



THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

THE LION'S PAUSE with LEONARD P. NELSON, SENIOR WARDEN

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United Action of Connecticut (UACT) is an organization that St. Mark's has supported since its inception. On Wednesday, June 15th UACT held its 14th Annual Justice Celebration at Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek in Chester. I am pleased to report that St. Mark's had a good turnout with Norm & Sue Holland, Stephen Hard & Mark Giulietti, and Marjola & Len Nelson attending.

UACT is an interfaith, multi-racial, multi-lingual organization of congregations and community institutions crossing political, economic and urban/suburban boundaries.

UACT's **MISSION** is the building of powerful, broad-based community organizations rooted in faith and social justice values, working to make concrete improvements in the lives of families and individuals. By identifying and developing leaders and by organizing around well-defined, winnable issues, UACT enables people to understand their own power and to acquire the skills and allies necessary to exercise power collectively and effectively. United Action seeks to strengthen local congregations, and through them to bring regions together and find common ground for the common good.

UACT's **GOALS** are strengthening congregations to grow and thrive; developing leaders through intensive training and practical organizing experience that is systematically evaluated and reflected upon; and moving congregations and communities into effective public action for the common good.

Membership in UACT, of which St. Mark's has been a member since its inception, has included Catholic, Community, Episcopal, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist congregations, among others in disparate towns and cities such as Chester, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, Niantic and Plainville.

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A past president of UACT was our former Assistant Rector at St. Mark's, the Rev. Brendan McCormick, who was the Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wallingford at the time.

Issues that UACT has and is working on include Health and Mental Health Care, Immigration and Domestic Worker Justice. Manos Unidas, a group that met at St. Mark's at 147 West Main St., is a group which worked on immigration reform relevant to the Hispanic community and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) protection.

Contemporary Collects and Prayers

August 6 - The Transfiguration - O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

August 7 - Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

August 14 - 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. *Amen.*

August 21 - Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

August 28 - Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION

Broadcast Instructions

We are currently holding our services in-person. If there is a significant negative change in the trajectory of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will switch to Zoom-only worship. An email will be sent out to the parish to alert everyone if the service is to be Zoom only.

In-person services at 90 Main Street continue to require that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you.

Our service will always be available on Zoom with Meeting ID 500-865-037. You can enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>. Please either print or have the bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service. (For more information on the Zoom service, please go to the back page of the bulletin.)

Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, August 3 - 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 3 - 7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, August 7 - 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Stephen Hard,
Worship Leader**

Tuesday, August 9 - 6:45 p.m. - Vestry Zoom Meeting

Sunday, August 14,

21, and 28 - 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist -

Rev. Diana Rogers, Celebrant and Preacher

Join us on Sunday, September 25 for a visit from Maggie Breen

We welcome to St. Mark's our Northeast Region Missionary Maggie Breen for the celebration of the Eucharist and coffee hour on Sunday, September 25.

This will be a good time for us to pick her brain as we prepare for our visits to neighboring parishes. As our regional missionary she is familiar with these parishes and may be able to provide some insights as we dive into merger considerations.

Summer Reading

By Barbara A. Campbell, Ph.D.

How about a pair of books to rev up your social justice juices? Start with The Nickel Boys by Colton Whitehead, a fictional introduction to the Dozier School for Boys in the panhandle town of Marianna, Florida. There is good character development, you will become connected to the boys and cringe at their treatment.

Pair that with We Carry Their Bones by Erin Kimmerle. Her story of the search for graves of the Dozier School boys is an excellent description of the actual practice of forensic anthropology. The School stated there were 31 boys buried on campus. After extensive research, 51 graves were found, many without markers, without death certificates, with families not notified before they were buried. Then there was the situation of how do you memorialize found Dozier boys, Black or white? The school was closed in 2011 after 111 years of operation but town residents were not critical of its practices as the school was where residents earned their livings.

Justice that needed to be faced - Justice not easy to face.

PARISH CLERK'S CORNER

July 2022

No Report.

We did not have a Vestry meeting in July.

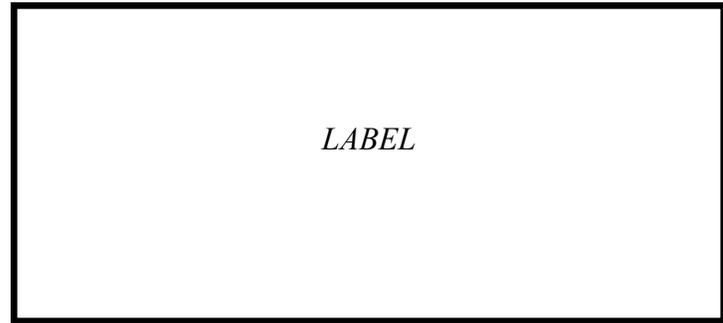
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**If you or someone you know is hospitalized,
please inform the parish office.**



***Open to God's Love -
Serving Our Neighbor***

**Due date for all articles for the September
Issue of the St. Mark's Message is August 24**

Regular Parish Office Hours.

July & August
Monday through Thursday
from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Food Pantry

Monday: 9 - 12 & 12:30 - 2:00
Thursday: 9 - 12 & 12:30 - 2:00
(Closed for lunch from 12 - 12:30)



**Weekly Parish Services:
Sundays: In-Person and Zoom - 10:00 a.m. -
Erwin Chapel at 90 Main St.**

 With more people beginning to go on vacation this year, please send the parish office a post card or email a photo of your favorite vacation spots!

I will have a page of our favorite spots in the September issue of The Message. (All postcards or photos must be sent to the office by August 24th.)

St. Mark's Food Pantry

Monthly Statistics: June 2022
Unduplicated households - 220
Children - 182
Adults - 276
Seniors - 57
Total Food Donated to St. Mark's - 630 lbs.
Total food from Food Share - 1,898.5 lbs.

 **We are currently receiving 2 deliveries a month from Food Share. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The deliveries are in the morning. If you can help us bring a delivery in, please call Cheryl in the parish office and she will let you know when to be here for the delivery. Thank you!**