

Narthex News

Working as One to Serve All!

July-August 2018 Newsletter



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Music at 78 Washington Street



JULY/AUGUST SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT 78 WASHINGTON ST.

8:00 a.m. - Spoken Holy Eucharist Service

8:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m. - Sung Holy Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour

EXCEPT:

JULY 1 - Worship is at 78 Washington St. at 9:00 a.m. and
248 Broadway at 9:30 a.m.

AUGUST 26 - Worship is at Mohegan Park at 11:00 a.m.

Mary's Thoughts



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Sometimes our lives take us in unsuspected and unwanted places. I have been in such a place for a number of days now. Since my oldest son, Mark killed himself on June 2, I have been in emotions, unwanted activities and grief beyond what I can talk about. Inside this unwanted time the blessings of God have come to me and I want to share some of them of which I am able to speak.

Sitting with my newly widowed daughter-in-law, sons, Eric and Dana and **Mark's Pastor from St. Michael Episcopal Church we heard words from the Bible, words of sorrow, words of truth about just what faith in the resurrection might be.** Father Bevin Stanley defined faith as the courage to be, to be alive and continue trusting the promises put forth in the words of the Bible. There was the blessing of music. Two high school choirs, the church choir and Chorus Angelica joined to lead the full congregation in the pews in singing *Swing Low Sweet Chariot, A Mighty Fortress* and *For All the Saints* **at Mark's funeral. Mark's students, Army friends, high school friends, relatives and many from Christ/St. Mark paid their respect and came to services and calling hours brought blessings by their presence.**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.*
Matthew 5:3-4

Hard blessings but true blessings. My life is full of blessings at this time of dark emotions. My life is full of blessings because this is a Christian community to care for me. My life is full of blessings because there are two congregations here in Norwich which have said that they want to do **ministry. Thanks be to God for the blessings of being God's servants.**

Pastor Mary Robinson

A Note of Thanks....

*Heartfelt thank you to all who attended the graveside service and or sent cards of comfort upon **Mark's death.***

Pastor Mary Robinson

July 1 Worship Services & Congregational Meetings

On Sunday July 1 our two churches will worship separately and each service will be followed by a congregational meeting. Christ Episcopal Church will hold one service at 9:00am in the main sanctuary followed by a meeting in the Pine Room, and St Mark will hold a service at 248 Broadway at 9:30am followed by a meeting in the Memorial Hall. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the blending process following the vote on April 29. On the following Sunday we will revert to our pattern of joint services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00am at 78 Washington Street.

Hugh

Parking for July 6th Fireworks



The Annual Firework Display to mark the July 4th Independence Day will be taking place this year on Friday July 6th with July 8th as a rain date. Parking will once again be available at Christ Episcopal Church at \$5 per car. From there, it is a short walk by the river along the heritage path, or down Washington

Street to the Marina. Or you can stay at the church and watch the fireworks from there. There will also be food and drinks for sale. We'd also be glad to hear from anyone who would like to help with the parking or cooking!



August Outdoor Service and Picnic

On Sunday August 26th there will be no services at either Christ Church or St Mark, as we will be holding an outdoor Eucharist in Mohegan Park at the Field Pavilion (same place as last year). The service will begin at 11:00am and will be followed by a picnic and games. People coming are asked to bring either a salad or a dessert to share. The churches will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. If you would like to offer your services as a cook or games coordinator, please contact either church office.



Help Needed on Tuesday, July 3 & Thursday, July 5



Where: CEC

When: 8:00 to 12:00 Tues. July 3 and Thurs. July 5

Why: Organize and relocate items from 4 closets in the chapel.
Move archive items upstairs. Organize a room.

Please contact Linda Snarski if you can help. 860-608-5165 or snar@aol.com

Thank you. 😊

Safe Church Training at 78 Washington

A Safe Church Training Session is going to be offered at 78 Washington Street come fall. It will be held on Saturday September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This training is for all at St. Mark and CEC who are in contact with children or vulnerable adults. The word should get out and also names of those who should be attending given to either Hugh or Dale Eichholz at CEC. In the past it has been an all-day affair with beverage and pastry for mid-morning break and a light lunch served around noon. When more information is forthcoming, we will let you know but meanwhile we need to get word out and possible names of attendees.

Dale Eichholz

Tibetans at St. Mark

The Tibetan American Community of Connecticut is conducting a summer cultural camp for children and adults to learn the Tibetan culture, songs, dances and foods.

St. Mark is hosting the camp to reach out to the Tibetan refugees who are living in our community.



Community Garden Ministry:

Our Garden Ministry is continuing at 248 Broadway. Rita and Allison, previous volunteers, have taken the lead this year. Many thanks to Lisa Carr and her family for arranging a donation of 30 bags of garden soil from Scotts-Earthgro. Gail obtained a \$250 Action Grant from Thrivent Financial to purchase needed supplies for the garden. This year the garden looks a little different because containers are being used for growing many of the vegetables along with planting along the trellises too. Providing fresh vegetables for members of the community who are food insecure is a very important ministry. The work evening at the garden is Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Introduce yourselves to Rita and Allison and join them on Wednesdays to help out.

To quote the "*Gardeners Supply Company*", where we have bought many of our seeds and supplies over the years...

*"Nobody should have to choose
between eating and paying a utility bill,
yet 41 million Americans
are forced to do just that every year.
Our Garden to Give initiative
has the potential to change lives -
in fact we could feed
28 million men, women, and children
just by gifting some of our bounty
to local food pantries, soup kitchens,
and other hunger relief organizations!"*

They have pledged to give some of their produce to food pantries and this is something each one of us who has a garden should also strive to do. We can stamp out hunger in Norwich one garden at a time.

Joe



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 you are 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.

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, Marge Jabs, Bruce Ashline, and Fran Archambeault, Laura Nagel.

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

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

We pray for the sick especially for: George Carr, Jr., George Carr, III, Troy Simmons, Karey Myers, Ruth Sinko, Kathy Epperson, Dorothy Lathrop, Phyllis Plotkin, Peter K., Becky Cox, Linda James, Tom Aromin, Lindsay Aromin, Bruce Lavigne, Mikel Middleton, Joan Cantwell, Matt Zawacki, Tom Belden, Brother Rob, Sarah Sullivan, Parker Churney, John Federkiewicz, Jennifer Bedell, Charles Peters, Lina McCann, Hope McCann, Andy Foster, Christina McCann, 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. In Thanksgiving for: Our Food Pantry available for those in need

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



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

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

Save Your Old Eyeglasses



Throughout the year, the Lions Club, and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact. Look for these

containers in the Pine Room and leave your old eyeglasses. Thank you!



Birthdays and Anniversaries for July and August

July Birthdays:

- 2 Owen McVicker
- 3 Peter Sepowitz
- 4 David Anderson, Jace Gooden
- 6 Sarah Matters, Ann Perrott
- 7 Joshua Ziemski, Bob Schmidt, Liisa Rix
- 8 Charles Erardy
- 9 Derek Rafeldt, David Deming
- 10 Lloyd Schramm
- 12 Lauren Lillpopp
- 13 Barbara Gladue
- 15 Khristopher Garcia
- 16 Shirley Eliasson, Lydia & Tom Tibbals
- 18 Aiden McVicker
- 19 Peter Armstrong, Jazzmin Krohn,
Austin Michael Shirley
- 21 Linda James, Sue Bjornberg
- 25 Kaila Gromko
- 29 Edith Stankiewicz
- 31 Christine Kuzmenko

July Anniversaries:

- 7 Richard & Judy Huntley
- 9 Bob & Marjorie Howe
- 26 Deb & Jim Baltzell
- 30 Tom Tolppi & Robin Slane

August Birthdays:

- 2 Anastasia Lillpopp
- 3 Lisa Carr, Cassie Babcock
- 4 John Carr, Craig Babcock III
- 7 Sheila Maudsley
- 8 Kurt Kallmeyer, Molly Garcia
- 10 Godfrey Perrott
- 12 David Norman, Cynthia Adams
- 15 Robert Shilrey
- 17 Rozanne Sobieski
- 18 Dorothy Rhodes, Emily Gromko-Adams
- 20 Hazel Lotring, Joy Bachand
- 25 Anneliese Kempf
- 27 Lorraine Fox, Bryan Matters, Sean Buckley
- 30 Violet Gaskell

August Anniversaries:

- 6 Martha & Kent Ingves
- 13 Chris & Phil Murtha
- 28 Patty & Charles Russell
- 29 Sarah Vertefeuille & Will Schramm



Youth Group



Friday evenings except June 25 at 6:00 p.m. the Youth Group of Christ /St. Mark meets in the kitchen at 248 Broadway to prepare their evening meal. Tacos, Pizza, homemade sausages, spinach salad, sushi and a new and exciting meal to come fills our bodies.

Activities to stretch our youthful desire to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, worship to nourish our spiritual nature are all there for the taking. Youth who are 13 and older are welcome. Just come. The meal and meeting concludes about 8:00 p.m.



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1 June 2018

I'm writing to members of Christ Episcopal Church in Norwich, CT, with an update on what has happened following our 20/20 Vision Appeal since its launch in 2014. You can see from the accompanying photographs that work is now underway on the replacement of the church roof. Most of the money needed for this has been raised through the 2020 Vision Appeal, but we still have to raise approximately \$35,000. That sum is available from our endowment funds but we would prefer to raise it directly from contributions to the Appeal Fund.

If you are one of those who pledged, I would like to thank you for doing so. Without your generosity and that of others like you, this project would not have been possible. Thank you.

On the reverse side this letter you will find details of the amount you pledged and how much of that pledge you have given, if appropriate. You might like to check that your records match ours, and contact the treasurer if any adjustments need to be made. You might also like to consider turning that pledge into a regular donation, or adding a top-up amount to it.

If you were not able to pledge at the time, you might like to consider doing so now and a copy of the original pledge card is on the reverse side of this letter, should you wish to use it.

With all best wishes,
J Hugh A James, Rector

Copy of Pledge Card used in Original Appeal

Realizing that all we are and all we have is a gift from God's abundant love, I/We will support our Vision by estimating my/our gift over a 3 year period to be given as follows:

My/Our total 3 year gift will be

Option 1: I/We will give \$..... weekly monthly annually over a 3 year period.

Option 2: A one time gift of \$

Option 3: Other (please specify)

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Name(s)

Address

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Phone

New England Synod Assembly 2018 - *Stir It Up!*

Stir it Up was the theme of the 2018 meeting, and it was meaningful days for Brian Armstrong and Lili Rafeldt. Over 500 pastors and lay members from New England churches considered and celebrated the growth and changes in the way we worship, praise God, and serve humankind. Donations from our congregation were given, we voted for various committee members and elected a Bishop. It was great to see new candidates present their vision for our synod, we can be assured NE ELCA churches will continue to thrive. Bishop Hazelwood was elected for another term with a wealth of administrative experience and strength of vision. Speakers presented how to be joyful Christians, plan budgets, learn about other religions, and consider new models of worship. It was inspiring to see how there are many ways to grow congregations with other faiths such as Episcopal, Methodist, and other Lutheran perspectives.

Bishop Hazelwood asked us to visit other churches, even Muslim Mosques to share we all believe in one God. A resolution was made to consider our faith and its practice in the environment. Our garden is a wonderful example of faith, people, and the environment. We were reminded of a previous resolution to experiment in models of faith and asked to go out and serve our Lord. Many of our former interim pastors and vicars send their love and regards, we are always in their prayers. Consider attending next year, it is a way to see the world in a new way.

Lili Rafeldt



Hannah - Eileen Aker's Guide Dog

Hannah is the name of my new guide dog. We are working very hard to develop a beautiful and lasting partnership. I used to do ballroom dancing; how about you? If I couldn't follow my partner or if he didn't know much about dancing, the result could be trampled toes! Whenever I have followed the lead of any of my guide dogs, it has felt like a dance. Hannah and I are learning to dance. We are working to figure out each other. Is Hannah helping me to avoid a garbage bin or a broken part of the sidewalk, or are we in the grass because she's trying to sneak in a glorious sniff? I may give Hannah a signal to go forward into the street, but the judgment is hers. This training is a fine line so that guide dogs will be cautious of traffic but not afraid of it.

Hannah grew to love the family who raised and trained her as a puppy. They introduced her to a variety of experiences. When she was about fourteen months old, she was returned to The Seeing Eye to begin training as a guide dog. There she became adept at learning and devoted to her instructor. Now here she is forming a permanent attachment and settling in to our way of life together.

The most important rule is not to pet her. When she is in harness, Hannah is a working dog. A colleague of mine used to call my guide dog's name. When Fiona turned her head, the woman would say, "Maybe she needs to go back for training." It was obvious who needed the training!

When Hannah is not in harness, she becomes just a dog with still a bit of puppy. She carries her big bone in her mouth and either follows me with it or sits and poses.

I am grateful for your continued prayers and support. I keep thinking of a choir anthem: "Make Me a Servant, Lord." One verse continues, "Give me a willing heart: Ready to go, ready to stay, ready to always obey." That's the message of Hannah. Perhaps hers is a message for all of us? We will dance together to life's music culminating in the theme, not of trampled toes but of total trust.

Blessings, Eileen





Volunteer

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- 1 Training** - online at www.habitatct.org/volunteer/training
- 2 Waiver** - Print and fill out waiver found at www.habitatct.org/volunteer
- 3 Sign up** - For your volunteer day online
 - go to www.habitatct.org
 - click the Volunteer UP link in the top right corner
 - Log In or Register if you are new to this system
 - Return to the Calendar
 - Click the day under the column you would prefer to volunteer at
 - Choose the shift, email reminder and team name.
 - Click "sign up"

Questions?

Contact volunteer@habitatct.org or 860-442-7890 ext 201

July Volunteer Schedule

Normally we email these assignments to people.

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

Acolyte:	Services	David Anderson	Rose Anderson	Ron Crouch	Irene Landis
Reader:	At	Sue Underhill	Dale Eichholz	Joan Good	Christine Kuzmenko
Chalice Bearer:	CEC 9:00	Peter Sepowitz	Ron Crouch	Chuck K. Norris	Peter Sepowitz
Coffee Hour:	StM 9:30	Carol & Peter Sepowitz	Rose & Dave Anderson	Dale Eichholz	Christine Kuzmenko Sue Underhill

10:00 a.m.

Crucifer:	Rozanne Sobieski	Stephen Kimball	Owen McVicker	Bill Small	Sabrina Tolppi
Acolyte:	Stephen Kimball <i>Aiden McVicker</i>	Aiden McVicker	Rozanne Sobieski	Stephen Kimball	Stu Cosby
Chalice Bearers:	C. Norris, S. Cosby, D. Erardy <i>J. Churney, S. Quarto</i>	Alice Harding Judy Huntley Mary E. Lang	Virginia Maloney Stephen Kimball Sandy Quarto	Stu Cosby Sandy Vanase Marilyn Williams	Stephen Kimball Dawn Erardy Alice Harding
Reader:	Linda Snarski <i>C. Kuzmenko</i>	Sabrina Tolppi Tom Tolppi	Eileen Akers Linda Andrews	Stu Cosby Cathy Cosby	Mary E. Lang Janet Koch
Intercessor	Janet Koch	Sandy Neuendorf	Judy Huntley	Eileen Akers	Janet Koch
Ushers:	L. Carr, J. Huntley <i>R. Russ, H. Zickwolf</i>	Mary E. Lang Christine Murtha	David Norman Dick Philipp	Richard Russ Joan Seidel	Rozanne Sobieski Herb Zickwolf
Altar Guild:	D. Kimball, D. Erardy <i>S. Neuendorf</i>	Bill Small Sandy Neuendorf	Pam Jaxheimer Judy Huntley Ursula Chartier	Janet Koch Alvina Williams	Debbie Kimball Dawn Erardy
CEC Counters:	Rozanne Sobieski Judy Huntley (DI)	Lisa Carr Jay Deming (DI)	Cal Edgar Dawn Erardy (DI)	Bruce Jaxheimer Jay Deming (DI)	Stephen Kimball Judy Huntley (DI)
Eucharistic Visitor:	Sandy & Rick Neuendorf	-----	Virginia Maloney	-----	-----
Coffee Hour:	Dawn Erardy <i>St. Mark</i>	Debbie Kimball Marilyn Williams	Need Volunteers	Debbie Kimball St. Mark	Dawn Erardy Sandy Quarto

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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August Volunteer Schedule

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Date:	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
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8:00 a.m.

Acolyte:	Kayla Mills	Dave Anderson	Rose Anderson	Service
Reader:	Linda Snarski	Sue Underhill	Dale Eichholz	at
Chalice Bearer:	Ron Crouch	Chuck K. Norris	Peter Sepowitz	Mohegan Park
Coffee Hour:	Irene Landis Kayla Mills	Carol Sepowitz Peter Sepowitz	Dave Anderson Rose Anderson	11:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Crucifer:	Stephen Kimball	Owen McVicker	Rozanne Sobieski	Aiden McVicker
Acolyte:	Aiden McVicker	Bill Small	Sabrina Tolppi	Owen McVicker
Chalice Bearers:	Judy Huntley Virginia Maloney Sandy Quarto	Sandy Vanase Marilynn Williams Alice Harding	Dawn Erardy Judy Huntley Stephen Kimball	Mary E. Lang Virginia Maloney Sandy Quarto
Reader:	Virginia Maloney Sandy Neuendorf	David Norman Patty Russell	Robin Slane Ruth Stanley	Robert Tolppi Sabrina Tolppi
Intercessor:	Eileen Akers	Judy Huntley	Janet Koch	Sandy Neuendorf
Ushers:	Judy Huntley Richard Russ	Mary E. Lang David Norman	Dick Philipp Richard Russ	Joan Seidel Rozanne Sobieski
Altar Guild:	Bill Small Sandy Neuendorf	Pam Jaxheimer Judy Huntley Ursula Chartier	Janet Koch Alvina Williams	Judy Huntley
CEC Counters:	Rozanne Sobieski Judy Huntley (DI)	Bruce Jaxheimer Dawn Erardy (DI)	Bill Small Jay Deming (DI)	Stephen Kimball Dawn Erardy (DI)
Eucharistic Visitor:	-----	Sandy & Rick Neuendorf	-----	Virginia Maloney
Coffee Hour:	Dawn Erardy St. Mark	Debbie Kimball St. Mark	CEC St. Mark	

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Calendar of Events - July

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

CEC = Christ Episcopal Church

StM = St. Mark Lutheran Church

* *Each Sunday there is coffee hour after each service*

Sunday, July 1*, Pentecost 6

9:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service (CEC)
9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service (StM)
10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting (CEC)
10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting (StM)
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, July 2

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, July 3

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, July 4

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Friday, July 6

Tibetan Celebration (StM)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)
Saturday, July 7
8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, July 8* Pentecost 7

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, July 9

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, July 10

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)

6:30 p.m. Separate Vestry Council Meetings (CEC & StM)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, July 11

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Friday, July 13

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, July 14

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, July 15* Pentecost 8

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, July 16

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, July 17

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Combined Council/Vestry Meeting (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, July 18

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Friday, July 20

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)
7:00 p.m. Downtown Mic (CEC)

Sunday, July 22*, Pentecost 9

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, July 23

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, July 24

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Lions Club (CEC)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, July 25

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)
6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee (CEC)

Friday, July 27

11:00 a.m. Food Pantry (CEC)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (StM)

Saturday, July 28

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, July 29*, Pentecost 10

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, July 30

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, July 31

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

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Wednesday, August 1

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Friday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)

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

Saturday, August 4

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, August 5*, Pentecost 11

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, August 6

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, August 7

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

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, August 8

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Friday, August 10

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)

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

Saturday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, August 12* Pentecost 12

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, August 13

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, August 14

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

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

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, August 15

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Friday, August 17

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)

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

Saturday, August 18

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

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

Sunday, August 19* Pentecost 13

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, August 20

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, August 21

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

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

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, August 22

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

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

Friday, August 24

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)

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

Saturday, August 25

8:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Sunday, August 26*, Pentecost 14

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service

10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Service

11:00 a.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Monday, August 27

7:00 p.m. Barbershoppers (StM)

Tuesday, August 28

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

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

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Wednesday, August 29

4:30 p.m. Garden (StM)

6:30 p.m. Cornerstone (StM)

Friday, August 31

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (StM)

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



Jourdan Johnson - Brazil Update

Hello all!

I hope things are warming up for you all even as they are cooling down in my neck of the woods. In two more months I will be heading back to CT and gratefully for the increase in temperature. I continue to read the newsletters to remain abreast of what is happening at home but I am horribly behind in the general news, but I am told things are never dull.

Its hard not to think of the future when I am so close to making the transition but I am consciously trying to balance planning and remaining present. Even so, it is tricky. I feel a bit like I have a foot in Brazil and the other in the states. Last week two friends told me that I seemed distracted, which is probably absolutely true. But, I suppose that this is part of transition. Two weeks ago was when it really hit me. I had been compiling lists of places where I might apply to jobs but I hadn't actually applied. While chatting with a friend, I had asked her what positions were open at her agency and logged onto the website to check. The initial application was so simple, that I filled it out in five minutes and sent it in. All of a sudden, I felt how little time two months was and somewhat shocked that I had just applied for a job. Since then I have applied for other jobs all the while making time for people here.

The past month has been an interesting mix of mundane and unique events. First we were planning for the General Synod which is significant in two respects: Bishop Francisco decided not to put himself in the running again and same sex marriage was up for vote. While I was not able to attend the Synod, I helped the in communicating with the international guests and informing them of the arrangements. Everything went smoothly in the logistics. Same sex marriage was approved by quite significant numbers. Bishop Francisco says this was probably because each Diocese was allowed to maintain autonomy on deciding, apparently much how it was done in the States. I think that this is probably good because not each diocese is prepared for the change yet. The new Primate is Bishop Naudal. I am very happy that Bishop Francisco is no longer Primate not because he wasn't good at his job, but because being Bishop twice over is stressful.

Other eventful news has been the truckers strike. From what I understand, the government switched the price of gas to be based off of the American dollar which just jumped quite a bit. It has been a fairly steady \$1 = 3.25 reals and is now \$1 = 3.81 reals. Most of Brazilian transport is done by truck as the railroads were effectively undermined by the auto industry years ago. Im not entirely clear, but the truckers must have to factor in the gas price to their pay. So, they were already paid little, and now because the gas prices rose, they would be receiving even less. In protest, the they organized a strike and basically transportation of goods stopped (goods to hospitals and such continued). The strike was very effective. During the Synod I was told that they didn't have any limes to make that traditional Brazilian drink "caipirinha." The week after the strike began, my stove ran out of gas so I called the company who usually delivers it saying, "I need gas." He answered: "So do I." All the other places I called didn't answer so I assumed that they were also without. For a week I cooked in the microwave and on a sandwich press. I was surprised how well some of the food came out; I made a really good marinara sauce and managed to poach eggs without them exploding. Thankfully, the church office no longer uses their stove as they acquired an electric kettle so I was able to use their gas. Last week they supposedly came to an agreement. This week I'll see if ordering gas is more successful.

As far as fundraising goes, I have 20% of my goal. Thank you to those who have contributed. If you feel inclined, donations can be made online or sent by check. Online donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/bom-dia-brazil>. Checks should be made out to "The Episcopal Church" and on the memo line written "Jourdan Johnson/Volunteers in Mission." Checks can be mailed to the address below:

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Mission Personnel Office
The Episcopal Church Center
[815 Second Ave.](#)
[New York, NY 10017](#)

Donations are tax deductible and I have a form that can be filled out for that reason.

Hope all is going well there! See you all in a few months!

Food Bank Necessities and Schedule

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

July 6	closed	August 3	closed
July 13	open	August 10	open
July 20	open	August 17	open
July 27	open	August 24	open
		August 31	closed



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.



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 or Mary Robinson.

Daily Devotionals

Copies of *The Word in Season* are on the informational table in the Pine Room. Please feel free to take one home with you.

2018 Flower Chart

Is located in the Pine Room
 The cost is \$30.00 per
 Sunday for 1 vase



September Narthex News Articles

Please send your articles for the *September Narthex News* to st.marklutheran248@gmail.com by *Monday, August 20th*. Thank you.

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