



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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*This is a combined July and August newsletter.
In September we will return to monthly issues.*



Election of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Diane Villano

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church and meets every three years. It includes the House of Deputies (lay and clergy) and the House of Bishops, composed of representatives from each diocese. Both Houses meet and act separately but must concur to adopt legislation.



On June 26 at the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal

Church held in Louisville, Kentucky, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe was elected the next Presiding Bishop, succeeding Michael Curry. Bishop Rowe will begin his nine-year term on November 1.

The Rt. Rev. Rowe, 49, was ordained bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 2007 and became bishop provisional of Western New York in 2019. From 2014 to 2018, he served as bishop provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Rowe earned a bachelor's degree in history from Grove City College, a master of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University.

Rowe was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained in 2000 at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32.

Rowe is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator; they have a daughter named Lauren.

Worship Services

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

(Zoom connection information at the end of newsletter.)

Events

Saturday, September 7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Harvest Fair

As the new presiding bishop-elect, Rowe preached at General Convention's June 28 closing Eucharist service, which is accessible on www.episcopalchurch.org.

Also at General Convention, the House of Deputies reelected Julia Ayala Harris as its president. Ayala Harris' reelection was historic, with a slate of three women of color vying for the leadership position.



Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT)

2024 Jazz Mass

July 21, 2024, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford 10AM-11:30AM

The service features jazz interpretations of liturgical music, hymns, and spirituals.

2024 Convention

Resolutions for this year's Convention are due September 27. For any questions concerning Convention, which runs October 25-26, contact C&E's delegates, Astrid Swanson or Diane Villano. This year's theme is "One Vine, Many Branches."

Old Stone Church Flea Market

Thanks to everyone who helped set up, staff, and break down our booth at the Old Stone's Flea Market on June 8th. This is not a fundraiser for us, but more importantly, a community-building ministry. Over the years we've been doing this, more and more people have become familiar with our Good Shepherd Thrift Store.

Picnic Highlights George Coulombe

During the games, some winners were impressive and some not-so-much. Terry Osmun and Diane Villano won the "Old People" test with a perfect score of 20. The results of the "Follow Directions" test were very surprising. A teacher, Audrey Sundwall, won the game and another teacher, who shall go unnamed, got a resounding F. Susan Shultz won the "Bible" crossword game. A great "Trivial Pursuit" contest ensued with the score bouncing back and forth until team (Ray Clearwater, Barbara Coulombe, Judy Herzman, Diane Link, Carol Link-Ude, Barbara Parsons, and Susan Shultz) narrowly edged out

Around the Church

Our booth at Old Stone Church's Flea Market
June 8



Our annual summer picnic, June 23



team (Ron Blevens, Ken & Kathy Dougherty, Andrew & Terry Osmun, Audrey Sundwall, and Diane Villano). Despite a very strong showing by Paul Barrett, the team of Barbara Parsons and George Coulombe were the "Cornhole" Champions.

When it came to eating, everyone was a winner because the food was abundant, varied, and delicious. Our master cooks, Ken Dougherty and Fred Walters did their usual great jobs and all the side dish makers were equally impressive.

A standing ovation to Carol, her crew, and everyone who helped make it a great event.

June Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, July 21st after the 9:00 a.m. service in the library and via Zoom.

Worship - All the basics of getting Fr. Charles as our new priest-in-charge have been agreed upon. The draft Letter of Agreement (LOA) has been sent to ECCT. They should be sending back the formal letter shortly.

Building & Grounds - We are getting estimates on replacing the railings in front of the building as they are rusted out and loose. Wendy may have the opportunity to get some new furniture so we can replace some of the mismatched chairs. If that happens, we will also look into

changing the curtains and carpeting.

Feast & Festivities - The fall fundraising event will be a “Souperama” with soups from around the world.

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 



Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray
Diane Villano

On the Episcopal Church Calendar, July 1 is the feast day of Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray (1920-1985), civil rights activist, legal scholar, author, and Episcopal priest. In 1977, she became the first African-American woman ordained as an Episcopal priest and was the first woman to celebrate the Eucharist in North Carolina.

Her trailblazing civil rights work is also recognized in other ways.

Yale University

In 1965, Murray became the first African-American to receive a JSD (Doctor of the Science of Law) degree from Yale Law School and received

an honorary degree from the Yale Divinity School in 1979. One of the two new residential colleges at Yale which opened in 2017 is named after Murray, and the college’s shield is shown below.



From the University’s website, “The blue and white circle is conceptually derived from a

mark that consistently appeared on Murray’s stationery. The counter-changing of its form reflects Pauli’s transformational activism and non-binary gender expression. The red, white, and blue color scheme references the flag of the United States of America—recognizing that this nation has been profoundly changed by Murray’s vision and actions.”



American Women Quarters
Celebrating one hundred years of

recognizing the right of women to vote, this program features notable women, with five designs each year from 2022 to 2025. Murray is one of the 2024 honorees.

For more information

As mentioned in our June newsletter, “Pauli Murray: The Life of a Pioneering Feminist and Civil Rights Activist”, written by Murray’s niece, Rosita Stevens-Holsey is available on Amazon. Also available are other biographical books and books

Murray authored, including “Song in a Weary Throat: Memoir of an American Pilgrimage”, “To Speak a Defiant Word: Sermons and Speeches on Justice and Transformation”, and “Dark Testament: and Other Poems.”



July 3 - Diane Verderame
July 4 - Sallie Alexander
July 14 - Barbara Parsons
July 17 - George Coulombe
July 27 - Wendy Bellmore
July 30 - Phyllis Marston
August 12 - Elise Nacca
August 17 - Ricky Alexander
August 28 - Stephanie Reynolds
August 30 - Janet Nolan



August 7 - James & Stephanie Reynolds
August 18 - Richard Schiavone & Judith Randall
August 20 - Tom & Susan Shultz
August 24 Fred & Pat Walters

Summer Love Deborah Ann Belka

This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
--Psalm 118:24

I love the summer's rays,
shining from the sun
the warmth of laughter
with children having fun.

I love summer's breezes,
gently drifting in the air
the sounds of pure delight
when the weather is fair.

I love summer's laziness,
the strolls down the lane
the sound of peacefulness
upon summer's gentle rain.

I love summer's smells,
fragrant with memories
the happy thoughts wafting
of BBQ's, friends and families.

I love summertime,
it's smells, sights, its sounds
I love that God blesses me
when summer comes around!

Parish Garden

A reminder that anyone
wanting to donate either
financial resources or actual
plants to the gardens around
the church are welcome to do
so as we work to add to the
beauty of our building.

A Prayer for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank
You for summer!
Thank You for the warmth of
the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see
all around me
and for the opportunity to be
outside and enjoy Your
creation.
Thank You for the increased
time I have to be with my
friends and family,
and for the more casual pace
of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this

summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I
am doing.
Warm my soul with the
awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your
Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation,
create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and
a thirst for You.
- Author Unknown



Kindness for Kids

During these summer months,
the East Haven Food Pantry is
looking for items specifically
geared toward children. Since
school is not in session,
parents need to feed their
children all their meals at
home. (During the school year,
students can get breakfast and
lunch at school.) If you would
like to help feed the children,
you can bring items to church
on Sundays and we will make
sure that they get downstairs
to the food pantry. Following
is a list of the items the Food
Pantry is requesting.
Mac n Cheese
Canned Soups
Prepared canned pasta
Individual bags of chips,
crackers (no peanut butter),
and cookies

Granola bars
Juice boxes/pouches
Individual cereal boxes/cups
Individual boxes of shelf stable
milk
Fruit and applesauce
pouches/cups
Pudding cups
Let's make sure that no
children in East Haven go
hungry this summer.

Summer Says Something About God's Word

Dave Zuleger

Psalm 19 tells us we should
delight in the beauty of God's
creation, and summer often
provides unique opportunities
to do that more fully with
more daylight.

The heavens declare the glory
of God, and the sky above
proclaims his handiwork. Day
to day pours out speech, and
night to night reveals
knowledge. (Psalm 19:1-2)

Psalm 19 doesn't stop with
creation – the blue sky, the
green grass, the warmth of the
sun on our faces – rather, the
beauty David sees in God's
creation moves him to
celebrate the stunning power
and beauty of God's word.

*The law of the LORD is
perfect, reviving the soul; the
testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple. (Psalm
19:7)*

We don't set aside the word of
God to enjoy the work of God
in creation. Our souls still need
reviving in the summer. Our
simple hearts still need God's
wisdom found in God's word.

Encouraging Words

Audrey Sundwall

Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

Mark 13:28

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:12

The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Psalms 65:12-13


I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

John: 15:5

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alexis, Amanda, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Barbara Parsons, Bill & Donna Hodge, Bohdan & Family in Ukraine, Brandon, Carol Ude, Charlie & Kris Langlan, David & Irene, Diana, Diane Link, Dominick L., Don Dempsey, Doreen St. Germaine, Dot Logan, Ed, Eileen F., Elaine, Faith, Francesca, Geneva O'Donnell, Jack Uberti & Holly Chickos, Jan McDonald, James Chapman, Jay Medlyn, Jay W., Jim R. & Family, Joan Shaffner, Joyce Aurelius, Kris, Lauren, Leah S., Linda P., Lucas Sundwall, Matt R., Maureen McPherson, Mike, Michael M., Minogue Family, Nicole C., Pat Walters, Pete F., Phyllis Marston, Rachael, Ray Sundwall, Sr., Rebecca & unborn baby Jeff, Ren F., Richard Christofferson, Sallie Alexander, Sam W., Sharon Rogalski, Susan Diaz, Tim, Tish, 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.

ECCT 2023-2024 Prayer Cycle		 EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION
July 7	Parishes: St. Paul's, Plainfield; Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland Additionally: Military chaplains, and all who serve this country Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean	
July 14	Parishes: St. James', Poquetanuck; Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield Additionally: ECCT and parish committees on investments, stewardship, planned giving, insurance, and personnel policy Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland	
July 21	Parishes: St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; Christ Church, Roxbury Additionally: Wardens, treasurers, clerks, and all vestry members; elected delegates Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai	
July 28	Parishes: St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon Additionally: Parish office volunteers; curates; seminary interns; parish assistants and associates; missional curacies Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East	

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Aug. 4	<p>Parishes: Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton</p> <p>Additionally: Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford; the Cathedral Chapter; honorary canons of our Cathedral</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya</p>
Aug. 11	<p>Parishes: St. Alban's, Simsbury; St. Peter's, South Windsor</p> <p>Additionally: Liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists, and vergers</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea</p>
Aug. 18	<p>Parishes: Fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments</p> <p>Additionally: Students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia</p>
Aug. 25	<p>Parishes: Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington</p> <p>Additionally: Church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico</p>

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	MAY	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$8,613.98	\$664.65	\$59,727.06	\$17,291.41
EXPENSES	\$5,770.01	(\$743.57)	\$58,348.59	(\$7,658.81)
NET	\$2,843.97	\$1,408.22	\$1,378.47	(\$24,950.22)

Notes: In May we continue a great track record of extra income (Military Whist, Thrift store increases) and lower expenses. These savings will be a big help as we add a priest-in-charge for two quarters in 2024 and not just one.

Next Issue The deadline for the September issue is August 20th. 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. (unless otherwise noted)

	July 7, 2024	July 14, 2024	July 21, 2024	July 28, 2024
Service	Eucharist	Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Eucharist
Presider / Officiant	Charles Kamano	Andrew Osmun	Audrey Sundwall	Charles Kamano
Crucifer	George Coulombe	George Coulombe		George Coulombe
Acolyte	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall		Diane Villano
Lay Reader	Pat Walters	Barbara Parsons	Gail Beck	Wendy Bellmore
Ushers	Diane Villano	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Barbara Parsons
Zoom Tech	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz
Lead Counter	Pat Walters	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz
Assistant Counter	Evelyn Conant	Fred Bowden	Barbara Coulombe	Judy Herzman

The August worship schedule will be emailed to those listed and posted in the Upper Hall and in the Narthex.

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	Pat Walters
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 the office at christandtheepiphany@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