

# The Chronicle

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Lincoln, RI

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## Celebrating life & ministry!

Many of you were present on Sunday, June 14, as we officially began the celebration of our 175th year of ministry here at Christ Church. It was a great day, a vibrant testimony to the vitality of this parish. We are not just a parish with a storied past, but we are alive now. Even better, we are confident that our future will bring our best years.

Our church was built by people who made tremendous sacrifices. Sometimes we might rewrite our history and imagine that everything was provided by the mill here in Lonsdale. If you read our history though, you'll learn that the people of Christ Church also gave out of a deep sense of generosity. Half the expense of our first church building (1834) was paid for by parishioners at great cost. The present church building led to further sacrifices, and most recently, our Parish House addition in the 1960s was another occasion for sacrifice.

Though money is often the most visible sacrifice, it isn't the only one we can make. People have offered their time and their talents here at Christ Church from the beginning, and they continue to do so today. During the program year, it takes skills and time from at least 35 people just to carry out our 10:30 service!

I mention all this now because we are in the thick of summer. It might be tempting to kick back, and surely we all need Sabbath time to care for ourselves and for God's creation. But let us also remember that our sacrifices of time, talent, and money are needed year 'round. This is not so the church can thrive; it is so we can thrive. We are made by God to be generous people. When we are generous, we are living as God wants us to live.

There are a lot of ways to practice sacrificial generosity. You can give money through our stewardship campaign to support ministry at Christ Church. You can offer to serve as a Church School teacher or as a member of the Altar Guild or as an acolyte or...so many other ministries. You can make a contribution to the Renaissance Campaign, to support repair and restoration of our historic church building and to fund our second priest, so that our spiritual foundations will be strengthened. You can feed the hungry or shelter the homeless.

Practice generosity all year long—not because the church needs your gifts, but because we all need to make gifts. It's how God made us.

See you around church!

*Peace, Scott+*

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (no music)
- 9:15 a.m. - Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (with music)

### Wednesdays

- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon & Alateen
- 7:00 p.m. - Vestry (*second Wednesday*)

### Thursdays

- 11:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop (*not in summer*)
- 6:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir (*not in summer*)

### Saturdays

- 9:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop (*not in summer*)

If you would like to receive *The Chronicle* electronically, to save postage and paper, please contact the Parish Office. *The Chronicle* is available as a full-color PDF to read on your computer.

## Ministry Leaders

- Cindy Flaxington, *Acolytes*
- Jane Gauvin, *Altar Guild*
- Brian Allard, *Bowling League*
- Cindy Flaxington & Briscoe Lang, *Buildings*
- Jen Banos, *Church School*
- Kimberly Allard, *Counters*
- Jane Worton, *Episcopal Charities*
- Elaine DaRosa, *Episcopal Church Women*
- Scott Gunn, *Eucharistic Ministers*
- Melody Shobe, *Eucharistic Visitors*
- Jill Gaines, *Grounds*
- Kimberly Allard, *Handbell Choir*
- Matt Bowen, *Hymns & Hers*
- Robert Lincourt, *Information Systems*
- Sarah Gardner, *Junior Choir*
- Mary-Jane Jenson, *Lectors*
- Elaine DaRosa, *Memorial Garden*
- Linda Mendonça, *New Member Ministry*
- Linda Gorman, *Office Volunteers*
- Denyce Johnson, *Renaissance Campaign*
- Judy Foltz, *Prayer Support Group*
- Laura Brion, *Senior Choir*
- Virginia Holt & Pat Cooper, *Share and Care*
- Judy Foltz, *Thrift Shop*
- Carolyn Rancourt, *Web Minister*
- Michael and Beth Silvia, *Youth Group*

Would you like to learn more about one of these ministries or volunteer to serve? Speak with any of these leaders. The Parish Office will be happy to give you contact information for any of these leaders.

## STAFF

The Rev'd Scott A. Gunn, *Rector*  
The Rev'd Melody Wilson Shobe, *Associate*  
Laura Brion, *Director of Music*  
Linda Gorman, *Parish Office Administrator*  
Dianne Papineau, *Assistant Administrator*  
Mike & Beth Silvia, *Youth Ministers*  
Gary Rounds, *Sexton*

## VESTRY

Joel Gardner, *Senior Warden*  
Robert Kay, *Junior Warden*  
Jeffrey Hopkins, *Treasurer*  
Albert Mongeau, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Jennifer Banos, *Clerk*  
Cindy Flaxington, Carlene Hervieux, Lloyd Richmond (2010)  
Brian Allard, Anne Kilkenny, Grace Lang (2011)  
Jill Gaines, Jim Giammarino, Susan LaFreniere (2012)

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To contact any of our staff or lay leaders,  
use your parish directory or contact the office for current information.

## From the Associate

*Melody Shobe*

When I was a child, I used to play a little game with my hands called “Here is the church.” You might know the game I mean, where you interlace your fingers and say, “Here is the church,” then you stick your pointer fingers in the air and say, “here is the steeple.” Then you turn your hands over and wiggle all your fingers as you say, “Open the doors and see all the people.”

It was a fun little hand game, but as I’ve gotten older I’ve learned that it wasn’t actually true. Because a church isn’t just a building with a steeple. And the people of the church aren’t only the ones who are gathered inside that building on any given morning. Instead, the church is about a community of people seeking to live together as followers of Christ. That is far more than just a building, and that group of people includes a great many more than just those who are able to be present with us on Sundays or on weekdays.

In fact, we have a number of members of our church who aren’t able, by reason of illness or age, to gather with us to worship on Sunday mornings. But they are still very much a part of our church. We try to keep them involved in the life of the congregation by sending them copies of our Chronicle, by keeping them in the Prayers of the People, and by having some of our Christmas and Easter plants delivered to their homes by willing parishioners.

Perhaps the most important part of keeping members of our church community connected is our Eucharistic Visitors. Eucharistic Visitors

are members of our congregation who are specially trained and licensed to take communion to the homes or hospital rooms of those who are unable to join us on Sunday morning. This is a holy and sacred responsibility, to take the Body and Blood of Christ out into the world, so that even those who are unable to come physically to the church building can participate in the life of the Church and share with us in God’s heavenly banquet.

You might not know much about our Eucharistic Visitors, or about those whom they visit. It is often a ministry of service that is done quietly and without much fanfare. However, you might have noticed that we’ve begun sending forth our Eucharistic Visitors and praying for those whom they are visiting in our Sunday morning services, as we send them out following the post communion prayer. This new addition to our liturgy is a chance to remember how we are all connected as a church, both those who are gathered together, and those who cannot be with us.

I hope that you will take time to remember our Eucharistic Visitors and those whom they visit in your prayers. If you are interested in participating in the ministry of Eucharistic Visitor, please talk to Melody ([mshobe@christchurchlincoln.org](mailto:mshobe@christchurchlincoln.org)). If you would like to have a Eucharistic Visitor come to bring you communion, please contact the church office (401-725-1920). “We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.”

# Schedule of Events

## Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry at Christ Church

JUNE 14 - Celebratory Brunch combined With Historical Exhibit

SEPT 13 - Mass on the Grass

SEPT 19 - Hymns & Hers Concert

SEPT 20 - Ministry Fair

SEPT 26 - Gala Dinner & Dance at Twelve Acres Restaurant

OCT 3 - Men's Brunch with baseball celebrity Joe Morgan

NOV 14 - Enterprise Opera Company and Spaghetti Supper

JAN 24 - 175th Annual Meeting

FEB TBA - Keith Stokes historical presentation: An American Irony

MAR TBA - Albert Klyberg, Blackstone Valley Historical Review and Daniel Bethel Post Card Exhibit

APR TBA - Guest speaker on the architecture of Christ Church

JUNE 13 - Historical worship service and Parish Picnic

In 2010, we will feature a pictorial booklet by Paul Pickens: Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry In The Valley.

Right now, you can purchase commemorative thermal mugs - Souvenir of our 175th Anniversary Celebrations. Cost is \$10, available from the Parish Office.

# Parish news round-up

## New Member Ministry

*Linda Mendonca*

Committee members from this ministry continue to deliver loaves of bread to new members. This practice helps connect faces with names and begins a dialogue about life at Christ Church. Every Sunday we all have the opportunity to be part of this ministry by welcoming visitors and opening up our hearts as you would in your own home. As the lazy days of summer approach and time may permit for some leisure reading I invite you to explore some books, short stories or magazine articles on the subject of newcomers in any setting. We can share what we have discovered in the Fall. Any questions, comments or if you would like to help with this ministry please call me at 401-726-8968.

## Thermal mugs

A memento of our 175th Anniversary is being offered in the form of a commemorative thermal mug. Almost everyone these days uses a thermal mug for water, for coffee, for refreshments at the beach and while traveling. These mugs are imprinted with a picture of the church building and orders are being taken. Everyone has many, many china or pottery mugs in the kitchen cabinet, and it would be special to have a thermal mug that could be carried in the car, to the office and to the beach. Mugs are available on Sundays from Bob Kay or during the week from the Parish Office. Cost is \$10

## ECW women's retreat

*Elaine DaRosa*

The Episcopal Church Women is sponsoring a retreat for women in the diocese on October 2 and 3, 2009, at Canonicus Conference and Retreat Center in Exeter, RI.

The facilitator at the retreat will be Ann Marie Hood, nationally acclaimed author of several novels including *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine*, *The Properties of Water*, *The Knitting Circle*. She has won a Pushcart Prize and a Best American Spiritual Writing Award.

Canonicus is set on over 300 acres of meadow and woodland with a picturesque lake at the center, a world away from the hustle and bustle of everyday activity; located opposite the Veterans Cemetery.

Accommodations are limited—Mark your Calendars—Get Reservations in Early. Cost is \$120 for the two-day, overnight retreat with three meals. Deposit of \$35 is required prior to September 8. Scholarships are available.

Send your reservation deposit to Elaine DaRosa, payable to ECW-Diocese of R.I. 824 Hatchery Road NoKingstown RI 02852 Questions? Call 401-295-5758.

## Graduation news

Congratulations to Elena Mulvey, daughter of Cindy and Tom Mulvey, who graduated from Lincoln High School on June 13. Elena will attend URI this fall to pursue fashion merchandising.

Congratulations to Jenna Reid, daughter

of Kerri and Mark Reid, and granddaughter of Joan and Bill Reid, who graduated from Lincoln High School on June 13, 2009.

Congratulations to Zachary Fletcher, son of Arthur and Lori, and grandson of Artie and Marilyn, who graduated from Lackland Air Force Base in Texas on June 26. He will be going to Biloxi Mississippi for tech training.

Please share your graduation news with us, by calling or e-mailing the Parish Office

## **Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors**

*Mary-Jane Jenson*

We have changed our practice at the 10:30 service, so that we use two Lectors, an Intercessor, and two Eucharistic Ministers. In this manner, more persons are able to participate in the Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We are hoping to increase the number of Lectors and EMs at the 8:00 a.m. service and are encouraging those in the earlier service to consider these special ministries. Please contact me or Scott for further information. There will be classes prior to becoming a Lector or EM.

Schedules are planned ahead with consideration of personal needs. Please pray about joining these ministries at both Services. Call me with questions at 508-761-4896.

## **Memorial Garden**

*Elaine DaRosa*

It's summer and the Memorial Garden requires a lot of work this time of year. The lawn area needs some reseeding, raking, etc.

The plantings need trimming and fertilizing. The embankment area needs weed killer to be sprayed and/or sprinkled.

Anyone interested in working a couple of hours one day soon please call Elaine DaRosa at 401-295-5758 or Elizabeth Howells at 401-722-6475 and we can set a time to get this work done.

If you have been considering placing an engraved brick in the Memorial Walkway please don't put it off any longer. Don't let your grandchild or great grandchild visit and wonder why your engraved brick is not here. They might say "My grandmother (or mother and father) were active at Christ Church, why don't they have a memorial brick?"

Now is the time to place your order before the cold weather returns. A brick may be ordered in memory of loved ones; in thanksgiving or simply names engraved.

Three lines of lettering is allowed with up to eighteen digits including punctuation and spaces. The cost is \$125 each.

Samples: In Loving Memory Of  
Mary Higginbottom  
8/16/1923 – 2/15/1998

In Thanksgiving For  
Our Loving Family  
John & Mary DiPippo

The parish office will take your brick order and checks are payable to Christ Church.

For further information, call Elaine DaRosa (401-295-5758) or Elizabeth Howells (401-722-6475).

## Hey, Travelers

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Christ Church, relies upon your regular contributions. Christ Church deeply appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year-especially during popular winter and summer travel periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions at no cost to you. Please contact the church office or Al Mongeau (401-333-2526) for details or an application.

## Volunteer opportunity

The Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center has a need for teenagers interested in providing childcare on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8. There will be an adult child advocate there at all times. These are times when parents involved in the BVAC program meet in groups for support and discussion. Often, several children must come along during these sessions and additional volunteer staff are needed to play and help with snacks for the kids. This is a volunteer program, there is no payment, however this could be used towards Community Service for confirmation or high school required hours. The director of the BVAC program suggested that a mature 13 year old to 17 year old teenager who enjoys working and playing with children, and has some experience babysitting would be the only requirement. If you know of any teenager who may be interest-

ed in this program, please contact Jane Worton at 401-765-0248 or email to [jswtwelve@msn.com](mailto:jswtwelve@msn.com).

## Traveling Theatre

Can you believe that summer is already here! It has been a fantastic year and we are extremely excited to be gearing up for camp. We hope to see many of you there. This summer we are offering a menu of 19 different arts programs to choose from for youth of all ages. Programs range from Picasso's Playground where kids can get messy with paints and clay (and of course having fun) to Handy Kids where youth learn how to fix household items in a "green" friendly fashion.

How will my child spend their day?

9:00-9:30	Breakfast
9:30-11:30	AM Block
11:30-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:30	Outdoor Break
12:30-2:30	PM Block
2:30-3:00	Community Activity

FRIDAYS ONLY:

6:30pm	Youth Return
7:00pm	Camp Performance & Celebration

To learn more about Traveling Theatre or to sign up for camp, contact the Parish Office or visit their website at [www.travelingtheatre.org](http://www.travelingtheatre.org).

# summer sundays

Join us every Sunday at 9:15  
in the Parish House  
for lively conversation  
on matters of faith and spirituality.

All summer long, we offer a program for all ages  
in the Great Hall.

Each week, we will make a pilgrimage to a different city as we  
learn about the life of a saint who lived there.

We will also make a souvenir each week  
to remember our journey.

So far we've been to a trail in Spain, ancient Rome, and the city  
of Myrna. Where will we go next week?

Come to class at 9:15 and find out!

It's great fun, fellowship, and learning  
for all ages.

Led by the Rev'd Scott Gunn & the Rev'd Melody Shobe.

## **In memoriam**

*Jane Gauwin*

July candles are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Manuel J. and Bernice S. Duarte.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory or thanksgiving for the life of:

July 5 - Robert McMinn and Virginia Dolan

July 12 - Florence B. Grayson, John and Florence Bertenshaw, Samuel and Mary Grayson, Rose M. Long, and Brenda Manchester

July 19 - Ellen Hudson, Albert Papineau, Frederick M. Rhodes and John and Leita Jackson

July 26 - Jay Scott Moore, Gertrude Luttge, Vinton Knight, Stephen and Rose Knight and Janet Tuchon

### **Thank you!**

Dear Friends of Christ Church,

On behalf of my mother and my family, I wish to thank you all for the support you have given us during our difficult times with the passing of my grandmother Cecile Allard and my dad Richard Allard. Thank you for the cards and flowers.

With Peace,  
Brian K. Allard

## **How to plant a church garden**

*Submitted by Elaine DaRosa*

First, plant 5 rows of peas:

Presence

Promptness

Preparation

Purity

Perseverance

Then, add 3 rows of lettuce:

Let us love one another

Let us worship in spirit and truth

Let us serve the Lord with gladness

Next, 3 rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash criticism

Squash indifference

Don't forget the turnips:

Turn up for meetings

Turn up with a smile

Turn up with new ideas

Turn up with determination

Finally, add one long row of beets:

**BEAT THE DEVIL!!!!!!**

## Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 26—Take me out to the ball game! Join us at 1:05 for a trip to watch the PawSox. Call the Parish Office for tickets.

Sunday, August 9—We celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration, our official Christ Church “Feast of Title.” Today we’ll offer Holy Baptism. Speak with a priest if you are interested in baptism.

Sunday, August 16—It’s our golf outing, starting at 4 p.m. Have a great time golfing, and then enjoy dinner after. It’s all to raise money for the Renaissance Campaign. Contact Denyce Johnson or the Parish Office to learn more.

Sunday, September 13—Mark your calendar for “Mass on the Grass.” This year we’ll be at Lincoln Woods, offering our 10:30 service surrounding by nature in all its glory. Linger for our annual parish picnic.

Saturday, September 19—Come over to the Great Hall for a concert by our own Hymns & Hers. Enjoy an evening of music, sacred and secular.

Sunday, September 20—Our full program Church School classes resumes for younger kids today. We’ll also celebrate with a Ministry Fair, so you can explore the many ministries that are offered here at Christ Church.

## The Parish Register

### Baptism

The next baptisms are scheduled for August 9 and November 1. If you are interested in Holy Baptism for yourself or you child, please speak with Melody or Scott.

### Baptized on April 11, 2009

Lea Catherine Zonfrillo  
*Daughter of Jeffrey and Susan Zonfrillo*

### Baptized on May 31, 2009

Grace Barrows  
*Daughter of Louis and Kimberly Barrows*

Ryan Hornsleth

*Son of Kristopher and Jennifer Hornsleth*

Sean McDonnell

*Son of Brian and Courtney McDonnell*

### Confirmed or Received on May 9, 2009

Brandon Aikens, Katelyn Barr, Jedidiah Fletcher, Molly Fletcher, Sarah Gardner, Shane Harold, Christina Harrold, Christopher LaFreniere, Brian McMahon, Kelly O’Connell, Erin Wood

### Memorials/Burials

Evelyn Tongue, Norman Andrew Whitehead, Rosemary Graham, Norma Shirley Kaye, Judith Schall, Virginia Whitehead

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**Summer Camp—right here at Christ Church!** This summer, send your kids to Traveling Theatre camp here. Details at [www.travelingtheatre.org](http://www.travelingtheatre.org).

**Get out your golf clubs!** Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 16. We'll be golfing in the afternoon, but if you're not a golfer, come join us for dinner and fun! It all starts at 4 p.m.