



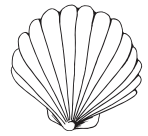
The Network

St. James' Episcopal Church



May 2015





Grow spiritually and
spread the love of Christ

Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	10:15 a.m.	Rite II Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

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Mission Statement: To grow spiritually and spread the love of Christ.

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.

A New Rector Is Coming!

Our new Rector Denise Cabana is coming! Her first day will be Sunday, May 10. Here are some facts about Denise:

She served as Rector of St. James' in Indian Head, Maryland, for the past nine years

In her opening letter as she began her discernment with us she said, "The building of community and strengthening one another to live into our Baptismal Covenant is one of my passions in ministry."

She started a prayer shawl ministry while she served as an Associate Rector at Trinity Church in Branford, CT.

She completed her Masters in Divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary in May 2002.

Denise was a member of St. Mary's Manchester and served on the vestry as a member and as clerk. She also served as chair of the Outreach Committee, member of the Altar Guild, and minister of communion.

While in Maryland she served as a member of the Indian Head Green Team.

Before her ordination, she served as the director for people who are homeless in Manchester, CT.

Denise will be living in Rocky Hill.

Please join the vestry in welcoming Denise and her husband Doug to our parish family.



Outreach Footsteps

Blessings and love,

Gail Lebert,
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Vestry Commission

Vestry Update

There is transition all around at St. James'. While we welcome our new Rector, the Reverend Denise Cabana, we are also working on the planned transition of the wardens. As you may remember, Gail Lebert and Gayle Kataja agreed to continue as wardens through the search for the new Rector.

We are planning a special parish meeting for Sunday, May 3, after the 10:15 service. The purpose will be to elect Ralph Urban as Senior Warden and Don Gardner as Junior Warden. Ralph and Don have something in common – they are both sons of Episcopal priests. They are long time members of St. James'. Please join us at the meeting to meet them and learn more about the transition.

At the April Vestry meeting we also brainstormed some fundraising ideas for the fall. As you may remember in order to balance the 2015 budget, we added a \$5,000 revenue line for a fundraiser. The vestry came up with 17 different ideas for fundraisers. We will present our top picks to the parish on Sunday, May 3, to see which idea has the most popularity. Fundraising is a great opportunity to bring together the community and to get to know each other better. Stay tuned for more developments.

The Finance Committee is working on a mid-year projection against our 2015 budget. Expenses have increased because of several factors – the severe winter, the damage to the church due to ice and snow on the roof, and the new rector's compensation package because of the level of experience. The projection will be presented to the vestry in the May meeting.

We have purchased two new laptop computers. One for Denise+ and one for Jim Barry. The old rector laptop will go to Matt Cornish. Both Matt's and Jim's computers have been limping along for quite some time.



In the feedback session of our meeting, there were many comments about the moving Holy Week and Easter services. The vestry wants to acknowledge and thank all of the hard work that goes into these services. The Altar Guild, the Worship Committee, the people who serve in the services, the Choir, the staff. Thank you so much for a very meaningful time. It has been a blessing to serve as your Senior Warden. I've learned so much and I'm so grateful for the support and love I have received. Oh and the prayers.....they were felt just at the right times. St. James' has AWESOME lay leadership in place and a new rector. I'm really excited about our future walking together in God's journey.

On the next page is a poem for times such as these from John O Donohue's book, *To Bless the Space Between Us*.

Blessings and love,

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Vestry Commission

Vestry Update *continued*

A Poem by John O Donohue From *To Bless the Space Between Us*

For A New Beginning

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promised that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of the beginning
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be hone in a new rhythm
For your soul sense the world that awaits you.



Worship Commission

The Next Joyful Noise!

Sunday, May 3, at the 10:15 a.m. service the Joyful Noise! Choir will sing. Join us that day to sing a simple song, Because He Lives, during the Offertory. All ages are welcome; no choir experience is needed. Come to the church by 9:45 to learn the song; you may sit in the congregation during the service.

You can listen to the song on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJqMmbujvug>

If you have any questions, please speak to our Minister of Music, Jim Barry.



Summer Hymn Requests

Do you have a favorite song/hymn?

During July and August we want to include your suggested hymns. There are more opportunities to sing (the choir is on vacation) during the summer, and we sing more familiar music during this time.

How do you request your hymn(s)?:

- Look through our pew hymnals (blue: The Hymnal 1982; multi-colored: Lift Every Voice and Sing II); ask for copies of Wonder, Love, and Praise or Voices Found; or find hymns in other sources.
- Pick out some of your favorites.
- Send an e-mail to our Minister of Music: Jim Barry [dirmusic@sbcglobal.net], or drop a note in his church mailbox. Here's what we'll need to know:
 - Hymnal and Hymn #
Let us know dates of at least 2-3 summer Sundays you will be attending the 9 a.m. service.
 - We will try to honor all requests. As we have never done this before, please be patient with us. Keep in mind, obscure songs will be harder to find and put together.

During the summer watch for the * after the hymn that will indicate this selection was requested as part of our Summer Hymn Request.

Due to summer staff vacations: please have your requests in by June 1.



Palm Sunday



Easter Sunday



Outreach Commission

Naubuc Green Apartments Board of Directors Appointment

One of the long standing Outreach programs at St. James' is the involvement in senior housing at the Naubuc Green facility on Welles St. More than thirty-five years ago, St. James joined a group of Glastonbury churches to sponsor the construction through HUD of a badly needed facility. It was a lengthy, difficult procedure, but finally resulted in a facility containing 110 one-bedroom apartments plus common areas. A former parishoner, Cameron Bailey, was instrumental in its success. It is ideally located within walking distance of the Glastonbury Senior Center and the new Riverside facilities. It has been recently updated and is in excellent condition. We should be proud to be involved.

Although the facility is managed by a professional firm, the churches are still involved through a Board of Directors who oversee the operations and promote the welfare of the residents. Our church is one that annually sponsors a birthday party held on a monthly basis. Don Jefferson has been on the Board for more than fifteen years and is now retiring. Bob Donovan, with his wealth of HUD experience, has served for three years, and will be joined by his wife Caryl with her nursing and caring background. A wonderful combination.

Many thanks to Don for his long devoted service.

April Showers bring May FLOWERS!!!

Mother's Day is coming! But you don't have to go running out to buy flowers for the mothers in your family just yet!

The Outreach Committee will be holding a Mother's Day flower event and will be selling beautiful hanging plants to benefit Outreach programs like Lunch in the Park and the Naubuc School Backpack Program. Watch for further announcements!

Outreach Spring Schedule

Please save these dates and support St. James' Outreach:

May 2 (Saturday) LUNCH IN THE PARK.

Led by the Outreach Committee, volunteers will make approximately 100 lunches on Saturday morning and will take them to Bushnell Park for distribution to those in need. Consider volunteering your time for an hour or two, or contributing a batch of homemade cookies, or making a financial contribution to offset costs of items purchased for the sandwiches.

May 3 and 10 Kids Helping Kids Food Drive

This food drive will continue for the first two Sundays in May. Children (and adults) are asked to add kid-friendly foods to the special basket in the foyer. Donations will go to "A Place of Grace," the food pantry associated with Grace Church in Hartford.

May 3 (Sunday) Walk against Hunger

Join St. James' Willing Walkers or sponsor a walker. Contact Jeannette Brown for information or to sign up as a walker or sponsor.

May 10 Mothers Day Plant Sale



Outreach Commission

Carol's Closet

Our vision is to provide paper goods and personal care items for low-income families and individuals whose limited income does not allow the purchase of these necessary household items. St. James' and our partners will respond to human need by loving service.

Preparations for the opening of Carol's Closet are continuing full speed ahead. At this time, our goal is to hold the first distribution in September. We are thrilled that First Church in Glastonbury is partnering with us in this ministry, and we are in discussion with several other Glastonbury congregations and hope that they will be joining in as partners!

Beginning this month, we will be requesting monthly donations of a specific item. During May, we are asking for donations of SHAMPOO. Our goal for SHAMPOO is 150 bottles. That will give us a 3-month distribution supply. So please, bring in that SHAMPOO and please place it in the clearly marked box in the foyer. Thank you!

If you are giving a monetary donation to support Carol's Closet, please place it in an envelope clearly marked for Carol's Closet. We ask that you please do not include it in your pledge envelope. If you are giving by check, please note Carol's Closet on the memo line of the check.



Carol Hilton

We continue looking to establish a partnership with local Glastonbury businesses or larger corporations/businesses in the wider region who would be willing to make a monetary donation or donation of goods. If you know of any possibilities, please give us their names so that we can contact them. You may contact Marie Dixon at cwdancer6@icloud.com or 860-513-1502.

Looking ahead to June, we will be requesting bars of soap.

We welcome additional persons to join the committee. We want to hear your ideas and input as we begin this exciting new ministry at St. James'!

Ways you can help this month:

- Pray
- Bring in those bottles of SHAMPOO!!
- Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m.

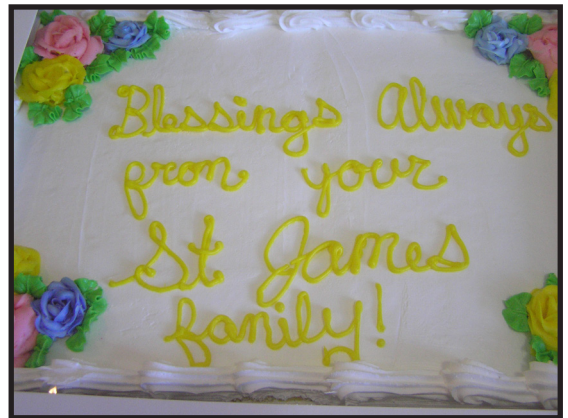
Other News

Congratulations to Parishioners Carl Benker and Elizabeth Wegner

Carl Benker and Elizabeth Wegner have won the first prize in Energize Connecticut's fifth annual Zero Energy Challenge. This is a statewide challenge for homeowners to create homes with the least energy possible. In a competing field of 11 homes, the Benkers and their builder Glastonbury Housesmith won with the lowest projected annual net operating cost for a residence in a field of 11 competitors.

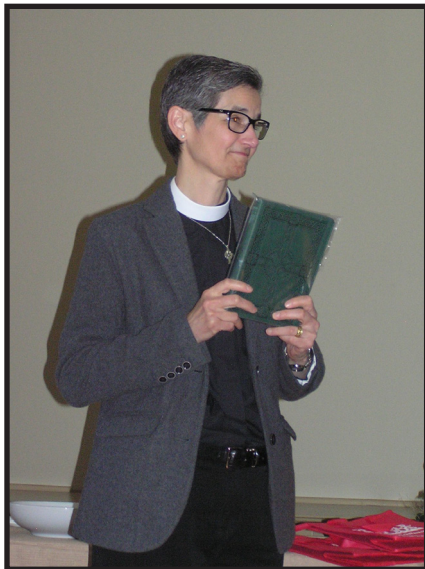


Farewell to Keri



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St. James' Episcopal Church Vestry and Commission Structure 2015

Executive Committee: Gail Lebert (Senior Warden - '16, 4th term), Gage McEaja (Junior Warden - '16, 3rd term), Steve Claiborne (Treasurer - '16, 2nd term),
Additional Officers: Bob Dugger (Nominating Treasurer - '16, 4th term), Sandy Marshall (Clock - '16, 1st term)
Delegates to Diocesan Conventions: Ed Coor (2nd term, 3rd year), Caryl Dunnean (2nd term, 2nd year), Fred Larson (1st term, 1st year)

Memberships	Christian Formation	Outreach	Sponsorships	Facilities	Fiduciaryship	Administration	Communications	Parish Care	Ad Larga	Alt Larga	Trustees
Parishwide ('16)	Bruce Wright ('17)	Don Shuman ('16)	Steve Claiborne ('16)	Gage McEaja ('16)	Andy Costello ('16)	Chris Turner ('17)	Bob McDowell ('17)	Bob Perkins ('16)	Ralph Wilson ('16)	Bill Condon ('17)	Paul Lebert ('16)
Bookends Members, Laymen, Ministerial (Jim Smith)	Pro-K - Ouch & Buddy Long	Colin Barbara Budding	Prayer (Neil Shuman)	Grounds (Barbara Cook)	Celia Hor (Jim)	Helen Reeves (Neil Shuman)	Network (Justin Cook)	Life/Practical Care (Judy Knowlton)			Discussed Rita Grady, Buddy Long
Acolyte (Bob Cooney)	Art is the Thing (Judy Cooney)	Remembrance (Jennifer Brown)	Remembrance (Jennifer Brown)	Building/Interior Design (Judy Cooney)	Practical Needs (Judy Jo Logan)	Podiatry & Procedures (Judy)	Philosophy (Dan Manning)	Help With (Alison Riddle, Cory Cooney)			Reverend Bill Coor, Cory Coor
Unconsecrated (Pete Manning)	Event History (Judy Peck)	Planned Giving (Fred Larson)	Planned Giving (Fred Larson)	Men's Club (Bill Coor)	Men's Club (Bill Coor)	Trust Report (Judy)	Bulletin Board (Judy Cooney)	Men's (Stephen Moore, Judy Jo Logan)			Highly Fred Grady, Judy Manning
After School (John Hyman)		Men's Club & Bible (John Miller)	Men's Club & Bible (John Miller)		Men's Club (John Peck, Bob McDowell)	Policy Review (Judy Knowlton)	Website (Judy)	Prayer Chain (Chris Cooney)			Prayer Buddy Peck, Chris Cooney
Prayer Committee (Daryl Derwin)					Prayer Review (Judy Knowlton)		Public Relationships (Judy)	Healing Prayer (Judy Knowlton)			
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