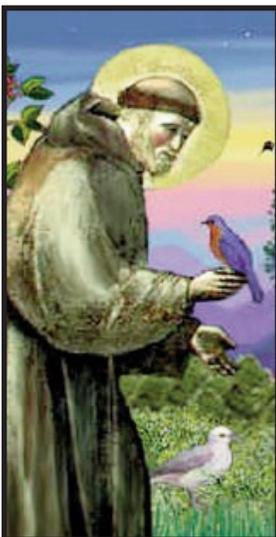


THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

OCTOBER 2009



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets to church on Sunday, October 4 — as we honor St. Francis on this special day.

Crop Walk

The annual Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 4. This 5-mile walk from the Madison Green to the Guilford Green raises money for Church World Services and provides hunger relief at local and global levels. Participants include walkers, sponsors, and shuttle drivers. Join us at 1:00 pm. Contact Jean Card at jcardshouse@sbcglobal.net or 421-8604.

Pies, Pies, Pies

Open your hearts and your kitchens and donate some pies to help support our Ugandan orphans. See details on page 2.

Rector's Forum on Worship

Worship is such an integral part of our lives together. Just as I arrived in February, the Vestry and I identified that hearing from you about worship is a most important goal for 2009. There will be a Rector's Forum on Sunday, October 25 immediately following all three worship services. The topic is WORSHIP. You are invited to share your thoughts about worship. We have quite a diverse offering of worship, and it will be great to hear from you.

We can talk about service times, worship styles, chalicists, children and adult sermons, lay readers, Holy Week worship, and anything else related to worship.

The forum will run for approximately a ½ hour (or as long as you can stay). Hopefully, everyone who wants to share their thoughts will be able to do so. Please know that if you are more comfortable sharing with me privately, you can always do that.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mary

Welcome Newcomers!

It has been a joy to see many new faces at worship. We want to welcome all of our visitors and help you learn more about and become involved in our parish. To that end, we would like to invite you to several upcoming events.

On October 18, between the 9:15 and 11:00 services, we will have a Ministry Sunday in the church hall. Representatives of all our commissions will have displays — so you will have a chance to find out about our programs from Outreach to Altar Guild to Choir to Buildings and Grounds.

Be sure to attend a special dinner and program, **Life at St. Andrew's**, on Sunday, October 18 in the church hall. We'll gather from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. *continued on page 5*

Holiday Fair on Nov. 14

Get ready for our annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 14. There are several new features this year and many ways to participate. Please look at the insert in this *Messenger* for more information and help us make it a great event!

Stewardship Campaign

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign is set to kick off in October. Soon you will receive an invitation letter from St. Andrew's asking you to prayerfully consider a financial pledge to support the church. In the Episcopal Church, our operating budget is sustained by the pledges of parishioners like you — we do not receive any funding from the Diocese or other sources. We know these are difficult times, and so we ask you to consider giving what you can. Your contributions make it possible for St. Andrew's to continue to provide all of the wonderful activities and services that you have come to expect. Here's a quick schedule of events taking place:

- October 16-17 Stewardship invitation letters mailed
- October 18 Parishioner testimonial
- October 25 Commitment Sunday

Testimonials are an opportunity to hear from parishioners the reasons why they give and how their lives have been influenced by St. Andrew's. It is an opportunity for all of us to understand what stewardship means and how it affects us personally. Commitment Sunday is the day when all parishioners, in a very symbolic act, place their pledge form in the collection plate that is then presented at the altar. We ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting St. Andrew's as we begin a new year.

Peace, Matt Parthasarthy
mparthasarthy@hotmail.com

Our Mission — To deepen faith and transform the world as Christ calls us through joyful worship, music, study, and service to others.

Heroes Among Us

Ube caritas et amo, Deus ibi est. That was the final anthem for Compline on August 9. It was a fitting and peaceful song to end a typically hectic summer week. Some of you know what it means. If you don't, I'll tell you later.

Michael Mansoor was a U.S. Navy Seal that died three years ago in Iraq when he jumped on a grenade to shield his teammates from the blast. Petty Officer Mansoor gave up the ultimate sacrifice, his own life, for his fellow human beings. As a veteran, I am uncomfortable when people thank me for serving our country. I find myself in awe of those soldiers that have paid the ultimate price so that I might live. It's mind-boggling what others have given so that I can enjoy life and freedom. And I wore the uniform along with many of these heroes.

There are other ways to be a hero. Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Imagine the small effort it takes to give your time or money to a homeless shelter, to orphans in Uganda, to a parishioner to help clean up trees in his yard. Last year, Jen and I spent a week on a small island on Lake Champlain in Vermont. On our last day, a tornado came across the lake, leveling several large trees and destroying several homes on the island. We spent the day helping the locals cut and haul away tree limbs from the roads and yards. When we were done, one of the locals came up to us and said, "You're one of us; you're an islander now." What a great feeling!

Mother Teresa also said, "Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go." As we get ready to begin the Fall Stewardship campaign, let's remember that stewardship isn't just about money. It's also about works of charity, about giving of ourselves to our fellow human beings, about joining each other in love. And through love, we fulfill our communion with God.

Ube caritas et amo, Deus ibi est. Where there is charity and love, there God is.

Peace, Matt Parthasarthy

Pies to benefit Ugandan Orphans

Team Uganda is committed to cover the annual school tuition costs, uniforms, books, and supplies for four young people in Uganda. We raise much of this money through "Fun-Raisers" during the year. (Remember "Frozen Assets" in January and "Chicks-for-U" in spring?)

Now, fast forward to Sunday, October 11. Team Uganda will have its first annual Pie Sale and Pie Baking Contest called **Pies, Pies, Pies** from 2 to 4 pm in Farmer Hall.

Buy. Eat. Compete. Have Fun!

All parishioners are asked to bring a pie on October 11 to Farmer Hall before 2 pm to be sold for \$10. Fruit pie, cream pie, or any kind of dessert pie (except ice cream). Bring a pie to donate, then buy someone else's pie for your dessert.

While you're here, buy a serving of apple crisp for \$1. Coffee, tea, or juice are complimentary.

Just for fun, we'll have a separate table for those who want their pie to be entered and judged in a Pie Contest!

Our panel of 4 celebrity judges have determined the following rules:

1. There will be 3 divisions: Men, Women, and Youth
2. All pies to be judged must be homemade.
3. Store-bought crusts are allowed.
4. Recipe should be included, if possible; it need not be original.
5. Pies MUST be on the table for judging by 2 pm.
6. First, Second, and Third place ribbons and some special prizes have been generously donated by the Team Uganda Committee, along with one overall "Best in Show" award.

The church must raise \$2271 for these school expenses each year, and we have three main events during the year. So, at the last Team Uganda meeting, we did the math. For our students Timothy, Catherine, Calvin, and Josephine, we need to raise \$737 for their next semester. That means we must sell 74 pies. Difficult? Yes. Impossible? No, not with your help. Open your hearts and your kitchens and donate your pies; then turn around and purchase one or more as well.

For more information about Team Uganda's "Pies, Pies, Pies" event, call Sue Morriss at (203) 453-6414 or Suzie Birks at (203) 421-4557, or you can look at St. Andrew's web site.



Celebration Dinner set for November 8

■ Save the Date!

Our annual Celebration Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 8, 5pm. To volunteer to help with this festive evening, please contact Donna Johansen at dmjarm@snet.net or call 245-6729. See the insert for more information.

■ Photos Needed

The fall Celebration Dinner usually includes a digital slide show of the year's events at St. Andrew's. You are encouraged to submit digital photographs. Activities may include: worship services, musical performances, the Spaghetti Supper/Auction, H.O.M.E. mission trip, newcomer events, summer theater camps, rectory renovation, Blessing of the Animals, and other events. Please contact John Fuller at brush50mm@sbcglobal.net for the specific details about how to submit your photos.

Church School, Youth Group Activities, Mom's Group, and More

Welcome to another school year! May you seek peace amid the hustle and bustle of sports practice, school and activities.

As St. Paul said to the Ephesians: "I pray that God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all of the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Amen. Press on and have a great fall.

■ Nursery

Jordan Mattei welcomes our young children and infants (six months and older) on Sunday mornings during the 9:1A service. Just come to the nursery in the classroom wing and complete a form. You will be given a pager so that Jordan can contact you during the service if your child needs you.

■ Church School

Have you registered yet? Download a registration form from the St. Andrew's web site or pick up a copy from Mary's office, and return it to the bin next to her office door. You stay in the loop when we have your contact information, so don't miss the fun!

Here's who is teaching your child's class this fall:

- Ages 3-4 / Pre-K: Susan Wines and Heather Meachen
- Kindergarten/1st Grade: Trish Arida and Sandy Butler
- 2nd/3rd Grade: Jen Parthasarthy and Rachel Carfora
- 4th/5th Grade: Florie Earle, Tracy Lynch, and Rebecca Rastetter
- Rite 13: Lee and Luke Scaros, Kerry Arena, Glenn and Martha Stewart
- J2A: Jean Card, Helen Kitzman, Grace Crawford, Jenny Coniff, and Jyl Oman
- YAC: Mary Merkle-Scotland, Judy Albright and ?? (If you are interested in helping lead a great group of older teenagers, please let us know.)

Our next Church School teacher meeting is October 13, 7:30-9:00 pm.

Important Dates

- October 2-3 — Hooverville on the Green, youth group, Grades 9-12
- October 4 — Blessing of Animals at 9:15 am service. Bring your pets.
- October 4, 1:30 pm — Crop Walk meets on the Madison Green. Family event.
- October 13 — Church School teachers meeting, 7:30 pm
- Halloween Youth Group fun for Grades 7-12. Details TBA.

Feast of St. Francis! Special treats for KIDS who come to Mary Merkle-Scotland's office and tell her a sentence or two about St. Francis. St. Andrew's welcomes your furry friends for the Blessing of the Animals on October 4 at the 9:15 service. Treats will be offered after the service on the front lawn, while pets enjoy fellowship with their canine, feline, and other friends.

■ Substitute Teachers Needed

Substitute teachers are needed. Thanks to Kristen Garnett, Jane Leake, Kristen Lang, and Lynn Milner who already have volunteered. Please help — send an e-mail to themsgroup@snet.net.

■ Youth Group

• **Hooverville on the Green** — a community-wide homeless immersion project for teens — comes to Madison on Friday, October 2 at 7:30 pm until Saturday, October 3, 10:30 am. Limited spaces are available. This is a first-come first-served event for high school students from area churches. We'll sleep overnight on the Green in cardboard boxes and sleeping bags, and then pan-handle for money on Saturday morning in various downtown locations. We will have a canned good and blanket drive as well. Packing list and permission slips are available on the bulletin board next to my office. Cost is \$5. Adult helpers are needed for this event, send an e-mail to themsgroup@snet.net for more info.

• **BOO! Halloween Fun!** Get ready for some spooky surprises on Halloween weekend. Details will follow. If you

want to help scare the big kids, send an e-mail to Mary at themsgroup@snet.net.

• **Adults are needed** to help with middle school and high school youth programming this year. Have you always loved the energy of adolescents, but not known how to jump in? Do you miss an excuse to be silly or throw whipped cream around? Youth programming only happens with enough adult volunteers. Consider this ministry for a change... in your life and in that of our youth. You do not need to be the parent of an adolescent to volunteer! Please send an e-mail to Mary Merkle-Scotland at themsgroup@snet.net.

• **YOUTH NOOZ!** Do you get it? Youth Nooz is an irregularly published news bulletin of events for young people in the parish. To receive this news, go to www.standrewsmadison.org and follow the instructions.

■ Mom's Group

This group is back in gear and plans to reincarnate as a women's group — welcoming all women, mothers or not. The group will read *How God Changes Your Brain* by Andrew Newberg and Mark Robert Waldman. Meet at Jen Conroy's house at 53 Liberty Street. For more information, call 779-5420.

— Mary Merkle-Scotland
themsgroup@snet.net

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff — including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, and envy. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside you to shine for all the world to see.



Note: I hope you enjoy this delightful analogy I discovered. Regrettably, the source is unknown. — Denise Forrest

Preschool News

The children and staff are adjusting beautifully to the new school year. There are 65 students enrolled in 8 different programs, with morning and afternoon sessions everyday! The only openings remaining are in the Twos and Pre-K programs. Please recommend us to your friends and neighbors who may be looking for a school for their children.

I would like to make special mention of our Flexcare, or childcare, program. This is open to the public and is available at an hourly rate of \$10.00 for children ages 3 months to 6 years. The beauty of this program is its flexibility and its low teacher to student ratio. There cannot be more than 4 students at a time with one very caring teacher. On Wednesdays, Terry Crans is the caregiver. Terry is the original Flexcare teacher. She opened the program four years ago and designed it based on the needs of the children in her care at any given moment. New to St. Andrew's this year is Lisa Perez. Lisa taught Church School at St. Andrew's two years ago and worked as a paraprofessional at Ryerson last year. She is already well-loved by the children in her care! Come see Leah Ann for more information or just to check it out!

The most noticeable change to the preschool for the 2009-2010 school year took place on the playground. The Department of Public Health requested that we have a section of the playground prepared especially for children under three that was free of pea stone. Many people assisted in helping us meet the state's request. Most notably, Jay Tesstori donated about \$650 worth of labor and heavy equipment used to dig out eight inches of sand and gravel. In addition, many volunteers helped to spread mulch and pea stone, repair the sandbox, and reset the playground equipment. THANK YOU to Don Rankin, Glenn Stewart, David Mikus, Sean Portley, Katrina Portley, Melanie Hartmann, Victoria Hartmann, John Hartmann, Alex Hartmann, Michael Kosiewicz, Braeden Kosiewicz, Angelo Riccio, and Dylan Reese! This was a big job and we couldn't have done it without you all!

Peace,
Leah Ann Portley

Plant Sale Helped Fund Outreach Donations

We would like to express appreciation to Don and Nancy Rankin for organizing and leading the St. Andrew's Plant Sale. We also would like to thank Fred Sollars for many hours of service.

The net proceeds totaled \$7,600, and Outreach was in the fortunate position of giving half of the amount to the following missions and ministries that our parish holds dear (the remainder of the proceeds went into the parish operating budget).

- St. Andrew's Youth Mission Trip to H.O.M.E. — \$500
- Team Uganda — \$500
- St. Andrew's Green Committee — \$1,300
- Madison Cares/Habitat for Humanity — \$1,000
- Call to Care/Uganda — \$500

Thank you to everyone who covered a shift and made purchases!

— Kristen Garnett

Quick Cuisine — Cooking Up Some Fun

At Quick Cuisine, they do the shopping and chopping. You can reserve a spot to select and assemble meals for your family. St. Andrew's has arranged a group party for Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. at 6:30 pm at Quick Cuisine, 8 Post Office Square in Clinton.

■ Fun with St. Andrew's friends

Enjoy some wine, cheese, and conversation with others from St. Andrew's — mingle in the party area before and after assembling your meals. **St. Andrew's Church will receive 10% of all dollars spent at Quick Cuisine!**

■ Here's how to start

Browse the month's menu offerings — there are 12 entrees for self-assembly. Entrees change monthly and a seasonal selection of ready-to-take-home appetizers, entrees, soups, sides, and desserts also is posted. You can order meals that serve either 2-3 or 4-6 portions. Make your selections (requirement of 3 meals minimum) at the Quick Cuisine web site at customerservice@myquickcuisine.com.

Then come into Quick Cuisine during our reserved sessions to assemble and pick up your meals. **You must order and register on their web site in advance. Each session is limited to 12 people.** Be sure to make space in your freezer for your Quick Cuisine meals. All meals are stored in disposable foil pans or plastic Zip-Lock freezer bags.

Plan on spending one hour or less preparing your meals. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. An apron will be provided to help keep your clothes clean.

Bring a cooler or laundry basket with you to transport your meals home.

■ What to expect on arrival

You will receive a printed copy of your menu, simple directions to assemble your meals, and labels with detailed cooking instructions.

■ For more information

View the Quick Cuisine web site at myquickcuisine.com or call them at (860) 664-9456. For other details, call Florie Earle at (203) 421-0100.

Meals on Wheels Needs More Drivers

St. Andrew's provides two drivers every Monday to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound Madison residents. A few drivers have had to resign recently, so we need more drivers, both for regular monthly delivery and occasional substitutes. Meals are picked up in Clinton between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m., and depending on how many deliveries are needed, drivers finish around 12:00 to 12:30. Some drivers go with a friend or spouse to make it easier to find the houses or apartments. For information, call Martha Stewart, who coordinates the schedule, at (203) 245-3220.

Theatrical Tidbits: Get Ready for Two Exciting Musical Performances

We are so happy to welcome many new faces to our St. Andrew's Musical Theatre program this season, as well as our returning "actors and actresses." One of the exciting aspects of having a musical theatre program is welcoming in new children and new families to our church family.

This year, we have chosen a fun musical for our teens to perform. "Altar Boyz," the acclaimed musical comedy now in its fourth year at New World Stages and winner of the coveted 2005 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical Off-Broadway, is the longest running new musical comedy to open in New York in years! It was also the recipient of the 2006 and 2007 *Broadway.com* Audience Favorite Award.

Full of sharp parody, sinfully spectacular dancing, and irreverent humor, this spoof about a heavenly group is adored by audiences and critics alike. With an extraordinary mix of side-splitting songs (convincing enough to be played on MTV), uncontrollable laughs and light-hearted fun, this award-winning and

totally original musical is 90 minutes of pure delight that's suitable for all ages. It will have the whole family laughing and singing along. We have altered the show to make it "Altar Boyz and Girlz" and have just begun our rehearsal process.

Our younger group, children in Grades 1-6, also has begun their rehearsal process with a completely original show about St. Nicholas. This comedy will be filled with rousing music designed to delight both cast members and audience! Also, it will serve to educate all of us on the actual St. Nicholas that has inspired the giving spirit.

Come show your support, learn a little and laugh a little by attending our performances. "Altar Boyz and Girlz," will be performed on Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 9 at 7:00 pm.

"The Mystery of St. Nicholas — Or Will the Real St. Nicholas Please Stand Up" will be performed at the 9:15 service on Sunday, December 6.

As always if you have any questions, send an e-mail to joyann228@yahoo.com, call me at home (203) 230-8264, or leave a message for me at St. Andrew's, and I will get back to you. I look forward to an exciting season with my extended family at St. Andrew's.

— Joy Weaver

Welcome Newcomers

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Appetizers and dinner will be followed by a discussion with our rector, senior and junior wardens, as well as staff and leaders of our parish. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about St. Andrew's or the Episcopal Church while we enjoy dessert. Childcare will be available, as will a child-friendly entrée. A member of the Welcoming Commission will contact you with more information and will confirm your attendance.

An annual autumn tradition at St. Andrew's is our Celebration Dinner. Held this year on Saturday, November 7, it is a pleasant evening which begins with a wine and cheese social for all who have come to St. Andrew's in the past year or two, with entertainment provided for children. This is followed by a potluck dinner with the whole parish and a slide show of photos of St. Andrew's events from the past year.

We are glad to have you worshipping with us, and we want to encourage you to enjoy all that our parish has to offer. We strive to be known as a welcoming and friendly congregation, so please feel free to ask anyone, particularly greeters and vestry members, to show you around the facility or answer any questions you have. Welcome!

— Martha Stewart, Chairperson,
Welcoming Commission

Costumes and Fall Items at Serendipity

The "Costume Shop" at Serendipity is open. We have Halloween costumes for children and adults, whether the choice is ghost, goblin or a favorite character. Halloween decorations also are plentiful.



As the weather cools, find the latest in sweaters, jackets and fleece for casual wear and sports.

Make Serendipity your place to shop for name brand, moderately priced clothing. The store is located at 200 Boston Post Road, Madison, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteer opportunities are available; please call the store at (203) 245-4731.

Spirit Choir News

A new and exciting season has begun in both the church and choir. If you've ever thought about singing with our choir, now is a great time to join. We practice our hymns, as well as our anthems, each week. It's a great opportunity to meet others who share your love of music and faith. Join us on Thursdays, 5:15-6:15, in the Choir Room! We meet again every Sunday morning at 8:30 am to prepare for the Sunday 9:15 service. Even if you can't make it on Thursday, you can still join us on Sunday mornings. CDs and music packets containing all of our upcoming anthems are available in the Choir Room. So pick up a CD, pop it in your CD player and sing along! Please remember — there is room for everyone in our choir, no previous experience necessary. See you at practice!

— Joy Weaver

Holiday Fair Baskets

There is still plenty of time to share your talent or time by doing a THEME BASKET or by helping us on the day of the fair. If you would like to donate a basket or part of one, we will gladly shop and wrap for you. It is so much fun to be creative. If interested, please call Maggie Walden at 318-5045 or Margaret Mason at 421-4359.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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To All at St. Andrew's,

Thank you for your amazing work, which gave comfort and love to my family innumerable times. My parents, Dick and Betsey Rochford, were so proud of their affiliation with St. Andrew's, and it is evident their good thoughts were reciprocated.

Pastor Mary — your words at my father's service were beautiful, thank you.

Mark Sullivan — my parents were huge organ music fans — you played eloquently, and your rendition of "When the Saints" was marvelous!

Joan Adams — Thank you, thank you for being a part of their lives and greeting/helping guests at the service.

Maggie Walden — the reception was delicious and provided us a much needed time to catch up with many we hadn't seen in years — thank you for your efforts and hospitality.

Susan Miller — your service at the altar was a balm to us, thank you.

David Mikus — it was wonderful to see you and have your amazing participation — my parents enjoyed you so much.

Joy Weaver — thank you for your consideration in allowing us to disturb your choir camp.

Barb Gibbons — with love to you, for your steadfast friendship and support, first for my parents and then to me. Your presence in our lives is a true treasure.

Thank you all for the blessings you shared with us.

Daphne Rochford Halpern

Note from Senior Warden

Matt Parthasarthy and I will alternate writing articles for the *Messenger* each month. You are always welcome to contact me via e-mail, at a Sunday service, or as we set up at 8 pm for Compline service that starts at 9 pm. I will attend the 8 am Sunday service when possible through early November — as I coach baseball on Sunday mornings in Guilford.

On the theme of personal leadership, I want to share a quote that sits above my desk. I am reminded every day to begin within.

"It is a matter of shifting from the impossible; controlling others, to the merely difficult, managing myself."

Peace, Rob Card

cardshouse@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Notes

During September, all parishioners who entered a pledge for 2009 were mailed a statement showing pledge payments and other special contributions recorded through August 31. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your statement or the amounts shown, please contact Matt Parthasarthy, Junior Warden and Stewardship Chair; Bill Downes, Treasurer; or Barb Gibbons, Parish Administrator. Thank you for your generous and ongoing support of St. Andrew's!

Pledge income through August 2009 totaled \$196,625, slightly more than the \$192,214 recorded for the first eight months of last year. Also of note, as of August 31, Endowment resources totaled \$432,827, of which up to \$38,561 remained available for the projects approved at the Special Parish Meeting held in July.

— Bill Downes, Treasurer

Green Church News

Just when you thought nothing more could be written about light bulbs (CFIs), along comes the October 2009 issue of *Consumer Reports* with an article on "Compact fluorescents," pages 29-31. They tested 430 of these bulbs, which are far different from those early ones with the sickly, greenish-yellow light.

Also in this *Consumer Reports* issue is an article, "Cut your energy bills: You can save \$1,500 with these 4 strategies," pages 22-25. Replacing appliances with "Energy Star" ratings is good for the environment and often good economically, but the article notes: "It doesn't make sense to pitch a perfectly good appliance or electronic item, but if you're in the market for a new one, the type you choose can make a difference."

To get an idea of the average life of appliances, search Google: appliance longevity. A top load washing machine, for example, averages 14 years.

— John Fuller

St. Andrew's Work Day

Thank you to everyone who worked so very hard on September 12 at the work day at St. Andrew's Church. Mulch was spread, trees limbs were trimmed and cleared, paint was applied, gutters cleaned, and much more. Special thanks go to the organizers, especially David Mikus, Sexton, and Buildings and Grounds, especially Charlie Walden, Chair, and Glenn Stewart, John Paulson, and Bill Crawford, members of the committee. Thanks also are sent to Troop 490 (and our children in Troop 490: Sam Hodgson and Matthew Haigis) which meets at St. Andrew's and which wholeheartedly supported us that day with volunteers, both children and adults. Many other parishioners helped, as well, including Maggie Walden, Kim Hodgson, Ann-Marie Haigis, Jessica Haigis and David Canavan. Thank you all!

— The Rev. Mary A. Canavan, Rector

Stay Current with eNews

Our weekly **eNews** is an electronic update that contains scripture lessons for the coming Sunday, announcements, and a short reflection by clergy and/or lay members. To receive **eNews**, go to www.standrewsmadison.org — and sign up on the home page.

To the Members and Staff at Saint Andrews,

Mona and I thank you very much for the prayers, the love and care, and all other support you have provided to our daughter, Tracy Pierson Zachos and her daughters over the last several years. And, more recently, all of which have been extended to us, too.

At our home in Tennessee, Tellico Village, there is a motto, "Where friends become family." We see that very same thing here, too! Our community, basically a retirement one, has a great number of excellent cooks and our potluck dinners are wonderful — just as all of the food you have brought to Tracy's house. Both of these elements are alive and well at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, too!

Thanks for extending the love of Christ, the mission of Christ, and the care Christ has requested from all of us!

— Elton and Mona Pierson

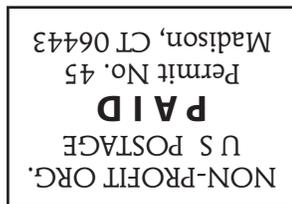


Fellowship Request

The Fellowship Committee is always looking for new members. Can you make a plate of cookies for Sunday morning, or a pot of coffee? To get involved, please call Donna Johansen at 245-6729 or send an e-mail to dmjarm@snet.net.

New Nametag Box

Finding your nametag may be easier thanks to Glenn Stewart. He recently crafted a wooden box similar to the existing boxes... but better. With five boxes now available, there should be less overcrowding. If you need a tag, just print your name on the note pad found on the window ledge in the narthex and indicate if the tag is for a child. Or, you can contact Barbara Gibbons, Church Administrator, at 245-2584. Please allow two weeks. (Note: In recognition of Glenn's work, the new box includes last names beginning with "S.")



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The Parish Staff

Rector	Mary A. Canavan
Parish Administrator	Barbara Gibbons
Preschool Director	Leah Ann Portley
Director of Children's and Youth Ministry	Mary Merkle-Scotland
Director of Spirit Choir & Musicals	Joy Weaver
Guitarist	Jim Olden
Sexton	David Mikus

The Parish Vestry

Senior Warden	Rob Card
Junior Warden	Matt Parthasarthy
Treasurer	Bill Downes
Clerk of the Vestry	Olivia Scaros

Charles Albright, Sandra Butler, Rich Fisler, Jenny Gerst, Geoff Gregory, Terry Sinclair, Martha Stewart, Robert Stimpson, Maggie Walden

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- **Spirit Choir** — Thursday Rehearsal 5:15-6:15 pm
Sunday Rehearsal at 8:30 am

This youth and adult choir sings each Sunday morning at the 9:15 am service during the school year. The selections include a varied palette of musical styles, including gospel, jazz, folk, and contemporary music.

- **Chancel Choir** — Thursday Rehearsal 6:15-7:45 pm
Sunday Rehearsal at 10:15 am

Open to all high school and adult singers, this choir sings each Sunday morning at the 11:00 am service during the school year. The Chancel Choir sings a wide variety of music — traditional literature, gospel, jazz, folk, and music of the great composers, including their Masterworks.

THE MESSENGER is a monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Contributions are always welcome. The deadline is the 15th of the preceding month. Please send an e-mail to messenger@standrewsmadison.org. All articles may be edited for space, style, and content. Editor: Denise Forrest

St. Andrew's Church HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, November 14, 2009

9 am - 3 pm



Collection Boxes will be available in Farmer Hall beginning October 4 for the following donations:

ST. ANDREW'S TAG SALE

The Tag Sale will attract the community to our fair. Please donate typical tag sale items including good condition furniture, gently used children's toys and games, "Dollar Store" items, sports equipment, bikes, and much more. The tag sale will be set up on the front lawn of the church. We need many strong hands, so please contact Linda Masto (203) 483-6899 regarding this event.

(Please use discretion, items not accepted: Children's car seats or cribs, used electronics, undergarments or bathing suits, or used mattresses.)

ATTIC TREASURES

Check through your basement or attic. We can use a piece of china, good glassware, silver, brass, wrought iron, antiques, serving dishes, and home décor items.

VENDORS & CRAFTERS

We extend an open invitation to parishioners to rent a booth and sell their products, art, or crafts. Contact Florie Earle for details at 421-0100.



THEME BASKETS

Support this room by participating in a group effort to fill a Theme Basket. Various groups within the church often choose their own theme and create a unique basket. Or individuals can donate one of their own choice.

CHRISTMAS SHOP

We sell gently used Christmas and holiday decorations — for the tree, the house, and the table.

BEA'S BAKE SHOPPE

Kitchen goodies are needed! Pies are the #1 seller, followed closely by cakes, breads and cookies. Also, we welcome sugar-free alternatives. Each family should donate at least one baked good. Donations should be dropped off on the day before the Fair on Friday, November 13.

YE OLDE BOTTLE SHOPPE

This is a game of chance. Everyone should donate something that is IN a bottle. Wine, perfume, salad dressing, small toys, candy, bubble bath, pennies, etc. Kids love this game — so we can use lots of "kid-friendly" items.

FASHION ACCENTS

Clean out your jewelry boxes and closet shelves to donate necklaces, pins, earrings, scarves, and purses.

ORDER A FRESH TURKEY

Reserve a fresh Gozzi's turkey — place your order at the fair, or fill out a form beginning November 1. You'll receive a certificate to pick up your fresh turkey at Gozzi's Farm in Guilford. St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of each sale.

NEARLY NEW BOOKS

We can use children's books, cookbooks, best sellers, fiction and non-fiction. Also, CDs, tapes, music-related items, and computer games go in this room. But please, NO magazines or encyclopedias.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

No appointment necessary — 10 am to 2pm, same day pick-up.

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING AND ACTIVITY ROOM

In the Children's "Drop-Off" Room, kids have the opportunity to purchase or create, and then wrap items for loved ones while parents enjoy the fair. We need volunteers to assist young ones with crafts and activities — please contact Jennifer Parthasarthy at (203) 779-5155.

The Holiday Fair is a parish-wide event, so we hope everyone will participate. If you have questions or want to help, call Florie Earle at (203) 421-0100.

Celebration Dinner

Join us
November 8 at 5 pm

***for food, fun,
fellowship and festivities***

***Bring your family for a fabulous evening
with friends at St. Andrew's.***

Please bring a dish to pass — either a salad, side dish,
favorite casserole, chili, or dessert (to feed 12).
We will provide wine, beer, soda, and baked ham.

Donations will be accepted at the door to help defray costs.
Please RSVP to the church office at (203) 245-2584.
Any questions, call Donna Johansen at (203) 245-6729.

***Come together,
celebrate our vibrant parish,
and count our
many blessings.***