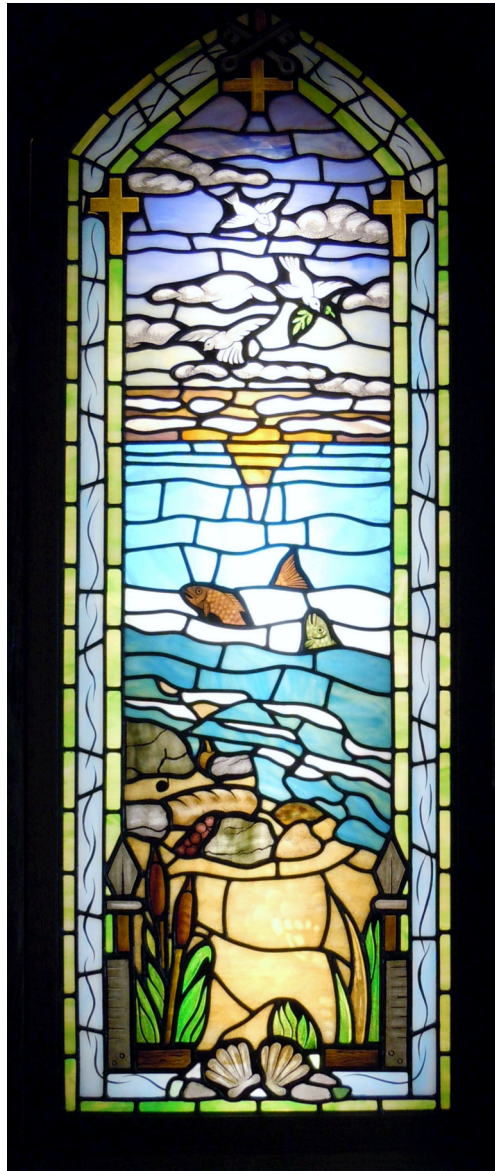


Fall, 2015

# The Network



*St. James' Episcopal Church*

2485 Main Street, P.O. Box 206, Glastonbury, CT

**To grow spiritually and spread the love of Christ**

*About the cover:*

*At St. James' Church we are blessed to have many beautiful stained glass windows. "Peter's Window," shown on the cover, is located in the sacristy. The window was given in memory of Peter Kataja (April 8, 1948 – October 25, 2007) by his family. It is full of imagery of Peter's life. A card below the window explains the images, both ecclesiastical and personal, in this beautiful window. It is well worth a visit.*

## **Service Schedule**

### **Sundays**

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:15 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist

### **Wednesdays**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

### **Vision Statements:**

All of our ministries are Christ-centered, joyfully sharing Christ's love.

Led by our commissions, we will reach out and encourage participation to nourish spiritual growth.

Using our time, talents, and treasure, we will support the ministries and activities of this faith community.

We will be an open, welcoming, and inclusive faith community with honest and respectful communication.

Our ministries will serve the community of St. James' and those beyond our walls.

# RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

The summer is coming to an end, and usually I am saddened by this fact but this year I find myself filled with expectation. It is my first autumn here at St. James' and it has been a long time since I spent an entire Fall season in New England. I love October; it is my favorite month. I love the cold crisp mornings and chilly afternoons warmed slightly by the bright sunshine on a clear day. I love the deep blue of the sky and I am always so amazed at the beauty of the trees as the leaves change from being fully alive and green to slowly dying and falling to the earth. I give thanks every year to our God who is so wonderfully creative and who continuously blesses us with grace and beauty.

Although summer is usually a slower time in the church, it was a pretty busy one for me. I spent a good deal of time getting to know you. I tried to get out and visit folks in their homes as often as I could and I plan to continue this until I have seen everyone who is open for a visit. It is just a wonderful way to get to know you and hear your stories, which is nearly impossible to do when I only see you on Sunday mornings. I have truly enjoyed every visit I have made and each time feel more and more blessed to come to St. James Church among such wonderful people.

As I have been talking with people and hearing their stories, I have also been listening to what is important to them at St. James and where they would like to see us putting our time and energy as we walk this journey together. Focusing on our young people has been a consistent theme in these conversations. As a result of this, we will be talking about over the next year how to best provide opportunities for worship and spiritual development to our parishioners, from our youngest to our oldest. If you have thoughts about this, please let me or our Wardens, Ralph and Don, know about them. Helping to form mature Christians is the essence of being church and we need to take that responsibility seriously if we are to grow in our faith and in our congregation.

As we have talked about the mission and ministries of the church, one of the topics that often came up was the limited access we often had to our space because of the number of AA meetings we hosted. After careful consideration and conversation, we asked three of our AA groups to relocate. These were the Monday evening groups at 6:30 and 8:30 and the Saturday morning group. We were able to give them some suggestions as to where they might relocate and gave them a month or more to do so, which made their transition a bit easier. They were grateful for the support given to them by this church and left on good terms. The 9:15 groups on Monday, Tuesday and Friday outgrew our space and relocated for that reason on their own. So you will notice on the weekly calendar there are far fewer AA groups meeting at St. James.

It has been a good summer for transitioning from Indian Head, Maryland to Glastonbury; there is still much to learn, people to meet (all you folks who leave for the summer) and discerning to do in regards to what is God doing here and now and how we join God in that mission. I am filled with joyful expectation at the possibilities.

God's peace be with you! Denise+

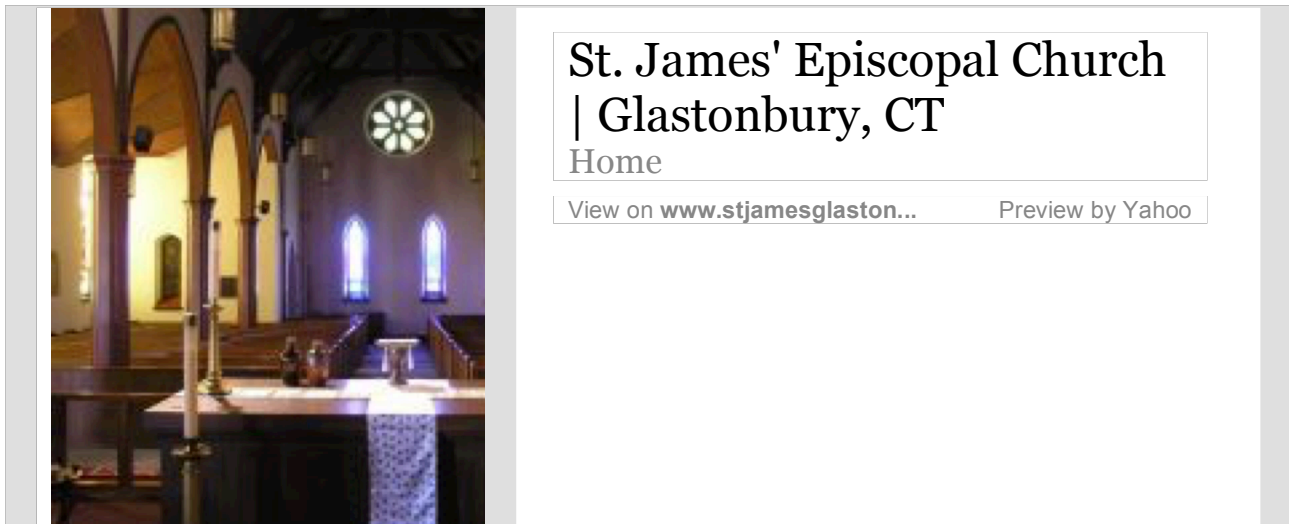


✓ *Please mark your calendars for a Celebration of Denise's new ministry with us at St. James with Bishop Ian Douglas on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm.*

## *The St. James' Parish Directory*

...can now be accessed through our website! A secure page has been added to the website so that the directory is available to all parishioners with a password. This will save on printing and allow for easier, more frequent updating of directory information. To access the directory from the website, follow these steps:

1. Log into the St. James' website at [St. James' Episcopal Church | Glastonbury, CT](http://www.stjamesglastonbury.com)



2. Click on the bottom tab on the left called “Parish Directory”.

3. This will bring you to a Welcome page and ask for the password which is **2584main**. There are no spaces and no capital letters.

4. Click the login button.

5. The next screen will contain a link called “September 2015 Directory”. If you click on the link, it will open a PDF version of the directory which can be printed or viewed online. It will be updated periodically.

# Vestry Update

By *Ralph Urban, Senior Warden*

While the St. James' Vestry did not meet in July, its August meeting was chock full of issues for review and discussion.

Among the many matters addressed were an update on the plans for Carol's Closet, a plan to install cardholders in the pews for new member cards (which have been revamped), and a discussion of the parking contract with Whole Foods, to possibly include slightly higher fees to cover snowplowing costs. A positive Treasurer's report was also accepted.

One important update centered around St. James' longstanding arrangements to house AA and Al-Anon meetings. While St. James deeply values its continuing role in providing a safe place for these groups to gather, other planned and ongoing ministries and their growing space needs resulted in the Vestry deciding to request AA and Al-Anon to seek alternate sites on certain limited days and evenings for meetings. Thanks to the hard work of Denise and the AA and Al-Anon representatives, alternate arrangements have been made for certain meetings to free up space for other St. James activities. Thanks to all who worked through these issues with mutual respect and appreciation. St. James will continue to be an important locale for those who benefit from AA and Al-Anon and the critical work they do.

As Denise has noted, changes will be coming to the Network, and the Vestry is continuing to explore what will work best for this publication, which is so important in sharing the life of our parish with one another. With a push to ensure the church has all needed email addresses, it is likely that the Network will be electronically distributed, except to those without email addresses who will continue to receive paper copies. What works best for the frequency of publication is still under discussion; stay tuned! The Vestry is deeply grateful to all those who write and publish the Network.

Plans for the fall "homecoming" **Sunday, September 13th**, were discussed. A picnic, Sunday sign up and other activities are planned. In addition, Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm, the celebration of Denise's new ministry with us here at St. James will take place with a special liturgy for the occasion led by our Diocesan Bishop Ian Douglas. While Denise obviously has been with us for several months, this promises to be an inspiring and symbolic marking of her pastoral mission to this parish family and the community at large. A reception with desserts and light refreshments will follow. Please plan to join us as we celebrate Denise, this faith community, and our place in the greater Communion.

The junior warden continues his work of overseeing the care of our facilities. He is actively pursuing bids for replacement of the failed air conditioning compressors in the nave of the church. This will be an expensive repair, but should produce greater efficiencies also. We will keep you posted.

Denise is actively working with our youth leaders and families on plans to revamp our youth programs. Again, please stay tuned for developments in that area.

## VESTRY.....

Last, but certainly not least, in addition to its regular August meeting, the Vestry met a week later in a session devoted solely to exploring and beginning the planning process for stewardship. Led by Denise, members shared some of their deepest feelings and attitudes around money, and what Christ taught about money and its role in our individual and collective lives as Christians. This promises to be an ongoing conversation to which the Vestry and others will devote further reflection in the weeks and months ahead.

As your parish leadership we love to hear from you, so keep us informed.

## Singing in the Choir...

by Jim Barry

- ✓ The Adult Choir begins rehearsals on **Thursday, September 10, at 7:30 PM.** New members are welcome to participate. Here's what some of our current members have to say about singing in the choir:

*PM: Many years ago I decided to make singing in the choir my church mission. Music is an integral part of the service and I enjoy lending my voice to that ministry.*

*BB: Simply, I love to sing. I grew up in a congregational church in Massachusetts and my best friend's parents sang in the choir and convinced 4 of us high-schoolers to join them. With different choir directors at churches and at collage over the years, I have had exposure to a wide variety of liturgical music, vocal techniques, and melding in with a group. But I sing now for the fun of singing and to enjoy the wonderful friendship of all of the others in the choir at St. James'. When I hear a passage of scripture during the service that had been used as the text of an anthem that we sang in the past, its meaning multiplies. When someone new joins the choir, I'm excited to think that they will have similar opportunities to enrich their worship experience. There is something very special about singing together.*

*DB: My modest talent for singing is a gift that I feel should be shared, especially if it can enhance the worship experience for others. I enjoy working together with our interesting, dedicated members to produce beautiful music. Music is one of the special joys in my life, especially when experienced in person (as performer or listener). To keep good music alive for others and for future generations, we must let others hear it and hope that they, too, become inspired.*

*JD: I enjoy singing with the choir because I get to use my voice after many decades of disuse and to sing beautiful music with kind and generous people.*

Won't you add YOUR voice to our choir this season?

If you have any questions, speak to a choir member or Jim Barry.



Jim Barry, Minister of Music, with Don and Jane Jefferson, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this summer.

## Adult Bible Study

This fall, we will study the *Psalms* and *Proverbs*, the History Books, the Prophets, and Wisdom Literature.

The St. James' Adult Bible Study Discussion Group meets in the downstairs meeting room, most Sundays, between services from September through May. Our discussion structure centers on the relevance of scripture to our 1) everyday life, our 2) prayer life and 3) Jesus' promise of abundant life. Please join us on:

- ✓ September 13, 20, 27, October 11, 25, and on November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.





**Carol's Closet serves and advances God's mission of restoration and reconciliation in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit in these ways:**

- Carol's Closet will respond to human need through loving service by providing necessary paper goods and personal care items to low-income families and individuals whose limited incomes do not allow the purchase of these necessary items.
- Carol's Closet will proclaim the Good News of God in Christ by providing a visible and welcoming presence in the community of Glastonbury. Our hope is that we will join God in the neighborhood as we lovingly give to those in need, and build community through the hospitality and conversations that take place.
- Carol's Closet will seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation by sharing our stories and by developing relationships with those we seek to serve.

Carol's Closet will strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth by encouraging the clients to return the paper, plastic and glass containers for recycling. The town's social workers have told us to expect 50 families or individuals to come to our monthly distributions. That's a lot of people who we will welcome, and whose lives will be changed as a result of your donations and support. Thank you!

This summer the planning committee has been meeting twice a month. Two community donation dates were held, as residents of Glastonbury dropped in to donate items or make monetary donations. Thanks to Sandy Ouellette, a logo and marketing materials have been designed. The *Thistle Needleworks* store in Glastonbury (which is moving to Wethersfield) has donated and delivered storage units. Judie Solomon, the owner, is a St. James' parishioner, and her daughter Karen grew up at St. James'. In addition, the *Glastonbury Citizen* published an article about Carol's Closet, and posts have been made to the St. James' Facebook page. Sources for purchase of items have been researched and orders have been placed. Bonds continue to grow with our faith community partners. Exciting!!

With distributions occurring monthly, our inventory needs to be constantly replenished. The need for donations is ongoing. If you would like to give items, please

place them in the collection basket marked "Carol's Closet" located in the foyer. Monetary contributions are also welcome. If writing a check, please note "Carol's Closet" on the memo line. Thank you for your donations and prayerful support to Carol's Closet!

**Items needed include:**

- **Toilet paper**
- **Toothbrushes and toothpaste**
- **Paper towels**
- **Bar soap**
- **Shampoo**
- **Facial tissues**
- **Adult incontinence products**

- ✓ *Join us at church on **September 16 @6:30** to help prepare packages for the Carol's Closet Grand Opening.*

## Outreach

St. James' has been a strong supporter of outreach, with substantial contributions of volunteer time, financial resources, and in-kind donations. **The Outreach Committee would really like your assistance in focusing future efforts, particularly in identifying new or continuing local and regional needs that should be addressed.** To give you some background, please look at the following list of projects which have been supported in recent years by your outreach dollars and in-kind contributions.

We will have print-outs of this list available at the parish picnic on September 13 (and in the foyer through September 27), and it will be in a format for you to express your opinion on whether or not this particular item should continue to receive support from St. James. It will also give you the opportunity to suggest OTHER local/regional efforts that you feel we should be supporting.

### LOCAL

- FISH of Glastonbury (a program which provides volunteer drivers for transportation for Glastonbury residents to out-of-town medical appointments)
- Glastonbury Fuel Bank
- Glastonbury Food Pantry
- Martin Luther King Day Planning Committee
- Naubuc School Backpack Food Program
- Naubuc Green (elderly housing) birthday party supplies and entertainment
- St.James' Shawl Ministry (for the purchase of yarn)
- Christmas Cheer Project (holiday donations to Glastonbury Social Services)
- New for 2015 – Carol's Closet (Glastonbury Food Bank)

# Outreach, *continued*

## REGIONAL

- A Place of Grace (food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford) – We provided cash donations, food donations, and donations of school supplies
- Bishops' Fund for Children
- Bishops' Open for Camp Washington
- Heads Up! Hartford
- Lunch in the Park (for the needy and homeless in Hartford)
- Warm coats and toiletries for the needy in Hartford
- Blood mobile (donations of food and volunteer time when St. James' hosts this for the American Red Cross)
- Bread Ministry (collect and deliver food donations from St. James' and Panera Bread to MANNA Food Pantry)

## NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL

- Episcopal Relief and Development
- Support for Haiti Holy Trinity School (Port-au-Prince), St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children, and Haiti Fund, Inc. (for CODEP project)
- Operation Christmas Child ("shoebox" project)
- Lakota tribe – collection of needed items.

## OTHER

- Financial contribution to the divinity school from which our rector earned a degree

## OUTREACH CALENDAR

We will try to keep the on-line calendar up to date on the church's web site, and to keep you informed through the weekly email blast and Sunday bulletin. Here is our tentative schedule for the fall:

- ✓ **September 13** (Sunday) – Outreach Committee will meet during the picnic lunch for a general discussion on the direction of outreach for the next year. Anyone interested in Outreach is welcome to join this discussion.
- ✓ **September 26** (Saturday) – Lunch in the Park
- ✓ **October 6** (Tuesday) – 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting
- ✓ **October 30** (Friday) – Blood Mobile (volunteers and food needed; Jeannette Brown, coordinator)
- ✓ **November 3** (Tuesday) – 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting
- ✓ **December 1** (Tuesday) – 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting

# Adult Formation Offerings for the Fall

## ***Theology on Tap is back!***

Join us at **Piatti** (1001 Hebron Ave.) at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- ✓ September 15, September 29, October 13, October 27,
- ✓
- ✓ November 10 and November 24

The first topic of conversation: “*Spiritual but not religious*”

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## ***Book Group: part 2***

Join us in the Saint James’ foyer for a conversation about Brené Brown’s

Book, *Daring Greatly*

- ✓ on Thursday, September 24

at 7:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served!

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# ***Coffee and Conversation***

Join Denise at “Daybreak Coffee” (2377 Main Street)

at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates for coffee and conversation:

- ✓ October 1, October 15, October 29, November 12, November 19 and  
December 3 and December 7.

We will be discussing *Christ of the Celts*, by J. Philip Newell.

**For more information about these offerings, please contact:**

**Erin Perrelli at 203-506-2557**

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## ***St. James' Men's Club***

We encourage all men and boys of St. James' to please come to the

Men's Club meeting

- ✓ on Thursday, September 17th @ 6:30.

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*The primary purpose of the Men's Club is to foster Christian relationships and is open to all men and boys of St. James Church.*

We meet on Thursday evenings around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month from September through May at 6:30 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall. Each meeting's agenda includes: 1) an evening meal of good food, homemade wine (sodas for the boys), and apple pie, 2) bible study led by Clint Dixon, and 3) discussion of what “good works” the Men's Club will undertake, for St. James, the town of Glastonbury, or the world, (e.g., we've already been asked to make over 100 Visitor Card holders for the back of each pew in the church). This “good work” will help St. James' bring more people to know the love of God.

*Peace be with you, Ed Crow*

# *We said good-bye to...*

Jim and Liza Ervin



*And ... Mark your calendar for:*

- ✓ **Blessing of the Animals** - October 4 @ 1:00 on the front lawn. All animals and their humans are welcome.
- ✓ **Christmas Pageant** - January 3 - In an attempt to keep us in Advent in church, if not anywhere else, we are moving the Christmas Pageant to the second Sunday of Christmas. There will be one service that Sunday so that we can all enjoy the children as they present the Christmas story.



## Hurray, it's time for the Red Cross Bloodmobile!

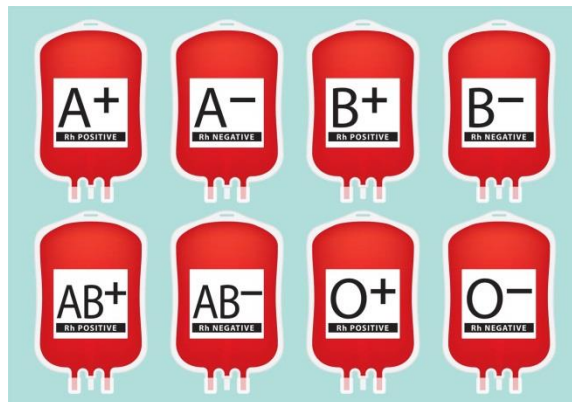
Do you want to be a hero? You can on **Friday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00pm**. Consider helping with the annual St. James' Red Cross Blood Drive. Did you know: The adult body has about 10 pints of blood? Yet only about 1 pint is given during a donation. ***It's like tithing with your blood.*** Healthy bone marrow produces a constant supply of red cells, plasma and platelets. So your body easily replenishes the elements given during a donation – some in a matter of hours others within a few weeks. You could be a hero to someone in need. When was the last time you gave an hour of time and saved a life? The next time could be Friday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, when St. James' hosts the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

There are a variety of ways that you can help. First, you can of course sign-up to give blood. The Red Cross recommends that you sign-up online. (Follow the links at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)) Signing up in advance helps the bloodmobile organizers marshal their resources and bring enough staff, equipment and supplies. Although walk-ins are welcome, you can help streamline your donation experience if you arrive for a scheduled appointment. Most

anybody over the age of 17 can donate blood. If you are healthy and weigh more than 110 lbs. you are probably eligible to give; unfortunately only about 2% of folks who can give, do. And can only blood cannot be manufactured – it come from generous donors. Never given blood before? No worries; staff is very gentle with first timers.

It's easy; it doesn't hurt or take actual blood donation typically

10-12 minutes. The entire process, from check-in to canteen is just over an hour. The number one reason people say they give blood is because they "want to help others." **Donating blood can be the perfect marriage of faithful stewardship of our personal resources and fruitful outreach to those in need.**



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Even if you are unable to donate blood, you can still support those who give by greeting the donors at the welcome center, which is set up in the foyer or by providing hospitality upstairs in the parish hall at the canteen. We also need folks to help set up and help clean up. This type of volunteering supports both the Red Cross staff and the donors; it makes the whole process run smoother. If your schedule doesn't allow you to donate or volunteer on that day, staff and donors always look forward to enjoying your sandwiches or homemade goodies served in the canteen. Look for the sign-up sheets in the foyer or call Jeannette Brown (860 633-5801) for more information.

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