

*Fall, 2017*

# The Network



***St. James' Episcopal Church***

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

## Service Schedule

<b>Sundays</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

**Sunday, September 10      One service at 10:00 am on the Lawn**

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*** (2016)

*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.*





Summer  
@ St. James'





# RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

It is always a little strange for me to be writing a piece for the newsletter so far in advance of the season in which it will be published. I write this at the end of July for the September newsletter, not unlike the Bible when passages were written at a specific time and are now being read by people far removed from that time. Although Paul was absolutely writing to a specific group to deal with a particular issue, and the writers of the Gospels were writing for a particular audience, they had to have some hope that future generations would read their words, and perpetuate the message of Jesus Christ.

It is hard to write with the future in mind. We can address what we hope might be relevant, but we can't be sure. Questions arise such as - Will readers understand this reference? What new event or tragedy will have happened that would be better addressed? This is the beauty and the struggle with Scripture. Although the truths revealed to us in Scripture never change, finding those truths can sometimes be challenging; the stories used to illustrate those truths, although perfectly clear and understandable to first century listeners, are not so clear to those of hearing them today.

It is why engaging in Bible study is so very important. Our vision statement says we are a community that takes our faith journeys seriously. In order to do that, we need to be firmly grounded in the truths of Holy Scripture. We need to be clear about who Jesus is so we can better know who WE are, and who we strive to be. We need to hear how we are being challenged to grow and change, because no matter how long we



# RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS CONTINUED

have been on this journey, each of us is still a work in progress. We need to understand who we are individually and as a community of faith. We need to know how we are to live in this world, and that corporate worship (regular church attendance) is important but it is not enough. There has to be an intentional practice of reading, learning, sharing and struggling with this stuff.

*I am encouraging you, challenging you, to commit to one thing this Fall that will help you along this journey. Attend the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study. Join the Thursday Morning Book Group. Attend the Wednesday Evening Adult Formation. Come to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfasts. Start a group of folks who might want to meet monthly for dinner and some Bible study (I'd be happy to come along!) Be someone who catches the vision God has for us at St. James' Church and take your faith journey seriously.*

Peace,

Denise+

## Carol's Closet Benefit Dinner



***Save the Date:***

*Friday, September 22, 2017*

*for the second*

*Annual Benefit Dinner for  
Carol's Closet.*

*We will celebrate two years  
of this successful ministry,  
while we enjoy food and  
fellowship.*

Please join us for dinner and fellowship on September 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. "Carol's Closet," a paper pantry, continues to be one of St. James' most successful efforts to address the needs of our Glastonbury neighbors. We see God's work right in front of our eyes each month, as we provide this help.

We have been fortunate that our Glastonbury faith community partners, Buckingham Congregational, First Church Congregational, Kol Haverim, St. Luke's Episcopal, and St. Mark's Lutheran, have been generous with their item contributions and their helpers on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. But, being successful translates to growing numbers through our doors on Saturday mornings, requiring more resources.

Please won't you join us for our fund-raiser on Friday evening, September 22nd? ***There is no charge but please secure a ticket so that we may prepare enough food for all!***



# A Green St. James'



## COMMUNITY GARDEN BLOSSOMS!

St. James' Community Garden, a project of the church's new "Green Team," has been a great success. As I write this in mid-July, we have harvested a total of about 40 heads of lettuce, a few bunches of basil, and a few cucumbers and peppers. We have a lot of still unripe tomatoes and peppers, and hope to have a good crop of green beans. Some of the produce has gone/ will be going to **A Place of Grace** in Hartford, some to **FoodShare**, and some to **Hands on Hartford**. All of these organizations are delighted to be receiving our vegetables.

Thanks to all of the planters, weeders, waterers, harvesters, and transporters! And, thanks to Erin's uncle and to *Scott's Nursery* for donating many of the seedlings planted.

## Ted Mollegen website

- ✓ Here is a helpful site for Episcopal Churches by our own Ted Mollegen:  
[www.mollegen.net](http://www.mollegen.net)

# MUSIC AT ST. JAMES'

Thank you to the Gospelsers who have graced us with special music this summer, and to Don Jefferson for coordinating these events.

Choirs begin their season in September: Adult, Choristers, and Children's Choir, and the Joyful Noise! Choir in October. New members are welcome to participate. Please contact Jim Barry with any questions about any of the choirs, or to arrange to play an instrument. Your participation is important to us! Watch the E-blast and the Sunday leaflets for information about the choirs' schedules.

**Adult** | *High School and above*

**Choristers** | *Grade 4 through High School*

**Children's** | *Grade 3 and younger*

**Joyful Noise!** | *All ages*



## *Reformation*

### *Service*

*October 29, 2017*

*4:00 p.m., St. Mark's Church*

Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year,  
the combined adult choirs of First Church Congregational,  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church,  
and St. James' Episcopal Church

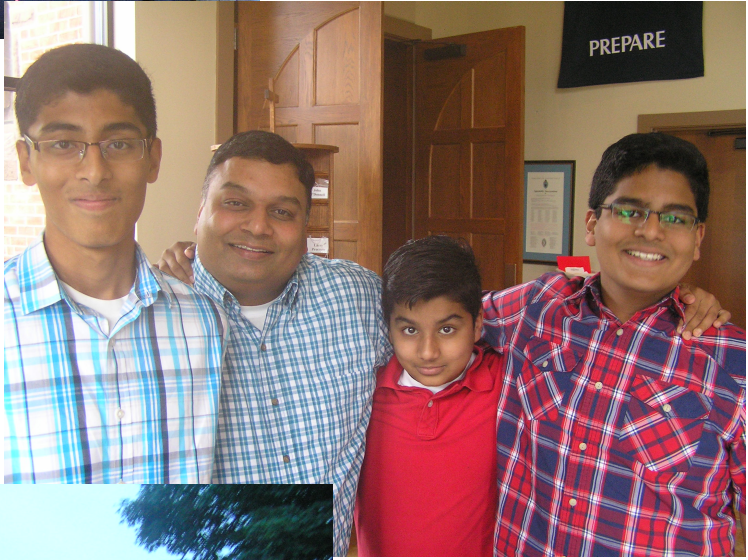
will present a Reformation Service. Anthems and congregational hymns will be sung, including music and texts by Martin Luther. The churches' music directors have been meeting during the summer to plan this event. We look forward to this combined choir opportunity.





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Our Seniors, Chris Connell and  
Jarid Ouellette



# Welcome!

## Guimond Pierre Louis

### Candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church in Haiti

Guimond will be here until May, 2018 to complete a Master's Degree Certificate Program at *Hartford Seminary*. While here, Guimond will be a part of our St. James' community. Guimond was born into a modest family. He has three brothers and one sister and he is the third child. His mother is a shopkeeper and his father, a farmer. Acquiring an education was not easy for his parents and that is why they are Guimond's "first heroes." He completed primary school and high school in his hometown where an Episcopal priest made education possible. After the completion of high school in 2007, the same people paid his tuition to attend University to learn Accounting and complete a Bachelor's degree.

As Guimond grew up, he watched Father Albert in his ministry and was "impressed, astonished and affected by his wonderful ministry" and Guimond decided to become a priest. He entered the seminary in November, 2011 and met the Rev. Denise Cabana. Since then, they have remained good friends. When he learned of the "International Peacemaking Program" at Hartford Seminary, he applied and was admitted to *Hartford Seminary* to start a nine-month study. He will return to serve his Haitian diocese with more skills and abilities.

Guimond writes, "(the) Rev. Cabana and Saint James' Episcopal Church in Glastonbury was the helping hand who had made this possible and to whom I will always remain thankful. I just turn 29. Looking back to my life as an episode, I realize how blessed I am. So I want and decide to become a blessing to everyone I meet to the measure of my possibility, by being present. I thank God for everyone he has placed on my road and the ones I will meet in the future. Thank you everyone! I love you all!"

*Guimond begins his journey with St. James' on August 27, 2017.*

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| ✓ Sunday September 10 <sup>th</sup> | <u>Worship at 10:00 ONLY</u> on the lawn with the Parish Picnic to follow. Bring a chair and a dish to share. |
| ✓ Sunday September 17 <sup>th</sup> | Commission Sunday for all of our ministries (and Mum Sale)  |



# ALTAR GUILD

- The Altar Guild is looking for new members for this ministry. We encourage our youth and men to join us, too!
- The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 9 at 9 a.m. in the parish hall.
- All current members, as well as, ***anyone interested in becoming a member of this ministry***, are invited.
- Please contact Cheri Cooper, Joan Crow, or Pat Goodrich, if you have would like to join this ministry or have any questions.

## Wednesday Evening Adult Formation

- ❖ At our 5th Sunday breakfast on July 30<sup>th</sup>, we gathered for food and conversation about our **Vision Statement** — what it meant to us, individually, and how the church can help folks live more fully into this vision. We decided we needed to offer more opportunities for learning about our faith.
- ❖ So, beginning on **Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 and continuing every Wednesday through the end of the year, we are offering an adult education opportunity.**
- ❖ Each week will stand on its own. That is, you don't have to attend them all. You come when you can and come to the ones that peak your interest. Some will be on Scripture, some will be on spirituality, some on church, and some on theology.
- ❖ We will use movies, short readings, conversation and other techniques for learning. You don't have to be an expert on ANYTHING; *it is for those seeking to learn.*
- ❖ Watch the e-blast and announcements each week to see what the topic will be and join us when you can.



## ADOPT- A- PET EVENT

Fall Pet Adoption/Blessing of the Animals is  
Saturday, October 14th from 11am to 3pm

*Do stop by if you are looking to be adopted by an animal, to have your pet blessed, or just to say "hello".*

As a caring and welcoming faith-based community, with a respect for that which God has created, we at St. James' gladly partnered with CT pet rescues and animal shelters in helping to find forever, loving homes for animals in need on June 24. With God's help and through the efforts of our dedicated and hardworking team of parishioner volunteers, St. James' hosted the following animal rescue organizations during the Spring event: **Glastonbury Animal Control, Double Dog Rescue, Sadie Mae Foundation, Protectors of Animals, and Our Companions Animal Rescue.** We thank *Father Chip Elliott* of Grace Episcopal Church, Windsor, CT for rendering his services, blessing animals and offering healing prayers.



## Prayer Chain

*The Prayer Chain at St. James' is a group of people who pray daily from a list for people in need of prayers due to illness, family issues, mental health problems or any other reason. This list is private and not discussed outside of the group. We meet occasionally to pray together for the list.*

*Please contact me 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 and/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. (Diane Obernesser [oberdiane@yahoo.com](mailto:oberdiane@yahoo.com) 860-633-7930)*

## Coffee and Conversation – Thursday morning Book Group

The Thursday morning book group will start a new book on October 12. *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power and How They Can Be Restored* by Marcus J. Borg (2011). The jacket notes include Ann S. Howard's comment: "Borg cracks open the encrusted words of faith and pops them into fresh language that people can understand and trust. The last time this happened, we got the Reformation." Peter Gomes suggests, "... We have no better guide to the recovery of an authentic Christian faith for these difficult times than this articulate and prolific public theologian." It sounds like a good one! Open to all. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays in the downstairs meeting room.

## Faith in Action

- ✓ Sunday, September 17 **Fall Mum Sale** Proceeds support the purchase of supplies and sandwich materials for St. James' volunteers to make bag lunches for those in need in Hartford. **(Lunch in the Park)**
- ✓ Saturday, October 7 **Lunch in the Park** (Marie Dixon can always use volunteers and home-made cookies).
- ✓ Sunday, October 15 **RICE AND BEANS COOK-OFF 5:00 p.m.** Do you have a favorite recipe for rice and beans or chili that you would like to make for this event? Begun as a fund-raiser for Haitian organizations by Trinity Episcopal Church, Wethersfield, we were delighted to accept their invitation to serve as co-sponsors and hosts this year. Given their several years of experience, they have it extremely well-organized. Approximately half of the chili entries will be provided by Trinity and half by St. James'. **We need a few more chefs from St. James' to cook a double batch of chili and to dish out the tastings.** There will be a panel of judges and also a "people's choice" award. Funds raised from the event will support St. Vincent's Home for Handicapped Children in Port au Prince, Haiti. This is a program and facility which some of us have visited and which both churches have supported in past years. Watch for more information.

# Calling All Folks Who Love Children

- ✓ Do you enjoy how creative and awesome children can be? Would you like to help them explore their faith on a weekly basis?
  - ✓ Then perhaps *teaching Church School* is the job for you!
  - ✓ 2 Sundays a month, curriculum provided, training available.
- Join the team, and help prepare St. James' greatest resource for their future in the church.
- E-mail or speak to Matt if you are interested. [mcornish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcornish@sbcglobal.net)

## St. James' Kids Help Ring in 100 Years!

This summer, **Camp Washington** kicked off its centennial celebrations with sessions of fun, faith, and Friendship! What a delight that many of our own St. James' children were there to help ring in the start of this celebration of 100 years of serving children and youth in CT! So who was there?

- Andrew and Catherine Brown joined us for one session of Mini Camp where they journeyed through the Looking Glass and joined Alice and her friends on many adventures.
- Jacob and Joseph Chandy joined us for a week of Teen Camp where they learned about hospitality, and Christ's call to us to be beacons of welcome in an otherwise tumultuous world.
- Ryan and Chris Ouellette came out for Wilderness Adventure camp and lived in the woods for a whole week, cooking their own meals over a fire, taking big hikes over Mountains to crystal clear lakes, and making friends in the wilderness!
- NEXT YEAR YOU COULD JOIN THEM!!! The Summer Schedule for 2018 is ready to view, and you could register today. Ask Matt for more details!

## Calling All Camp Washington Alumni!!!!

If you ever attended Camp Washington as a camper, worked there, or have spent any time in the ECCT's greatest treasure, then you should come and **help us celebrate 100 years!** That's right, all are welcome to come and join us at Camp Washington on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for a centennial Eucharist, followed by an amazing dinner with friends old and new. Cost for dinner is \$25/person, or check out family offers. There are also ways to expand your experience by coming on Friday night or Saturday morning. More details and a link to register can be found at [www.campwashington.org](http://www.campwashington.org).

Coming Up: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Camp Washington Youth Festival September 9-10, 2017, For Students in Grade 8-12! @ 2pm

**Happening #2** An intense and focused faith experience for High School Students, led by High School Students. October 20-22, 2017.

**Family Advent Event** – December 3, 2017 @4pm. Come make your own advent wreath from Camp Washington greens, hand dip advent candles, and share in a delightful meal as you and your family prepare for the holiday season.

# THE PARISH GUIDING TEAM?

It's a reasonable question to ask, 'What is the Parish Guiding Team' and what is the 'Living Local: Joining God' initiative? What's the purpose; what is this group up to? While the group labels may sound like another recruitment or church growth strategy from the diocese, this project seeks another kind of outcome. The St. James' group is one of five churches in Connecticut (Trinity Lime Rock, Trinity Southport, Christ Church New Haven, St. John's Essex) and dioceses in East Tennessee, Maine, Newark, and Southwestern Virginia that are rethinking the missions of our churches.

Our society has been changing since the 1960s and our traditional church congregations do not play a central role. There are less of us that come into our church buildings. But, God's work has continued outside of the church, in our communities, as well as with our St. James' congregation. Although St. James' welcomes neighbors into our established church, D. Zscheile explains, "...the church can not expect people to listen to its teachings without first engaging people where they are" (2014, p.66).

In order to build skills of our Christian practice, we need to learn to deeply listen to each other to discover what God is up to in each other's lives. St. James' started by expanding the practice of "Dwelling in the Word." By rehearsing the gospel and listening to each other's stories, we sought to better connect with one another. To better follow Jesus, our next step is to listen to each other's stories, hopes, struggles, and dreams and to practice deep listening with neighbors, in order to discuss real and complex problems. Please join in with Jeannette B., Iype C., Clint D., Lisa G., Becky I., and Debbie O'D.!

- ✓ ***Consider helping with the annual St. James' Red Cross Blood Drive.*** You could help someone in need. When was the last time you gave an hour of your time and saved a life? The next time could be **Friday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**, when St. James' hosts the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Watch for sign-up sheets in the foyer or contact Jennette Brown, [jeannette.brown167@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannette.brown167@yahoo.com).
- ✓ **October 29<sup>th</sup> is In-Gathering Sunday.** This is the Sunday we bring our pledge cards in. We will celebrate and give thanks this day with a **breakfast at 9:00** in the Parish Hall. Watch for the sign-up sheet.



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