## Fall, 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
September 1		One service @ 9:00 am
September 8		One service @ 10:00 am

September 6 (Friday)	St. James' Bridge Players	
September 7	Tag Sale, Arts & Crafts Fair 9-3 on the lawn	
September 8	One Service @ 10:00, then Parish Picnic	
Sept. 14 (Saturday)	Pancake Breakfast (Glastonbury Lions) 8:30	
September 18	Adult Formation/Education resumes 6:30 pm	
September 19	Coffee & Conversation Book Group resumes 10:00 am	
September 28	Lunch in the Park/Church by the Pond	
September 30	St. Cuthbert's Trail Trip to Scotland	
October 5	Pet Adoption and Blessing of the Animals 11-3	
October 18	Karaoke Night at St. James' Church! 7:30 pm	
October 26, 27	235 <sup>th</sup> Annual ECCT Convention, Hartford	
December 14	Christmas Tea 2:00 pm	

### 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.



Vestry Dinner in August at Denise's Home

## **Rector's Ramblings**

I think most everyone knows that we at St. James' Church have joined with ECCT in an exciting opportunity called Joining Jesus. It actually grew out of the "Living Local, Joining God" initiative as a way to engage more churches in what God/ Jesus is doing in the world around us. There are two parts to this effort. First, a group of churches is continuing to develop the practice of listening to what God is doing in their neighborhoods; learning from what doesn't work and trying something new. They practice listening to what God is up to and what they are being invited to join God in doing. Second is participation in capital campaigns like Joining Jesus (although we are doing a bit of the first part, too). These campaigns are more than just raising funds for major building repairs or projects. They are also listening to what God is calling us to, inviting us to join God in what God is doing in OUR neighborhood.

So, we are using funds to repair our roof and address some of our other needs to insure we are being good stewards of this beautiful church we are blessed to have. We are also putting some funds aside to insure we can continue to support our ministries here at St. James' well into the future. Even <u>more</u> exiting are the other opportunities we have. We are investing in our young people by committing to make our part-time Church School/Youth Director position full-time for at least three years. And we are listening to what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do next. It could an investment in making our kitchen commercial grade so that we can feed the community with perhaps an occasional free dinner or breakfast, provide seed money for a site for the new food pantry we are trying to start in Glastonbury, start ..., create ..., offer ....., the possibilities are endless if we are prayerful and listen to what God is inviting us to join Jesus in doing.

Joining Jesus is a 5-year campaign, so we are asking people to make pledges over that time period. The good news is ECCT is handling the administration, so Jeanne and Jodi are not overwhelmed with tracking and reminders. For those who have already made a pledge, THANK YOU!! For those who have not, we hope you will consider joining us. No gift is too small or insignificant; all of us joining together can raise a significant sum. If you have not been contacted by someone from our team about having a visit to hear more about this and would like to be visited, please let me know. There are also two other opportunities to get information: we can send you information in the mail, and there will be information and pledge forms available at the picnic for everyone.

We are combining our 2020 Stewardship Drive with the Joining Jesus campaign so the pledge forms for Joining Jesus includes your 2020 pledge form you can do both at the same time. I hope that you will prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting time at St. James' by joining us in this campaign as well as making a pledge for 2020 to support the mission and ministries of St. James' Church.

Peace, Denise+



## Welcome to Clair Gadson, our new

## Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Clair Gadson has joined St. James' as our new Director of Children and Youth Ministries effective August 12th. Clair is a northern Connecticut native who has worked for the YMCA in Hartford for the past 7 years. During this time, she worked in a dual role as Assistant Coordinator and Dance Program Instructor for a Violence Prevention Youth Development Performing Arts Program. In this role, she has had the opportunity to teach, mentor and foster positive relationships with both youth and adults. Clair began her spiritual journey as a young child at Christ Temple Church of God. She later transitioned and began attending Rehoboth Church of God formally known as New Testament Church of God. In her free time, Clair enjoys reading, writing, dance, and music. She also enjoys both leading & volunteering for community service based events.

Please join me in welcoming Clair to the St. James' family!



I am so happy to be joining you all. I look forward to meeting and getting to know the youth, families, and members here at St. James'.

-Clair



*We are going to ADD a Bake Sale Table.* If anyone is interested in baking something, has homemade jams or other appropriate items, see Mary Jo Logan or Jeannette Brown.



## St. James' Episcopal Church of Glastonbury in mutual ministry with The Community of Ss. Isidore and Maria at St. Paul Church October 5, 2019 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Adopt-a-Pet and Blessing of the Animals event

Rain Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019 11am to 3pm

<u>Where:</u> Front Lawn of St. James' Episcopal Church 2584 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT

Bring your pets to this event as we bless all animals.

Many thanks to the following pet rescue/adoption centers for their dedicated service to animals and for their participation in this event:

<u>CT Humane Society</u>	www.cthumane.org
<u>Glastonbury Animal Control</u>	www.glasct.org (search for Animal Control Dept.)
<u>Double Dog Rescue</u>	www.doubledogrescue.org
Our Companions Animal Rescue	www.ourcompanions.org
<u>Sadie Mae Foundation</u>	www.sadiemaefoundation.org
<u>Connecticut Greyhound Adoption</u>	www.ctgreyhounds.org

- For adoptable animals and pet adoption applications, log on to the above pet rescue websites.
- ✓ **Donations** of pet food & items are welcome to benefit these shelters.

<u>Vendors at this event:</u>
Portraits of Pets: Gretchen & Stephen Anderson (pet portraits)

- Todd Maci, LLC: Todd@toddmaci.com (custom woodworking and cutting boards) -
- Glastonbury **Pet Valu** will also be on site with free giveaways.

### PET RESCUE WISH LIST

Please consider donating any of the items, listed below, to bring with you to this event or to drop off in the box marked "Pet Rescue Donations" located in St. James' Church foyer. Your donation is truly appreciated by the many animals we strive to save and to find forever loving homes.

A life rescued is one more life saved !

#### For Cats:

#### 1. Canned Food

FRISKIES CLASSIC Pate (no shredded, chunks etc.)

\*\*\* (NO sea-food/fish flavors).

- Turkey & Giblet
- Mixed Grill
- Liver and Chicken Dinner
- Country Style
- Supreme Supper
- Beef & Chicken Special Diet
- WELLNESS canned kitten food (turkey, chicken)
- FANCY FEAST cat broth packets
- 2. Dry Food
  - Purina One Indoor Advantage
  - Purina One Healthy Kitten
  - Holistic Select Indoor Healthy Weight Grain free Dry Cat Food
- 3. Chicken or Turkey baby food (human)
- 4. KMR (Kitten replacement milk) powder or liquid
- 5. Feline Advantage and Multi-Advantage
- 6. Litter Any type of Pine litter or Clay Unscented Litter
- 7. Bedding Must be machine washable
- 8. Toys Any small toys, wand toys, little mice, jingle balls, ping-pong balls
- 9. New or gently used towels, wash cloths, blankets, beddings (must be machine washable)
- 10. New or gently used cat carriers, traps, carrier liners
- 11. New or gently used cat trees, cat-furniture, all types of Scratch posts.

#### For Dogs:

- 1. DOG FOOD (Adult and Senior Formula) Canned and Dry (regular and small bites)
  - Wellness (puppy and adult)
  - Nutro
  - Natural Balance
  - (including limited ingredient diets)
  - Solid Gold
  - Canidae
  - Nature's Variety
  - Taste of the Wild
- 2. DOG TOYS & TREATS

Pupperoni, soft dog treats, beef or chicken sticks, Edible flavored Nylabones, Dentabones, Dentastix, Rawhide chewies, Kongs (any size), kong fillers (cookies or paste), small jars of peanut butter and Cheez Wiz, Milk Bone hard & soft treats Squeek toys, plush (no stuffing) toys,

#### 3. DOG CARE

puppy dog collars , dog collars of various sizes, any size no-pull harnesses, Easy-walk brand harnesses, leashes, Soft & Washable: dog cushions, dog pillows, dogdonuts, soft blankets, towels, sheets, bathmats, dog coats & sweaters (all sizes), Ear cleaner, liquid bandage, cotton ball, swabs, Housebreaking pads.

#### \*\*PLEASE <u>**DO NOT**</u> DONATE ANY <u>**BLUE BUFFALO**</u> PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND AS THIS BRAND HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CAUSE SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR CATS & DOGS \*\*

#### SHELTER SUPPLIES Wish List & Needs:

Stainless steel buckets, Brooms, Dust Pans, Sponge Mops and Mop Heads, Paper Towels, Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags (6 ml & up), Poop Bags, Disposable Latex Gloves, Hand Sanitizer, Ajax Antibacterial Dish Soap, hand soap, toilet paper, dish sponges, Bleach (6% sodium hypochlorite), bandages, gauze, bandage wrap, human disinfectant.



# Take Care of Creation

Greetings from Cheryl Turner...

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the gift of summer with warm weather and plenty of sunshine. Relaxed, restored, and renewed after swimming in the ocean, hiking in the woods or vacationing to new destinations. Or, maybe you practiced the art of just being, with family and friends. Maybe you walked a beach and collected small, smooth pieces of sea glass as I did on the beach in Maine this August. Scouring with head down every inch of the sand before me. As focused as I was, searching and examining the shore, I realize, as I stand up straight to stretch out my back that I am looking out at God's beauty into a vast ocean from the shoreline.

The news is concerning regarding this earth, placed in our care. Please join me in prayer for the raging fires in the Amazon, the disappearing land due to rising waters, and the loss of animal life as they compete with use for vanishing resources. What can you do? Educate yourself by visiting one of these websites: (1) Amazon Conservation Association, (2) Amazon Conservation Team. *I hope to see you at the picnic on Sept. 8!* 

## **Faith in Action**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

to all who have contributed to the success of our Faith in Action events over the summer:

- Jeannette Brown and friends for the ARC Blood Drive at St. James', June 21
- Marie Dixon and her team for providing an distributing lunches after the
   Church by the Pond service in Bushnell Park in Hartford on July 27 (aka, "Lunch in the Park"),
- and to the numerous people who assisted in preparing, planting, tending, weeding, and watering our St. James' Community Garden Plot behind the police station, and then harvesting and delivering the produce to FoodShare. On average, we have been donating weekly about <u>40 pounds of produce throughout July and August</u>. Special thanks to our garden guru Don Jefferson, who loaned his rototiller for the initial preparation, applied a layer of fertilizer to be tilled in, shared his special secrets for fertilizing and feeding during the growing season, and also donated some of his own community garden plot's produce to augment our FoodShare contributions.

#### SAVE THE DATES:

✓ Tuesday, September 3 – Faith in Action meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room

Please join us to discuss projects, to help plan for and schedule our fall <u>Soup Sundays</u>, and to raise other projects for consideration. If you would like to be added to the email list for the meetings, contact Barbara Buddington (bbuddington@sbcglobal.net).

✓ <u>Saturday September 28 – Lunch in the Park</u>

This will be Marie's last LITP as its organizer and leader. I am certain that the usual faithful contingent of sandwich-makers, cookie bakers, and baggers and packers will appear to help. But if this project is to continue in 2020, we do need one person (or a pair) to take over its leadership. This event would be a good chance to shadow Marie around to find out exactly what it involves. It is incredibly well organized, but it will not happen on its own. Please consider adopting this project as your own. Contact Marie Dixon or Barbara Buddington.

- ✓ <u>Saturday October 5, 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Pet Adoption</u> All sorts of assistance will be needed to set up and prepare, assist visitors during the event, and take down and clean up at the end. Contact Bea Farlekas.
- ✓ Sunday October 20, 5 p.m. (approximate start time) Chili and Rice and Beans Cook-off at Trinity Church Wethersfield.

## **Contact Information**

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas, Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Dr. J. Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

New St. James' staff emails are effective September 1.

St. James' Clergy

The Rev. Denise Cabana, Rector

Children and Youth Services

Clair Gadson, Director

Music Ministry

James R. Barry, Minister of Music Debbie O'Donnell, Children's Choir

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