

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS November 20, 2016

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; and Perry our Priest;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our parish family, remembering especially those who celebrate their birthdays this week: David Savage (11/25), Lynne Sandahl (11/20), Rick Messenger (11/22), Laurie Marks (11/22), Sophia Perkins (11/25)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; St. Paul's, Woodbury; the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church

Current Prayer List

Prayers added the week of November 20: Stephanie; Irene; Victoria, Paulette Likoudis, Bill, Walter, Melissa, Maidey, Jane, Jim & Bernie, Anna C.; John & the Romero family; Kelly; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace; Peter, the Kell family; Janet Kay; Sam Downey;

Prayers added the week of November 13 Frank Tomlinson; Derek, Nicky and Jackie, Tom, Sienna, Cheryl F., Matt; Jules Bessette; Ruth Wilson, Diane; Joe, Cee-Cee; Dorothy; Dick Sage, Kathy; Julia, Dave; a Dear Friend; Emil & Annie; Ms. Kamins; Barbara Potterton;

Prayers added the week of November 6: Sam Docker, Nicole, Janet Kay, Brian, Taylor Benson and Brian Benson, Kara Perriolat, The Caprara Family; Tom & Dianne Sayers; Mark, Linda Sayers Reynolds; Dawn; Christina; Sandra Hastings; The MacDonough Family; Rod & Janice Lambeth; Charles; The Conrad families, especially Clyde & Christopher; Joan Gibson, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Louis Domingue, Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Flo Columbe, Bob & Ginny Wanagel, Richard MacRobbie, Janice Griffiths, Connie Rich, and Mike Duval; Aly, Steffi; Susan; Elizabeth, Kim, Andrée, Dianna Tedesco; the Bossi and Liska families, Barbara and Family; Maidey and Ken, Everette; Jeanne, Sam; Helen and Family; Karen Emmons;

We pray for all caregivers who selflessly give of themselves to care for loved-ones;

We pray for all people suffering hunger, fear & displacement due to war and natural disaster;

We pray for all with financial problems; those who have lost their jobs and homes; for the well-being of our families during life's changes; all who have suffered trauma; those who are ill, lonely or grieving; our veterans; all who travel; all those suffering with cancer; anyone who is hospitalized or disabled; those affected by natural disasters; and all abused, neglected and missing children.

We pray for law enforcement officers.

We pray for healing and peace.

We pray for our whole nation: for peace, non-violence, and healing.

We pray for our service men and women throughout the world.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially James Michael Culver.

We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives and the joy we experience in our relationship with God.

An invitation from our Organist and Choir Master

Choir Time: The Choir sings during the 10 am service. Choir rehearsal convenes on Tuesdays at 6:30pm

in the loft and Sundays at 9:15am. Come join the fun!" *Josh*

Parish News

Thanksgiving Services: We will be offering three opportunities for our parishioners to celebrate the blessings in our lives as we turn our attention to Thanksgiving Day.

- On Sunday, The Litany of Thanksgiving will be used in place of the Prayers of the People. The 8 a.m. service will be a traditional Holy Eucharist for all who wish to receive Communion. The 10 a.m. service will be a contemporary Morning Prayer with music but no sermon since Father Perry will attend the Annual Diocesan Convention Eucharist in Hartford at 10:30 a.m. For convenience, an audio version of the sermon preached at the 8 a.m. Eucharist will be posted on our website.
- The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at Gilead Congregation Church this Sunday evening (11/20) at 7 p.m. with Father Perry participating. Those who would like to sing in a combined Choir are invited to arrive at 6 p.m. to rehearse. The offering for the evening will go to Hebron Interfaith Human Services. There will also be a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service.
- A Wednesday evening Eucharist and Healing Service commemorating Thanksgiving Day will be held on November 23 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come and enjoy this celebration of thanksgiving in an informal and quiet atmosphere.

Advent Devotional Guide Available: Copies of the devotional “Living Well through Advent 2016” are available on the table at the back of the church. The guide includes a reflection for the Third Sunday in Advent by Bishop Ian who has made these copies available for free. There is a limited supply so pick up yours today!

Stewardship: If you have not received a pledge letter and would like one, please call the office. Please return your pledge card by **Sunday November 27th**, or, if you'd like, fill out the pledge form online at: <http://www.stpetershebron.com/pledge>. Thank you for supporting St. Peter's! - Wardens

Saint Peter's Vision Statement (A call to Lives of Stewardship)

“Welcoming all. Serving our community. Connecting with others.”

We seek to follow the example set forth by Jesus to love one another as he loved us – in our worship, in our events, and in our lives.

We welcome all people, without exception. We strive to be a parish where each individual gives freely, feels loved, welcomed and needed; and has the opportunity to follow Christ — to learn, to grow, and to form deep and lasting friendships.

To that end, we live out our commitment to helping people in need, and we provide support, programs, and facilities for all people who come among us, helping to bring the joy, peace, and love of Jesus Christ into their lives.

Living out our Vision Statement - "Welcoming all, serving our community, connecting with others"

We typically spend less than 1% of our waking time each week in church. How do we live out our vision the other 99% of the time?

It is clear that the majority of our impact as Christians and members of the Episcopal church occurs outside the four walls of the church. Incorporating the ideas of stewardship not only in church but as part of our daily lives is how we make a difference in our communities and in the lives of others. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be posting ways in which we can extend our stewardship vision into our daily lives. We hope this will begin a discussion that will motivate us to be more faithful stewards of God's creation and enable us to make a significant impact on the world in which we live.

St. Nicholas Fair, December 3rd



St. Peter's Annual St. Nicholas Fair is just around the corner. There will be many booths and items for sale: basket centerpieces with fresh greens, wreaths, baked goods and candies, needlework, jewelry, Rada Cutlery, Chris's Coaster, Village Candles, lap robes. There will be a Country Store, a Christmas Tag Sale, Gift Baskets and luncheon will be served. The Girl Scouts will be selling crafts and wrapping purchases. We will need a lot of help that day, so please save the day and join us! Talk to Marcia and Chuck if you are unsure how you can help. We are looking for Gift Baskets, baked goods, homemade candies, preserves, fudge, etc., gently used Christmas decorations/items, donations appropriate for gift-giving.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at Gilead Congregational Church at 7 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 20th. Those who would like to sing in a combined Choir are invited to arrive at 6 p.m. to rehearse. The offering for the evening will go to Hebron Interfaith Human Services. **There will also be a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service.**

Christmas Tags for Holy Family

As we move towards the season of Advent and Christmas, we once again have the opportunity to give a Christmas gift to someone who might not otherwise receive one. The Holy Family Christmas Tags, made by the children of Holy Family are on display in the Narthex. Please take a tag, buy the gift, wrap it and paste the tag on the wrapped gift so they can tell which gifts have been purchased. Please bring them in to the church or the office by Sunday, December 11th when they will be picked up at our coffee hour. Thanks.

Winter Collection for two Domestic Violence Shelter

On Sunday, December 4, from 10 AM-1 PM The RHAM High School Community Problem Solving Team will be at RHAM High School in the parking lot near the gymnasium entrance collecting: new/gently used children's winter clothing (hats, gloves, coats, boots) as well as holiday gifts for children (toys, games, books, and gift cards to toy stores). Monetary donations are also being accepted.

The drive is being held to benefit the United Services CT Domestic Violence Shelter in Willimantic and the New Horizons Domestic Violence Shelter in Middletown.

If you have any questions about our project, please do not hesitate to contact us at rhamprojectassist@gmail.com Thank you,

N.A.M.I.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness provides education, support and advocacy for persons with mental illness and their families and friends.

Two family support groups:

1) Manchester on the 3rd Thursday of every month 7-8:30 p.m. (call Sarah at 860-875-5238)

2) East Hartford on the 1st Thursday of every month 7-8:30 p.m. (call Sandra at 860-461-6695)

An educational course "Family to Family Education" for family, partners, friends and significant others of persons living with a mental illness (for info call Muriel at 860-268-0303)

NAMI presents a variety of programs and welcomes anyone with an interest in mental health to visit our meetings. For more information, call Karen (860-649-5659; dn.k.fedorchak@cox.net) or Joe (860-512-3592; josephnavarro@sbcglobal.net)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 20 Last Sunday after Pentecost 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Church School & Morning Prayer 10:30 am ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION EUCARIST Scouts (MC&KS) INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING 7p.m. (Gilead)	November 21	November 22 Choir 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 p.m.	November 23 Communion with Healing 7 pm	November 24 THANKSGIVING DAY	November 25 Fr. Perry Day off	November 26
November 27 1st Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School	November 28	November 29 Hall Decorating 6pm	November 30 Greening Workshop 6:30	December 1 Possible Greening workshop 2pm	December 2 Fr. Perry Day off	December 3 St. Nicholas Fair 
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December 4 Advent 2 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School	December 5	December 6 Choir 6:30 pm	December 7 Communion with Healing 7 pm	December 8	December 9 Fr. Perry Day off	December 10 Pomprowicz Birthday party
December 11 Advent 3 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School Girl Scouts (KS)	December 12	December 13	December 14 Communion with Healing 7 pm	December 15 Nursing Home visits: Apple Rehab & Harrington	December 16 Fr. Perry Day off	December 17

The Readings for November 20

The Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Epistle: Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."