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Christmas Bazaar
Saturday December 7th

Woodbury will once again come alive this weekend as hundreds of people enjoy the annual Woodbury Christmas Festival.

St. Nicholas will great visitors in the Parish Hall, festively decorated for our Christmas Bazaar. Complimentary cookies, coffee and hot coca will be served. Christmas crafts, baked goods and a silent auction/raffle will be offered. The silent auction/raffle will feature many beautiful basekts with Christmas giving in mind. Come join the fun.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S**

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Become part of an experiment in online learning!

We have joined with ChurchNext to open up Saint Paul's Online School. You can be a new Seabury Scholar by asking The Rev. Greg Welin to join. If you send an email to Greg at welinstpauls@yahoo.com, he will send you a link so that you can register.

Once you get the link, you will pass on to our online school where you will create a username and password of your choosing.

At present we are offering:
- Introduction to the Bible with Marek Zabriskie
- Introducing the Gospels with Michael Card
- The Spirituality of the Book of Common Prayer with Karl Ruttan

Hope you can be part of this new experiment!
Each year in Advent with the focus on Christmas, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, somehow seems to sneak by us. Very little is known about the life of Nicholas, except that he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian. It is possible that he was one of the bishops attending the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325. He was honored as a saint in Constantinople in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian. His veneration became immensely popular in the West after the supposed removal of his body to Bari, Italy, in the late eleventh century. In England almost 400 churches were dedicated to him. Nicholas is famed as the traditional patron of seafarers and sailors, and, more especially, of children. As a bearer of gifts to children, his name was brought to America by the Dutch colonists in New York, from whom he is popularly known.

**Happy St. Nicholas Day**

**FESTIVAL OF WREATHS**  
**WOODBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**9:30 AM - 2:30 PM**  
A Festival of Wreaths will take place at the Woodbury Middle School in conjunction with the Christmas Craft Fair. Businesses and individuals decorate a wreath for a silent auction. Proceeds of the auction will benefit the Woodbury Community Services Food and Fuel Bank.

**VISITS WITH SANTA**  
**WOODBURY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
The Woodbury Junior Women’s Club plans for Santa’s arrival via fire truck bearing gifts for children of all ages. Bring your camera for a memorable picture with Santa. Refreshments will be served.

**NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
The Woodbury FFA Chapter will host the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience Center. The annual holiday plant sale will showcase pansies, wreaths, cemetery pots, Yule logs, and other decorative items for the holiday. Students will be available to help customers select items and prepare plants with holiday foil and sleeves in order to protect them during transport. Santa will be available to greet children and have pictures taken from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The Agriscience Center will also host a pet adoption from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The FFA Chapter is working closely with Litchfield based Stacy’s Pet Parlor to showcase the many dogs and cats that are in need of a good home. Please consider sharing your family and home with a special companion. Adopt.

**WOODBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
The Fire Department on Quassuk Road is opening its doors to shoppers on this very special day to browse the wares of twelve vendors specially selected for your holiday shopping - gifts, décor, and food. Come visit and finish your Christmas shopping. Gift wrapping on site, too.

**WOODBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Children’s Department**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
The Children’s Department invites you to drop in and create ornaments. Children can choose from an assortment of ornaments to make for presents or to decorate their tree at home.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**  
Our annual Christmas Fair offers shoppers an array of Christmas greenery, handmade gifts for your pets and backyard birds, a delicious cookie walk and bake sale, vintage jewelry, and great bargains at the new-to-you table. A raffle featuring tickets to a Lady-Hawks basketball game and much more will be held, and our Christmas Cafe featuring light refreshments will be open throughout the day.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**LUNCH 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
Start your holiday shopping at the United Methodist Church. Throughout the day, you will find craft vendors displaying their handwork including gift baskets, handmade jewelry, knitted items, Mary Kay cosmetics and more. Be sure to visit the Methodist women’s bake sale. Our delicious lunch menu includes our famous homemade New England clam chowder, beef barley soup, and croissant sandwiches. Finish off your lunch with a freshly made dessert. We take care of the kids, too, with PB&J sandwiches, munchie cookies, and a drink. Add in some cheerful Christmas music, and you have the perfect start to your holiday season.

**GLEBE HOUSE MUSEUM - GERTRUDE JEKYLL GARDEN**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
Experience the life of a Woodbury family during the Revolutionary War at the Marshall family, who lived here, prepare for the holidays. The museum will be decorated with holiday trees, swags, and many unique, one-of-a-kind decorations that may be purchased. Costumed docents will guide visitors through the downstairs of the house as young docents make noisemaker balls and string apples to dry over the hearth. Admission is by donation.

**ST. PAUL’S CHURCH**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
St. Nicholas welcomes visitors to this very festive bazaar. A wonderful Silent Auction and Basket Raffle will feature many beautiful baskets for Christmas giving. The splendid Christmas White Elephant department, lovely Christmas Crafts and delicious Baked Goods offer treasures for everyone. And for your enjoyment, complimentary coffee, tea, and cocoa will be served. Christmas shopping at its most pleasurable!

**ST. TERESA’S CHURCH**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
Lunch  
Come and spend time with the elves as they serve you a tasty lunch. There will be the famous Curtis House’s clam chowder and chicken noodle soup, as well as an assortment of sandwiches - chicken salad, ham, and good old PB&J. Cookies and brownies will be available for dessert. Come and enjoy the holiday. Santa will be making a visit too!

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 480**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Lunch**  
**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Dinner**  
**ST. PAUL’S CHURCH**  
Boy Scout Troop 480 will be serving lunch/dinner in the lower Parish Hall of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. The menu will feature pasta with meatballs and sauce, bread, salad, dessert, and a beverage.

**MAIN STREET BALLET**  
**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**  
“Nutcracker Caffe and Cider Tea.” Recommended for children aged 3 to 7. Receive a coupon good for a free children’s ticket with purchase of adult ticket to Nutcracker Ballet.
Advent Quiet Morning

An Advent Quiet Morning, “Called and Sent: For the Healing of the World” will take place on December 13 from 9 am - 12:30pm at three different locations in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. The Rev. Greg Welin will lead at St. Paul’s in Woodbury; Wendy Lyons will lead at Holy Trinity in Enfield; and the Rev. Rachel Thomas will lead at St. David’s in Gales Ferry. More information and registration is available at freshspringsretreats.org.
For those who find rejoicing hard

A Service of Remembrance and Hope
Saturday, December 20th

For those who find rejoicing hard
This annual event, includes music, readings and healing prayer. The Christmas season with its joy and festivities is often a difficult time for those who are experiencing sadness and loss.

Join us as we pray for comfort, hope and peace!

Remembering the Woodbury Food Bank

Woodbury Food Bank News - January is St Paul's month to support the Woodbury Food Bank on Fridays. If anyone is available to volunteer from 10 am to 1:30 pm (or any part of that time) please call Bonnie Leavenworth at 203-263-4174. Thanks for your support!
Please visit this site http://cscofwoodburyct.org to read the latest news on the Community Services Council of Woodbury, Inc.

General Priority Needs List for Woodbury Food Bank

- All soups, especially: Cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, chicken combo, split pea, chowder, Italian wedding, beef combo, chicken rice, pasta & bean… Chicken, beef & vegetable broths
- Pasta sauce
- Rice mixes
- Canned tuna
- Canned beef stew
- Canned hash
- Cannellini beans
- Kidney beans
- Baked beans
- Chickpeas (garbanzos)
- Canned mushrooms, canned olives, canned beets, canned fruits, including fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, pineapple & oranges
- Instant puddings
- Juice bottles & juice boxes
- Peanut butter
- Hot chocolate mixes
- Oatmeal
- Mayo, ketchup & mustard
- Vegetable, canola & olive oil
- Jams & jellies, especially raspberry, strawberry and orange
- Ground coffee (regular, decaf & half-caf.), Tea
- Laundry & dish detergents
- Personal care items including toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo & conditioner

Food Collection Sunday
The third Sunday of each month we encourage everyone to bring in food donations for the Woodbury Food Bank.
This Weekend’s Readings

A Call for Renewal

Isaiah 40:1-11

The first reading is a message of comfort and new hope to God’s people.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

The psalm both celebrates and prays for the Lord’s gracious favor, for God’s forgiveness, deliverance, and justice.

2 Peter 3:8-15a

This lesson is a reminder that the divine perspective on time can be very different from that of human beings. Many wonder why the Lord seems so slow to fulfill the promises of salvation and judgment.

Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark begins with the ministry of John the Baptist. He is the messenger spoken of in the scriptures, the voice that cries aloud in the wilderness. He is sent to prepare the way of the Lord through his call for repentance and baptism in water for the forgiveness of sins. The people flock to him, but he tells of a mightier one still to come who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

If you have fallen behind on your pledge offering, please make every effort to bring your contributions up to date. Your financial support is very much needed and appreciated.

Greg’s Sermons - Greg’s sermons are now available each week on our website StPaulsWoodbury.org by using the Sermon pull-down tab or by using the following link: www.stpaulswoodbury.org/sermons.

Stewardship Reflection

“Prepare the way of the Lord…”
- Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

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DECEMBER 7, 2014 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2014 EPISCOPAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

The winner of the first Episcopal Church Christmas card contest is Joan Covell from the Diocese of Western North Carolina with her painting “Good Tidings of Great Joy.”

A total of 11,531 votes were cast for 70 entries submitted by 48 artists. Covell’s winning image appears on the front of this year’s Episcopal Church Christmas card, which is available for download, free, at http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/2014-episcopal-church-christmas-card.

Covell, a professional artist, resides in Flat Rock, N.C., where she and her husband attend St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church. Her works have been exhibited extensively in studios and showings and she has recently illustrated a children’s book.

“The Baby Jesus is intentionally at the most important place in the composition,” Covell noted. “All the lines of perspective lead to the Christ Child.”

Her image, she explained, included the variety of plants that would have existed in that time – cypress, pomegranate, olives, figs and date palms.

To see more of Covell’s work, please visit http://www.viewpointbyjlc.com.

Joan Covell, “Good Tidings of Great Joy,” 2014, oil on canvas, 30 x 24 inches
Evangelism Training

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?”

All are invited to participate in a seven week evangelism training beginning on January 17 that will help participants become more comfortable engaging in spiritual conversation with people in their lives, learn to have effective one-on-one conversations around matters of faith, develop a “spiritual library”, and re-engage with God's mission. The training is free for individuals. Parishes wishing to participate are asked to contribute $100.

For more information or to register, see the eventbrite link. Contact The Rev Tom Furrer at 860-651-0202 or tfurrer@trinitytariffville.org with any questions.
“...he will feed his flock like a shepherd … carry the lambs … and gently lead the mother sheep.” If we believe that he indeed carries and leads us, is it not our joyful duty to follow His example by doing the same for others - both here in the parish and beyond our walls? Being a faithful steward is part of what helps us follow his example.

The Waterbury Chorale
Proudly Presents
Christmas
On the Green

Accompanist
Jenny Li

Music Director
Joseph J. Jacovino, Jr.

Saturday, December 6, 2014 8:00 PM St. Michael’s Church
25 South St. Litchfield, CT
Sunday, December 7, 2014 4:00 PM St. John’s Church
16 Church ST. Waterbury, CT

Ticket Information Call 203-888-3455 or go to:
www.waterburychorale.org
Participating in the Services

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Please remember to arrange for your own replacements and to keep the office informed of any changes at st.paulswoodbury@stpaulswoodbury.net.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Nov 23 - Kathie T. / JoAnn Witek
Nov 30 - Erin Jacques

Hebrews 13:2 - Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

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WORSHIP SERVICES
SAT. - 5 P.M
SUN. - 8 & 10 A.M.