



THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

THE LION'S PAUSE with
SUE HOLLAND, VESTRY MEMBER

--feeding body and soul--

Norm & I, with our young son, Kevin, joined St. Mark's in December 1970, and found a church deeply involved in the Community. 147 West Main Street's doors have been open through the years to numerous 12-Step groups, Visiting Nurse Wellness Clinics, youth-theater groups, New Britain Symphony concerts, NEWBRACC meetings and programs and numerous others. Even after leaving our beloved church building, St. Mark's people have continued this tradition of service to and sponsorship of local social service initiatives. This tradition of service to the needs of local groups has continued in recent years with the St. Mark's Food Pantry and Thursday morning "Mingles" where we served up not only breakfast, but friendship as well. At present, "Mingle" is on hiatus, seeking new and energetic volunteers.

Thanks to our Smith Fund, we've been able to give financial support to programs benefitting the homeless and disadvantaged populations of New Britain; among these are New Life II, Coram Deo and, most recently, the Friendship Service Center's newly-opened Hope Connection Center on Arch St. It is our plan to continue services and support to the Community of New Britain even after our joining with St. James' Church in Farmington.

For more than 10 years, when July rolls around, the folks of St. Mark's have put on our St. Mark's T-shirts and dusted off our ice-cream sundae skills. The occasion is the Walk and Roll for Disabilities, sponsored by the local Commission on Persons with Disabilities which seeks to ensure that all residents and visitors with disabilities have equal access to services and activities in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 2023 event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 in conjunction with the regular Wednesday evening concert at the Band Shell in Walnut Hill Park. The Walk around the Park kicks off at 5:00 p.m., followed by music and dancing and free ice cream sundaes prepared by the expert scoopers, spritzers and sprinklers of St. Mark's. In addition to offering free ice cream sundaes to all in attendance at the Park, church members will also receive requests for prayers to be offered at our regular Sunday services.

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We seek to feed the body **and** the soul, so to speak. (It's not bad for **our** souls, either!!)

Any folks wishing to lend a hand (or a scoop!) should contact Allison Penick.

Hope to see you all there!!!
Peace, Sue

ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION

Broadcast Instructions

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.)

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 **will no longer require** that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Please use your best judgement concerning mask use if you have been exposed to someone who tested positive. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, July 2	9:30 a.m. Services at St. James, 3 Mountain Rd., Farmington
July 3 through July 10	Parish Office Closed for Cheryl's Vacation. (Email and phone messages will be check daily)
Sunday, July 9	Service in the Erwin Chapel - Stephen Hard, Worship Leader
Sunday, July 16	Service in the Erwin Chapel - Stephen Hard, Worship Leader
Friday, July 21	Parish Office Closed
Sunday, July 23	9:30 a.m. Services at St. James, 3 Mountain Rd., Farmington
Wednesday, July 26	Ability Walk & Roll - 5 p.m. - Walnut Hill Park
Friday, July 28	Parish Office Closed
Sunday, July 30	9:30 a.m. Services at St. James, 3 Mountain Rd., Farmington



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE!



Adrian Peterkin, grandson of Patricia Anderson, from ACES at Chase Middle School. He will attend Wilcox High School in Meriden in the Fall.



Joy Peterkin, granddaughter of Patricia Anderson, from Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School in New Haven. She will attend Tunxis Community College in the Fall.

Blake Curtis, grandson of Cheryl and Rich Rusczyk, from Big Sky Preschool. He will attend Holmes Elementary School (New Britain) in the Fall.



St. Mark's Church Wishes
Everyone a Safe and Happy
4th of July!



**Parish Office
Summer Hours**

The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during July and August beginning **July 21**

2023 ABILITY WALK & ROLL

**15th Annual "WALK & ROLL"
ABILITY AWARENESS DAY
at Walnut Hill Park
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**

Event begins at 5:00 p.m.

Music begins at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark's will be serving Ice Cream Sundaes AND collecting Prayer Requests again this year.



**If you would like to help,
please contact Allison Penick**

Contemporary Collects and Prayers

- July 2** Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- July 4** Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- July 9** O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
- July 16** O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
- July 23** Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
- July 30** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Parish office will be closed from Monday, July 3 through	Monday, July 10 for Cheryl's vacation (Email and voicemail will					1
2 9:30 a.m. Service at St. James, Farmington	3 Pantry closed for the holiday	4 	5 5:45 p.m. Exec. Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg	6 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night	7	8
9 In-Person/Hybrid Service 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	10 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	11 6:45 P.M. Vestry Meeting	12	13 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night	14	15
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Summer Sunday Services

For a variety of reasons associated with our plans to merge with St. James in Farmington, it will not always be possible to offer Sunday Services in the Erwin Chapel. On these

Sundays, parishioners are encouraged to attend the Sunday Eucharist at St. James in Farmington to promote our getting to know one another and becoming more comfortable worshipping there. Through Labor Day, St. James' one service is at 9:30 a.m. This is livestreamed via FACEBOOK LIVE. Livestream connection is by clicking the "F" icon at the top of the St. James Webpage. After Labor Day there are two services.

Rite 1 is celebrated at 8:00 am, Rite 2 (normally with choir) is celebrated at 10:15 am. Only the 10:15 am service is livestreamed.

A parking tip: When approaching the church turn right just in front of the entrance. Parking to the left (behind the church) is difficult and limited. Across the street from the front door of the church there is ample parking available on Sunday mornings.

Parking at 90 Main St.

Beginning THIS Sunday, June 19th South Church will begin their Summer Service times. Their Sunday Service will begin at 9:25 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary. This will make parking very difficult. There will be a few spots reserved for St. Mark's. They will be near the entrance at the "bottom" of the parking lot.

However, if you are able, please park either on the street or in the parking garage next to the police station.

Thank you.



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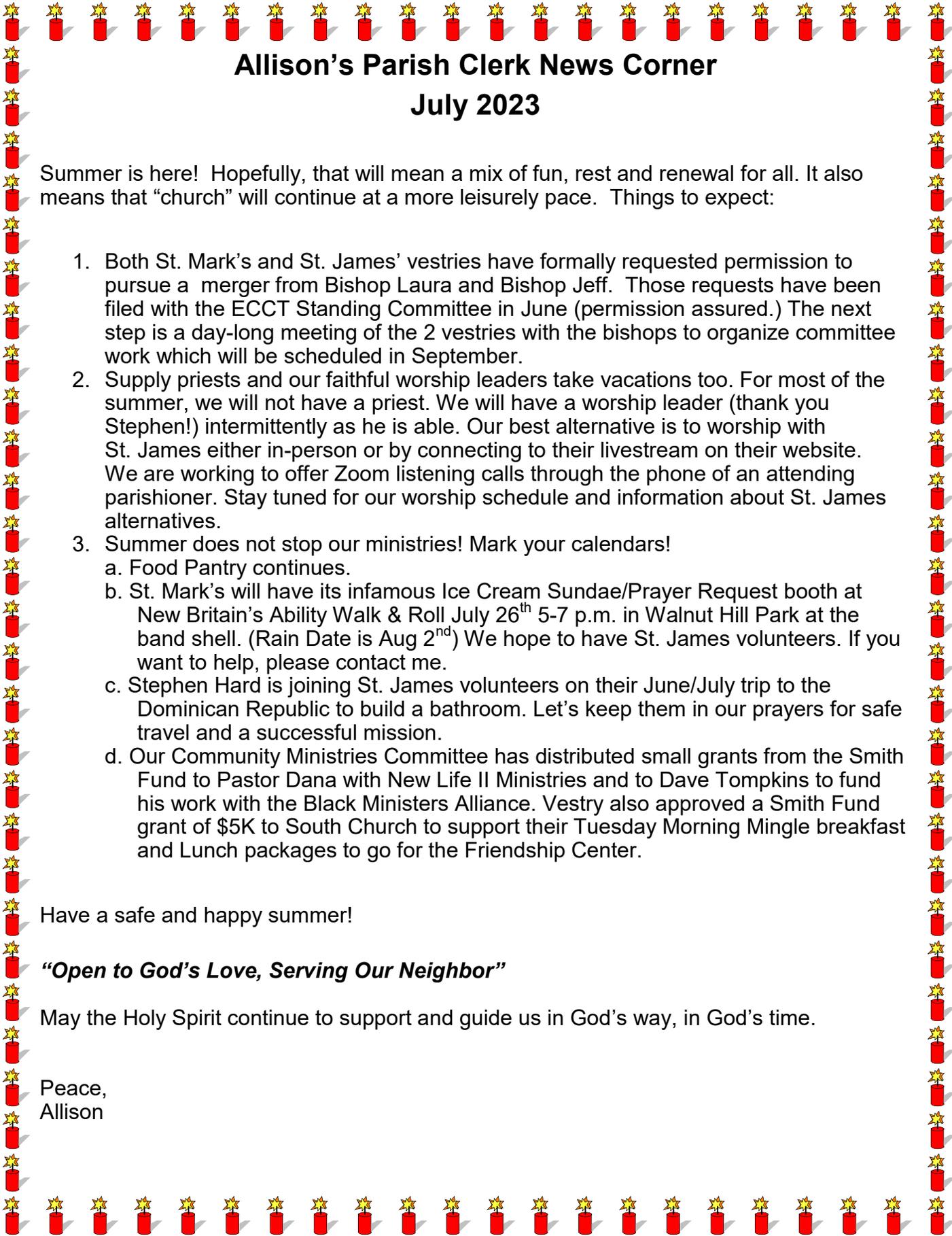
Buy flowers. feed a family.

Brighten your celebrations this July with a Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet display!

Your \$10.99 purchase at our selected Stop & Shop location sends us a \$1 donation this July!

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Pick Up Flowers at the New Britain Stop & Shop on Corbin Ave. and Help our Food Pantry!



Allison's Parish Clerk News Corner

July 2023

Summer is here! Hopefully, that will mean a mix of fun, rest and renewal for all. It also means that "church" will continue at a more leisurely pace. Things to expect:

1. Both St. Mark's and St. James' vestries have formally requested permission to pursue a merger from Bishop Laura and Bishop Jeff. Those requests have been filed with the ECCT Standing Committee in June (permission assured.) The next step is a day-long meeting of the 2 vestries with the bishops to organize committee work which will be scheduled in September.
2. Supply priests and our faithful worship leaders take vacations too. For most of the summer, we will not have a priest. We will have a worship leader (thank you Stephen!) intermittently as he is able. Our best alternative is to worship with St. James either in-person or by connecting to their livestream on their website. We are working to offer Zoom listening calls through the phone of an attending parishioner. Stay tuned for our worship schedule and information about St. James alternatives.
3. Summer does not stop our ministries! Mark your calendars!
 - a. Food Pantry continues.
 - b. St. Mark's will have its infamous Ice Cream Sundae/Prayer Request booth at New Britain's Ability Walk & Roll July 26th 5-7 p.m. in Walnut Hill Park at the band shell. (Rain Date is Aug 2nd) We hope to have St. James volunteers. If you want to help, please contact me.
 - c. Stephen Hard is joining St. James volunteers on their June/July trip to the Dominican Republic to build a bathroom. Let's keep them in our prayers for safe travel and a successful mission.
 - d. Our Community Ministries Committee has distributed small grants from the Smith Fund to Pastor Dana with New Life II Ministries and to Dave Tompkins to fund his work with the Black Ministers Alliance. Vestry also approved a Smith Fund grant of \$5K to South Church to support their Tuesday Morning Mingle breakfast and Lunch packages to go for the Friendship Center.

Have a safe and happy summer!

"Open to God's Love, Serving Our Neighbor"

May the Holy Spirit continue to support and guide us in God's way, in God's time.

Peace,
Allison

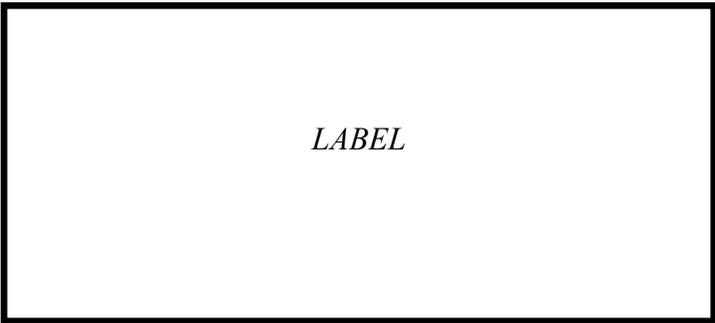
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**If you or someone you know is hospitalized,
please inform the parish office.**



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

**Due date for all articles for the August
Issue of the St. Mark's Message is July 19th.**

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.**

**Summer
time!**

**SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY!
While on vacation this year, please send us a postcard or
photo of your vacation. We will post it on our
bulletin board outside the parish office.
Have a great Summer!**

St. Mark's Food Pantry

Monthly Statistics: May 2023
! Unduplicated households - 221*
! Total Unduplicated people - 672*
! Total food donated to St. Mark's - 775 lbs.
! Total food from Food Share - 4,303 lbs.
! Year to date food donations - 3,115 lbs.
! Year to date from Food Share - 18,938.5 lbs.

* Our numbers are down this month because on May 1, 2023 we went back to our pre-pandemic rules for the Food Pantry. A client may come to the pantry once every 30 days.