"They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed....They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts Chapter 2: 42-47

Pentecost is one of my most favored among the liturgical seasons. It is a season of joy and possibility! Acts vividly describes the sense of optimism and hope of the early church in this season. Starting from the first day of Pentecost when God’s Holy Spirit descends on the early believers, the 1st-century church is moved from an
anxious prone, frightened group of people to become a movement filled with power and purpose.

The book of Acts describes wonderful stories of miracles, but the greatest wonders in this book revolve around the healing of the heart. For it is through the power of God that people are enabled to forgive and be compassionate. They find the courage to overcome social barriers to see themselves in others. They are even able to find strength and resilience to follow Christ’s model even at personal cost. The Holy Spirit in Pentecost helps early Christians to see God’s vision for the world and trust to move forward toward that Kingdom. It is the same spirit of God that enables any church in any era to not only survive but thrive. I sense the same spirit of God working at Christ Church. Week in and week out, we see our church services overflowing with joyful and hopeful people! However, this joy

and hope are not contingent on personal circumstance. Every one of our church members faces profound challenges, but the problems do not overcome us. Because week in and week out our church gathers to devote ourselves to the apostles’ teaching, to fellowship, and prayer. We sing hymns. Each week we take in holy bread and wine which sustain us. It is these practices and faithful attitudes that help our people find joy even in challenging times!

This year our church will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on June 9th, 2019. On this Sunday the Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold has graciously accepted our invitation to be with us. It will also be our Celebration Sunday, the day we will as a whole church celebrate the current success of our Capital Campaign! It is a great miracle already that we have raised over $1.1 million! We hope that by June 9th we will have reached our Parish goal of 100% Parish participation in our campaign. If we do, this indeed
will be another great miracle! It signifies that the people of Christ Church are willing to trust God, committing our resources and gifts as we advance the Kingdom of Jesus in Westerly, Connecticut, and the world! What does 100% participation mean? It means that each parishioner gives as they can to help the campaign. It does not have to be a significant gift or pledge. The success of our campaign is also a sign of the Holy Spirit working in the life of our fantastic community!

My friends in Christ, may God’s Holy Spirit richly bless you in this beautiful season of Pentecost! May the Spirit of God help you to be resilient and hopeful. May God bless our church, like the church of Acts, to be a place of miracles and transformation!

Dear Friends,
I will be on vacation, starting on June 22 through July 21. During my time off the Reverend Erik Larsen will be covering services on Saturdays and Sundays and Bible study on Wednesdays. He will also be covering pastoral calls with The Reverend Sandra Haines Murdocco and the Reverend Deacon Anne Burke. Please note that Bishop Joslin will continue to make office hours on Tuesdays during my time off. Office hours for Sandra and Anne will remain the same as well.

Please make sure to welcome Fr. Larsen when you see him. He is a gracious and charming priest. I am sure that you will enjoy his presence among us.

Fr. Sunil Chandy
The Altar Guild at Christ Church was started in June of 1924. Prior to our formation, two very dedicated women Mrs. Horace Babcock and Miss Annie Cross performed all of our duties for 50 years (1874-1924)! Currently there are 17 members of the Altar Guild, three Auxiliary Members, and two Honorary Members. Many dedicated parishioners have served over the years and continue to help out when they are able. We appreciate all of their devotion and hard work to this important ministry.

Although the Altar Guild will turn 95 in June, we held our Altar Guild Recognition Sunday this year on May 12th at the 9 AM service. We were pleased to welcome two new members who have already been working very hard over these past few months. Sandra Thibault and Bob Barber were recognized as our newest members and given their Altar Guild Pins. We will officially celebrate our birthday at our annual picnic at the home of Linda and David Nolf on Wednesday, June 12th.

The color of the hangings will remain white until Pentecost on June 9th. The color for that day will be red. The hangings will turn back to white for Trinity Sunday or the First Sunday after Pentecost (June 16th). From that point on, the hangings will be green except for any special holy days, weddings or funerals/memorials.

We, of course, will continue our usual tasks during the summer. However, the Altar Guild will not hold meetings in July or August. Thank you again, to all of our members for their continued dedication and hard work.
If by one definition energy is the ability to do work, then Christ Church is teeming with energy.

Socrates theorized that energy, or soul, is separate from matter and exists on its own. New scientific theory known as quantum physics supports the Socratic view that things are not what they appear to be. This breakthrough science demonstrates that as you go deeper and deeper into the workings of an atom, there is nothing there - nothing but energy waves. An atom is actually an invisible force field.

Presently, there is an invisible force field on the corner of Broad and Elm Streets. Socrates would argue that soul and energy are one and nowhere is this more evident than in the atmosphere, happenings and hard work of discipleship that characterize the life of Christ Church at this important and exciting time.

There is much to behold. Just look around at all the smiling faces that reflect the good work that is bringing glory to God in this place. Energy, soul, grace - invisible, yet palpable. Whatever we call it, it is holy, life giving and sustaining, the means of renewal, the very power of the love of God made manifest in our faith community, and we have an abundance. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In Thanksgiving,
Anne
CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2019
CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST CHURCH
From Fred Allardyce, Campaign Chairman

We are nearly at our goal for the parish phase of the Capital Campaign. We have raised in pledges and gifts more than $1.1 million! While we have done very well in terms of dollars raised, we still need more to ensure overall success. We would also like to see 100% participation of our congregation, and, unfortunately, we have a ways to go to meet our goal. If you haven't pledged yet, please take a minute now to make a pledge in whatever amount is appropriate for you and turn it in to the church office. Persons pledging by the conclusion of the parish campaign on June 9th will be listed in a book commemorating the campaign and restoration of the church that the campaign has enabled. The roof will outlast all of us, and the book will be an important part of the history of Christ Church. We hope all of our current parishioners will be a part of it!

After June 9th, the campaign will be focusing on community support through the summer. At the same time, and running as long as needed, we will be seeking foundation support from around the state. As a result of the success of the campaign so far, the roof replacement project will be completed this year, starting in July. We are hoping to move forward with air conditioning in time for next year's summer season. For those who have pledged already, thank you, thank you!
Christ Church Choir's
104th Annual May Breakfast
Early Communion
Family Bingo Night!
June 7-8: Overnight /Lock-in at Christ Church.

Starting with dinner together on Friday night through Breakfast Saturday morning (or what ever part you can come for)

- Enjoy the youth room, including the pool table, wii, etc.
- Games
- Baking cookies
- Movie (Be sure the teens make a choice on the movie they'd prefer watching on the poster in the downstairs hall)

Vacation Bible School

VBS registration is now open! Please visit ChristChurchWesterly.org and follow the "Children's" link to register for Vacation Bible School. Please email Kristy Livingston at Kristylivingston13@gmail.com or call the office 401-596-0197.

"Pentecost is the second big festival of the church year after Easter. Here are a few questions"

1. What are the origins of Pentecost?
2. What is another name for Pentecost?
3. On the calendar, there are 3 days after Pentecost designated as Ember Days--what are they?
4. This year, Pentecost falls on June 9, which is normally the Feast of St. Columba. Who is he?

MAY TRIVIA

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JUNE 2019

For more detail please navigate to: https://www.christchurchwesterly.org/eventscalendar/

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**Father’s Day**
- 10am: Men's Breakfast
- 10am: Choir rehearsal
- 10am: Bible Study
- 10am: Children’s Church
- 10am: Holy Eucharist
- 10am: Living Supper
- 10am: Clay Class
- 10am: Choir Rehearsal
- 10am: Holy Eucharist
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**Easter Sunday**
- 10am: Men’s Breakfast
- 10am: Children’s Church
- 10am: Bible Study
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**Fifth Sunday**
- 10am: Men’s Breakfast
- 10am: Children’s Church
- 10am: Bible Study
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**June 21**
- 10am: Men’s Breakfast
- 10am: Children’s Church
- 10am: Bible Study
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**June 22**
- 10am: Men’s Breakfast
- 10am: Children’s Church
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**June 23**
- 10am: Men’s Breakfast
- 10am: Children’s Church
- 10am: Bible Study
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**June 24**
- 10am: Men’s Breakfast
- 10am: Children’s Church
- 10am: Bible Study
- 10am: Children’s Church
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- 10am: Clay Class
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**June 29**
- 10am: Men’s Breakfast
- 10am: Children’s Church
- 10am: Bible Study
- 10am: Children’s Church
- 10am: Holy Eucharist
- 10am: Living Supper
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MEALS TO HEAL
A good home-cooked meal can heal the soul as well as nourish the body. If you or a loved one has recently come home from the hospital, had a death of a loved one, experienced a trauma, just delivered a baby, etc., call us and one of our committee members will bring you a fully cooked dinner! We are looking for more cooks, as well. Contact the office at 401-596-0197.

PRAYER LIST
Please help us keep our prayer list current! Please take a look and send any updates to the secretary.christchurch@verizon.net. Please also contact us if you are ready to be placed on the Thanksgiving List of Healing. Thank you, The Pastoral Care Commission.

TRIVIA ANSWERS
(from previous page)

1. Pentecost is the Greek name given to the Feast of Weeks, a big festival already occurring on the Jewish calendar, so named because it fell on the 50th day after Passover. At this time, the first-fruits of the corn harvest were presented in the temple, and in later times, the giving of the Law by Moses was also commemorated. Since there was already a large crowd in Jerusalem for this celebration, it was an ideal time for all those gathered to see this new development in the growth of the early church, when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, and they began to speak in other tongues. And so, it became known as the Day of Pentecost for them.

2. Whitsunday. Since it became regarded as the second big festival of the church year, it soon became a secondary date for baptisms, with a ceremony closely resembling the Paschal Vigil Service. Since the candidates wore white robes symbolizing purity, it became known as Whitsunday (or Whitsun), and the period as Whitsuntide.

3. Ember Days are four groups of three days in the church year which have been observed as special days of fasting and abstinence, the four times being just after Ash Wednesday, Whitsun, Holy Cross Day(Sept 14) and St. Lucy(Dec 13). The emphasis on fasting and abstinence may have diminished over time, but, like Rogation Days, they are still kept on the as part of our heritage.

4. Like St. Patrick and others, he was an early missionary. He was born and educated in Ireland, and established himself on the Scottish Isle of Iona, where he lived for over 30 years, evangelizing the mainland and establishing monasteries in the neighboring islands. In the Diocese of RI, there is a chapel in Middletown named after him.
Summer Service Hours
Starting June 16th

Wednesday
7am & 10am Eucharist Service (Chapel)

Saturday
5pm Rite I Spoken Eucharist

Sunday
8:00 am Rite II Spoken Eucharist
10:00 am Rite II Choral Eucharist
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
Celebrating the success of our capital campaign to date!

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the completion of Christ Church!

Sunday June 9, starting at 10am

Join us for our Capital Campaign Celebration weekend with our very special guest Bishop Frank T. Griswold, the 25th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church 1998 – 2006.

10am: Choral Eucharist
Bishop Griswold will celebrate and preach.

6pm: Dinner, lecture, book signing with Bishop Griswold and Candlelit Compline.

All are most welcome to this weekend of celebration!
CHRIST CHURCH
ANTIQUE ROADSHOW
JUNE 16, 2019  4 TO 7PM

KNOWLEDGEABLE APPRAISERS ON HAND TO COVER
THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:
FINE ART
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ADMISSION
1 PERSON & 1 GUEST
1 ITEM - $10 | 2 ITEMS $15 | 3 ITEMS $25
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CHRIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Christ Church Scholarship Fund, established in 1998, is comprised of funds received into our Scholarship Endowment Fund, including funds in memory of Philip B. Cowles, Jr. Scholarships are awarded from the interest earned in this account.

The purpose of the fund is:

1. To provide small scholarships to parishioners attending colleges, universities, technical, and nursing schools.
2. To financially assist parishioners of all ages attending conferences, retreats, or programs which would mutually benefit the parishioner and the church (i.e., spiritual direction, continuing education, discernment).

Application forms are located in the Parish Office and the Narthex. Applicants should be aware that the deadline for receipt of applications is June 15th. The Scholarship Committee will review applications and may request an interview of applicants.

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Spring Services

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Rite I Holy Eucharist spoken service

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Rite II Choral Eucharist w/Children's Chapel and Nursery Care

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Eucharist with Incense

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 10:45 a.m.
Bible Study

COME JOIN US!

Christ Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdocco, Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Anne Burke, Deacon

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