

WATCH HILL CHAPEL

Watch Hill, Rhode Island Organized 1875 Union Services, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS FOR THE 2017 SEASON

June 18	The Reverend Ann M. Aaberg Pastor Mystic Congregational Church Mystic, Connecticut	Aug. 6	The Reverend Donald R. Frampton, D. Min. Senior Minister St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church New Orleans, Louisiana
June 25	The Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Pike Rector, Retired Calvary-St. George Church New York, New York	Aug. 13	Communion The Right Reverend William O. Gregg Rector St. Paul's Church San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
July 2	The Reverend Hillary R. Bercovici, Ph.D. Senior Fellow Trinity Institute Greenwich, Connecticut	Aug. 20	The Reverend John E. Barclay Pastor First Presbyterian Church Glens Falls, New York
July 9	The Reverend Adam S. Greene Head of School Episcopal School of Jacksonville Jacksonville, Florida	Aug. 27	The Reverend Alice Trowbridge Pastor Caldwell Presbyterian Church Lake George, New York
July 16	The Reverend Richard C. Allen, M. Div. Pastor The Congregational Church in South Glastonbury South Glastonbury, Connecticut	Choral Evensong 5:00 pm The Reverend Canon Mark K.J. Robinson	
July 23	Communion The Right Reverend W. Nicholas Knisely Bishop Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island Providence, Rhode Island Hymn Sing 5:00 pm	Sept. 3	The Reverend Andrew Archie Rector The Church of St. Michael and St. George Clayton, Missouri
July 30	The Reverend Dr. Mark Crumpler Associate Pastor for Worship and Formation First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	Sept. 10	The Reverend Dr. Leslie C. Smith Rector Emeritus Trinity Church Princeton, New Jersey

Roman Catholic Mass is celebrated each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.



The Watch Hill Chapel Society

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The Watch Hill Chapel Newsletter



SUMMER 2017

Welcome and Update

Welcome to the Watch Hill Chapel's 142nd summer season! Our season begins on Sunday, June 18th and continues with weekly services until the traditional closing service on Sunday, September 10th. Our annual newsletter has brief biographies of each of the accomplished ministers who will be preaching this summer on the insert. As always, there is a complete calendar listing of the services on the back page of this publication.

Father Kenneth J. Suibielski will continue to celebrate Roman Catholic Mass at 8:30 am on Sundays beginning June 25th and continuing through September 3rd. The Chapel would like to thank Father Ken for his willingness to offer Mass in the Chapel, continuing a tradition of holding Roman Catholic Mass in the Watch Hill Chapel for over 90 years.

The trustees of the Watch Hill Chapel are happy to announce the Chapel's newly updated website! The address remains the same (www.watchhillchapel.org), but please check out the new format! We hope that our members find the new site more user friendly and easier to find information about our upcoming services and events.

If you will be in the area on Wednesday, June 28th at 7:00 pm, the Chorus of Westerly is inviting the community to the Watch Hill Chapel for a send-off celebration in honor of their upcoming concert tour in Germany. The evening will feature selections from Bach's Mass in B minor with the 110-voice touring Chorus, professional soloists, and chamber orchestra.

In addition to our thirteen Sunday morning services, the Chapel will host two evening services beginning at 5:00 pm. The first is on July 23rd and will be our annual Hymn Sing. The second, on August 27th, the Reverend Canon Mark Robinson will lead a Choral Evensong accompanied by the Watch Hill Chapel Quartet and children from the Westerly Chorus. We hope that you will be able to join us for these Sunday evening services.

During the offseason, the Chapel held its annual Thanksgiving Day service led by Dr. Hillary Bercovici. The congregation and Chapel contributed \$36,200 to four local charities: The Living Supplies Closet, The Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, The Jonnycake Center, and the W.A.R.M. Shelter. As always, we are appreciative of the generosity of our community during the holiday season. On Sunday, December 23rd, the Ocean House hosted its annual Christmas in Song event, with carolers, Christmas bells, storytelling and festive cheer.

Chapel President Edith Eglin welcomed a group of 500 + historic preservationists and interested parties from all around the state of Rhode Island and neighboring vicinity in the Watch Hill Chapel on Saturday morning, April 29th. The occasion was the 32nd annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference which featured Westerly and Charlestown this year, with a focus on the Watch Hill community, Westerly's famous granite trade and the history of her stonecutters, as well as Quonochontaug and Cross Mills in charming Charlestown. The Chapel served as the central meeting place and was the venue for several guest speakers and workshops. Attendees were awestruck by the simple elegance of the chapel interior and many remarked how the mottoes remain timeless, and that the structure is reminiscent of a great ship. Edith's warm and informative remarks were the perfect way to start the day-long activities and reminded the audience of why they all made the trek to our historic village.



Ted Sanderson addressing the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Conference on April 29th.

Announcements

Reminder: Union Services begin at 10:30 am and refreshments will follow the services on the terrace.

As usual...

- Union Services begin Sunday, June 18th and end Sunday, September 10th.
- Catholic Mass will be celebrated beginning June 25th with the final service on September 3rd.
- If you would like to host the refreshments one summer Sunday, please contact Beth Bean at bethbean@msn.com or 348-8987.
- If you would like to donate the altar flowers for Catholic Mass and the Union Service, please contact Shelley Weier at shelleysweier@aol.com or 348-7029.
- Please note that childcare is available during both services in the Undercroft.
- From July 3rd through September 4th, the Chapel will offer our Sunday Morning Program led by Bonnie McNamara during the Union Service. The program is geared toward grade school children. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to attend.
- Please join us at 5:00 pm on Sunday July 23rd for our Hymn Sing. Andrew Howell, Director of Music, will provide the music. Refreshments will be served!
- Please join us at 5:00 pm on Sunday August 27th for Choral Evensong led by the Reverend Mark Robinson along with the vocal quartet of The Watch Hill Chapel, children from the Chorus of Westerly, and guest instrumentalists. Refreshments will be served!

If you would like to use email as your communication medium, please send your preferred address to the Chapel Secretary, Irene Cabot: watchhillchapel@cox.net

New this summer....

- The Chorus of Westerly invites the community to the Watch Hill Chapel on Wednesday, June 28th at 7:00 PM for a send-off celebration in honor of the Chorus of Westerly's upcoming concert tour of Germany. The evening will feature selections from Bach's Mass in B minor with the 110-voice touring Chorus, professional soloists and chamber orchestra. A light reception, graciously provided by Grant Simmons, will immediately follow the performance. Admission is free, but donations to support the Chorus of Westerly will be gratefully accepted. Celebrate the Chorus's grand adventure and send them off with a proud show of support from our community.

The Chorus of Westerly embarks on an international concert tour of Germany this July 6-17, 2017, performing one of the greatest choral works of all time, Johann Sebastian Bach's MASS IN B MINOR. As part of the celebrations in the country of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Chorus will perform in a number of historically significant venues including the Thomaskirche in Leipzig - Bach's own church. The tour marks the acclaimed ensemble's fifth international concert tour and first to Germany.
For more information please call 596-8663 or visit chorusofwesterly.org.
- The Watch Hill Memorial Library and Improvement Society will host a photography show this summer from July 31st-August 6th (12:00 pm-4:00 pm daily) with a cocktail reception on July 31st.
- SSAT, SAT, and ACT prep classes will be offered Monday, June 19th-Friday, June 23rd, Monday, July 17th -Friday, July 21st, and Thursday, August 3rd-Monday, August 7th hosted by Make Tests Fun. Space is limited to 10 students per class. To reserve a spot, visit www.maketestsfun.com.

Bible Study

Following the two popular sessions of Bible Study last August, the Rev. Sunil Chandy, Rector of Christ Church, Westerly, has agreed to return and lead three this summer on successive Tuesday mornings at 10:00, August 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Once again, Liz and Dick Sayre will host us at their house: 10 Larkin Road, Watch Hill. Fr. Chandy will delve further into the life of St. Paul, his Letter to the Ephesians and how it relates to the modern world and our own lives. Please join us.

Visiting Ministers August 27 through September 10, 2017



August 27:
The Reverend Alice Trowbridge
Pastor
Caldwell Presbyterian Church
Lake George, New York

Reverend Trowbridge was born and raised in NY and CT and spent summers during college working at the Weekapaug Inn. She earned a B.A. in Art History from Occidental College, worked at Christie's Auction House, served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Mali, Africa, and then returned to NYC where she earned a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary. Reverend Trowbridge spent the first decade of her pastoral ministry in Chicago, serving as an associate pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church. She then moved to NY and served as Parish Associate at the First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls for several years. She met her husband, Jeb, as ninth graders at The Hotchkiss School, and they have three daughters: Annabelle (13), Lilly (10), and Kate (7). Reverend Trowbridge is the pastor of Caldwell Presbyterian Church, a small but vital congregation of about 120 in the heart of the village of Lake George.



September 3:
The Reverend Andrew Archie
Rector
The Church of St. Michael and St. George
Clayton, Missouri

The Reverend Andrew J. Archie is in the midst of serving his sixteenth year as the Rector of The Church of St. Michael and St. George Episcopal Church. Prior to moving to Missouri, he served for twelve years as rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Purcellville, Virginia. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Episcopal Seminary. He has also serves on the faculty of Leadership In Ministry since 1999.



September 10:
The Reverend Dr. Leslie C. Smith
Rector Emeritus
Trinity Church
Princeton, New Jersey

Reverend Smith served sixteen years as rector of Trinity Church, Princeton, the largest Episcopal church in New Jersey with extensive outreach and an excellent music program. He retired a few years ago and has since held four interim positions, as rector at Christ Church, Short Hills, New Jersey, then at Calvary Church, Stonington, followed by a year as Associate Rector at St.Luke's, Darien, and Trinity Church, Souphport.

During his distinguished career, he served as Archdeacon of the Diocese of Newark, the assistant to Bishop John S. Spong. Prior to that he was rector of Christ Church in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, following posts in Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts. He is a graduate of the Virginia Seminary and has also been awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by Virginia in recognition of his strong work in parish ministry. Reverend Smith, and his wife Lois, have five children and seventeen grandchildren.

Necrology

Barbara M. Caspersen
Courtland R. Chapman, Jr.
Virginia T. Daukas
A. Webster Dougherty, Jr.
Robert S. Gates

Janice M. Hebb
Ellen Murray
Marjorie M. Nugent
Ralph E. O'Connell III
Margaret O. Ronaldson

Marion W. Whittemore

Visiting Ministers June 18 through July 16, 2017



June 18:
The Reverend Ann M. Aaberg
Pastor
 Mystic Congregational Church
 Mystic, Connecticut

Rev. Ann M. Aaberg, C.P.A., M.P.H., M.Div. serves as Pastor of Mystic Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Mystic, CT, having arrived there in 2008 soon after graduating from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. While attending seminary, Reverend Aaberg served the Wollaston Congregational Church in Quincy, Massachusetts, as their minister of Christian education. Prior to attending Andover Newton, she pursued careers both in accounting and in health care policy. After earning a bachelor of science in management from Babson College, Reverend Aaberg spent several years as a certified public accountant and eventually as the chief financial officer of the family business. Upon completing a Master's degree in public health at the Boston University School of Public Health, Reverend Aaberg worked in health care policy at the state level, both as a senior policy analyst and as a consultant, and then served as the executive director of the Massachusetts Healthcare Purchaser Group until entering seminary in 2003. Reverend Aaberg and her husband Doug live in Mystic and cherish the time they are able to spend with their children and grandchildren.



June 25:
The Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Pike
Rector, Retired
 Calvary-St. George Church
 New York, New York

Reverend Pike is the Rector Emeritus at the Parish of Calvary-St. George, a parish he served as Rector for thirty-seven years (1971-2008). Reverend Pike earned his B.S. from the State University of New York, his M. Div and D.D. from the Berkely Divinity School at Yale, and his D. Min from the New York Theological Seminary. Within his community, Reverend Pike served as Chair of the Partnership for the Homeless in New York City from 1981-91; President of the Preservation League of New York State from 1989-90; and Commissioner of Landmarks for the City of New York from 1991-2006.



July 2:
The Reverend Hillary R. Bercovici, Ph.D.
Senior Fellow
 Trinity Institute for Spiritual Formation
 Greenwich, Connecticut

Dr. Hillary R. Bercovici is a life-long summer resident of Watch Hill. An Episcopal priest, he has been in parish ministry since 1984. Dr. Bercovici was born and raised in Manhattan, where he worked after college as a NYC-EMS Paramedic in Harlem and the South Bronx, before entering seminary and graduate school. Holding an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Psychology & Theology, Dr. Bercovici also maintains a part-time practice of pastoral psychotherapy.



July 9:
The Reverend Adam S. Greene
Head of School
 Episcopal School of Jacksonville
 Jacksonville, Florida

Reverend Greene is a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall and has a bachelor's degree in political science from Vanderbilt University. In 2009 he earned his Master's Degree in Divinity from Yale Divinity School. Reverend Greene was ordained as an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Atlanta in 2009. Reverend Greene has just completed his first year as the Head of School at the Episcopal School of Jacksonville. Prior to joining the Episcopal School of Jacksonville and attending divinity school, Reverend Greene was a highly successful leader for more than 20 years in global investment banking and finance at firms all over the world, including Citicorp, ABN Amro Bank and Wachovia, among others.



July 16:
The Reverend Richard C. Allen, M. Div.
Pastor
 The Congregational Church in South Glastonbury
 South Glastonbury, Connecticut

The Reverend Richard C. Allen graduated with a B.A. from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas in 1969. He earned his Master's Degree in Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School in 1975. Reverend Allen then served in the Peace Corps from 1969-71 in Malawi, Africa. Reverend Allen has served three parishes: a Lakota reservation in South Dakota, a dairy community in Wisconsin, and now in the bustling suburb of South Glastonbury, Connecticut. This year marks his 28th year in South Glastonbury at the Congregational Church. He remains a frequent visitor to Malawi. His experiences there are brought back to the local church ministry, where his passion is involving people of all ages in life-changing mission endeavors.

Visiting Ministers July 23 through August 20, 2017



July 23:
The Right Reverend W. Nicholas Knisely
Bishop
 Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island
 Providence, Rhode Island

Bishop Knisely was elected to be the 13th Bishop of Rhode Island in June of 2012, and was ordained Bishop on November 17, 2012. The Bishop was born and raised in Pennsylvania and met his wife Karen while they were both students at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. Later, as a graduate student at the University of Delaware, Bishop Knisely decided to leave behind his studies of Physics and Astronomy and was sent to Yale/Berkley Divinity School to study for the Priesthood. He was ordained to the diaconate in Delaware in 1991 and to the Priesthood in 1992. Bishop Knisely previously served as a Priest in Delaware, Western and Eastern Pennsylvania, and as Dean of the Cathedral in Phoenix, Arizona. He has been active in a number of ministries with particular focus in the areas of homelessness, communications, college and youth, finance, and ecumenical relations. He taught Physics and Astronomy for nearly seven years at Lehigh University while he was serving in Bethlehem, PA. He was the first chair of the General Convention Standing Commission on Communications and Technology and was part of the Moravian-Episcopal Dialog that drew up the full communion agreement between the two denominations. Bishop Knisely and Karen have been married for 30 years and have a teenage daughter named Kenney.



July 30:
The Reverend Dr. Mark Crumpler
Associate Pastor for Worship and Formation
 First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Before coming to First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, Mark Crumpler's vocational journey has included serving as a hospital chaplain and teaching Bible at the college level in both full-time and adjunct positions. His greatest love, however, aside from being a dad and a husband, is his pastoral work of shepherding and leading God's people in the local church. Reverend Crumpler's pastoral ministry is grounded in a desire to blend the life of the mind with the love of God. He discovered a love for theological study in an introductory college course in Christian doctrine. After receiving his B.A. in English from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, Reverend Crumpler did his M.Div and Ph.D work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Reverend Crumpler's great joy in ministry is the unfolding of biblical truth in a way that allows people to meet God in life changing ways.



August 6:
The Reverend Donald R. Frampton, D. Min.
Senior Minister
 St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church
 New Orleans, Louisiana

Don Frampton has been Senior Pastor of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans for 23 years. With an 1100 member congregation, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian is a leader in outreach to the city sponsoring tutorial help for 2nd graders, a residential program for women who have been sexually exploited, and a free day camp for low-income children. In addition, since 2005 SCAPC has hosted over 6,000 volunteers from around the country through its Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans program. Don has served as Moderator of the Presbytery of South Louisiana, board member of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and currently sits on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry as well as the Ethics Review Board for the city of New Orleans. He and Colleen, a Nurse Administrator at a local community clinic, have three grown children and one grandchild.



August 13:
The Right Reverend William O. Gregg
Rector
 St. Paul's Church
 San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

Bishop William Gregg earned a Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame in 1993, three Master of Arts degrees between 1977 and 1990 and a B.A. in 1973. His ordained ministry spans 37 years serving dioceses in Virginia, Indiana, and Connecticut, and before arriving at St. Paul's, as Bishop of Eastern Oregon and Assistant Bishop of North Carolina. Through the Dioceses of North and East Carolina he served on the Board of Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry, which primarily aided Mexican farm workers. In South Africa and Australia he was challenged to think bigger or differently depending on the local culture. Bishop William's wife Kathy is a former curator of a doll and toy museum in North Carolina and a 36-year teaching veteran who taught special education for twenty years.



August 20:
The Reverend John E. Barclay
Pastor
 First Presbyterian Church
 Glens Falls, New York

The Reverend John E. Barclay, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church in Glens Falls, New York, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Princeton Theological Seminary. Reverend Barclay is a native of Kentucky, and has served as Senior Pastor in Glens Falls since 1980. He is married to Andrea Winter-Barclay and has two daughters, one son and two grandsons.