

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Parish Visitor

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Three years ago I agreed with the vestry of Christ Church that I would serve as your Vicar until the end of May 2011. The time seems to have flown by and it is hard to believe that I've already been here for three years. Some months ago, the vestry and I began to discuss my continued service as your priest and we have entered into a new relationship that will mean some adjustments for me and for our congregation. For me, it means that I will continue to serve as your Vicar, but in a more limited capacity. I will be leading worship at most of the Sunday services and will be in the office on Mondays. During Mondays that are holidays, I will be in the office a different day of the week. I will also be available in case of emergencies and, of course, for Holy Week and other celebrations of the liturgical year. For the people of Christ Church, it means welcoming another priest into our congregation to assist with the work of the parish. During our discussion regarding the future of the parish we all believed that we have been moving in a positive direction and wished to keep that momentum going.

This summer the Wardens and I along with the assistance of the vestry and finance committee will be speaking with those who are interested in serving Christ Church in the

role of assisting priest. Our starting place is to determine if there might be a priest available who is already known by the congregation and provides Sunday supply, but who would welcome a more substantial pastoral role in the life of our parish. If there is such a person, our task will be rather simple.

The important thing for the people of Christ Church to know is that the life and worship of our parish will continue uninterruptedly.

Please keep our parish in your prayers as we begin this new adventure in Christ. Feel free to contact me, your wardens, or the members of the vestry with any thoughts or concerns.

God bless,

Father Frank



WHERE HAVE ALL THE HUNGRY MEN GONE?

As you may already know, there has been an effort in recent months to feed the men of the **Open Door Shelter**, who have been sleeping here that the church for several years. Monthly a group of parishioners and friends would meet, starting at around 4:00 a.m., on a given Sunday of the month to prepare and serve a hot meal to an estimated fifty men without permanent homes.

With the coming of summer, and warmer weather, several of the men have found alternate locations to rest in the night-time hours—which could have been the end of the **Hungry Man Breakfast**. Not so, say the people behind the meal—there is still more work to be done. **That work will likely focus on children and youth.**

Please contact **Don Burr** dburr@christchurcheastnorwalk.org, if you feel called to be a part of the next phase of this ministry, which seeks to address the needs of the youngest, and sometimes the most vulnerable, of our community.

We look forward to hearing from you—soon!

SUMMER WORSHIP

a note from Father Frank and Don Burr

Last summer for the first time, we at Christ Church worshipped in the Guild room during the summer months. We did so because the Guild room is air conditioned and it proved a much more comfortable setting against the summer heat. This year, on June 19th, we moved into the Guild room for our summer worship. The 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. service times will remain the same.

Summer will also be a time to become acquainted (*or reacquainted*) with the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal. In an effort to save paper during tough economic times, we will be using a more simplified order of worship, with liturgy and music being selected from resources we have on hand. So far, we are hearing good things.