

*The 4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Pageant
Holy Eucharist*



Congratulations to everyone who made Friday's readings and carols program a spectacular success. Charlie Houmar's leadership made for a lovely presentation of the Christmas story with readings and carols. So many made the evening a success from choosing reading selections, to beautiful décor and a fabulous reception following the glorious organ and brass music. A stellar event. Check out the pictures on the bulletin board in the lower hallway.

Eucharist– Wednesdays 12 Noon

The Wednesday noon service on December 26 will be noon prayer with attendees leading the service.



End of Year Bookkeeping Reminder

Please make every attempt to submit receipts for reimbursement to the office before the end of the month to ensure that all 2018 expenses are completed this year! Thank you.



Thank You!

Today we celebrate the Good News of Christ's birth, and we marvel at how a baby in swaddling clothes brought the gift of God's love and grace into the world. It is an old, old story that began with the words of the Prophets who promised a Savior to those living in darkness. We are grateful to those who told the story today in hopes that we may encounter God's light bursting into the darkness of our world once again.

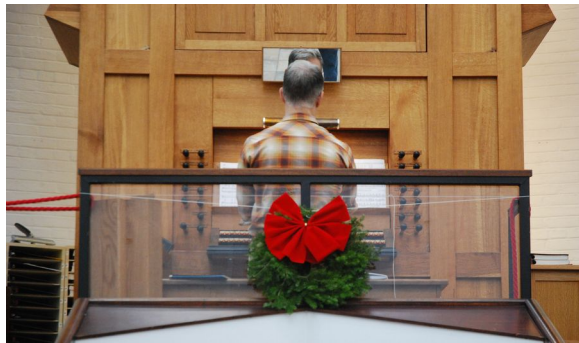
Pageant Participants

Narrators:	Lucas Anderson, Sophia Blayer
Narrator 2:	Sophia Blayer
Mary:	Bella LaRose
Joseph:	Lydia Wilderman
Gabriel:	Laura Day
Shepherds:	Ben Engler, Grace Hanzlik, Ethan Hanzlik, Mateu Healey-Parera
Angels:	Anna Engler, Addison Lima, Emersyn Lima, Maggie Owen
Magi:	Molly Anderson, Ava Lima, Calvin Owen

Special thanks to: Madison Day, Amanda Hanzlik, Mateu Healey-Parera, Magda Parera, Liv Palmer

Vacation Schedule

Rev. Brian will be on vacation from December 26-January 2. Please contact the wardens for pastoral emergencies. The Wednesday noon service on December 26 will be noon prayer with attendees leading the service.



First Friday Noon Organ Recitals

Beginning on Friday, January 4, there will be an organ recital on the first Friday of each month. Charlie Houmard invites you to bring a sandwich and a friend.

Bringing St. Mark's Mission to Life	
Thurs., Jan. 10 8:00 am	Men's Breakfast- River and Rail Diner West Willington * 2nd Thursday of the month * Come and enjoy fellowship with the men of St. Mark's – all are welcome
Sun., Jan. 13 10 am	Covenant Soup Kitchen Sandwich Making * 2nd Sunday of the month *
Mon., Jan. 14 7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting



End of Year Giving

All monetary contributions to the church to be recorded for 2018 must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31st

News from ECCT

On Sunday, May 19 at 3PM, ECCT will hold a Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration for



couples married fifty years or more. The event will be held at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. Also, the celebration will recognize those same sex couples who

have been together 50 years and are now married. The liturgy will include the renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates to couples. If you wish to receive an invitation, please let the office know.



Special Events for Christmas at St. Mark's

- **Monday, Dec. 24, 4 pm: Family Christmas Service with Communion**
Filled with carols and candlelight, this joyous family service celebrates the coming of Christ with the Christmas Eucharist, and LOTS of carol singing!
- **Monday, Dec. 24, 10 pm: Candlelight Christmas Service**
A quietly joyful mix of candlelight and song.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 25, 9 am: Christmas Eucharist**
Join us for joyous congregational carol singing as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Thanks to our Sunday Ministers who sustain the worship life of our community

December 23, 2018			
Ministry	Service	Today	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	8:00	Sue DeWolf	Barbara Rossiter
	10:00	John Doiron	John Doiron
Flowers		<i>GREENS</i>	<i>Christmas Flowers</i>
Ushers	8:00	John DeWolf	Ted Urbanski
	10:00	Mark Healey	
Acolyte	10:00		
Chalice Bearer	8:00	Sue DeWolf	Barbara Rossiter
	10:00	Sara J. Anderson	
Reader	8:00	Sue DeWolf	Barbara Rossiter
	10:00	Acey Neel	
Intercessor	8:00	Sue Gagnon	Sue Gagnon
	10:00	Mary Jo Tryba	
Sunday School Teachers			
Eucharistic Visitor		Bruce Steinway	
Counters	10:00	John DeWolf Steve Paasch	Madison Day Andrea Wilderman
Coffee Hour		Barbara Depray	

Connect With Us		
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