

## 15th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

### Bishop Laura Ahrens to Visit



On Sunday, September 23, Bishop Laura Ahrens will lead the worship at services. If you wish to be baptized, confirmed or received during the service, please let Rev. Brian know. He will be

offering two preparatory classes: Sunday, September 16 from 12-1:30pm or Wednesday, September 19 at 7pm.



### Youth Group News

St. Mark's Youth Group begins in September! Our youth group will participate in the following monthly outings:

- September 14-15: overnight camping trip at Gay City State Park,
- in October the group will go apple picking (date TBD)
- November 9-10: Nightwatch at St. John the Divine in New York City, and
- December 21 Christmas Caroling.

Please save the dates for your middle school or high school student. Stay tuned for more details.



### Choir Update

Many thanks to those who are in the choir loft on Sundays. If you love to sing, please consider this notice as an invitation to join the group. Rehearsals are on Sunday morning at 9:15am. Thursday night choir rehearsals will be on September 13 and 20 from 7-8:30pm.

### Sunday School News



The first day of Sunday School will be September 9. All students will meet at 10am for assembly in Goodwin Hall, where the morning begins with songs of praise, a children's collection and prayer. Younger students then go to the Godly Play classroom. Older students follow the lectionary and engage in age-appropriate activities and discussions with lessons from our curriculum, "Feasting on the Word." **New Sunday School teachers are needed this year due to retirements. Please consider this wonderful ministry.** Please speak with Madison Day for more information. It is about a once a month commitment and Sunday School is done in teams.

### Bringing St. Mark's Mission to Life

<b>Sun., Sept. 9 10:00 am</b>	<b>Covenant Soup Kitchen Sandwich Making</b> <b>* 2nd Sunday of the month *</b>
<b>Mon., Sept. 10 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs., Sept. 13 8:00 am</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast- River and Rail Diner, (formerly Track Nine) West Willington</b> <b>* 2nd Thursday of the month *</b> Come and enjoy fellowship with the men of St. Mark's – all are welcome

## **NEW** Campus Ministry — NEW THIS FALL!!

The Campus Ministry Committee has exciting plans for the fall. Many thanks to Janet Belval, Jared Henderson, Matt Ouellette and Rev. Brian. The first new venture will be a Sunday evening Eucharist at 5PM on the Sundays when UConn is in session. August 26 is the first Sunday for campus communion, followed by a BBQ on the front lawn. This service is open to all and is a good way for students to come together in prayer. Janet is scheduling the dinners for Sundays—simple and welcoming to all. This is a wonderful way to get involved in campus ministry. Coming soon is a calendar of events. Please reach out to Janet for more information about the Sunday evening dinners.

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In September, the Progressive Christian Fellowship (PCF) will begin meeting on Tuesday evenings. Activities for the PCF will include attending the Human Rights March in Hartford on September 8, participating in the Crop Walk, a discussion group on social justice, a trivia night.



### **Amazon Smile**

If you designate St. Mark's as your charity of choice, Amazon will send a check for a percentage of money spent. Individually it might not be hugely beneficial but if the entire parish participates, there could be dividends to help the budget shortfall. It is easy to use: go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and log in to your existing account (if not already logged in) and follow the prompts to search for St. Mark's. **Thank you.**

## **Inviting People to Visit St. Mark's**

As the school year approaches, people will be moving to the area and church shopping. Please encourage anyone you meet to try on St. Mark's. There is something for everyone—community service, youth group, social justice programs, Progressive Christian Fellowship and many other opportunities to serve others.

### **Welcome AND Welcome Back!**

A most cordial and special welcome today, as vacations end and school resumes. In this season of transition, when people seek new community ties or look forward to refreshing established ones, know that everyone is welcome at St. Mark's: members of the University community--students, staff, faculty--no less than members of the communities that surround UConn. There are abundant opportunities here for spiritual growth during the week as well as on Sundays and for participating in service to the parish as well as to the surrounding communities. Announcements in the weekly service bulletin, on our Facebook page, and on the parish web site [www.stmarkschapel.org](http://www.stmarkschapel.org) call attention to these opportunities. The individuals responsible for those activities are noted in the invitations and will be happy to welcome you and explain how you can participate. Please stay for coffee and conversation downstairs after the service today and begin forming new acquaintances or refreshing well-established one.



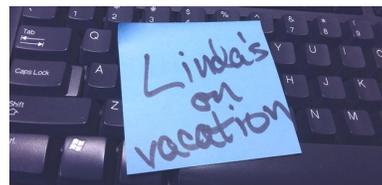
### Organ Rededication Concert!

Save the date, Friday, October 12 at 7pm for a wonderful evening of glorious music on the king of instruments, celebrating the restoration of the magnificent Brombaugh Organ. Ezequiel Menendez, Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford and Louis Hanzlik, trumpeter extraordinaire are the performers. There will be a reception following the concert. Invite a friend for a magical and memorable evening!

Monday Meditations at 8am will not be held tomorrow due to the Labor Day holiday.



Donations of non-perishable items are always appreciated to support the Covenant Soup Kitchen. Items can be placed in the food bin in the lower hallway.



The church office will be closed next week for vacation. Rev. Brian will be here and available for pastoral emergencies.

### Eucharistic Ministers Training

All current Eucharistic Ministers and those wishing to be licensed to participate in this meaningful ministry are asked to attend a training/refresher session with Rev. Brian on Saturday, September 22 at 9am.

### Book Discussion: Christianity after Religion

On Wednesday, September 19 at 7pm, Rev. Brian will lead a discussion of Diana Butler Bass' book, Christianity after Religion. Most Americans are aware that recent decades have been a time of change in religious belief, behaving, and belonging. Few people understand the complex concepts of these changes.

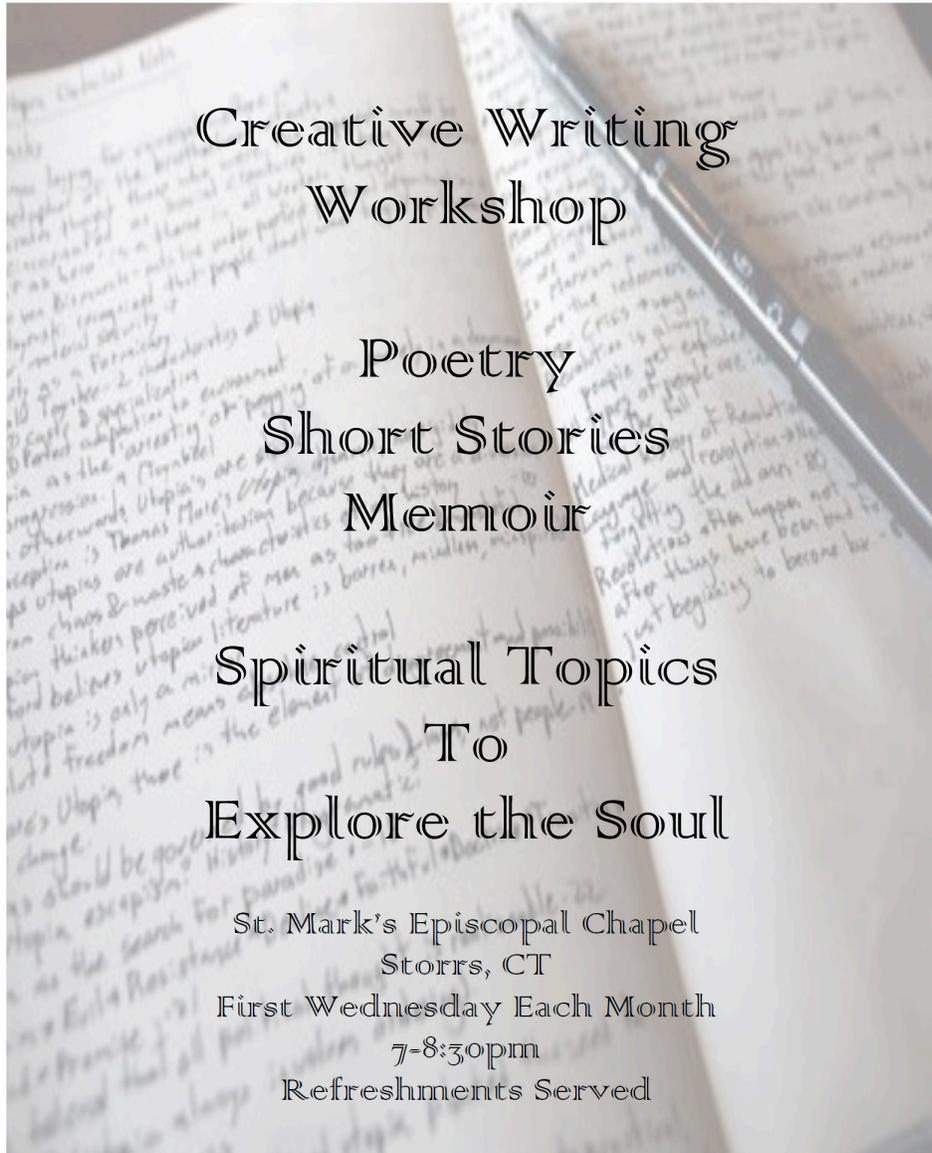
This three-part book explores these trends.

- Part 1, "The End of Religion," considers the changes within the framework of decline of traditional measures, primarily focusing on the last decade.
- Part 2, "A New Vision," captures the many and varied efforts to reshape Christianity for the future.
- Part 3, "Awakening," moves from possibility to practice by arguing that the current experiences are a Fourth Great Awakening.

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

September 2, 2018			
Ministry	Service	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>7:45</b>	Sue DeWolf	Barbara Rossiter
	<b>10:00</b>	John Doiron	John Doiron
<b>Flowers</b>		Kathy Carpenter	Barbara Rossiter
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>7:45</b>	John DeWolf	<b>Help!</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	Art Engler	Art Engler
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>10:00</b>		
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	<b>7:45</b>	Sue DeWolf	Barbara Rossiter
	<b>10:00</b>	Bruce Steinway	Will Hooper
<b>Reader</b>	<b>7:45</b>	Sue DeWolf	Barbara Rossiter
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Help!</b>	Mark Healey
<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>7:45</b>	Carol Higgins	Judy Hopkins
	<b>10:00</b>	Acey Neel	Mary Jo Tryba
<b>Sunday School Teachers</b>			
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>		Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
<b>Counters</b>	<b>10:00</b>		John DeWolf Sue Gagnon
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Amanda Hanzlik	Acey Neel Sonya Owen





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