

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*August 20, 2017*

*9:00 a.m.*

## *A Message on "Ordinary Time" from the Rector*

After the season of Pentecost, we enter into what we call *Ordinary Time* on the church calendar. The word "ordinary" does not mean common or mundane. Instead, it is from the word "ordinal" which means "counted." We count the Sundays after Pentecost because it is a long stretch of time that spans several months, beginning after Easter on Trinity Sunday, and concluding with the Feast of Christ the King in the late fall, just before Advent. You will notice that our liturgical colors are green, as evident in the beautiful altar hangings as well as the vestments worn by the clergy. Green represents the new beginnings of the church after Pentecost and also the promise of new life in the Resurrection. In following our readings for each Sunday in Ordinary Time, you will discover that it is anything but ordinary! During this liturgical season, we learn about Jesus' life and ministry through the synoptic (meaning the "same") Gospel stories. This year we focus on the Gospel of Matthew as the story of the early church unfolds, and we are invited to be part of this story as we enter into God's mission in the world.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available. While we do not have a staffed nursery or children's Christian education in the summer months, the nursery room in the Education Wing is open and available should parents wish to take their children there during the service for feeding, changing or other needs. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Beecher*

Scott Lamlein, 2012

OPENING HYMN 371 Thou, whose almighty word

MOSCOW

*All stand and sing.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8*

*All sit.*

**T**hus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 67*

*The people read aloud the words in bold.*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
**show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
**your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
**for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

## THE EPISTLE

*Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

**I** ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 470 There's a wideness in God's mercy

BEECHER

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28*

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Walter McKenney

*All sit.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in bold.**A period of silence is kept.*

Sisters and brothers, there's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea! Therefore let us come before our loving God saying, Hear us, we humbly pray, **Lord, help us.**

Loving God, you have shown your Church such great mercy. Through the witness of your Church may all of the world experience the goodness of your mercy. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, and for our parish clergy and leaders. Hear us, we humbly pray, **Lord, help us.**

Lord of all peoples, you have created us to live together. Help us to see that our common life depends on each other's work and goodwill. We pray especially for Donald our president, Dannel our governor, and for all leaders and advisors charged with the welfare of our nation and communities. Hear us, we humbly pray, **Lord, help us.**

Caring God, how good and pleasant it is when your children live together in unity. Pour out a spirit of reconciliation in our community. We pray especially for the people of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Barcelona, Spain. Heal the injured, comfort the grieving, challenge and transform those who commit acts of bigotry and terror, and inspire and equip us to overcome hatred with the power of your love. Hear us, we humbly pray, **Lord, help us.**

Lord Christ, may those who call out to you in great faith find your heart open to their cries. We ask for healing for the sick and suffering, the desperate and disturbed. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. Hear us, we humbly pray, **Lord, help us.**

God of blessing, bless your people with life for evermore. May the dying find comfort; may the dead rest in your peace. Hear us, we humbly pray, **Lord, help us.**

*Celebrant* God of the foreigner and outcast, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of Christ to so love the world that your name may be known throughout the earth.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## THE WELCOME

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC O Christ, the healer, we have come

Southern Harmony, 1835

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*All remain standing or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.*

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*



## THE CLOSING HYMN 699 Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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## THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE VOLUNTARY Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** The Rev. Walter McKenney

**The St. John's Summer Singers**

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Layreader:** Cindy Lawler

**Ushers:** Shirley Blean and Bette-Jane Hardersen

**Healing Prayers:** David Grimaldi

**Altar Guild:** Ginny Kemp

### At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

**Layreader:** Mike Corey

**Musician:** Joyce Burke

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**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing:**

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Kristen Elizabeth	Chas
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Bob Connolly	Gwain and Janet
Carol Grieco	Andrew Lee	Jay	Kevin
Janet Ray	Frank & Susan Murray	Susan	Meg
Ida McKenney	Mary Stoughton	Taylor	Paige Carter

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Susan Pinkerton	Alex Bleicher
Eleanor Hayes	Jim Lawler
Sam Newbury	Stephen Roberts
Kim Byrd	Dennis Winkleblack
William Roche	Catie Mac Gillespie

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Stacey & Brian Alemany

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Diocese of Rochester (Episcopal Church USA) and the Province of Rochester (Church of England).

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; all missional experiments; students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries; and the Higher Education Ministry Network.



**The Kattoubs (the Syrian family we cosponsor with St. James's) are in regular need of drivers to take them to appointments.** If you'd like to be on a list of available drivers or can volunteer for any of the specific times listed below, please email Jessica Henning at [jess.henning@gmail.com](mailto:jess.henning@gmail.com). The committee is also looking for a new volunteer to coordinate drivers, as Jess will be stepping down from this role in the fall. Let Jess, Susan Pinkerton or Ellen in the St. John's office know if you'd like to take on this position. It involves providing basic information and support to a group of volunteer drivers, and sending out text messages to the group when a driving need arises. Drivers needed on **Monday, August 21, noon to 3 p.m.** to take Anas and Arabia to New Haven to apply for green cards; and on **Tuesday, August 22 at 9:30 AM** to take Anas and Jana for Jana's physical at Asylum Hill Family Practice in Hartford (carseat will be provided)

Two members of St. James's Episcopal Church have obtained a \$250 matching grant to provide cleaning supplies and paper goods for refugee families who are receiving support from local churches. These items are not covered by SNAP (food stamps) so families have a significant need for them. Thrivent Financial will donate up to \$250 to match the value of items donated by individuals; the matching funds will be used to purchase additional items. **Needed items include laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, cleaning solution (e.g., Mr. Clean or Pine Sol), paper towels, toilet paper, sanitary napkins/pads, and diapers (size 1, 4, or 5).** Note: Small to medium-size containers are preferred, because it is difficult to divide large containers. Please place your donations in the labeled basket in the carpeted area of Hubbard Hall.

**We are in need of some new ushers to bolster our usher teams.** Ushers serve in a vital role at all worship services by welcoming all who attend the service and distributing service bulletins. They also help track service attendance, bring forward the communion elements, and collect and secure checks and cash given during the Offertory. Most important, they serve as a welcoming, helpful presence for all who come through St. John's red doors. Ushers serve on a team that is "on duty" approximately every six weeks during the program year (September to June), and are also asked to serve for one or more major holiday services (Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, or Easter) and an occasional summer Sunday. The more ushers we have on the roster, the more flexibility we have to accommodate people's schedules and preferences. Summer is a great time to give ushering a try! If you're interested or would like to learn more, talk to John Amamoo, head usher, or Ellen in the parish office.

**Come learn about the Girl Scout troop at Grace Academy led by St. John's parishioner Mary Hardy on Tuesday, August 29 at 7 p.m.** in the St. John's Room. The troop is in its second year and welcomes volunteers. There are lots of ways to help, many that require little time. Contact Mary Hardy at (860) 233-1313 for further information. The St. John's Community Service Committee recently made a financial donation to the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, earmarked for the Grace Academy troop. This money will be used for uniforms and programming expenses, so that any girl at Grace Academy can experience Girl Scouting, regardless of economic circumstances. The Girl Scout troop is just one of several ways that St. John's supports Grace Academy students in this thriving community partnership.

### *One more chance to join the Summer Singers!* Next Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

Have you always wanted to sing with the choir, but find the schedule never quite works for you? The Summer Singers is a great opportunity to join the choir with minimal commitment. Just show up at 8:15 a.m. on any Sunday morning in August (next week is the last one!), learn a simple anthem, and present it as an offering of worship at the 9 a.m. service. All adults and kids in grade 6 or higher are welcome!



## Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Bible, theology and church history?

### *Education for Ministry may be right for you!*

Bishop Laura J. Ahrens will host an open meeting on Thursday, August 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at The Commons in Meriden to talk about Education for Ministry (EfM)— a program of theological study for lay people. The meeting is for those already familiar with EfM who want to share joys, challenges, and opportunities, as well as for those who want to learn more about being a participant, a mentor, or setting up an EfM group.

EfM is a four-year distance learning program offered by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., for adult learners. Groups of about 12 people, with a trained mentor, meet weekly during the academic year to review reading material and to learn and practice theological reflection.

Susan Pinkerton hopes to start an EfM group at St. John's. If you'd like to find out more, attend the August 24 meeting and/or let Susan know of your interest.

## Register for Fall "Safe Church" Training Dates

St. John's and the Episcopal Church in CT require those engaged in direct ministry with others, such as volunteers working with children and youth, to go through Safe Church training, which covers prevention and response to child or elder abuse, how to create safe environments at church, and more. The Episcopal Church in CT offers two types of training: Option 1 is a full day, while Option 2 is a 2.5 hour evening session paired with some online preparation beforehand. There are two training sessions coming up this fall that are conveniently located for St. John's parishioners: a full-day training at Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield, on October 14; and an evening hybrid training (w/ online component) at St. James's, Farmington, on October 26. For more information and to register, visit the Episcopal Church in CT's web site at [www.episcopalct.org](http://www.episcopalct.org). Click on "Resources," then "Parish Administration," then "Safe Church Resources." If you're not sure whether you need to do Safe Church training, speak to the rector or Janet Babbitt, director of religious education.

## Donations Needed for Fall "Blessing Bag" Project

At the September 24 Fall Ministry Fair, all are invited to help put together Blessing Bags for people in need who come to St. John's, containing basic toiletries, small clothing items (socks, gloves, hats), snacks, bus passes, a drug store gift card, and a resource list of agencies that can help with other needs. **Between now and September 17, please bring in the items listed below, and put them in the labeled bins in Hubbard Hall.** Gift cards should be handed directly to a staff member or dropped off at the office. You may also make a cash or check donation to the Community Service Fund to help purchase bus passes, additional gift cards, and other supplies for this project.

**The goal is to make at least 50 bags**, personalized for men and women. For consistency and efficiency, each bag will contain the same things, so please, no value- or bulk-size containers, food requiring preparation, toiletries or gift cards other than those listed, etc.

- ✓ \$10 gift cards to Walgreens or CVS
- ✓ Small or travel-size shampoo and conditioner
- ✓ Small or travel-size toothpaste
- ✓ Soft adult toothbrushes
- ✓ Deodorant (for men & women)
- ✓ Small or travel-size body wash
- ✓ Bar soap
- ✓ Small packs of wet wipes
- ✓ Warm socks (for men & women)
- ✓ Gloves/mittens (for men & women)
- ✓ Winter hats (for men & women)
- ✓ Single-serve, nonperishable nutritious snacks, such as cracker packs, trail mix, dried fruit, ready-made protein drinks, granola bars.

**FREE ADMISSION! All are welcome**  
**Community Block Party**  
**at St. John's**

**Sunday, September 17, 12-3 p.m.**

- Bring a picnic or buy lunch from food trucks
- Bounce house and fun for kids
- Tours of our historic church

*Featuring live music:*  
**The Hartford Steel Band (11:45)**  
**The Nields (1:00)**  
**Rain or Shine!**



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Please join us at St. John's

# Fall Ministry Fair

Featuring St. John's community partners and parish ministries.

Help compile "Blessing Bags" to give to people in need.

Learn, connect, and serve!

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

4:30 p.m. Celtic-style service on the first Sunday of the month, October - June

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. September – May

## SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*June 18 – September 3, 2017*

9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning in the church

5:00 p.m. each Sunday afternoon in the Cloister Garden

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday

## STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net) .....	Rector
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## VESTRY

Buffy Ineson .....	Warden
Wes Winterbottom .....	Warden
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd .....	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar .....	Clerk

2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, John Roche, Heather Simson

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

## ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606