



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Our Scottish Ties Audrey Sundwall

Did you ever wonder why we say the Post communion prayer from the Scottish Episcopal Church at the close of the service at Christ & The Epiphany? And why is there a Scottish thistle carved in the wooden reredos in back of the altar? (see picture above)

It all started in 1783, when The Rev. Dr. Samuel Seabury was elected to be the first bishop of Connecticut. At that time there were no American Bishops. All the bishops were in England, and for political reasons, the British kept it that way.

Prior to the war, the Church of England was in charge of the Anglican churches in America and all prospective clergymen had to travel to London to be ordained by a bishop there. As part of their ordination, they had to swear an oath of allegiance to the English king.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, many of the Anglican clergy in America remained loyal to the King. After the war was won, the church almost collapsed as most clergy, along with many other loyalists left the new country.

Those few who remained endeavored to resurrect the Anglican church in the newly minted United States, calling it the American Episcopal Church or the Protestant Episcopal Church. That brings us to Connecticut, where ten clergymen, wanting to have an American bishop, elected Samuel Seabury to that role, and sent him to England to ask for consecration. He was denied, mostly because of the oath problem, although there were other concerns raised. Samuel Seabury then went to Scotland in 1784, where an oath to the King was not a part of the Scottish Episcopal Church consecration service. In Aberdeen, the three bishops who ordained him requested that he study the Scottish Rite of Holy Communion and work for its adoption in America. Subsequently the Church of England did away with the required oath for clergy from other parts of the world.

Bishop Seabury returned home as the first American bishop and went about the process of ordaining deacons and

Worship Services

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

*(Zoom connection information
at the end of newsletter.)*

Events

Saturday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. -
2:00 p.m., Old Stone Church
Tag Sale

Sunday, June 23, noon p.m.,
Church Picnic

ministers, confirming laity, establishing parishes, and laying the foundations for educational institutions. The Scottish Rite of Holy Communion became the model that the Episcopal Church followed. Thus, the thistle carving on the altar reredos at Christ and The Epiphany is a nod to our close tie to the Scottish Episcopal Church.

To this day, our Eucharistic liturgy adheres to the Scottish Rite, and the Episcopal Church commemorates our close ties to Scotland.





Church Picnic June 23

The annual C&E picnic will take place on Sunday, June 23rd after the 9 a.m. service. Carol Ude and her trusty crew are organizing it. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. There is a sign up list for appetizers, sides and desserts on the upper hall bulletin board. Please note the number of people who will attend.

Coffee Hour

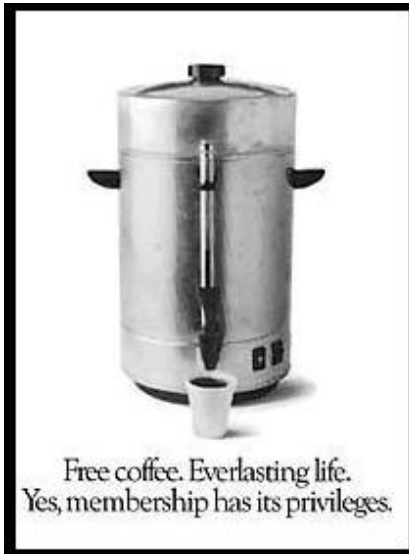
Please consider signing up to sponsor a coffee hour some Sunday. It isn't difficult to do. You can either buy or make 2 - 3 items to snack on. (Baked goods, cheese and crackers, and fruit seem to disappear.) You would come before the service to set up the coffee and snacks, then clean up afterward. Coffee, and paper goods are provided. There is an instruction list next to the sign-up sheet in the North Lounge. If you would prefer, sign on with someone who has done it before to start with. Let's make this a "community effort."



June 26 - George & Barbara Coulombe

Military Whist Recap

The Military Whist Party, held on May 10th, was a great success. Everyone appeared to have fun playing the games. The dessert table was a roaring success. I don't think that I ever saw so many different selections at a church function. Our thanks go out to Astrid Swanson, who came up with the suggestion, then organized it. Many thanks to all the parishioners who helped with set up, clean up, serving and the raffle. A total of \$617 was added to the church funds.



Spring Fling Thank You

On Saturday, May 25, the parish came together to hold a "Spring Fling" event. The Garage and Thrift Store were open for shopping, and a homemade baked and canning goods sale was set up. A steady stream of customers looked for good bargains. Over \$950 was added to our income through the hard work of the many parishioners who came out to help on Memorial Day weekend.

Old Stone Tag Sale

C&E's Good Shepherd Thrift Store is again hitting the road and hosting a booth at the Old Stone tag sale on Saturday June 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Help is always welcome with both setup and closing. Or just come by and say hi.

Dr. Jeremiah Martin Thank You

Thanks again to Dr. Jeremiah Martin and Tony Lamberti for gracing us with special organ selections during our 9 a.m. service on June 2. It is always an immense pleasure to hear such accomplished musical offerings that enhance our worship.

Dr. Martin, a native of Galway, Ireland, has performed solo and ensemble recitals in IEurope and North America. He currently lives in Portsmouth, Ohio, where he practices Cardiothoracic surgery.



June 4 - Charlie Langlan
June 12 - Ron Blevins
June 28 - Rich Schiavone

Past Family Meeting

Thanks to those who attended our recent parish family meeting and shared feedback on the question of a new priest-in-charge. The Vestry listened attentively to all voices and factored that input into their decision. See the Vestry summary for more information.

Scam Alert

Once again it appears there is a fraud campaign trying to scam people with fake clergy emails and texts.

If you get an email or text asking about purchasing gift cards or reaching out about a “discreet” matter from clergy - these are fake. Our clergy and bishops will never ask anyone to purchase gift cards.

You can often check if a text or email is fake by looking at the phone number or real email address (found by hovering over the display name). If you have any questions about a communication check with your wardens, the office or Susan Shultz.

May Vestry Meeting

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, June 16th after the 9:00 a.m. service in the library and via Zoom.

Worship - After the positive Family Meeting the Vestry discussed the priest-in-charge application of Fr. Charles Kamano. All were in favor of moving forward with a year contract. The Executive Committee (Wardens, Clerk and Treasurer) will put together a Letter of Agreement and meet with Fr. Charles. Once the basics are agreed upon, the Diocese will create the formal LOA. If all goes well, we could have a priest-in-charge by July.

Building & Grounds - Painting should begin in early June.

Around the Church

May 19 - Cathedral Wedding Vow Renewal service for couples married 50+ years



Barbara & George Coulombe
With Maid of Honor Judy



Bishops Laura & Jeff



47 Park Place - There have been a few plumbing issues that have been addressed.

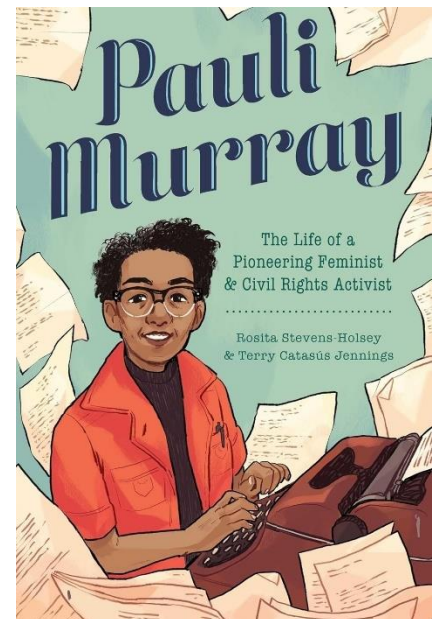
Feast & Festivities - Carol hopes to continue her “Carol’s Kitchen” throughout the summer months. Also discussion is underway around a fall fundraising event - likely another Souperama which were well received in the past.



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Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray

Pauli Murray was the first Black woman to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. This year as we celebrate 50 years of women’s ordination, we encourage you to learn more about this groundbreaking lawyer, activist, poet and priest. A book about Rev. Murray written by her niece, Rosita Stevens-Holsey is available on Amazon.



Encouraging Words

Audrey Sundwall

Verses about the church's mission in the world

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

-- *Matthew 28:19-20*

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” -- *Isaiah 6:8*

And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

-- *Mark 1:17-18*

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

-- *1 Corinthians 12:27*

Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

-- *John 6:28-29*

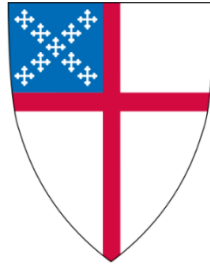
Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

-- *Colossians 3:23-24*

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 

New Pride Shield

In affirmation and celebration of The Episcopal Church's LGBTQ+ members, The Office of Communication is pleased to unveil a new Pride shield which can be displayed as desired.



This symbol is the official “logo” of The Episcopal Church and represents our history.

The red Cross of St. George on a white field is symbolic of the Church of England. The blue field in the upper left corner is the Episcopal Church. It features a Cross of St. Andrew, in recognition of the fact that the first American bishop was consecrated in Scotland. This cross is made up of nine crosslets or mini crosses, which represent the nine dioceses that met in Philadelphia in 1789 to form the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

The Pride Shield is a combination of the logo and the Progress Pride flag.



The design retains the upper-left blue corner of The Episcopal Church's shield logo and incorporates elements of the traditional Pride flag as well as the Progress Pride flag and Philadelphia Pride flag. In their use of black, brown,

pink, and light-blue diagonal lines, the latter two flags represent intersectional progress in acknowledging people who are often overlooked by the mainstream LGBTQ+ movement: communities of color; the transgender community; and the many thousands harmed by anti-LGBTQ+ policy—from those who lost their lives in the AIDS crisis of the 1980s and '90s, to those still disproportionately impacted today.

Gay Pride Month

Over the years, gay pride events have spread from large cities to smaller towns and villages worldwide—even in places where repression and violence against gays and lesbians are commonplace. The atmosphere at these events can range from raucous, carnivalesque celebrations to strident political protest to solemn memorials for those lost to AIDS or homophobic violence.

In June 2000, President Bill Clinton officially designated June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, in recognition of the Stonewall Riots and gay activism throughout the years. A more-inclusive name was chosen in 2009 by President Barack Obama: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month.

In 2016 President Obama also created the Stonewall National Monument, a 7.7-acre around the Stonewall Inn where the modern gay rights movement began.

Can't Out-Love God

Xochitl Dixon from Bible- In a Year: 1 John 4:15-21

When my now-grown son, Xavier, was in kindergarten, he stretched his arms wide and said, "I love you this much." I stretched my longer arms wide and said, "I love you this much." Planting his fists on his hips, he said, "I love you first." I shook my head. "I loved you when God first put you in my womb." Xavier's eyes widened. "You win." "We both win," I said, "because Jesus loved both of us first."

As Xavier prepares for the birth of his first child, I'm praying he'll enjoy trying to out-love his son as they make sweet memories. But as I prepare to be a grandmother, I'm amazed at how much I loved my grandson from the moment Xavier and his wife told us they were expecting a baby.

The apostle John affirmed that Jesus' love for us gives us the ability to love Him and others (1 John 4:19). Knowing He loves us gives us a sense of security that deepens our personal relationship with Him (vs. 15-17). As we realize the depth of His love for us (v. 19), we can grow in our love for Him and express love in other relationships (v. 20). Not only does Jesus empower us to love, but he also commands us to love: "And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister" (v. 21). When it comes to loving well, God always wins. No matter how hard we try, we can't out-love God!

How has knowing God loves you helped you to love others? How can you show love to others this month?
Prayer: Loving Savior, thank You for loving me first so I can love others.

Intercessory Prayers

Aiden & the Guida Family, Alexis, Amanda, Andrew, Barbuschak Family, Barbara Parsons & Family, 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, Jack & Jan McDonald, James Chapman, Jay Medlyn, Jay W., Jim R. & Family, Joan S., 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, 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.

A Prayer for Transition and Guidance

O Lord, you are with us in every transition and change. With your deep compassion, presence and abounding love ease our anxiety. We pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, and daring in our faith. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Help us accept change as a gift of your direction for our journey in this transition. Instill in us a vision of the church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ECCT 2023-2024 Prayer Cycle



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June 2	<p>Parishes: St. John's, Niantic; Zion, North Branford; St. John's, North Haven</p> <p>Additionally: Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication and those communicating God's Word, digital ministry, online social networks and communities</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America</p>
June 9	<p>Parishes: Christ Church, Norwalk; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Northford</p> <p>Additionally: Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo</p>
June 16	<p>Parishes: St. Paul's, Norwalk; All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich</p> <p>Additionally: Students of all ages who are graduating</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile</p>
June 23	<p>Parishes: St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange</p> <p>Additionally: Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors, and campers; all who participate in General Convention</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England</p>
June 30	<p>Parishes: St. Peter's, Oxford; Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow</p> <p>Additionally: Summer chapels in New London, Norfolk, and Fenwick; summer, outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools, parish-based summer camp programs</p> <p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</p>

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	APR	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$17,850.12	\$10,035.79	\$51,113.08	\$16,626.76
EXPENSES	\$10,401.56	(\$5,181.02)	\$52,578.58	(\$6,915.24)
NET	\$7,448.56	(\$15,216.81)	(\$1,465.50)	(\$23,542.00)

Notes: In April we received an angel gift of \$10,000. We continue to run under budget in expenses and over budget in income and are currently \$23,000 under our YTD budget (which projected a \$21,000 deficit). This means that the increase to cover a quarter-time priest-in-charge may not be as large a hit to our budget as we had feared.

Next Issue The deadline for the July/August issue is June 19th. 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)

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Service	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Eucharist
Presider/ Officiant	Rev. Charles Kamano	Rev. Andrew Osmun	Rev. Charles Kamano	Judy Herzman	Rev. Charles Kamano
Crucifer	George Coulombe	George Coulombe	George Coulombe		George Coulombe
Acolyte	George Coulombe	Diane Villano	Audrey Sundwall		Diane Villano
Lay Reader	Barbara Parsons	Audrey Sundwall	Gail Beck	Wendy Bellmore	Ray Clearwater
Usher	Pat Walters	Ken & Kathy Dougherty	Wendy Bellmore	George Coulombe	Audrey Sundwall
Zoom Tech	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz	Susan Shultz
Lead Counter	Susan Shultz	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Pat Walters	Susan Shultz
Asst Counter	Judy Herzman	Fred Bowden	Barbara Coulombe	Ray Clearwater	Audrey Sundwall

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