

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost – October 10, 2021

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Dave, Debbie, Joseph Howard, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Florence Kruvka, Linda, Lindsay, Louise, Ann Maltais, Christopher McLaughlin, Ron Napper, Gabriella Nauss, Kelly Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, and Zachary.

Healing: Betty Barden, Virginia Charnick, Kathryn (Cletus) Cone, Delores Maglio, Colin Rhoads, Raymond Leidel, Deb Scarlett, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Laura Rocco, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould.

Continued healing: Barbara Campbell,

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.

Those who serve our country: Ryan Alexander, Tiana Baptiste, Ryan Beaudoin, Parker Browne, Michael Johnston, and Ed Priesser.

Parish families: John Mackey, Ann Maltais, Doug, Cheryl, Lindsey and Kelly McDowell, and Joan Morgan.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Bernice "Bunny" Fazzina and Rev. Malcolm McDowell.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: campbellba24@gmail.com

Please remember to send in your pledges and offerings to the parish. The mail in the St. Mark's post office box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge payments are compiled at least once a month and deposited.

Mailing address for financial contributions:

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church PO Box 1538 New Britain, CT 06050-1538
or send checks electronically to the Church via your bank.**

St. Marks keeps going in God's way, God's time, and to God's glory.

The worship services, the parish office, and ministry to the community adapt and continue. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure are appreciated to make it happen.

The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 2).

The 237th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Convention Update

The Convention will take place in the format of a Zoom webinar to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registered participants will receive more information on logging into Zoom.

Everyone may watch the Convention livestreamed at the ECCT YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ctepiscopal>

God Our Creator Prayer
(A prayer from the Bishop Transition Committee)

"God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, without you nothing can be done. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, especially the Bishop Transition Committee, during this time of transition.

Bless and continue the good work begun in your name. Open the committee's ears to the hurts and hopes expressed to them and broaden our vision to see where you lead. Enliven their hearts with honesty and compassion to do the work that lies ahead, within our church and beyond its walls. Grant us the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy.

Guide the committee as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Bless and be with our bishop, Ian, as he transitions to a new life serving you.

Bless our candidates. Bestow them with the abilities to lead and serve. Let us learn from them and they from us, so we may live your word serving all.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen"

NC Region Sacred Ground

Hello siblings in Christ,



Have you considered engaging with the Sacred Ground program? Join with members of the NC Region for a **10-session course** to continue our anti-racism work. We are asking that participants be intentional about committing to this program, so that we can journey over sacred ground together in a dedicated small group.

We will be meeting 10 times, roughly every two weeks (with November, December, and April being slightly different due to holidays), from **6:30pm-8pm on Thursdays, via ZOOM**. Participants will be given the ZOOM links before each class. The dates are as follows: 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/21, and 4/28.

Participants will be expected to watch approx.90 minutes of stimulating film before each class and read approx. 35 pages before each class. Materials will be provided to you in advance. You can [CLICK HERE](#) for more detailed information on this course.

We ask that you carefully consider your availability for this program. Because we want to keep the group relatively small, we are limiting participation to 20 people. You can [REGISTER HERE](#). **Registration will close on October 21.**

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Breen, NC & NE Region Missionary, at mbreen@episcopalct.org.

ECCT EVENT

Join us for The Children of Abraham: Sharing Stories, Sharing Lives

Thursday, October 14 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join us for an evening to hear from four interfaith ministries that span Jewish, Muslim and Christian relationships, sharing stories of transformational relationship-building.

Register via Episcopal Church in Connecticut Eventbrite