



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

INCLUSIVE — BECAUSE DIVERSITY WAS GOD'S IDEA

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person (HC)

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person & Livestream (Church)

Zoom Coffee Hour follows [HERE](#)

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***Miles for a Mission* Road Race Supports Person to Person**



After moving the race to an all virtual format, we marked the conclusion of the race this past Sunday, September 26. We were able to raise more than \$13,000 for Person-to-Person (P2P). Thank you to all who participated in the race and supported runners.

A special thanks to our co-chairs, Claudia Bilotti and Cindy Russell, and thank you to the race committee for all the wonderful work they did to make this year's race a success. They include: Cathy Ostuw, Joe Bilotti, Dawn Randall, Linda Quinton, Margery Irish, Jessica Lombardi, Holly Noone, Grace Noone, Audrey Roco, and Shivonne Mathison.

This year's beneficiary, Person-to-Person, is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing individuals & families with essential resources to help them overcome daily challenges and put them on a path toward economic stability. P2P (www.p2pHelps.org) serves 28,000 residents in Fairfield County with the following programs: 3 food pantries in Darien, Norwalk, Stamford, clothing center, caseworker assistance, emergency financial assistance, and scholarships for campers. Established in 1968, P2P serves the communities of Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

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INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE SUPPORTS SIRS AND AFGHAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement (SIRS)

Making a difference in the refugee crisis –
one life, one family at a time.

Our mission:

To welcome and resettle a refugee family,
providing advocacy and support in Stamford
as they work toward self-sufficiency to become
productive members of our community.



Stamford Interfaith Refugee

Settlement (**SIRS**) is awaiting word from IRIS-Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services on the arrival of a family that SIRS will co-sponsor under the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program (APA). Because of the current situation SIRS has offered IRIS to co-sponsor 2 families. The urgent need is for a 2-3 BR apartment. SIRS is collecting furniture and funds to help both families. SIRS can be contacted through SIRS website sirsct.org.

Donations requested for SIRS refugee families

Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement, sirsct.org

Have any of these to donate? Contact us online: sirsct.org/contact

New items for 2 families:

Mattresses & box springs
– Double bed (mattress & box spring)
– Bunkbeds (mattresses)
Pillows
Car seats

Gift cards for goods for 2 families:

– Target
– CVS
– Bed, Bath & Beyond
– Mattress firm
– Groceries (Shop Rite, Grade A,
Stop 'N Shop)

Used items for 3rd family:

Laptop or small computers
Small kitchen/breakfast table

Used items for 4th family:

Laptop or small computers
Vacuum
Couch & loveseat or 2 chairs
End tables
Small kitchen/breakfast table
Hall runners
Kitchen canisters, glasses, mixing
bowls, pots, pans, skillet
Microwave oven
Linens for twin beds (ex: blankets)

**** Help us welcome refugee families to Stamford in 2021 ****

**CARING FOR THE
PROPERTIES
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 16
9:00 AM**

Thank you to Beazie Larned for your leadership in caring of the properties at St. Francis. Please join us for our final Landscaping Morning on October 16, at 9:00 AM. We will finish work in the cloister and weed the beds and prepare the property for fall and winter. Thank you to all who have helped! Many hands make light work!!



**ALTAR GUILD
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 9
9:00 AM**

The Historic Church and New Church Altar Guilds will meet via Zoom for breakfast and a planning session for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please contact

Beazie Larned

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Claudia Bilotti

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Adult Forum

ADULT FORUM ON THE 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.

[Join the conversation here.](#)

Tuesday, October 5

Caste, Isabella Wilkerson

Tuesday, October 19

Climate Change Focus

Tuesday, November 2

Gordon Walker and the *Killer Poet* Check out a trailer to the documentary [here](#).

Tuesday, November 16

Love is the Way, Michael Curry

Tuesday, December 7

Advent Focused



SNEAK PEEK **LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY** **MONDAYS**

AT

7:00 PM

Join with members from St. John's Lutheran as we review and discuss the upcoming texts for Sunday. Every Monday at 7:00 PM we will meet via Zoom to hear the upcoming Sunday's texts unpacked and discussed. This is a great way to enrich your experience of the Bible and Sunday worship.

October 4

Mark 10:17-31

October 11

Mark 10:35-45

October 18

Mark 10:46-52

October 25

Mark 12

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MONTHLY SERVICES FOR PETS AND

THEIR PEOPLE
AT
4:00 PM

October 17
November 21
December 19



POETRY EVENING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11,
AT 6:00 PM

Join us every other month for a Monday evening Poetry Reading. Our resident poets, Ralph Nazareth and Ed Happ, lead our sharing.

[Join Here](#)



Prayer
Shawl
ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesdays at 5:00 PM

The group has been meeting weekly throughout the pandemic. It is a great way to catch up with others, knit prayer shawls or caps for various causes, and enjoy the company of others.

[Join Here](#)



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GODLY PLAY — SUNDAY SCHOOL

When a child walks in the room, your child or anybody else's child, do your eyes light up? That's what they're looking for.

—Toni Morrison

With uncertainties around COVID-19, we will get word out to the parish as soon as possible about offering the Godly Play class during the 10:00 AM service. Please know that the stories are always available at <https://www.stfrancisstamford.org/podcasts/media/series/godly-play>

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 8AM & 10AM

We continue with the blessing of the animals on the Feast Sunday of our Patron Saint, St. Francis of Assisi.

Everyone is invited to bring their pets to either the 8AM or 10AM service on Sunday, October 6. As a part of these Eucharist services, we will participate in a blessing service for our furry friends on life's journey.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS...



**PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY
TUESDAYS @ 5:00 PM**

[**Join Here**](#)



**EVENING PRAYER
TUESDAYS @ 6:00 PM**

[**Join Here**](#)



**MORNING PRAYER
THURSDAYS @ 10:00 AM**

[**Join Here**](#)



**ONLINE SING-A-LONG
FRIDAYS @ 11:00 AM**

[**Join Here**](#)

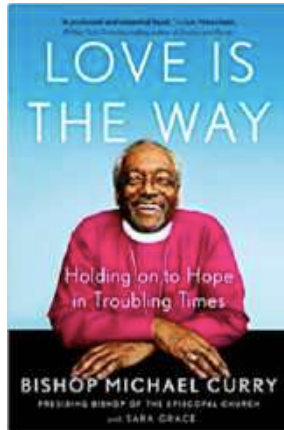


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Book Club for 2021 - 2022

November 7

*Love is the
Way*



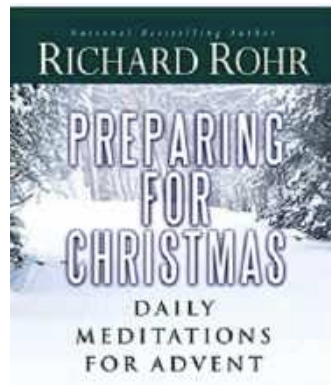
February 6

Think Again



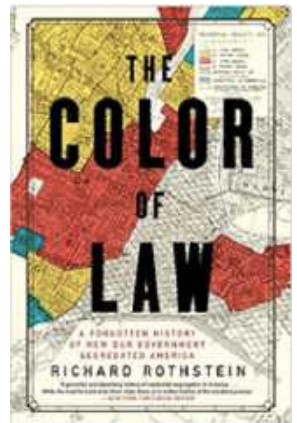
**Advent
Reflections
November 28,
Dec. 5, 12, 19)**

*Preparing for
Christmas*



May 1

*The Color of
Law*



June 5

*Source of
Self-
Regard*





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**POSTPONED DUE
TO COVID UNTIL
FALL OF 2022**

GUNSMOKE

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9*
@ 4:00 PM

Frank Masstrone and Friends

*Snow Date January 30



Sunday, May 15,
@ 4:00 PM

Broadway Fab Five

Sarah Bleasdale, Christina DeMaio,
Richard Weidlich
Charles Widmer, and Kenneth
Gartman on piano

**BROADWAY
REVISITED**



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**Guest Preacher:
Dawn Snell to Preach
on Sunday, October 31**



The Rev. Dawn Snell will be the guest preacher on Sunday, October 31, at the 10:00 AM service. Dawn is a native of Stamford who did her theological studies at New York Theological Seminary. She is the former minister at Friendship Baptist Church, and currently, she is an associate pastor at Union Baptist Church.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

**ECCT
237 TH ANNUAL
CONVENTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 -
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

The convention to address the business of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut will convene on Saturday, October 22 and end the next day. Along with passing a budget, various resolutions will be heard. Committee reports will also be heard. Chief among them will be the report of The Bishop Transition Committee, as Bishop Ian Douglas chairs his last convention.



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United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan & Darien, Jewish
Community Relations Council, Interfaith Council of Southwestern
Connecticut, Mayor's Multicultural Council invite you to:

WALK for UNITY in our COMMUNITY

Sunday, October 10, 2021

(Rain date October 17, 2021)

12:30pm – 3:30pm • Cove Island Park

The importance of unity and friendship in our community has never been more important. Join us for this interfaith, multicultural event to promote and celebrate unity, friendship and peace. Participants are invited to walk around the main circle at Cove Island Park and then gather for a self-provided picnic lunch and have more time to get to know each other.

CDC guidelines will be followed.

Pre-registration required. • ujf.org/unityincommunity

Planning Committee:

Debby Goldberg, Jewish Community Relations Council
Rev. Dr. Nestor Gomez, First Congregational Church of Stamford
Michael Hyman, DOMUS Kids
Shahzad Khawaja, Stamford Islamic Center
Rev. Mark Lingle, Chair Interfaith Council of Southwestern Connecticut
Pilar Pelaez, Mayor's Multicultural Committee
Malinda Polite, Mayor's Multicultural Committee
Linda Spilka, Jewish Community Relations Council (Event Chair)



For more information: Sharon Lewis
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Register Here

The Children of Abraham: Sharing Stories, Sharing Lives

Join us for an evening to hear from four interfaith ministries that span Jewish, Muslim, and Christian relationships, sharing stories of transformational relationship-building.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | ZOOM

Register via Episcopal Church in Connecticut Eventbrite



THE REV. LINDA M. SPIERS
Convener, Holy Landers
Ministry Network



ABDALLAH SALHA
Participant,
Jerusalem Peacebuilders



THE REV. MELINA DEZHBOD
Missional Curate, The Church of the Holy
Spirit, Chaplain Resident Danbury Hospital



THE REV. NICHOLAS T. PORTER
Executive Director,
Jerusalem Peacebuilders
Board Member, American Friends of the
Episcopal Diocese in Jerusalem



RABBI JOSHUA HAMMERMAN
Spiritual Leader, Temple Beth El



THE REV. TIM HODAPP
Moderator
Canon for Mission Advancement & Coaching
Episcopal Church in Connecticut



KAREEM ADEEB
President, Interfaith Council of
Southwestern CT, former Imam of
American Association of Islamic and
Arabic Studies



THE REV. MARK LINGLE
Rector, St. Francis, Stamford
Board Member, Interfaith Council of
Southwestern Connecticut



Register Here



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THANKSGIVING SERVICE
THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 25
10:00 AM

Join us at the Historic Church for this quintessential New England's service. The Historic Church is a lovely setting, the hymns and texts are enriching, and the Eucharist is a wonderful way to begin your day of Thanksgiving.



WORLD AIDS DAY
SERVICE
Wednesday, December 1
7:00 PM
First United Methodist
Church

Homeless Persons
Interfaith
Memorial Service



HOMELESS PERSONS
MEMORIAL SERVICE
Thursday, December 23
6:30 PM
Location: TBA



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Yale Divinity School

Ensign Lecture: Phil Gorski, “Flag and Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy”



Event description:

In his Ensign Lecture at YDS, Phil Gorski will draw from his forthcoming book to explain what White Christian Nationalism is, when it emerged, how it works, where it's going, and what must be done to confront it, giving special attention to the way it appropriates Christian scripture and mobilizes racial animus.

Philip Gorski is a comparative-historical sociologist whose empirical work focuses on topics such as state-formation, nationalism, revolution, economic development, and secularization with particular attention to the interaction of religion and politics. Other current interests include the philosophy and methodology of the social sciences and the nature and role of rationality in social life. Among his publications are *The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism and the Growth of State Power in Early Modern Europe* (2003); *Max Weber's Economy and Society: A Critical Companion* (2004); and *American Covenant: A History of Civil Religion from the Puritans to the Present* (2017). Gorski is Co-Director (with Julia Adams) of Yale's Center for Comparative Research (CCR), and co-runs the Religion and Politics Colloquium at the Yale MacMillan Center.

[Access Livestream Here](#)

[Click Here for More Information](#)



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MIDWINTER INTERFAITH THEOLOGICAL STUDY

JONAH

Thursday, January 20

First Presbyterian Church

Rabbi Jay TelRav & Father Harry Pappas

Jewish & Christian Perspectives on the Book of Jonah

Thursday, January 27

Temple Beth-El

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman & Vanessa Avery

A Girardian Reading on Jonah & Jonah as Social Justice Commentary

Thursday, February 3

Stamford Church of Christ

Chris Altroch & Jill Abramson

Jonah in Art & Jonah in Word

Thursday, February 10

Union Baptist Church

Michael Christie & Nestor Gomez

What Jonah has to say in the Age of COVID-19 & Political Implications of Jonah

Snow Date-February 17

OCTOBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | 1 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 2 |
| 3 Observe the Feast of St. Francis 8 AM (tent.) Worship (HC) 10 AM Worship (Church) Blessing of the Animals @ 8 & 10 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Finance Committee | 4 Feast of St. Francis 7:00 PM Sneak Peak Lectionary Study 7:15 PM Miles for a Mission Road Race Debrief | 5 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum | 6 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 7 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Meeting | 8 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 9 9:00 AM Reimagining Church Program 9:00 AM Altar Guild Meeting via Zoom |
| 10 8 AM (tent.) Worship (HC) 10 AM Worship (Church) 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 12:30 PM Walk for Unity Event | 11 6:00 PM Zoom Poetry Meeting 7:00 PM Sneak Peak Lectionary Study | 12 11:00 AM The Villa Eucharist 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer | 13 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 14 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist 6:15 PM The Children of Abraham Event | 15 8:30 AM Milestones Meeting 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 16 9:00 AM Landscaping Morning |
| 17 8 AM (tent.) Worship (HC) 10 AM Worship (Church) 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 4:00 PM Service for Pets & Their People | 18 7:00 PM Sneak Peak Lectionary Study | 19 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum | 20 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting Noon Stamford Clergy Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry | 21 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Meeting | 22 Episcopal Church in CT Convention 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 23 Episcopal Church in CT Convention |
| 24 8 AM (tent.) Worship (HC) 10AM Worship (Church) 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour | 25 7:00 PM Sneak Peak Lectionary Study | 26 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer | 27 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 28 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist | 29 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 30 |

NOVEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 Halloween 8 AM (tent.) Worship (HC) 10AM Worship (Church) | 1 7:00 PM Sneak Peak Lectionary Study | 2 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Adult Forum | 3 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 4 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Meeting | 5 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 6 9:00 AM Reimagining Church Program |
| 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends Observe All Saints' Sunday 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Book Club: <i>Love is the Way</i> | 8 10:30 AM Hymn Selection Group 7:00 PM Sneak Peak Lectionary Study | 9 11:00 AM The Villa Eucharist 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer | 10 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 11 10:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Edgehill Eucharist | 12 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 13 |
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| 21 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 4:00 PM Service for Pets & Their People | 22 7:00 PM Sneak Peak Lectionary Study | 23 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer | 24 8:30 AM ECCT Meeting | 25 Thanksgiving Day 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Service | 26 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long | 27 |
| 28 ADVENT 1C 8:00 AM Worship (HC) 10:00 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Book Club: Advent | 29 7:00 PM Sneak Peak Lectionary Study | 30 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer | | | | |