

Fall, 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

Special Services:

August 26 (8:00 am inside) 10:15 am ("Family" & outside)

(Last Sunday/Month Breakfast) Between 8:00 am and 10:15 am Services

September 2 (Labor Day Weekend) One Service @ 9:00 am (inside)

September 9 One Service @ 10:00 am ("Family" & outside)

Parish Picnic after the 10:00 service

Last Concert of the Summer: Friday August 24th, 6:30-8:30 *on the front lawn*

Pete Maricle *"Looking For Mary"* (Folk Music)

Pete is the son of our own Priscilla and Don Maricle.

- **September 9th is the Parish Picnic,** including **Sunday School** registration
 - We will provide the fried chicken and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- **September 16th is Commissioning Sunday and**
 - the first Sunday of **Sunday School**

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.

Good weather for a

July Service



Our 2018 High School Seniors: Ben Chandy, Emily Rago, Tori Coughlan, Robbie Borderi



Ben Johnson getting started on his Eagle Scout project with Sandy O. and Mom and Dad's help.

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

So what has God been doing in your life lately? Or, where have you seen God at work in the world around you? These seem like simple questions but sometimes they are harder to answer than we think. Perhaps it's because we are not used to thinking in those terms that just we move through our days doing what needs to be done, interacting with people or not, and having good days or bad days, but without stopping to think, "where is God in all this?" We aren't necessarily immersed in God's story - the stories we find in the Bible that talk about ordinary people and the way God moved in, through, and around them to fulfill God's purpose of reconciliation of all people to God. We don't always see how God is continuing to do just that in, through, and around us every day.

How do we develop the ability to see God at work in our lives and the world around us? It is something that takes practice for many of us. As with learning any new skill or developing a healthy habit, it takes time and attention. One of the first things is to become more familiar with the stories from Scripture, stories about people not so different from us; people who struggled with life issues and who didn't always get it right; people who were not always as faithful to God as they wanted to be, and yet, people whom God never gave up on. For example, David was an adulterer who had a man killed rather than find out that David had seduced his wife, yet he was chosen to be a great leader of God's people. Other examples are Peter and Paul. Peter denied he even knew Jesus and Paul was instrumental in trying to destroy the early church, and yet they ultimately became pillars of the church. There are countless others who were perhaps lesser known, who were never expected to be used by God to show God's love for the world.

In seeing these folks, and how God worked with them, our hearts and eyes are open to how God works with us. In addition to *learning* the stories from scripture, we can also practice *sharing* how God is there for us, guides us, and uses us. Share all the things that help us to see more clearly how God is active in our lives. At St. James', we have begun to do this at a monthly dinner, and everyone is welcome to join us (see the email blasts for details). We will also be using one of our Wednesday night adult education times for this purpose so watch the calendar for time and place.

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And finally, in addition to learning and sharing, we must slow down enough to notice. Notice the small things, listen to others and hear God in them, and talk to God and ask for the grace to see God's hand at work in the world around us. It takes slowing down a bit and taking time for you and God.

So, what is God doing in your life these days?

Denise⁺

Second Wednesday/Month, 5:30 Dinner @ Panera's, and God

Some of us have started meeting at Panera's, this summer, to talk about what we have noticed God is up to in our lives, in the lives of others, or to just listen. We'll meet again on September 5th but then move to every second Wednesday of the month, beginning in October. Come join the conversation and grab some dinner.



- ❖ Kay Ferris told us about the Shawl Ministry.
- ❖ Our middle schoolers made Pentecost treats!

Adopt-a-Pet and Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 6, 11:00-3:00 pm (Raindate - October 13)

St. James' Episcopal Church,

in mutual ministry with

the Community of Ss. Isidore and Maria at St. Paul Church

➤ on the front lawn of St. James' Episcopal Church, Main St., Glastonbury

- ✓ Bring your pets to this event! We bless all animals!
- ✓ Glastonbury **Pet Valu** will be on site with free giveaways.
- ✓ St. James' thanks the following pet rescue/adoption centers for their dedicated service to animals and for their participation in this event:
 - CT Humane Society www.cthumane.org
 - Glastonbury Animal Control www.glasct.org
 - Double Dog Rescue www.doubledogrescue.org
 - Our Companions Animal Rescue www.ourcompanions.org
 - Sadie Mae Foundation www.sadiemaefoundation.org
 - Pack Leaders Rescue of CT www.packleadersrescue.com
 - Connecticut Greyhound Adoption www.ctgreyhounds.org
- ✓ Please check the websites, listed above, for adoptable pets that are available and for animal adoption application information.
- ✓ Donations of pet food and other items are welcome, to benefit our participating pet rescue centers. Please check the separate list in the church foyer and in previous Network editions.

Did you know we have a group of people who go out to visit people who can no longer make it to church? They spend about an hour with the person, talking and give them Communion. This is such an important ministry, it keeps people connected to St. James' Church as well as gives them the opportunity to receive the Eucharist which means so much to those for whom weekly church attendance was part of their spiritual life. If you have a few hours a month and like talking with people, please consider this important ministry. Talk to Denise or Judy Knowlton for more information.



St. James' Vegetable Garden

Here's one of our first harvests of the summer. Our lettuces are washed and ready to travel to **FoodShare** in Hartford. We've been able to take vegetables and herbs in, regularly, to either FoodShare or for the food bank/café at **Hands on Hartford/Manna** this summer.

Our
2018
**Heads Up!
Hartford**
Youth



More Summer Work



Ben Johnson is almost finished with his Eagle Scout project at St. James (and thanks Sandy Ouellette for all her help.) The stones around the church sign are almost complete and we will soon put the garden in. Coupled with the h-frame post for temporary signage, we need a little funding to complete the project. Please consider donating to help. Ben welcomes flowered plants or a Home Depot gift card. Or, you can write a check to St. James with "Ben's eagle project" in the memo field. Or, contact Ben at benjaminjohnson1@live.com or 860-856-3883.

Faith in Action in the Summer

- ❖ Planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, (and transporting) in the **St. James' Community Garden Plot** behind the Police Station. Many thanks to Blakely, Barbara B., Jill, Janice, and Debbie. And, garden "consultation" and extra vegetables from Don Jefferson were always welcome.
- ❖ **Carol's Closet** distribution on the 3rd Saturdays of June, July, & August.
- ❖ **Lunch in the Park/Church by the Pond** Lunch preparations and bagging at church and then distribution at Bushnell Park in Hartford.
- ❖ **Bread Ministry** Weekly transportation of donated bread and pastry from **Panera's** to Manna/Hands on Hartford. Delivery of Sunday food collection to either the Glastonbury Social Services Food Pantry or Manna.
- ❖ August Collection of donated **School Supplies** for **A Place of Grace**

September

Mum Sale Date TBD

Rice&Beans/Chili Cook-Off: Sept. 30 @Trinity-Wethersfield



Sunday School starts September 16

- ❖ Sunday School Registration is at the Parish Picnic, September 9.
- ❖ The first day of classes is September 16, 2018.
- ❖ The last Sunday of each month is a Family Service and there are no classes.
- ❖ Questions? Contact the Rev. Denise, or Lisa Gleason and Dan Aramini (high school), Dan Aramini, Jill Monsarrat, and Molly Donovan (middle school), Mitchell Chester and March Miceli (elementary school).

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.

Christian Formation

Wednesdays:

- The first and third Wednesdays of the month are “Adult Education Nights” (**7:00 pm**) and begin on September 19. These sessions are open to everyone and you can come when you can. Each sessions is designed to stand on its own, so if you miss one, you can still jump in to another one. Watch for topics in the e-blast and announcements.
- The second Wednesday of the month is dinner and conversation @ Panera where we discuss what God is up to in our lives and in our communities (**5:30 pm**). Exception: Meet on September 5.
- The fourth Wednesday of the month is the Vestry Meeting (**7:00 pm**).

Thursday Mornings:

- Thursday Morning Book Group is open to everyone. We meet every other Thursday at **10:00 am** in the downstairs meeting room. Our first gathering is Thursday, September 20th and we will be reading *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass.

And...

- ✓ Every last Sunday of the month we enjoy Breakfast together between services. Sign up in the foyer by the Sunday before.
- ✓ ***Mondays*** Denise continues her Monday “Office Hours” at Daybreak, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.



Good-bye to the Chandy
family and to Guimond!



Sing to the Lord a New Song (Psalm 98)

St. James' music program starts a new season in September. We welcome back our current members and encourage new members to participate in our various choirs. Whether new or returning, your participation is important to us. Please contact Jim Barry with any questions about any of the choirs or to arrange to play an instrument.

- ✓ 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 Choir *Grade 3 and younger*

Joyful Noise! *All ages*

Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed

Location:
St. James' Episcopal Church
2584 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Why Donate?

Reduce waste in landfills
Clothing used worldwide
Tax deductible

Only Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels,
sheets, pillowcases, curtains and stuffed toys.
(Your donations will be redistributed as whole garments)



We now have a place to get rid of all those clothes in your closets that you never wear! Donating to St. Pauly Textile, Inc. gets your clothes reused or recycled. St. Pauly's helps people in developing countries start small businesses selling clothing in their communities and if the clothing can't be used it is recycled, keeping it out of landfills. You can get a donation receipt right at the bin and you are helping St. James' Church as we get paid to have the bin in our parking lot. Tell your friends!!!

And, it's not too early to start planning for December.....



Back by Popular Demand

**St. James' will host Christmas Tea on
Saturday, December 8, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Plan to come and bring your friends. There will be a new program, classic scones, sweets, tea sandwiches, music, beautiful hand-made favors, and a silent auction. Hand-crafted wreaths and original seasonal art will grace the walls again this year. Tickets are still \$25.00. We are excited!

This large undertaking needs lots of hands to make it work. Please help us if you can. Even just an hour of your time would be much appreciated. Here are a few of the roles we still need to fill:

- Someone to make 13 small centerpieces for the tables.
- Someone to sell tickets between Sunday services (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.) during the month of November. Any Sunday you have available would be appreciated.
- Help with the silent auction – any of these:
 - Soliciting donations for the action.
 - Organizational activities for the auction.
 - Setting up the auction on December 6 and 7.
 - Helping winners claim their items at the end of the event.
- Folks to help set up the parish hall and kitchen the week of December 1.
- Folks to help clean up after the event on December 8.

If you can help us with any of these responsibilities, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Janice Davis (janice8615@sbcglobal.net), Debbie O'Donnell (deborahodonnell@cox.net), Aida Mishriky (amishriky@frontier.com), or Geri Ross (gkayross@gmail.com). We'd be delighted to have you join the team. There are plenty more vacancies to fill as well, so if these don't speak to you, just ask us.

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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.