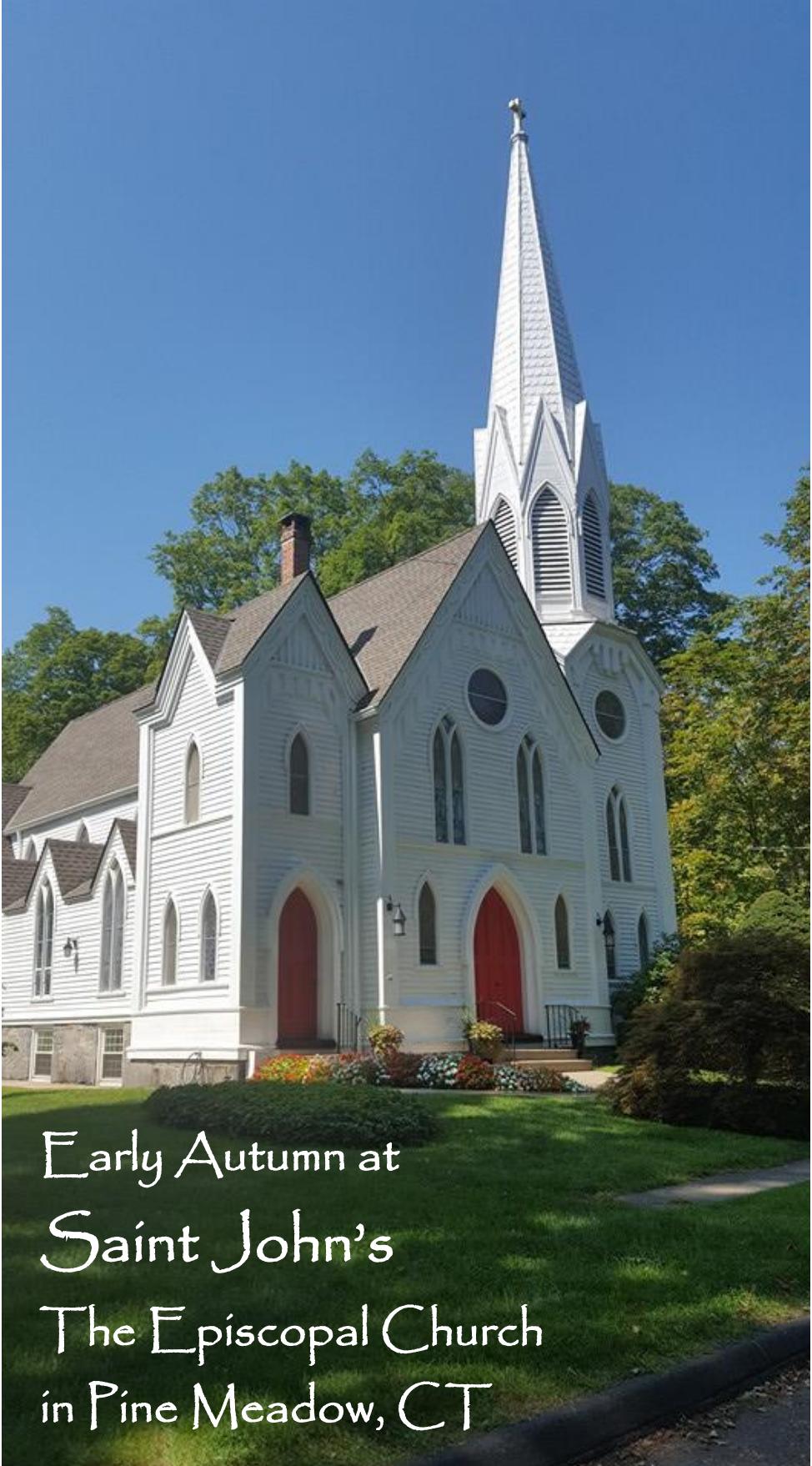


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Early Autumn at
Saint John's
The Episcopal Church
in Pine Meadow, CT

From the Priest in Charge: The Rev. Sandra Cosman

A Letter to My Kid

Beloved,

Sunday mornings aren't the best time for us to talk about why we go to church and why I want you to have faith. We talk about schedules and mealtimes and cellphones, and we don't always find time to talk about things that matter to me – things that I want to matter to you too. So...here goes...

CHURCH – I wake you up to go to church on Sunday mornings when I know that you are tired. I am tired too. I wake you and risk a battle because I know that there will be times in your life when you will need to show up like when you have a job or when the baby is crying. Showing up is important.

PURPOSE – We all need purpose and a reason for being. Only you can know what your purpose will be. Doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God (Micah 6) is a good start. Be the best that you can be.

COMMUNITY – We go to church because I want you to have a community of people who you can trust. Going it alone in the world is difficult. I want you to have companions along the way.

DISFUNCTION – Yes, sometimes people of faith are crazy. Yes, sometimes churches are dysfunctional or even mean. Life is like that. This won't be the only time that you will have to deal with crazy or broken people. You will have a job. You will have family and in-laws. Learn to cope now.

SIZE MATTERS – There are things that are bigger than one person. Forgiveness. Generosity. Community. Faith. Collaboration. Compassion. Reconciliation. Keep your eyes on the big things and the little things will fall into place.

PRESENCE – I don't make you go to funerals so you can say something to the folks who are grieving. We go because people who grieve are broken and hurting. Being present at funerals says that you have their backs. Showing up is enough.

MONEY – Yes, there are times when you see me give money to the church when we do not have money for something that you want. Contributing to the common good – helping those who cannot help themselves and supporting groups that do that work is important. It is not always about you.

BELIEF – Science and religion are not polar opposites. You don't have to reject one to accept the other. Atoms, molecules, and quarks are real. So are forgiveness, faith, and god's lovingkindness. Don't refuse to believe because you can't see something with your eyes. See with your heart.

ALL PEOPLE MATTER – Your teammates, family, teachers, classmates, the homeless person at the shelter, the drunk kid at the party, a rich snob are all beloved children of God. All people matter and should be treated with dignity and respect.

HOLY COMMUNION – That moment when we are at the altar rail for Communion is a holy time for me. It gives me the forgiveness I need for all the mistakes I have made and the strength to stand up and try again. You will need forgiveness and strength too.

TIME – I won't always be here to remind you of what is important. I want you to have a place to remember and celebrate and start over. Love never ends.

Love, Mom

I love you forever and ever. Amen.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Winnie Pratt



I am Winnie Pratt, an old lady, retired from being a nurse anesthetist.

At St. John's I – was on vestry senior warden, altar guild member, reader, Friendly Visitor, & ECW member.

How long – I have been here for 34 years and I was married to my husband for 48 years. No kids but many young people in our lives.

Do all day- I go to the senior center for exercise and to play Scrabble. Dwelling in the Word on Thursday. I give myself Saturdays off, Sunday church and lunch with friends. I also travel and spend time with my family.

Mentors – My mother. I mentored at Antolini School for 5&6 grades and elementary students.

Favorite memory – I have so many. My wedding day. I floated down the aisle!

Biggest challenge – Seeing!!!

Change 1 thing – Have children.

Friends describe you – outspoken, insightful, honest, giving and fun.

My life says – Think positive always see the glass as half full. The Golden Rule – do unto others...have a sense of humor.

Favorite movie – Cage aux Folles.

Skiing or rafting or – read a book.

Pray about – for my family and friends, good health...

Greatest joy – being married to my husband

If you would like to be included in the "Meet Our Members" section of The Portal, please contact the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS GATHERING – Acolytes & Chalice-
holders will gather after worship on Oct. 23 to refresh our skills
and prepare for Advent & Christmas liturgies.

READERS AND LECTORS TRAINING – Join us after worship
on Sept. 25 to share our knowledge about proclaiming
God's Word.

GREETERS TRAINING – Join us on Oct. 16 after worship to
learn more about how we welcome visitors and protect the
safety of our members and guests.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING – We will explore the
history and spirituality of the daily office with an emphasis on
how to lead Morning Prayer. The event will take place on
Saturday, September 17 8:30-12:30 at The Commons in
Meriden. Call the parish office for more information.

SAFE CHURCH RECERTIFICATION – Refresh your com-
mitment to the integrity of our community. Tuesday, Oct. 18
from 6:30-8:30pm.

A CELEBRATION OF THE SPIRIT – On the Sunday of An-
nual Convention this year, we will be having a Celebration of
the Spirit that will include a massive gathered Eucharist with
a sermon by the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael
Curry, and followed by a Ministry Network Expo and several
engaging workshops. The Celebration is free and open to all.
Contact the parish office to register.

Teaching & Fellowship... Breaking Bread & Prayer

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Bring your pets and live-
stock to church on Oct.2.

ALL SAINT'S DAY REMEMBRANCES – Those who have
gone before us will be remembered on Sunday, Oct. 30.

ELECTION VIGIL – On Tuesday, Nov. 8, the church will be
open for silent prayers while the polls are open.

VETERANS' DAY RECOGNITION – Special prayers for those
who have served in the Armed Forces on Sunday, Nov. 13

NEW HARTFORD THANKSGIVING SERVICE – Our com-
munity gathering on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – Join us to celebrate the
Feast of the Nativity.

What is God Doing in Our Neighborhood?

NEW HARTFORD DAY – Sept 18. Come celebrate our community.
AN AFFAIR FUNDRAISER– Sat., Oct. 1.
LIGHT NEW HARTFORD – Sun., Dec. 4.

HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S "AFFAIR" SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016 5:30 pm – New Hartford Town Hall – Third Floor

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!

There are many, many wonderful auction items for everyone (individuals, families and children), and a lot of homemade items (i.e., baked goods, wine, handcrafted items, restaurant gift cards, Dicks Sporting Goods gift card, Mini golf gift card, Barnes & Noble gift card, Target, Ace Hardware gift card, silent auction items and more).

We really need your help!!! We are looking for volunteers to help make desserts. It can be very simple such as brownies, cookies, finger food desserts. Please contact Ellen Childs at (860) 379-0668. Thank you!!

Please contact Nancy Gibson for additional information at (860) 507-6415.



LUNCHES TO GO WITH A CUP OF JOE – OUTREACH TEAM NEWS



Members of St. John's made sandwiches and prepared lunches to be served this summer at the Open Door Soup Kitchen in Winsted. More than thirty people were served and the extra sandwiches were shared with the Winsted Police Department. Thanks to all who shared their time, talents, and hospitality!

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH OUR ST. JOHNS FAMILY

As of 8/22 Mum (Joan Rock) was officially released from hospice care.

She is no longer dying - she is aging. I share our joy with you as I know that many of you prayed for our family over the past year. Through prayer shawls, cards and warm hugs. I felt your love and support. Thank you. We are grateful to you our St. Johns family.

Miracles are abounding here.
Jill & Rick Smith

We also have a number of new lessons we will be presenting this year which are: The Prophets, The Story of Jonah the Backward Prophet, and The Story of Job. Our complete schedule for each Sunday through Thanksgiving can be found on our website:
<http://reddoorschildren.weebly.com>

Linda L. Snyder, Christian Formation Specialist

Send us Your Photo for Our New Church Directory!

The New Member/Fellowship Committee has begun work on a new church directory and we'd love to include your photo! If you did not have you/your families photo at the church picnic in June you may 1) email a photo to Kathy Riberdy at kriberdy0305@charter.net or 2) Mail a photo to the church office to Kathy Riberdy's attention or 3) have us take your photo in September at our welcome back event.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words but we just like seeing all of St. John's smiling faces! Send in your photo today! Thank you!

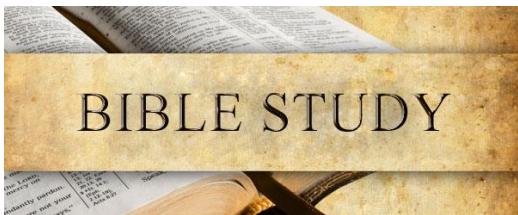
Beth Coates

Programs Restarting in September



NOOMA®

NOOMA – Video Study Series is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. NOOMA meets on the 1st Sunday of the Month at 9am.



DWELLING IN THE WORD – is a practice that may be used to help in communal discernment. It is an intentional practice that involves:

- Reflection
- Deep listening to one another AND to God's Word
- Patience
- Faith that God will be revealed and the Holy Spirit will guide us

DitW takes place on Thursday mornings at 10am starting on September 8th



HEALING EUCHARIST WITH READINGS FROM HOLY WOMEN, HOLY MEN – Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.

OUTREACH

Hands On Hartford (Peter's Retreat)
HOH Center for Community Volunteer Opportunities for residents at 55 Bartholomew Avenue

To Bring Prepared Meals to H.O.H every other month on the 2nd Sunday of the month – Next Date September 11th

Lunch on the 2nd Sunday – every other month – **Volunteers arrive to serve at noon.** Volunteer groups are asked to bring the meal as the program no longer has a meal program or a food budget. At this time there is no kitchen at this new facility to use to prep or warm up food so groups are asked to prepare the meal (ideally with dessert) ahead of time, and bring the items in temperature controlled ways to share with the residents.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

Safe Church Training is required for all parishioners who work with children and visit the homebound. It is encouraged for Leaders and Vestry.

Anyone planning to attend a training session **must REGISTER ONLINE** by following the links at EpiscopalCT.org.

Comprehensive (Basic) Safe Church Training Sessions, Saturday trainings 9 am - 4 pm, lunch provided

Lay Recertification Training - Lay recertification training is for lay ministers who attended a full day of basic safe church training three to five years ago.

Safe Church Recertification Training Sessions (for Laity) - Evening session at St. Johns on October 18th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

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Special thanks to **Ron Caine, Tom Chappell, Bruce Wearne, Bob Osborne, Betty Castonguay, and Rick Smith** for cleaning the church.

Special thanks to **Rick & Jill Smith** for their hard work and painting of the Parish Hall.

Thank you to **Anne Hall** for providing the weekly Prayer List.

Thanks to our **Soup Kitchen Crew** for their hard work and for those who volunteer with Hands on Hartford.

Special Thanks to **Tom Chappell & Nancy Butler** for doing a beautiful job on trimming of the trees.

Thanks to **Pat Sepples** for taking care of our lawn maintenance.

Thanks to **Cynthia Welch** and the Altar Guild for their loving care of our sanctuary.

Special thanks to **Lucie Martocchio, Gordon Ross, and all the volunteers; Ryan Patch, Mother Cosman and her son James, Rose & Bob Osborne, Laura & Bruce Wearne, Rick Smith, Paul & Barbara Patch, Betty Castonguay, Peg Budny, Russ Martocchio, Laura Frey, Maryelen Wielock, Jill & Mary Healey, Barbara Hinman** for all their hard work for the Peach Festival.

Thank you **Kenny Krophner** for supplying the ice for the Peach Festival.

Thank you to **Gordon Ross** for having the steps repaired in the Garden.

Thank you to **John Gargiulo** for having the walls repaired at the church.

Thank you to **Nancy Gibson & Diane Hayes and the Committee** for their hardwork for "The Affair" Fundraiser.

Thanks to **everyone** who helps with the mission and ministry of St. John's.

PARISH REGISTER – Contact Information, Birthdays & Anniversaries Needed Please email Michelle, our Parish Administrator at the Parish Office at office@RedDoors.com with updates of your email and phone contact information. Also, we love to honor folks on their birthdays and anniversaries. Please let us know the month and day, so that we can celebrate with you!

COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING SUNDAY SERVICES

A sign up sheet is posted in the parish hall as we start our Fall services. All parishioners who attend the 10AM service are requested to host at least once this fall/winter. Coffee supplies other than cream are available in the kitchen.



St. John's Community shares our prayer requests via our weekly email. Please contact Anne Hall at annechall@att.net or the Parish Office to be added to the list.

PASTORAL VISITS AND HOME COMMUNIONS



Please email the office at office@RedDoors.com if you would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion. Please also contact Mother Cosman if you enter the hospital.

FROM THE TREASURER

	August 2016	August 2015
Operating Income:	\$10,255	\$11,753
Operating Expenses:	\$12,897	\$12,048
YEAR TO DATE		
	2016	2015
Operating Income:	\$100,250	\$104,521
Operating Expenses:	\$128,002	\$126,170
Larry Espinet, Treasurer		



October 2016

St. John's Church—Calendar of Events

Anniversaries in Italics



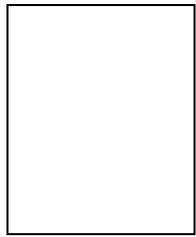
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 The Affair Fundraiser—New Hartford - Town Hall—5:30 PM
2 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Nooma—9:00AM Blessing of the Animals at 10AM Rhythms of Grace 1:00PM	3	4	5 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA Bobbie & Ken Krohner	6 Bible Study— 10:00AM 11:00 AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist Jennifer & Brian Hester	7 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	8
9 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Outreach Meeting 9:00 AM CNC 11:30 AM Suzanne & Stan Moraski	10 Susan & Donal Philips	11 Terry & Lou Moscaritolo	12 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA Sally & Donald O'Neill	13 Bible Study— 10:00AM 11:00 AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	14 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA Jill & Michael Healey	15 Open Door
16 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Greeters Training Sheri & Mel Johnson	17	18 Safe Church Recertification— 6:30pm	19 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	20 Bible Study— 10:00AM 11:00 AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	21 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	22 Meg & Joe Toro
23 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Liturgical Ministers Gathering	24	25	26 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	27 Bible Study— 10:00AM 11:00 AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00PM Vestry	28 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	29
30 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM All Saint Remem- brances October Birthdays	31					

1-Oct	Susan Jones	5-Oct	Crystall Case	13-Oct	Brittany Atwood	22-Oct	Kristina Espinet
1-Oct	Lauren Espinet	6-Oct	Sally O'Neill	13-Oct	Bob Osborne	24-Oct	Rose Osborne
3-Oct	Peter Hinman	10-Oct	Gabrielle Riberdy	18-Oct	Diane Hayes	26-Oct	Lenore Case
3-Oct	Christian Carrier	12-Oct	Dale Lemp	18-Oct	Barbara Henif	28-Oct	Barbara Frelgant
3-Oct	Howard Martin	12-Oct	Richard Bartram	18-Oct	Alan Lawson	28-Oct	Don O'Neill
4-Oct	Maureen Preill	12-Oct	Anthony Case	19-Oct	Sam Read	29-Oct	Nancy Linton
			Alexander Case	21-Oct	Beth Coates		

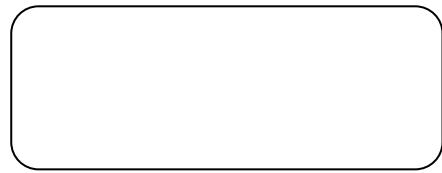


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*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my
prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Phil. 1*



CONTACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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2016 PORTAL DEADLINES

Publication Month	Deadline: Noon, Friday
February	January 30
March	February 29
April	March 31
May	April 22
June/July	May 30
August	July 25
Sept/October	September 5
November	October 24
December/January	November 28

Please enter these dates on your calendar NOW.

Deadline for the November Portal is noon, Oct. 24th.
Word limit is 250.
Send information to office@RedDoors.com