who generally do not attend Christ and The Epiphany. Then this past Sunday I went to a church in New Haven - not Episcopal - where a table held ear protectors with a sign: "Too Loud? use these" and a coffee bar was set up so you could grab your cup on the way to your seat.

Announcements promised that if you filled out the visitor card a donation would be made to the country of your

choice in your name, and that a member of the 'ministry team' would contact you during the week if you left a phone number. Then last night I went to the "Gospel Fest" on the New Haven green as part of the Arts and Ideas festival and was treated to some high energy and high volume 'Gospel' music.

In the two services at Christ and The Epiphany, I tried to sing the appointed congregational songs with a few others helping out, but it wasn't successful. At the New Haven Church it didn't matter if you sang - the band on stage was loud enough that you couldn't tell if anyone was singing!

I have more questions about how to address the way I do things. Very few answers at this point in time!

See you in July.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 9

Family meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service, Please plan on attending this important meeting!
(see Sr. Warden report)

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.

Sunday, September 24

Blessing of the Animals, donations collected for the East Haven Animal Shelter and Social Media Sunday.

Saturday, December 2

Christmas Fair

Senior Warden Report

Barbara Parsons

We are beginning the process of transition. We will see what format we will be using to make sure every voice is heard, as well as following the Diocese requirements. I'm looking for your thoughts on whether you would like to follow the last process where we broke up into small groups and had discussions on questions that were asked or if there are other ideas. The most important part of the process, as I said in the beginning, is that every voice is heard.

We have some big and important issues coming up in the approaching months. Sometimes Sundays get busy but please remember, as Senior Warden, I speak for you. If you don't get to talk to me on Sunday, please feel free to call me at home. If it's important to you, it's important to me.

The Family Meeting is on July 9th. Please plan on being there as many important things will be discussed.

Jan Cianelli and I met on Tuesday, June 20th, with members of Refreshed New Wine Church. We are considering sharing space with this church. By Family Meeting we will have more information for the congregation.

First and most important, please pray for God's will to be done at Christ and The Epiphany. He has so much good for us to do, please don't let us get caught up in anything that is not of Him.

Peace & Blessings to all.

MISSION MINISTRY

Wendy Bellmore

What does it cost to build a medical clinic in remote Nigeria? In our economy, we would be astounded to learn that a total budget of \$56,000 purchases land, constructs and furnishes a one story building, provides supplies for one year, and funds salaries to hire one physician and two nurses for one year. This is the dream of Bishop Markus Dogo of Kafanchan, Nigeria for Gidan Waya, the newest Kateri Clinic.

To date, two thirds of that amount has been raised in both the U.S. and in Nigeria, completing the land purchase, building construction and supply acquisition. In March, the Vestry of Christ and The Epiphany Church partnered with the Anglican Diocese of Kafanchan in Nigeria; St. John's Church in Niantic; Trinity Church in Tariffville; and Kateri Medical Services, Inc. in supporting a grant application to the Episcopal Church in CT Mission Development Fund to subsidize the final costs of Gidan Waya. Our Vestry additionally committed \$1,000 for 2017.

This week we were thrilled to find that Kateri was awarded \$10,000 from the Mission Development Fund, which brings this vision very close to full funding! And what a thrill for Christ and The Epiphany Church to be a partner in this important outreach mission, uniting with Connecticut and Nigerian parishes!

Jesus tells us to go, and spread the word of the

Gospel. Christ and The Epiphany is taking part in stewardship to sharing the Gospel, to the spiritual and physical health of the least of us, in the neediest villages of Nigeria. It has been my privilege to see the passion of worship, the expressions of inquiry on the faces of students, and the anxiety of hope for care in the medical clinics in all the remote areas we visited.

We hope that you have noticed the woven market basket that sits in the Sanctuary. It comes from the street market in Kaduna, Nigeria, one of three locations visited on our trip to Nigeria. Common to both Madagascar and Nigeria is the joy, love and praise associated with the offertory. Do we remember bringing our stewardship pledges to the altar this year, not simply placing the envelopes into the offertory plate as it was passed through the pews? In Africa, I have witnessed the power of songs of praise and dancing to the offertory basket. It is an incredibly moving experience. All worshippers bring a contribution envelope, or

place a closed fist hiding their offering into the basket, where the gift is known only to God and in the heart of the giver.

Starting with the first Sunday in July, and continuing once monthly, on the first Sunday of successive months we will participate in a second offertory to be dedicated to our commitment to Outreach and Mission. We praise God with the joy and love for mission that has been demonstrated in our commitment to this ministry!

The Joy of Water!

Music Director
Barbara Coulombe

On March 31st the drilling team arrived in Father Austin Phiri's village of Chokani, Malawi. The first well is now dug and providing water to all the families for drinking, cooking, washing and hydrating animals and crops!

The members of Christ and The Epiphany have helped make this possible for the Chokani villagers with their generous donations. The new

CHURCH LIFE in photos

The Good Shepherd Thrift Store
at Old Stone Church



Rev. Charles L. Kamano, Supply
Priest on Father's Day



The Baptism of Dallas John Kohler
and
Easton James Kohler



CHURCH LIFE in photos**2017 Fashion Show**

Joyce Aurelius and Barbara Parsons
with the East Haven Food Pantry
Donations



Wendy Bellmore with Diane Levi



Bianca Francois



well will not only help lift these villagers out of poverty, but also give them a source of sustainable safe water. It allows their children to stay in school instead of spending four to five hours a day fetching water. It means healthier livestock and plentiful crops that can be sold and ultimately create better living conditions.

Father Austin, Branford Hospice Chaplain, spoke to us about his village's need for water wells at a recent Coffee Hour. He came to the U.S. six years ago because he wanted to experience a different way of doing ministry. He says the water crisis in his country is acute and the Malawi government provides little help because it is broke. Appeals to the United Nations have also been unsuccessful.

During the dry season from May to October, there is virtually no rainfall. Contaminated water is a leading cause of diarrhea, dysentery and cholera, contributing to nearly 9,000 deaths per year, including 4,500 children under the age of five, according to the World Bank. Now that Chokani

has healthy water, there are plans to advise the villagers on ways to become more efficient and productive with their farming and upgrade their tools and methods. Eventually they will be able to generate income so that their standard of living will rise.

More information is available on their website

www.malawifarmersinc.org.

The Malawi Farmers, Inc. were one of our 2016 Global Mission Fund recipients.

Outreach**The Good Shepherd Thrift Store "on the road"**

Diane Villano

For the third year, we sold treasures from our thrift store at Old Stone Church's Tag Sale, June 10. We brought in more than \$40 in purchases and a \$100 donation. More importantly, we brought in people! Joyce Aurelius, George Coulombe, and Ken and Kathy Dougherty, ably and willingly introduced our church and ministries to our neighbors. We also collected prayer requests which were included in the

following Sunday's morning services.

Midnight Run

Kathy Alison

Our scheduled date for participation with Midnight Run was cancelled in May as it coincided with the local Memorial Day celebrations. We will once again pick up in June but this time we will be prepared with several child personal care packets as well as adult.

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners as we could not participate with this outreach if not were for your continued support in the way of sandwich crackers, applesauce, fruit cups, and bottled water.

Once again, I am sending a reminder to consider Midnight Run should you come across any "sample" items of personal care products in your travels this summer

Adult Christian

Education Bible study

has concluded for the summer and will resume in September.

Thank you, Rich, for patiently and lovingly guiding our explorations of the Bible.

Communications

Diane Villano

Our group is taking time off in July, so our next meeting is August 23 in the (air-conditioned) Library, after the 7:00 p.m. prayer service. We will be discussing fall and winter event promotion. All interested in any aspect of Communications (online, social media, sidewalk sign, newsletter and other printed materials) are invited to attend.

Feast, Festivities & Fund Raising

Carol Link-Ude

Fashion Show Thank You
Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked to make our 4th Annual Fashion show a tremendous success. Special thanks to our commentators: Hal and Diane Levi and all our fabulous models and cooks. The East Haven Food Pantry greatly appreciated all the food donations.

CHURCH LIFE in photos

2017 Fashion Show

George Coulombe with Hal and Diane Levi



Thanks to all our models and Hal and Diane Levi



Leo Boggie from The Ice Fire Band provided live music



Once again the Christ and The Epiphany family joined together for a great event.

Summer Study at Yale Divinity School

Diane Villano

It was a great pleasure and blessing to attend the week-long Summer Study “Bible through Art and Artifact” course at Yale Divinity School in June. The Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker, a Yale University alum, led animated group discussions about selected Bible readings during the first half of each day’s class. The second half were private tours led by historians and scholars at Peabody Museum, Yale University Art Gallery, Sterling Memorial Library, and Beinecke Library. We saw a rich and varied collection of incredible works, some thousands of years old, with connections to people and places of the Bible. Summer Study courses are open to the public, and there’ll be an announcement in the newsletter when next year’s registration opens.

The Yale Divinity School campus is a beautiful, peaceful oasis on Prospect

Avenue, a short drive from downtown New Haven.

YDS also includes the Institute of Sacred Music and Berkeley Divinity School, the Episcopal seminary at Yale. The Student Book Supply, a convenient resource, stocks over 16,000 titles and sponsors periodic book signings, public readings and author lectures.

For more information, visit www.Divinity.Yale.edu.

Series of Romantic Composers

Tony Lamberti



WAGNER 1813-1883

As the 2016-2017 Opera Season came to a close with the final board cast on May 13, 2017 of Strauss’s “Der Rosenkavalier”, the audience will look forward to the new season which will open on September 25th, 2017. The Met will open with a new production of Bellini’s “NORMA”.

In the next few months the main focus will be on Romantic Composers. The first composer I have chosen to write about is one of my favorites, Richard Wagner. He was born on May 22, 1813 in a small town in Leipzig Germany and died in Venice on February 13, 1883. He was considered one of the greatest composers of the Romantic Era. His works were mostly written for Opera. He wrote and produced his own material. The first of his famous works was “Das Liebeverbut” which premiered on March 29, 1836, in the city of Magdeburg. His piano music and vocals were outstanding as were all of the symphonies he produced and wrote. He is most famous for “The Ring Cycle” which was made up of four (4) additional Opera pieces.

Das Rheingold was the first of his works in The Ring Cycle which was followed by three (3) additional Operas - Die Walkure, Siegfried, and lastly Gotterdammerung. In May 22, 1872 he laid the foundation for the Great Auditorium in Bayreuth called “Festspielhaus” which means

the festival house which opened on August 13, 1876.

He departed to Italy and starting from September to December worked on his final opera called "Parsifal". The opera was completed in January 1882 and premiered on July 26, 1882 in Bayreuth.

He had several books written on his life and his love of music and Opera.

My favorite Opera is and will always be "Parsifal". For me this Opera symbolizes the Christian Faith through the Sword and Cup of Christ. In the Opera "Parsifal" all of us are looking for the perfect answer to many of our life's questions.

The next Romantic Composer I will write about will be Giuseppe Verdi, born October 10, 1813.

July Birthdays

14-Jul Barbara Parsons
15-Jul Barbara Langlan
17-Jul George Coulombe
26-Jul Sandra Chappuis

August Birthdays

3-Aug Deborah Lyon
5-Aug Rose Fusco
9-Aug Pete Cianelli
28-Aug Stephanie Reynolds
30-Aug Janet Nolan

August Anniversaries

8/7/1993 James & Stephanie Reynolds
8/18/1989 Richard Schiavone & Judi Randall
8/20/2005 Tom & Susan Shultz
8/24/1974 Frederick & Pat Walters

Intercessory Prayers

Beverly W. - Bradley D. - Bruce Langlan - Bunny W. - Carol - Carol C. - Cassandra - Cheryl Link - Chester Chappuis - David - Dennis Family - Devin K. - Diane - Eleanor N. - Eric S. - Faith and Family - Father Eddie - Gale - Gina - Greg T. - Harry Bruneau, Jr. - Helen - Jay - Jim C. - John A. - John D. - Joseph - Judy DeFeo - June W. - Karl - Kasch T. - 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 - Thomas M. - 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.

September Newsletter

The deadline for the September issue of the newsletter is Friday, August 25, 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

As you pass this church,
be sure to plan a visit,
so when at last you're carried in,
God won't ask "Who is it?"

TREASURERS REPORT

Susan Shultz

		MAY		UNDER/OVER BUDGET		YTD		UNDER/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$	6,992.77	\$	(793.56)	\$	43,803.93	\$	1,829.28
EXPENSES	\$	5,531.50	\$	(1,827.59)	\$	44,761.82	\$	(1,978.63)
NET	\$	1,461.27	\$	1,034.03	\$	(957.89)	\$	(3,807.91)

Note: While May income was down, overall we are still on track
Our expenses are down YTD by about \$3,000 primarily due to lower utility costs.
(Our YTD budget planned to be in a deficit of \$4,765.80 at this point)

CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY CHURCH

10:00 AM July Worship Schedule

	<u>July 2, 2017</u>	<u>July 9, 2017</u>	<u>July 16, 2017</u>	<u>July 23, 2017</u>	<u>July 30, 2017</u>
Welcomer	Carol Link-Ude	Joyce Aurelius	Barbara Parsons	Joyce Aurelius	Carol Link-Ude
Crucifer	Caden Moore	Ricky Alexander	Caden Moore	Ricky Alexander	Caden Moore
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	Ron Blevins	Steve Langlan	George Coulombe	Hal Levi
Lector	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz	George Coulombe	Steve Langlan	Terry Osmun
Usher	Susan Shultz	Audrey Sundwall	Gail Schappa	Ron Blevins	George Coulombe
Counter	Pat Walters	Astrid Swanson	Diane Villano	Susan Shultz	Diane Villano
Counter	Mariam Amendola	Fred Bowden	Susan Shultz	Ron Blevins	George Coulombe

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10:00 AM August Worship Schedule

	<u>August 6, 2017</u>	<u>August 13, 2017</u>	<u>August 20, 2017</u>	<u>August 27, 2017</u>
Welcomer	Barbara Parsons	Joyce Aurelius	Carol Link-Ude	Barbara Parsons
Crucifer	Ricky Alexander	Brooke Dennis	Caden Moore	Ricky Alexander
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	Steve Langlan	George Coulombe	Ron Blevins
Lector	Carol Link-Ude	Susan Shultz	Steve Langlan	George Coulombe
Usher	Susan Shultz	Kristina Langlan	Audrey Sundwall	Gail Schappa
Counter	Pat Walters	Astrid Swanson	Diane Villano	George Coulombe
Counter	Mariam Amendola	Fred Bowden	Susan Shultz	Ron Blevins