



THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

Calendar highlights:

- 1) Three services start again on September 9
- 2) Church school registration on Sunday, September 9 during coffee hour with ice cream
- 3) Bishop Ahrens will be here Sunday, September 16 . We will have only 1 service that day at 9:15 and Church school will follow
- 4) Ted Sloan's memorial service on Saturday, September 15 at 11 am
- 5) Pig Roast on Saturday, September 15 at 5:30 pm

The Faces of Our Faith

THANK YOU 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE!

On June 16, 2012 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary as a parish. More than 150 people attended the festivities including several former clergy who served here over the years. The music was exhilarating with Megan Sesma on the harp and our interim organist Roberta Stocksdale playing the organ and conducting the 22 member choir which was comprised of current and former parishioners and choir members.

Bishop Ian Douglas presided and he was very impressed with the turnout and the enthusiasm of everyone present. Alan Miller put together a heartfelt slide show depicting many people and activities over the last half century. It was a glorious day!

I want to say THANK YOU to our 50th Anniversary co-chairs, Maggie and Charlie Walden and the entire committee for all the hard work they put in over the last two years to make this a memorable experience!

Our Connecticut state representative, Noreen Kokoruda, will be coming to St. Andrew's on a Sunday in September to present us with a government citation for our 50 years of service in Madison. The tentative plan is to have her come on September 16th during coffee hour when Bishop Laura Ahrens is here for our visitation.

In addition, the 50th history committee did a superb job in compiling our parish history into the book, "Dream to Reality". This document is still available for a minimal cost of \$10. These books will be available after each service throughout the month of September so get your copy now before they are all sold out!

The diocesan archivist was so taken with our historical account that she sent the letter, on page 3, congratulating us on this fine work. Thank you to this group for their diligence and remarkable effort in putting this document together!

A Priest Perspective

Moving From Priest-in-Charge to Rector

In early 2013 the vestry will be meeting with Bishop Laura Ahrens and our diocesan consultant, Barbara Casey to discuss changing the status of our parish from having a priest-in-charge back to having a rector. In order to do this we need your help even if you do not know what these different categories entail. Bishop Ahrens will be at St. Andrew's on Sunday, September 16 for her visitation and will address this issue with the parish. We will follow this up with dinner gatherings at select parishioner homes and it will culminate in a parish-wide retreat. It is imperative that we have your input in this process! Please join us by signing up on September 16 to attend a dinner. There will be child friendly venues so plan to bring your whole family!

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Connecticut Episcopal Diocesan Highlights

*Take heart,
daughter, your
faith has made
you well." --
Matthew 9:22*

Starting 1 Advent 2012, priests in the Diocese of Connecticut may officiate at the civil marriage of a same-sex couple. Those who choose to do so have new liturgical resources, a rite for provisional use approved at General Convention, "I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing," as well as pastoral resources for preparing same-sex couples. This information was included in a letter emailed on August 3 to clergy of the Diocese of Connecticut. The letter, the resolution from General Convention, and the full resource referenced, are linked here from this diocesan website page.

https://www.ctepiscopal.org/Content/Blessings_.asp

Special Adult Forum Held to Discuss New Diocesan Approved Same Sex Marriage Blessing

St. Andrew's will be holding an adult forum on Sunday, October 14 after the 9:15 service to discuss this new development. We will have an 8:00 am service as usual but we will combine the 9:15 and 11:00 services that morning to give us ample time to discuss this important issue. Please plan on attending!



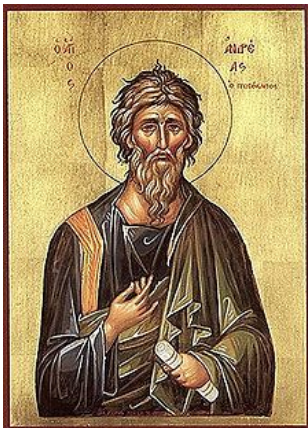
Musical Tidbits!

I am looking forward to the fall with creative opportunities for all ages. Our "TASTE OF BROADWAY" (the Music Committee's fundraiser) returns for its 2nd year. This slightly over the top musical revue performed BY ADULTS and FOR ADULTS will have its first informational meeting on Saturday, September 8th at 2:00 PM. Any adult interested in participating - please come to this meeting. If you are interested but can't make this meeting, please contact Joy at JoyWeaver228@gmail.com and let her know. This was LOTS OF FUN for all involved last year so if you're a "closet musical star", this is your chance to shine.

For children in grades 1 - 6, we will be holding auditions for "JOY STORY" on Saturday, September 8th at 12:00 PM. No experience is necessary. All children will be taught a song to sing at these auditions. Everyone will be cast in the show - the auditions are just a chance to meet everyone who will be involved and give the director (Joy) a better idea of how to cast everyone. "Joy Story" is a Christmas Musical Fantasy set in a wonderful place called "The Joy Store." It is the ultimate toy store where the toys are priceless and the joy is free! As the story begins, Miss Joy is worried by news that her lease has been bought by a "mega" toy store owner, FAO Schmaltz, who can't wait to make LOTS of changes - and LOTS of money! This delightful musical brings the true meaning of Christmas to life as the toys teach FAO about Jesus.

For teens in grades 7 - 12, we will be holding auditions for "Hula Hoops and Halos" on Saturday, September 8th at 10:00 AM. No experience is necessary. The teens will be taught a song from the show, asked to sing and read a scene at the auditions. Everyone will be cast in the show. "Hula Hoops and Halos" is a 50's style musical (a la Grease) that brings a guardian angel to earth to help Betsy learn how to fit in while being true to herself. Filled with poodle skirts, leather jackets and some 50's style music to do-wop to, Betsy and her friends find their way.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact Joy Weaver at JoyWeaver228@gmail.com.



Diocesan Archivist (continued)



the
**Episcopal Diocese
of Connecticut**

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July 2, 2012

Dear Maggie, the researchers, authors and editors on the History Committee,

Many thanks for the History of the first fifty years of St. Andrew's Church in Madison, which arrived on yesterday's mail. I think your book is aptly named, "Dream to Reality" not only because of your history, but because you all had a vision for celebrating your 50th anniversary.

I know many people had a hand in this, and I salute you all on a job well done. I particularly like your emphasis on the lay people, who in my opinion, are the backbone, feet, hands, and heart and of any congregation. The number of photographs in the volume is remarkable. You all have done an exemplary job of keeping your archives in order for such a project as this.

I do hope that your parish appreciates the fine congregational history you have published, and I suggest that you have donate a copy to your local historical society if you haven't already done so.

Faithfully,

Meg Smith
Margaret B. Smith



*I sought the
LORD, and he
answered me; he
delivered me from
all my fears. Psalm
34:4*



Annual Pig Roast

Save the date, Saturday September 15, for the third annual Pig Roast. Festivities will begin at 5:30 PM with the dinner served at 6:30. There will be activities for all ages. Once again, we need our cake bakers to gear up for prizes for the cakewalk. If you have attended in the past, you will remember the faces of the kids who win a cake. This should warm the heart of all cake bakers. Meat and drinks will be provided.

This is a pot luck, last names starting with an A thru K should bring a salad, and K thru Z a dessert. If you have your heart set on providing something outside your alphabetic assignment just coordinate a switch with someone. Friends are welcome to come. We have not set a specific price for attendance but we have in the past received generous support from all as we take collections up for the evening. Our goal is to

cover the cost of the event, we hope you find this a great way to enjoy family and friends and will support the financial cost for the event. We have some great new surprises this year. If you have enjoyed the event in the past, it should be even better this year. Please try to attend. If you have questions contact Dick Johansen, cell 203-887-0398.



Musical Notes

This Month the Vestry is honored to announce the appointment of a new Musical Director, Grant Underwood. Below is a letter that Grant has sent to the parish as in introduction of himself and a look forward to the musical ministry in the days ahead.

Dear St. Andrew's Members and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well! I am writing to introduce myself and share my excitement about taking on a new role at St. Andrew's. As I begin as Music Director here, I can't imagine a better place to worship, give, and grow: I am blessed to join a church committed to living out the parish vision and that has a foundation of friends, supporters, and musicians (my favorite!) – folks like you – working in and beyond the parish for our church and others in Madison. I am so blessed to join you!

I return to music with an overwhelming sense of responsibility to a place and denomination I'm proud to call part of my religious heritage. Growing up outside of Columbus, Ohio, I learned more about the Episcopal Church during undergrad at Ohio State, where I began attending campus ministry and events at St. Stephen's Episcopal, the same church where my parents were married. After the wedding, my mother, Episcopalian, and my father, Presbyterian, worshipped at First Presbyterian Church of Marysville, Ohio, the church I attended in my childhood.

Marysville is a rural community where small, rural churches are plentiful. Peoria United Methodist was such a church, and one day, shortly after I learned to accompany the basic hymns, the pastor of Peoria shared with me that his congregants – 15 strong, any given Sunday – could not find an accompanist. I offered to play every Sunday, and so, during my middle school years, accompanied for the very first time.

The Welcoming Committee is hosting this event to encourage Parishioners to bring Newcomers to our church

St. Andrew's Afternoon Tea

Please bring a friend and neighbor looking for a church home for tea and scones, on the lawn.

Sunday Sept 23rd 2012

3-5 p.m.

Any questions?

Rosie Price:

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Church Pre School

St. Andrew's Preschool is excited to be starting a Kindergarten program this year. The program is called The Young Learner's Program. The program includes enrichment programs such as Spanish, art and physical education. There is also a religious component.

The program runs from 9am-12pm. There is an option to stay for lunch bunch until 1:30pm or extended day until 3pm. We have a dance planned for September and an open house. Please look at the website for upcoming dates <http://www.standrewsschoolct.org/> or join us on Facebook. Judy Goldberg, Director



Musical Notes (contd.)

Peoria Church closed shortly thereafter. My freshman year in high school, I headed to First English Lutheran to serve as organist and accompanist. I loved playing the liturgical settings that I had never experienced before; it is because of those four years that I have that same admiration for liturgy today, and how it can be the steadfast, adaptable, and collective life of worship.

In college I accompanied several choirs and voice majors at Ohio State, playing for hundreds of singers each week. On the weekends, when I wasn't worshipping at St. Stephen's or with my parents on occasional trips back home, I served briefly as an Interim Director of Contemporary Music at a large Methodist church, where I grew to appreciate the less formal worship that I had never before experienced. The guitarist there, Joe, told me that I should try guitar, and I did! I'm still a beginner, but now I sometimes enjoy strumming in worship as an alternative to the keyboard.

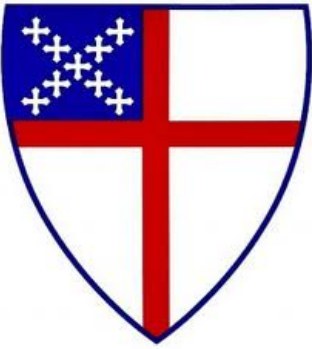
My senior year, I interned with an educational nonprofit and that got me student teaching in Columbus Schools. Seeing firsthand the extra challenges that students in low-income communities face, my wonderful students instilled in me a deep belief that all children can achieve dramatic academic success; in turn, I applied for Teach For America, and shortly thereafter, moved to Baltimore, where I taught senior English, and two years later worked in nearby DC on staff with Teach For America as a manager, supporting new teachers in setting ambitious goals for kids and helping teachers meet them.

And this year, I strive to combine my passions – faith, music, education – for myself, those around me, and God. I envision an education at Yale Divinity School as the most interesting, humbling, and noble of any option or educational experience that I might currently pursue, and I just know that worshipping here at St. Andrew's will be a vital component of my spiritual and leadership development. In turn, I pledge to work toward our collective church vision in a way that will uphold and build upon the vital music ministries of the parish.

It is with this enormous sense of responsibility that I am thrilled to join you at St. Andrew's. I am energized by the enormity of the task ahead, and with your partnership, I know we will be able to realize our collective vision of *growing our community, faith, and mission*. In the coming weeks, please drop me a line if you have questions, concerns, thoughts, ideas or just want to say hello (fair warning: the chances are high that I'll ask you to join our musicians in some capacity!) I can't wait to meet each and every one of you.

Yours in Christ,

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Treasurer's Report July 2012

	July 2012 In- come	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Pledges	\$22,820.03	\$161,689.84	\$190,108.87	\$325,900.95
Other Income	\$3,648.33	\$25,325.92	\$27,060.18	\$46,389.00
Total Income	\$26,468.36	\$187,015.76	\$217,169.05	\$372,289.95
Expenses	\$26,409.65	\$194,847.44	\$216,896.45	\$ 372,289.95
Difference	\$58.71	\$ (7,831.68)	272.60	\$0.00
Endowment Fund				
Beginning Bal- ance	Receipts	Monthly Transfer	Loan Pay- ments	Ending Balance
\$370,806.88	0	\$1,286.58*	\$2,010.80**	\$367,509.50

“Give, and it shall be given to you. For whatever measure you deal out to others, it will be dealt to you in return.”

* 4% of Endowment Balance is transferred into the operations budget each year to cover expenses (1286.58 per month)

** Loan Payments are for 2003 Church Renovations and 2008 Rectory Renovation. This money is transferred from the Endowment each month to cover this expense.

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FINANCIAL FACTS


We have 158 households that financially contribute to St. Andrew's. Of these, 49 households are supporting 81% of our budget. The other 109 households are only contributing 19% of our budget. We really need these 109 households that are able to seriously consider increasing their giving. As of July, the parish is short \$8,000 and we do not want this deficit to increase. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and ongoing financial support!



Please go to our web site calendar to get daily updates on calendar events.

Sunday	M		W	Th	F	Saturday
<h1>September 2012</h1>						1
2	3 Office Closed	4	5 10am Healing Eucharist	6 Rehearsal 6:00 Spirit Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	7	8
9 ✂ 📅 Three Regular Services Begin 4pm Growing in Faith Together	10 7pm Finance Committee	11 Ex Comm. Meeting	12 10am Healing Eucharist	13 Rehearsal 6:00 Spirit Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	14	15 Ted Sloan's Memorial Service 11am Annual Pig Roast 5:15pm
16 📅 Bishop Ahrens only 9:15am service no 8am or 11:15am	17	18 Vestry Meeting	19 10am Healing Eucharist	20 Rehearsal 6:00 Spirit Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	21	22
23 📅 Welcome Committee Tea 3-5 p.m. 4pm Growing in Faith Together	24	25	26 10am Healing Eucharist	27 Rehearsal 6:00 Spirit Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	28	29
30 📅 Ministry Sunday						

✂ Monthly Food Drive 📅 Youth Sunday School following 9:15am



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H.O.M.E. UPDATE!

The annual Mission Trip Held July 15 through July 21

We had a wonderful mission trip this year to help the Maine H.O.M.E Coop. This was our 7th year working with the Homeworkers Organized for more Employment. We had 20 high school aged kids and 10 adults on the trip working on their construction initiative to provide housing for the homeless. The work-included framing the second floor of a new home, replacing two porches and one deck on existing homes, and replacing worn out carpeting with new hardwood floors in two living rooms.

The following letter was received from the organization:

Dear Friends at St. Andrew's

Thank You. Each of you helped in so many ways. We have many repairs and with your help we were able to fix some of them. Sister Marie and Sister Lucy told us how pleased they are with the work and how they enjoyed time spent with your group.

Thank you from the Staff and families of H.O.M.E

This event would not happen without the support of all of the members of the church, and yes we are planning for next year. Please encourage your high school aged kids to join us as well adults. This trip cannot happen without the incredible support of the adults. Oh did I mention we all have fun while we are up there.

Again thanks to all involved we truly are making a difference working there.

Dick Johansen



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