

Advent, Christmas, 2017 and Epiphany, 2018

The Network



St. James' Episcopal Church

2584 Main Street, P.O. Box 206, Glastonbury, CT

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
<i>Lessons & Carols Service</i>	<i>December 3, 10:15 am</i>	
<i>Advent Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 @4:30 pm</i>	
<i>Sunday, December 24</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	
<i>Christmas Eve Services</i>	<i>5:00 pm and 10:00 pm</i>	
<i>Christmas Morning</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	

Office closed: Friday, December 22 through Monday, January 1.

Our sound system is equipped with a supplemental system to aid those who need **hearing assistance** during the service. The personal units have been upgraded and are **available from the ushers**.

Safe Church Policy requires that minor children should not leave the sanctuary during worship unaccompanied by a parent. Ushers will ask unaccompanied children to go back into the church and get a parent. We appreciate your compliance with this policy.

St. James' Vision

We are a Christian community committed to our individual faith journeys through learning, sharing and listening to God and one another. We live this faith through hospitality and acceptance, challenging ourselves and one another to join God in God's mission in our neighborhoods and the world.



Advent and Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

Advent Lessons and Carols/Canticles and Holy Eucharist

8 A.M. (Canticles) and 10:15 A.M. (Carols)

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

Regular services at 8 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

Regular services at 8 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Christmas Pageant with Living Nativity

(in partnership with St. Luke's Church)

3:00 p.m. at Beacon Woods Stables, 99 Beacon Woods Lane, South Glastonbury

Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

Regular service at 9:00 A.M.

Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist

5 P.M. with Choirs and Harp

10 P.M. with Choir

15-minute musical prelude before each service – please arrive early!

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist

10 A.M. with Carols

Sunday, December 31 – First Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist with Carol Sing

Family service at 9 A.M.

First three Sundays in Advent (December 3, 10, 17) – Evening Prayer at 4:30 p.m.

No Holy Eucharist: Wednesday, December 27.



*A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols will be presented on **Sunday, December 3**, at the 10:15 AM service. This traditional service follows that of King's College, Cambridge, with readings and musical responses by either the choir or congregational carols. All are welcome to join us for this Advent service as we await the coming of our Savior.*



*Blessings
for our
Shawl
Ministry's Work*



at St. James' Episcopal Church

Join us for an elegant Christmas Tea
on December 9
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The tea will be traditional and fragrant,
The dainties beautiful and tasty,
The service fine and cheerful,
The entertainments delightful.

Tickets
\$25.00

Enjoy the lovely music of Kasha Breau, harpist; join us in singing traditional Christmas carols; learn from John Mirna of David's Tea, about the history of tea, and its significance in many cultures, including our own. Participate in our Silent Auction, where you can pick up attractive holiday gifts for the discriminating taste, as well as fine seasonal decorations for your home.

Christmas Tea is a fundraiser for the tuition, room and board of Guimond Pierre Louis, the Haitian Seminary student sponsored by St. James'.

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For Tickets call Caryl at 860-633-4844



New for St. James'

- ✓ The "Fifth Sunday Breakfast" *will now be:* the "Last Sunday Breakfast." Every last Sunday of the month at 9:00 *there will be a breakfast with conversation about our spiritual life.*
- ✓ Many people pay their pledge electronically and therefore on Sundays do not place anything in the collection plate. This makes some folks uncomfortable when the plate comes along. So, in the atrium by the bulletins and in the "back" of the church by the "front" door by the bulletins, will be laminated cards, the size of an envelope. You can pick one up and put it in the collection plate when it comes by. These will be recycled each week by "the counters" for the next week.

Baptisms

on November 5



*REFUGE fundraiser for
Episcopal Relief and Development*

Christmas Pageant

It's that time again! The time where shepherds and angels and sheep and goats and llama and ducks and bunnies all help us take a moment to focus on the importance of the season at hand. It's Pageant Time! And, we need you to make it happen!

If you are interested in participating and have not yet signed up, please do so in the lobby at church! There are many roles still available for children and adults.

So, jump on board the Bethlehem express, and join us for what has become a wonderful and heart-warming tradition for the Episcopal community of Glastonbury and beyond.

- ✓ Sunday, December 3rd 9:00 am @St. James'
- ✓ Sunday, December 10th at 1pm @ St. James'
- ✓ Saturday, December 16th at 1pm @Beacon Woods Stable (Dress Rehearsal)
- ✓ Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 pm at Beacon Woods Stables

While it's not necessary for everyone to be at every rehearsal, I encourage all participants to join us for as many as possible. The more we rehearse with all, the better we become!

Sign up! Show Up! Brighten Up...everyone's holiday season!

REFUGE Christmas Festival

This year, the member of REFUGE, the youth of St. James' have decided to host a Christmas gathering for all in the St. James' Community who wish to join us. You and your whole family can come for an afternoon or evening of holiday cheer. It's relaxing, it's enjoyable, it's for everyone.

The date and time are TBA and will be shared ASAP, so keep your ear to the ground!

Family Advent Day @ Camp Washington: December 3rd from 2pm-6pm

- - An afternoon of Advent crafts, candle & wreath making, worship and dinner.



*A very special Wednesday evening of Christian Formation
on November 8*



First
Halloween
for Matt and
Melissa's
baby Imogen

Iype was our lasagna
leader for the Carol's Closet
fundraiser dinner in September!

Thanks for the donations
from "Carla's Pasta!"



Carol's Closet



We're still growing... On November 18, we helped 72 guests (139 including their households), with 86 bags. 86 bags cost us \$570. *Please continue to support us!*

And, check out the Carol's Closet article in the new edition of CRUX!

Baking Help Needed *for Carol's Closet*

We would like to put together bags of cookies for our Carol's Closet guests for Christmas. If you are able to help, we will need 45 dozen cookies, altogether. Please leave them at church for our December 13 "bagging" evening so we may organize the cookies for December 16.

Faith in Action

Thanks to everyone who made our fall events so successful – those who planned them, those who volunteered time or in-kind items to support them, and who supported them financially by purchasing or donating.

This has been a very busy fall!

- The **September 17 Mum Sale** brought in \$168 to support **Lunch in the Park** expenses. Marie Dixon organized volunteers to meet on October 7 to prepare 75 bag lunches and to distribute them to those in need following the Church by the Pond service in Bushnell Park in Hartford.
- Bea Farlekas organized another successful **Pet Adoption** event on October 14, and many, many people helped with set up, clean up, and provision of food for volunteers/staff of the participating agencies.
- The **Rice & Beans / Chili Cook-off** on October 15 raised \$600, which was donated to support *St. Vincent's Centre for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti*. This was a joint project with Trinity Church in Wethersfield.
- Jeannette Brown and her crew of volunteers and food-donators support the **Red Cross** in another successful **blood drive** on October 27.
- **Operation Christmas Child** (aka "shoebox") project, organized by Blakeley Crevoiserat, collected 15 shoeboxes for distribution. Parishioners were asked to fill a shoebox with small gifts for a child and return it to the church. These boxes were delivered to a distribution center where they are wrapped, labeled (with appropriate age and gender of the child), and then sent all over the world to spread the love of Christ.
- And of course, **Carol's Closet** monthly collections and distributions continue, organized by Marie Dixon.

Faith in Action upcoming events:

- **Christmas High Tea on December 9** to support Guimond Pierre Louis's study at Hartford Seminary.
- **Winter clothing collection** (ongoing) – contact Judy Knowlton if you have questions.
- Possible **Soup Sundays** to be scheduled in January and February.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** – February 13. Proceeds support **Heads Up! Hartford**.
- We encourage you to support the Town of Glastonbury (Social Services) program to collect donations of food/gifts/money for those in need this Christmas season.

Blood Drive on December 27th

Schedule some time on **Wednesday Dec. 27th from 1:00 - 6:00pm** to donate blood. Helping to save a life can be the best Christmas gift ever! Can't stand the sight of blood? ☺ You can still support those who give by:

- ✚ helping with set up or clean up or
- ✚ providing sandwiches or homemade goodies that we serve in the canteen or
- ✚ greeting the donors at the registration desk/welcome center or
- ✚ offering hospitality at the canteen in the parish hall

This type of volunteering supports both the Red Cross staff and the donors; it makes the whole process run smoother. Look for the sign-up sheets in the foyer or contact Jeannette Brown jeannette.brown167@yahoo.com or (860) 519-7114 for more information.

...And at Camp Washington

Advent Retreat: December 15-16, 2017: Embracing our discipleship & apostleship in a time of waiting and anticipation - an Advent Retreat with Bishop Laura J. Ahrens.

Truths of the Wind - A Teen Retreat: January 19-21, 2018: An opportunity for teens to connect and learn how they can work together and with God to spread a message of love and acceptance in our world. For High School Students in Grades 9-12

Winter Rest and Renewal Weekend: January 26-28, 2018: An opportunity for anyone to get away and simply enjoy a time of personal retreat at Camp Washington. Share fellowship around the fire or simply find a space to meditate and relax.



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