

Advent, Christmas, 2018 and Epiphany, 2019

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

Lessons & Carols Service December 2, 10:15 am

Christmas Pageant December 16, Beacon Woods Stables, 3:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm

Christmas Morning 9:00 am

Office closed: Friday, December 21 through Tuesday, January 1.

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.



RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

As most of you know, Doug and I recently returned from a three week vacation, most of which was spent in Norway. It was truly wonderful. The country is just beautiful, the people are friendly and kind (despite what we heard before we left), the weather was great (if you like winter, which we do), and it was very restful. It truly felt like a gift. And I was happy to get home again. The wonderful thing about returning was not just to hear that I was missed while away, which is always nice, but rather to hear what a wonderful community of faithful, kind, loving, and generous people you are.

As much as it is crucial for everyone to take time off, including clergy, it is also not easy. Before you leave there are always people with health issues not doing well, things happening that still need attention, coverage to set up for services and emergencies, that need to be taken care of the best you can before you leave. No matter how much you prepare, you never feel like you did enough. Then you leave, trusting in God and in the community you are leaving, and you wonder how it will all go while you are away.

A lot happened while I was gone. Janet Donston's mom, Lillian, passed away, Gert Goodrich was in the hospital, as was Kay Ferris. Two Sundays came and went, there was a Last Sunday Breakfast, a blood drive, a Vestry meeting, a meeting about a new feeding ministry, and many other things I missed. Yet I heard over and over again how this community came together, pitched in and did what needed doing. People reached out in love, cared for and provided for one another. People checked in and helped out where needed. In other words, you were church at its very best.

This is what it means to be a community of faith. This is what it is to be a church family. This is why church, coming to church, and being a part of a church does make a difference. Oh, sure, it's not all about us, it's not all about focusing inward, but it is both/and, not either/or, and over these past few weeks, you nailed it. I am so grateful to return to this wonderful community of faith, who - yes - may have missed me, but in the very best sense, does not need me.

Much love and gratitude, Denise+

A Service of

Advent Lessons & Carols

*will be presented on **Sunday, December 2**, 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.*

A Christmas Tea

On Saturday, December 8, 2018

In the Parish Hall

2:00p.m. until 4:00p.m., Tickets are \$25.00, Silent Auction



Advent and Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday, December 2 – First Sunday of Advent

Advent Lessons and Carols/Canticles and Holy Eucharist

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

Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

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

Sunday, December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

Morning Prayer 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 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

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

Monday, December 24 -Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist

5 P.M. with Choirs and Harp

9 P.M. with Choir

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

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist

9 A.M. with Carols

Sunday, December 30 – First Sunday after Christmas

Regular services at 8 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. with Carol Sing

(Family Service at 10:15 A.M.)

Last Sunday breakfast at 9 A.M. with Carol Sing

Saturday, January 5 – 12th Night Supper

5 P.M. in the parish hall

No Holy Eucharist: Wednesday, December 26.

Office closed: Friday, December 21 through Tuesday, January 1.

Faith in Action:

COAT COLLECTION

The weather is turning cool and fall is here. Winter will arrive before we know it and the homeless people in Hartford will need warm clothing and coats.

Beginning Sunday, December 2, the Faith in Action Committee will once again be collecting gently used coats, sweatshirts, hats and gloves for all ages. Search your coat closets and bring your donations to church, putting them in the bin in the foyer. New underwear and socks for both men and women are also greatly needed. Thank you for helping those in need. Contact Judy Knowlton (860 295-0489) with questions.

PRAYER CHAIN

From Diane Obernesser:

The Prayer Chain at St. James' is a group of people who pray daily from a list of people in need of prayers due to illness, family issues, mental health problems or any other reason. This list is private & not discussed outside of the group. We meet occasionally to pray together for the list. Please contact me or Denise to add a family member, friend or neighbor to the list. We don't need detailed information, unless you wish to share that. I do request that if you put someone on the list that you contact me with up-dates &/or when you would like to remove someone from the list (recovery, death). That helps to keep everything up to date. If you would like to join the group, please call me.

In October...





"Operation Christmas Child" Boxes

Refuge



Christmas Pageant

Our Living Nativity Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m. at **Beacon Woods Stables** in South Glastonbury in partnership with St. Luke's Church. Rehearsals:

- ✓ Saturday, December 1, @10:30 a.m., St. James'
 - ✓ Sunday, December 9 @12:00 p.m., St. Luke's
 - ✓ Saturday, December 15 @10:30 a.m., Beacon Woods
- Sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer.
 - Questions to Jill Monsarrat (alfnan42@gmail.com)



St. James' @ Yard Goats Game (August)

- ***Mondays:*** Denise holds office hours at Daybreak, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Stop by!
- ***Every Wednesday*** something is happening at St. James' Church: Adult Forums, Dinner at Panera, or Vestry meeting. Watch the calendar.
- ***Annual Meeting*** is on January 27. We will have one service @9:00, followed by breakfast and the meeting in the Parish Hall.
- ***Bad Weather*** sometimes cancels events or services, check NBC, CBS, FOX



Carol's Closet celebrates 3 years!

Blood Drive

...Is on **December 21**. You can help by...

- ✓ Donating blood,
- ✓ Greeting participants,
- ✓ Making cookies and sandwiches
- ✓ Sign up in the foyer; direct questions to Jeannette Brown.

*Come celebrate **12th Night** on **January 5**. We'll celebrate on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall the arrival of the Magi and the announcement of the Christ child to the world. We'll have dinner, hear the story, and crown a king or queen, and sing! So, please sign up by December 30th. We ask that you bring a side dish for the pork roast we'll be serving. We'll provide dessert and drinks.*



Remember August?

Dan and
the Rev. Walter
taking a
“selfie” !



Faith in Action

It has been a busy fall. Our fall **Mum Sale** and October **Soup Sunday** combined raised a little over \$350 to support *Lunch in the Park*. Bea Farlekas organized another successful **Pet Adoption Event** with the joint participation of members of St. Paul's, right across the street. The **Chili / Rice & Beans Cook-off** – a joint project with Trinity Church, Wethersfield, raised \$874 for *Hands on Hartford* and two of the St. James' cooks won prizes for their recipes (Blakeley Crevoiserat and Janice Davis). All of us ate way too much of the excellent food contributed, and had a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship.

By the time you read this, we will have finished with our **November Soup Sunday** and the in-gathering for *Operation Christmas Child* (aka “the shoebox project”). We also will have encouraged each of you to contribute to FoodShare's annual Turkey and a Thirty drive on November 18. If you missed the Turkey collection that day, please consider making a donation of any amount to *FoodShare*, as they provide food all year round to those in need.

Our annual **warm winter clothing drive** is again underway. Some of this clothing goes to our *Carol's Closet friends*, and some it taken to *Christ Church Cathedral* in Hartford for distribution.

Keep in mind that all these projects need more volunteers, so please help whenever you can. Even a donation of an hour or two of your time can make a great difference.

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Pastoral Emergency: Call the church office (860-633-8333) and dial 4 any time during the message. Your call will be routed to the clergyperson on call.