

*St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, Connecticut*

VISION



BRIDGEWATER FAIR – AUGUST 18-19-20

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP BY CALLING

860-354-8269

or by emailing us at

SMBRIDGEWATER@GMAIL.COM

WITH EVERYONE'S HELP – WE CAN DO THIS !!!!!

Karen Eddy, Fair Coordinator



Look for our booth at the FAIR where you will find aged Cabot Cheddar Cheese, amazing kosher dill pickles, cold lemonade and iced tea, many varieties of cookies, breads, brownies, our ridiculously good peach & apple cobbler and of course at least 25 varieties of our famous jams.

IT'S ONE STOP SHOPPING FOR YOUR COUNTRY FAVORITIES !!!!



THE 2023 BRIDGEWATER FAIR AUGUST 18-19-20

With the Bridgewater Fair fast approaching, we are in full court tilt with preparations for our biggest fund-raising event of the year. The following information is provided to assist all who are involved with the Fair:

HOW YOU CAN HELP ???

BAKE-BAKE-BAKE – The Bread Baking crew (Karen, Lil, Barbara, Pat and Marie) have been baking breads in our church kitchen for many weeks. This same group of hardworking folks (aka the Jamming Crew) lead by Blanchette has also been producing a variety of jams for the Fair. Our bread baking has produced a nice variety of banana, zucchini and pumpkin breads, but we would like to offer other varieties as well. If you have other family favorites, please feel free to whip up a few loaves for the cause.

COOKIES/BROWNIES NEEDED - We would like to have a nice variety of cookies and brownies to round out our enticing selections. Chocolate Chip and Oatmeal Raisin Cookies are being made, but all other varieties of cookies are needed. There is plenty of freezer space in the church basement. All baked goods going into our freezers should be double wrapped and labeled with ingredients listed (especially nuts) and the bakers name on them. Do not worry about fancy wrappings. All final wrapping, labeling and pricing will be done by our experienced team several days before the Fair. **When considering what to bake, please avoid gooey frostings, cream fillings and toppings that are hard to wrap and perish quickly in the heat and humidity of the Fair.**

TENT SET-UP – During the week before the Fair, our tent and trappings will be transported to the fairgrounds and erected. **Allen Eddy** will organize this important task. Those who have offered to help will be receiving emails from Allen with the necessary details. Please feel free to call him at **860-355-4032** if you have any questions.

OTHER TASKS: During the weeks before the Fair there are supplies that must be picked up and other tasks. **PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE PARISH HALL IF YOU CAN HELP OR CALL KAREN EDDY AT 860-355-4032.**

BOOTH SET-UP - On Friday morning (**August 18th**) the booth set-up begins. Many hands are needed to transport food, jams and supplies to the fairgrounds and prepare the booth for the opening of the Fair. **Volunteers are asked to report to the church on Friday, August 18th at 9:30 a.m.** Trucks are needed for hauling supplies. **Please speak to Karen Eddy, if you can help.**

MANNING OUR FAIR BOOTH - It takes approximately 190 man-hours to staff our booth throughout the 3-day fair weekend. To keep things running smoothly from opening bell on Friday afternoon to close Sunday evening, the booth must be staffed with between four to five people at all times. The **Fair Worker's Schedule** has been posted in the parish hall. Please sign up for as many shifts as possible. If you can't get in to sign up, please give Karen Eddy a call (**860-355-4032**) or leave a message on the phone at the church office (**860- 354-8269**).

HEALTH DEPT. REQUIREMENTS – Since Bridgewater is part of the Newtown Health District, we have rules and regulations that must be followed as participants in the Fair. There is **FOOD HANDLING GUIDE** that must be read by all Fair Workers. You will find a copy in the parish hall. These rules must be understood and followed by all booth workers.

PARKING - Once the fair begins, the traffic and congestion in the little town of Bridgewater become intense. It often takes much longer to drive into town and park than one would imagine. Those who come from out of town must allow extra time to get into the fairgrounds. Also, many of the parking areas are quite a distance away and require walking to reach the booth.

RIDES - We hope to be able to offer rides (via our golf cart) to those who might find it difficult to walk long distances. Please make arrangements ahead of time with Allen Eddy by calling 860-355-4032.

LIFTING - The physical requirements of manning the tent can be very demanding. It is often very hot, humid and/or rainy, and it can get quite chilly in the evening. The wheels of cheese weight 30-40 lbs. each and there are 5-gallon pickle buckets to open and lift and 5-gallon ice tea coolers that must be filled and moved. This makes it necessary for us to have several workers in the booth at all times who are capable of lifting.

FAIR PASSES – We will have **FAIR PASSES** available for all assigned booth workers. The passes can be picked up at the church from Friday afternoon on. Please call Karen if special arrangements are needed to get a pass.

AFTER FAIR TEARDOWN – On Sunday evening, **August 20th**, the Fair closes around **6:00 pm.** We must dismantle our booth and return everything to the Church. It takes many hands and pick-up trucks to accomplish this. Volunteers should report to the booth at approximately 5:30 or when the Fire Department announces that vehicles are allowed on the grounds.

AFTER FAIR CLEAN UP – Once the Fair is over all of our utensils, fair equipment and supplies have to be washed, cleaned, packed and organized for storage. Helping hands are needed at the church on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. PLEASE DON'T LEAVE THIS JOB TO THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED THE ENTIRE FAIR WEEKEND AND ARE EXHAUSTED.

ACCOUNTING – Also on the Monday after the Fair, the proceeds must be counted and deposited. Several people are needed for this task. Please speak to Karen or Blanchette if you would like to help.

Remember, the Fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we depend on this income. Let's all pitch in and make it the best Fair ever. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Thank you.

Karen Eddy, Fair Coordinator

NOTHING QUITE COMPARES TO THE BRIDGEWATER FAIR

PLEASE HELP US PAINT THE SAINT

**We need some help with
getting our church painted.
If you are able, please
donate what you can.
Thank You!
St. Mark's
Episcopal Church**



ST. MARK'S CHURCH - AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH = Church ZO = Zoom TBA = To Be Announced		1	2 10-Jam 11-3 Office Open	3	4	5
6 10th Sun after Pentecost 10am - Holy Eucharist CH & ZO	7	8	9 10 - Jam 11-3 Office Open Grange - 7:30	10 10 AM Garden Club	11	12
13 11th Sun after Pentecost 10am - Holy Eucharist CH & ZO	14	15	16 No Jam 11-3 Office Open FAIR TENT SET-UP weather permitting	17	18 FAIR 4-11 pm BOOTH SET-UP 9 - 1:00	19 FAIR 8 am - 11 pm
20 12th Sun after Pentecost NO SERVICE FAIR 8 AM - 6 PM	21 FAIR CLEAN UP at church 9:30 - 1:00	22	23 No Jam 11-3 OFFICE OPEN	24	25	26
27 13th Sun after Pentecost 9:30 - 10am - Holy Eucharist CH & ZO	28	29	30 10 - Jam 11-3 Office Open	31		

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AUGUST 2023 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	LESSON READERS	Lead the PSALMS	PRAYERS of the People	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	FLOWERS
Aug 6TH	1 st – Ken Miller 2 nd – Carol Wilbur	Ken Miller	Carol Wilbur	Ken Miller	Carol Wilbur	Carol Wilbur
Aug 13TH	1 st – Estelle Mackenzie 2 nd – Carol Wilbur	Estelle Mackenzie	Carol Wilbur	Ken Miller	Barbara Oster	Carol Wilbur
Aug 20th **FAIR**	NO SERVICES Maybe a Prayer at Tent?					
Aug 27th	1 st – Ken Miller 2 nd – Blanchette Bailey	Ken Miller	Blanchette Bailey	Glenn Adams	Barbara Oster	Carol Wilbur

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE.

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PURPOSE STATEMENT

St. Mark's is a window to the revelation of God, as cornerstone of our community, welcoming all while keeping with the Episcopal Tradition. We are energized by our family through fellowship and camaraderie with a purpose of growth and outreach.

