



LOVING GOD LIVING HOPE

A Caring Christ-centered Community

RISE & SHINE!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

We spread the hope-filled energy of Jesus' love through our core values of honesty, compassion, and faith.

The Rev. Christina van Liew
Rector



Rector's Reflections

Dear Resurrection People,

If you ever have wanted a reason to believe God is with us, come take a look at what's been happening here this summer. In the midst of apparent chaos (see "Chaos or Community") comes new life for us, and all who join us to serve God in this community.

God has blessed us with good stewards of our finances and bountiful returns that make capital improvements possible in a thriving market. Amidst the chaos of racial eruptions in this country and beyond, we have begun to gather to discuss our part. How can we overcome evil with good? We are starting with movies and books that give us insights and talking points as we share our experiences, confront the prejudices within us, and find the courage to ask and *live* the answer to "what would Jesus do?"

Even when looking at the mess – literally as we transition to the opening of Bargains + Blessings, and spiritually as we wrestle with doubts, threats, worries and fears – the Gospel says we have hope. Faithful perseverance is showing us that doubts and threats, worries and fears are all fertile ground for the Holy Spirit to transform mess into miracles. All we need to do is trust, breathe, and step in to act when it is time.

At my retreat at Holy Cross Monastery (on "Deepening Circles") earlier this month each participant wrote out on a poster paper what questions we had about next steps, and who would be with us in it. Then we were told to tear up our posters so each word was separate, and give the stack of words to the person next to us in the circle. Our assignment was to return with a poem for the author using only their own words, but not necessarily all of their words.

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BARGAINS + BLESSINGS
THRIFT SHOP
GRAND OPENING
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7th 10 AM

Bargains + Blessings
Thrift Shop
October 7th
10 am



Williston Street Fair
September 17th
10 am-4 pm

Seven Sacred Truths
Beginning September
28th
7:00 pm



Pet Blessings
September 30th
11 am

St. Paul on Gender
& Sexuality
October 4th
7 pm





Words from our Warden

Dear Friends,

With the fall season fast approaching, there is such a sense of excitement, challenge and hope in the air at Resurrection! As Mother Christina mentioned in her article, she and her amazing team of volunteers have been very busy re-organizing and redecorating the Thrift Shop, which is now called Bargains + Blessings. Hours have been extended and the opportunity for this ministry to grow and serve more people in the community is more of a reality. A very sincere "thank you" to the dedicated team and their intrepid leader for all their work and amazing commitment.

Looking forward, we are excited about a new season of Adult Formation. Both Mother Christina and Mary Pat will be offering series on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Details to follow.

The Vestry is returning with a new sense of dedication and commitment to serving the needs of the community. We met twice during the summer to discuss how best to achieve that goal, and are united and excited about doing just that.

With the anticipation of fall in the air, we have the opportunity to begin again - to challenge ourselves to become more involved in whatever ministry we feel called to. We are stronger together, and we make our community stronger by being an active member in whatever way we can. And so we begin another year in hope, confidence and trust in God and one another.

Peace and blessings,

Gina



or



ADULT FORMATION

The Seven Sacred Truths

What do the Christian sacraments, the Hindu chakras, the Kabbalah Tree of Life, and Einstein's Theory of Relativity have in common? Learn how they converge to express the Seven Sacred Truths that shape everyday life. Discover how each of the Sacred Truths can bring healing, hope and joy to your journey.

8 session study is based on
Anatomy of the Spirit:
The Seven Stages of Power and Healing,
by Caroline Hyss.

Enlightening, though not required, for participation.
Thursday evening, 7-8:15 pm, Library:

- September 28 Intro to Key Concepts for Everyday People
- October 12 One: All is One
- November 16 Two: Honor One Another
- December 14: Three: Honor Oneself

St. Paul: Gender & Sexuality

Wednesday evening, October 4th,
7-8:15 pm, Library



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John van Liew

(Rector's Reflections continued from page 1)

The next day we gave each other our poems. This is what was given to me:

**open
prayerfully sharing this
start where we are
exploring both and
Spirit knows the needs and readiness
options**

And so it has always been for the faithful who let go and let God.

Christina +

Chaos or Community

Humans need community to survive. We start out in families of some kind, and make new communities through school, work, neighborhoods, jobs, religions, etc. If none of these groups makes room for us with love, we isolate or join groups that make us feel we belong, often at a horrible price as we see in cults and gangs. Hate isolates and it also attracts more hate. Love never isolates; it always attracts with infinite room for more. Hate makes chaos; love makes life-giving community. Our country is finally unable to avoid facing the centuries-old unhealed wound of racism. In response to the racial hatred of our times Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Diocesan Bishop Lawrence Provenzano have published powerful messages calling us to choose: chaos or community.

Then Hurricane Harvey came along and literally forced God's people to begin to create community out of chaos. This chaos is both natural and human; what chance nature might have had, via wetlands, to absorb and run off much of the flood was lost to housing and commercial development. Perhaps we are beginning to realize that we cannot continue to develop landscapes without consequences.

Perhaps the deciding difference between chaos and community is right use of human will. If we choose the good of others over selfish gain we are making room for community to bring meaning and hope, with God's help, out of chaos. Our faith demands we stand up and speak up for justice, even if it hurts. It also demands we confess our part, seek to heal and grow, and share out of the blessings we receive. Most people of good will agree.

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The Holy Baptisms of Priscilla Hannah Phrsai and Darcie Joy Brown August 20, 2017



Mtr. Christina, Priscilla Hannah, Joan Servinskaskas, Darcie Joy, Kellie Brown



Mtr. Christina, Priscilla Hannah, Lino Mani, Joan Servinskaskas, Darcie Joy, Kellie Brown



Mtr. Christina, Darcie Joy, Joan Servinskaskas

Darcie Joy
Grandparents:
Cynthia (Strafer) & James Robinson
Great Grandmother:
Dorothy Strafer
Cynthia made Darcie's dress from her wedding dress.



Mtr. Christina, Darcie Joy, Joan Servinskaskas



The Son is shining on Darcie Joy Brown!
Mtr. Christina, Darcie Joy, Kellie Brown, Priscilla Hannah, Lino Mani (CSI)



Declan Brown, Matthew Brown, Kristin Brown, Darcie Joy, Ryan Gutkes, Kellie Brown



The Son is shining on Priscilla Hannah Phrsai!
Ryan Gutkes, Kristin Brown, Matthew Brown, Kellie Brown, Darcie Joy, Mtr. Christina, Priscilla Hannah, Lino Mani.

THE SUMMER OF '17

This was not a quiet summer. We were busy, and so was the Spirit among us and around us! Here is a sampling of what happened:

- Window well covers for our courtyard windows. Thanks to Eagle Scout Candidate Keith Dusling (and Troop 201) there will be no more water damage to our interior.
- Half of our thrift shop inventory was given away in our courtyard to thank our community for supporting us and to make room for a greater variety of items to serve a broader population.
- The thrift shop room was completely emptied (including that huge safe) and painted.
- Courtyard gutters were replaced with squirrel-proof, leaf-clogging-proof covers, thus preventing a recurrence of thousands of dollars of repair (critters in the attic) and leaking into our interior.
- Lighting throughout the property was replaced with LED energy-efficient alternatives (very generous rebates).
- Old lighting was disassembled and disposed.
- The boiler that died last spring is being replaced.
- New signs directing people to our Bargains + Blessings Thrift Shop are installed.
- A new doorbell now announces people at the office entry.
- Donations may soon be placed in a new shed.
- "Tea & Scripture" moved to Wednesday mornings following the Healing Service.
- Big bulletin board in the library now posts what's happening and "wanted" area for people needing services or things.
- Songbook was revised.
- Two baptisms happened, and three weddings are being planned.

Yes, we can. We have enough and we are enough as long as we open our hearts and minds to the moving of the Spirit of God to use our voices, hands and feet. ~

**THANK
GOD**

WHY DID WE CHANGE THE DATE FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF BARGAINS + BLESSINGS?

- Oops! Slight glitch in ordering and installing of **carpeting**—will be the week of September 18th.
- **Shelving units** have been ordered—to be delivered perhaps the 13th or 14th. These 8 units will have to be assembled in the undercroft, then moved into the Shop after the carpet is installed.
- One **garment rack** has been assembled and is in the undercroft. Three more will be ordered on Monday 9/11 after we receive the estimate from a second company. Four **rack toppers** will be ordered to be assembled on top of each garment rack—for pocket books, purses, etc.
- Two **4 way garment racks** will be ordered.
- The **drop box shed** has arrived which will be assembled and placed in the courtyard for drop-off items when church is closed.
- **AS ITEMS ARRIVE, ASSEMBLY MUST TAKE PLACE. ALL HANDS ON DECK WHO ARE ABLE are asked to help. Also looking to hire some handymen for assembly.**
- All this has to happen before our B+B volunteers can assemble the room with items for the Grand Opening. Questions? See Jane.

Parish Administrator: Patricia Hayes

Organist: Ellen Schutt

Rise & Shine Editor: Jane Colgrove

Vestry: Regina Huneke, Senior Warden;
Jane Colgrove, Junior Warden;
Sharron Friedlander, Mary Pat Gannon,
John Lasek, Dottie Lotten, Fritz Weinrich

**MEET
OUR
STAFF!**

(Chaos or Community from page 3)

The difference for us Christians is we need to learn how to forgive: ourselves for our failings, and others for theirs. Let God handle the punishment we so desperately want others to receive. Let God handle the transformation of souls from selfish to self-giving; by letting go and letting God.

Making order out of chaos is God's specialty (see Genesis). The more we align ourselves with God's will, the more we are contributing to making healthy, loving community that has the collective ability to make order out of chaos of any kind.

Blessings and Peace,

Christina +

**HEALING PRAYER &
EUCCHARIST**
10:00 am Wednesdays

BIBLE STUDY
10:30-11:15 am Wednesdays

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ruth Rusche
Christina van Liew +
John van Liew
- 2 Tim Frazer-Talan
- 11 Audrey Gutkes
- 17 Marie Callahan
- 26 Mary Pat Gannon
- 30 Helen Niemann

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Diane & Robert Petraglia
- 12 Rhonda & Colin Kaletsky
- 17 Cynthia & James Robinson
- 21 Elizabeth & Fritz Weinrich

**CANDLE, SANCTUARY LIGHT &
FLOWER DONORS REQUESTED**

— Call Patty

COFFEE HOUR

NEED COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

— Call Patty

EAGLE SCOUT Candidate Keith Dusling



Keith Dusling with his mother Sharon Sullivan at completion of window well & backyard projects



Troop 201 after window well and



Backyard at completion!





Packing up Thrift Shop
Patty McMahon, Joan Betts, Linda Bernhardt



AFC volunteer painters:
Chris Farrell, Andrew Farrell,
Paul Kantanas



Packing up Thrift Shop
Donald Josling, Ruth Hanshe

BARGAINS + BLESSINGS

As we began discerning how God might be wanting to use our Thrift Shop for broader ministry, we came to describe it as a place where people find “bargains and blessings.” This has become the focus of our labors, and now our new name. Yes, it is intentional that a cross is between “bargains” and “blessings,” for it is the love of Christ that assures both for our community. As with all ministries, this is a labor of love that is painful at times and rewarding at others. We owe a debt of gratitude to Franca Floro, Program Director of Episcopal Ministries of Long Island, for facilitating the start of this process that has led us through visioning, reaching out to our neighbors, cultivating goals, and finally embodying the idea into reality. We visited the most successful (Episcopal) church thrift shop on Long Island, St. Marks’s in Islip, and were blessed with an abundance of inspiration and support. The more we learned to trust the Holy Spirit, the easier it was to honor the past by letting go of what is no longer needed, and opening ourselves to new ways to involve and serve our community.



Day of Garden Giveaway
Maggie Hayes & Katelin Kelly

Our ideas gave birth to new actions, starting with dozen or so friends and neighbors combining to sort and give away half the inventory. Why? Because we needed to make room for a broader variety of items the community told us they wanted and needed. We created “buzz” by promoting a grand giveaway in our courtyard one Saturday, and the people came and took all but one bag of inventory.



Day of the Garden Giveaway!

Almost all of the community people with whom we have talked and worked were surprised to discover we are here and we have the only neighborhood thrift shop. Now they know. Now they are donating really fine clothing, household and sporting goods, tools and children’s things, bedding and linens, etc.

We have been blessed with volunteers from all over, especially the Albertson Fire Company, who have moved heavy furnishings and painted the entire room: ceilings, heaters and all. We are blessed with new volunteers signing up every week to help sort, and eventually staff our expanded hours.



Linda Bernhardt, Joan Servinskas, Maggie Hayes,
Linda Braunsdorf, Theresa Greiner & her cousin.

It still feels a little chaotic looking at the undercroft, where inventory is accumulating and being sorted. As racks and shelves arrive and are assembled, we will be making order of the goodies so they can be displayed as soon as the carpet is in. Yes, we have had to delay the grand opening, but it is worth it. The payoff is a profound sense of wonder and awe at what happens when we stop looking at our limitations and faithfully move forward believing God is with us all the way. ~



Holy Eucharist - Sunday 10 am

Healing Prayer & Holy Eucharist - Wednesday 10 am

Bible Study - Wednesday 10:30 am-11:15 am

Adult Formation - as announced 7 pm-8:15pm

Bargains + Blessings - Thursdays & Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 10 Pente 13 HE Coffee Hour	11 B+B sorting 10 am	12 B+B sorting 10 am	13 HPE Bible Study B+B sorting 10 am	14 B+B sorting 10 am	15 <i>Pack 311 Recruitment Night 6 pm-9 pm</i> B+B sorting 10 am	16
17 Pente 14 HE Coffee Hour Williston Street Fair	18 B+B sorting 10 am	19 B+B sorting 10 am	20 HPE Bible Study B+B sorting 10 am	21 B+B sorting 10 am	22  B+B sorting 10 am	23
24 Pente 15 HE Coffee Hour Vestry Meeting	25 B+B assembly 10 am	26 B+B assembly 10 am	27 HPE Bible Study B+B assembly 10 am	28 Sacred Truths B+B organizing 10 am	29 B+B organizing 10 am	30 PET BLESSINGS 11 am rain or shine Garden Courtyard
October 1 Pente 16 HE Coffee Hour	2 B+B organizing 10 am	3 B+B organizing 10 am	4 HPE Bible Study Paul's Letters B+B organizing 10 am	5 Last minute details	6 Last minute details	7 GRAND OPENING BARGAINS + BLESSINGS Thrift Shop 10 am—4 pm

SUNDAY ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Year A	DATE	TIME	CRUCIFER	SERVER	LECTOR	PRAYERS	COUNTER	COUNTER
Pente 14	Sept 10	10 am	Don	Jane	John vl	Dottie	Jane	Marge
Pente 15	Sept 17	10 am	Jane	Joan	John L	Joan	Carol	Sharron
Pente 16	Sept 24	10 am	Carol	Jane	Robert	Meri	Jane	Gina
Pente 17	Oct 1	10 am	Jane	Dottie	Robert	Dottie	Jane	Marge



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