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Narthex News

Working as One to Serve All!

December 2017 -January 2018 Newsletter



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Pastor Paul Sinnott from the New England Synod and the Rev. Ann Perrott on Reformation

Godfrey Perrott lighting candles in the font on All Saints Sunday.



Rev. Ann Perrott and the children preparing the table.



DECEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT CEC

8:00 am - Spoken Holy Eucharist Service
8:45 am - Coffee Hour
10:00 am - Sung Holy Eucharist Service
11:00 am - Coffee Hour

JANUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT StM

8:00 am - Spoken Holy Eucharist Service
8:45 am - Coffee Hour
9:30 am - Sung Holy Eucharist Service
10:45 am - Coffee Hour
Except January 28 - one service at 9:00 a.m.

Ann's Thoughts



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860-887-4249
(Christ Episcopal)

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10: 14

Children are beautiful in God's sight, and it is important for them to learn about the love that God has for them.

Children need help navigating today's very difficult and confusing world while they have so much life ahead of them. It is up to those in our parishes to make sure they have the coping skills that God offers them. What better way to do that than to invite them to Godly Play!!

At Christ St Mark we are investing in our children's spiritual futures by beginning a Godly Play program. Godly Play is an imaginative approach to children's formation in a way that is meaningful to them. The program uses storytelling techniques and story figures to encourage the children to participate in a variety of creative activities. This method encourages them to use their curiosity to experience the joy and mystery of God. You can find a longer description that I found helpful at <https://ministry-to-children.com/godly-play-introduction-review/>.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting program for our children, please contact me at amp@larcompress.com or at 860-437-8090. There were meetings for those interested on Sunday November 19th and November 26th after the 10 AM service in the Pine Extension room. We are planning our first Godly Play session with the children on December 3rd, the start of our liturgical year.

Yours in Christ,
Reverend Ann

CHRISTMAS at christ - st. mar k



Sunday, December 24, Advent 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Combined Lessons, Carols,
Pageant and Eucharist

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

10:00 p.m. Carol Sing

10:30 p.m. Sung Christmas Eucharist
(partly by candlelight)



Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Community Christmas Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Christmas Eucharist



Christmas Breakfast Help Needed

December 23 at 10:00 a.m. - food prep

December 25 at 7:30 a.m. - help prepare, serve, clean up

Questions: Stu Cosby - 860-886-3828 or stucosby@gmail.com

Calling a Congregational Meeting St. Mark Annual Budget Meeting

In order to approve the budget for 2018 before that year begins, we are calling a Congregational Meeting to be held solely for the purpose of approving the proposed budget on *Sunday, December 17*, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. Copies of the proposed budget for 2018 will be made available prior to and at the meeting. Please make an effort to attend this important meeting.

Annual Congregational Meetings Sunday, January 28, 2018

Our two churches will worship together at 9:00 a.m. before the Annual Meetings on Sunday, January 28th after worship at 248 Broadway. We will then hold separate meetings immediately after worship in the Gathering Room and the Memorial Hall, before joining up for a shared lunch. Copies of the annual reports will be available prior to the meetings.

Annual Committee Reports for Both Churches



In order to have the Annual Reports ready well in advance of the January 28 meetings, the committee reports need to be in the respective church offices before December 19, 2017. Please email to the respective church or leave these in the appropriate church office. Thank you!

WORSHIP SERVICES AT 248 BROADWAY

January 7 - April 1

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist
Coffee & Tea

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Coffee & Tea

*Except for Jan. 28 when there will be one
combined service at 9:00 a.m.*

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study meets every Thursday, at 6:00 pm in the Pine Room at 78 Washington Street. Readings for the following Sunday will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to join us. The meetings are normally led by Hugh James and last about 45-50 minutes, allowing people plenty of time to attend both the Bible Study and the Choir Practice which begins at 7:00 p.m.



Godly Play (Sunday School)

If anyone is interested in Godly Play (Sunday School) please speak to Ann Perrott or call the church office.

Stewardship News

Please remember to fill out your Estimate of Giving cards and put them into the offering plate or mail them to the church office. Thank you for prayerfully making your pledge and sharing your gifts to God and the ministries of St. Mark Church and Christ Episcopal Church.

Your Stewardship Teams

Informal Congregational Meetings

Sunday	Topic	Responsibility
Dec 10	Mission and Ministry	Mission Committee
Jan	None (Annual Meetings)	
Feb 18	Current Usages and how they fit in both churches	Building Committee
Mar 18	<p>Details of voting procedures</p> <p>These will need to be thought through and proposed to Vestry and Council for approval before the annual meetings, as we plan to use the annual meeting lists as the draft voting rolls.</p>	Building Committee
April 15	Separate vote of each congregation to accept or reject the recommendations of Council and Vestry respectively	Vestry and Council

We have announced the congregation meetings leading up to our vote on April 15. I thought you might like to see the tentative schedule and topics.

Tentative Schedule of Congregational meetings

(These are the meetings we are planning)

Any changes will be published in Narthex News and the Sunday bulletins.

If you have any questions please approach any member of the Building Committee or me. We are committed to this being a transparent and inclusive process.

Hugh

Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut
November 17-18
by Lisa Carr

Hi everyone. I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. My name is Lisa Carr, I belong to Christ Episcopal Church. I belong on a lot of committees here, just a few are the Vestry, South East Regional Committees, but the one I would like to tell you about is The Annual Convention 2017 which was amazing.

As I walked through the doors there was someone waiting to check you in and then send you over to other tables to get the rest of your stuff. It was overwhelming at first. Then I had to walk down a long hallway which was filled with tables on each side with things that the Episcopal Churches are doing and/or have done over the year which the region was working on together.

I found it very overwhelming and yet very spiritual. I was also very scared until I started meeting other ministers and people. The power of Christ was overpowering to me.

I was fortunate to sit with Rev. Hugh and Rev. Ann for my first time along with six other people. As far as the convention we worshipped, voted, prayed, workshop, holy communion and singing.

I was amazed on how laws were made and what it takes to do them. I'm only touching on what happened this weekend, but for me it was amazing, very spiritual and leaving me wanting to get more involved in the church and regional part and also wanting to learn more.

I thank you for reading this. You can ask me any questions, I would be glad to answer them on the convention.

Sincerely thanking you,
Lisa Carr

2018 St. Mark Flower Chart
will be Posted in the
Gathering or Pine Room



The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday.



Coffee Hour
Volunteers Needed

Please consider helping out with coffee hour. Volunteers are needed. Please call St. Mark church office at 860-887-6826, email st.marklutheran248@gmail.com or speak to Linda Mandel.

Christ - St. Mark Joint Banner

The joining of our two congregations is something that should be acknowledged and celebrated. One way to do this is by making a banner that combines the symbols and colors of both the Lutheran and Episcopalian denominations. Over the next couple of months, there will be a contest open to anyone who enters their banner design. The winning drawing will be picked by a panel of judges and featured on the banner. We highly encourage you to participate in this event!

In January, when the contest is over and the winner is decided, we will need several people with sewing or crafting experience to help make the banner design come to life. Also, you can donate fabric and other materials to minimize the cost of this project (after the winner is picked). See Sabrina Tolppi for design sheets and any additional information.

The deadline for contest entries is December 25.

Thank you, Sabrina Tolppi



Birthdays and Anniversaries



December Birthdays:

- 1 - Barbara Reifeiss
- 4 - Holly Shirley
 - Dale Dickerson
- 6 - Sarah Vertefeuille
 - Karen Stone
 - Seth Deming
- 7 - Craig Babcock
 - Pamela Babcock
- 8 - David Coletti
- 9 - Jeanette Maplesden
- 11 - Robert Manfredi
 - Patty Russell
- 12 - Jason Kimball
- 13 - Jim Quarto
 - Tammy Shirley
- 16 - Debbie Andrews
- 23 - Barbara Deshefy
 - Erin Kyle-Sonn
- 25 - Fred Reifeiss
- 27 - Linda Andrews
 - Larry Coletti
- 29 - Sandy Quarto
- 30 - Lili Rafeldt
- 31 - Robert E. Buckley

December Anniversaries:

- 10 - Terri & Jonathan Nash

January Birthdays:

- 1 - Dawn Erardy
 - Paul Deming
- 2 - Ines Kallmeyer
 - Charlotte Manfredi
- 4 - Rpbert Campbell
 - Aaron Gooden
- 6 - Milli Chankar
- 7 - Richard Deming
- 8 - Richard Russ
- 9 - Marge Howe
- 11 - George Carr III
- 12 - Julia Underhill
- 14 - Marsha Prokop
- 17 - Stan Lucas
- 20 - Charles K. Norris, Jr.
- 21 - Stu Cosby
- 23 - Janet Koch
- 24 - Everett Schramm
- 25 - Karl Reifeiss
- 26 - Crystal Kylo
- 27 - William Levander
- 28 - Kathleen Hawkins

January Anniversaries:

- 20 - Catherine & Stu Cosby



The following gifts to our Memorial & Congregational Funds have been gratefully received and acknowledged with thanks

In Loving Memory of
Mike Gladue
by
Joan & Lou Rose
Linda Mandel
Richard Philipp
Chase & Roberts & Gladue Families

February Narthex News Articles

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!
Please send your articles for the February *Narthex News* to st.marklutheran248@gmail.com by *Wednesday, January 17th*. Thank you.



A Reminder to Thrivent Members:

Before the year draws to an end please remember to use your Thrivent Action Team grants. They can be used to support outreach ministries such as Madonna House, Martin House, Thames River Community Service, local food pantries such as the Christ Episcopal Church Food Pantry, or any other charitable organization of your choice.



Thank You for Your Support!

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with shopping, packing, organizing Thanksgiving Baskets. We were able to give out 53 food baskets to people in our community.

St. Mark Email Change: Our email has changed! The new St. Mark email address is st.marklutheran248@gmail.com. Please update your email contact list. We will still receive emails sent to our original st.mark@snet.net, but the new Gmail is safer and more reliable.

Calendar of Events - December

SERVICES AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL using Evangelical Lutheran Worship & The Book of Common Prayer

CEC = Christ Episcopal Church/StM = St. Mark Luth. Church

* Each Sunday there is coffee hour after each service,
Choir practice and Adult forum at 9:00 am

Friday, December 1
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Set up Craft Fair (StM)
Saturday, December 2
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
9:00 am - 3:00 p.m. Holiday Craft Fair (StM)

Sunday, December 3* Advent 1
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
3:00 pm Celticity Concert (CEC)
Monday, December 4
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)
Tuesday, December 5
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Wednesday, December 6
6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Thursday, December 7
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CEC)
Friday, December 8
11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)
Saturday, December 9
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
10:00 a.m. Parish Life Committee (CEC)

Sunday, December 10* Advent 2
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
8:45 a.m. Cong. Meeting w/Mission Committee
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
10:45 a.m. Cong. Meeting w/Mission Committee
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
2:00 p.m. Wedding (CEC)
Monday, December 11
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)
Tuesday, December 12
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Wednesday, December 13
10:30 a.m. Communion Service at Norwichtown Rehab
6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee (StM)
Thursday, December 14
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)
7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)
Friday, December 15
11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)
Saturday, December 16
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

7:00 p.m. Downtown Mic (CEC)

Sunday, December 17* Advent 3
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. St. Mark Annual Budget Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Monday, December 18
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)
Tuesday, December 19
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
6:30 p.m. Combined Council/Vestry Meeting (CEC)
Wednesday, December 20
6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Thursday, December 21
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)
7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)
Friday, December 22
11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)
Saturday, December 23
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
10:00 a.m. Food prep (CEC)

Sunday, December 24* Advent 4 / Christmas Eve
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Eucharist w/lessons, carols, pageant
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
10:00 p.m. Carol Sing (CEC)
10:30 p.m. Sung Christmas Eucharist
Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
7:30 a.m. set up/prepare Christmas Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Community Christmas Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Christmas Eucharist
Tuesday, December 26
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Wednesday, December 27
6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee (CEC)
Thursday, December 28
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)
7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)
Friday, December 29
11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)
Saturday, December 30
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, December 31* Christmas 1
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Calendar of Events - January

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* Each Sunday there is coffee hour after each service,
Choir practice at 9:00 am

Monday, January 1 Name of Jesus / New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, January 3

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone

Thursday, January 4

6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, January 5

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

10:00 a.m. Servers, Acolytes rehearsal

Sunday, January 7* Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, January 8

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, January 10

10:30 a.m. Communion Service at Eliza Huntington Home

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Thursday, January 11

6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CEC)

Friday, January 12

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, January 14* Epiphany 2

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, January 15

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Combined Council/Vestry Meeting (StM)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, January 17

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Thursday, January 18

6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, January 19

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (St. Mark)

Saturday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, January 21* Epiphany 3

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, January 22

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, January 24

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee (StM)

Thursday, January 25

6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, January 26

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, January 28* Epiphany 4

9:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meetings

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, January 29

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)

6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, January 31

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)



December Volunteer Schedule

Normally we email these assignments to people.
If this is a problem for you please contact one of the church



Date:	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
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8:00 a.m.

Acolyte:	Kayla Mills	Ron Crouch	Dave Anderson	Rose Anderson	Irene Landis
Reader:	Dale Eichholz	Linda Snarski	Joan Good	Ron Crouch	Dale Eichholz
Chalice Bearer:	Chuck K. Norris	Peter Sepowitz	Ron Crouch	Chuck K. Norris	Peter Sepowitz
Coffee Hour:	Irene Landis Kayla Mills	Carol Sepowitz Peter Sepowitz	Rose Anderson Dave Anderson	Dale Eichholz	Ron Crouch

10:00 a.m.

Crucifer:	Stu Cosby	Rozanne Sobieski	Will Schramm	Sabrina Tolppi	Aiden McVicker
Acolyte:	Aiden McVicker	Stephen Kimball	Sabrina Tolppi	Rozanne Sobieski	Owen McVicker
Chalice Bearers:	Marilyn Williams Judy Huntley Stephen Kimball	Mary E. Lang Sandy Quarto Will Schramm	Judy Huntley Stu Cosby Virginia Maloney	Rick Neuendorf Dawn Erardy Sandy Vanase	Alice Harding Marilyn Williams Tom Seidel
Reader:	C. Kuzmenko Cathy Cosby	Sabrina Tolppi Patty Russell	Robert Tolppi Janet Koch	Mary E. Lang Linda Andrews	S. Neuendorf David Norman
Intercessor:	S. Neuendorf	Eileen Akers	Judy Huntley	Janet Koch	C. Kuzmenko
Ushers:	Sue Underhill Christine Murtha	Judy Huntley Richard Russ	Herb Zickwolf Rozanne Sobieski	Lisa Carr Richard Russ	Herb Zickwolf David Norman
Altar Guild:	Pam Jaxheimer Judy Huntley Ursula Chartier	Debbie Kimball Dawn Erardy Alvina Williams Virginia Maloney	Bill Small Sandy Neuendorf	ALL MEMBERS	Pam Jaxheimer Judy Huntley Ursula Chartier
CEC Counters:	Cal Edgar D. Erardy (DI)	Bruce Jaxheimer Judy Huntley (DI)	Stephen Kimball Jay Deming (DI)	R. Sobieski D. Erardy (DI)	Debbie Baltzell J. Huntley (DI)
Eucharistic Visitor:	Lili Rafeldt	-----	Virginia Maloney	-----	-----
Coffee Hour:	Debbie Baltzell Debbie Kimball Need St. Mark volunteer	Janet Koch Dawn Erardy Need St. Mark volunteer	Sue Small Debbie Baltzell Need St. Mark volunteer	Debbie Kimball Steve Kimball Need St. Mark volunteer	Janet Koch Dawn Erardy Need St. Mark volunteer

If you are unable to serve on your assigned dates, please let Linda Mandel at the Broadway church office know who your replacement will be.
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Date:	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
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8:00 a.m.

Acolyte:	Kayla Mills	Ron Crouch	Rose Anderson	Only
Reader:	Linda Snarski	Joan Good	Dale Eichholz	9:00
Chalice	Ron Crouch	Chuck K. Norris	Ron Crouch	Service
Coffee Hour:	Irene Landis and Kayla Mills	Carol and Peter Sepowitz	Rose and Dave Anderson	Today

9:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Crucifer:	Owen McVicker	Rozanne Sobieski	Sabrina Tolppi	Aiden McVicker
Acolyte:	Stephen Kimball	Owen McVicker	Rosanne Sobieski	Sabrina Tolppi
Chalice Bearers:	Will Schramm Sandy Quarto Virginia Maloney	Stephen Kimball Rick Neuendorf Sandy Vanase	Stu Cosby Dawn Erardy Marilyn Williams	Alice Harding Mary Elizabeth Lang Tom Seidel
Reader:	Ruth Stanley Robin Slane	Virginia Maloney Patty Russell	Eileen Akers Sue Underhill	Tom Tolppi Cathy Cosby
Intercessor:	Sandy Neuendorf	Eileen Akers	Judy Huntley	Janet Koch
Ushers:	Judy Huntley Richard Russ	Sue Underhill Mary Elizabeth Lang	Christine Murtha Herb Zickwolf	Joan Seidel David Norman
Altar Guild:	Debbie Kimball Dawn Erardy Alvina Williams Virginia Maloney	Janet Koch Louise Weseman Linda Stewart	Bill Small Sandy Neuendorf	Pam Jaxheimer Judy Huntley Ursula Chartier
CEC Counters:	Lisa Carr Dawn Erardy (DI)	Cal Edgar Judy Huntley (DI)	Bruce Jaxheimer Jay Deming (DI)	Stephen Kimball Dawn Erardy (DI)
Eucharistic Visitor:	Lili Rafeldt	Sandy & Rick Neuendorf	Virginia Maloney	-----
Coffee Hour:	Debbie Baltzell <i>Need St. Mark volunteer</i>	Dawn Erardy <i>Need St. Mark volunteer</i>	Debbie Kimball <i>Need St. Mark volunteer</i>	Sue Small <i>Need St. Mark volunteer</i>

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Date:	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
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8:00 a.m.

Acolyte:	Irene Landis	Kayla Mills	Ron Crouch	Dave Anderson
Reader:	Linda Snarski	Joan Good	Ron Crouch	Dale Eichholz
Chalice Bearer:	Chuck K. Norris	Peter Sepowitz	Ron Crouch	Chuck K. Norris
Coffee Hour:	Irene Landis and Kayla Mills	Carol and Peter Sepowitz	Rose and Dave Anderson	Dale Eichholz

9:30 a.m.

Crucifer:	Owen McVicker	Will Schramm	Sabrina Tolppi	Stu Cosby
Acolyte:	Stephen Kimball	Aiden McVicker	Rozanne Sobieski	Owen McVicker
Chalice Bearers:	Virginia Maloney Rick Neuendorf Sandy Quarto	Tom Seidel Sandy Vanase Marilyn Williams	Sandy Quarto Stu Cosby Dawn Erardy	Alice Harding Judy Huntley Stephen Kimball
Reader:	Sandy Neuendorf Ruth Stanley	Patty Russell Christine Kuzmenko	Eileen Akers Sabrina Tolppi	Robert Tolppi Cathy Cosby
Intercessor:	Eileen Akers	Judy Huntley	Janet Koch	Sandy Neuendorf
Ushers:	Richard Russ Rozanne Sobieski	Lisa Carr Sue Underhill	Herb Zickwolf Judy Huntley	Mary E. Lang Joan Seidel
Altar Guild:	<i>Schedule coming soon</i>	<i>Schedule coming soon</i>	<i>Schedule coming soon</i>	<i>Schedule coming soon</i>
CEC Counters:	Bill Small Dawn Erardy(DI)	Rozanne Sobieski Judy Huntley (DI)	Debbie Baltzell Jay Deming (DI)	Lisa Carr Dawn Erardy (DI)
Eucharistic Visitor:	Lili Rafeldt	Sandy & Rick Neuendorf	Virginia Maloney	-----
Coffee Hour:	Debbie Baltzell <i>Need St. Mark volunteer</i>	Dawn Erardy <i>Need St. Mark volunteer</i>	Debbie Kimball <i>Need St. Mark volunteer</i>	Janet Koch <i>Need St. Mark volunteer</i>

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Christmas Holiday Baskets

Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets are a tradition that Christ Episcopal and St. Mark Lutheran share. We are committed to carrying on this tradition.

We are capping at 30 families and 2 emergencies. We currently have 28 turkeys and would like donations of 4 hams. We also need 25 gravy and cranberry sauces.

We would like to do more fresh/frozen this year and will be getting fresh potatoes and frozen green beans from Restaurant Depot.

We need a few volunteers to send a letter to Stop and Shop for a bag donation and perhaps rolls also.

We will distribute on Friday, December 22nd at 4p.m.

Please call me and let me know ASAP if you are able to volunteer. Karen: 860-908-7899.

Thank you,

Karen Stone and Patricia Russell

The Giving Tree for Adopted Families



Christ – St. Mark are working together to provide Christmas gifts for four families adopted through Norwich Social Services. The Giving Tree has been set up in the Pine Room trimmed with tags with Christmas wishes. Take a tag and sign the register on the music stand with your name and telephone number, the letter of the family and the tag #. Purchase the gift, bring it in along with the original tag UNWRAPPED and place it under the tree by December 10. If you would rather donate money towards gifts put it in an envelope in the offering plate marked “Adopt A Family”. If you write a check make it out to St. Mark and put “Adopt A Family” on the memo line.

***GIFTS NEED TO BE UNDER THE TREE*
ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 10**



Poinsettias: Now is the time to order a poinsettia, either as a memorial, honor or a donation. Cost is \$14. each. The sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Room. Make checks payable to St. Mark. Deadline to sign up - December 15th.

Safe Serve

If anyone is interested in getting a certificate to be qualified to serve food at any of the church activities the next class is December 12th at Dime Savings, Salem Tpke, (near WalMart) Norwich at 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you would like more information please speak to Debbie Kimball or call the CEC office. The church will pay for the course just let the church office know.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Name: _____

In (Memory/Honor) of: _____

Plants ordering: _____

If you or a Loved One Go to the Hospital

- * Call the church office as soon as you know you will be admitted.
- * When asked if you are part of a local faith community answer YES, and tell them where you are a member. *If not asked tell them.*
- * When asked if you want your name released to representatives of **your church say YES. If you say no, or if you do not give our church's name the hospital will not be able to release your name to us.**

Note: L & M Hospital is the only hospital that notifies us when our parishioners are hospitalized.

Eucharistic Visitors



The very vital ministry of bring Communion to homebound members and friends of St. Mark Church will continue in the months ahead. If you would like to join this team of people, please speak to Hugh James.

Prayer List

Homebound Parishioners: Elaine Andrews, Pat Bromley, Mary Browning, Evelyn Fletcher, Jeanette Maplesden, Lucy Salva, Ruth Sanders, Patricia Burgess, and Linda James, Fran Archambeault, Marge Jabs.

Clergy: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Ian, our Bishop, Laura our Bishop, Suffragan; John, Bishop of the New England Synod in the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Michael, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich; Rachel Thomas, our Regional Missionary; Hugh our Rector & Pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church; and Ann, our Priest.

Young Adult Service Corps: Jourdan Johnson during her year of missionary service in Brazil.

We pray for the sick especially for: Donna Hamilton, Carol Carlson, Miranda McClean, Arolyn Scott (breast cancer & diabetes), Tom Aromin, Jonah Vitale, Jesse Kalisher Dennis Levander, Lisa Carr, Louis Schluntz; Lindsay Aromin, Terry Brown, Ginny & Melissa Gaither, Sam Ramsay; Marsha Charest, Eben Smith, Carl Smith, Matthew Maloney, Valerie Dziengiel, Molly Garcia, Michael Schmidt, Jo Glover, Parker Churney, John Federkiewicz, Gary Smith, Tori Clark, Bruce Ashline, Jennifer Bedell, Chris Knighten, Caroline, Cherie Schanandoah, Charles Peters, Lina McCann, Hope McCann, Andy Foster, Christina McCann, Ronald Hartgroves, Kristin Zawacki, Jennifer Stark, Susan Keller, Janet Hatch. Also those with addictions, their families & friends.

For the hungry: for all children being sexually abused and the adults healing from it, homeless, all persons living with HIV/AIDS, their families, and those who care for them; for those who are out of work or looking for work.

For those who defend our liberties on land, sea, and in the air: especially: David Carl Krug, Azi Idehenre, Chad McCord, Josh Leone, John Sepowitz, Christopher Wright, and for the innocent victims of warfare.

In Thanksgiving for: Our Food Pantry available for those in need

For all those in need of guidance: Dolan family, Patti & family

For those who travel: Jay and Kate

For those who have died: William Briggs

Tuesday Morning Prayer—Join Us!

Those of us that support the Morning Prayer program at Christ Episcopal Church on Tuesday fulfill an important part of our Church's life.

In the process of conducting the service we prepare to pray for the needs of the congregation. Beyond the list of church leaders and churches both near and far we pray for members of our congregation and those they care for. There is no great secret in doing this and being effective but our numbers are few and so we are inviting anyone to join us and add to our voices. There is ample evidence that prayer works and by increasing the voices there is a greater chance that we will be heard.

This simple said service starts in the Pine Room promptly at 9:00 and lasts about 20 minutes. About once a month a Holy Eucharist will be included to honor men and women that have served the faith since its earliest years.

Following the service we have coffee and tea in the Pine Room and we try to bring ourselves up to date on those we pray for or those we may visit.

Join us at Christ Episcopal Church/St. Mark
248 Broadway, Norwich, ct 06360

Date: December 2, 2017 Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

At noon a luncheon will be served consisting of
soup and sandwiches and pie for dessert

SANTA WILL BE HERE
FOR ALL YOUR KIDS TO TALK TO!!

Craft items of all kinds, jewelry,
Pampered Chef, knit & crochet items,
wood crafts, photography, greenery and
Santa Claus, have your picture taken with him.

Voting Eligibility for St. Mark Members

As St. Mark Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church continue the process of blending our congregations we, as members of St. Mark will be called upon to vote on decisions about our future at Congregational Meetings. I think it important for all of us to understand which of us are eligible to vote at these meetings. Our Constitution spells it out very clearly and we must follow what is defined within our Constitution. Please be sure that you understand the following and please get in touch with me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Joe Churney

Extracted from our Constitution:

C8.02. Members shall be classified as follows:

a. *Baptized* members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.

b. *Confirmed* members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.

c. *Voting* members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

C10.04. Ten percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

C10.05. Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot shall not be permitted.

C10.06. All actions approved by the congregation shall be by majority vote of those voting members present, except as otherwise provided in this constitution or by state law.

Thrivent Action Team Grant for the Norwich Clergy Association Emergency Food Locker

A Thrivent Action Team Grant of \$250 was approved to purchase protein items along with canned vegetables and fruit for the Norwich Clergy Association Emergency Food Locker. It is encouraged to include volunteers to help complete Thrivent Grant projects. It would be very helpful if parishioners volunteered to donate canned vegetables and fruit for this project. There will be a container placed near the Cereal bin in the Pine Room for the donations. The food will be delivered to the Norwich Clergy Association Emergency Food Locker in mid December. Both Father Hugh and Mary Elizabeth have been consulted to be sure this project would not have a negative impact on the CEC Food Pantry and neither of them felt there would be a problem. Thank you for helping. If you have any questions please call me at [860-884-0382](tel:860-884-0382).

Gail Churney

Voting Eligibility for Christ Church Members

These extracts from the CEC by-laws should explain who can or cannot vote at a parish meeting

Article 1. Membership

Each person who has received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit in this Parish, whose baptism is recorded in the Parish Register of the Parish, or who has otherwise complied with the requirements for membership as expressed in Canon 1.17.4 of the Episcopal Church or Canon 1.4 of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, and who is not a member of another Parish in the Episcopal Church, is a **“member” of this Parish. Those aged 16 and over are “adult members”**.

Members who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times in the previous year are **“communicants”**. **Those age 16 and over are “adult communicants”**.

Adult communicants, who for at least six months prior to the Annual Meeting of the Parish have been faithful attendants at the services of the Church in this Parish (unless for good cause prevented), who are faithful contributors to its support and faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, these facts to be determined in each case by the Vestry in accordance with the provisions of Canon 1.8 of the **Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, are “voting members”**.

Those who meet the criteria for voting membership in Section C above and have been for one year faithful in **attendance, are “communicants in good standing”**.

Adult members who have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in communion with this Church, and whose Confirmation or Reception is recorded in the Parish Register of this **Parish, are “adult confirmed communicants”**.

Article 2. Meetings in the Parish

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Parish within or about the third week of January. The date of the meeting shall be determined by the Vestry and Officers in the Parish. The purposes of the meeting shall be:

to approve the list of voting members

to elect Officers, Vestry Members, and Representatives to Conventions and other Councils of the Church

to hear the annual budget of the Parish as approved by the Vestry and

to conduct other business such as may legally come before the Annual Meeting

Special meetings of the Parish may be called by the Vestry or by 10% of the voting members of the Parish.

The warnings of all parish meetings shall be signed by the Clerk, or in the absence of the Clerk, by one of the Wardens, and shall be posted at the door of the Parish, or sent by the Clerk to every member of the Parish, at least one week before the time of the meeting. Such warnings shall contain a statement of the objects for which the meeting is called. The Rector, being present, presides at all meetings *ex officio*. In the absence of the Rector, a Warden appointed by the Rector shall preside.

Of the members of the Parish, only those shall be entitled to vote at any Parish meetings who have been determined by the Vestry to be voting members of the Parish.

A quorum shall consist of 35% of the voting membership. If a quorum is not present and with the unanimous consent of the voting members present, the presider may declare a quorum. A majority vote shall constitute a decision at any parish meeting.

There is one amendment to these by-laws that I hope we will be bringing before the annual meeting, which will add **the words “except that a decision to alienate or to encumber real property belonging to Christ Episcopal Church shall require a majority of two thirds of those members present and voting”**. **This is to avoid the possibility of our agreeing to sell or change the use of 78 Washington St without having a substantial majority in favour of such a change.**

Hugh James.



Celticity

Sunday, December 3rd @ 3pm

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Food Bank Necessities and Schedule

Christ Episcopal Church Food Pantry 11:00 a.m. to 12:30pm Schedule for

December 1	closed
December 8	open
December 15	open
December 22	open
January 5	closed
January 12	open
January 19	open
January 26	open



The Food Pantry could always use:

- peanut butter, tuna in water, canned chicken, canned black beans and kidney beans, dried lentils
- plain white rice, brown rice, rice mixes, pasta, macaroni and cheese, potato side mixes
- canned diced tomatoes, plain tomato sauce (no salt added), canned carrots, peas, corn, and mixed vegetables
- canned chili, chunky-style soups with meat and vegetables
- canned green chilies (mild), pasta sauce, ketchup, mustard, small boxes of sugar or sweetener, salt and pepper, small jar of mayonnaise, coffee, tea bags, pancake syrup, grape jelly, strawberry jam
- canned peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple chunks or slices, pears
- 100% juice boxes for kids (no large bottles), shelf-stable milk (such as Parmalat), shelf-stable almond milk (for lactose intolerant clients)

Cereal Ministry



Many Thanks to those of you who have brought and continue to bring in cereal for St Vincent De Paul Place. As you recall, St. Mark created a new Mission oriented ministry to "help feed those who hunger" by making a commitment to provide at least 25 boxes of cereal to the SVDPP food pantry each month. This commitment from St. Mark along with similar commitments from other churches and community groups helps SVDPP to better plan for meeting the needs of the community and is greatly appreciated by the patrons of their food pantry. This is a very easy ministry for most of us, requiring only a walk down the cereal aisle to buy cereal each month and put it into the collection bin in either the Narthex or the Pine Room marked cereal for St. Vincent de Paul . Please do your part. Thank you.



Event Cancellation / Snow Policy for Christ - St. Mark

Winter weather in New England can be unpredictable. Because of that, there may come a time when events at church may need to be cancelled out of concern for the safety of our members.

The process for the cancellation of activities due to inclement weather or other emergencies is as follows:

Cancellations will be listed in several different places: 1) On the church answering machines at both church offices.

If an event is cancelled the answering machine will be updated to let everyone know. 2) On TV. Check WFSB, channel 3 for most of the Norwich Area. 3) On the church website and facebook pages, and 4) On the LED sign at 78 Washington Street.

Christ Church School of the Arts follows the procedure laid down by Norwich schools. If they are closed CCSArts will also be closed for lessons.



Jourdan Johnson - Brazil Update

Jourdan Johnson is a member of Christ Episcopal Church, who, until recently, lived in Ledyard.

Since December she has been working as a missionary with the Anglican Church in Brazil.

This was arranged through the Young Adult Service Corps - a program of the Episcopal Church.

Hello everyone!!

Sorry for the silence. I have been keeping up with people's Facebooks and reading the newsletter updates. I had a rough few months because - while people are friendly here, getting to know them on a deeper level takes a loooooooong time. So I was feeling a little lonely - but things have improved. It has, however, caused me to reflect on the stereotypical New England culture. I think I will try to be more welcoming to new people when I come back.

Although, I have to say, I felt welcomed from the beginning at Christ Church. My mom was able to visit me here in September, which was really nice and helped lift my spirits. We got to see the Iguazu Falls with Bishop Francisco and his wife. It was probably the most spectacular thing I have seen in my life. (If you **know the movie "Avatar," I felt like I was on that planet.**)

I have exciting/semi-sad news. First, I am coming back to the States on Dec. 14 for a visit!!!!!! I'm really excited about this. I will, however, be car-less - if anyone in the Ledyard area would be willing to give me a ride to church I would greatly appreciate it. Second, I have decided to extend my stay in Brazil. 🤔 😞 After thinking a lot about it, I decided that an additional year would be way too much, but six more months would be just right. So the sad part is that it will be six more months not seeing all of you - but I am really excited to have six more months to learn Portuguese

and get to know the people here. Instead of being part of the Young Adult Service Corps for the extra six months, I will be part of the Volunteers in Mission program.

For the past month and for the month of November, I am staying with Rector Jordan Santos Brasil and his family in another part of the

diocese. Jordan is one of two priests in this area - he attends to 21 different communities. His colleague Noilves is part-time, as she also takes care of her farm. This area is the same one that I visited with Bishop Francisco back in May. It is very rural - each church has one service per month. Every weekend Jordan does five to six services. Some of the communities are as far as two hours away from his house. So, as you can imagine, I've had a LOT to do here. So far, I've preached five sermons in one weekend, recorded several messages for radio shows, given communion to many people, assisted in two funerals (one unfortunately was a suicide) - and we started recording for a Youtube channel for the church. Now I am planning a clergy retreat for the entire diocese. They are needing some encouragement and rejuvenation. So - it has been quite a change from the quieter Santa Maria.

I think I have mentioned before that the culture in this area of Brazil is based on agriculture and is heavily influenced by German and Italian culture. When I have lunch at someone's house, we don't eat store-bought pasta, but homemade-that-same-day pasta. We don't eat store-bought meat, we eat the cow they killed earlier that week and had been raising just for that. We eat homemade cheese and butter. Even the prosciutto is made at home - they have maintained this tradition of preserving meat. I listen to Portuguese spoken with a German accent and enjoy many foods that we have in the States, such as coffee cake and tortellini (homemade, of course - or bought at the local bakery.)

Next year, the plan is for me to spend another two months up here helping with the Diocesan-wide Youth and Women's Conference and other activities. See you in December!!!





Miracle Bags

We have the bags.

Can you help fill them?

God will provide the miracles!

We will be serving a special dinner on Christmas Day for people who have no place to go. On that day we would like to give each person a Miracle Bag.

We are asking organizations and people like you help us fill these bags. Miracle Bags are filled with the items listed below. This gift that lets the recipients know they are important and that we care.

Please bring in your donations for these bags before December 18. You or your group may compose a card with uplifting quotes or drawings. Our guests really value these sentiments. We will include them in the bags. We expect to hand out 200 bags on Christmas Day. We are grateful for your support of the Miracle Bag project. God Bless!

Suggested Miracle Bag Items

Soap	Shaving cream
Deodorant	Hats
Razors	Gloves
Shampoo/Conditioner	Socks
Toothpaste/Toothbrush	\$10 gift cards
	(Grocery store/ Walmart /McDonalds)

Please call Bonnie at 860.889.7374 or email her at bysvdpp@gmail.com if you have questions.

Follow us on [Facebook.com/svdppnorwich](https://www.facebook.com/svdppnorwich).
Our website svdpp.org accepts all major credit cards for donations.

Jillian Corbin, Executive Director
120 Cliff Street, Norwich Ct 06360

St. Vincent de Paul Place is a community meal site, a food pantry and an advocacy care center that serves the greater Norwich area. We serve over 230 meals a day and distribute food to over 1200 different people a month. Our programs are open to all, including the homeless, the hungry, the elderly, the mentally ill. They come to St. Vincent de Paul Place for a hot meal, for companionship and for compassion.

Merry Christmas and God bless!

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