



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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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STEWARDSHIP 2022

Over the first two weeks of November, parishioners will hear from John Coff and Joanne Fay regarding, “What St. Francis means to me.” We hope that their reflections may spur you to consider that question for yourself. What does St. Francis mean to you? What has St. Francis meant as we negotiate a pandemic? What would life be like if St. Francis were not here? What is life like because St. Francis is here?

On Monday, November 15, stewardship letters and pledge cards will be sent out. Please fill the card out and return to the office. We also offer online pledging. Please use the link below to make a pledge online.

Pledge Online Here

Your pledge goes a long way to helping us set our budget and plan for the coming year. As always, **THANK YOU** for considering a pledge to St. Francis.

We are blessed by you!

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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 currently an associate pastor at Union Baptist Church, and she is the former minister at Friendship Baptist Church.

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. We are having the service remotely streamed, so you can watch it at home via LocalLive.



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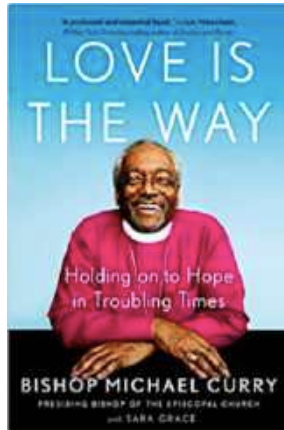


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Book Club for 2021 - 2022

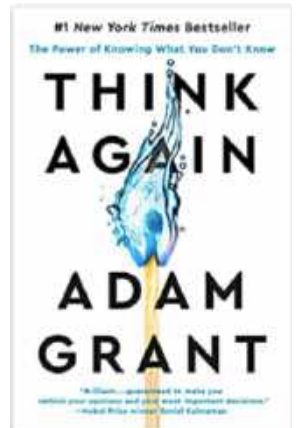
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*Love is the
Way*



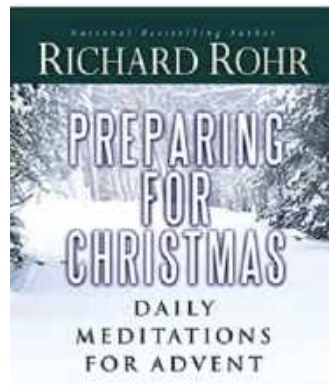
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Think Again



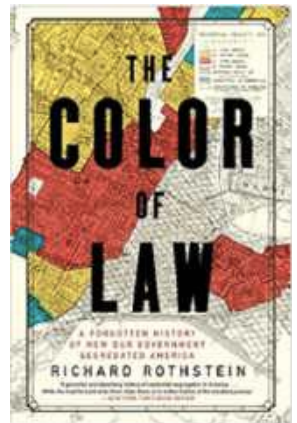
**Advent
Reflections
November 28,
Dec. 5, 12, 19)**

*Preparing for
Christmas*



May 1

*The Color of
Law*



June 5

*Source of
Self-
Regard*



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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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, 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

Tuesday, January 4

Source of Self-Regard, Toni Morrison

Tuesday, January 18

Sacred Ground Material/MLK day



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.

November 8

Mark 13:1-8

November 15

John 18:33-37

November 22

Luke 21:25-36

November 29

Luke 3:1-6

[Join the conversation here.](#)



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HELP GIVE SOMEONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Food Baskets Needed!

St. Francis joins with 9 other congregations in Stamford to support Building One Communities' Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Please sign up to provide one or more of the following. We will collect all donations in the narthex of the church from Wednesday, November 10 - Wednesday, November 17, and deliver the baskets to B1C on November 19. Thank you for your help. The items needed include;

\$25 gift card to ShopRite for Turkey purchase

2lb. Bag of Carrots

Box of Stuffing Mix

Can of Cranberry Sauce

Pie or Holiday Dessert

5lb. Bag of Potatoes

Package of Dinner Rolls

Bag of fresh Apples or Oranges

Large bottle of Apple or Cranberry Juice

[Sign Up Here](#)

We will also be doing a winter clothing collection from November 10 - 17. Please bring in new or lightly used winter clothing (hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, and blankets).

Thank you.

75 Selleck Street
Stamford, CT 06902
203-674-8585
Building1Community.org



 **building one
community**
The Center for Immigrant Opportunity

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION AT BUILDING ONE COMMUNITY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, AT 2:30 PM

The 10 congregations and synagogues that comprise the Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative have as one of their goals to encourage parishioners to become more deeply involved in relationships and ministry. To that end, we are partnering with Building One Community to offer an orientation to parishioners, so that they might become more involved in tutoring, mentoring, or providing other support using Building One Communities programs.

The orientation will take place at Building One Community (75 Selleck Street in Stamford) on **Sunday, November 14, at 2:30 PM**. Please reply to Pastor Mark if you are interested in attending the orientation, so that we can let B1C prepare for the program. Please attend even if you do not know for sure if you want to volunteer or are unsure of where you might plug in. The information you will receive will be very helpful.

Many thanks for considering this and supporting those in need in our community.

Translator for Family Services Program – must be at least 18 years of age and fluent in Spanish

- Assist in translating legal documents such as birth certificates, medical records, etc.
- Must be computer savvy and proficient in MS Word.
- Time commitment is approximately one month for an average of 4 hours a week.
- Remote opportunity.

Unpaid Wages Volunteer - must be at least 18 years of age and fluent in Spanish

- Ideal for somebody that would like to practice their Spanish skills.
- Assist a participant during a legal consultation regarding unpaid wages.
- Must speak Spanish fluently and be computer literate.
- Thursdays 4:45-6pm. Three month volunteer commitment is ideal but flexible.

Youth Group - must be at least 14 years of age.

- This opportunity is for high school students only. We emphasize responsibility, independence, communication and leadership skills.
- Tutor an adult immigrant English via Zoom for 45 minute one on one sessions.
- We'll provide support from our Youth Group Leaders and some resource materials but you must have the ability to tutor & plan sessions independently.
- We have 2 sessions on Saturday mornings:
 - Onsite at B1C 9:30-11am OR via virtual session via Zoom 11:30am –12:30pm



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English Language Learning (ELL) Tutor - must be at least 14 years of age, preferably 16+

This opportunity entails preparing and English tutoring session, setting up a Zoom invite & sending the invite to an adult immigrant and preparing materials for the session.

- Tutor an adult immigrant English via Zoom for 45 minute one on one sessions.
- Must be tech-savvy.
- We'll provide some resource materials, but you must have the ability to tutor & plan sessions independently.
- Schedule flexible depending on volunteer and learner availability.

Technology Literacy Tutor - must be at least 16 years of age

- The technology literacy tutor will be working remotely with B1C participants to practice basic computer skills and teach them to trouble shoot common cloud and internet issues.
- Must have experience using Zoom meetings + online platforms + Microsoft Office.
- Day and Time flexible depending on the tutor and student availability
- Materials: B1C will provide some materials, but the instructor is expected to research for resources
- One on one sessions
- Time commitment: 45 minutes a week tutoring + prep time. Minimum 3-month commitment

Haitian Creole or Arabic Language Interpreters – must be at least 18 years of age

- Assist interpreting in French or Arabic in our Immigration Legal Services Program. This is a remote opportunity and hours/days are TBD.

Job Search Clinic Mentor - must be at least 21 years of age

- The job search clinic mentor will be working remotely with participants that are searching for a job and will help the participant build their resume to the whole process of finding a job
- Must be familiar with: resume and cover letter creation, job search engine use, interviews preparation and follow up
- Must have experience using Zoom and webinar features + online platforms + Microsoft Office.
- Day and time flexible depending on the tutor and student availability
- English/Spanish fluency a plus. Time commitment: 1.5 hour a week + prep time for 3 months.
- B1C will provide some materials, but the instructor is expected to research for resources

Mentor Small Business Owners - must be 21 years of age

- The small business mentor will be working remotely with participants that are looking to create or improve their small business.
- Must be familiar with: small business and have some specialty on either marketing, finances, HR, etc.
- Mentoring experience level: Intermediate
- English/Spanish fluency a plus
- Must have experience using Zoom and webinar features + online platforms + Microsoft Office.
- Time commitment: 1 hour a week + prep time. 6-9 month program
- Schedule: To be determined by mentor and mentee
- B1C will provide access to FDIC training.



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INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE SUPPORTS SIRS AND AFGHAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement (SIRS) is working with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) to co-sponsor 2 families under the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program (APA). The urgent need is for a 2-3 BR apartment. SIRS is also collecting furniture and funds to help the families. SIRS can be contacted through their website sirsct.org/contact. Financial donations can be made via check or Venmo. To donate by check: Make check out to: First Congregational Church of Stamford. Note "SIRS" in the check's memo section. Mail check to: FCC of Stamford, P.O. Box 949, Stamford, CT 06904. To donate using Venmo: "Venmo" your payment @fccstamford. Note "SIRS" on the transaction.

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.



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 ****



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MONTHLY SERVICES FOR PETS AND

THEIR PEOPLE
AT
4:00 PM

November 21
December 19
January 16



POETRY EVENING MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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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SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT VESTRY CLASS

During the first part of November, we will be taking nominations from the parish for the next vestry class. If there is an individual or individuals whom you believe would serve well in this leadership role, please pass their names onto Pastor Mark (marklingle.pastor@gmail.com) or David Woods (dwoods@marsh-woods.com) or James Hawkins (jrhawkinsii@gmail.com).

THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, November 6.



MILES FOR A MISSION **ROAD RACE** **CHECK PRESENTATION** **TO PERSON TO PERSON**

A number of members of St. Francis joined with the staff of Person To Person to present a check for the 9th Annual *Miles for a Mission* Road Race. We proudly presented a check to P2P for \$15,000.00.

Thank you to all who made this possible!!



ADVENT
LESSONS & CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
AT
3:00 PM



The popular Advent Lessons and Carols Service will return to in-person this year, with a twist. We will gather at the Historic Church at 3:00 PM, participate in an abbreviated service outside and in front of the Historic Church. We will then travel to sing carols at the homes of various members of St. Francis. Hot Cider and Hot Chocolate will be available prior to the service, and a portable fire pit will be used during the outdoor service. Join us as we sing many of the seasonal favorites for this time of year.



Dylan Mello

GUEST PREACHER
DYLAN MELLO
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut employs four Region Missionaries to support the work of parishes and encourage collaboration. Dylan Mello is in charge of the Northwest and Southwest portion of Connecticut. He will preach at St. Francis on Sunday, January 16, and briefly discuss the work of region missionaries. Dylan comes from a sports medicine background, working previously as an athletic trainer at the University of Connecticut and EO Smith High School in Storrs, CT. He is originally from Massachusetts and has lived in several places on the East Coast prior to coming to Connecticut. His hobbies include traveling and exploring new areas as a local. Dylan is married and has two young daughters.



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Christmas at St. Francis

Friday, December 24 @ 4:40 PM
Pre-Service Concert

Friday, December 24 @ 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve Eucharist

In-Person and on LocalLive Streaming

Saturday, December 25 @ 10:00 AM
Christmas Day Eucharist

At the Historic Church



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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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World AIDS Day Service Postponed Until December 1, 2022

Due to COVID-19 complications, the World AIDS Day Service will be postponed until next year.



HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, December 21

6:00 PM

Location: TBA



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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 Altroock & 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

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Halloween 8 AM Worship (HC) 10AM Worship (Church)	1 7:00 PM Sneak Peek 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 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 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Meeting 7:00 PM Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	9 11:00 AM The Villa Eucharist 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 6:30 PM Reimagining Church	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 Peek 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 Peek Lectionary Study	30 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00PM Evening Prayer 6:30 PM Reimagining Church				

DECEMBER

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