



THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

THE LION'S PAUSE with
LENNY NELSON, SENIOR WARDEN

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THIS & THAT...

On Sunday, Sept. 19th, there was a discussion prior to the service about the composer/conductor Leroy Anderson. I wanted to chime in, but was uncertain as to the details of his appearance in New Britain. Leroy Anderson was the guest conductor for the New Britain Symphony Orchestra at CCSC's Welte Auditorium in 1974 in a Promenade-Pops Concert featuring many of his favorite pieces. This was a part of the Symphony's 25th Jubilee Season. As the "unofficial" Historian for the Symphony, Emeritus Director, past President and part-time Executive Director of the Symphony Society, I am very proud of the prestigious list of soloists that have performed in New Britain. If you have any interest in "classical music" the New Britain Symphony continues to perform at CCSU's Welte Auditorium.

Speaking of music, I had a conversation with Albert Tomasso about performing during the Christmas season for us. You may remember his performance in 2018 at the 50th Anniversary Celebration Of The Installation Of Our Casavant Pipe Organ. Albert is the grandson of our parishioner Joy Tomasso. As noted in 2018, Albert is a talented organist and would be a welcome addition, pending his availability and approval by our Vestry.

Last, but certainly not least, we are again proud grandparents to our newest addition born on Sept. 4th to Kristin and Paul. He joins his siblings, Lucy, 7 and Max, soon to be 4. After much consternation and discussion on a name, they ended up honoring 2 proud grandfathers by naming him Leonard "Leo" Michael. He will always be Leo to us, which was the name that Max and I preferred. Hopefully, you will see them all in Church one day!

Special points of interest:

- *The Lion's Pause - Lenny Nelson, Senior Warden*
- *Blessing of the Animals - October 3rd on Zoom*
- *ECCT Event - The Children of Abraham: Sharing Stories, Sharing Lives - on Zoom*
- *Episcopal Peace Fellowship update*
- *Save The Date*
- *Safe Church Training Dates*
- *Camp Washington Tag Sale*
- *In-Person and Hybrid Services - Broadcast Instructions*
- *Annual Convention - October 23 on Zoom*
- *Parish Clerk's Corner*
- *October Calendar*
- *Food Pantry Statistics*



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
 ON ZOOM FOLLOWING OUR 10 A.M. SERVICE!
 SHOW OFF YOUR BEAUTIFUL FUR,
 FEATHERS OR SCALES!

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



Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) Peacebuilding Online Project
First Sunday of the month

We will meet via Eventbrite/Zoom at 4 p.m. Eastern Time. Hear inspiring voices. Learn. Discover resources for going deeper.

Sunday, October 3, 2021 - 4:00 p.m. Sacred Ground

November 7, 2021 - 4:00 p.m. Metta Center

Explore all the options through January 2022 online.

Go to: <https://epfnational.org/peacebuilding-online-project/> to learn more.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 3 -	Blessing of the Animals - On Zoom following the 10:00 a.m. service.
Wednesday, October 6 -	5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, October 6 -	7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 12 -	6:45 p.m. Vestry Zoom Meeting
Sunday, October 31 -	Nominating Committee - Zoom meeting following Sunday service

Safe Church Training

Training dates have been announced!

There are lots of dates and time from August 28 through November 14 posted.

If you need to re-certify or take the training for the first time, please go to:

www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/

Monday evening, October 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday evening, October 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening, October 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday afternoon, October 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday evening, October 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday morning, October 30, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday evening, November 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday morning, November 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Camp Washington Annual Outdoor Tag Sale

190 Kenyon Rd. Lakeside, CT 06758

October 23, 2021 9 am - 3 pm

To benefit the programs of Camp Washington



JOIN US FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES!



If New Britain is red on the weekly Thursday (about 3 pm) Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker map, the Sunday service will be held on Zoom only.

For the map, please go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>

Join us to worship in person every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Cooper Hall. Everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. We will have masks available if you need one. Thank you.

Broadcast Instructions

You can enter the Zoom service via the parish Web link at

<http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>.

There is also a telephone number that can be used to join the Zoom service:

1-646-558-8656

(phone charges may apply for the telephone call if you do not have unlimited calling).

If you are using a telephone to dial into the service: dial the zoom phone number, and then wait to be prompted by the voice to enter the meeting number. Then, enter the meeting number, and as part of the meeting number, please add the "pound" sign (#) at the end of the meeting number (as the verbal instructions direct).

The Zoom broadcast opens at 9:45 am when remote participants can be admitted and will be greeted by the e-verger.

Remote participants are encouraged to stay connected after the service and greet and be greeted during the coffee hour.

Issues that have come to our attention:

Issue: "my screen goes back and forth between speakers."

Response: you may be in "speaker" view. If so, change to "gallery view".

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

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday, October 23 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

237th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Church in Connecticut



237th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut *Convention Update*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

After much prayer, research, thought, and discussion, your Convention Planning Team has made the difficult decision to move our Annual Convention to an online format this year. Given the rigors of the past year and a half and the fatigue many in our community are experiencing with online events, we are condensing the schedule to one day, Saturday, October 23, focusing on the essentials.

Format

This year's convention will take place in the format of a Zoom webinar. Although it will be the same format as last year's convention, we are simplifying the experience for our voting members. The webinar will be open only to voting members of convention who register (lay delegates, canonically resident clergy, members of the Mission Council, Standing Committee, and General Convention delegation), with parliamentary voting happening in the webinar using the poll feature. Elections will happen on Simply Voting, as we have done in years past. All other participants are invited to join us via livestream on [ECCT's YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/user/ctepiscopal). (https://www.youtube.com/user/ctepiscopal) This will allow non-voting members of Convention to contribute questions and comments via the chat function. Please note: While no account is needed to watch the livestream, YouTube requires an account in order to post in the chat of a livestream.

Participants are encouraged to log in or create an account ahead of time.

Every voting member will need their own device with the capability of logging into Zoom—either a smart phone, tablet, or computer—as well as a stable internet connection. The webinar link will be sent out to voting members ahead of Convention via email.

Schedule

We will be meeting on Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. The webinar will open at 8:30 a.m. to allow participants to get situated.

Allison's Parish Clerk News Corner

September 2021

Change. Transition. These seem to have become part of our daily lives. O.k. They always have been. I'm just slow to adapt. Aside from the Sept 11th 20th anniversary, the turbulent end of the U.S. war in Afghanistan, the fight for racial justice and the persistent Covid pandemic, we have significant changes coming to the Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT).

1. Our Bishop Ian Douglas is retiring and our diocese has formed a Bishop Transition Committee to search for our next leader. Listening sessions are being held throughout September to hear what ECCT members want to see in the next bishop.
2. Father Shaw will be moving on to his next calling within the next 6 months. St. Mark's vestry is discerning what our future will be (ideas are welcome!). We are looking for supply priest options. A meeting with Amber Page-Gehr, our Canon for Mission and Leadership, will be scheduled soon for a detailed account of our status. Our Future Committee will be talking to at least one other parish to see if there are ways we can work together in mission.
3. Our 147 West Main St. property is still on the market. Two church groups have expressed interest. A successful sale would be a welcome change financially (although with bittersweet sorrow).

Other things remain the same as the calendar races forward:


1. Zoom Blessing of the Animals will be after Sunday worship on Oct. 3rd.
2. Our Regional Missionary, Maggie Breen, will join us for worship on Oct. 17th.
3. Our annual Stewardship Campaign begins soon. Watch your mail for a letter and pledge card.
4. Our vestry nominating committee has formed and will meet Oct. 31st. Search your hearts and consider joining to help St. Mark's navigate all the changes.
5. New Britain's Celebrate 150 years (Sept.25-26th) has been advertised as a wonderful community event. St. Mark's had hoped to be part of a 90 Main St. booth showcasing our unity in community service and worship in our corner of downtown. Unfortunately, we all decided the Covid infection risk was too high for our participation.
6. New Britain has been in a red Covid zone for several weeks. We have returned to our Zoom-only Sunday worship. We can hope and pray that this changes soon. Many thanks to Father Shaw, Cheryl, Stephen and Barbara for making our Zoom experience so rewarding. (PowerPoint bulletins with photos, organ music!)

Ultimately, God's enduring love is our constant. And that appears every day in our love for each other.

A prayer for guidance, faith, peace and hope.....

Allison Penick

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
In person services will be held as long as New Britain's positivity rate is NOT red.	We have listed the services as Antecommunion/Zoom and will change it as warranted.					
3 10 a.m. Antecommunion/ Zoom Service & Blessing of the Animals	4 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	5 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting	6 5:45 p.m. Exec. Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg	7 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg	8	9
10 Worship Leader Antecommunion/ Zoom Service 10 a.m.	11 Office Closed - Indigenous People/ Columbus Day	12 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting 6:45 p.m. Vestry Zoom Meeting	13	14 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg	15	16
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31 Antecommunion/ Zoom Service 10 a.m. Nominating Com- mittee Meeting						

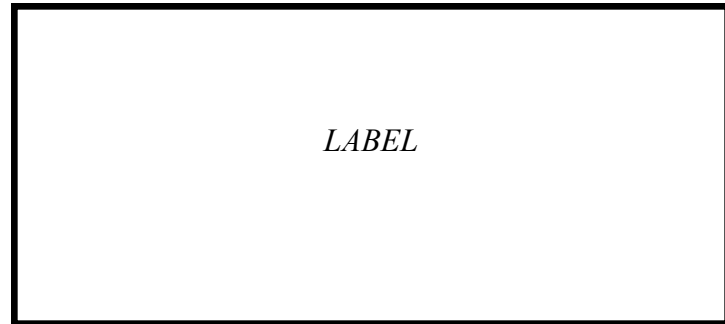
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Priest In Charge**

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**PRAYER CHAIN: to activate the chain call
Barbara Campbell 860-673-7607,
Campbellba24@gmail.com**

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



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

**Due date for all articles for the November
Issue of the St. Mark's Message is
October 20, 2021**

Parish Office Hours.

Monday through Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Food Pantry

Monday: 9 - 12 & 12:30 - 2
Thursday: 9 - 12 & 12:30 - 2

**The Food Pantry will be closed on October 11
for the Columbus Day Holiday.**



Weekly Parish Services:

**While New Britain is in a Red Zone, we will
only have Zoom Services. We will hold in
person services along with Zoom once we are
no longer in a red zone. . To attend on Zoom,
go to our website—**

**www.saintmarksnewbritain.org for
information on joining the service.**

Pledges and Offerings

**Please remember to keep sending in your
pledges and offerings to the parish. Mail in our P.O.
Box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge
payments are compiled at least once a month and
deposited.**

**The parish ministries to the community and worship
services adapt and continue, even in these most
challenging times.**

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

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

St. Mark's Food Pantry

Monthly Statistics: August
June: Unduplicated households - 137
Children - 109
Adults - 190
Seniors - 46
Total Food Donated to St. Mark's - 720 lbs.
Total food from Food Share - 0 lbs.
(No order this month)
**Please give Cheryl a call in the parish
office if you can help us a few hours a
week.**