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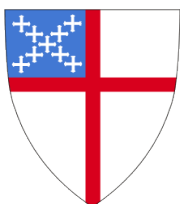
## From the Rector's Desk

Seeing that this is my first newsletter article for the new program year, it would normally be my practice to list all the great events that are planned for the parish and the wider community and encourage everyone to participate as fully as they are able. Instead of telling you all about programs and events planned for this fall, I wanted to call to your attention a few resources as they are some of the best ways to stay informed. One of these resources is our annual Mark Your Calendar for the program year 2018-19 which you should have received. I hope that you will frequently consult it and find events that might interest you and others. The two other ways to stay informed about events around the parish is our weekly email and the Sunday bulletin, again great ways to stay informed.

What I would like to do instead, is to share with you something that happened just a few days ago. While going through the mail, I came across one of many pledge payments that needed to be put in the safe and it dawned on me how grateful I am for all the support (financial and otherwise) that so many of you so generously offer to God's mission and the ministry of St. James's. It also dawned on me how infrequently I say, "Thank You," for your financial support. While this was on my mind, I happened to receive a phone call on a completely unrelated subject from the individual whose check had spurred my thoughts of gratitude, and I relayed that story directly to them and made it a point at that time to say "thank you."

One Sunday in August, I preached on what it means to have a "Good Life" and made frequent reference to Yale's Center for Faith and Culture and the work they are doing around a Theology of Joy & the Good Life. One of the practices that they strongly encourage while trying to lead a "Good Life" is that of practicing gratitude. I believe it goes without saying that so many of us have so much to be grateful for and yet rarely acknowledge this fact. I know that in my life I have a long list of things to give thanks for, and at the top of that list is my family, my faith, my health, my knowledge of God's enduring love, and you—the good people of this wonderful parish. Please know that you all are in my prayers and that resounding prayer is one of thanks.

Faithfully,

To Learn, Live and Teach the Values  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Sept/Oct 2018

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## Highlights in Sept/Oct

- **Sept 7-10** Choir Camp on Nantucket Island
- **Sunday, Sept 16** Fall Parish Picnic, 11am (Regular service schedule & choir returns)
- **Sunday, Sept 23** CnC Covenant, 9:30am; Volunteer Fair & First Coffee Hour, 11am
- **Sunday, Sept 29** Choral Evensong at Trinity College, 5pm
- **Saturday, Oct 6** Composer Will Todd, 10-11:30am
- **Friday-Sunday, Oct 12-14** Confirmation Retreat
- **Friday & Saturday, Oct 19,20** Fall Rummage Sale
- **Saturday, Oct 20** FALLFEST, 4-8pm
- **Sunday, Oct 21** Blessing of the Animals, 9:30am & Rhythms of Grace, 4pm
- **Friday & Saturday, Oct 26,27** Diocesan Convention
- **Saturday, Oct 27** Halloween Stroll West Hartford, 10:30-noon

# From the Assistant Rector

Dear St. James's Youth,

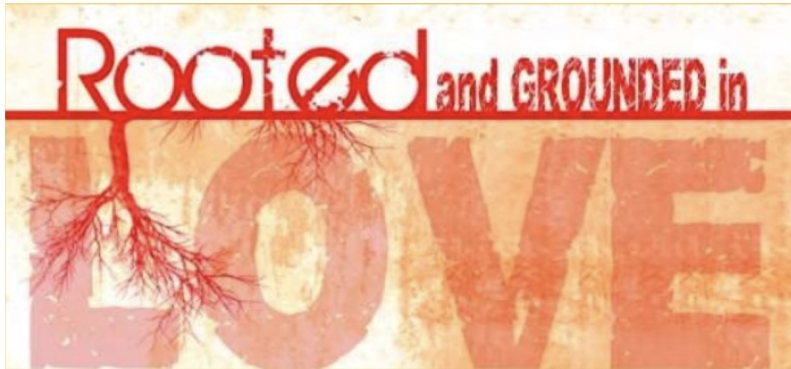
If I'm honest, I'm not sure I would have survived high school without the youth group at my church. So much of the rest of my week was filled with stress—there were the usual adolescent anxieties about whether I looked the right way, said the right thing, belonged to the right group. But then in addition to all of that, I had to make sure I had the most challenging course load possible, all the right extracurricular activities and enough leadership positions to create a strong resume to get into the best possible college to ensure I had the best chance at success in my adult life. The pressure was enormous, all with the goal of pushing me toward some identity I wasn't sure I wanted, and toward a future I was told I needed to have, even though no one could tell me what it was.

But on Sunday evenings, it was different. My youth group was the one place I didn't have to have everything figured out. I didn't have to worry about saying or doing just the right thing, about accomplishments and awards and this unknown future that was supposed to guide my every decision. I could just be myself.

I'm not sure I even remember all that much about the things we did as a youth group. I know we ate dinner together, we played games sometimes, maybe watched movies other times? Those aren't the things that stuck with me. But what I do remember all these years later is that my youth group was the place I could always go to be reminded that I was loved exactly as I was. I didn't have to do anything to earn that. It was freely given.

This experience of being loved by my youth group was something that changed my life. And the future I was supposed to be preparing for in high school? Funny thing about that. It turned out that my future was actually here, in the church itself, hoping to create in our youth group a place like the one I knew, where people can feel loved, just as they are.

This starts with knowing that all love comes from God. And the natural extension of the work we'll do in our community is to take the love and acceptance outside church walls. So those are our goals for youth group this year. Love one another. Know we are loved by God. Share that love with the wider community.



by the Pond and Hartford Catholic Worker, as well as in Ecuador on our mission trip. Ninth and tenth graders who are participating in confirmation class will have a chance to go deeper into the Christian tradition, to learn about the foundations of our faith that have led the church to where it is today. And we'll all ask questions about what kind of church we want for the future, and what part we will play in that future.

I hope you'll take this chance to come be a part of a community who loves you for who you are. We have some great things planned for the year, and I'd always love to know if there's anything else you have in mind that you'd like to do. I look forward to getting to know you better this year and to see what God has in store for all of us!

I hope everything goes well as you start back to school this fall. I'll see you soon!

Charlotte +

## Confirm not Conform

### Classes held on Sundays in the Youth Room

#### September 23

Covenant Signing at the 9:30 service

Confirmation Class #1 at 11am

#### September 30

Confirmation Class #2 at 11am

#### October 12-14

Confirmation Retreat at Camp Washington

#### October 21

Confirmation Class #3 at 11am

## Youth Events September/October

### High School Youth Wednesday, September 19 Yom Kippur

Trip to Soarin' Indoors  
Meet at church at noon for lunch beforehand!

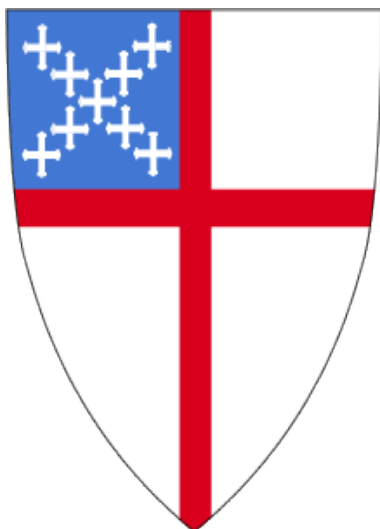
**Sunday, September 23**  
Middle School Youth Group Scavenger Hunt!

**Sunday, October 28**  
HS & MS Youth Group

*Youth Group events are from 5:00 to 7:00 and include dinner, unless otherwise noted.*



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## Vestry Corner

### Treasurer's Report / June 2018

**Current Position:** Through the first half of the year, total Income was \$944 over budget and total expenses were \$5,457 less than budgeted amounts, resulting in a positive variance to budget of \$6,401.

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*"One verse in every six in the first three Gospels relates, either directly or indirectly, to money. Sixteen of our Lord's 44 parables deal with the use or misuse of money. A loving, joyful, liberal giving, to the Lord's work is an acid test of a spiritual heart, pleasing to God." (William E. Allen, Alliance Witness Magazine)*

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### Income & Expense Summary:

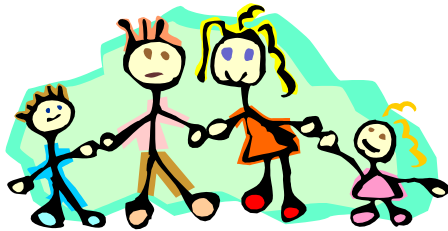
Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$418,249	\$417,305	\$944 Over Budget	\$776,800
Expense (-)	\$372,563	\$378,020	\$5,457 Under Budget	\$779,400
<i>Net</i>	\$45,686	\$39,285	\$6,401 Positive Variance To Budget	\$2,600 Excess of Expense over Income

**Income:** Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) for the six months were \$1,566 less than the total of the several budgeted amounts. Current Year Pledges were behind budget by \$3,637 while the other three categories were over budget by an aggregate amount of \$2,071. The Current Year Pledges deficit was substantially less at June 30 than at the end of May when it stood at \$20,506.

For the first six months of 2018, income from outside groups using the Parish facilities totaled \$16,553 or \$3,985 more than budget. Special Contributions for General Purposes of \$17,957 were \$691 less than budget.

**Expense:** For the period, Property expenses were \$2,494 under budget. The Church paid less than budgeted amounts for gas (\$2,116 less), for general maintenance and repair (\$1,763 less) and for water (\$430 less) whereas electricity costs exceeded the budget amount by \$1,032. Snow removal was a breakeven situation with payments exceeding budget by just \$50. Personnel: Personnel expenses for the six month period were \$1,174 over budget due primarily to the amounts paid for Lay Life and Health insurance exceeding the budget amount. Of the remaining expense categories, seven were under budget and three were over, the net amount being \$4,139 under budget.

# St. James's Center for Family Ministries



*Nurturing your children's  
spiritual life from birth  
through high school*

## **KFC (Kids for Christ) Sundays at 9:00**

*Young children age 3  
through elementary school  
are welcome to gather in the  
narthex (main foyer) for  
Sunday School. They return  
during the Peace.*

## **Rhythms of Grace**

*A different kind of worship  
for children and families  
set in the Anglican  
Tradition! Services are  
held on Sundays at 4pm  
with Priscilla Hooper.*

## **2018-2019 Dates:**

**October 21**

**November 25**

**March 10**



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**A**FTER three Sundays in Maine, I was happy in mid-August to return to St. James's. I was looking forward to reconnecting with friends, hearing some nice music, and praying with a congregation that was larger and more diverse than the one on Peaks Island.

What I hadn't realized until that Sunday, was how much I missed the children of St. James's. On that mid-August Sunday, as I headed to the Narthex with the cross, I was thinking about the long drive Bob and I would be making later that day to pick up our new chocolate lab puppy, Theo. I had planned to read a book with whoever showed up that day—hoping that there were at least two or three to take into the parish hall for Kids for Christ. I had low expectations for that particular Sunday morning, but God and the Holy Spirit had something else in mind.

As the small group gathered, the children were all telling me about what they had been doing this summer. Some had been to their grandparents, some had been to the beach, some had a birthday party later that day—it was a typical conversation with a group of children. Then one of the Moms mentioned that she had taught the kids, "This Little Light of Mine" a few weeks before. At that point, the conversation shifted. They wanted to sing the song.

Once we were in the Parish Hall, we continued our conversation. Four-year-old Mack Raissian explained to me that the light in the song was God's love. That we needed to let God's love shine all around us. We shouldn't hide it under a bushel or let anyone blow it out. Pretty impressive for a four-year-old.

Of course, after that we had to sing the song. I added the verse, "Right here at St. James's Church, I'm going to let it shine." They sang that verse extra loud.

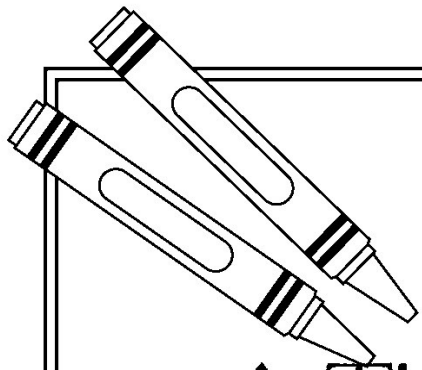
Then one of our young Biblical Scholars, Lyla Fisher (that is what I call her when she shows me just how brilliant she is) said that some people think God is an old man that lives in the clouds, but that God lives in each of us; that God is always with us, in our hearts. Wow. We went on to talk about how we share God's love with the world and how that is our job as Christians.

We did end up reading the book and coloring until it was time to rejoin the rest of the congregation. When I was sitting in the pew, I prayed to God that I was so thankful for these children in my life. I was thankful for their ministry in this place. On that Sunday, Lyla Fisher, a rising third grader, very reverently had jumped in as crucifer because we needed an acolyte. As she confidently led the clergy down the aisle to the narthex, filling in when she was called to do so, I was profoundly thankful for her as a fellow Christian, and very hopeful for what the future holds for our beloved church.

As I left the church after the service, I was reminded by a parishioner that in the book of Isaiah, it says so profoundly, "A little child shall lead them." We have some amazing people of faith in this beautiful place—of all ages and sizes.

As we all hunker down for the busyness that is back to school time, and the beginning of a new program year, let's not forget to thank God for all the blessings of our lives together at St. James's, and make the most of the incredible opportunities that are offered here.

Your Sister in Christ,



# Just for KIDS

## A Time for Everything

In the fall we move our clocks back an hour. The weather gets cooler and it gets dark earlier. As the seasons change, we have faith that God's planning and timing is perfect. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV), God tells us there's a time for everything.

**Fill in the blanks using the clock code below.**

build	dance	die	everything	laugh	gather
give up	hate	heal	heaven		mend
peace	refrain	speak	throw away	uproot	

There is a time for \_\_\_\_\_,

and a season for every activity under \_\_\_\_\_:

a time to be born and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to plant and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a to kill and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to tear down and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to weep and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to mourn and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to scatter stones and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to embrace and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to search and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to keep and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to tear and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to be silent and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to love and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,

a time for war and a time for \_\_\_\_\_,

Answers: everything, heaven, die, uproot, heal, build, laugh, dance, gather, refrain, give up, throw away, mend, speak, hate, peace.



# From the Organist & Choirmaster

Dear Parishioners,

Internationally known composer and conductor Will Todd is coming to St. James's on **Saturday, October 6**, from 10:00-11:30am, to talk about his music and conduct a chamber choir in performances of his compositions. The event is free and should not be missed!

Recently our choir has become quite familiar with Will's music. In addition to singing his Jazz Missa Brevis (short jazz mass) for Pentecost in 2017 and 2018, the choir has sung The Call of Wisdom, Ave Maria, and My Lord Has Come.

Will has written larger works as well, including within the genres of opera, musical theater, orchestral, chamber, and jazz compositions. His anthem, The Call of Wisdom, was performed at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations with a TV audience of 45 million people. Amazing Grace was performed at President Obama's Inauguration Day prayer service in 2013.

Will has collaborated with The Sixteen, Tenebrae, the BBC Singers, the BBC Concert Orchestra, the English Chamber Orchestra, the Welsh National Opera, St. Mart's Voices and the Genesis Foundation. He has several recordings on the Signum Classic Label and his music is frequently performed on BBC Radio 3.

We are pleased to host this event and I want to thank the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for its sponsorship. Please invite your friends and neighbors!



## Important Dates

### Chorister Choir Camp September 7-10

The choristers will travel to Nantucket for fun, relaxation, and music!

### Sunday, September 16

Regular Sunday service schedule resumes and full choir returns. Annual Parish Picnic follows the services.

### Saturday, September 29

St. James's & Trinity College choirs sing Evensong at Trinity College, 5pm.

### Saturday, October 6

Composer Will Todd  
10-11:30am

## Jubilate Deo!

O be joyful in the Lord all  
ye lands; serve the Lord  
with gladness and come  
before his presence  
with a song.

*Psalm 100:1*

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# Mission

## Christmas Stocking Stuffers

*Collection of men's socks and toiletries*

**H**ELP MAKE a difference at Christmas for the men at two area shelters – the Open Hearth and Salvation Army. St. James's Outreach has been collecting warm socks and toiletries for the men at the Open Hearth and the Salvation Army shelters in Hartford since 1989. During the months of October and November we will collect men's socks and toiletries for this mission project. Join us on **Christ the King Sunday, November 25** after the 9:30 service at which time we will stuff the stockings. This mission project is greatly appreciated as your stuffed stockings are often the only holiday gift these men will receive.

Requested stuffer items are: **sample-size (small)** personal care products such as pocket combs, chapsticks, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving cream, skin cream, nail files, nail clippers, shampoo, disposable razors and sample size soaps.

**Please NO MOUTHWASH.** We are also collecting **warm, thick men's BOOT socks**. We could also use some candy canes to add an additional holiday touch to the socks. We understand it may be a bit early to begin thinking about Christmas, but it will be here before we know it. Please bring your donations to the church beginning in October and place them at any of the entrances to the building.

## A "thank you" from Place of Grace

**T**HANK you very much for the wonderful supply of paper products you donated to *A Place of Grace*, the food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church. Our clients really appreciated it. Everyone, clients and volunteers alike, were amazed with the huge stack that arrived at Grace! These products are very necessary, but are expensive and not covered by food stamps.

You all have been most generous to our food pantry over the years, and we thank you heartily for it. We look forward to a continuing partnership with your church.

Katharine Rovetti, Director

## Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

**T**HE WH Food Pantry is in most need of the following items: Canned corn (fully stocked on all other canned items), pasta sauce, and rice. Please bring your donations to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building. Remember to check expiration dates!



**FALLFEST**  
Saturday, October 20 / 4-8PM  
Pig Roast, Live Music, Local Craft  
Beers, Food & Games for all Ages  
& A Seasonal Farm Stand  
ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1018  
FARMINGTON AVE, WEST HARTFORD CT





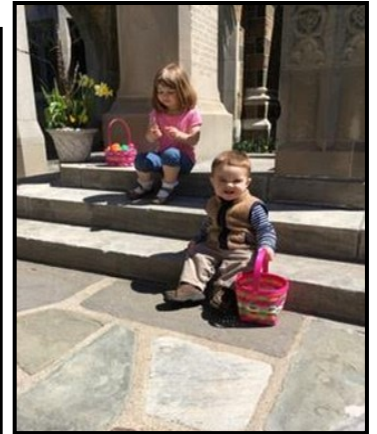
## Around the Parish

### Talking About Faith & Family *Playdate for Families with Young Children*

**J**OIN us for a **playdate for families** seeking to integrate faith and family life. We will have toys and activities for babies, toddlers, and young children to enjoy. Meanwhile parents and caregivers enjoy **coffee** and informal **conversation** about our dreams to create a community for families of faith in the Episcopal Church of Connecticut. We will also explore ways to **introduce our faith** to our youngest children through developmentally appropriate formation opportunities.

**Saturday, September 22nd  
from 9:30-11:30am**

**St. James's Episcopal Church  
1018 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, Connecticut**



To register and find more information, please use our Eventbrite form: <https://septfamilyplaydate.eventbrite.com>

Sponsored by the North Central Region of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. For questions or to learn more, contact Kate Eikel: [kate.eikel@gmail.com](mailto:kate.eikel@gmail.com)



## SOARIN' INDOORS AERIAL ADVENTURE PARK

**ST. JAMES'S  
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TRIP**

**Wednesday, September 19**

**\$10 per person\***

**Arrive at church at noon for lunch  
with signed release forms. Back to  
church by 5pm.**

**\*Financial Assistance Available**





# A Letter from Molly Louden

I HAVE been at St. James's for 15 years as the Priest Associate for the Healing Ministries, and it is time for me to move on and pass on the facilitation of the healing ministries. I do feel called to work more on facilitating Celtic worship and Celtic studies. The choice to step away is totally my idea.

I have enjoyed and appreciated being part of your lives and one of your pastors. We have shared times of great joy and great fun, and also times of loss and sadness. And, in the middle, just being together in regular life. Your generosity, your trust, and your openness have blessed my life and my ministry and, as a result, I have grown as a pastor and as a priest. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It has been a blessing for me to work with Bob Hooper. I was invited by Bob to see whether a healing ministry was wanted at St. James's 15 years ago. His generosity in sharing the pulpit and the table, and trusting my leadership of the healing ministries, has been remarkable. I also have had a lot of fun and laughs working with Bob. When I started, Joan Phelps was here as Associate Rector. I worked with Joan, Chris Craun, Julia Whitworth, and Curtis Farr. All of them were wonderful colleagues who relied on the healing ministries that we were able to offer. So, thank you, Bob, for your generosity, your humor, and for believing in my leadership. We have accomplished a great deal together in these 15 years. I feel we have made St. James's more accepting and helpful to folks who are seeking a healing place.

## HEALING TEAM

When we began, the members of the healing team studied together and practiced with each other for two years before bringing the Sacrament of Healing to the congregation. Now, for over 10 years, we have been offering that sacrament at the 9:30 service every Sunday and the second Sunday at the 8:00 service. The team is divided into groups of four that work together at stations at the back of the church. Maybe the most gratifying accomplishment of the team is that the members all have grown more comfortable and confident in their own call to function as ministers of healing in this congregation and in their daily lives. Without their devotion and commitment, we would not have this ministry for the people of St. James's. I am only the facilitator. They are the ministers, and they will continue to practice their ministry among you.

## PRAYER SHAWLS

We have blessed and delivered 250 prayer shawls, thanks to Cindy Welch, who has knitted most of them. Folks who have received these shawls find them to be a real source of comfort and warmth during their recovery, and long after. The shawl reminds them that the folks in their church are with them, praying for them.

## CASSEROLE MINISTRY

This group of parishioners has delivered meals to individuals, couples and families. They have been delivered when there's a new baby, recovery from surgery or illness, a death, or any other need for a prepared meal. Thank you to all of our generous cooks.

## SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS AND THOSE IN GRIEF

Some years ago the support group for caregivers and those in grief was formed. We have done wonderful work together, and the membership and content has changed according to the needs of those attending. We've gotten to know each other well through the sharing we do at our meetings. We have become a true support group looking out for the health and the quality of the lives of our caregivers and those in grief. We also have become resident experts on the resources available in the area.

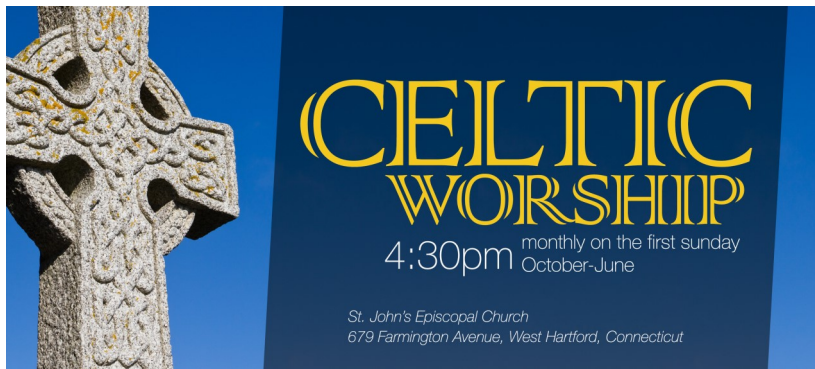
## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

In the fall of 2015 we added a Pastoral Care team of visitors. The visitors have particular folks, who cannot get to church. They are trained visitors. Some take communion. They keep confidence with those they visit. They are hidden ambassadors for St. James's and are doing important work.

I tell you all this because I want you to know the wonderful work that folks at St. James's and I have done in caring for different needs of our parishioners. It has been my delight and deeply gratifying to be part of St. James's. I have come to know and love many of you who worship here. I have been deeply touched by your trust in me, and I am indebted to Bob Hooper and to all the members of our parish who have been part of the ministries I have described. All of this adds up to 15 years of very satisfying work together. And I must reiterate that the ministers of healing in every category are still going to be taking care of folks at St. James's. I was only a point person and a facilitator.

With Charlotte LaForest as our new assistant rector, I am confident that, with Bob and Priscilla, we will find a way to extend this pastoral care ministry and healing to the young families and young singles in our congregation. In fact, there are already programs in place to help with groups of parishioners to get to know each other.

Please join us for a celebration of all we have accomplished together on **October 7 at the 9:30 service**. The celebration will be set in a healing liturgy. I hope all of you who have been part of this, and all of you who have benefitted, will celebrate with us.



## Celtic Worship at St. John's

*Begins Sunday, October 7*

**E**XPERIENCE worship in the Celtic tradition every first Sunday of the month from October through June at 4:30pm at St. John's Church in West Hartford. Chant, silence, prayer, and music from around the world are incorporated into the service. Our first meeting will take place on **Sunday, October 7**. All are welcome!

## Regular Sunday Service Schedule & Fall Parish Picnic

**W**E will resume our regular service schedule beginning **Sunday, September 16** with the 8:00 and 9:30 services. Our choir also returns this day and the Sacrament of Healing will be offered regularly at the 9:30 service and every second Sunday of the month at the 8:00 service. The annual fall picnic will follow the 9:30 service in the courtyard. Please bring a favorite salad or dessert to share with the group. Grill foods and beverage will be provided. Invite someone to church—all are welcome!

## Volunteer Fair & Coffee Hour

**T**HE annual Volunteer Fair alongside the first coffee hour of the season will be held on **Sunday, September 23** after the 9:30 service in the dining room. Ministry leaders will be on hand with informational materials on their respective groups and ministries, and available to answer your questions. All are encouraged to come to the dining room that day to see where you may like to offer your time and talent to one of the many ministries of St. James's. There is something for everyone—just come and see!

## Blessing of the Animals

*St. Francis Sunday Celebration, October 21*

**B**RING your beloved pets with you to the 9:30 service on **Sunday, October 21**. The clergy will bless the animals during the service, which will be held outdoors (rain or shine) under a tent on the Walden Street side of the building. Coffee and other refreshments will be served afterwards.

All animals are welcome! Childcare will be available in the nursery.



## Men's Discussion Group

*Second and Fourth Saturday of the Month*

**A**LL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, September 8 and 22; October 13 and 27** beginning at 8am in the parish room. Various religious topics are presented and refreshments are provided. All are welcome!

## Moms & More Halloween Stroll & Pumpkin Carnival

*Saturday, October 27*

**C**OSTUMED children of all ages are invited to West Hartford for a fantastic and fun holiday morning. The festivities begin with a Pumpkin Carnival at the Town Hall parking lot (50 South Main Street) from 9:30-10:30am. There will be FREE snack and Trick-or-Treat bag give-a-ways from Whole Foods (while supplies last). The event features music for the kids, The Art Truck will be there, the West Hartford YMCA will have fun games for the kids and there will be a fire truck to climb aboard. Mascots from local sports teams will be in attendance. We haven't forgotten the moms and dads, so be sure to stop by all the marketplace booths.

The Halloween Stroll will step off at 10:30am through Blue Back Square and West Hartford Center where Treat-or-Treaters are encouraged to visit participating merchants. For more information, go to [www.momsandmoreclub.com](http://www.momsandmoreclub.com).

## Vegetable Garden

### *Add Your Abundance to Ours*

If your vegetable garden is producing more than you can use, please consider bringing the surplus to St James's on Wednesdays before 9:30 AM. Leave it in the cloister area (inside or outside the door), or on the picnic table near the church garden. We will deliver it to the Hartford Catholic Worker where it will be picked up by those who live in that

## Registry and Readings

### Transfers Out

**Dr. Michael Goupil**

*August 28, 2018*

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
Carmel, Indiana*

### Parish Prayer List

#### Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Audrey, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Anne, Natalie & Harry, Stuart, Walter, Frank, Liz, Elly, Tom, Betsy, Jenine, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Meg, Ed, and Tom.

#### Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Jennifer, Karen, Robert, Sarah, David, Patricia, Ryan, John, Quinn, Arroll, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Kate, Carrie, John & Rita, John, Bret & Ginny, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Danielle & Cynthia, Robert, Mohan, Larry, Marilyn, Barbara, Hudson, Kristin Elizabeth, Dave, Charlene, Pierre, Scott, Melanie, Drew, Lydia, Jeanne, Guy, Stephen, Eric, Clark, and Sydney.

#### Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Wensley Barker IV, Julian C. Barker, Andrew Huntsman, and Ed Vera.

## Sunday Lectionary

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 2

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 9

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 16

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 23

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a;

Mark 9:30-37

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 30

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124

James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 7

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

### Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, October 14

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

### Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, October 21

Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

### Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, October 28

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

## Parish Birthdays

### *Children and Youth*

#### SEPTEMBER

Colette Barber, 2  
Luke Lemanski, 2  
Jack Marzi, 3  
Julia Neal, 7  
Winston Toutain, 7  
Riley Morris, 8  
Maren Harwood, 10  
Gabriella Urso, 10  
Mazzy Gaupp-Iscove, 15  
Grover Gaupp-Iscove, 15  
Nicholas Urso, 25  
Hadley Jacobs, 28  
Natalie Forcello, 28  
Raveyn Garrow-Cooke, 29  
Emory Regan, 30  
Louisa Smith, 30



#### OCTOBER

Meg Dollar, 3  
Lucia Paul, 3  
Roman Tagliarini, 3  
Leonardo Collin, 4  
Katherine Morris, 7  
Charlotte Burns, 11  
Ivan Garrow-Cooke, 13  
Loic Toutain, 15  
Camden Jacobs, 17  
Jacob Campbell, 23  
Penelope Collin, 25  
Carolyn Eacobacci, 25  
Lucas Butts, 31

# Women Of St. James's



## October Programs

**M**ARK your calendars! We begin a new program year on **Tuesday, October 2** with our first luncheon and speaker, **Dennis House** of WFSB Channel 3 News!

There are many interesting speakers lined up this year, some familiar faces and some new to our program. Look for the Women of St. James's booklet in your mailbox coming in September. Below is the schedule for October 2018. Please share the information with your friends and neighbors—all are welcome to attend!

### **Tuesday, October 2**

Dennis House  
*WFSB Channel 3 News Anchor*

### **Tuesday, October 9**

The Rev'd Charlotte H. LaForest  
*Assistant Rector of St. James's Episcopal Church*

### **Tuesday, October 16**

Cyndy Bittinger  
*Historian*

### **Friday & Saturday, October 19 & 20**

WOSJ Fall Rummage Sale  
*Friday, October 19 (Sort: 9-3 / Sale 6:30)*  
*Saturday, October 20 (Sale 9am until noon)*

### **Tuesday, October 23**

Dr. Nita Mitra  
*Retired Professor*

### **Tuesday, October 30**

Karen Israel  
*Artist*

*The Women of St. James's Booklet will be mailed in September.*

## Dennis House

*WFSB Channel 3 News Anchor*

**N**AMED one of the "12 Most Influential People" by Hartford Magazine, Eyewitness News anchor and Face the State moderator Dennis House has been a mainstay on Channel 3 since 1992. A native New Englander and Emmy award-winning journalist, Dennis co-anchors Eyewitness News at 5 p.m., 6 and 11 and interviews politicians and newsmakers on Face the State, the critically acclaimed Sunday morning political show. He is also the author of the popular blog "the Hartfordite."



Dennis previously anchored what was then Eyewitness News Daybreak in the mid 1990s, during which time the program became Connecticut's No. 1 morning news broadcast.

Dennis was born and raised in Norwood, Massachusetts, and graduated from Xaverian Brothers High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in foreign affairs from Assumption College. He is proud to live in Hartford with his wife, Eyewitness News anchor Kara Sundlun and their children. The two are very involved in the renaissance of your capital city along with many charities. In his spare time Dennis enjoys time with his family, playing golf, squash, going to the beach and researching his Italian heritage. He also tackles home improvement projects and loves to tinker with his antique Buick.

He has described his job as "awesome," saying, "I love journalism and I love television. I feel very blessed to have a job that allows me to meet so many people, both here in Connecticut and beyond."

*Courtesy of Channel 3 Eyewitness News, WFSB website*



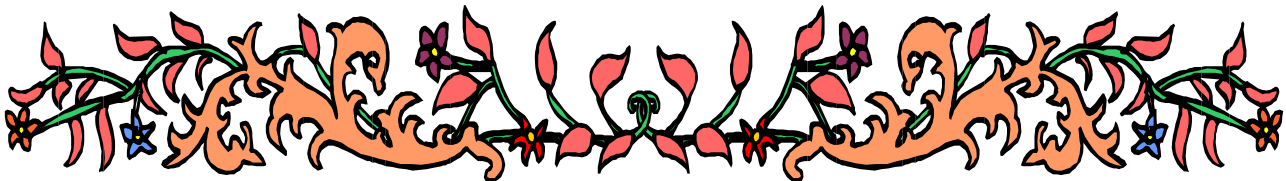
# FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20, 2018

*Fall Cleaning Time*

Fall is almost here and soon we will be planning for the rummage sale in October. As always, here are some guidelines as you begin gathering items for the sale:

- ♦ ***Items may be brought to the church basement beginning SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13.*** Please do not bring anything in before that date.
- ♦ Shoes need to be new or nearly brand new.
- ♦ TV's (**made after 2004**), computers and any other electronic equipment ***must be in working condition.***
- ♦ Separate your rummage by category and label your boxes/bags accordingly; i. e. women's, men's, boys, girls, infants, books, shoes, etc. Many of you did this for the sales last year and it really made a difference.
- ♦ Bring hanging clothes (dresses, suits, blouses, shirts, coats) on hangers to be hung on available racks.
- ♦ Please be selective when sorting your rummage. We ask that everything be clean and in good repair.
- ♦ We can not sell cribs. Because of limited space, ***Please, no stuffed toys or large exercise equipment or ski equipment!***
- ♦ Finer items will be sold in the "Boutique".



We also need your help before, during and after the sale. Volunteers are needed for:

**Sorting: Friday, October 19** 9 AM to 3PM Come for as long as you are able.

**Pre-Sale: Friday, October 19** 6:30 to 8:30 PM **\$5 Admission.** Public and parish are welcome.

**Sale: Saturday, October 20** 9 AM to 12 Noon **Free Admission - optional \$5 and \$10 bags.**  
Public and parish are welcome.  
**12-12:30 PM** - Cleanup immediately following the sale.

Please call Rachael Desmond at 860-232-1930 to volunteer or if you have questions. Sign-up sheets will be available in the weeks preceding the sale.

***The Women of St. James's would like to thank all of you in advance for helping with the sale. So many of you contribute items and volunteer your time to make this sale a success every year. Without all of you, this would not be possible. Thank you very much!***

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —DR 11:00 AM CnC Class 2—Youth Room						1 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
2 8:15 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Church 10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	3 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	5 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast	6 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	7 7:00 AM Morning Prayer <b>Choir Camp</b>	8 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR <b>Choir Camp</b>
9 8:15 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Healing - Church 10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 10:15 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:15 AM CnC Informational Meeting—YR <b>Choir Camp</b>	10 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 5:00 PM Junior Choristers	11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Audubon Society—PH 7:00 PM Samaritans—PR	12 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	13 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	14 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	15 10:00 AM Pastoral Ministry Meeting—PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
16 <b>Choir Returns</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 8:45 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, & the Sacrament of Healing—Church <b>11:00 AM Fall Parish Picnic—Courtyard</b> 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches	17 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 6:30 PM EfM—PR	18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	19 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley <b>12:00 PM HS Youth Group Trip to Soarin' Indoors</b> 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	20 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM <b>Foodshare</b>	21 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	22 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR <b>9:30 AM Families with Small Children Playdate</b> 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
23 <b>CnC Covenant at 9:30 Service</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Healing—Church <b>11:00 AM Coffee Hour &amp; Volunteer Fair—DR</b> 11:00 AM CnC Class 1—Youth Room 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group—Scavenger Hunt!	24 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 6:30 PM EfM—PR	25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	26 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	27 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	28 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	29 11:00 AM Syrian Cookie Making Class—DR Kitchen <b>5:00 PM Evensong—Trinity College</b> 8:00 PM AA Group - DR

# October 2018

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	1 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 6:30 PM EfM—PR	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	3 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	5 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	6 <b>10-11:30 AM Composer Will Todd—Church</b> 8:00 PM AA-DR
7 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) <b>9:30 AM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service &amp; the Sacrament of Healing—Church</b> 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —DR 4:30 PM Celtic Worship—St. John’s WH	8 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 6:30 PM EfM—PR	9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group - PR	10 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	12 7:00 AM Morning Prayer <b>Confirmation Retreat</b>	13 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR <b>Confirmation Retreat</b>
14 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —DR 11:00 AM Healing Team & Caregivers Support Group Meeting—PR 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches <b>Confirmation Retreat</b>	15 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 6:30 PM EfM—PR	16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	17 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM <b>Foodshare</b>	19 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Fall Rummage Sale—DR	20 9:00 AM Fall Rummage Sale—DR <b>4-8 PM FALLFEST</b> 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
<b>21 St. Francis Sunday/Blessing of the Animals</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 8:45 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist w/Blessing of the Animals—Outdoors 11:00 AM Coffee & Refreshment—Outdoors 11:00 AM CnC Class 3—Youth Room 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 4:00 PM Rhythms of Grace	22 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 6:30 PM EfM—PR	23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	24 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	26 7:00 AM Morning Prayer <b>Diocesan Convention</b>	27 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR <b>10:30 AM Halloween Stroll WH</b> 8:00 PM AA Group - DR <b>Diocesan Convention</b>
28 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & the Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —DR 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group	29 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 6:30 PM EfM—PR	30 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	<b>31 All Hallows Eve</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast			

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