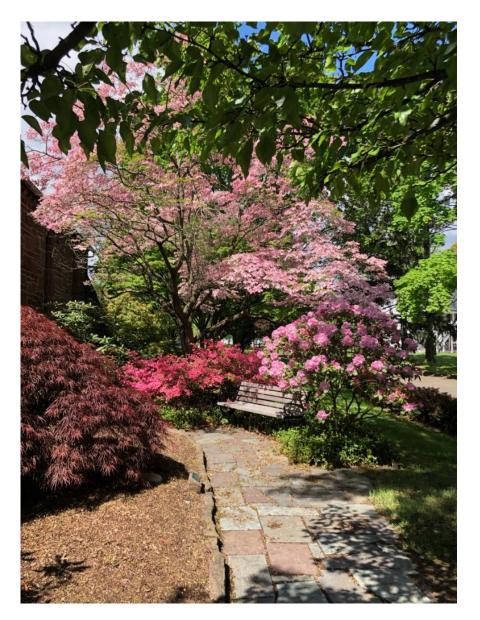
Summer, 2019

## 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
June 9		Pentecost
Summer Family and Outside Services on the lawn:		
June 2 (10:15)		Last Day of Sunday School, Music: Hot Cat Jazz
June 30, July 14, 28,		Family Services @ 10:15 am
August 11, 25		
September 1		One Service @ 9:00 am
September 8		One Service @ 10:00, then Parish Picnic

June 6	"Flip-Flops After 50" Author night
June 15	Carol's Closet distribution
June 16	Senior Sunday
June 21	Blood Drive (see Jeannette Brown)
July 19 (Friday)	Concert by Mike and Dave on the lawn
July 20	Carol's Closet
July 27	Lunch in the Park/Church by the Pond
August 9 (Friday)	Casablanca @8:00 in the Foyer
August 17	Carol's Closet
August 25	Yard Goals Game
September 7	Tag Sale on the Lawn



# Take Care of Creation

Particularly at this time of year, our senses are inundated by the spring flowering of trees and the plants that are coming into bloom. After a long winter of rest for our flora and fauna, our cover photo reminds us of the intense beauty of creation.

But, our earth shows signs of being out of balance. Genesis notes our responsibility to guard and serve the soil, the Earth. It will take all of us to be thoughtful of our environmental stewardship to bring the Earth back into balance. Here are some steps to take.

## Recycle Smarter

There are many ways we can support our environment, personally and at St. James.' We're all aware of the excessive amount of waste our society and the way in which we live, generates. We have a lot of stuff! **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair, Refuse** (refuse what you don't need), and **Repurpose** are actions we should all carefully consider at home and at church. Let's improve our recycling habits at St. James'. First, the church contracts with the **ALLWASTE** company to pick up the recycled items we put in the big blue bin out back, for a "singlestreaming" process that allows them to recycle more materials. Here are some of their rules for the service they provide St. James':

- ✓ YES All paper and cardboard products *not* soiled with food, paint, or grease,
- NO soiled napkins or paper towels, no waxed containers (juice cartons),

### **Recycle Smarter**

- ✓ YES *CLEAN* plastics with a number #1-#7 and triangle. Yes for clean plastic drink bottles without a top. (They need a top on if you're getting a refund for plastic bottles.)
- ✓ NO No <u>plastic bags</u> - even with a recycle number. No plastic containers that have food residue. No zip baggies, bubble wrap, No plastic without a number in a triangle.
  - There is often confusion about plastic bags. Yes, they are recyclable at stores, but not in "single streaming" processes.
    It's reported that they get into the sorting equipment and pose a danger to workers.
- NO <u>Styrofoam</u>, even rinsed coffee cups or clean food containers,
  YES Aluminum Foil, baking pans, pie plates, tin cans, that are CLEAN with *no food residue*.

Check for more tips at the ALLWASTE website (www.allwaste.com) and

the "Rethinking Recycling" article by Ed Stannard in Connecticut Magazine,

December, 2018, pp. 9-12 (connecticutmag.com).

Don't forget

Yard Goats game

Tickets for

August 25, 2019





Easter Eucharist



#### Faith in Action

**THANKS** to all of you who assisted with and/or supported our fundraisers this winter and spring. We resurrected the Shrove Pancake Supper in February, sold over 125 quarts of soup with three successful Soup Sundays in January, March, and May, sold plants at our annual Mothers' Day flower sale. All of the funds raised are being used to support our Faith in Action projects, including Heads Up Hartford, Lunch in the Park, and a special contribution to hawkwing, a 501c3 organization based here in Glastonbury that supports the Lakota/Sioux Tribe, to help meet the extraordinary needs caused by evacuations after severe flooding in South Dakota.

#### SUMMER PROJECTS

**Community Vegetable Garden** (#23b beside the Little League field) to benefit FoodShare: If you have any time and energy that you could give to this project, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be planting soon and will need waterers and weeders throughout the summer. One or two hours a week from several volunteers would be fantastic – or more if you have time. We also need one or two people who would be willing to take harvested vegetables to FoodShare on an as-needed basis. The food can be dropped off at FoodShare's dock at the Regional Market in Hartford; they are open from early morning to mid afternoon. Please contact Debbie O'Donnell.

*June 21 – (Friday) American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. James\_*– Please contact Jeannette Brown to volunteer some time or contribute sandwiches/ finger deserts to assist with this, or sign up on the sheets on the foyer one or two weeks before the event.

*July 27 – (Saturday) Lunch in the Park* – Contact Marie Dixon if you can help with the preparation of the bag lunches that are delivered to those in need as part of Church by the Pond at Bushnell Park in Hartford. Contributions of homemade cookies are also needed – they are very popular in the lunch bags!

**Back-to-School Supplies and backpacks (July)** – During the month of July and through the first week of August, we will have bins in the foyer to collect school supplies and knapsacks for the children in families served by A Place of Grace, at Grace Episcopal Church in Hartford.

*Kids Helping Kids Food Drive (September)* – Given the lateness of Easter this year, it was decided to hold this food collection in the early fall. Kid-friendly foods will be collected for 4 weeks and delivered to supplement the food pantry at A Place of Grace in Hartford.

Sunday October 20 (Sunday evening) – SAVE THE DATE for the annual Chili/ Rice and Beans Cook-off at Trinity Church in Wethersfield. This is a joint project for the two churches – a lot of fun and fantastic food. We had great representation from St. James' last year. We need cooks (make a double batch of your favorite chili or rice and beans dish, and serve it to those attending. Recognition goes to the best of each category, both judged and popular vote). Also needed are contributions of finger desserts and help with the clean-up. And of course we need a lot of eaters, too. The proceeds this year will benefit *St. Vincent's Center for Children with Disabilities* in Port au Prince, Haiti.

#### ONGOING - More volunteers always needed!

**Bread ministry** – Volunteers pick up surplus Panera bread on Sunday evening and deliver it to *Hands-on-Hartford* on Monday morning.

**Food pantry** (non-perishable) donations – Bring your donations to church at any time. Collection baskets are in the foyer. Volunteer to transport the collected food to *Hands-on-Hartford* or the Town of Glastonbury food pantries (depending on the week).

**Carol's Closet –** A "paper pantry" serving Glastonbury residents is always looking for donations of paper goods, toiletries, and other items that are not eligible for purchase under the federal/state *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program* (SNAP). These are distributed to SNAP-eligible individuals and families in our community. Please see the weekly emails noting those items that are especially needed.

**Shawl Ministry –** This amazing group of knitters make many, many prayer shawls, lap blankets, baby blankets, mittens, hats, and other items which are given away to provide comfort in difficult times, to help those in need, and/or to serve as a reminder that the recipient is an important part of a caring community. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kay Ferris.

All parishioners are part of Faith in Action. Could you volunteer to help with one or more of these events/projects? Contact Barbara Buddington (<u>bbuddiongton@sbcglobal.net</u> or 860 918-2492) and she will put you in touch with the appropriate person.



Hot Cat Jazz Band joins us on Sunday, June 2, at the 10:15 a.m. service. Ross Tucker (trumpet and vocals) and five other musicians will lead us in singing traditional hymns, providing music before and after the service. Weather-permitting, the service will be held outdoors; bring chairs and sun gear.

Jim Barry worked for two years to find an available date for the Band, and the fee was spread over two years from the music budget.

The Band is very popular throughout the region, not only playing their Dixieland-style worship services, but also receptions and parties. Check out their music at www.hotcatjazz.com.

Any instrumentalists in the congregation that would like to participate in our services? We are looking for all players, especially guitar. If you are interested, <u>contact Jim Barry</u>. Instrumentalists are needed for the summer months, and for the fall.

**Gospeleers** will meet this summer, an opportunity to sing hymns from *Lift Every Voice and Sing.* Just show up on the announced day for a brief rehearsal. <u>All are welcome to participate</u>. Watch the Sunday leaflets and the Wednesday e-blasts for the Sundays in July and August that the Gospeleers are singing. If you have a question, see Don Jefferson (coordinator) or Jim Barry.

Newly-ordained Priest, Guimond Pierre Louis, visited on May 12 to conduct our service.



The popular **Yard Goats** game trip at the end of last summer was a great success. We're planning another outing, this year on August 25 for the 1:05 p.m. game.

A perfect opportunity for fellowship of all ages! Forty tickets are



available – get yours soon before they're all gone. Tickets are \$12/pp, and include a \$2 vendor voucher.

Turn in your money to the office, or to Jim Barry or Dan Aramini. Hope to see you there!



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