

Read this first: The 2nd Sunday of Easter: April 3, 2016

Welcome to your church in the Great Hall! There is a possibility that the cleaning will be complete by the end of next week and possibly, just possibly we might get into the church for April 10th.

Communion uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the bread only, if you prefer, or “intinct” it into the wine. Non-gluten wafers? Check with clergy. Thanks to service participants! (the schedule is on the back table and at the top of the leaflet this morning). Communion is done at “stations”.

Church School – We are seeking an **Assistant Church School Director** who can start sometime soon, or even next fall, to share the duties of the Church School. Salary and compensation available from Dave (range is \$3000 to \$5000 depending on availability and duties). To find out more about “Feasting on the Word” curriculum for Easter speak with **Nicole Nichols** churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com or Liaisons, Kim Bergandahl or Melissa Zahansky.

Fundraisers for the Pilgrimage: Starting to look ahead. Our **Rummage Sale** that coordinates with the Town-wide event is on Saturday, May 7th. Please start putting items aside to bring in. The following Sunday the J2Aers are doing the **Car Wash** starting at 7:30 a.m.

Innovation comes to our Church! The Episcopal Church in CT is re-engineering, re-imagining, re-creating itself in a bold, new fundamental way! The driving issue is WHERE IS GOD AT WORK IN OUR WORLD? The Church is reorganizing to encourage you and me, its parish members, to participate more fully in the needs and ministries of our area. By building new connections among parishes, we can better leverage our efforts and impact in the ways we are called towards God’s mission of reconciliation and restoration. HOW THIS WILL ACTUALLY WORK IS UP TO US. A **Convocation** to explore our reorganizing with a focus on ministry will be held Friday evening and Saturday, April 22 and 23, in Ashford. ALL OF US ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. See Dave C, Jane H or Lindsay Paul

Relay for Life is scheduled for May 21-22nd at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. We are assembling a Team of walkers. Contacts: Dayna Flath and Ginger Lusa!

Teen Program: J2A and YAC activities, see separate email notices; J2A students and their parents need to take a look at the **Wonder Voyage** website and start checking out possible trips; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); Catherine Bastow: 860-928-3575; catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net

Vestry: Planning Meeting starting with lunch today. Pickup in the kitchen. Meeting in the Library.

Vine and Branches Mural: See Rite-13ers or Jim Goodwin to get your photo taken!

Women’s Spiritual Growth Workshop: 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 26th** in the library (or larger space) for spiritual exploration and celebrating our Sisterhood! Just bring yourself. Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.

Worship Upcoming: Wednesday Healing Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. on April 6; Sunday, April 10th: 8, 9:15 and 10:15 services (the Baptism of Peter Hale). Wednesday Healing Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. on April 13; Sunday, April 17th is a Contemporary and Church First Sunday.

House-keeping:

Courier Deadline for May: April 18th; *We will mail out first class to those who request it.* Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

Directories... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

CSO – Community Kitchen on April 25th; Cooking a meal at CCPomfret and taking it to the Hill Church (1st Cong.) in Woodstock. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor. **We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS.**

Flowers: the memorial/thanksgiving form is on the stand in back. Master Flower Sign-up outside the office .

Pastoral Call Emergencies should be directed to office (860-315-7780) or Fr. Dave’s cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-315-7780.

Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More in the hallway closet by the offices: Rebecca Patenaude: patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com.

Special Mission - the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer’s programs on Spirituality are in the Reminder.

Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016: It’s never too late to submit your pledge! The total is currently 83 pledges for approximately \$190,354. Our working goal is \$213, 592. Thank you!

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Teen Coordinator: Catherine Bastow: catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net Sexton: Jerry O’Brien

LEVAS 43

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —
 2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —
 3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy m;
 2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as
 3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —
 2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —
 3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be-cause He lives — I can face to - mor-row; — Be-cause He lives

— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the

fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. —