

Narthex News

Working as One to Serve All!

September 2017 Newsletter



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Left: Father Hugh blesses Ann Perrott and Stu Cosby before they offer prayers of healing at our annual picnic at Mohegan Park on August 27.

Right: Vicar Niki is now Pastor Niki! She was ordained at St. Mark on July 1. See page 14 for more photos.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am - Spoken Holy Eucharist Service
8:45 am - Coffee and Tea
9:30 am - Sung Holy Eucharist Service
10:30 am - Coffee and Tea



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Ann's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

It seems there has been a vast amount of change over the past year—locally, nationally and even world wide. We are bombarded daily with news from all over the world, most of it worrisome. Terror attacks, diseases in third world countries that seem to be on the increase, and countries like North Korea flexing its military muscle. The country is likewise in upheaval with too many political rallies to count and a very polarized nation trying to find its way. In our parishes of St. Mark and Christ Episcopal Church we are trying on a way of blending our denominations together and finding a way to journey together with all of the changes. And, in my own life, my husband, Godfrey, and I have uprooted ourselves from a place we have loved. We came to Connecticut willingly so I can be ordained and answer a call of worship and ministry with those in prison. We are separated from family and old friends, and we have made new friends; it is a time of change and upheaval.

It seems overwhelming when I put it all together but we, as a nation have been through turbulent times before. Terror attacks, diseases and acrimonious political rallies have been happening for as long as I can remember. Our country experienced vicious polarization in the 1960s. The Vietnam War, the counterculture, the **Black Power movement and Women's Liberation left our country polarized. As a high school student, I was terrified that the world I had known was coming to an end. It did not of course and we managed to get through it all, mostly by keeping our faith alive which gave us a lot of hope.**

As I write this tonight, 19 people have perished in the floods in Texas. I cannot even imagine that kind of devastation in any place that I have lived. Through it all, there have been so many uplifting stories of hope, prayer and neighbor helping neighbor. Thousands of people have been rescued from the flood waters and so many others from all over the country have gone to Texas to help.

People who have lost everything in one storm are the same people who are thankful for their lives and a chance to start over. They are the same people who take their canoes out and rescue some of their neighbors. Are they experiencing devastation and hurt? Absolutely. Some homes are lost forever. So many people are putting their grief aside to make sure others are okay. God is in the devastation, the hurt and in the love that people show as they put their own lives on the line to help others trapped by the floods. Some people have said that they do not know how they are going to go forward, but staying still is not an option. The changes in their lives occurred with one horrible storm and in a couple of days they realized that nothing will be the same.

Most of the changes in our lives come with planning and long range goals. The people of Texas could not possibly rely on such tactics. Change came quick and it is still coming. They are relying on their faith and each other. God does not leave us comfortless. God provides others in our lives to help us through challenging times. Whether we are in a devastating hurricane, a war, or merging two communities. We always have God and each other throughout the journey, and that is what makes us able to keep on keeping on!

Yours in Christ, Reverend Ann Perrott

Ordination Announcement!



Deacon Ann of CEC is getting ordained!
Please join us for this special service
at Christ Episcopal Church on
October 7th, 2017, at 10:00am.

Ann invites you to join her after the service
at Modesto's Restaurant
on 10 Route 32 in North Franklin for lunch!

Building Committee Update

Dear parishioners of CEC and St. Mark,

On Sunday August 6th, the Building Committee held its first monthly meetings to communicate with you. We met after the 8:00 and 9:30 services. We plan to hold congregational meetings each month, this month we will hold them on September 17 when the worship committee will be reporting.

Hugh presented the Building Committee charge and membership, and then Godfrey Perrott (Building Committee chair) described his background, and presented the proposed decision process and schedule.

Headline points:

1. We will follow an open transparent process to reach a decision.
2. Both congregations have to approve the decision (probably by a 2/3 majority) for the decision to be effective.
3. We will take our time to get an informed decision, and do not expect to make a decision before April 2018.

Godfrey's speaking notes, the handouts for the meetings and Tom Tibbal's recorder notes are all posted to a Dropbox folder which you can access through the link:

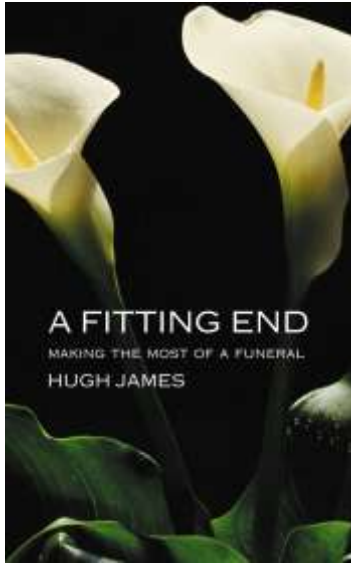
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(Only people who have the link can access the folder.)

The Building Committee want your comments, questions and suggestions. We have red labels on our name badges that say "Building Committee" so you can identify us, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank You,
Godfrey Perrott (Building Committee Chair)

Book Review: “A Fitting End” by Hugh James



Thirteen years ago Hugh James, then Vicar of Kidwelly in west Wales, wrote a book on funerals, which was published by Canterbury Press. The CEC Adult Forum studied this book a few years ago, and Caterina Maxwell wrote this review for Thameside Thinking.

This extraordinary book is authored by our own Reverend Hugh James. Very unique and exquisitely written, this work examines with great sensitivity a subject avoided by most: - the burial of the dead. As a priest in a small Welsh village, Hugh encountered many situations for which the appropriate pastoral guidance was never written in any book or taught in any seminary. With scholarship and history to guide the way, this book helps the reader examine the meaning of death and ritual, and invites reflection. What is the best way to say goodbye to a loved one? What happens when family members have wildly different ideas, or when awkward situations arise? Even at a funeral, the unpredictable can and does happen. Ministers fall into the grave, undiscovered mistresses show up, remains are stuck in traffic jams.

Hugh shares his clear-headed thinking and thought-provoking insights in a narrative that is gentle, witty and eloquent. Scholarship is interwoven with engaging anecdotes for an examination that is both highly unique and engaging. His intention to serve people in grief in the best possible manner, and to share what he has learned along the way, has produced a sensitive and eloquent work that belongs on every library shelf in the community, church and home.

... .Caterina Maxwell

Bible Study

Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 21, at 6:00 pm in the Pine Room at Christ Episcopal Church. Readings for the following Sunday will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to join us .



Choir News

Choir season officially kicks off on Thursday, September 14th with our first rehearsal and pot-luck dinner. We'll meet at 6:30pm in the Pine Room for a meal together, then begin our rehearsal at 7:30, wrapping up by 8:30. Come and join us for an evening of fellowship and music! Our choir is a relaxed group of volunteer singers, and our rehearsals are usually filled with as much laughter as learning.

Contact the music school office with any questions: [860-425-0663](tel:860-425-0663).

REPORT ON 20/20 VISION CAMPAIGN (CEC)

In 2014 Christ Episcopal Church entered a three-year campaign to raise money for repairing the roof and for evangelism efforts. Contributions started in June of that year and officially ended at the end of June in 2017. A total of \$152,019 was raised from members of the congregation (pledged and non pledged); another \$17,335.49 came from grants for engineer study of the roof problem, income from a small trust (Greene), and parish fund raising. Thus the total raised is \$169,354. Some parishioners are still fulfilling their pledges, so a small amount will still be coming in.

To date we have spent \$27,961 for an engineer study of the roof, for a digital sign for evangelism efforts and for incidental fundraising expenses. Currently our 20/20 fund stands at \$141,393.99, available mostly for our projected new roof.

20/20 money raised:	\$ 152,019.50
Grants:	\$ 9,714.50
Trust income:	\$ 2,804.92
Fundraising:	\$ 4,816.07
Total	\$ 169,354.99

Monies spent:	\$ 27,961
Money remaining:	\$141,393.99
Money expected from pledges:	\$8,170

If you would like to see more details, please see me in the church office.

- James E. Baltzell, Treasurer CEC

A Note to Both Churches

August 13th, 2017

We would like to thank all our Church Family members for the generous gift given to us for the loss of our home. We appreciate all the moral support too.

Thank you for all the prayers for Mike to heal and get his life back to normal, the visits and the cards. Also, thank you to Father Hugh for his visits and calls and to Julia and Linda who always listened to me when I called.

*We are very blessed to have a church family who cares and helps to ease the pain while we are going through **this difficult time.***

Thanks again for everything. God Bless and never change!

With Love, Barbara and Mike Gladue

Community Garden Ministry

The garden is producing many vegetables including kale, Swiss chard, herbs, tomatoes, summer squash, zucchini, okra, peppers, onions and eggplant. We seem to be struggling with some plant diseases despite our efforts to control them but we hope the plants will continue to produce.

We work in the garden on Wednesday starting at 4:30 and we harvest either Saturday evening or Sunday before church. When we harvest on Saturday we will send out an email to those on our distribution list so they don't come early for church. There are always weeds and watering needed so if you can't make the times we work feel free to come and work on your own. I hope to have the Navy join us for fall cleanup again this year in October. Please watch for more information in the Sunday Bulletins or in the Narthex News.



The outlook for the 2018 garden is uncertain. If St. Mark is sold there will be no property to have the garden. If St. Mark has not been sold then we need a volunteer or two to coordinate the garden. There are two types of community garden models, the one we are doing now and then the model where plots are used by individuals. Both models would work in our space so that would give the new volunteer coordinator(s) a choice. If you are interested in becoming the coordinator or maybe teaming up with another person and you have any questions please contact me. Joe Churney [860-884-6582](tel:860-884-6582)



Installation Announcement!



Rev. Niki Havell has been called to serve as Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oxford, CT. All are invited to her Rite of Installation on Sunday, September 10th, 2017 at 3:00pm. Please let Linda Mandel or the church office know if you would like to bring an item for coffee hour following the service!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is located on 25 Great Hill Road, Oxford, CT

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.

Calendar of Events - September

SERVICES AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL using Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Friday, September 1

8:00 pm AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, September 2

8:00 am Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, September 3

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, September 4

7:00 Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

4:30 pm Community Garden (StM)

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:45 p.m. Mankind Project (CEC)

Friday, September 8

11:00 am Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, September 9

8:00 am Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour/Altar Guild Meeting

Monday, September 11

7:00 Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, September 12

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

6:00 pm Lions Club (CEC)

Wednesday, September 13

10:30 am Communion Service at Eliza Huntington Home

4:30 pm Community Garden (StM)

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:45 p.m. Mankind Project (CEC)

Thursday, September 14

6:30 p.m. Choir Potluck (CEC)

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CEC)

Friday, September 15

11:00 am Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, September 16

8:00 am Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour/Worship Cmtee Update

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour/Worship Cmtee Update

Monday, September 18

7:00 Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, September 19

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

6:30 pm Combined Council/Vestry Meeting (CEC)

Wednesday, September 20

4:30 pm Community Garden (StM)

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

5:30 pm Casserole Mingle (CEC)

6:45 p.m. Mankind Project (CEC)

7:00 pm CCSArts Board (CEC)

Thursday, September 21

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

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, September 22

11:00 am Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (St. Mark)

Saturday, September 23

8:00 am Cornerstone (StM)

7:00 pm Downtown Mic (CEC)

Sunday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

8:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, September 25

7:00 Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, September 26

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

6:00 pm Lions Club (CEC)

Wednesday, September 27

4:30 pm Community Garden (StM)

6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)

6:45 p.m. Mankind Project (CEC)

Thursday, September 28

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

7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)

Friday, September 29

11:00 am Food Pantry (CEC)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, September 30

8:00 am Cornerstone (StM)

CEC = Christ Episcopal Church

StM = St. Mark Lutheran Church

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays:

3 Lucille Allen
 10 Stephen Kimball, Katherine Stone
 12 Alvina Molocko
 13 Robin Lemaire, James Baltzell
 16 Dorothy Briggs, Bob Howe
 17 Charles Russell
 20 Kitty Bentley, Bernadette Erardy-Exley
 27 Megan Armstrong, Michael Lillpopp,
 Robert Lillpopp
 29 Catherine Cosby
 30 Bruce Ashline



September Anniversaries:

2 Barbara & Fred Reifeiss
 7 Ines & Kurt Kallmeyer
 8 Peter & Rhonda Labenski
 10 Jill & Jeong Sanders
 11 Tom & Lydia Tibbals
 20 Robert & Betty Schmidt
 27 Marsha & Alex Prokop



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In Loving Memory of
 Herman Weingart

by

Sandy & Rick Neuendorf
 Robert J. Morrison
 Richard and Barbara Philipp
 Vivian Stanley
 The MacDonalds

In Loving Memory of
 Ruth L. Rankin

by

Elizabeth Hanson
 In Loving Memory of
 Louise Liepold

by

Elizabeth Hanson

In Celebration of Joan & Tom Seidel's
 50th Wedding Anniversary

by

Rick & Sandy Neuendorf

Food Bank Necessities and Schedule

Christ Episcopal Church

Food Pantry

11:00 a.m. to 12:30pm

Schedule for September

September 1 closed
 September 8 open
 September 15 open
 September 22 open
 September 29 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)

September Volunteers - 8:00 amSEPTEMBER 3

Acolyte: David Anderson
 Reader: Ron Crouch
 Chalice Bearer: Chuck K. Norris
 Coffee Hour: The Andersons

SEPTEMBER 10

Acolyte: Rose Anderson
 Reader: Dale Eichholz
 Chalice Bearer: Peter Sepowitz
 Coffee Hour: The Sepowitzes

SEPTEMBER 17

Acolyte: Kayla Mills
 Reader: Linda Snarski
 Chalice Bearer: Chuck K. Norris
 Coffee Hour: Dale Eichholz

SEPTEMBER 24

Acolyte: Irene Landis
 Reader: Dale Eichholz
 Chalice Bearer: Ron Crouch
 Coffee Hour: Scott Campbell

October Volunteers - 8:00 amOCTOBER 1

Acolyte: David Anderson
 Reader: Ron Crouch
 Chalice Bearer: Chuck K. Norris
 Coffee Hour: The Andersons

OCTOBER 8

Acolyte: Rose Anderson
 Reader: Dale Eichholz
 Chalice Bearer: Peter Sepowitz
 Coffee Hour: The Sepowitzes

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OCTOBER 29

Acolyte: David Anderson
 Reader: Ron Crouch
 Chalice Bearer: Chuck K. Norris
 Coffee Hour: The Andersons

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.

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study is back! The first meeting will be on Thursday, September 21, at 6pm in The Pine Room at Christ Church.

September Volunteers - 9:30 amSEPTEMBER 3

Crucifer: Will Schramm
 Acolyte: Owen McVicker
 Chalice Bearer: Judy Huntley, Dawn Erardy,
 Ines Kallmeyer
 Readers: Betty Hinsch, Sandy Neuendorf
 Intercessor: Janet Koch
 Greeter: Betty and Bob Schmidt
 Ushers: David Norman, Herb Zickwolf
 Altar Guild: Sandy & Rick Neuendorf,
 Sarah Vertefeuille, Bill Small
 CEC Counters: Debbie Baltzell, Judy Huntley (DI)
 Eucharistic Visitor: Tom Tibbals
 Coffee Hour: D. Erardy/*need a St. Mark volunteer*

SEPTEMBER 10

Crucifer: Bill Small
 Acolyte: Aiden McVicker
 Chalice Bearer: Sandy Vanase, Sarah Vertefeuille,
 Mary E. Lang,
 Readers: Robin Slane, Cathy Cosby
 Intercessor: Eileen Akers
 Greeter: Lorraine Fox
 Ushers: Christine Murtha, Richard Russ
 Altar Guild: Debbie Kimball, Dawn Erardy,
 Alvina Williams, Virginia Maloney
 CEC Counters: Bruce Jaxheimer, Will Schramm (DI)
 Eucharistic Visitor: Lili Rafeldt
 Coffee Hour: D. Kimball /*need a St. Mark volunteer*

SEPTEMBER 17

Crucifer: Steven Kimball
 Acolyte: Milli Chankar
 Chalice Bearer: Dawn Erardy, Virginia Maloney,
 Steven Kimball,
 Readers: Janet Koch, Robert Tolppi
 Intercessor: Sandy Neuendorf
 Greeter: Sue Underhill
 Ushers: Rozanne Sobieski, Kurt Kallmeyer
 Altar Guild: Pam Jaxheimer, Judy Huntley,
 Louise Weseman, Lorraine Fox
 CEC Counters: Rozanne Sobieski, Judy Huntley (DI)
 Eucharistic Visitor: Rick and Sandy Neuendorf
 Coffee Hour: J. Koch/ *need a St. Mark volunteer*

SEPTEMBER 24

Crucifer: Rozanne Sobieski
 Acolyte: Sabrina Tolppi
 Chalice Bearer: Marilyn Williams, Mary E Lang,
 Will Schramm,
 Readers: Meagan Armstrong, David Norman
 Intercessor: Janet Koch
 Greeter: Herb Zickwolf
 Ushers: Lisa Carr, Joan Seidel
 Altar Guild: Ursula Chartier, Sandy Vanase,
 Dot Briggs, Alice Harding, Janet Koch
 CEC Counters: Bill Small, Jay Deming (DI)
 Eucharistic Visitor: Virginia Maloney
 Coffee Hour: Sue Small / *need a St. Mark volunteer*

*If you are unable to serve on
 your assigned dates, please let
 the church office know who
 your replacement will be*

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.

October Volunteers - 10:00 amOCTOBER 1

Crucifer: Stu Cosby
 Acolyte: Aiden McVicker
 Chalice Bearer: Judy Huntley, Sandy Quarto,
 Ines Kallmeyer
 Readers: Cathy Cosby, Virginia Maloney
 Intercessor: Judy Huntley
 Greeter: Joan & Tom Seidel
 Ushers: David Norman, Herb Zickwolf
 CEC Counters: Cal Edgar, Dawn Erardy (DI)
 Eucharistic Visitor: Tom Tibbals
 Coffee Hour: D. Baltzell /*need a St. Mark volunteer*

OCTOBER 15

Crucifer: Bill Small
 Acolyte: Sabrina Tolppi
 Chalice Bearer: Will Schramm, Dawn Erardy,
 Virginia Maloney
 Readers: Thomas Tolppi, Betty Hinsch
 Intercessor: Eileen Akers
 Greeter: Lorraine Fox
 Ushers: Rozanne Sobieski, Herb Zickwolf
 CEC Counters: Bruce Jaxheimer, Will Schramm (DI)
 Eucharistic Visitor: Rick and Sandy Neuendorf
 Coffee Hour: D. Kimball/*need a St. Mark volunteer*

OCTOBER 8

Crucifer: Will Schramm
 Acolyte: Milli Chankar
 Chalice Bearer: Sandy Vanase, Sarah Vertefeuille,
 Stu Cosby
 Readers: Mary E. Lang, Robin Slane
 Intercessor: Sandy Neuendorf
 Greeter: Sue Underhill
 Ushers: Christine Murtha, Richard Russ
 CEC Counters: Debbie Baltzell, Judy Huntley (DI)
 Eucharistic Visitor: Lili Rafeldt
 Coffee Hour: D. Erardy / *need a St. Mark volunteer*

OCTOBER 22

Crucifer: Steven Kimball
 Acolyte: Owen McVicker
 Chalice Bearer: Mary E Lang, Sandy Vanase,
 Tom Seidel
 Readers: Ines Kallmeyer, Eileen Akers
 Intercessor: Janet Koch
 Greeter: Betty & Bob Schmidt
 Ushers: Lisa Carr, Joan Seidel
 CEC Counters: Rozanne Sobieski, Judy Huntley (DI)
 Eucharistic Visitor: Virginia Maloney
 Coffee Hour: J. Koch/*need a St. Mark volunteer*

OCTOBER 29

Crucifer: Rozanne Sobieski
 Acolyte: Sabrina Tolppi
 Chalice Bearer: Judy Huntley, Sandy Quarto, Marilyn Williams
 Readers: Linda Andrews, Janet Koch
 Intercessor: Judy Huntley
 Greeter: Herb Zickwolf
 Ushers: Mary E. Lang, Kurt Kallmeyer
 CEC Counters: Lisa Carr, Jay Deming (DI)
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CASSEROLE MINGLE EVENINGS

Please Save the Dates:



Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Christ Church at 5:30

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at St. Mark at 5:30

These joint parish gathering casserole dinners are a chance to dine and socialize (not a fundraiser).

Please bring a casserole to share with the group.

Kindly contact Linda Snarski by Sunday September 17 and Sunday, October 15 at 860-608-5165 text/message or snar@aol.com

Prayer List

On Christ Episcopal Prayer List: Homebound Parishioners: Elaine Andrews, Pat Bromley, Mary Browning, Evelyn Fletcher, Gwen Kay, Jeanette Maplesden, Lucy Salva, Ruth Sanders, Linda James 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 Deacon. Young Adult Service Corp: Jourdan Johnson during her year of missionary service in Brazil.

We pray for the sick especially for: Dennis Levander, Bob Campbell, Lee Tompkins, Doug Hueg, Paula Shafer, Tom Aromin, Lilyanne, William Briggs, Stephen Kimball, Dennis McCarthy, Joey Briggs, Jonah Vitale, Jesse Kalisher, Mike Schmitt, Dennis Levander, Lisa Carr and Louis Schluntz. Also those with addictions, their families & friends. For the hungry: for all children being sexually abused and the adults healing from sexual abuse and people who are 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 safe pregnancies and healthy children: Karie Briggs. 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 For those who travel. For those who have a Birthdays: Lucille Allen, Stephen Kimball, Katherine Stone, Alvina Molocko, Olivia Gromko-Adams, James Baltzell, Dorothy Briggs, Bob Howe, Charles Russell, Kitty Bentley, Bernatette Erardy-Exley, Michael and Robert Lillpopp, Catherine Cosby Anniversaries: Barbara & Fred Reifeiss, Marsha & Alex Prokop

On St. Mark Prayer List: Michael Schmidt, Barbara and Mike Gladue, Jo Glover, Whitney Hamilton, Parker Churney, John Federkiewicz, Gary Smith, Tori Clark, Bruce Ashline, Evelyn Cannamela, Elise Vanase, David Nagel, Lorraine Cannatta, Alan Smith, Sr., Jennifer Bedell, Chris Knighten, Linda Ali, Fran Archambeault, Bernie Stolp, Vera Dawley, Caroline, Cherie Schanandoah, Charles Peters, Lina McCann, Hope McCann, Andy Foster, Mary Larson, Christina McCann, Ronald Hartgroves, Kristin Zawacki, Marge Jabs, Jennifer Stark, Susan Keller, Janet Hatch.

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 all,

I hope all are doing well; I've been following the transition between Christ Church and St. Mark through the e-mail chains that I'm still on.

(Please don't take me off, I like to know what's going on.)

I pray that all is going well and as smoothly as possible.

Since I've returned from the trip into the countryside that I last wrote about, Bishop Francisco asked me and my co-workers to work on a grant application for financial help here in the diocese. I really enjoyed doing it.

We had to come up with a way to help fund several different programs down here and unify it all under one program in order for it to be eligible for the grant.

So, we decided to create a leadership program which would also help form new church leaders and put more of a focus on the women and youth in the church - as the diocese here is similar to Christ Church and St. Mark - fewer children and fewer people. It was a really fun process for me as I like looking at the bigger picture.

I wrote up as much of the grant/program as I could and now Jonas and I translating it into Portuguese ...

In extracurricular news, I got my first capoeira cord last month! It was nerve-racking but very exciting.

The funny part is that when someone gets their first cord, it is called a baptism.

This comes from the fact that the mestre (kind of like a sensei) and other instructors will play against the person who will be baptized and at the end of the round, the mestre will do a move in which the baptizee ends up on the floor ... this is the baptism.

It may sound a little scary but it was actually really fun as I played against all of the other instructors and at the end of the round they baptized me as a friendly reminder that I've still got a lot to learn.

Additionally, I've taken up gypsy dancing, which is a lot of fun and we get to wear huge skirts!

During the month of August I will be traveling back up to Concordia, the area that I wrote about last month ...

I'll be staying there for the whole month helping out the priest who is attending to 14 communities.

I'm not entirely sure what I will be doing, but I'm sure it will involve helping out with services and I may have the opportunity to assist the youth in forming an official group.

Other than that I'll just see what they might need help with.

Finally, I am contemplating staying here longer.

So far I have concluded that a whole additional year would be too long for me, but another six months would be do-able.

I have the matter in prayer and will most likely be deciding in the next few months.

My reasoning behind this is that I want to leave here having established a community (not that I am creating a community here, but that I will end up with friendships and connections within the local and church community.)

I believe that a year is too short of time to do this, but two years seems too long for me to be away.

That is why I'm thinking six months might be just right.

I'm not sure if they will even let me stay only six months, as the extension time is typically one year.

As far as fund-raising goes, I've got about 82 percent of what I need for the whole year.

Thank you so much for helping out, especially since I am such a shy fund-raiser.

Lots of love to you all!!

Jourdan



Pastor Niki's Ordination

Pastor Nicole Harvell was ordained on July 1st, 2017 at St. Mark Lutheran Church. She has accepted a call at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oxford, CT!!



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, last year 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 green collection bin in the Gathering Room. Please do your part. Thank you.



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