

The Bellringer

Christ Episcopal Church
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A welcoming community committed to worship, mission and Christian formation in today's world



A MESSAGE FROM
OUR SENIOR
WARDEN

It is now just into the middle of the calendar year and I trust we are all finding some pleasure and relaxation in the natural beauty of the season. Maybe life has a more relaxed pace and it is easier to find time to ponder and assess, or perhaps just the opposite--summer activities make life seem more hectic. Wherever we are with our time demands, I suggest we earmark some moments to consider the Bible story of the widow's mite.

This story is told in Mark 12: 41-44 and Luke 21 1-4. It is one of the many, many, many parables where Jesus mentions money since a mite is a small coin (like a penny) used in Biblical times. I'd traditionally heard a message of faithful giving as it relates to our money in this story. I think that message is still there but nowadays I've added another dimension to my focus.

Our stewardship messages always reference giving Time, Talent and Treasure. It is **TIME** that I suggest we consider in a careful and honest way.

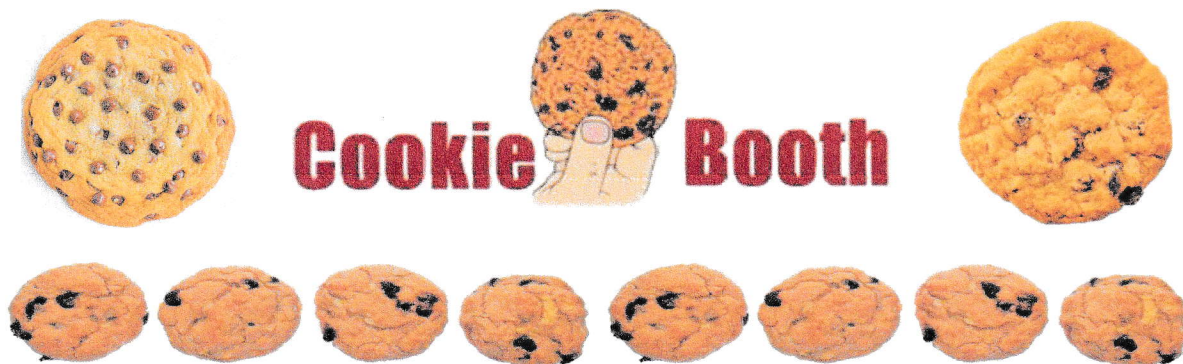
Time is a gift each of us can give.

Any one of us can check in with a fellow parishioner and have an exchange that goes beyond the weather and the latest ballgame. Anyone of us can make a call to someone we haven't seen in person for a while and catch up. Anyone of us can sign up (perhaps with another person) to host coffee hour and brew the coffee, provide a modest snack and clean-up afterwards. Any one of us can volunteer at the cookie booth, tag sale, bake or craft for the fair, or become an usher. Any one of us can join the Bible study group or book discussion group and practice experiencing Jesus with the joy and clarity our church school kids express to us in their recap on Sunday mornings.

Any of these actions uses our time in the manner as Jesus urged us to behave loving one another. I think it is unlikely that we will ever feel we have a surplus of time. Personally and as a parish, our spiritual growth will stem from giving out of our relative poverty. The widow did it, we can do it. Jesus notices!

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Please join us at the Haddam Neck Fair September 2 - September 5, 2021

Christ Church cookie booth is a major fundraiser and we are asking for your generous support. To help defray the cost, cookie dough can be purchased at \$40.00 a case or \$20.00 a half case. In 2021 we sold 24 cases of chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies. If you wish to make a donation there is a form on page 4. Just fill it out and mail it along with your check to Christ Church PO Box 81, Middle Haddam, CT 06456-0081.

We are also looking for volunteers to help man the cookie booth. Below are the dates and times available. Select the date and time you would like to man the Cookie Booth and inform me at mgingras39@comcast.net. If the date and time you select are not available I will immediately inform you so that you can select another slot.

Friday- September 2nd

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday - September 4th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday - September 3rd

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Monday - September 5th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thank you for your support!!

Dawn V. Gingras

Cookie Dough Donation

I would like to purchase _____ case(s) of cookie dough at \$40.00 each.

I would like to purchase _____ 1/2 case(s) at \$20.00 each.

Enclosed is my check made payable to Christ Church with Cookie Dough in the memo line.



Mail this form along with your check to:

Christ Church
PO Box 81
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Name: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____



THE TREASURER'S REPORT



As Of May 2022

Pledges for May were \$4,787.00, under budget by \$2,298.25. Year to date pledges stand at \$43,295.25 over budget by \$7,846.75.

Income and expense numbers were not available at the time of publication.

Barry Edmonds, Treasurer



IN
PERSON



Regina and I pray that all of our children enjoy safety and joy as summer vacations begin.

Those children who were here for the festival of Pentecost made wonderful bee's wax candles and received a little book about Pentecost. The candles represent the Light and Fire of the Holy Spirit who shows us how to live by Jesus' Laws of Love.

During the summer each child will receive a book from us that hopefully will enrich your children in their spiritual journeys over the summer, so be on the look-out during July!

We'll see you in September. Date to be announced later in the summer.

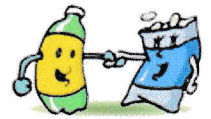
With love and God's blessings,

Rev. Joanne †





MISSION NEWS



BOTTLE & CAN
5¢ RETURN

Vitamin Drive for Haiti:

The Missions Team is pleased to announce that we are sending \$1000 to the St Vincent's Center for Children with Disabilities in Haiti. This money is coming from your Lenten donations which were matched by monies from the Missions Budget supported by your pledges. These monies will be used to purchase vitamins for all 200 children at the Center to help keep them healthy despite their at-home living conditions. It has been a rough and chaotic year for Haiti and its citizens. Despite these challenges, the Center has worked hard to continue to provide the necessary educational and health services for their students and staff and our monies will be very welcome. For more information about the wonderful work the Center does, please visit their website at stvincentshaiti.org.

Food Bank:

We are continuing to collect food and other non-perishable items for the East Hampton Food Bank. There are two large black bins just outside the upper doors to the church. Please place the items in the bins. Their current needs, according to their website, are: instant rice or potatoes, Hamburger Helper, mayonnaise, pancake mix, syrup, canned soups, baked beans, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, Chef Boyardee pasta meals, tea, and canned vegetables. Please check any expiration or best by dates as, despite the fact that the food may still be perfectly edible, the Food Bank is prohibited from giving it to their clients.

Thanks to Sue Pugatch for taking our donations to the Food Bank.

Bottles and Can Returns:

Please continue to drop off recyclable bottles and cans to the two black trash cans just outside the shed. All those deposit fees do add up! The 3 main soda makers (Coke, Pepsi, Dr Pepper) have changed their plastic bottles and now you recycle them with the caps still on.

Thanks to Travis Bevin for managing this program.

Questions, Suggestions, Concerns:

Please contact our Missions Team: Clive Connor, Donna Hyrb, Mary Boretz, Donna Long and Sue Pugatch, and Dottie Seitzer

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 3, 2022 – The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Joanne Neel-Richard
(This will be a hybrid celebration)



Sunday, July 10, 2022 – The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer with Officiate Susie Cordon Karl
(This will be a hybrid celebration)



Sunday, July 17, 2022 – The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Page Rogers
(This will be a hybrid celebration)



Tuesday, July 19, 2022 – Vestry Meeting

6:00 p.m. - In Person in the Parish Hall

**Vestry
Meeting**

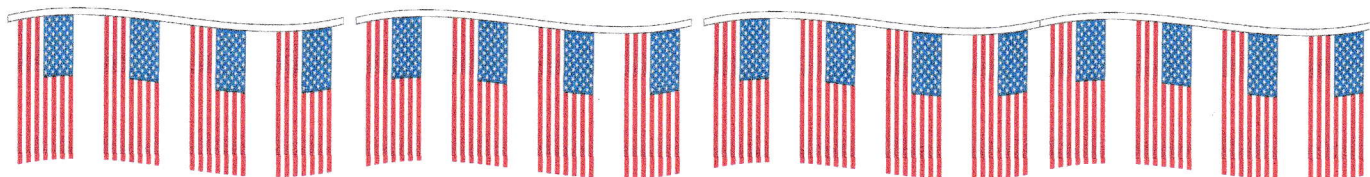
Sunday, July 24, 2022 – The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Diana Rogers
(This will be a hybrid celebration)



Sunday, July 31, 2022 – The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Page Rogers
(This will be a hybrid celebration)



CHANGE OF OR ADDITION TO OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have recently or are planning on changing your email address or would like your email address added to our email list, please inform the Bellringer so that you can continue or begin to enjoy the news from your church. Send all changes to:

christchurchbellringer@gmail.com



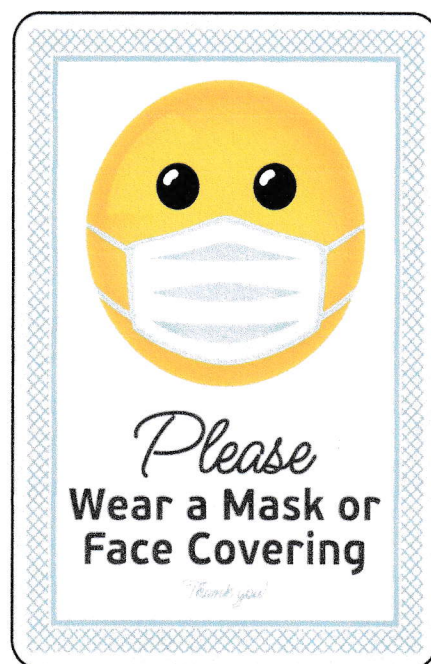
Let's Not Forget Our Pets

CARS HEAT UP FASTER THAN YOU THINK

OUTSIDE TEMP (F)	INSIDE TEMP (F)	
	10 Mins.	30 Mins.
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75°	94°	109°
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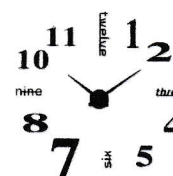
**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET
IN A PARKED VEHICLE**

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We ask everyone to consider the health and safety of others and wear a face mask while inside the church building.

Updated Church Office Hours



As of May 16, Joal will be in the church office on

**Mondays from 8a-12p
and
Wednesdays from 5p-7p**



Birthdays This Month

*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*

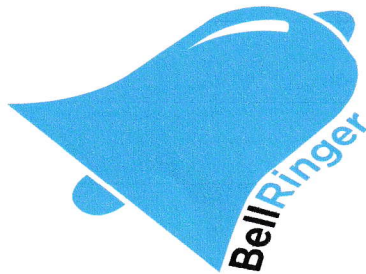


Isabella (Bella) HYTE	07/08
Kathy Godwin	07/09
Laurie Gypson	07/12
Nevaeh Van Cott	07/16
Ty Bevin	07/21
Laurie Pugatch	07/22
Lore Slaughter	07/30

Clive & Herschel Connor	07/01
Kristen & Michael Lynch	07/16
Cortney & Bryson HYTE	07/23
Tracy Kemp & Richard Cormier	07/27

A simple Rule

If you don't like it done to you, don't do it to others.

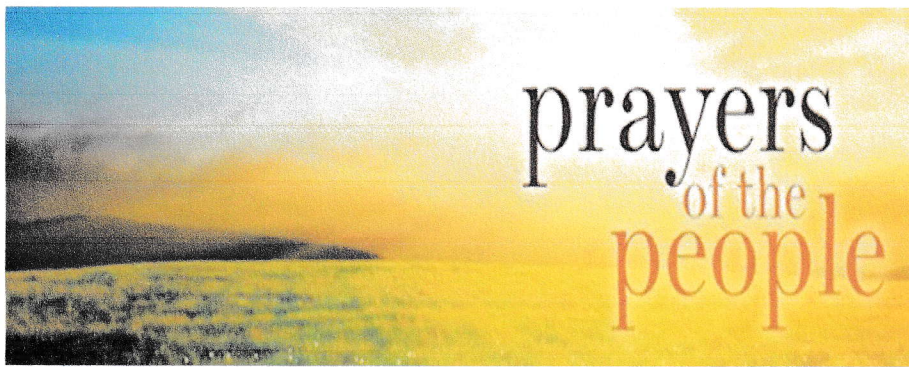


**The deadline for the submission of all articles
and/or items of interest for the August 2022
issue of the Bellringer is July 15, 2022.**

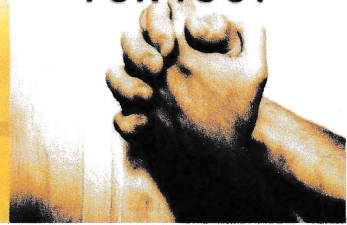
Send all submissions to:

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DEADLINE



**CAN WE PRAY
FOR YOU?**



The wider Church

We pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan We pray for St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange and Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors, and campers

Parish Prayers are requested for:

Allison Thorner; Amanda Hill; Bernadette Moss; Bernetta Ward; Connie Thomas; Dana Vick; Daniel Hastings; Duane Carruthers; Elaine; Eric; Frances Byrd Goddard; Gerry Leddy; Jim and Marge; Julia Cushing; Julie; Karen; Keith Reed; L.V Horton; Luke Noll; Margaret Strickett; Matthew Slaughter; Michael Reed; Neil; Paul; Sandi Eddy; Sandy Beatty; Sara Begg; Shirley Kostelny; Terry Barron; Tony Shattuck; Virginia Wood; and Wayne Curry

We pray for:

For all suffering from Covid-19 and other infectious diseases.

For the hungry and the homeless.

All our Asian communities who are experiencing increased levels of violence.

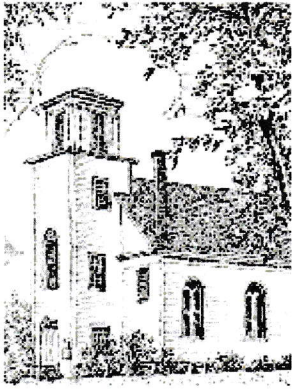
For all who mourn the deaths resulting from gun violence.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

And for Ukraine:

Lord, We thank you that in every situation, every dark moment, you are active and working among us. Even when things seem at their bleakest, we trust in your sovereignty and strength. In John's gospel, you said, "in this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." We embrace the fact that this world and the troubles we face in it have been overcome, and rest in the knowledge that you have the power to move in any and every situation. As we watch war unfold in Ukraine, we ask for your grace and peace to rule in the hearts and minds of all involved. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please Note: If you know of someone that needs prayers and you would like them added to our prayer list, please contact Joal Lentz in the church office by email at ccmhadmin@gmail.com with your request. Each request will be placed on the prayer list for a period of 30 days. If at the end of 30 days you wish to have the individual remain on the prayer list, you will have to initiate a new request.



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