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## Meet *YOUR* Vestry



My name is Lisa Latham and I serve as Senior Warden. As Senior Warden my role is to work alongside Rev. Lucy to share with the congregation the mission and vision of the parish and help manage its operations as well. Also, to act as an advisor to Rev. Lucy and to weigh in on issues that she may be wrestling with or share with her concerns that members of the congregation may face. I am happy to hear from anyone in the parish about concerns, ideas about our mission, or ways that you may be able to help out.

I was born and raised in New Haven and attended the Catholic church until the age of nine. At that time, we moved to North Branford and started coming to Zion, where I stayed until my late teens. As a child at Zion, I can remember chicken pie suppers, attending and then assistant teaching church school in classrooms downstairs and having lots of fun in the Zion youth group. After marrying my husband Sam and giving birth to my daughter Corinne in 1991 and my son Sam in 1993, we began attending Zion on a permanent basis. Shortly after returning to the church in 1993, I began teaching church school and then serving as the church school director for many years. Over the years, I have served in many capacities at Zion including, JTA leader, Altar guild, Reader, Minister of Communion, Finance committee member, NONH board member, Outreach coordinator, Worship committee member, Holiday fair and tag sale organizer, as well as Parish life coordinator and vestry member, of which I am currently serving.

I have worked many jobs over the years, most recently as a preschool teacher and caregiver to a dear woman living with dementia and also for my beloved husband who passed away in January 2017. Since then I have been working as a jack of all trades. I enjoy taking road trips with friends and family and having fun along the way. I love all things Disney, especially Mickey mouse and I like to read and scrapbook. I enjoy taking photos and I try to find and share a little bit of humanity every day.

I have seen Zion change in so many ways over the past 46 years, but one thing that has never changed is the commitment of the people to love and serve the Lord. I have found so many wonderful friends here, who have been such a blessing and a comfort to me through many good and bad times of my life.



My name is Diane Iglesias and I am currently on the Vestry serving as the Jr. Warden. As Jr. Warden I am responsible for working with the Building & Grounds committee to manage and maintain the physical facilities of the parish. Although we can get focused on the nuts and bolts, B&G realizes that its mission is to ensure that the physical plant is a welcoming place to worship and we are here to serve God's mission for Zion. So, all that we decide and do should help Zion fulfill its spiritual mission. It's also important to note that everyone who attends Zion can help be a part of keeping our space of worship in great shape by volunteering whatever time they can to work on clean-up day or helping with whatever skill or talent you can offer.

My spouse, Susan LeGeyt and I joined Zion in 1998 (both being raised as Roman Catholics) and became involved almost immediately in church activities. I currently serve as Minister of Communion, Lay Eucharistic Minister and on the Worship Committee. The Zion community has always been welcoming and we have made many wonderful friends.

I grew up in NYC and graduated from Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY, earned an MBA at the University of New Haven and JD from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT. I worked at the local telephone company, in various management positions for 25 years and then as a lawyer for 15 years with AT&T until I retired in 2015. I still do pro bono legal work for non-profits but I enjoy my retirement playing golf and enjoy learning yoga, playing piano, working in the garden and traveling. I'm of Puerto Rican descent and speak Spanish. My family consists of Susan, my mother Sara who is 89 and our dog Sandy and cat Minnie.

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## OUTREACH NEWS

**Chapel on the Green:** Zion will be hosting Chapel on the Green on Sunday, **June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for sign-up sheets. Chapel on the Green is a weekly outdoor (rain, snow, or shine) service held at Trinity Episcopal Church, New Haven. After the service lunches are served to all who come, the majority of whom are people who are in need of fellowship and a helping hand. If you have never experienced Chapel on the Green, please consider joining us and you will certainly see Jesus in every person there.

**Make May Matter:** With donations of women's toiletries and underwear to be given to Loaves & Fishes. Soap, shampoos, lotions, feminine hygiene products, new panties, and new or used bras will be collected during the month of May for the guests at Loaves & Fishes. All of these items do not qualify for purchase with S.N.A.P. or other assistance programs, so it is a real hardship for underemployed, underserved families. Please drop off all items in the designated area in the Parish Hall. Thanks so much for your generosity; your small acts demonstrate great love for God's least served.

We will work at Loaves and Fishes on **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**. Meet at Zion at 7:15 a.m. to carpool to St. Paul's & St. James Episcopal Church in New Haven. We are usually finished by 11 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism, Reception, Confirmation & House Blessings:** The next date for baptisms will be 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.

## **HALL USAGE DURING RENOVATION**

The parish kitchen will be undergoing renovations. 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 or into storage elsewhere.

Please see parish administrator, Debbie Anderson for more information and parishioner rate if you are looking to use the hall for a personal event. Hall use forms are available on the bulletin board in hall or on the church website.

## **Vicar's Sabbatical, Summer 2018**

*This article appeared in the Annual Report for 2017 which was discussed at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2018. It is reprinted here for the benefit of those who may not have read the Annual Report or attended that meeting.*

A three-month sabbatical after five years of service is standard practice for Episcopal priests and was part of my letter of agreement with Zion when I started in May 2011. Sabbaticals are common in many professions, most notably in teaching, with teachers in every grade level having two months every summer to recharge their batteries and return fresh and eager for the start of school in September. Professors regularly have a one semester break to work on publications or travel. For priests, sabbaticals are more than a time of rest or academic study. The Episcopal Church in CT holds on to the 'Sabbath' root in the idea of sabbaticals and requires that these leaves of absence include academic, spiritual, and renewal components.

Not wanting to put a financial burden on the Zion community while I take my sabbatical, I met with both Bishop Ahrens and the Zion vestry to propose two 6-week sabbaticals, rather than a continuous three month absence from Zion. Therefore, I will be taking shorter leaves over the next two summers. This also allows me to take a two year Spiritual Direction Course at Adelynrood Retreat and Conference Center in Massachusetts, that meets for two weeks each summer, 2018 and 2019. In addition, I will be taking an 8-day silent Ignatian retreat with a spiritual director at Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester. My leave this year will be combined with some of my regular vacation time.

During most of my absence, the Rev. Patricia Hames, who has substituted for me at Zion before, will cover most of the Sundays mid- June and July, two Sundays will be covered by the Rev. Page Rogers and a few Sundays of lay-led Morning Prayer. I was able to obtain a grant to cover the expense of the course I am taking, so monies set aside in the budget (each year) for continuing education will be used to pay for the supply priests. Pastoral care needs will be covered by Rev. Hames or by priests in neighboring towns. (We often cover for each other during vacations.)

My last Sunday with Zion will be June 10th when we will have one 9:00 a.m. liturgy. That Sunday will be the beginning of our usual summer worship schedule of just one liturgy at 9:00 a.m. I return to Zion on Sunday August 12th. While it is hard to imagine being away from Zion for two months, I know that you will be in good hands with the strong leaders in this community and with the Rev. Hames.

Yours in Christ, Lucy+

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE**

Spring will soon be in full bloom (we hope), which means that several projects will be happening at Zion.

First, we have hired someone to restore the outside window frames of the two stained glass windows facing the handicap ramp. Although we will continue to restore the stained glass over the next few years, we have decided to restore the window frames due to their current condition. This work will take a few days and we will let you know our expected start date.

Second, we will be adding a handrail to the handicap ramp and securing the ramp platform. Both will make the ramp more useable and secure.

Third, we are in the process of getting estimates from contractors for the kitchen renovation. The kitchen design will be on display in the parish hall. Once estimates are reviewed and a contractor is selected we hope to begin the renovation in June. Many thanks to Lisa Latham, Pat Lovelace and Carol Esposito for taking on the task of clearing out the items in the kitchen that are no longer used or needed. Also, thanks to Debbie Anderson for clearing out the file cabinets located in the kitchen since they will no longer be kept in the kitchen after the renovation.

Finally, the B&G committee is updating the five-year plan for review by the Vestry. The plan includes various projects focused on the long term and short-term maintenance of the church buildings and grounds. We will be providing a summary of the plan in the next B&G update article in Crossroads.

If you have any questions about these or any other projects or are interested in participating on the B&G committee please contact Diane Iglesias Jr. Warden ([digle35@sbcglobal.net](mailto:digle35@sbcglobal.net) or 203-430-4207).

Submitted by: Diane Iglesias

## **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.

## **MILESTONES**

**Xavier Ames Jordan-Poinsette:** baptized April 8th.

### **Godly Play Open House**

It's not your parents' Sunday School. There are no handouts, matching craft projects, or memorization required in Godly Play.



At Zion, before a child even enters the Godly Play room, anticipation begins to build; something important and wonderful is about to take place! Children sit in a circle around the story teller, who uses beautiful objects to tell a parable from Jesus or a story about our spiritual ancestors.

Godly Play is a Montessori like experience developed by the Rev. Jerome Berryman with the recognition that children already have an innate sense of the presence of God. What they need is the appropriate language to help them identify and express it, so it can be explored and strengthened. In each session, children experience a Bible story and are encouraged to wonder about its meaning and its connection to their lives. For the past three years, Zion has been using Godly Play and has established storytellers and an extensive collection of Godly Play stories.

**On Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Zion will hold a Godly Play Open House.** Come and experience Godly Play with your child. Hear the parable of the Mustard Seed and wonder together about all it holds for you.

Space is limited to 10 children and 10 parents. RSVP to 203-488-7395, or [zionvicar@att.net](mailto:zionvicar@att.net) to the Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar of Zion.

**CREATION CARE IN NORTH BRANFORD**  
North Branford's Hazardous Waste/Recycling/Solid Waste Committee has been working with [www.Plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.Plasticfilmrecycling.org) to increase the amount of plastics recycled. The film is recycled and for every six months we collect 500 lbs, the TREX company gives the town a free bench. They have earned two benches already. Their hope is to have benches located in several locations within town either near the collection site or in area parks. You may bring in your clean and dry bags at any of our collection sites (Town Hall, either library, Senior Center, Country Point, T&J launderette or Northford Store). Look for the postcard in the parish hall to see what is acceptable.

## SPRING TRAINING-NOT JUST FOR BASEBALL PLAYERS!



### *Time to take a new road?*

*"...Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*

If your heart is still burning after going to church or Bible studies; if you feel your daily prayer has become routine; if you feel like you need to take a different path on your walk with God, then EfM may be the new road to take.

EfM is a program for adults who are looking to go deeper into scripture, learn more about church history, develop their own theology and then apply it to everyday life.

Meeting in groups of six to twelve, members are encouraged to explore their beliefs through group discussion, reflection, prayer, and fellowship once a week over the course of thirty-six weeks, guided by trained mentors. Each person's experience and point of view is valued because EfM believes that we can better hear the word of God when we listen to each other's stories.

And the good news is that an EfM group will be starting in the Fall right here at Zion. Rev. Lucy and Jane Chick have been trained as mentors and will be leading this group on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**Come to an Open House on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 in the Parish Hall. Rev. Lucy and Jane will answer any questions you may have, as well as provide a short demonstration of a typical group session.**

**There will be handouts and refreshments.**

Let us know you are coming, or if you need more information please contact Jane Chick at 203-988-4401 or [ctycampboss@yahoo.com](mailto:ctycampboss@yahoo.com), or Rev. Lucy at 203-488-7395 or [zionvicar@att.net](mailto:zionvicar@att.net).

### 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)

For a few years now, the Zion vestry has been attending the Episcopal Church in CT's (ECCT) Spring Training in lieu of our annual vestry retreat. Instead of designing a one-size-doesn't-quite-fit-all program and hiring an outside consultant to guide us in reflecting on how Zion lives out the Gospel mission in our local context, each member of the vestry can choose from amongst dozens of workshops at Spring Training.

This year we gathered with 300 other Episcopalians from across CT at Lincoln Middle School in Meriden on Saturday April 7th. After introductions, orientation, and prayer, we 'gathered in the Word,' reflecting on a passage of Scripture one-on-one with a 'reasonably friendly looking stranger' sitting near us. We then each participated in three different workshops throughout the day and shared lunch together in the cafeteria. The workshops focused on administrative, spiritual, liturgical, social justice and pastoral topics.

Zion members attended sessions on Vestry 101: What is a Vestry and What Does it Do?; Vestry 301: Communication & Vestry Covenants; 3M's of Good Health: Movement, Meditation, and Music; Creating an Environment of Recovery from Opioids; Your Parishioner's Glasses; Paint & Pray; Parish Buildings: Better Serving You and Your Community; Transgender 101: All Those Questions One is Afraid to Ask; God's Call for You; Making Church Fun and Building Community at the Same Time; Recognizing, Understanding and Appreciating Differences as a Way to See, Name and Dismantle Oppression; and The Art of Risk Taking. In so many of the workshops, we learned as much from attendees from other parishes as we did from the presenters. It was great to connect with folks from other places who share our passion for the things of God. The day flew by!

On Sunday, April 8th, the vestry gathered for our regularly scheduled meeting but kept the business portion as trim as possible in order to spend time sharing all that we had learned and the ways we had been inspired in our respective workshops. We all agreed that it had been a fun and informative day well spent. Each year, Spring Training is open to all Episcopalians in CT, next year, I hope you will join us!

Yours in Christ, Lucy+

## Music News

I am so full of gratitude for the wonderful team of people who contributed to the music at Zion throughout the Lent and Easter season. The members of the choir came to church early and stayed after church every week for extra rehearsals so that we would be prepared. Then beginning with Palm Sunday, Holy Week was full of rich worship and music. Thank you, **Denise George, Laima Nori, Beth Greider, Sue McHenry, Wally Jones, Phil Bujalski, Mary Anne Hardy** and **Lauren Tolla,**

The dedicated choir led a time of hymns, anthems, and meditations on Good Friday. **Fredrick Goff** and **Dave Chick,** tenors, both sang beautiful solos. **Michele Kinrade** played “Were you there” on viola during the dramatic readings.

The choir continued to lead music on Sunday morning as we celebrated the glorious Resurrection, beginning with a vibrant rendition of “Joyful, Joyful” for the prelude. **Sofie** and **Sadie Passante, Abbey Jones,** and **Julianne George** sang beautiful solos during the uplifting song.

The service music was accompanied by **Skip Maler** on guitar, Michele Kinrade on viola, and **Kelly Hunt** on flute, which was an especially wonderful addition to the choir anthem. We were so happy to have Phil & Mary Anne’s daughters, **Anna** and **Julia Bujalski,** join the choir for the weekend.

It is so amazing to share worship with so many people who are willing to give their time and talents to lead the music at Zion.

Blessings,  
Ralene Goff





# Nursery on Notch Hill April Newsletter

*Dear Parents,*

*Spring time is officially here on the calendar but unfortunately the weather is still not spring like. We are all hoping that warmer days will arrive soon so we can spend more time on our playground.*

*Our Yankee Candle fundraiser is underway. Orders can be placed traditionally through the catalog or on line at [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com). Our group code is 999966805. Thank you for your support.*

*Our first field trip for our four year olds is scheduled on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Big Y. Please arrive at school at 11:30 to pick up your child. Siblings are welcome to attend.*

*Both our classrooms will be learning about dental care this month. Dr. Prota will be visiting Ms. Donna's class on April 6<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Ruiz from Branford Dental will be visiting Ms. Betsy's class later in the month.*

*Ms. Betsy will be starting child assessments in the month of April and will schedule parent conferences in May. If you have any specific questions or concerns you would like to discuss at that time please speak to Betsy.*

*Registration for the fall continues. Our classes for next year are filling up quickly. Ms. Betsy's three year old class has 5 available spots and Ms. Donna has one available spot remaining. Please continue to spread the word about our wonderful school. Your positive comments and complements about our school is our best advertisement.*

*Please remember that we will be closed the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> for spring vacation.*

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



## Summer Programs at NONH

Registration for our Summer Camp Programs will begin this month. The Summer Program will run one week.

**July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup>**

The session will run M-F from 9am-1pm. The cost is \$140. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your child a spot. This deposit will be applied to your camp fee. Registration forms are now available. Camp is limited to 18 children. Open enrollment to the public starts May 1st.

## Dates to Remember

- **Summer Camp registration begins April 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Visit to Big Y April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 – Ms Donna's 4's**
- **Dr. Prota will visit our 4's on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**
- **Dr. Ruiz will visit our 3's TBA**
- **Vacation – no school April 16<sup>h</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **Movie Night Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7:30pm**

## Save the Date

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

- Ms. Betsy's class - Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at noon
- Ms. Donna's class – Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon

## **Snack Helpers for April**

**Please bring a snack and juice for two school days**

Week 1 (4/2) No snack helpers

Week 2 (4/9) Vongher

(4/10) Surprenant

(4/12) Amendola

Week 3 (4/16) vacation week – no school

Week 4 (4/24) Miller/Azarigan

### **April Food for Thought**

**"Play is the highest form of research"**

**- Albert Einstein**

## April/May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>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. AA	Yoga			Yoga AA	AA	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Easter 2</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. 11:30 Vestry meeting AA	Yoga	7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Zion		Yoga	AA	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Easter 3</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga			Yoga AA	AA	11 a.m. Daly Reichwagen Funeral
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Easter 4</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga	7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Trinity Branford		Yoga AA	AA	10-11 a.m. Godly Play Open House
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Easter 5</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga			Yoga AA	AA	9 -11:30 a.m. Safe Church Training at Zion
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Easter 6</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga	7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Zion		Yoga AA	AA	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Easter 7</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga		6:30 – 8 p.m. EfM Open House	Yoga AA	AA	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>PENTECOST</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. 11:30 Vestry meeting AA	Yoga	7 p.m. Healing Prayer at Trinity Branford		Yoga AA	AA	7 a.m. Loaves and Fishes
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> HE 8 & 10 a.m. AA	Yoga			Yoga AA		

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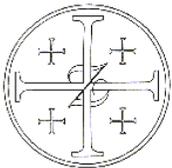
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**Vestry:** Janet Ainsworth, Carl Ford, Ann Harriman, Rita Smith, Tracy Sadlon & Ann McGloin

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

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



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