

Notes for the Month of August, 2016

Welcome to your church! Communion uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the bread only, if you prefer, or "intinct" it into the wine. Non-gluten wafers? Check with clergy. Thanks to service participants! (schedule is on the back table and at the top of the leaflet).

Church School –We'll be contacting our volunteers late August but please feel free to talk with the Director, the liaisons or the Rector about our fall program starting on **September 11. Nicole Nichols** churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com or Liaisons, Kim Bergandahl or Melissa Zahansky.

Music this Summer: Feel free to help sing in the choir (8:30 a.m. on Sundays) or make hymn requests!

Nursery Care returning again on August 28th.

Outreach: There is a local consortium of churches that have sponsored a refugee family in our area through IRIS. There is more information in the Reminder. You can sign up to volunteer in a variety of ways. IRIS brings refugees to Connecticut who have gone through a multi-year process of screening. Many of the families include adults who are seeking political asylum in the U. S. because they were helpful to Americans in the Middle East.

PID: The August mission trip to Guatemala is on it's way. We are very excited to see this next group traveling south. Please keep them in your prayers August 7-14th.

Teen Program: It is time for J2A families to get their down payment for the Pilgrimage in to the office as we have to do the same for Wonder Voyage. You can leave the \$150 check in the slot in the office door or see the Reminder for other payment possibilities. Our program season has wound down until the fall; **The 2017 Pilgrimage Site is Vancouver, B. C.**, an amazing and diverse city; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); Catherine Bastow: 860-928-3575; catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net

Vestry: Next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. The Vestry is in the process of moving our endowments to Weiss & Hale and we may need to meet/confer during August.

Vine and Branches Mural: See Rite-13ers or Jim Goodwin to get your photo taken!

Welcome Home Breakfast will be held on September 11th between the services!

Women's Workshop may resume in the fall, possibly a different venue and time. All the best to Jane as she moves ahead with her professional career! Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.

Worship Upcoming: Summer Sunday Services continue at 9:15 through Labor Day weekend: Baptized on August 7th: Carissa Tiffany! Clergy visiting: August 17th, the Rev. Jim Kellaway; We're going to go outside for service on August 14th and 28th and possibly Labor Day Sunday, dependent on weather. Dennis Patton and Jim Dehls will continue to provide music through the summer as scheduled. 8 and 10:15 service pattern returns September 11.

House-keeping:

Courier Deadline for September is August 22nd; We will mail out first class to those who request it. Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

Directories... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

CSO – Community Kitchen on August 22nd; Cooking a meal at CCPomfret and taking it to the Hill Church (1st Cong.) in Woodstock. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor. **We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS.**

Flowers: the memorial/thanksgiving form is on the stand in back. Master Flower Sign-up outside the office.

Outreach Gifts to date: Recently we had a request to do a "running total" of our outreach gifts through CSO and other sources. Right now we've given away \$5400 in CSO grants, about \$4200 in Special Mission, and about \$900 in Rector's Discretionary gifts. Relay for Life raised an astonishing \$5500.

Pastoral Call Emergencies should be directed to office (860-315-7780) or Fr. Dave's cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-315-7780.

Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More in the hallway closet by the offices: Rebecca Patenaude: patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com.

Special Mission - the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer's programs on Spirituality will be resuming in the Fall.

Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016: It's never too late to submit your pledge!

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The 9:15 Service (only) ends on
September 4th

We return to our academic year schedule on
September 11th (8 and 10:15).

Don't forget our
Welcome Home Breakfast
that day!