

CROSSROADS  
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018

"I am bringing you good news of  
great joy for all people."  
- Luke 2:10

On **Sunday, February 11th**, we will hold a Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch between services. Come and join the fun beginning at 9:00 a.m.!

**LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTERTIDE 2018**

**What's on Wednesdays in Lent** – Adult Formation Programs each start with a simple soup supper at 6:30 p.m. More information in this issue

**March 24: 9 a.m. – Noon Labor of Love/Soup-er Saturday.** The Maundy Thursday soup will be cooking in kitchen while all the cleaning is going on inside and out. Soon a list of ingredients will be posted in the hall, please donate what you can to help make these delicious soups. A portion of the soup goes to the Branford Soup Kitchen. Also look for the list of cleaning jobs that need to be completed. There are jobs for *all* ages and skill levels.

**March 25: PALM SUNDAY 8 & 10 a.m.** The Liturgy of the Palms, dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at both services. Church school and child care at latter service. *Children in grades K-5 will join the congregation for the procession and then go class. Please consider taking a part in reading the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**March 28: HOLY WEDNESDAY - 7:00 p.m.** Service of Tenebrae: Through scripture and the gradual extinguishing of candles, we recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of Holy Week.

**March 29: MAUNDY THURSDAY "Lord's Supper" - 6 p.m.** A simple meal of soup, salad and bread followed by foot washing and the Holy Eucharist in the parish hall. Afterwards we process into the church in silence for the solemn Stripping of the Altar and quiet prayer at the "Altar of Repose" (Reserved Sacrament.) Childcare provided. *Please make reservations by signing up on the list posted in the hall or by calling the parish office. **Bring foodstuffs to share with our neighbors through the local food pantry.***

**Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose**

- 8 p.m. – Midnight and 5 a.m. - 9 a.m. Keep watch with our Lord on the night during which he was betrayed. The Church is open for prayer and meditation before the Reserved Sacrament representing Christ's Sacrifice for us. *Please sign up in the hall or call the parish office at 203-488-7395.*

**March 30: GOOD FRIDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross with communion from Reserved Sacrament.
- 7:00 p.m. Silent Reflection & Passion Hymns
- 7:30 p.m. The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

**March 31: HOLY SATURDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Proper liturgy for Holy Saturday
- 9:30 a.m. Church Decorating.

**April 1: The Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord: EASTER**

- 8 & 10 a.m. A festive celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with Easter music at *both* services.

**The Sundays of Easter: April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6 & 13.**

- 8 & 10 a.m. Celebrate new life in Christ in Word and Sacrament, with Easter hymns at the latter service.

**May 20: Pentecost**

- 8 & 10 a.m. The birthday of the Church. Wear red!

## Outreach News



'Undie' Sundays in February!

We will be collecting new underwear and socks for Loaves & Fishes beginning Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Children's, Women's, Men's

(especially men's) in all sizes (especially larger sizes) of new underwear and socks go very quickly and are always in short supply at Loaves & Fishes. Please consider picking up a package as part of your weekly shopping – your generosity will certainly make a difference! Loaves & Fishes also accepts gently used bras and socks.

## SACRAMENTS

### **Baptism, Reception, Confirmation & House Blessings:**

The next date for baptisms will be **April 8**, The Second Sunday of Easter, and again on **May 20**, Pentecost. Contact Rev. Lucy if you are interested in the Sacrament for yourself or your child, or would like a House Blessing in Easter.

**Private Confession-** Although we offer a general confession in our Sunday liturgy and hear the words of absolution, it may be that the burden of a particular sin still weighs heavy on our hearts. The Episcopal Church offers private sacramental confession to any who seek the comfort of God's forgiveness as it applies to a personal situation. Private confession is strictly confidential, and a priest will never bring it up again, including to the penitent. Lent is a season especially suited to private confession. If you would like more information, you may find helpful the pamphlet in the narthex, *Should I go to Confession*, by Martin L. Smith. You may choose any priest to hear a confession. Please let Rev. Lucy know if you would like to arrange a confession.

The parish kitchen will be undergoing renovations starting in April. As a result, hall usage may be impeded. If a parishioner is looking to use the hall for a party, please be advised that some kitchen items may be temporarily relocated into the hall.

Please see parish administrator, Debbie Anderson for more information, if you are looking to use the hall for a personal event.

## Adult Formation:

### What's Happening on Wednesdays in Lent?

This year, Zion Episcopal & North Branford Congregational will join together for a variety of prayer practices each Wednesday evening. Each of the services will be preceded by a simple soup supper.

#### **Wed, February 14th, Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

Each congregation will hold their regular Ash Wednesday liturgy.

#### **Wed, February 21st, Taizé worship at 7:00 p.m.**

Held at NBCC.

#### **Wed, February 28th, Healing Prayer at 7:00 p.m.**

Held at NBCC.

#### **Wed, March 7th, Walking the Labyrinth at 7:00 p.m.**

Held at Zion

#### **Wed, March 14th, Ignatian Practices at 7:00 p.m.**

Held at Zion

#### **Wed, March 21st, Making and praying with Prayer Beads at 7:00 p.m.**

Held at Zion.



## Church Cleaning Sign Up

C'mon! Don't let this cartoon family have all of the fun...  
(They seem way too excited)

### *Many hands make light work!*

We will be preparing for Holy Week by having our annual Soup-er Saturday clean-up day on **March 24th, 9 a.m. - 12 noon**. There are jobs for every skill level!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall of the many jobs inside and out that need to be done. If you would like to help, but can't be here on that Saturday and need to get into the church, contact [Al Maiorino](#), [Diane Iglesias](#) or [Debbie Anderson](#) and we will gladly make the church available for you

## REFLECTIONS, REMEMBRANCES & RESURRECTIONS:

### A Safe Place to Process Your Loss

Have you, a friend, a family member or co-worker experienced loss? Loss comes in many forms. It may be the loss of a loved one, but it could also be the loss of a beloved pet, loss of a job and financial loss, loss of a friendship, relationship or marriage, or even the loss of good health, just to mention a few.

To help you with whatever type of loss you may have experienced, you're warmly invited to participate in "REFLECTIONS, REMEMBRANCES AND RESURRECTIONS", a loss and bereavement group forming here at North Branford Congregational Church. Gerry Borgerson will be facilitating the group, and sees it as a safe time and place "to talk, to listen, and to process your own experience."

The group will gather at 7 p.m. in the NBCC Chapel, on **February 20, March 6 and March 20**. Future dates and frequency will then be discussed and determined. Come one time, come every time. Lent is an especially fitting time to explore your losses, and how the Holy Spirit is guiding you and inviting you to examine new pathways for your living!

Please contact Gerry to discuss the group and to become part of it. [gerry@borgerson.com](mailto:gerry@borgerson.com) or 203-483-1116.

### PASSION READERS NEEDED!

Please see sign-up sheets on the double doors in the parish hall for Passion readers needed for Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

Principal readers must attend a rehearsal on **Sunday, March 18th** at 9 a.m. All readers should arrive 15 minutes prior to the service so a stand in won't be needed.

### MILESTONES

**Natalie Daly** died December 27.  
**Ann Daly Reichwagen** died January 22.  
**Steven J. Maler, Sr** died February 4.

## SAFE CHURCH RECERTIFICATION TRAINING TO BE HELD AT ZION

Zion has been chosen as a host for Safe Church Recertification Training on **Saturday, May 5th** from 9:00 to 11:30.

This will be wonderfully convenient for all employees and adults who minister to children and other vulnerable groups and who have not attended training in the last three years.

**This session will fill quickly, so please register as soon as possible.** More information and registration can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-church-training-recertification-for-laity-tickets-41902580747>. There is no charge for this training.



Easter flower memorial donation envelopes will be in the pews beginning with Lent. Please email or give Debbie Anderson your list of names for the Easter bulletin insert. The deadline is Palm Sunday.

### MUSIC NEWS

Zion musicians are already hard at work preparing music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. The dedicated choir continues to practice music before and after services. We have started learning beautiful music that we look forward to sharing during worship in this very special season.

As always, new members are welcome in the choir. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to join the music team, please feel free to speak with me or any member of the choir.

Blessings,  
 Ralene Goff  
[ralenegoff@gmail.com](mailto:ralenegoff@gmail.com)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

The Zion contact list is in need of updates as more and more people have dropped their land-lines. Please update your contact information with parish administrator, Debbie Anderson at [zion\\_office@att.net](mailto:zion_office@att.net)



## The Nursery on Notch Hill Newsletter February 2018

Hello Everyone!

Open registration has started for the 2018/2019 school year! To guarantee your child a spot for next year please hand in the registration form along with your \$50.00 registration fee. If you have any question about our 4-year-old program please contact us.

Please help us spread the word that we are having open registration and tell your family and friends with young children about our wonderful school. Encourage them to call us and arrange a visit. Word of mouth has always been our biggest form of advertising. We appreciate your kind words and support of our school.

This month, Ms. Donna, from the Atwater Memorial Library will be visiting each class with her fun filled music and story time. The children enjoy her visit and she knows many of them by name from your family visits to the library. I encourage you all to continue to support our local library and the programs they provide to our community.

Our classes will be busy this month celebrating Valentine's Day. We will be talking about love for our families, friends and self. We also will continue our unit on winter. Each class will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party. We will have a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board asking for contributions to our celebration. Children will be exchanging Valentines with their class. I have an attached a list of names for each class.

Thank you,

Ms. Sue, Ms. Donna, Ms. Betsy, Ms. Rita & Ms. Debbie

### Dates to Remember

- Ms. Donna's Valentine's Day Party Wednesday, February 14th
- Ms. Betsy's Valentine's Day Party Tuesday, February 13th
- Movie Night Friday, February 9th 5pm to 7:30pm
- No School -Winter Break Monday, February 19th and Tuesday, February 20th
- Ms. Donna's class field trip to Big- Y in North Branford TBA



### Snack Helpers for February

Please bring a snack and juice for two school days

- Week 1 (2/5) Russo/Standish**
- Week 2 (2/12) Amendola/Gambardella**
- Week 3 (2/19) no snack helpers**
- Week 4 (2/26) Kurowski/Lovelace**



### Food for Thought

Love is not about how much you say "I love you" but how much you can prove that it's true.

**Website: [nurseryonnotchhill.com](http://nurseryonnotchhill.com)  
Visit us on Facebook!**



### Reminders

Send your child to school with hats, mittens and boots. We like to outside if possible every day.

Also, if your child has had a temperature or stomach bug please keep them home. They may return twenty-four hours after their temperature ends.

We follow the North Branford school district for closings and delayed openings. Delays start at 8:00am. We close at 1:00pm for an early dismissal.

## February/March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>FEB 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga			Yoga AA	AA	
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Last Sunday after Epiphany</i> HE 8 & 10 a.m. 11:30 Vestry meeting AA	Yoga	7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Zion	ASH WEDNESDAY 7 p.m. HE with Imposition of Ashes	Yoga	AA	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<i>Lent I</i> HE 8 & 10 a.m. Chapel on the Green AA	Yoga		* Taizé worship at 7p.m. Held at NBCC.	Yoga AA	AA	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>MARCH 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Lent II</i> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga	7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Trinity Branford	*Healing Prayer at 7 p.m. Held at NBCC.	Yoga AA	AA	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Lent III</i> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga		*Walking the Labyrinth at 7 p.m. Held at Zion.	Yoga AA		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Lent IV</i> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga	7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Zion	*Ignatian Practices at 7 p.m. Held at Zion.	Yoga AA		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<i>Lent V</i> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga		*Making and praying with Prayer Beads at 7 p.m. Held at Zion.	Yoga AA		'Souper Saturday' Clean up Day
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga		7 p.m. Tenebrae service	6:00 Maundy Thursday AA	9 a.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Good Friday	Holy Saturday
<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m.	Yoga					

\* "What's on Wednesday" services and programs start with a simple soup supper at 6:30 p.m.

**ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**Officers**

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**Junior Warden:** Diane Iglesias

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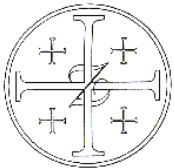
**Clerk:** Jane Chick

**Pledge Clerk:** Jennifer Elles-Jones

**Vestry:** Janet Ainsworth, Carl Ford, Ann Harriman, Rita Smith, Tracy Sadlon & Ann McGloin

*\*Loaves & Fishes (see page 2.)*

*\* Safe Church Recertification at ZION (see page 3.)*



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**T**hen he bowed  
his head and gave  
up his spirit.  
John **19:30**