



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Listening to Your Life. . .

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Livestream

Zoom Coffee Hour follows [HERE](#)

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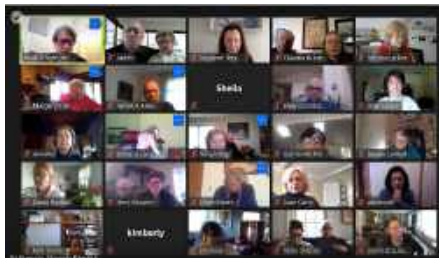
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Well, it was an annual meeting unlike any other. Because of the pandemic, we conducted the business of the Church via Zoom. In classic St. Francis fashion, we didn't miss a beat. Parishioners were treated to *Together, Wherever We Go* as they entered the meeting. Reports were received from clergy, wardens, and the Cottage Meetings Committee. The budget for 2021 was approved. Jane Lazgin and Cathy Ostuw were recognized for their years of service as they step down from the vestry and Executive Committee. Jim Hawkins was approved as co-warden with David Woods, and the new vestry members include:

Richard Lee (2022)

Joan Carty (2024)

Nancy Bissett (2024)

Eileen Hynes (2024)

Dawn Valenti (2024)

David Woods, Aleta Shipley, and Valerie Mead were acknowledged as the unsung hero and heroines of the year. Thank you to all who joined in the meeting on Sunday, January 24, and for those who made the meeting possible: Jane Lazgin, Cathy Ostuw, Claudia Bilotti, Doug Penn, Jessica Lombardi, Dawn Randall, Tom Decker, Joe Bodak, and Aleta Shipley.

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The Interfaith Council of Southwestern Connecticut
The Place for Interfaith Action... The Space for Interfaith Conversation

*What is
the Life
Worth
Living?*

Midwinter Theological Study

Thursday, February 4

A Muslim Response

Dr. Kareem Adeeb

President, Interfaith Council

Thursday, February 11

A Greek Orthodox Response

Father John A. Jillions

Holy Ghost Church,

AN EXPLORATION OF RELIGIOUS RESPONSES

ALL MEETINGS AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM:

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/6993581055](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6993581055)

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



The Rev. Tommie Jackson

THE REV. TOMMIE JACKSON PREACHING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

The Rev. Tommie Jackson will preach on Sunday, February 7, at the 10 AM services as a part of the Church's ongoing focus on Racial Healing and Justice. The Rev. Jackson practiced law in Maryland before moving to Stamford. He is the former minister of Greater Faith Baptist Church in Stamford, currently leads the Rehoboth Fellowship, and is an individual deeply involved with the civic and spiritual life of the Stamford community.

SUNDAY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

In unity with the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's commitment to Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation in our Church, our community, our nation and our world, on Sunday, February 7, The Rev. Tommie Jackson will be with us to preach and focus our reflection on this vital subject.





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**Prayer
Shawl**
ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY DATES

Meetings take place
at Margery Irish's
Home (1746
Newfield Avenue) at
5:30 PM

Tuesday, February 2

Tuesday, February 9

Tuesday, February 16

Tuesday, February 23

MONTHLY SERVICES FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE



February 21

March 21

April 18



POETRY ZOOM READINGS

We gather via Zoom on the following
Mondays for an open evening of reading
poetry. We are led by poets
Ralph Nazareth and Ed Happ.

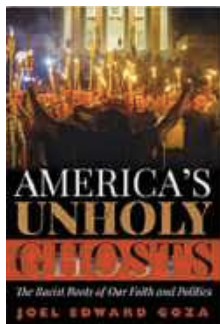
Monday, March 8

Monday, May 10

Monday, July 12

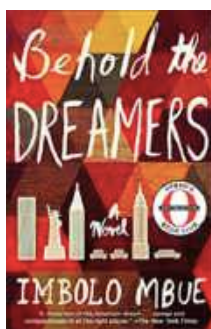
Join us [here](#).

Book Club for 2019 - 2020



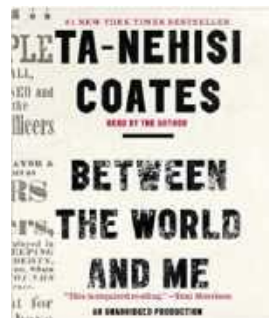
January 31

*America's Unholy
Ghosts: The Racist
Roots of our Faith
and Politics*



April 25

*Behold the
Dreamers*



June 13

*Between the
World and
Me*

Podcasts for Lent

Rather than reading a book, listen to the podcasts linked below (which each run for about an hour) They will be the basis for each weekly discussion.

Sundays in Lent @ 11:00 AM

February 21

A Nun on the Radical Possibilities of
Christianity

[Radical Possibilities of Christianity](#)

February 28

Muslim Mystics on the power of Pain:
[Muslim Mystics on the Power of Pain](#)

March 7

A Rabbi Explains How to Make Sense of
Suffering:

[How to Make Sense of Suffering](#)

March 14

On Buddhism and Blackness

[On Buddhism and Blackness](#)

March 21

The Benefits of Contemplating Death

[The Benefits of Contemplating Death](#)

March 28

What it Means to be Human

<https://onbeing.org/programs/jane-goodall-on-what-it-means-to-be-human/>

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)



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Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 17
8:00 AM * Noon * 7:00 PM

Ashes on the Go
Offered at the Church at 2810 Long Ridge Road



THURSDAYS IN LENT @ 6:30 PM

INVOLVING

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FAITH IN FACING RACISM

FEBRUARY 25
MARCH 4
MARCH 11
MARCH 18
MARCH 25

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

Midweek Lenten Series

The Work of the People

A Zoom Video Series--[Connect Here](#)

Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 24



Wednesday, March 3



Wednesday, March 10



Wednesday, March 17



Wednesday, March 24



Wednesday, March 24 (Two Videos)





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**First and Third Tuesdays of
Each Month**

7:00 - 8:00 PM

This year we continue to partner with St. John's Lutheran in providing educational opportunities for both churches. The link to the zoom meetings is [here](#).

Adult
Forum

February 2

Guy Fortt, President of the Stamford NAACP

February 16

Vanessa Avery, Sharing Sacred Spaces, Interfaith lecturer at Yale

March 2

Cantor Jill Abramson, Congregation Shir Ami

March 16

Mayor David Martin

April 6

TBA

April 20

Book Study -- [*Behold the Dreamers: A Novel*](#), Imbolo Mbue



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**Daylight Savings
Time Begins
Sunday, March 14**

**REMEMBER TO
SPRING FORWARD!!**

**RABBI JOSH
HAMMERMAN
PREACHING ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 21**

Rabbi Hammerman is the leader at Temple Beth-El. He is a committed community leader and interfaith friend. He has written extensively and is the author of two books,

Embracing Auschwitz and
*Mensch•Marks: Life Lessons of a Human
Rabbi - Wisdom for Untethered Times.*





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SAVE THE DATES

All services will be virtual. Links will be provided



Holy Week at St. Francis

Explore the mystery of the Passion



LABYRINTH MEDITATION

Wednesday, March 31
Format TBA



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 1 @ 7:00 PM



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2 @ 7:00 PM



EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 @ 7:00 PM



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EASTER
AT
ST. FRANCIS
SUNDAY,
APRIL 4

10:00 AM
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Easter
Eucharist

Via LocalLive

FEBRUARY

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	1	2 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation 7:00 PM Adult Forum: NAACP	3 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call	4 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Midwinter Theological Program	5 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long	6
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21 Lent 1B 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Book Club 4:00 PM Service for Pets & Their People	22	23 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation	24 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call Noon Stamford Clergy Meeting 6:00 PM Vestry 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek Video Series	25 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Program: <i>Faith Facing Racism</i>	26 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long	27
28 Lent 2B 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Book Club						

MARCH

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	1	2 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation 7:00 PM Adult Forum: Cantor Jill Abramson	3 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek Video Series	4 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Program: <i>Faith Facing Racism</i>	5 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long	6
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28 Palm Sunday 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Book Club	29	30 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation	31 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call			

UPCOMING EVENTS ~ PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31	11:00 AM	BOOK CLUB: <i>AMERICA'S UNHOLY GHOSTS</i>
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2	5:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2	6:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2	7:00 PM	ADULT FORUM: NAACP PRESENTATION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4	9:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4	7:00 PM	MIDWINTER THEOLOGICAL PROGRAM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5	11:00 AM	ZOOM SING-A-LONG
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7	10:00 AM	REV. TOMMIE JACKSON PREACHING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7	10:45 AM	ZOOM COFFEE HOUR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9	5:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9	6:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11	9:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11	7:00 PM	MIDWINTER THEOLOGICAL PROGRAM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12	11:00 AM	ZOOM SING-A-LONG
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14	10:00 AM	LIVESTREAM WORSHIP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14	10:45 AM	ZOOM COFFEE HOUR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	5:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	6:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	7:00 PM	ADULT FORUM: VANESSA AVERY, SHARING SACRED SPACES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17	8AM, NOON, & 7PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18	9:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19	11:00 AM	ZOOM SING-A-LONG
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21	10:00 AM	LIVESTREAM WORSHIP
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21	10:45 AM	ZOOM COFFEE HOUR
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21	4:00 PM	SERVICE FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE (CHURCH)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21	11:00 AM	BOOK CLUB: <i>A NUN ON THE RADICAL POSSIBILITIES OF CHRISTIANITY</i>
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23	5:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23	6:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER