

St. James Parish

Epistle



April 2023

Rector's Message

*Jesus lives! Our hearts know well nought from us
His love shall sever; life, nor death, nor powers of
hell tear us from His keeping ever. Alleluia!*

(Jesus lives! v. 3, Hymnal 1982, #195)

One of our Episcopal traditions holds that we do not say “Alleluia” during the season of Lent. I have grown very fond of that tradition as, even though it is strange and disconcerting, it does give the season an additional air of otherness. We cannot truly know Christ without knowing the Cross of Christ. We cannot pick up our cross and follow Jesus as His disciples unless we are willing to enter into His suffering. Lent provides us a time to willingly, perhaps even enthusiastically, enter a season of intentional prayer and reflection on how our lives can more consistently reflect His life, our will His will. Holy Week begins this year on Palm Sunday (April 2nd), as it always does, with Christ’s “triumphant entry into Jerusalem.” Jesus came into the Holy City of David to shouts of adoration, Hosannahs, and hints that this may be the king Israel had been waiting for. The week would end with Christ nailed to a cross, utterly defeated – or so it would seem – and His ministry coming to naught. The same people who shouted Him up in Hosannah on Sunday shouted Him down with “Crucify Him” on Passover Friday. Lent invites us, Holy Week especially, to look in a clear-eyed, unflinching manner at the suffering of Jesus. How does our Lord’s suffering square with our own? How do we see ourselves in Jesus? How have the ways of the world’s imposed the Cross on others and how do we either play a part in that or do nothing to stop it or alleviate it?

Perhaps you are thinking that my opening salvo (*Jesus lives!*) does not square with the opening paragraph. Let me put your hearts and minds at

ease. We all know suffering, what it looks like and how it moves among us in this life. We understand that life’s challenges make no sense sometimes, none whatsoever. Yet, as an “Easter people,” cloaked and stirred by some understanding of the wonder of God’s love and blessing, we surely glimpse with some hope, too, at God’s universe which tells us that suffering is not all there is and it is certainly not the end. God’s Easter love tells us that we are in league and concert with the reality of Christ’s Resurrection which drove an eternal and gaping hole into the great lie that the world might have us believe: that all is hopeless and we live, suffer, and die and that is that.

When we took the C-PAP machine off my father, after keeping several days’ vigil by his side, his eyes immediately flew open. He also nearly instantly began to struggle to breathe, and we all knew that the end was very close at hand. He had been through a lot of difficulty in his life, but the closer he drew to the end of his life, the more peaceful, loving, and hopeful he became. He opened his eyes, and they would not close again until we closed them; those sharp brown eyes that have looked upon me since the moment I came into this world. His eyes were fixed and looking straight ahead; they were not looking at nothing or staring into the abyss. I know in my heart that he looked upon that not-so-distant shore to which his spirit would soon soar. Holy Week was over, and Easter had arrived at last. Jesus lives! Jesus loves us beyond all understanding and beyond this world. How blessed are we to know the compassion of God, who through His Son brought us into perfect union, overwhelming death, and drawing us eternally forward. Jesus lives. Alleluia!

In Christ, Fr. George+



Wardens' Corner

It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through Lent! A time for reflection by doing an extra Bible reading, Fasting, Prayer, and trying to listen to that Inner Small Voice to see how we can strengthen our Christian faith on this journey with a relationship to God.

As we're all aware this is a momentous year in the life of St. James' Parish as we celebrate our 150th anniversary. We can look back to the founding Fathers/Mothers and thank those that came before us and have left us a rich legacy for which we now celebrate. This is a perfect time to pray to the Lord that He will give us some clarity and direction to what we can contribute individually and collectively to continue to build on that legacy and do God's work here at St. James. Let's pause and look inwardly where our God given talents can be utilized to reflect where the Parish has been and where we would like to go. A Parish that remains true and steadfast to the teachings of the Bible with a spirit of friendship and relationship building. I would encourage all of us to read the *Epistle*, e-flashes, and emails so that we are aware of the many upcoming activities and ministries and how we can participate and lend a hand. I would like to thank all the folks who were involved with the Art Show and Auction for their hard work in making this activity a success!

Let's enjoy a peaceful and blessed Lent and may your Lenten journey bring to light the good news of the Christian story. So, whatever your Lenten discipline, may you and I be disciples of this news.

Blessings,
Anna Whilby, Co-Warden



First Sunday Breakfast!

Find delicious food and fellowship at the First Sunday Breakfasts cooked by a great crew of men of the parish, led by John McBride: pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, eggs, breads, juice and coffee as good as Mom made. The menu may change from one month to the next. **Join us Sunday, April 2nd for a wonderful time of food and fellowship!**



Clean-up Day – Saturday, April 29th

St. James Clean up day! **On Saturday, April 29th, beginning at 9 am and going until 4 pm, we will hold a day of “deep” cleaning for our physical plant and need as many hands as we can muster!** Lunch will be provided and snacks and drinks available throughout the day. We will tackle, God willing, the kitchen, the storage space in the parish hall, the closets throughout the building, the under space and attics, and the verger's closet, etc. in the church building itself. Over time, clutter accumulates, and we have a lot of clutter right now. Come, join what promises to be a great day of community building and, dare I say, fun 😊. People are encouraged now to make their way through the building and put a sticky note and your name/ministry team on any item you wish to have saved. We are renting a dumpster for the day and much debris and clutter will go into it by day's end. The week before, God willing, we will take out what we plan to save in the kitchen and other important spaces and folks can come in that week to see if there are things they want. There will be items we'll donate to charity, too.



Isenheim Altarpiece presentation

On Sunday, April 23rd, beginning at 6:30 pm, Dr. Anna Swinbourne will present on the Isenheim Altarpiece, here at St. James Parish. Dr. Swinbourne has had the great fortune to see the Altarpiece first-hand several times. "Viewing this magnificent altarpiece, as it is installed in the Musee d'Unterlinden in Colmar, is among the best art viewing experiences of my life, hands down top five." The painting was born for an altar. However, where it currently lives, the Musee d'Unterlinden, was once a 13th century Dominican convent, which is an inspired alternative. This setting – so unlike a generic white-washed museum gallery – encourages contemplation of the original religious purpose and function of the piece. Gazing upon it in this room, it is easy to muse on the intersection of faith and artistic creativity!



Anna Swinbourne, Ph.D., is an independent art historian, curator, and art advisor engaged in a variety of scholarly and art-market endeavors. She is currently executive director and CEO of Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, Conn., and visiting assistant professor of art history at Trinity College. Most recently, Dr. Swinbourne served as event co-chair, alongside luminaries Agnes Gund and Oprah Winfrey, for Sotheby's *By Women, For Tomorrow's Women*: the first-ever all-women artist auction at a major auction house. Proceeds from the auction exceeded \$3M and benefited financial aid at Miss Porter's School in Farmington in commemoration of the school's 175th anniversary.

Her current and recent projects include a collection catalogue for the late David Rockefeller; an exhibition on Paul Cézanne landscapes for Princeton University Art Museum and the Royal Academy of London, opening in 2020. From 1999 to 2009, Dr. Swinbourne was on the curatorial staff at The Museum of Modern Art, New York, where she curated, either independently or with Chief Curators, Kirk Varnedoe and John Elderfield – major exhibitions on the work of Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Édouard Manet, and James Ensor.

The last two exhibitions were awarded First Prize for Best Historical Show of the year by the International Art Critics Association (AICA).

In 2011, for her service to the Kingdom of Belgium, she was decorated by King Albert II and became a Knight of the Order of the Crown. Among many philanthropic endeavors, Dr. Swinbourne is also on the Board of Yale University's Lewis Walpole Library, right here in Farmington.

Church School update

Our church school lessons are soon coming to a close for this year. This has been a rich and rewarding time spent with our precious children. The third year lessons of our present curriculum covered the story of how we are called by God to live in loving community with one another, to fulfill God's promises for us in the healing of all creation. The New Testament lessons have focused on the Gospel of Luke, with emphasis placed on our holy calling to care for our earth and to care for others.

To emphasize this need of caring for others, our children are preparing a quilt for children receiving treatment at the Children's Hospital in Hartford. For the past few weeks, the children have been using fabric markers to create colorful images on squares of fabric to be sewn into a quilt. All children of the parish are encouraged to participate in this activity. If your child does not attend church school, but you wish to have your child create a square, please contact Joyce Bettencourt, (860) 969-7870, to make arrangements. Once all squares are ready, Kathy Bullard, an amazing parish quilter, has volunteered to put the quilt together. God bless our children and their families.



From the Deacon's bench

Reach out and discover your talents.

On a raw, cold day in March of 1841, Dorothea Dix went to teach her Sunday school class of women prisoners at a Boston area jail. Dorothea loved to teach, and she had started a school for girls, but she had to close it due to poor health. Still, she wanted to be of service and her pastor had suggested teaching the Sunday school class at the jail. She had heard about other inmates housed in the basement and, on that March day, she wanted to see them. Despite the strong objections of the jailer, she walked down to the lower level of the building. There she found insane inmates housed in unheated dungeon cells. There she saw miserable, wild, and stuporous men and women chained to walls and locked into pens-filthy, brutalized, underfed, sleeping on cold, stone floors. When asked why these conditions existed, the jailer responded



with the common belief that the insane could not feel the cold.

This visit started Dorothea on her life's work to improve conditions for the mentally ill. At once, she started a campaign to have stoves placed in the cells and to fully

clothe the inmates. Then she started travelling throughout Massachusetts gathering evidence to present to the legislature, which eventually funded the establishment of the first hospital for treating the mentally ill. Dorothea's views about caring for the mentally ill were radical — popular belief was that the insane could never be cured and living in dreadful conditions didn't bother them. Dorothea believed that bettering the conditions might lessen the illness. She stated that "some may say that these things cannot be remedied, these furious maniacs are not to be raised from these base conditions. But I know of one raging maniac who was chained in a cage and whipped to control her acts and words. She was helped by a husband and wife who agreed to take care of her in their home and slowly she recovered her senses."

Strong in her convictions, Dorothea became an unstoppable force. Eventually she would be responsible for founding mental hospitals in every state east of the Mississippi River. All launched by a Sunday school teacher, a follower of Jesus, who took a risk one cold March day.

God never has been one to play it safe. A God not interested in taking risks would never have created Adam and Eve in the first place. But God not only risked creation, God risked relationship — first with Noah and his family, again with Abraham and Sarah, eternally with David and the people of Israel. Finally, God risked the divine self — taking on human form in the person of Jesus. God risked everything for us and God invites us to take risks with the talents we have been given. Perhaps, like Dorothea Dix, we possess talents yet to be discovered. And how will we discover our special gifts unless we take risks?

In First Corinthians, Paul teaches how all our gifts work to enrich the community, whether by preaching, teaching, leading or healing. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone." Paul teaches that we come to the community with our own special gifts. Different people have different life circumstances, different callings, and different talents. All of these differences are appropriate, and God uses them all for the common good. So how do we know which gifts we have been given? It seems to me that we only discover them by exercising them through taking risks.

St. James provides you with a rich variety of opportunities to discover your talents. We all appreciate those who read the lessons and lead us in prayer. Here's a wonderful opportunity to try public speaking. We all love the music provided by the choir; perhaps you've thought of joining — all are welcome. You might find your calling through our outreach ministry at Friendship Center in New Britain. One person might find it difficult to participate in all these things, but you might find one that's a perfect way to develop your gift. Push the envelope a little. Take a risk.

While we may gain some satisfaction in doing good works, we must remember that it's not about us. The risks God would have us take are for the sake of others. Risking ourselves, not just our money or our status — that is the genuine risk of discipleship. Other people should be the focus of our risk-taking; relationships are the riskiest business. Risking loving and serving — these are truly profound risks that God wants his modern-day saints to take.

Doug Engwall, Deacon

Easter Memorial Fund

God conquered death on Easter. Christ's rising from the tomb makes all the difference in the world because it trumpets the Good News that we matter, that we will always matter, that God is with us in life and in death. Easter is, then, a particularly appropriate time to remember loved ones who have died by giving flowers in their memory. Any contribution is welcome, a gift of **\$35** or more is asked to cover the expense of the Easter flowers. **Names of memorials and gifts received by Monday, April 3rd will be listed in the Easter bulletins**, and we will pray for those remembered throughout the Paschal season. Please use the form below to designate your gift. Make checks payable to *St. James Parish* marked "Easter Flowers". Thank you for your generosity.

Please print the information as you want it listed.

In memory of _____

OR

In thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____



Easter Flower Delivery

The best Easter surprise of all may be seeing the delight in the eyes of shut-ins to whom you bring a flower from their parish. We also remember our members who have lost a loved one in the last year. Our chancel will be filled with flowers on Easter. You are encouraged to spread joy by taking these plants to those whose names will be available after the services that morning or during the week after Easter. Leave the flower basket in the chapel (*please!*), remove the plant, take a card with the address of a recipient; deliver it and see what God has in store for you.

Annual Women's Easter Egg stuffing party

Ladies of the Parish are invited to Brunch on Saturday, April 1st at 11 a.m. in the parish hall to help with the *stuffing* of Easter Eggs. This is a fun time for fellowship and to fill hundreds of eggs for our children to find on Easter Sunday. Please RSVP to Tracey Roberts.



We are in need of plastic, fillable (or pre-filled) Easter eggs and small candies or chocolate to stuff them into them. Please bring your donations to the by Friday, March 31st.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

We are so very excited to host an Easter egg hunt in our traditional way on Easter Sunday, right after the 10:15 service. Any child (feel free to invite friends and neighbors to join you!) who wishes to participate in the Egg Hunt is asked to go down to the parish hall right after service ends. We will – in as organized a fashion as is possible – allow the youngest children to go first to the upper lawn (infant up to kindergarten age), and shortly thereafter, our 1st to 5th graders will go a-hunting for eggs on the main lawn. Please bring a basket for your child's eggs, if you can, though we will have a few extra. Older children (and parents) in the Hunt are encouraged to help - and be generous with - their younger, perhaps not quite as quick just yet, Egg hunting companions. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone. We ask, after the Egg Hunt is over, for the children to please bring the plastic eggs back into the parish hall and into our bin for the egg and children take the candy they have taken from inside the shell home with them. There will be



cake and other goodies inside for your enjoyment before you head out to other Easter activities.

Celebrate our Sesquicentennial Year!

2023 ushers in a very special time in the life of our worshipping community: we commemorate 150 years of continuous worship as the community of St. James (from 1873) and nearly 125 years in our church building. St. James has been through many changes over its century and a half of existence and, like most churches in New England in 2023, we see more change in our future. Our hope is that we can energize our membership with different varieties of events over the course of 2023 and draw much positive and generous outside attention toward St. James, too. We invite all our members to engage in as many events over the course of the year as you possibly can. Your Vestry and 150th Planning Team invite your neighbors and friends to all our events over the course of our Sesquicentennial year. Let's get excited as we celebrate the first 150 years of our beloved St. James Parish!

Thank you for your participation, energy, hands, and feet to help, and for your patience, as the events of our 150th celebration fall into place.

On Sunday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m.,

Dr. Anna Swinbourne, Executive Director of Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, will offer a presentation on the breathtaking Isenheim Altarpiece. The program Anna will present will be part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations, but also our program year focus, the Christian Imagination. Details of this program are on pg. 3 of this *Epistle*.



During Eastertide our choir and guest musicians will offer a celebratory and joyous Choral Evensong, in commemoration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

September 30th. we will hold our Celebratory Craft Fair & Music Festival on the parish grounds. There will be craft vendors, plus food, perhaps a craft beer truck, and live music throughout the day. Save the date, as we prepare to celebrate our 150th in a fun and hopeful way!

October 1st. We will have *Founders' Day* celebrating 150 years in the life of St. James.

Sunday, December 17th. We hope to have an Ecumenical Christmas Walk to involve St. James, the Church of Saint Patrick, and First Church of Christ.

Faith & Fries

We usually gather on the 4th Tuesday of every month at **Five Corners Bistro & Craft Bar**, 354 Colt Hwy (Rt. 6) in Farmington. **We next convene on Tuesday, April 25th, from 7–8:30 pm.**

You can come for dinner, have a drink or snack, whatever is comfortable for you. We invite all to come as they are able and please, feel free to



invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to the conversation! Call the church with questions or more information on *Faith & Fries!*

Prayer Team

From time to time, the Prayer Team shares something of what we have found helpful, in the hope that you might find it helpful, too. This poem acknowledges the desert-journey of Lent and replies with the triumphant reality of Easter!

Love Overcame

Love overcame

Emerging from a cold tomb

All the truth and majesty and creativity of a living God

Transforming a broken heart

Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden

The gravestone rolled away, to release redemptive love

Jesus resurrected and restored

Comforts a weeping woman

Speaks with travelers on a journey

Meets with his faithful friends

And they bow down before Christ alive

And acknowledge that the savior has arrived

That the word of God has come alive

And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth is complete

~ Julie Palmer

St. James Prayer Team ...

Praying together for you

Always available, always confidential

Pat Clark

Carol Kirkwood

Donna Paye

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week, which begins on April 10th with Palm Sunday, is the most important week of our liturgical year. Often called “Passion Week,” the week following the Sunday of Palms should bring us to a fuller and deeper understanding and appreciation of how much God loves us and sacrificed for us. As Christians Holy Week accelerates our reflections on the Passion and death of Jesus, even as we prepare for Easter. I encourage you to participate in as many services as is possible for you and your family during the course of the week.



Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday – We are so very excited and blessed to be able to engage Palm Sunday in a more traditional way this year. At 8 am we will gather on the steps, weather permitting, for the Liturgy of the Palms. Our traditional Palm Sunday procession, weather permitting, will begin at 9:45 am at the corner of Mountain Rd and High St., in concert with our neighbors from First Church, Congregational. All are encouraged to participate but, if you have mobility issues, please feel free to wait for us in the church; we will arrive at the doors around 10 am.



Wednesday, April 5th at 7 p.m. Tenebrae – Tenebrae literally means ‘darkness’ or ‘shadows’ in Latin. We present a series of wonderful readings as 7 candles are extinguished one at a time, until even the “Christ” candle is hidden, as if in the tomb. Tenebrae prepares us for the coming three days of Holy Week.



Thursday, April 6th at 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday – Maundy is from the Latin *maunde*, *mande*, and *mandatum*, meaning “an order.” On the night before Jesus died He said to His disciples, “a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another” (John 13:34). Anyone who wishes has the opportunity to keep vigil with Jesus for an hour overnight in the sanctuary where a station is set for the Blessed Sacrament. You may also keep vigil from home for an hour.



Friday, April 7th at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Good Friday – our mid-day service will be an intimate, contemplative service with short readings, Taizé music, and much time for reflection. At the 7 p.m. service we will observe the Veneration of the Cross, and taking of Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament, honoring Jesus as He lays dark in the tomb. For a fleeting moment, we feel outside the reach of Jesus, who is taken from us and placed into the ground, away from us. The low point of Holy Week, as Jesus dies on the Cross.



Saturday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m., The Great Easter Vigil – we celebrate Jesus’ passing over from death to life, from darkness to light in a wonderful service called The Great Vigil of Easter, beginning at twilight.



Easter Sunday, April 9th at our usual times (8 and 10:15 a.m.) – Jesus is risen indeed! Joy abounds as we celebrate with uplifting music.

Minutes of the Vestry of St. James: February 16, 2022

Present: Fr. George Roberts, EJ Ososki, Carol Kirkwood, Kim Faubert, Anna Whilby, Kathy Bullard, Bob Sudell, Bonnie Sudell, Skip Mason *via Zoom*, Mary Lansing, and Kim Pereira.

Absent: Maina Rice

Minutes of January 15, 2023

Bob moved to accept the 1/15/2023 minutes as submitted. Seconded by Anna. No Discussion. Unanimous vote to accept the minutes as amended.

Ministry Reports

Finance/Treasurer's Report – January 2023
Summary of Report by EJ Ososki

- At the start of the year pledges are a little behind, but this was made up for by late prior year pledges. Overall income is within \$500 of our budget.
- Expenses are within \$20 of budget with a variety of smaller items being up slightly higher and lower but none larger than the \$759 for the dishwasher.

Motion made by Bob to accept the January financial report as submitted with a second by Kim F. Questions / Discussion - none
Unanimous vote to accept the January financial report as submitted.

Outreach

- Need Coordinators for the following: Food Pantry (2 times/year), Thanksgiving Baskets (once a year), Walk against Hunger (once a year) and Church by the Pond (2 times a year). Kathy Bullard will put out the info in upcoming Thursday e-flashes & *Epistle*.
- Walk against Hunger will be held at Dunkin Park in Hartford on May 21, 2023 – looking for people to participate in the walk and for donors.
- Soliciting ideas for service project that the youth can participate in – will also discuss with families of youth.
- Friendship Service Center in New Britain now has an extension of their program up the street from their site, housings laundry facilities, snacks, and offering use of computers/assistance on computer usage.

New Business

Review of 2022 Parochial Report done yearly for the USA church and Diocese

Motion made by Bob to approve the Parochial Report – seconded by Kim F.

Discussion/Review

- Discussed the Racial Reconciliation and Healing requirement for all Vestry members. Looking at options of how to best meet it.
- Fr George to review the in-kind and financials section of Outreach.

Motion made by Bob to approve the Parochial Report with amendments as discussed in conversations. Kim F. seconded.

Unanimous vote to approve as amended.

Ministry List/Gifts – list emailed to Vestry in February – to be discussed at March meeting.

- Areas of ministry structure : Parish Life, Christian Formation, Mission & Outreach, Finance, Building & Grounds, Parish Development, and Ministries in Worship.
- Focus attention on where you would want to focus your energy. Discuss if contents of list are pertinent and what may need amending. Pray and reflect on the list of ministries.

150th Celebration

- Saturday September 30, 2023, there will be a Block Party at St James, open to the Community. Plans are in progress to look at using grounds of St James and First Church.
- Pros - would provide more parking, room for food truck(s) and band.
- Con – would confuse people since the 150th is for only *St James* - most felt event should be primarily at St James.

Deacon Doug

- Deacons are usually assigned to parishes for 3–5 years. Deacon Doug will be at 3 years at end of 2023. Deacon Doug telling the story to parishioners of his plans to move to Reston, VA to be closer to family. He plans to split time between VA and CT.
- A Living Well (Well Living) service will be held for him at end of year. Once he ends his duties as a Deacon at St James, he will become a member of St James.

Old Business

Bibles

- Had been tabled – large quantity of the same Bible difficult to get for reasonable cost, given the desire for a readable font.

Will start to put some Bibles in pews and see how it goes – using New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

Fire Extinguishers - some parishioners have asked about extinguishers

- We have plenty but will be getting signs directing where they are located.
- Building and Grounds looking at improvements and costs to protect the building. Consider alarm system hooked to Fire Dept. Currently have a pull fire alarm which alarms those in vicinity.
- First Aid kits also available – signs needed to indicate their locations.

EJ made a motion to adjourn. Kathy seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn. Adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol

Carol Kirkwood, Clerk

Celebrating April Birthdays

Karen Young	Nina Hayes
Donna Wilkie	Ruth Torrence
Kathy Roach	Eric Johansen
Susan Brockman	Arthur Phinney
Story Cadigan	Wyatt Chambers
Sarah Brame	Joseph Watkin
Katrina Mason	



Your picture in a brochure or on our website?

St. James Parish uses candid photos of various church activities on our website and in publications (like this Epistle). If you prefer that your photo NOT be displayed, please contact the parish office; we maintain a list of members whose likeness is not to be shared.

Outreach Corner

SAVE THE DATE for Foodshare Walk Against Hunger, Saturday May 20th, 8 am–noon, Dunkin Park, Hartford, CT. St James will have a team, *The St James Heelers*, walking in this great event. Everyone can participate – by walking or contributing! The goal is to raise money for Foodshare and help combat hunger in our community.

New Opportunities to Volunteer at the Friendship Service Center: The Friendship Service Center in New Britain includes a soup kitchen, shelter for those experiencing homelessness, and a new venture called the Hope Connection Center (HCC). The HCC is a place where those who are homeless can stop in for a cup of coffee and snack, rest and find community. They can also seek help in accessing shelter or medical attention from professionals on staff, do their laundry, and take a shower. Volunteers are needed to welcome those who come and to assist as needed. Volunteer schedules are flexible. For more information, please go to www.fsc-ct.org and click on “Learn About Volunteering.” If you have any questions or need more information, please call Linda Larkin at 860-404-2240.

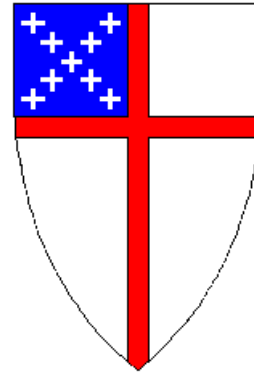
Opportunity for service: Picnic in the Park/Church on the Green is in need of a volunteer “coordinator.” Twice per year we make sandwiches/sack lunches at the church and bring them to Bushnell Park in Hartford. There is a short Eucharist service, and then lunches are distributed to homeless and other needy people. A Coordinator would facilitate signup for the needed items, assist volunteers with the making of the sack lunches as well as distribution at the park.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community
and live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

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The Rev. George C. Roberts	<i>Rector</i>	Kim Faubert & Anna Whilby, <i>Wardens</i>		
The Rev. Douglas Engwall	<i>Deacon</i>	EJ Ososki, <i>Treasurer</i>		
Blake Hansen	<i>Director of Music</i>	Jerry Hess, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>		
Susan Deming	<i>Parish Administrator</i>	Carol Kirkwood, <i>Parish Clerk</i>		
Anthony Nauss	<i>Sexton</i>			
Laura Vacca	<i>Nursery Supervisor</i>			
		2023	VESTRY	2025
		Kim Faubert	2024	Mary Lansing
		Maina Rice	Kathy Bullard	Skip Mason
		Anna Whilby	Bonnie Sudell	Kim Pereira
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