



# THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

**THE LION'S PAUSE with  
ALLISON PENICK, VESTRY CLERK**

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Is it September already? I love summer—yes, even with the heat and humidity. I'm not looking forward to winter's chill. As a child, my mother would speak of turning corners throughout the year related to seasons, school or holidays. September is a corner, and St. Mark's is about to embark on a new challenge.

In our July *Message*, Stephen described your vestry's vision for the future of St. Mark's Church. Merging with a nearby Episcopal parish seems to be the best option. There are dozens of factors to consider, but a general feeling of compatibility is important. For that reason, beginning in October, we have scheduled 5 Sunday worship visits. On those dates, there will not be a service at 90 Main St. We hope that many of you will be able to attend the selected parish in-person. For those who can't, we hope to have a connection via Zoom or live-stream. The details are in process and subject to change.

The current schedule is:

St. James Farmington	10/2/22
Grace Newington	10/16/22
St. Paul Southington	11/6/22
St. Gabriel Berlin	11/20/22
St. James West Hartford	12/4/22

We are contacting the parishes ahead of time to make sure there will be a Eucharist worship service, and they know we are coming. Hopefully, we will have a chance to mingle at a coffee hour.

Please join in the fun! We will gather at our own coffee hour the week after each visit to share our impressions.

As an added incentive, my experience with other parishes has been positive. I have attended 2 "Regional Town Hall Zoom meetings" this summer led by our regional missionary, Maggie Breen. Everyone was friendly and willing to share their struggles, challenges and successful outreach. I found it inspiring to see the different ways each parish helped

### Special points of interest:

- *The Lion's Pause - Allison Penick, Vestry Clerk*
- *In-Person and Hybrid Services - Broadcast Instructions*
- *Ordination of The Rev. Jeffrey Mellow*
- *Bishop Farewell Fund*
- *Parish Clerk's Corner*
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- *Food Pantry Grocery Bags Needed*

their communities despite the pandemic and minimal resources.

May Christ help us to discern our best path forward.

Peace,

Allison Penick

## **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! 🔊**

**Ordination and Consecration of The Rev. Jeffrey William Mellow  
XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut**

**Saturday, October 15**

**Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford**

Service at 11 a.m. - Doors open at 10 a.m.

A formation invitation with registration and live stream links will be forthcoming.

Go to [episcopalct.org/consecration](http://episcopalct.org/consecration) for more information.

### **In honor of Bishop Ian, give to the Bishop Farewell Fund**



In accordance with recent tradition, to honor our bishop on his retirement, ECCT has set up a fund for donations in his honor to an organization designated by him. Bishop Ian has chosen Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS).

IRIS provides wrap-around services for refugee families, asylum seekers, asylees, and other immigrant families who seek assistance to stabilize their family situations in the U.S.

To donate, go to: <https://www.episcopalct.org/make-a-new-gift/bishop-ian-farewell-fund/>

**The fund will close on October 8, 2022.**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Friday, September 2	Parish office closed.
<b>Sunday, September 4</b>	10 a.m. Service in Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joe Pace will be the Celebrant and Preacher
Monday, September 5	Parish office closed for Labor Day Holiday
Wednesday, September 7	5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 7	7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday, September 11</b>	10 a.m. Service in Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joe Pace will be the Celebrant and Preacher
Tuesday, September 13	6:45 p.m. - Vestry Meeting
<b>Sunday, September 18</b>	10 a.m. Service in Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joe Pace will be the Celebrant and Preacher
<b>Sunday, September 25</b>	10 a.m. Service in Erwin Chapel - Rev. Joe Pace will be the Celebrant Maggie Breen, our N.E. Region Missionary, will be our Preacher.

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

Join us on Sunday, September 25 as we welcome to St. Mark's our Northeast (N.E.) Region Missionary Maggie Breen for the celebration of the Eucharist (Rev. Joe Pace, Celebrant) and coffee hour. 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.

## **Contemporary Collects and Prayers**

**September 5 - Labor Day** - Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**September 14 - Holy Cross Day** - Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

O God, who by the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life and peace: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**September 29 - St. Michael and all the Angels** - Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

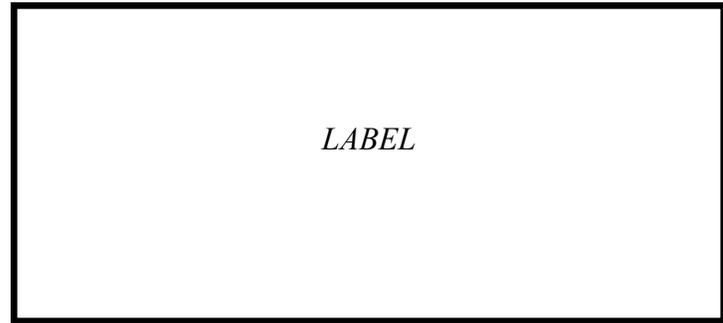
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**If you or someone you know is hospitalized,  
please inform the parish office.**



***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.**

Monday through Friday  
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.**

**The St. Mark's Food Pantry**

We are in need of gently used grocery bags.

If you have any grocery bags (plastic or other types) and would like to donate them to the pantry, please drop them off in the Parish Office.

We have finally run out of plastic bags that were donated by Big Y and could really use them. Thank you!



**St. Mark's Food Pantry**

Monthly Statistics: July 2022  
Unduplicated households - 208  
Children - 129  
Adults - 235  
Seniors - 65  
Total food donated to St. Mark's - 550 lbs.  
Total food from Food Share - 3,733 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!**