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August 2017
Issue



GILL MEMORIAL GARDEN

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

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

We have reached the midpoint of summer and the prospect of returning to our autumn activities is upon us. In this edition of The Portal, you will find an overview of the events of the past month and a glimpse of what is to come for us as a Christian community in the coming program year.

There are an abundance of opportunities for us to come together, the share our stories and get to know each other better. There are ways for us to work to make our community and world a better and more loving place. There will be places to use our talents and abilities and time in ways to give glory to God and help spread the Gospel message.

As you read these pages we invite you to think about how you will spend the precious asset of your time. Where will you invest your time and talent? Where will you find a place in this world that needs the gifts that you can offer? What will be your role in healing this broken and hurting world?

Sometimes we think that we are not talented enough or that we don't have enough time, or that our contributions will not be appreciated or understood. In God's eyes our offerings are always good enough.

Leonard Cohen says it this way:

*Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.*

Matthew's Gospel tells us this also:

*In the same way,
let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

May God's love shine on you and through you during these summer months. May you be blessed and be a blessing.



Treasures and Trinkets St. John's Tag Sale Saturday, 9/30 (Rain Date Sunday, 10/1)

Items for the tag sale are already coming in! If you have items to donate, you can drop them off in the basement of the rear building during office hours. We are especially looking for furniture, sports gear, Christmas items, lawn and tools, kid's games, kitchen items, and home made things! Please do not donate TVs, books, clothing or electronics that do not work. We are looking for folks to help out cleaning the items and pricing them Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If you can help out before or during the day of the sale, please contact Sue Hall or Jill Smith.

Finding God

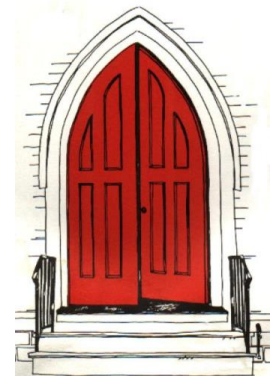
We have been finding God in many different places this summer! We will start putting up the photos in the garden hallway in the next week or so. It is not too late to show us where you have found God. We will be collecting pictures throughout August and adding to our gallery. Please email your pictures to the office (office@reddoors.com). Make sure you include a caption for each picture you send.

New Endowment Fund

A Clergy Compensation Fund has been established and funded with over \$51,000 in initial donations. Funds from this endowment can be used to defray parish clergy expenses. Special thanks to the initial donors, Betty Castonguay in memory of Henry, Susie Horn in memory of Gray, Nancy Gibson in memory of Murray, and Guy & Diane Hayes. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, please contact Michelle. Contributions can be as small as \$500.

Diane Hayes

Treasurer



SUMMER AT SAINT JOHN'S

St. John's Summer Parish Project: Where Do You Find God? As you travel and enjoy the summer, please stop and capture a picture of where you have seen God at work in the world. Perhaps a garden, the shore, with family and friends, or at a summer chapel? Send your pictures to office@reddoors.com and we will share them in the glass walkway for all to enjoy!

Parish Update Meeting – Sunday, August 6th following the 9am Eucharist. Please plan to join us!

Peach Festival on the Green – August 26th – We will be selling hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sausage patties and breakfast sandwiches on Saturday, August 26th from 10-4 pm. Volunteers needed. If you can help, please contact Lou & Lucie Martocchio.

Acolyte Gathering – Sunday, September 10th at 11am.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We are excited to begin a new program year with Godly Play and our very dedicated and committed volunteers; Kathy Riberdy, Beth Coates, Candy Flaherty, Lucie Martocchio, Sue Bremer, Peter Ficalora, Peggy Budny, Christine Nelson, Marie Prelli and Kevin Case. On **September 10th** we will begin the year with an interactive 10:00AM service for all. We will be commissioning our leaders and recommitting ourselves to be faithful in our presence.

After the service we will be treated by our Godly Play leaders to "Make your own Sundaes" for coffee hour. After coffee hour there will be a refresher meeting for all acolytes.

Our **first Godly Play lesson** will be **September 17th**. We will begin with a new story entitled; "The Holy Bible". During the fall we will focus on key individuals in the Old Testament.

Third Thursdays-Beginning Sept. 21st our older elementary, middle school and 9th and 10th graders are invited to join us at St. John's from 4:00-5:30PM for an activity and a meal. This first 3rd Thursday we will make treats for the animals who attend our St. Francis Day, Blessing of the Animals. Our meal will be Tacos.....all who come will also help create the meal. During dinner we'll discuss meeting each month and if this 3rd Thursday is a good time for all. More out in Sept. but for now SAVE THE DATE!

Rhythms of Grace will begin Oct. 1st at 12:30PM. This will be the 2nd year of a confirmation program for our participants. Confirmations for our group will be scheduled sometime in the spring and we will invite all to join us that day.

Linda Snyder
Christian Formation Specialist



Open Door Soup Kitchen – join our team for August 19th at St. James in Winsted. (9:00am–1:00pm)

Bell Ringers – sign up to toll the tower bell for worship to begin our 10am worship.

Coffee Hour Volunteers – Show hospitality by hosting our social time together following worship. Co-hosting with another person or family is encouraged.

Thank
you 

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

Special thanks to **Norma Pappalardo** and **volunteers** who have made summer at St. John's especially beautiful.

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

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

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

Thank you to **Nancy Butler & Tom Chappell** for taking care of the caterpillar issues outside and inside the church.

Thank you to **Betty Castonguay and Ginny Hoffmann** for picking up and delivering the **Fresh Market** donations to the **Open Door Soup Kitchen**.

Thank you to all the **Volunteers** for helping out with the **Confirmation Ceremony** and **Bishop Laura's** visit.

Thank you to all the **Volunteers** for helping out at **Lorraine Davis's** funeral.

Thank you to **Ginny Hoffmann, Winnie Pratt, Joanne Ritchie, Betty Castonguay, Nancy Gibson & Howie Martin** our office volunteers.

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

PREPPING FOR THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY



FROM THE ORGAN BENCH HALYNA PETRONCHAK

Sometimes I like to sit in a pew at night and admire the sanctuary, gaining a new appreciation for its beauty and especially its history. For instance, the little window in the alcove to the left of the organ - so different in composition from the rest of the windows and so beautiful in its simplicity. The star window above the organ pipes is another gem - a gift from the Eastern Star on Christmas Eve in 1891. I will remember that this holiday. The Hook & Hastings Tracker organ is yet another magnificent historic treasure. To create a sound, a tracker system requires air to flow into the pipe wherever a key or pedal is pressed. Our organ (circa 1884), originally was a pump variety and required an assistant to operate a hand pump situated on the right side of the organ. The assistant pumped, the organist played and sound came out. The spot where the pump attached to the organ is still visible today.

The church was electrified in 1917 and the hand pump and assistant were replaced by a large blower installed in the basement, directly beneath the organ. In 1980 this large blower was again replaced by a smaller, more efficient one, installed directly next to the organ. The partition next to the organ hides this blower today. Further improvements to the organ were made in 1990. I am often struck by the fact that I am playing the same organ that someone played in 1889! What a marvelous instrument and so appropriate in its sanctuary home. It is not as mighty as some yet, when all the stops are out, it is truly a majestic instrument and certainly one of our most precious gems.

FROM THE ALTAR CYNTHIA WELCH

It has been a tradition at St. John's to remove the frontal from the altar during the summer months. We are accustomed to seeing the green frontal most of the year, replaced with other frontals as our church calendar dictates or for particular events. Until September, we can appreciate the beauty of our wooden altar.

Due to the generosity of many members, we have been fortunate to have altar flowers almost every Sunday. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers (\$60), please sign up on the flower chart in the doorway between the narthex and the nave, or call Michelle.

GILL MEMORIAL GARDEN NORMA PAPPALARDO



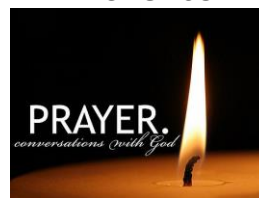
The Alison & Charles Gill Memorial Garden of St. John's Episcopal Church was created 24 years ago by Charlie Gill in memory of his wife, Alison. When Charlie died unexpectedly, a year later, the garden was renamed to honor them both. The garden is populated primarily with perennials, preferred by the Gills, who were both avid gardeners. In this garden, the objective is to have blooms at all times, from the earliest spring bulbs to the perennials, to the annuals providing immediate color and interest. Several fixtures, such as the gazebo and stone benches, provide seating in the garden, while low stone walls, several plaques, a fox, and a fountain-turned-sculpture at the center, provide added interest. This setting is often used for the interment of ashes but the parish invites other groups in the community to use the garden for occasions such as parties, receptions, and fundraising events.

Visit www.reddoors.com for more information.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL GARDEN SCHOLARSHIP - (2017) NORMA PAPPALARDO

This spring, we initiated the **St. John's Episcopal Church Garden Scholarship**. The scholarship is available to students meeting the following requirements and graduating from high school in June of 2018. The student must have signed up for the scholarship program and completed 25 hours of garden assistance in the Alison and Charlie Gill Memorial Garden prior to June of graduation year. The student need not be a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Any high school student may register for the scholarship and begin working toward their 25 hours to qualify for the scholarship in the year they graduate. The scholarship may apply to a college, technical school, or Community College. **Funding the scholarship** - the scholarship is funded through - Garden programs (events) for which an entry fee is charged i.e. - Poetry readings, concerts, etc. The sale of excess plants culled from the Alison and Charlie Gill Memorial Garden and local private gardens. Special garden fundraisers such as - a fall bulb sale, a garden calendar, etc. **Un-solicited memorial donations** made specifically to the 'St. John's Annual Garden Scholarship Fund'. **Un-solicited donations made specifically to the 'St. John's Annual Garden Scholarship Fund' by interested parishioners.** The first garden event was held when St. John's participated in the Bakerville Library Garden Tour on July 15th. Approximately \$100 was raised through the sale of plants at this event.

PRAYER PARTNERS NANCY GIBSON



Matt Cornish, Camp Washington's Summer Camp Director, sent out this message:

Prayer Partners 2017, we need your help!

To sponsor a staff member by becoming a Prayer Partner one was asked to:

- Come to Camp Washington for dinner one evening to meet your Staff member.
- Be willing to pray regularly for the Staff member assigned to you.
- Write an encouraging note once a week for 5 weeks to your Staff member, from July 2nd to August 18th, letting them know that you are thinking of and praying for them.

There were 4 of us who volunteered; Mother Cosman, Ginny Hoffmann, Jill Smith and Nancy Gibson. I can only speak for myself, but I am pleased to say that my Staff member, Janette, is delightful. She is studying Education and Theatre in a college in Boston and her family is from Connecticut. She is full of life and I am sure that the campers she has been guiding have been having a memorable time while "under wing".

My notes to Janette were easy to write. I have chosen to send her postcards from various parts of the world; ones that she would enjoy and also be relative to what she is doing.

The 5th and last note will soon be written and I must admit that the weeks have flown by. I was glad to be Janette's Prayer Partner and hope that some day we will meet again.

PRAYER PARTNER GINNY HOFFMANN

My Prayer Partner experience has been wonderful. Each week I would try to think about interesting items to send to Kristen. Always prayers. But then I would include a comic strip and/or a religious bookmark. I heard from her once, and she seemed very appreciative. I really felt I was doing some good, by keeping Kristen and all those in charge at Camp Washington in my prayers.



Camp Washington Faith. Reflection. Education

Summer 2017 CHILDREN'S CAMP • AGES 7-12 TEEN CAMP • AGES 12-16

SPECIALTY CAMPS • JULY 16-21
 WILDERNESS CAMP 2 TRACKS, AGES 7-12 & 12-16
 SERVICE LEADERSHIP CAMP, AGES 13-16 • MINI CAMP/DAY CAMP, AGES 5-10

ONE WEEK SESSIONS (\$575) **TWO WEEK SESSIONS (\$1300)**

JULY 2-7 • CHILDREN'S CAMP 1
 JULY 9-14 • TEEN CAMP 1

JULY 23-AUG 4 • TEEN CAMP 2
 AUGUST 6-AUG 18 • CHILDREN'S CAMP 2

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**COFFEE HOUR
 FOLLOWING 9:00am
 SUMMER SUNDAY
 SERVICES**

During the summer months, our 9:00 a.m. Greeters will host coffee hour. It can be kept simple. Coffee, lemonade, etc. Coffee supplies other than cream are available in the kitchen. Let's have Coffee Hour in the garden

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!



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



St. John's Community shares our prayer requests via our weekly email. Please contact Anne Hall at annehall@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

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| | May 2017 | May 2016 |
| Operating Income: | \$11,027 | \$9,754 |
| Operating Expenses: | \$16,095 | \$14,958 |

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| | YEAR TO DATE | |
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Operating Income: | \$83,807 | \$62,636 |
| Operating Expenses: | \$79,956 | \$83,161 |

Diane Hayes, Treasurer

Thank you, Diane for your devoted work as St. John's Treasurer. We are grateful for your service!



August 2017

St. John's Church - Calendar of Events

Anniversaries in Italics



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|------------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA | 3 11:00AM Volun- teers Holy Eucharist 8:30 PM | 4 10:00 AM Al- Anon 7:30 Promise Group Meeting 8:30 PM AA | 5 |
| 6 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 7 | 8 | 9 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA | 10 11:00AM Volun- teers Holy Eucharist 8:30 PM <i>Donna & Stephen Brehm</i> | 11 10:00 AM Al- Anon 7:30 Promise Group Meeting 8:30 PM AA | 12 |
| 13 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Beyond the Red Doors Meeting— 10:00am | 14 <i>Anne & Terry Radziewicz</i> | 15 | 16 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA <i>Fran & Roger Frigon</i> | 17 11:00AM Volun- teers Holy Eucharist 8:30 PM | 18 10:00 AM Al- Anon 7:30 Promise Group Meeting 8:30 PM AA | 19 Open Door |
| 20 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 21 Office Closed | 22 Office Closed | 23 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA Office Closed | 24 11:00AM Volun- teers Holy Eucharist 8:30 PM Office Closed | 25 10:00 AM Al- Anon 7:30 Promise Group Meeting 8:30 PM AA <i>Amanda & Ryan Patch</i> | 26 Peach Festival 10-4pm |
| 27 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 28 | 29 <i>Julie & John Gargiulo</i> | 30 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA | 31 11:00AM Volun- teers Holy Eucharist 8:30 PM | | |

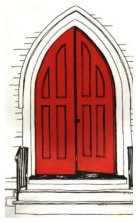
August Birthdays

2-Aug Christine Nelson
3-Aug Peggy Hitchcock
4-Aug Audrey Coates
4-Aug Thomas Martocchio
5-Aug Kim Lukiwsky

5-Aug Betty Castonguay
6-Aug Sylvia Lovley
8-Aug Jeanne Cararini
9-Aug Mel Johnson
10-Aug Ann Atwood
12-Aug Rebecca Halladay

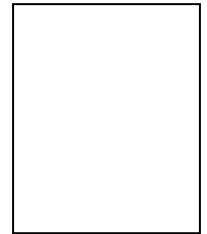
14-Aug Andrew Riberty
14-Aug David Henri
17-Aug Tom Chappell
17-Aug Michael Healey
23-Aug Joanne Ritchie
23-Aug Bruce Weame

24-Aug Julie Gargiulo
26-Aug Winnie Pratt
28-Aug Nancy Butler
29-Aug Cassandra Messenger
30-Aug Jeff Linton
31-Aug Devin Warren

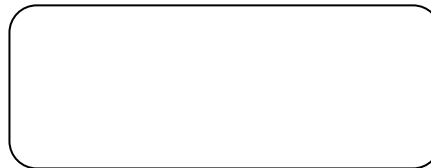


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*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my
prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.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



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2017 PORTAL DEADLINES

| Publication Month | Deadline: Noon, Friday |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| February | January 30 |
| March | February 27 |
| April | March 27 |
| May | April 24 |
| June/July | May 29 |
| August | July 24 |
| Sept/October | September 4 |
| November | October 23 |
| December/January | November 27 |

Please enter these dates on your calendar NOW.

**Deadline for the Sept/Oct Portal is noon, September 4th
Word limit is 250.
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