



ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

INCLUSIVE — BECAUSE DIVERSITY WAS GOD'S IDEA

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Livestream
Zoom Coffee Hour follows [HERE](#)

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SUNDAY, DEC. 20

5:00 PM

VIRTUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The traditional Lessons and Carols service will get a technical upgrade for this year. We will use Zoom to sing Carols and hear the traditional lessons. It will take place from the Historic Church with the organ accompanying the singing. This year, the lessons will be read from the homes of those participating. Save the date!

Join us on the 20th [here](#).

CHRISTMAS EVE THURS., DEC. 24 5:00 PM

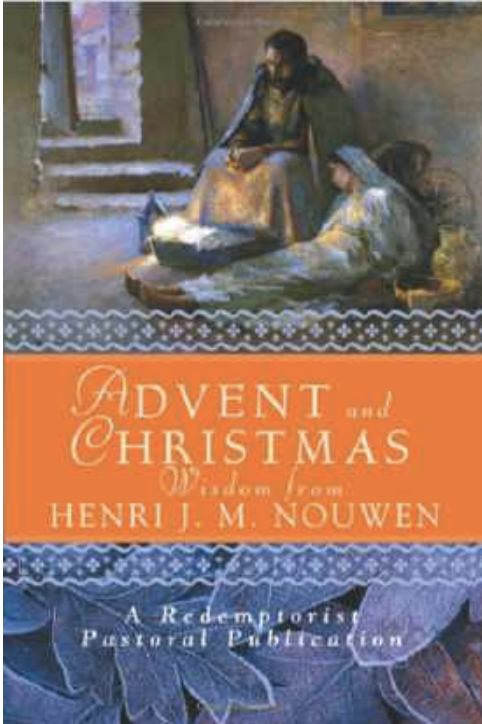
Join us via LocalLive for the Christmas Eve service this year. While it will be different, we hope to include some of the favorite aspects of this festive service: beautiful music, *Silent Night* with the tree lit, and the timely message

of *Emmanuel*, God with us, in this time when we sorely need the promise of this truth. The link from the 5:00 PM service will be posted on the website, so you can participate in the service at a later time on Christmas Eve if you would like to. The link is [here](#).



CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 @ 10:00 AM HISTORIC CHURCH

We will hold our annual Christmas Day Eucharist in the Historic Church at 10 AM on December 25. We are working with LocalLive to see if they will be able to remotely record the service. More information coming!



**BOOK STUDY
DURING THE
SUNDAYS IN
ADVENT**

**December 6
Days 1-7 (pp. 2-15)**

**December 13
Days 8-14
(pp. 16 -29)**

**December 20
Days 15-21
(pp. 30-43)**

During the Sundays in Advent, we will discuss Henri Nouwen’s book *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri Nouwen*. With so many things so different at this time of year, join us to reflect on the meaning of and expectation for the incarnation during this season. You can join us at 11:00 AM during the Sundays in Advent at:

**WEEKLY
WORSHIP
RHYTHMS**

Tuesdays @ 5:00 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry
[Connect here](#)

Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM
Evening Meditation
[Connect here](#)

Thursdays @ 9:00 AM
Morning Prayer
[Connect here](#)

Fridays @ 11:00 AM
Zoom Sing-a-long
[Connect here](#)

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GUEST PREACHERS AT ST. FRANCIS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 **CANTOR JILL ABRAMSON**

Cantor Jill Abramson is Cantor at Congregation Shir Ami in Greenwich. Before coming to Congregation Shir Ami, she served as Senior Cantor at Westchester Reform Temple, and prior to that she served for five years at Congregation Sukkat Shalom in Chicago, IL, where she was also Director of

Education. Cantor Abramson received ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in 2002, where she also serves as Faculty and Program Associate in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. She holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Grinnell College and brings a strong international commitment to her social justice work having lived in Cameroon, West Africa, taught English in Indonesia, and conceived an Israeli and Arab teen-age choir as part of the international peace program, Building Bridges for Peace. Combining her love of youth-work and the outdoors, Cantor Abramson also spent several years as Assistant Director of Shwayder Camp in the Colorado Rockies. She is married to Rabbi Jonathan Malamy. They reside in White Plains with their nine year old son.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 **REV. TOMMIE JACKSON**

For those who attended the service last year where Rev. Jackson preached, you will easily remember his forceful and prophetic preaching style.

Minister for over 20 years at Greater Faith Tabernacle Missionary Church, Rev. Jackson now leads the Rehobeth Faith Fellowship. He is very active in the Stamford Religious Community and engaged with non-profits and political issues. Join us to welcome Rev. Jackson in February.





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Adult
Forum

**First and Third Tuesdays of
Each Month
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

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

DECEMBER 1

Rev. Dr. Michael Christie, Union Baptist Church & Prison Chaplain

DECEMBER 15

Rafael Pagan, Ex. Director of Pacific House & Chair of Open Doors Fairfield Cty

JANUARY 5

Ben Wade, Stamford Hospital

JANUARY 19

Book Study: [America’s Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics](#),
Joel Edward Goza

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



**Prayer
Shawl**
ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY DATES

Tuesday, December 1
Tuesday, December 8
Tuesday, December 15
Tuesday, December 22
Tuesday, December 20

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM during the pandemic. You can connect to the group [here](#).

MONTHLY SERVICES FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

[Join Here](#)



December 20
January 17
February 21

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, January 11
Monday, March 8
Monday, May 10
Join us [here](#).





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WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE

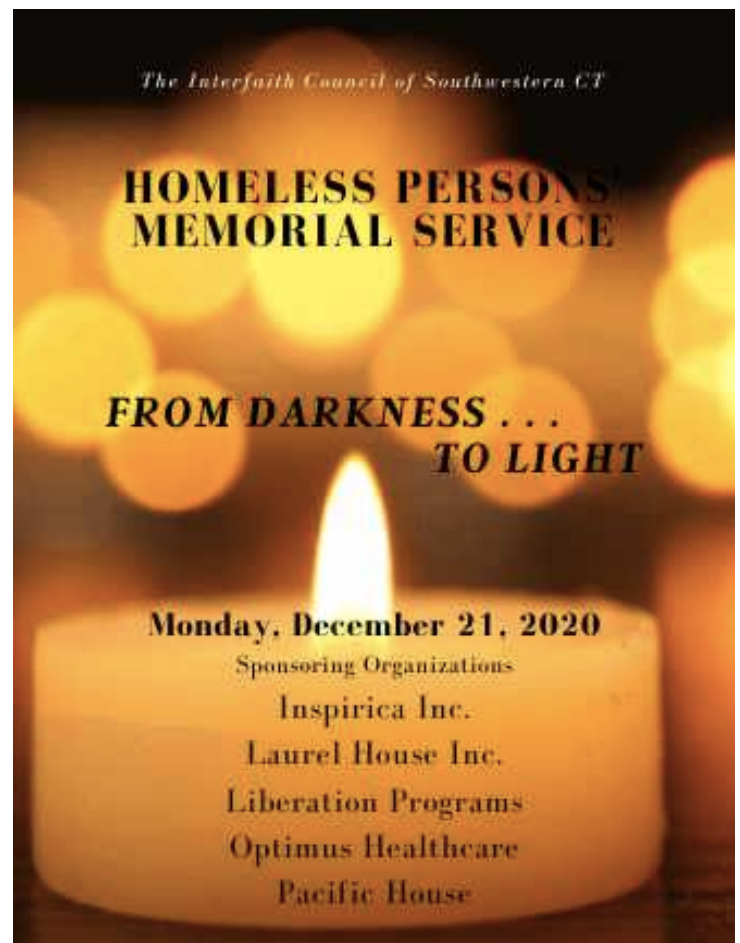
**Tuesday, December 1
7:00 PM**

[Join Here](#)

HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Monday, December 21
5:00 PM**

Access to worship: TBD





**SAVE THE DATE
PARISH ANNUAL
MEETING
SUNDAY, JAN. 24
AT 10:45 AM**

Save the date for our annual meeting. We will send out more information about the logistics for this year's meeting as we get closer to the date.

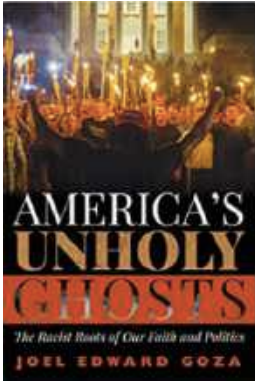
REPORT OF THE COTTAGE MEETINGS

As the information from the cottage meetings is developed into a final report, we will get this out to the parish. We are extremely thankful for the hard work of the committee that organized and led the various meetings. They include: Betsy Adams, Jane Lazgin, Deborah Meyers, Patricia Lydon, Andrea Nyquist, Sue Rutz, and Aleta Shipley. Our life together is blessed by you. Thank you.



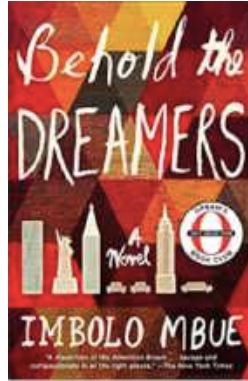


**BOOK CLUB FOR
2020 - 2021**



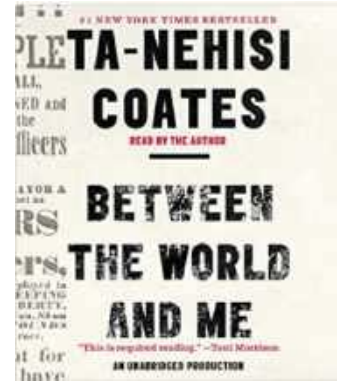
January 31

*America's
Unholy Ghosts*



April 25

*Behold the
Dreamers*



June 13

*Between the
World and Me*

SUNDAY LENTEN STUDY

During the Sundays in Lent, we invite you to join us at 11:00 AM via Zoom to discuss timely podcasts from *Future Perfect*. These interviews are with religious leaders from various traditions and were done over the past summer.

They offer collective wisdom for our individual and

February 21

[A Nun on the Radical Possibilities of Christianity](#)

February 28

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

March 7

[A Rabbi Explains How to Make Sense of Suffering](#)

March 14

[On Buddhism and Blackness](#)

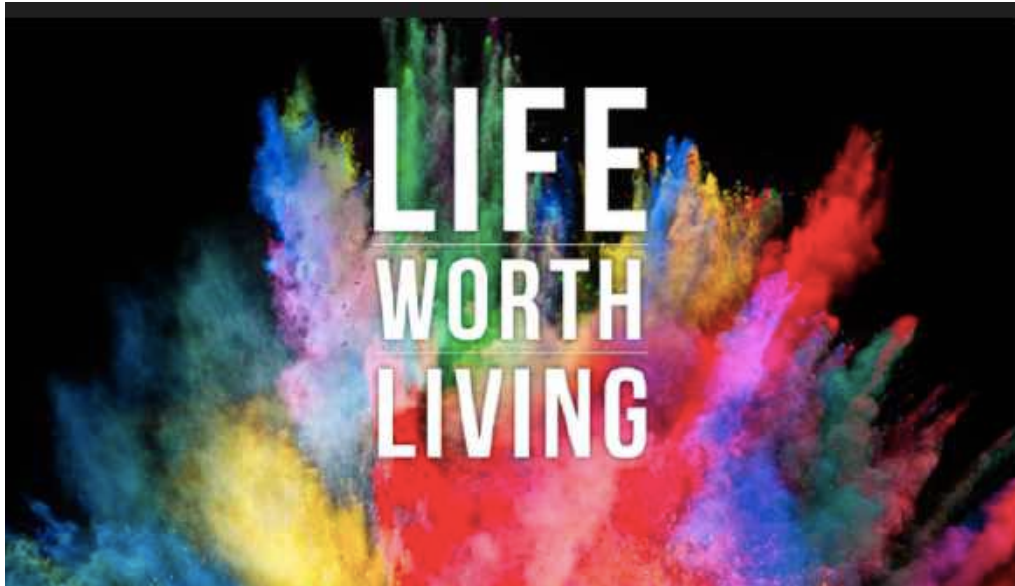
March 21

[The Benefits of Contemplating Death](#)

March 28

[What It Means to be Human](#)





**MIDWINTER
INTERFAITH
THEOLOGICAL
STUDY**

***WHAT IS THE LIFE WORTH LIVING?
AN EXPLORATION OF RELIGIOUS RESPONSES***

Thursday, January 21 @ 7:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran
The Rev. Duane Pederson

Thursday, January 28 @ 7:00 PM

Temple Beth-El
Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

Thursday, February 4 @ 7:00 PM

Imam Kareem Adeeb

Thursday, February 11 @ 7:00 PM

Church of the Archangels
Father Harry Pappas



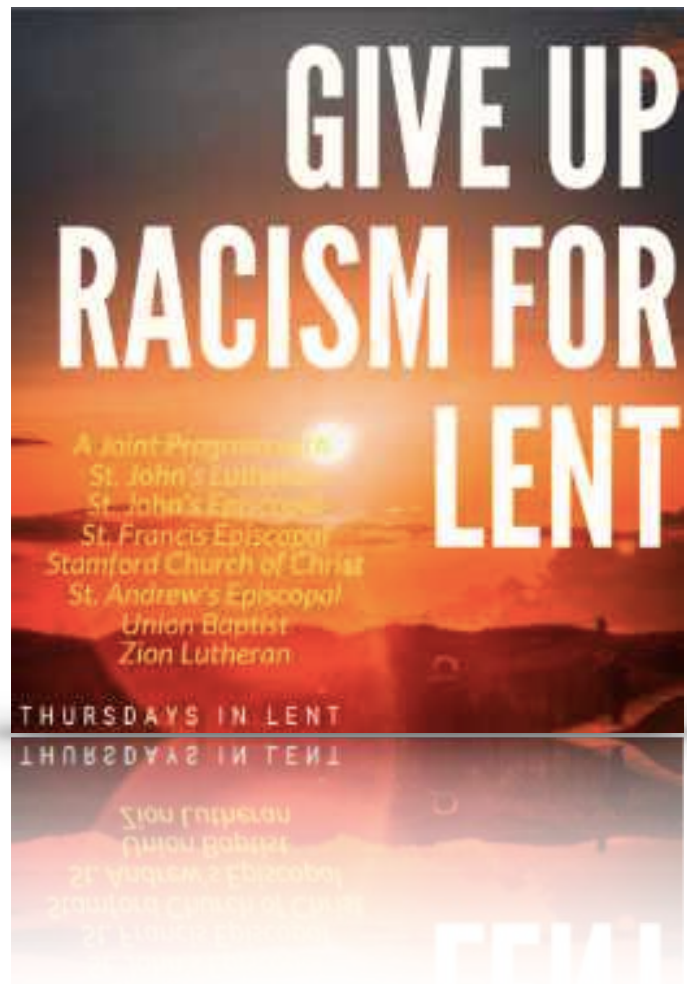
ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

TIMES TO BE DETERMINED

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN
PROGRAM
*GIVE UP RACISM
FOR LENT*
THURSDAYS IN LENT
AT 6:00 PM**

We join with St. John’s Episcopal, St. Andrew’s Episcopal, Union Baptist, Zion Lutheran, St. John’s Lutheran, First Presbyterian, and Stamford Church of Christ to continue work on ending Systemic Racism, White Supremacy, and Anti-Black Bias. Join us on Thursdays in Lent!

- Thursday, February 25
- Thursday, March 4
- Thursday, March 11
- Thursday, March 18
- Thursday, March 25



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation 7:00 PM World AIDS Day Service 7:00 PM Adult Forum: Rev. Michael Christie	2 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call	3 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	4 11:00 AM Music Sing-a-long Noon Marketing Committee	5
6 Advent 2B 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Book Club: <i>Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri Nouwen</i>	7	8 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation	9 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call	10 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	11 11:00 AM Music Sing-a-long	12
13 Advent 3B 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Book Club: <i>Advent and Christmas Wisdom</i>	14 5:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting	15 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation 7:00 PM Adult Forum: Rafael Pagan, Ex. Dir. Pacific House	16 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call Noon Stamford Clergy Meeting 6:00 PM Vestry	17 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	18 11:00 AM Music Sing-a-long	19
20 Advent 4B 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Book Club: <i>Advent and Christmas Wisdom</i> 4:00 PM Service for Pets & Their People 5:00 PM Lessons and Carols	21 5:00 PM Homeless Persons' Memorial Service	22 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation	23 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call	24 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 10:00 AM Christmas Day Service	26
27 10AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour	28	29 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation	30 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call	31 9:00 AM Morning Prayer		

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				New Year's Eve	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2
3 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour	4	5 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation 7:00 PM Adult Forum: Ben Wade, Stamford Hospital	6 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call	7 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	8 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long	9
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24 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Parish Annual Meeting	25	26 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Evening Meditation	27 8:30 AM ECCT Zoom Call	28 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Midwinter Theological Program— <i>The Live Worth Living</i>	29 11:00 AM Zoom Sing-a-long	30
31 10 AM Worship 10:45 AM Zoom Coffee Hour 11 AM Book Club: <i>America's Unholy Ghosts</i>						

UPCOMING EVENTS ~ PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	5:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	6:00 PM	EVENING MEDITATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	7:00 PM	ADULT FORUM: THE REV. DR. MICHAEL CHRISTIE, PRISON CHAPLAINCY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	7:00 PM	WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3	9:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4	11:00 AM	ZOOM SING A LONG
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4	NOON	MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	10:45 AM	ZOOM COFFEE HOUR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	11:00 AM	BOOK CLUB: <i>ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WISDOM</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8	5:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8	6:00 PM	EVENING MEDITATION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10	9:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11	11:00 AM	ZOOM SING A LONG
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13	10:45 AM	ZOOM COFFEE HOUR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13	11:00 AM	BOOK CLUB: <i>ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WISDOM</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14	5:00 PM	OUTREACH COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15	5:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15	6:00 PM	EVENING MEDITATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15	7:00 PM	ADULT FORUM: RAFAEL PAGAN, EX. DIR. PACIFIC HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16	NOON	STAMFORD CLERGY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16	6:00 PM	VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17	9:00 AM	MORNING PRAYER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18	11:00 AM	ZOOM SING ALONG
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	10:45 AM	ZOOM COFFEE HOUR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	4:00 PM	SERVICE FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	5:00 PM	LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE