

# THE PORTAL

April 2017  
Issue



St. John's at the Open Door Soup Kitchen

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

Dear Friends,

More than two thousand years ago, a simple carpenter's son born in Bethlehem and raised to adulthood in Nazareth began a three-year ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing that changed the lives of many people the world over. Young and old, poor and rich, respected and derided, people of all walks of life came to him for healing, hope, and the possibility of new life.

The end of Jesus' ministry here on earth began with the events of Holy Week including his triumphant entry into Jerusalem where he gathered his friends and followers together for a last supper together and the sharing of bread and wine. After a long evening of prayer in Gethsemane, Jesus was tried, bound, beaten, hung from a tree, and crucified.

Many have tried to explain what happened next. We still talk today of the wonderful victory Jesus won over death and sin. Three days after the horrible events of Good Friday, Jesus returned victorious to the women he loved and his disconsolate disciples. In the garden, on the road to Emmaus, and on the shore of a lake, Jesus was present to share meals, to care for others, to teach them about God's Kingdom, and to talk with them about the future. Jesus' ministry in the world as they knew it was ending, but something new and powerful and life-changing was coming into existence. Nothing would ever be the same again.

The followers who heard Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" and witnessed Jesus' return began the next chapters in God's work in the world. To this day, we continue to proclaim the Good News that has been shared with us. At the heart of that Good News is the celebration of Christ's resurrection and his triumphant victory over death.

So much in this world seems to cry out for victory over evil, hunger, fear and oppression.

The battle continues and the hope of the resurrection lives on within each of us. As St. Paul wrote to the Roman people so many years ago, "...For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

That, my friends, is the beautiful truth that rose again that first Easter. That is the journey that we will travel together this Holy Week and Easter. Come, celebrate!

Sandra+

The Reverend Sandra L. Cosman, M.Div.  
*Priest in Charge*



### **Lenten Worship – 2017 Schedule**

#### **Palm Sunday – April 9<sup>th</sup>**

8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
with Palms and Passion Narrative Gospel  
10am - Holy Eucharist  
with Choral Passion and Palms

#### **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday Family Service  
with Foot Washing – April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Maundy Thursday Service  
with Foot Washing – April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday Vigil  
continues through the night.

Good Friday Liturgy with Solemn Collects – April 14<sup>th</sup>  
at Noon & 7:30pm

#### **Easter Sunday**

#### **The Feast of the Resurrection**

April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8am Eucharist  
10:00am Festival Eucharist

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **St. John's Knitting Group** – April 2nd following the 10am Eucharist.
- **Rhythms of Grace Confirmation Class** – April 2nd 1pm in the sanctuary.
- **Confirm Not Conform Confirmation Class** – April 2nd 11:30am in the education building.
- **Arbor Society Remembrance & Dedications** – Sunday, April 2nd
- **New Acolyte Training** – Sunday, April 2nd, at 9am. Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend.
- **Movie Day at St. John's: The Passion of the Christ** – April 6th at 11:30am. Please join us!
- **Open Door Soup Kitchen** – May 20th (no Open Door in April) at St. James Winsted
- **Spring Training & Gathering** – April 1st 9am-4pm at Lincoln Middle School in Meriden, CT
- **Camp Washington Middle School Youth Weekend** – April 28-30
- **Around God's Table – A Liturgical Festival** – May 6&7 at Camp Washington and Christ Church Cathedral – Ages 8 – 11
- **Holy Week – Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday** – April 9-16
- **The Episcopal Church Women's 136th Annual Meeting, Program and Luncheon** will take place on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Aqua Turf in Southington. If anyone is interested in more information, please contact the office.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Godly Play and Children's Ministry - Our story unit called The Faces of Easter will culminate on Sunday April 2nd with a review of all our stories of Jesus and his ministry. Palm Sunday we will tell the story of Holy Week and Easter. Easter Sunday there will be no Godly Play. Instead, we welcome all children to join their families in our celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. The Sunday after Easter, April 23rd, one of our Godly Play class members, Warren Hinman, will lead his friends by telling the story of The Good Shepherd. The last Sunday of April we will take Warren's story a step further as we hear about The Good Shepherd and World Communion. As we begin the Easter season please take a moment and check out the resources for families at home to use during this season. Many of them uplift the gifts we have all been given to share with others.

Linda Snyder  
Christian Formation Specialist



**Open Door Soup Kitchen** – join our team for May 20th at St. James in Winsted. (9:00am–1:00pm)

**Greeters for our 10am Eucharist** are needed.

**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.

**Acolytes and Altar Servers** – See Mother Cosman to volunteer.



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

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 snow removal and sanding the walks.

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

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

## Altar Guild Prepares for Palm Sunday and Easter on April 8th – 9:00am

The Altar Guild will be polishing the silver and brass and stripping palms on Saturday, April 8th at 9:00am. Please make every effort to attend. Please call Cynthia at (860) 482-3933 with any questions.

## Easter Flowers

### Flower Envelopes Due by April 9th

Envelopes are available in the Narthex to donate for Easter Flowers and include a memorial or thanksgiving in the Easter program. Your generosity also supports the work of the Altar Guild through the year. You can also call or email the office with names to be included in the Easter program and send a check in by mail.



**MOVIE DAY OUT WITH  
DWELLING IN THE WORD CLASS  
"THE SHACK"**



**CAMP WASHINGTON  
WEEKEND**



**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**



**FUNERAL PLANNING WITH JANICE FRESCHLIN**





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## 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING TRAINING & GATHERING

April 1, 2017 — 9 AM to 4 PM

Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden, CT

Join other Episcopalians from across Connecticut for a day of fellowship, learning, prayer and fun. All are welcome – from people in the pews and vestry members to parish leaders and staff. Over 35 workshop offerings.

Vestries! Make this your annual retreat and receive special materials just for you.

Coffee, tea, morning refreshments and lunch provided.

### Workshop Categories:

Christian Formation	Leadership	Social Justice & Advocacy
Communication	Passion & Call	Stewardship
Connecting & Collaborating	Pastoral Care	Worship
Essential Parish Operations		

New this year: *Living Local, Joining God; Employment & Human Resources Q & A Panel; "Saying No to Say Yes"; The Art of Risk Taking; Alzheimers/Dementia 101; The Needs & Stressors of Caregivers; Addiction to Recovery; Addressing Racism; Transgender 101; Building your Stewardship "A" Team; Creating Effective Stewardship Materials and more.*

For a list and description of all of the workshops visit [www.episcopalct.org](http://www.episcopalct.org), search for Spring Training and select the link for our Spring Training page. There, you will find links for the workshop booklet, vestry materials and registration.

### Admission\*

- Registration (until 3/5): \$15
- Late Registration (until 3/19): \$25
- Walk-ins (Space Permitting): \$35

**Note: Registration closes March 19 or when filled**

\*ECCT Convention budget underwrites Spring Training & Gathering. Admission fees help defray hospitality costs and are non-refundable.

Questions? Contact Debbie Kenney at [dkenney@episcopalct.org](mailto:dkenney@episcopalct.org)



## CHOIR NEWS

So much food for thought during Lent- passages from Sunday's readings still linger in my mind. As the choir and I prepare for Holy Week, we are offered even more opportunity to reflect. The music we are rehearsing for Palm Sunday often leaves us emotionally exhausted, thinking about emotions such as grief, anger, hopelessness, betrayal and mercy. We may feel these but, how do we convey them to the listener. Choir members will be reading passages from the Passion and each will be followed by glorious music of Mozart, Elgar, Tallis, and Bach to name a few. Choir members will be singing this year at the Good Friday Service as well. Finally, as we move on to the contrasting lightness of Easter music, we are buoyed and our spirits are joyful again. The Choir is, as always, remarkable in their commitment to rehearsing and love of singing. I know that Holy Week will be a truly moving experience for all.

Halyna Petronchak  
Director of Music



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

<b>ONE WEEK SESSIONS (\$575)</b>	<b>TWO WEEK SESSIONS (\$1300)</b>
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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## Rhythms of Grace Worship for Families and Individuals with special needs

Our monthly next worship will be on Sunday April 2nd at 1:00PM. All people are welcome to join us in the service. Rhythms begins with a gathering activity then on to storytelling and response activities. We re-gather and process upstairs to gather around the table for Eucharist and receive a blessing and then dismissal. Worship is around an hour. If you would like to learn more about this experience speak with Linda Snyder, visit the website: [www.rhythms-of-grace.org](http://www.rhythms-of-grace.org) If you may know of someone who might be interested in joining us please take a brochure in the back of the church or give them our contact information above.



## MEET OUR MEMBERS



**I am** – Joanne Ritchie

**At St. John's I** – am currently in the choir, Dwelling in the Word, and previously on vestry and taught Sunday School.

**How long** – I have been serving at Saint John's for 25 years plus.

**Mentors** – Rev. Dick Ellis

**Favorite memory** – My son and daughter each married at St. John's, ECW, choir picnic

**Biggest challenge** – Getting up in the morning

**Change 1 thing** – Peace in the world

**Friends describe you** - Friendly

**Favorite movie** – Young Bess

**Skiing or rafting or** – Used to play tennis

**Pray about** – My family

**Greatest joy** – The Red Sox, I love baseball!

**PARISH REGISTER** – Contact Information, Birthdays & Anniversaries Needed Please email Michelle, our Parish Administrator at the Parish Office at [office@RedDoors.com](mailto: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 [anne-chall@att.net](mailto:anne-chall@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](mailto: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

	Feb 2017	Feb 2016
Operating Income:	\$16,262	\$16,065
Operating Expenses:	\$15,270	\$18,320

	YEAR TO DATE	
	2017	2016
Operating Income:	\$37,427	\$29,846
Operating Expenses:	\$33,225	\$35,136

*Diane Hayes, Treasurer*

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



# April 2017



## St. John's Church—Calendar of Events Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Spring Training 9-4pm in Meriden
<b>2</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Beyond the Red Doors-9:00 Acolyte Train- ing—9:00 Confirm Not Conform—11:30 Rhythms of Grace—1:00PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	<b>6</b> Dwelling In The World—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	<b>7</b> 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	<b>8</b> Altar Guild Polish- ing—9:00AM  Cynthia & Bill Welch
<b>9</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Palm Sunday	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Pine Meadow Cem- etary Assoc. Meet- ing - 6:30	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	<b>13</b> Dwelling In The World—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers Maundy Thursday Services—6:00PM & 7:30 PM Vigil—All Night	<b>14</b> 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA Good Friday Ser- vices—12:00PM & 7:30PM	<b>15</b>  Lenore & Kevin Case  No Open Door
<b>16</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Easter Sunday	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	<b>20</b> Dwelling In The World—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	<b>21</b> 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	<b>22</b>  Rose & Bob Osborne
<b>23</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM <b>30</b> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	<b>27</b> Dwelling In The World—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM—Vestry	<b>28</b> 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	<b>29</b>

**April Birthdays**  
1-Apr Jill Healey  
2-Apr Kathy Jakubowski  
5-Apr Jamie Hall  
6-Apr Anna Hester  
7-Apr Christopher Jones  
7-Apr Marrit Budny

8-Apr Susan Philips  
9-Apr Eileen Bartram  
11-Apr Grayson Allyn  
14-Apr Michael Welch  
14-Apr Jaclyn Dougan  
14-Apr Patrick Hayes  
14-Apr Emily Hoskins

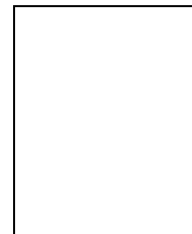
16-Apr Shannyn Newman  
16-Apr Joan Caine  
16-Apr Addison Keefe  
17-Apr Jennifer Caine  
17-Apr Debbie Truss  
17-Apr Krista Warren  
18-Apr Sue Bremer

19-Apr Jaqueline Riberty  
21-Apr Calli Smith  
22-Apr Warren Hinman  
22-Apr Matthew Olson  
22-Apr Joseph Toro  
27-Apr Paul Pobuda



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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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### 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 May Portal is noon, April 24th**  
**Word limit is 250.**  
**Send information to office@RedDoors.com**