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Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Harvest Fair and East Haven Fall Festival

Sunday, September 15, 9:00 a.m., *one combined worship service**

Sunday, September 29, Social Media Sunday

Sunday, October 6, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 13, Family Meeting after the 10:00 a.m. service

Sunday, October 20, 3:00 p.m., International Buffet, tickets are now available

Sunday, October 27, 11:00 a.m., ECCT-wide worship service at the Connecticut Convention Center

*Worship Note

September 15th will be the last 9:00 a.m. outdoor service of this year. After this service we will resume our regular service schedule with 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services every Sunday unless otherwise noted.

Vestry Note

The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, September 15, directly after the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Family Meeting

We are planning a Family Meeting on Sunday, October 13 at coffee hour after the 10:00

a.m. service to discuss the upcoming ECCT convention resolutions and any other parish topics.

Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study at 9:00 a.m. will resume in September but will not meet September 15.



Harvest Fair and East Haven Fall Festival

Saturday, September 7 is the East Haven Fall Festival on the town green. We will have our annual bake sale on the front lawn. We will also have a booth on the green. Please contact Carol Ude to donate your homemade baked goods and Diane Villano to donate your handmade crafts. Please consider volunteering to staff either location.

Social Media Sunday, September 29

Bring your smart phone or other digital device to church and post photos and live stream videos and become a digital disciple!

Blessing of the Animals

We will collect donations of canned and dry pet food, treats, toys, and bedding for the East Haven Animal Shelter at our annual

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 6, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rev. Charles L. Kamano will offer a special blessing for your pet in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi. Well-behaved dogs on leashes, cats in carriers and other pets (or their photos) are welcome.

Library Spotlight

Susan Shultz

Just a reminder that in the Library (in the upstairs back room) we have books on many different religious topics that you are welcome to take home and read. Books are shelved by category (shelves are labeled). Some categories are Jesus' life; healing; biography; evangelism; the church; world religions; humor and prayer. There are also many different bible study guides and commentaries including atlases and world pictures.

Calling All Christmas Crafters!

Audrey Sundwall

You may think that it is too early, but September is a great time to start crafting for the Christmas Fair, which will be coming up in the beginning of December. To increase our offering of homemade ornaments, we would like you to start thinking of things you could make to contribute to

the table. If you are about to say that you don't have any ideas, we are here to help you decide. Starting on Sunday, September 1st, there will be directions for an assortment of ornaments in different craft styles and difficulty levels posted in the Great Hall. Since many people use the room, we will put the directions on the back of the portable bulletin board near the clock. Of course, you are welcome to make any ornaments you have already thought up, but there are some good ideas for those of you who need inspiration. (These ideas came from the internet. There are many other good ones left on your computer screen.) If you need materials, please let us know, and we will get them to you. Again, we want to emphasize that you are not limited to these ideas! If we all work together, we can add to our contributions for the work of our parish. P.S. I am not naming my partner in this article because she is away on vacation, and I don't want to speak for her, but you all know who she is!



ECCT Convention

The Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT) annual convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. This year the diocese is holding a worship service open to all on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. at the convention center. All parishes are encouraged to send at least 12 members. We will

have carpools available to take those interested to the service. A light breakfast is included with your free registration. Sign up on-line at episcopalct.org.



Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation

Bulletin insert for September 2019

Provided by the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network

"...racism is one of the fastest-spreading and most fatal cancers humanity has ever known.... What gives me hope is a simple truism. Once we lose hope, we are guaranteed to lose."

I was in third grade when I met Martha, a new third grader to my school. Like me she wore a well-ironed dress to school, white anklets and Mary Janes, hair neatly combed and tied in pigtails. Where we differed was that Martha had had most of one of her legs amputated and she used crutches to get around. I was fascinated by how dexterously she used those crutches. She told me that she had used them as long as she could remember. She could do most anything she wanted but she couldn't hang upside down on the horizontal bars of the playground equipment the way I could. I would hang upside down and she would swing as we talked of all the things third grade girls talked about in those days—how leggings itched in

the winter, how boys were smelly, what would we have for dinner.

I didn't think about the color of Martha's skin because she wasn't the first African American I'd met in my little town just across the Mason-Dixon Line in Pennsylvania. There was a whole street of African Americans in my town, mostly older, who provided homes for their grandchildren and grandnieces and -nephews so that they could go to school in unsegregated classes (this was the 1950s).

What "woke" my eight-year-old sensibilities to the concept of racism happened in the spring of our year together. Martha confided to me one day that she was going to get a prosthetic leg so that she could walk just like anybody else. We were so excited, imagining that she would be able to hang from the playground bars with me. The day came and Martha walked into class with her new leg and only one crutch--

The leg was white.

Martha had been given a leg the color of my pale skin, not her rich brown. She saw the shock on my face--it was too expensive to have a leg painted brown; the government wouldn't pay for it. Martha didn't come back for fourth grade and I never saw her again after that year.

My hope is that Martha grew up with the same courage and perseverance I remember in her. Without it we would both be lost.

**Church Life in Photos
BYOBC (Bring Your
Own Beach Chair)
Summer Sunday
Service, July 21**



**Our next (and last of
the year) BYOBC is
Sunday, September
15 at 9:00 a.m.**

--The Rev. Diana M. Rogers,
Priest-in-Charge, Holy Advent,
Clinton

Suggested Resources (thx to
Suzanna Roman)

The Summer 2019 issue of
Connecticut Explored
magazine has several articles
pertinent to our work,
including "How Segregation
Happened in West Hartford",
"The Federal Government and

Redlining in Connecticut" and
"No Day at the Beach" about
segregated access to the
shoreline. Connecticut
Explored is a history magazine
published quarterly
(www.ctexplored.org).

There is an interesting project
with a terrific website on the
Ancient Burial Grounds in
downtown Hartford. It is called
"Uncovering Their History:
African, African-American, and
Native-American Burials in
Hartford's Ancient Burying
Grounds, 1640-1815" and can
be found
at <https://www.africannativeburialsct.org>.

The Center for Action and
Contemplation has featured
Black Women Mystics such as
Jarena Lee and Dr. Barbara
Holmes in its emails in July.
Here is a link:
<https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/2019/07/>

*The Episcopal Church in
Connecticut (ECCT) entered a
"Season of Racial Healing,
Justice, and Reconciliation" for
a minimum of two years by
vote of its Annual Convention
in October 2018. [Visit](#)*

episcopalct.org/season-of-racial-healing-justice-and-reconciliation/ to read the
enabling resolution and for
resources, events, and more.
ECCT's Racial Healing, Justice,
and Reconciliation Ministry
Network is helping to
facilitate much of the
resolution's implementation.
Contact the Rev. Rowena
Kemp or Suzy Burke, co-
conveners of the Ministry
Network, at
rowjkemp@gmail.com or
suzy@alegriaimports.net.



September 17 - Judy
Clearwater

September 22 - Jill Lamberti

September 24 - Jan Cianelli

September 28 - Leland
Hubbard



September 11 - Kathy and
Kenneth Dougherty

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Beverly W., Bill
Hodge, Carol Ude, Carol C.,
David, Devin K., Diane, Diane
V., Dulci, Ed, Patrick, Eileen
F., Eleanor N., Faith and
Family, Father Eddie, Fred H.,
Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow
Family, Greg T., Helen, J.D.,
Jack K., Jim C., JoAnn &
Victoria, John A., Joseph,
Judy C., Judy DeFeo, Julia,

June W., Karen Dattilo & Family, Kathrine Burdick, Katrina R., Ken Dougherty, Leah S., Lisa, Lois, Lucas Sundwall, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt, Melissa D., Rachael, Ray C., Rich & Judy, Salvatore D., Sam, Fr. Stan & Nancy, Stan R., Tom Z., Vivian S.

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. If a person you have placed on the list recovers in less than three months or passes away, please update the church office.

Encouraging Words

Charlie Langlan

A new addition to the newsletter will be a few scriptures for you to read and think about. Relate them to yourself or think about them in the needs of another and send prayers their way. Hope you all enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to the busy fall and winter!!

Trust

Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the Lord, the LORD is the rock eternal."

Confidence

Hebrews 13:6 "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Perseverance

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Stand Firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Work

Proverbs 10:4 "Diligent hands bring wealth."

Opening Night Fever - Porgy and Bess

Tony Lamberti

In its original 1935 release, George Gershwin's "folk opera" Porgy and Bess closed on Broadway with a disappointing run of just 124 performances. Porgy and Bess would be Gershwin's last Broadway production. With the opening of the 2019-2020 Metropolitan Opera season this folk opera will be bought back in all of its glory for the opera lovers of the world to enjoy! Tickets are on sale at the box office starting this week.

The opera is based on an adaptation of a play called "The Dybbuk". On April 1, 1931 the Met had contracted Gershwin to stage the play. However, the project was abandoned when it was discovered that the opera rights for Ansky's play had been given to Turinese composer Lodovico Rocca. (Opera News, Sept 2019).

In the late spring of 1936 Gershwin accepted a contract from RKO to write the score for "*Shall We Dance?*", a film for Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Gershwin spent the rest of his very short career in California where he died of a brain tumor at the young age of 38.

The Metropolitan Opera's 2019-2020 opera season starting in September includes: La Boheme, Cosi fan tutte, Madame Butterfly, The Magic Flute, Tosa, La Traviata, and of course Porgy and Bess just to name a few! Try to see an opera at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, and if that is not possible be sure to see the HD performances at your local theatre called "Live Performances at the Met".

Opening night is September 23, 2019 see you there!!!

Next issue

The deadline for the October 2019 issue of the newsletter is **September 18**. If you have contributions for the newsletter, email newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com, or for an update to the Birthday or Anniversary list, please call the church office at 203-467-2310.

Charlie Langlan & Susan Shultz, Editors

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	JUL	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$8,317.70	\$1,587.70	\$59,608.02	\$1,420.02
EXPENSES	\$7,111.00	(\$1,173.51)	\$61,057.43	(\$3,800.64)
NET	\$1,206.70	\$2,761.21	(\$1,449.41)	\$5,220.66

Notes: Income is up due to higher Thrift Store income, some new and early building use payments. Expenses are down due to lower snow removal costs, a delayed audit payment, and lower fellowship supplies spending. While some of this will even out, overall we are doing well with staying on budget.

Worship Schedule

	September 1, 2019	September 8, 2019	September 15, 2019	September 22, 2019	September 29, 2019
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Ron Blevins	George Coulombe	Kristina Langlan
Lector	George Coulombe	Kristina Langlan	Audrey Sundvall	Sue Shultz	George Coulombe
Usher	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundvall	Diane Villano	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundvall
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Sue Shultz	George Coulombe
Counter		Fred Bowden	Charles Langlan	Kristina Langlan	