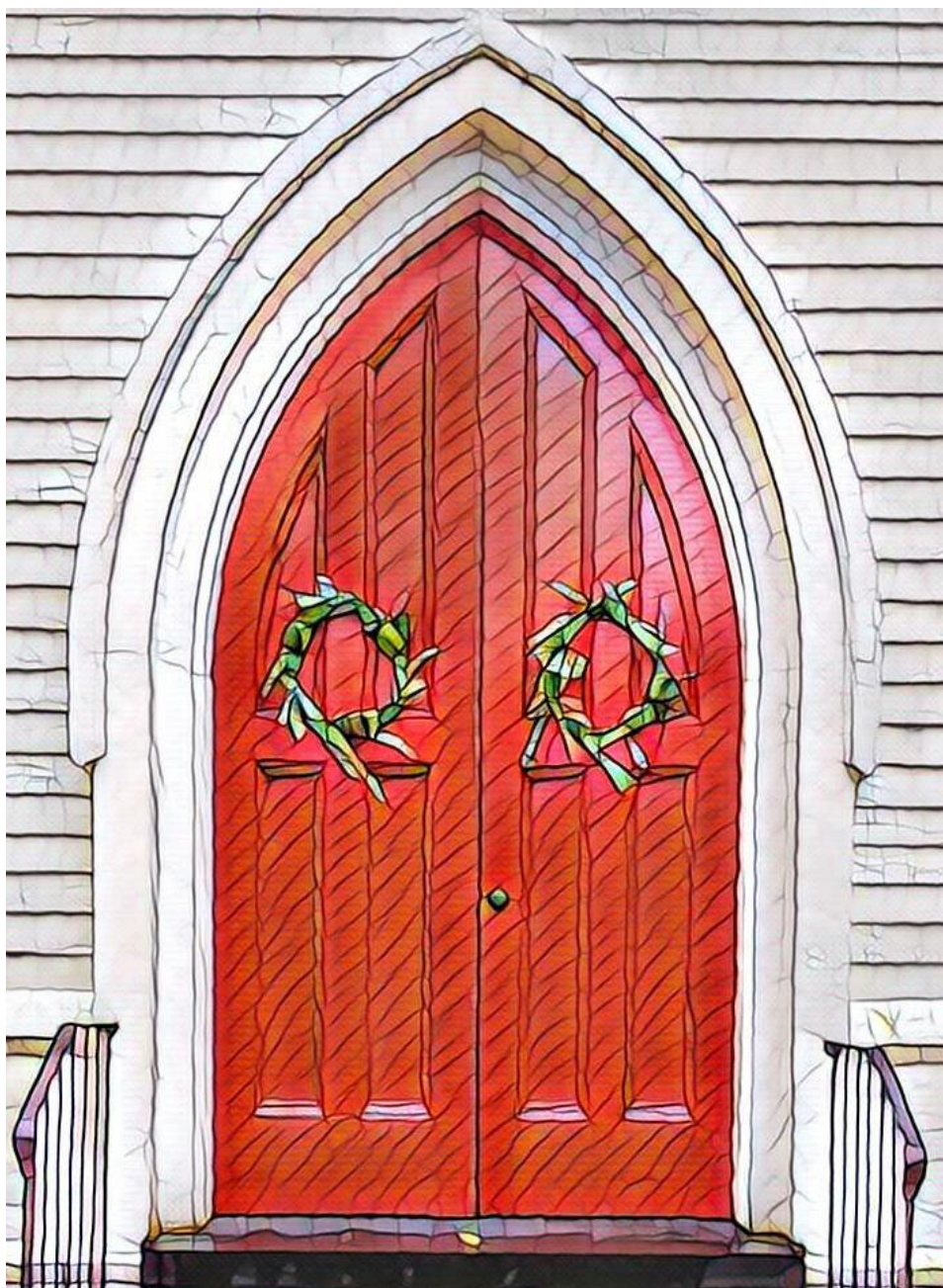


THE PORTAL

Nov 2016 Issue



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

From the Stewardship Campaign Co-Chair: Kevin Case

**Living Generously
November 2016**

The red doors beckon us to enter a heavenly refuge in beautiful Pine Meadow. As we enter the doors of St. John's Episcopal Church, we find a sanctuary of worship, ministry, spiritual formation, music, and community. St. John's has such a rich tradition of worship and ministry in Pine Meadow and surrounding communities. Its history is rich and legacy long. My grandparents were members of the parish for many years and I was baptized here over fifty years ago.

Having become actively involved at St. John's over twenty years ago, the church community has and continues to play such an important role in the spiritual life of Lenore and me and our family. Our children, having been baptized by Bishop Ramos, have grown to know and love God through participation in our church school program and by being part of our loving community. Lenore and our family have received abundant blessings through the years as active St. John's members.

We are at a critical juncture in the life of our church. As we look to continue to grow as a parish community and increase our ministries outside the red doors, we need to increase our revenue. This is important if we want to call upon a permanent full time priest in the near future. We have been the beneficiaries of the hard work, dedication,

and generosity of those members, like my grandparents, who have gone before us and who laid the foundation for the church we now enjoy.

It is now up to us to continue to lay the foundation for future generations. Please consider the impact this community of faith has had on your own life, the life of your family and the wider community. Please make an effort to pledge if you aren't already doing so. If you are currently pledging, please make an effort to increase your pledge on the path to tithing that reflects your commitment to God and this parish. God wants us to live generously by giving of our time and treasure. This is one way to renew our faith and commitment to Christ and St. John's and to give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

What a wonderful opportunity for us to grow together as a community!



Kevin D. Case
Vestry Member/Stewardship Campaign
Co-Chair

MEET OUR MEMBERS – We need volunteers to fill out Meet Our Members. Send your picture and the answer to the following questions to office@reddoors.com;

I am –
How long –
Mentors –
Biggest challenge –
Friends describe me –
Favorite movie –
Pray about –

At St. John's I –
Do all day-
Favorite memory –
Change 1 thing –
My life says –
Skiing or rafting or –
Greatest joy –

Dear Friends,

Every year at this time we are prompted to reflect on our commitment to the church and the role it plays in our lives. As the years role wondrously by, I become ever more aware of the profound difference that the church and St. John's has made in my life and, in particular, the people that my children have become. The church is important because there are so many factors in modern life that conspire to isolate us: television, cell phones, cars, and the widely dispersed, individual homes we own (mine, I think, owns me). St. John's offers an antidote, a chance to create a tight knit, supportive community in which we can reconnect with people in profound, life-affirming ways.

The instinct that draws us into the St. John's community is the same one that makes us committed to our children and families. We want to nurture, instruct and prepare our children in ways that go beyond food, school and new soccer cleats. We want to ensure that they have time to be instructed in our shared christian heritage, examine its values and beliefs, and, finally, to see those values modeled in people, activities and prayer.

I am extremely proud of my children Henry and Eleanor. They have developed into admirable young adults. It may seem an old fashioned notion but what I cherish most about each of them is their well-grounded character. They are kind, charitable, humble and forgiving. While Caren and I tried our best to model principled behavior at home, the day to day requirements of rearing children meant that we needed reinforcements. First it was All Saints Anglican Church in Milan when Henry was little, then St. Edward the Confessor in Lugano when Eleanor was a toddler, and, for the last 16 years, St. John's has been our spiritual home.

I pray that St. John's means something similar to you. If you are parents of young children, I commend you on the path you have chosen for your children. Join us as often as you can. The vow the congregation makes at a baptism to "support this child in his/her life in Christ" is a commitment we hold most dear.

Wishing you God's love and peace,

Gordon Ross
Senior Warden

Contact Information – Street and Email Addresses for our college students and recent graduates are needed. Forward this information to the office.

Baptism Preparation – The next Sunday appointed for Holy Baptism is the Sunday after All Saints. (November 6th) Please contact the Parish Office for information or to arrange preparation.

United Thank Offering – There will be an Ingathering on Thursday, Nov. 3rd at St. James, West Hartford. See poster in the narthex for more information.

St. John's Election Day Prayer Vigil will take place from 6am until 8pm on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Please sign up to take an hour slot to be a prayerful and welcoming presence for our guests.

St. John's Stewardship Team is planning our Stewardship Ingathering for Sunday, Nov. 13th. Please hold the St. John's and our parish leadership in your prayers as you prayerfully consider you stewardship of all that you have been given.

Veterans Recognition – Join us on Nov. 13th at both services to honor our veterans for their service.

Open Door Soup Kitchen – Volunteers are needed to join our team for Nov. 19th at St. James in Winsted. (9:00am–1:00pm) Please join us.

SIGN UP FOR OUR BUS TRIP TO HARTFORD!

A Celebration of the Spirit – The Episcopal Church in Connecticut will gather on Sunday, November 20th at the CT Convention Center for a diocesan wide celebration. Our Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, will be our preacher. Please sign up in the narthex so we can reserve you a ticket to the Eucharist and for the bus. *Thanks Winnie Pratt for underwriting the cost of the bus!*

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service – St. John's will be hosting our community Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm. Please consider volunteering to host the post-service reception and save the date to attend.

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



THE AFFAIR



Outreach Committee Notes From the October 9 2016 Meeting

★New Hartford Day - Jill Healy reported that the day was a great success in that we had great support /volunteers from our parish and that many folks stopped by our tent with interest to learn more about St. John's.

★Hands on Hartford (formerly Peter's Retreat) - After over 25 years of St. John's participation in this mission and following 4 recent Groups of St. John's volunteers providing Sunday dinners (from March – September) it was the general consensus of our committee to discontinue our participation with this mission. The wonderful news is that with major medical advances and innovative programming the health and level of independence of the current residents of HOH is remarkable.

★The Climate Committees for the New Hartford Schools have recently begun to organize fundraising and support for this New Hartford family throughout the school year. Christian, now 5 months old, was born with an extremely rare neurological disorder -Ohtahara syndrome with a KCNQ2 gene mutation. This diagnosis occurs spontaneously and affects only a few hundred children worldwide. This Syndrome causes seizures starting at birth and severe physical and cognitive deficits that will affect Christian's ability to crawl, walk, move his arms, grasp objects, eat, talk, see etc. Christian's parents have continued working in order to maintain their home and health insurance while caring for Christian who needs round-the-clock care, in addition to caring for their other four children, one of whom is Christian's twin brother. Home nursing care, as well as other supportive therapies are unavailable through their insurance. As the schools begin their fundraising and friends and family continue to organize this effort, we will bring further information to our St. John's family and discern how we might contribute to this effort.

★ Appalachia Service Project - For now this projected mission for us has been cancelled due to overall lack of interest/participation. It is our thought that we begin with missions that are closer in proximity and possibly for a day or a weekend time frame. Alternate missions are currently being investigated. All suggestions are appreciated.

★Red Cross Blood Drive - The Red Cross recently approached Sandra with a request to sponsor a Blood Drive here on It was later agreed upon by both parties that we decline due to the date being so close to Christmas and our limited space to proceed.

★•Light New Hartford - St John's will be participating in this beautiful evening- more info to follow.

★••Neighbor To Neighbor - There will be a Spaghetti dinner (fundraiser) on February 25th for this amazing program. More info to follow

Committee Members: Mother Cosman, Nancy Butler, Peggy Budny, Betty Castonguay, Tom Chappell, Donna Colavecchio, Nancy Gibson, Jill Healey, Barbara Henri, Ginny Hoffmann, Candy Flaherty, Lucie & Lou Martocchio, Laura & Bruce Wearne.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

November will be a very busy month for our children's Ministry program. We'll begin the month on the 6th with the baptism of one of our nursery members and our Godly Play class in the whole service for this special occasion. The next Sunday, Nov. 13th will be our traditional Stone Soup Sunday when our children hear the story of the Feeding of the 5,000 and make stone soup for coffee hour.

The third Sunday of the month, the 20th will find many of us in Hartford for the diocesan wide worship service lead by our Presiding Bishop, Bishop Curry and our Diocesan Bishop Douglas. I encourage all families to consider attending the service on the 20th in Hartford as Bishop Curry is a very engaging speaker and your children will experience an event with many members of the greater community of the Episcopal church.

The last Sunday of November, the 27th is Thanksgiving weekend. There is no Godly Play that day but there will be nursery coverage.

Looking ahead: Save the Dates:

Dec. 4th- St. Nicholas Celebration

Jan. 8th - Epiphany Pageant

More to come on both events

Thank
you

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

Special thanks to **Stan Moraski** for his hard work painting the stairwell to the Parish Hall.

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

Thanks to our **Soup Kitchen Crew** for their hard work.

Special Thanks to **John Gargiulo** for donating the new faucet and **Tom Chappell** for replacing the faucet in the Parish Hall.

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.

Thank you to **Ginny Hoffmann, Winnie Pratt, Joanne Ritchie, Betty Castonguay and Nancy Gibson and Howie Martin** for folding the weekly programs.

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

Thank you to **Kathy Riberdy and the volunteers** for taking the photos and preparing the Parish directory.

Thank you to **Norma Pappalardo and the Lay Weeders** for helping to make our garden beautiful.

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



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

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/Winter 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

| | Sept 2016 | Sept 2015 |
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| Operating Income: | \$14,107 | \$15,481 |
| Operating Expenses: | \$14,349 | \$15,800 |

YEAR TO DATE

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Operating Income: | \$114,357 | \$120,002 |
| Operating Expenses: | \$142,351 | \$141,895 |

Larry Espinet, Treasurer




November 2016

St. John's—Calendar of Events

Anniversaries in Italic



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| | | 1 | 2 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA | 3 Bible Study— 10:00AM 11:00 AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist | 4 10:00AM AI-Anon 8:30 PM AA | 5 |
| 6 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Nooma—9:00AM Rhythms of Grace 1:00PM CNC 11:30 AM | 7 | 8 Election Day Prayer Vigil 6:00am-8:00pm | 9 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA | 10 Bible Study— 10:00AM 11:00 AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist | 11 10:00AM AI-Anon 8:30 PM AA | 12 |
| 13 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Outreach Meeting 9:00 AM Stewardship In- gathering 8 & 10 am Veterans Day Recognition Stone Soup Parish Clean-Up | 14 | 15 <i>Krista & Mark Warren</i> | 16 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA | 17 Bible Study— 10:00AM 11:00 AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist Vestry—7:00 pm | 18 10:00AM AI-Anon 8:30 PM AA | 19 <i>Kathy & Andrew Riberdy</i> |
| 20 Holy Eucharist 9 AM Service Only Celebration of the Spirit—10AM in Hartford | 21 | 22 New Hartford Thanksgiving Service -7PM @ Saint John's | 23 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA | 24  Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed | 25 10:00AM AI-Anon 8:30 PM AA | 26 |
| 27 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM No Godly Play | 28 <i>Josette & Richard Carter</i> | 29 | 30 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA | | | |

November Birthdays

7-Nov Joe Kenney
8-Nov Mark Warren
9-Nov Nancy Gibson

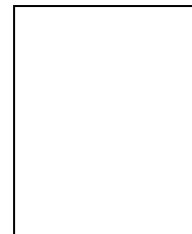
9-Nov Roger Frigon
12-Nov Garrett Healey
13-Nov Kenneth Krohner
14-Nov Wes Todd

16-Nov Phil Prelli
22-Nov Del Springer
22-Nov Jonathan Truss
26-Nov Leila Lukiwsky



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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 December/January Portal is noon, Nov. 28
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