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April 2017
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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 9th
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 13th at 6pm

Maundy Thursday Service
with Foot Washing – April 13th at 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday Vigil
continues through the night.

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

Easter Sunday
The Feast of the Resurrection
April 16th 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 2st
- **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 – Agnes 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 Sapples** 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





EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
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5th 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
Communication
Connecting & Collaborating
Essential Parish Operations

Leadership
Passion & Call
Pastoral Care

Social Justice & Advocacy
Stewardship
Worship

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, 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



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



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 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.

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

TWO WEEK SESSIONS (\$1300)
JULY 23-AUG 4 • TEEN CAMP 2
AUGUST 6-AUG 18 • CHILDREN'S CAMP 2

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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 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 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

	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
						1 Spring Training 9-4pm in Menden
2 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	3	4	5 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	6 Dwelling In The World—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	7 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	8 Altar Guild Polish- ing—9:00AM Cynthia & Bill Welch
9 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Palm Sunday	10	11 Pine Meadow Cem- etary Assoc. Meet- ing - 6:30	12 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	13 Dwelling In The World—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers Maundy Thursday Services—6:00PM & 7:30 PM Vigil—All Night	14 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA Good Friday Ser- vices—12:00PM & 7:30PM	15 Lenore & Kevin Case No Open Door
16 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Easter Sunday	17	18	19 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	20 Dwelling In The World—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	21 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	22 Rose & Bob Osborne
23 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM	24	25	26 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	27 Dwelling In The World—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM—Vestry	28 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	29
30 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM						

April Birthdays		8-Apr		16-Apr		19-Apr	
1-Apr	Jill Healey	9-Apr	Eileen Bartram	16-Apr	Shannyn Newman	19-Apr	Jaqueline Riberdy
2-Apr	Kathy Jakubowski	11-Apr	Grayson Allyn	16-Apr	Joan Caine	21-Apr	Calli Smith
5-Apr	Jamie Hall	14-Apr	Michael Welch	16-Apr	Addison Keele	22-Apr	Waren Hinman
6-Apr	Anna Hester	14-Apr	Jaclyn Dougan	17-Apr	Jennifer Caine	22-Apr	Matthew Olson
7-Apr	Christopher Jones	14-Apr	Patrick Hayes	17-Apr	Debbie Truss	22-Apr	Joseph Toro
7-Apr	Marrit Budny	14-Apr	Emily Hoskins	17-Apr	Krista Warren	27-Apr	Paul Pobuda
				18-Apr	Sue Bremer		

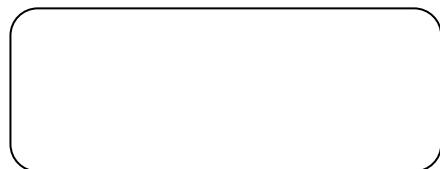


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*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my
prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.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

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