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Working as One to Serve All!

April 2018 Newsletter



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Mothers Sunday



APRIL 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

Ann's Thoughts



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As this Lenten Season gives way to Eastertide, I am struck by how quickly time has passed. It seems like we just celebrated Epiphany; now as I write this we are approaching Palm Sunday. I am reminded of how hectic our **lives have become. We busy ourselves with 'to do' lists no matter what** the season. No matter how we try to slow down our schedules continue to be full, and seasons just seem to pass by without much attention—save for the personal ways in which we try to focus in on our worship and our prayer life.

Every Easter I anticipate once again how Holy Week will fill me with sadness and bewilderment in the crucifixion of our Lord, as I participate in the Passion of Jesus, only to give way to the joy and wonder of the resurrection as promised by him. Winter gives way to Spring and new life grows in the world around me. On Easter morning life seems light again and we welcome back the Alleluias with jubilant voices on Sunday mornings.

It will soon be time for me to take leave of my church families here in Norwich to experience a new assignment at St. Stephens Church in East **Haddam for the summer. I will cover Reverend Adam Yates' sabbatical,** and while I am looking forward to meeting new people and trying on new ways of doing worship, I will miss everyone at Christ St. Mark. I am filled with thanksgiving for spending this past year under a fabulous mentor, Father Hugh James. He has enabled me to understand my priestly role by giving me the freedom to find my voice as a preacher and as a celebrant, among other duties. That is a valuable gift for a new priest, and one that is rarely given.

I have had a remarkable opportunity while serving with my parish families. I came here at the start of the collaboration between the Lutheran church of St. Mark and the Episcopal church of Christ Episcopal, and have been privileged to play a small part in it. Some moments have been difficult and sometimes tense filled. However this is where I learned so much. I have come to understand more deeply what people value in their worship. Even though the two faith traditions are fairly similar there are cherished moments in each liturgy and method of worship that give people deep meaning. One result of this collaboration that I have loved is in getting to know both Episcopal and Lutheran congregants. I have loved my time here and will miss everyone over the summer. You are embarked on a great mission and I pray and will pray that you bring it to a **successful conclusion. You are doing God's work which is always challenging and fulfilling.**

I do not know what the future holds for me beyond the summer, but I have faith that I will return in some way to visit my church families. Happy Easter!!!



Holy Week at Christ-St. Mark



Maundy Thursday, Supper Meal,
Foot Washing and Eucharist, March 29
at 78 Washington Street, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30
at 248 Broadway, 12 noon worship
Evening Community Way of the Cross Walk, 6:00 p.m., begins on Chelsea Parade
(to be held at St. Patrick Cathedral if inclement weather)

Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, March 31
at 248 Broadway, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of our Lord, April 1
at 248 Broadway, 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.



The Watch

On Maundy Thursday the Chapel at Christ Church will be used for a watch of prayer following the Last Supper service. The idea of this is that we respond to Jesus' words to his disciples on the first Maundy Thursday, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial." (Matthew 26:40). So we are asking people to commit to spending an hour (or less) praying up until midnight. There is a sign up sheet in Memorial Hall for this. Hugh



Easter Music

The music at our 9:30 Easter Day service will be enhanced by extra brass instrumentalists. One individual has already offered to pay for this, but if any others would like to contribute to the cost please contact Jim Baltzell about this or make a check payable to Christ Episcopal Church and mark it For Easter Music.



Informal Congregational Meetings after each Service

Sunday	Topic	Responsibility
April 29	Separate vote of each congregation to accept or reject the recommendations of Council and Vestry respectively	Vestry and Council

Some Notes on Where We Worship

Since we have been worshipping together as one combined congregation, we have moved regularly between out two sanctuaries. For the first 4 months, we alternated a month at a time starting in June 2017 at 248 Broadway. We then decided to spend a longer period of 3 months at each building. So from October to December we worshiped at 78 Washington St, and had Christmas there. We then moved back to 248 Broadway in January intending to remain there until after Easter, so that we would have a major festival at each church. It was then decided that we would stay at 248 Broadway until after our vote on April 29. Regardless of the outcome of that vote we will return to 78 Washington St for the first Sunday in May, as we will by that time have been at 248 Broadway for 4 months.

The vote on April 29 will decide our final home. If that vote does not achieve a clear result, then the vestry and council will meet on the following Tuesday to discuss how we should proceed, and our worship in May will continue at Washington St. Beyond that date we have made no decisions.

WORSHIP SERVICES AT 248 BROADWAY

January 7 - April 29

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

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

Godly Play (Sunday School)

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

Hearing from Our Members

The Council and Vestry of our churches would like to receive feedback from people about the blending process. In particular, we want to know how you are finding it. Do you have all the necessary information you need? Do you feel the church leadership is in touch with what our membership is thinking? And anything else you want to tell us. Elsewhere in this publication is a survey which you are invited to complete and return. It will also be available on websites and in church on Palm Sunday and Easter Day. We'd love to hear your views.

The wardens and presidents and members of both council and vestry would also be glad to meet with you and talk about this, as would the Rev. Hugh James. You can approach any of them to talk about it. In particular: Linda Snarski and Dawn Erardy, members of the CEC Vestry, will be available in the Pine Room Extension to "chit and chat" with anyone at 4:00pm on the following Wednesdays: March 28, April 4 and April 11. They will wait until 4:20 p.m.

Sandy Quarto and Lisa Carr will be at St. Mark on Wednesday March 28 at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 3 at 5 p.m. for a chat. They will wait until 5:20.

We hope that there will also be other opportunities set up for discussion.

Calendar of Events - April

SERVICES AT ST. MARK 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 at 9:00 am

- Sunday, April 1*, Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service with hymns
9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Monday, April 2
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)
Tuesday, April 3
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
5:00 p.m. Questions w/S. Quarto, L. Carr (StM)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee (StM)
Wednesday, April 4
5:00 p.m. Questions w/L. Snarski, D. Erardy
6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Thursday, April 5
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)
Friday, April 6
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)
Saturday, April 7
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Mary Brancato (StM)
Sunday, April 8*, Easter 2
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Monday, April 9
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)
Tuesday, April 10
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Wednesday, April 11
5:00 p.m. Questions w/L. Snarski, D. Erardy
6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Thursday, April 12
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)
Friday, April 13
11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (St. Mark)
Saturday, April 14
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, April 15* Easter 3
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
(Pulpit Exchange with Christ-Trinity, Sheffield, MA)
9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
(Pulpit Exchange with Christ-Trinity, Sheffield, MA)
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Monday, April 16
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)
Tuesday, April 17
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
6:30 p.m. Combined Council/Vestry Meeting (StM)

Wednesday, April 18
6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Thursday, April 19
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)
7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)
Friday, April 20
11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)
Saturday, April 21
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
8:30 a.m. South East CT Regional Episcopal Convocation
(St. John's Niantic)
7:00 p.m. Downtown Mic (CEC)

Sunday, April 22* Easter 4
8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Monday, April 23
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)
Tuesday, April 24
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Wednesday, April 25
6:00 p.m. TOPS (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Thursday, April 26
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (CEC Pine Room)
7:00 p.m. Choir (CEC)
Friday, April 27
11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)
Saturday April 28
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, April 29*, Easter 5
9:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Congregational voting on
Vestry and Council Recommendations
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
Monday, April 30
7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

South East Regional Convocation

A gathering for Episcopalians from the South East Region of our Diocese will be held at St John's Church in Niantic (400 Main Street, Niantic) from 8:30am until 1:00pm. Bishops Ian Douglas and Laura Ahrens will be joining us this spring as we gather together in the SE Region. All are welcomed to attend this day of prayer, play, work, and food.

Christ St. Mark
A Joint Lutheran Episcopal Congregation in Norwich, CT

Congregational Survey

We would like to ask members of our combined congregations to complete and return this survey by April 8, 2018. It can be returned to either church office, or at services by placing it in the collection plate. The Vestry and Council hope to gain a better understanding of how our members feel about our blending process. We are also hoping to get feedback through congregational meetings and by offering people the chance to meet individually with a member of the vestry or council for a discussion about this.

What do you like about blending together into Christ St. Mark Church?

What do you dislike about blending together into Christ St. Mark Church?

What do you think needs to be addressed?

What can we do to help you through this transition?

Is there anything else you would like the leadership of the church to know?

Would you like a vestry or council member to call you?

Yes / No (*Please circle one*)

Council / Vestry (*Please circle one*)

Name Tel. No.

A Proposed Agreement for Going Forward

This document has been produced to accompany the report of the building committee. That committee recommended to the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church and the Council of St Mark ELCA Church that 78 Washington Street become our future home. The two bodies met together to discuss this and then discussed it separately. The St Mark Council drafted proposals for a way forward. These were then discussed by the Rector/Pastor, the CEC wardens and the President and Vice-President of St Mark. They amended the document which was then sent to the CEC Vestry to discuss, amended and finally agreed by the Vestry and Council in a joint meeting on Tuesday March 20, 2018. This document is that final version.

As we come together, we celebrate and rejoice in our two Christian traditions, and affirm the integrity and value of both. Neither church is seeking to absorb the other, but both churches seek to respect and honor the traditions of the other. In particular Christ Episcopal Church recognizes that the members of St Mark Lutheran Church are passing through a period of considerable change, as they leave the building they have come to love. The Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church want to ensure that they feel welcome at 78 Washington Street.

1. Christ St. Mark Church will re-visit our arrangement as an emerging church at the January 2019 annual meetings.
2. St. Mark and Christ Church will work together to preserve assets, prepare a balanced budget/reduce expenses to achieve a sustainable financial future with a clear vision for growth and mission.
3. Work will begin as soon as possible on creating a joint decision making body, so that when 248 Broadway is liquidated or re-purposed, we can move as quickly as possible to a blended budget, sharing income but maintaining separate investments. Giving and earnings from investments from St. Mark and from Christ Church will be used to support the budget. Income from either congregation will not be used toward the other congregations Diocesan or Synodical assessment (dues).
4. **St. Mark will continue sharing expenses by contributing 42% toward Hugh and Jesse's compensation packages, as agreed upon by the joint Finance Committee. Christ Church will continue contributing toward Linda's salary at 58%. Every three months for the first year starting 3 months after the April 29 vote the joint Finance Committee will re-determine the percentage each church contributes. If members have left either congregation, the criteria used to determine the 58%/42% formula will be used to adjust the formula.**
5. St. Mark will contribute 42% (not expected to exceed \$25,000) toward the cost of improvements at 78 Washington St. as outlined in the Building Committee Report recommendation, pending the **congregation's approval (improved lighting and air quality, restroom & coffee area at back of the sanctuary)** . If there is a significant loss of members from either church, this amount may be adjusted. The St. Mark contribution will be a gift and an encumbrance will not be necessary. It will remain a gift even if the emerging church dissolves after January 2019 (the one year period).
6. Additional improvements will be made to 78 Washington St to make the building more elder and handicap friendly, such as including a seating area in the sanctuary for handicapped or elderly individuals that is on one level (this may require removal of a few of the platforms the pews sit on). Plans will be developed to make an accessible office.
7. The St. Mark cross will be hung in a prominent position at the front of the sanctuary and St. Mark banners will be displayed, as appropriate.
8. Future clergy appointments will be open to Lutheran pastors and Episcopal priests.

It is understood that the liquidation of the St. Mark Church property is up to the St. Mark congregation, as are how the proceeds will be used or invested.

Sandy Quarto, Council President
St. Mark Lutheran Church

Mike Lillpopp, Senior Warden
Christ Episcopal Church

March 20, 2018

Voting Procedures and Resolutions

- Feb 24 BC made its recommendation and delivered draft report to V/C. Recommendation is which building we should retain and why.
- Feb 24 V and C discuss BC recommendation first together and then separately. Each votes whether to accept and recommend approval by its congregation. [recommendation is to make 78 Washington our home; consideration is ongoing.]
- Mar 11 Congregation meeting for a presentation of the recommendation followed by discussion.
- Apr 17 Council and Vestry approve the updated voting member lists (lists from the Annual Meetings, updated for changes) at their regular meetings.
- Apr 22 Voting lists posted at 248 Broadway. (Please check that your name is present on the correct list.)
- Apr 29 Voting Day:

A single 9:00 service (sung Eucharist);

Brief coffee time (grab coffee and nibble) Memorial Hall

Meet to vote	Christ Episcopal	Ark End Memorial Hall
	St Mark Lutheran	Kitchen End Memorial Hall

Vote separately by secret written ballots, to be then counted in front of congregation and vote totals to be announced. (StM and CEC ballots will be different colors.)

Reconvene as the emerging Church of Christ St Mark Memorial Hall

Resolutions to be voted on (simple Aye or Nay)

CEC The congregation of Christ Episcopal Church accepts the recommendation of its Vestry to retain 78 Washington as the building in which the emerging Church of Christ St. Mark should worship and conduct its mission.

StM The congregation of St Mark Church accepts the recommendation of its Council to retain 78 Washington as the building in which the emerging Church of Christ St. Mark should worship and conduct its mission.

Resolution must receive 2/3 of votes cast (by that churches members) to be approved.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



April Birthdays:

2 - Joshua Rix
 4 - Robin Slane
 9 - Aimee Reifeiss Sadler
 11 - Rose Anderson
 13 - Jesse N. Glaude
 13 - Rose Lillpopp
 13 - Elizabeth Grant-Carr
 14 - Will Schramm
 18 - Mary Babcock
 19 - Lucy Salva
 20 - Cathy Molocko
 20 - Robert Babcock, Jr.
 21 - Pam Jaxheimer
 21 - Herb Zickwolf
 21 - Emily Rix
 25 - Carol Sepowitz
 27 - George Carr
 28 - Nancy Ziemski
 29 - Joe Brown

April Anniversaries:

15 - Carol & Peter Sepowitz
 17 - Lisa & George Carr
 24 - Pam & Bruce Jaxheimer



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed



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

May Narthex News Articles



Please send your articles for the *May Narthex News* to st.marklutheran248@gmail.com by *Thursday, April 19th*. Thank you.



2018 Flower Chart

Is located in Memorial Hall on the wall
 by the parking lot.
 The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday for 1 vase

6th Annual Spring Training & Gathering

Join Episcopalians from all over Connecticut for a day of fellowship, learning, fun and prayer. All are welcome - people in the pews to vestry members to parish leaders and staff.

Sat, April 7, 2018 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450

Schedule for the Day:

- * 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Arrival & Check-in
- * Plenary
- * Workshop Session #1
- * Workshop Session #2 with Lunch Wave A
- * Workshop Session #2 with Lunch Wave B
- * Workshop Session #3
- * Sending Forth
- * Depart by 4:00 p.m.

This year workshop participants will be able to attend three different workshops and one lunch wave. Workshop topic areas include Christian Formation, Communication, Connecting & Collaborating, Essential Parish Operations, Leadership, Passion & Call, Pastoral Care, Social Justice & Advocacy and Worship. All workshops run for 75 minutes.

For descriptions of all the workshops click here - Link is: <https://www.episcopalct.org/FileRepository/DownloadFile.aspx?FileID=1657>

Downtown Mic

Downtown Mic is opportunity for local musicians and spoken word artist to share thier talents and hone their craft. A free will offering of either cash or items for the food pantry are welcome. The kitchen crew serves up hot dogs, hamburgers, and the occasional soup.

The schedule for the spring is

April 21st 7-9pm

June 16th 7-9pm

Come on out for a night of live local talent and support for the food pantry.

If you have any questions contact Will Schramm at Wschramm@snet.net or [860-887-2918](tel:860-887-2918)



Playground Demolition Team of 10 Requested

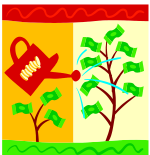
Saturday, April 21 - 8 a.m.

Rain Date: Saturday, April 28 - 8 a.m.

Despite our commitment to attracting young families and helping neighborhood children, the old playscape equipment at 78 Washington St. has been deemed unsafe by an insurance inspector and must be removed.

If you can help with the dismantling, please call Linda Snarski at [860-608-5165](tel:860-608-5165)

or e-mail snar@aol.com



Our Community Garden Ministry Needs a Coordinator:

We are looking for someone to coordinate the garden ministry this summer. It doesn't need to be a member of our church community. It can be a individual, a team of people, or even a community organization. Please get the word out amongst your network of friends and groups you may belong to. If anyone shows an interest please ask them to contact me at jchurney@snet.net. Thank you.



Joe Churney



April Volunteer Schedule

Normally we email these assignments to people.

Date:	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
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8:00 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

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

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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May Volunteer Schedule

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Date:	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
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8:00 a.m.

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

10:00 a.m.

Crucifer:	Owen McVicker	Bill Small	Sabrina Tolppi	Stephen Kimball
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Reader:	Mary E. Lang Sandy Neuendorf	David Norman Patty Russell	Robin Slane Ruth Stanley	Robert Tolppi Sabrina Tolppi
Intercessor:	Judy Huntley	Janet Koch	Sandy Neuendorf	Eileen Akers
Ushers:	Judy Huntley Mary E. Lang	Christine Murtha David Norman	Richard Russ Joan Seidel	Rozanne Sobieski Herb Zickwolf
Altar Guild:	Debbie Kimball Dawn Erardy	Sandy Neuendorf Bill Small	Judy Huntley Pam Jaxheimer	Janet Koch Bill Small
CEC Counters:	Bill Small Dawn Erardy (DI)	Rozanne Sobieski Judy Huntley (DI)	Debbie Baltzell Jay Deming (DI)	Lisa Carr Dawn Erardy (DI)
Eucharistic Visitor:	-----	Sandy & Rick Neuendorf	Virginia Maloney	-----
Coffee Hour:	Debbie Kimball <i>Need a St. Mark volunteer</i>	Janet Koch Sandy Quarto	Dawn Erardy Linda Mandel	Debbie Kimball <i>Need a St. Mark volunteer</i>

If you are unable to serve on your assigned dates,
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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 bringing 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

We include in our prayers: Homebound Parishioners: Elaine Andrews, Pat Bromley, Mary Browning, Evelyn Fletcher, Jeanette Maplesden, Lucy Salva, Ruth Sanders and Linda James.

Clergy: For Justin Archbishop of Canterbury; Elizabeth and Michael, our Presiding Bishops; Ian, Laura and John our Bishops; Michael, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich; Rachel Thomas, our Regional Missionary; Hugh our Rector & Pastor; and Ann, our Assistant Rector and Pastor.

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

We pray for the sick especially for: Becky Cox, Linda James, Tom Aromin, Lindsay Aromin, Bruce Lavigne, Beatrice Anderson, Dawn Erardy, Mikel Middleton, Joan Cantwell, Peter, Peter Avery, Matt Zawacki, Tom Belden, Betty Heubner, Brother Rob, Sarah Sullivan, Mary Simcik, Fran Archambeault, Marsha Charest, Matthew Maloney, Molly Garcia, Michael Schmidt, Parker Churney, John Federkiewicz, Bruce Ashline, Jennifer Bedell, Caroline, Charles Peters, Lina McCann, Hope McCann, Andy Foster, Christina McCann, Kristin Zawacki, Marge Jabs, 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: 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, Miranda & family.

For those who have died: Don Weseman, Liz Beckwith, Mary Brancato, Lorraine Rainey.

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.

Jourdan Johnson - Brazil Update

Hello all!

I've been back in Brazil a little over a month and I know that the next five months will fly by...so I try not to think about it too much and remain in the present.

January I spent reviving my garden and making sure to visit all the friends I have made since my arrival. It was really nice to see everyone again. I even made a couple of new friends.

I am currently six hours north of Santa Maria in Concordia. You may remember that I spent two months there last year, a more rural area with a lot of decedents from German immigrants, and oddly enough a relatively high Hatian immigrant population. The area has 25 communities and two priests. My first weekend here was spent at the Diocesan wide Women's and Youth Retreat. It was really nice, we had a mini hike in the woods where we stopped at various points to sing or reflect on our faith, several talks, good food and a gincana. I a co-leader of the gincana along with Jonas and Edson. I'm not really sure of a good translation for gincana but it is basically a bunch of games, the kind you might have played at camp as a kid. So we organized skits, relay races and hand massages. In short it was a lot of fun. The day ended with evangelization in the city center. Father Jordan made up the tracts which I thought were quite clever. The front said, "Jesus came to take away your sins, not your intelligence" and the back was a simple invitation to visit the church. As I grew up evangelical, this was a slightly uncomfortable experience but certainly not a new one. It was interesting to see how the youth handled the situation as I'm sure it was a first for many of them. I thought they did quite well.

Last weekend we had our usual assortment of church services. I love going to all of them and while I'm there participating I feel very energized. But by the



“Jourdan Johnson’s crew of furniture builders and theology consultants - her team in the Brazilian martial-arts specialty

end of the weekend I was completely exhausted and I spent the whole day by myself yesterday to recuperate. In a few weeks we are going to try an experiment, not only will I preach for all the services but I will attempt to run them as well. 🤪

Wish me luck! One of the communities that we visited last week, Seara, was approved for a Brazilian UTO grant to start a hairdressing workshop. They will be able to teach about 25 women the skill and offer the course for free. It will be a great help to many women who never had a chance to study. This community in particular is very organized, aside from the hairdressing course they have dance classes and will soon will be reviving the youth choir. In addition, they have completely revitalized the town's community center which is where the services are held.

At home, we have been doing a food exchange. I found cilantro at the supermarket!!!! So we had tacos and guacamole, and on the Italian side, chicken caccitore. Jordan and Sonia tried the guacamole and thought it was ok, but it was strange for them since they are used to eating avocados sweet. Jordan bought avocados last night so that he can make the sweet version for me. There are several men from the Haitian community who are Episcopalian and came to the retreat. We had a fun time, they practiced English with me and I practiced French with them. There is a Haitian restaurant in town, so we decided to go there at some point so I can try Haitian food. I also met four Ghanan students at the retreat. They have been studying at the Episcopalian School that the Diocese runs for the past few years. We exchanged phone numbers and I'm hoping we can also do a food exchange at some point.

As far as fundraising goes, I have 14% of my support raised. Thank you very much to those who have donated. My latest blog can be accessed here: <https://yascbrazil2016.blogspot.com.br/>

The weather is still very warm here, but hints of fall are showing up. I hope you all are weathering all those winter storms ok.

Jourdan

I need some good volunteers!!

Our Tea Party/Purse Raffle fundraiser is on May 6, 2018 at 3pm in the Pine Room at 78 Washington Street. Tickets are \$10 each and need to be purchased in advance. Seating is limited. Raffle tickets can be purchased during the event. We are raising funds for the Food Pantry and the Youth Group. Thank you for any help that you can provide – please sign up in Memorial or call Cathy! If you have any purses you would like to donate, please give them to Cathy Cosby. Purses can be new or gently used (clean with no stains or spots).

Any questions, contact Cathy Cosby cmdcosby@gmail.com 860-334-5963

I need people to help with:

Decorations

Set-up

Clean-up

Raffle Tickets

Food Servers

Someone to keep the hot water going

Bus people – to clear tables

Advertising

Donations of items for raffle

Door Person/Greeter – to greet guests as they arrive

Kitchen help

Menu planners

Send thank you notes to businesses that donate items

Event tickets



Food Bank Necessities and Schedule

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

April 6 closed
April 13 open
April 20 open
April 27 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.



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.



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.

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