

The Network

St. James' Episcopal Church









Summer 2015



Current 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

Summer Service Schedule begins June 14

Sundays 9:00 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.

From the Rector, Denise Cabana

Rector's Ramblings

I am so excited to be here with you, and I thank you for your wonderful warm welcome to me and my family. My first Sunday my parents, sisters, brother-in-law and eight friends from Trinity Branford were at the 10:15 service, and they all commented on what a great church we found. My brother-in-law wants to make St. James' their church, and they live in Easthampton, MA!

I think most of you met my husband Doug. He will be with us about every other weekend for the rest of the year as he travels back to MD to work. My mother-in-law Mary will be with us every weekend as she lives with me in Rocky Hill. They are both also happy to be here in CT and with you at St. James.

If you stop by the office during the week, you will meet our dog Sammy. He comes to church with me. He is extremely friendly. He may bark when you come in, but it is just his way of letting me know someone is here and greeting you. I am training him not to jump so even if you are a dog lover, don't give him any attention if he is jumping on you. He is doing pretty well, but he gets very excited to see people.

We also have two cats, Alex and Bo. Alex has stayed in MD with Doug to keep him company and to get a break from her brothers, and Bo is with us here in CT.

We are blessed to now be 20 minutes away from our four grandchildren who live in Windsor Locks and 45 minutes or less from the rest of my family. Doug's family members are also all within 30 minutes of us being primarily in the Enfield area. We feel in so many ways that we have come home and are very thankful that God has led us here.

As I said in my homily on that first Sunday, I plan to take this first year to get to know you, hear your stories, and see how things work here at St. James'. I would love to meet you for coffee or come by and visit, so feel free to contact me if you are interested in doing that. As we get to know each other over this next year, we will find our rhythm and learn what new things God is calling us to. I think this is a very exciting time here in Glastonbury!

Peace, Denise+







Vestry Commission

Vestry Update

On May 18 the Vestry held its first meeting with new ordained and lay leadership: Denise Cabana, our new rector, Ralph Urban and Don Gardner, the new senior and junior wardens respectively, and Dan Aramini, the new at-large Vestry member (replacing Ralph).

As is the custom at St. James', Denise opened the meeting with a prayer, and introductions were made all around.

While parish leaders, parish members and Denise all get to know one another, the Vestry rolled up its collective sleeves and got right to work. Denise has already met with certain groups within the parish, including the Worship Commission, and is scheduling meetings with all the Commission heads to get acquainted with those leaders and understand where they are with their various projects and missions. Other topics at the Vestry meeting included facilities issues and challenges, signage, stewardship and the excitement surrounding Denise's arrival.

The Vestry and Denise also scheduled some social time together, to further connect and reconnect (to include Denise's husband Doug), and to thank Gail Lebert and Gayle Kataja for their extraordinary and faithful commitment and service to this community of faith.

The Vestry is your elected lay leadership, so please be in touch with us with your feedback, concerns and ideas. We love to hear from you.

Faithfully, Ralph Urban













Mother's Day













Outreach Commission

Walk Against Hunger

- The weather was wonderful: sunny and warm perfect for walking. Bea Farlekas, Blakeley Crevoiserat, and I all laced up our walking shoes to join the Walk Against Hunger. After a light lunch in the parish hall, we carpooled into Hartford, registered for the Walk, and turned in our donations. Then we spent some time participating in an educational scavenger hunt that highlighted information about some of Foodshare's beneficiaries. We also visited with the staff of Hands on Hartford and with other non-profit folks working to alleviate hunger in central Connecticut.
- At 2:05 p.m., together with more than 4,000 intrepid walkers we left Hartbeat Park, a beautiful green space next to The Hartford Insurance Co., and walked down the hill and around Bushnell Park, returning to Hartbeat Park less than an hour later. This activity really didn't take that long. We left St. James' at about 1:00 p.m. and returned shortly after 3:00 p.m. It was a great few hours doing outreach, fellowshipping, and exercising in the fresh air.
- Thanks so very much to all who contributed to this year's "Walk Against Hunger". All told as of Sunday May 10, we had raised about \$900 between cash, checks and online donations. Although this falls far short of our \$1500 goal, both Foodshare and Hands on Hartford very much appreciate your donations.
- The money raised goes directly to support both Foodshare and Hands on Hartford's MANNA programs that benefit the hungry. Foundations and government resources often don't find basic needs programs exciting enough to subsidize. MANNA is quite dependent on donations and the generosity of those who care about "the least among us." A successful Walk Against Hunger raises a portion of MANNA'S \$150,000 annual grocery bill. Your gift helps all the folks that MANNA serves.
- Thanks again for the generosity and kindness of those who supported our efforts and helped make this Walk happen. The Walk is scheduled every year for the first Sunday in May. Next year, would you consider walking with us? Participating in the Walk Against Hunger is a compact way to exercise your outreach muscles.



It was a cookie walk.

Jeannette Brown
Outreach Committee





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Lunch in the Park



The group pictured above is getting ready to serve lunches to the homeless in Bushnell Park on May 2. This is such a rewarding ministry. If you are interested in joining us, contact Marie Dixon.

Kids Helping Kids

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all the kids (and grownups, too!) who helped make this food drive a success. Lots of kid-friendly food items such as macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, and cereal were donated over the past few weeks to benefit The Grace Church Food Pantry which was an organization of special interest to Carol Hilton.

The idea of kids reaching out to other kids in need is an important lesson for our young children to learn as they grow up and learn about the world around them. Thank you again to all who contributed; Those that donated food, to Barbara Buddington who stepped in to deliver each week, and Matt Cornish and the other teachers who help every week in teaching our children how to care about others.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Thank you to all who bought the beautiful hanging baskets of flowers this Mothers' Day! Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund Outreach programs such as Lunch in the Park and the Naubuc Knapsack Program which help provide food for people in need locally in Glastonbury and in Hartford. Also, thank you to our anonymous donor who bought flowers for our clergy and their families. It is truly a blessing that we have such generous parishioners!

The Shawl Ministry

The Shawl ministry continues to knit shawls, lap robes,baby blankets, hats, and scarves during the summer months. Our last meeting before the summer is June 8 at 10 a.m. We are having coffee and sweets in the parish hall. This ministry welcomes new members, knitters as well as those newcomers wishing to learn to knit. The ministry welcomes any donations since the cost of each shawl or lap robe is over \$20.00. Please contact Kay Ferris if you are interested in joining or supporting this ministry.

Pat Goodrich for Kay Ferris



Walk against hunger



Outreach Commission

News from Carol's Closet

Mission

It is our mission to respond to human need through loving service. <u>Vision</u>

In partnership with local faith-based communities and business or civic groups, our ministry provides paper goods and personal care items for low-income households.

Thank you for your supportive prayers and ongoing contributions to the needs of this new parish-wide ministry! With God's help and your continuing charitable contributions, the hope is to hold the first distribution in September! We welcome your ideas and suggestions!

During the summer we will be requesting monthly donations of a specific item(s). We will also continue to accept shampoo from the May request. Please note that the quantities requested below will provide enough for a three-month distribution supply. Donated items can be placed in the marked container in the church foyer.

June- Bars of soap (150 bars)
July- Toothpaste and toothbrushes (150 tubes, 250 brushes)
August- Depends or Poise adult incontinence products

Monetary donations to support Carol's Closet are welcome and should be placed in an envelope clearly marked for Carol's Closet. (**Please do not include it in your pledge envelope.**) *If giving by check, please note Carol's Closet on the memo line of the check.*

You are invited to the next meeting on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about Carol's Closet and the various ways you can lend a hand. For more information, please contact Marie Dixon at cwdancer6@icloud.com or 860-513-1502, or others on the committee: Bea Farlekas, Sandy Marshall, Janet Ritchie, Susan Wright, and Becky Lee.

Tip: Dollar Tree stores are one economical source to purchase some of the above requested items such as bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo. (We have found that the facial and toilet tissue and paper towel products sold there are too thin.) You may want to call them to check on availability of items or check out the store website: http://www.dollartree.com.

Dollar Tree locations convenient to Glastonbury are:

Town Line Plaza, 80 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill, Ct 860-529-7691 Jordan Lane Shopping Center, 1396 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, Ct 860-956-233 The Manchester Parkade, 348 Middle Turnpike West, Manchester 860-533-9143 Charter Oak Mall, 940 Silver Lane, East Hartford 860-568-2681

Ocean State Job Lot stores may also be a source for some products.



St. James' Episcopal Church Vestry and Commission Structure 2015

Executive Committee:

Additional Officers:

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Ralph Urban (Senior Warden - '16, 1st term), Don Gardner (Junior Warden - '16, 1st term), Steve Ciccalone (Treasurer - '16, 2nd term), Bob Dugger (Assistant Treasurer - '16, 4th term), Sandy Marshall (Clerk - '16, 1st term)

Ed Crow (2nd term, 3rd year), Caryl Donovan (2nd term, 3rd year), Becky Lee (2nd term, 2nd year), Fred Larson (1st term, 1st year)

Worship	Christian Formation	Outreach	Stewardship	Facilities	Fellowship	Administration	Communication	Pastoral Care	At Large	At Large
Pat Goodrich ('16)	Susan Wright ('17)	Dan Shannon ('16)	Steve Ciccalone ('16)	Don Gardner ('16)	Don Gardner ('16) Sandy Ouellette ('16)	Cheryl Turner ('17)	Bob McDowell ('17)	Bea Farlekas ('18)	Dan Aramini ('16)	Erin Conlon ('17)
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors (John O'Donnell)	Pre-K - Grade 5 (Becky Lee)	Outreach (Barbara Buddington)	Finance (Rick Edwards)	Grounds (Barbara Cooke)	Coffee Hour (open)	Human Resources (Nick Daukas)	Network (Janice Davis)	EVs / Pastoral Care (Judy Knowtton)		
Acolytes (Rich Connell)	Middle School (Dan Aramini)	Art in the Abbey (Sandy Ouellette)	Stewardship (Jeannette Brown)	Building (Don Gardner)	Potluck Meals (Mary Jo Logan)	Policies & Procedures (open)	Photography (Dan Aramini)	Note Writers (Allyson Kataja, Caryl Donovan)		
Ushers/Greeters (Aida Mishriky)	High School (Lisa Gleason, Sarah Shannon)	Shawl Ministry (Kay Ferris)	Planned Giving (Fred Larson)	Building/Interior Design (Sandy Ouellette)	Men's Club (Ed Crow)	Tech Support (open)	Bulletin Boards (Sandy Ouellette)	Meals (Barbara Massy, Mary Jo Logan)		
Altar Guild (Betsey Wyman)	Adult (Erin Conlon)	Carol's Closet (Marie Dixon, Becky Lee)	Memorials & Gifts (Joan Mihm)		Newcomers (Anne Pate, Bob McDowell)	Friday Folders (Judy Knowlton)	Website (open)	Prayer Chain (Diane Obernesser)		
Flower Committee (Caryl Donovan)	Adult Bible Study (Clint Dixon)				Friday Folders (Judy Knowlton)		Public Relations/Publicity (open)	Healing Prayer (Judy Knowlton)		
Music Committee (Jim Barry)	Women of Faith (Sarah Shannon)						Social Media (open)	Women's Spiritual Support Group (Jennifer Daukas)		

May 21, 2015

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Steve Ciccalone, Treasurer
Sandy Marshall, Clerk
senior Warden
senior War

Office Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday as of June 8, 2015.

Pastoral Emergency: Call the church office, 860-633-8333, and then dial 9 any time during the message. Your call will be routed to the clergyperson on call.

