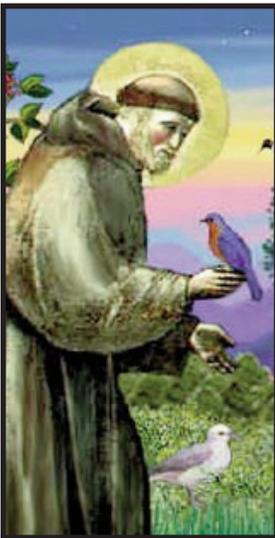


# THE MESSENGER

*Growing Together in God's Love*

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

OCTOBER 2010



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## Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets to church on Sunday, October 3 — as we honor St. Francis on this special day.

## Crop Walk

The annual Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 pm. This 5-mile walk from the Madison Green to the Guilford Green raises money for hunger relief at local and global levels. See details on page 7.

## Middle School Youth Group

Youth Group for Grades 6-8 kicks off October 8, 6-8 pm, with pizza, games, and prizes in Farmer Hall! \$5.00 for pizza. Bring a friend! For details, e-mail Mrs. Tenney at [waterwings59@comcast.net](mailto:waterwings59@comcast.net) or to Mrs. Johns, [macyjohns@comcast.net](mailto:macyjohns@comcast.net).

## Priest-in-Charge Update

We continue our process of discernment as we look for a Priest-in-Charge. Our two initial candidates have withdrawn for personal reasons. However, we are fortunate to have three more candidates, all with interesting backgrounds and credentials. We are in the midst of further conversations with these candidates, reference interviews, and listening to sermons. We are enthusiastic about the quality of the candidates who we have had the good fortune to meet. We will continue to keep the parish updated on our progress.

## Bishop to Visit on Oct. 24

On Sunday October 24, we will have a special guest celebrant, Bishop Ian Douglas, at our 9:15 and 11:00 am services. This visit is part of the normal cycle of visitation, but it will be Bishop Douglas's first visit to St. Andrew's.

Here is some background information on Bishop Douglas:

The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas was consecrated as fifteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut in April 2010. Most recently, Bishop Douglas was the

Angus Dun Professor of Mission and World Christianity at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts and an associate priest at St. James's Church, Cambridge, Mass.

Bishop Douglas has written extensively on mission, missiology, and the Anglican Communion. He served on the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) as a priest and on the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion from the ACC; as a bishop he continues to serve on the

**Sunday October 24, the 8 am Eucharist will not be held due to the visit of Bishop Douglas. We encourage all to attend at 9:15 or 11 am that Sunday.**

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## Holiday Fair on Nov. 13

Get ready for our annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 13. There are many ways to participate. Please look at the insert in this *Messenger* for items to donate and information on how you can help us make it a great event!

## 50th Anniversary News

The History and Publicity Committees of the 50th Anniversary Celebration did not take the summer off from planning and action. On Sunday, September 19, with the support of the Events Committee, we unveiled the logo and slogan that will accompany all communications and set our theme for the anniversary. A banner, which encompasses both the logo and slogan, will be hung in the entrance to the narthex in October — marking the visual center for both a timeline of our history and upcoming events. Current pictures of staff and Vestry members also will be incorporated into this focal point as a "Welcome to St. Andrew's." Many thanks go to the Vestry and the Welcoming Committee for their support of this project.

Meanwhile, members of the Historiography Committee diligently are reviewing many boxes of files, notes, records and "stuff" to locate helpful research materials to document our past as we look to our future. Various ministries at St. Andrew's are invited to participate by celebrating their ministry during the year 2011. Historical information we uncover will be turned over to appropriate ministries to assist them in writing their history, with help as needed. We will use the Diocesan and Charlotte Evarts Archives for additional information. "Chats" with long-time members will be part of this ongoing effort to tell our story. We began the process of documenting

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

## Madison Cares, Oct. 2

Come bang nails! Here is a great opportunity to start at the foundation level of a new Madison Cares/Habitat for Humanity house in New Haven. On Saturday, October 2, meet at St. Andrew's at 8:15 am. Bring your lunch. We'll be home by 4:00. Call Glenn Stewart at 203-245-3220 if you are interested.

## Holiday Fair Crafts

Every Tuesday evening in October, there will be a handcraft workshop in Classroom 1 from 7-9 pm. Come help make items to sell at St. Andrew's Holiday Fair.



## Holiday Fair Baskets

There is still plenty of time to share your talent or time by doing a THEME BASKET – or by helping 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 you are interested, please call Megan Callahan at 860-664-9884, Carrie Nye at 203-779-5072, or Donna Johansen at 203-245-6729.

## Help Fill a Suitcase Headed for Uganda

Please help fill up a suitcase for the Chain Foundation Orphanage! We are collecting basic first aid and medical supplies to stock the nurses' cabinet. Just pick up Band-Aids, gauze pads, ace wraps, Q-tips, cotton balls, ice packs, etc. – and put them in the suitcase at the back of church. The suitcase will be there until Sunday, October 31 – so there is plenty of time to FILL IT UP! Martha Hoffman will deliver this gift from St. Andrew's when she visits Uganda in November. If you have any questions, call Martha at 203-245-3932. Thank you!

## News for Newcomers

We are delighted to welcome everyone who is new to St. Andrew's. 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.

We hope you will join us for a special dinner on Sunday, October 17 from 5 to 8 pm in Farmer Hall. The Welcoming Commission will host this evening for everyone who has come to our parish in the last year or two – to provide an opportunity to meet the staff and lay leadership of our church. This is a great way to find out what makes our congregation special and have your questions answered. Representatives from all our ministries also will be invited, so it's a wonderful chance to find out all about our church fair, altar guild, stewardship, outreach, etc.

If you have not already received a letter in the mail, it probably means we don't have your name and address, so please call the church office at 203-245-2584 with that information. You should receive a phone call soon from a member of the Welcoming Commission, confirming your attendance and answering your questions. Child-friendly food and child care will be provided, so please let us know the ages of the children you will bring with you. We look forward to getting to know you better.

## Bishop to Visit on Oct. 24

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Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion. He also served on the Executive Council of The (national) Episcopal Church.

Bishop Douglas holds degrees from Middlebury College, Harvard Divinity School and Boston University.

Please join the vestry in welcoming Bishop Douglas, and learn about broader church issues on October 24.

## 50th Anniversary News

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all Memorials in the church and on church grounds with photos and other appropriate information.

In coordination with Martha Stewart from the Vestry, the Events Committee utilized "Welcoming Sunday" (previously called Ministry Sunday) on September 19 to commemorate the arrival of our Missionary priest who was sent by Bishop Gray in September 1960. This was done in response to a petition to the Bishop by our founding members to create a Missionary Station in Madison – the beginning of the process to create our parish. The committee decorated Farmer Hall with a "welcoming" theme, provided a cake for coffee hour, set up a display along with other ministries, and provided background on The Rev. Fred T. Hawes, our Missionary vicar. The St. Andrew's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Ornament was available for pre-orders also. The ornament officially will be on sale at the Holiday Fair on November 13. Suzie Birks spearheaded this real "gem."

WOW! We can only say "thank you, thank you" to those members of the parish who responded to this project with their talent and time. If anyone is looking for encouragement that this place remains a beacon of Christ's love and purpose, we can testify that it is in the hearts and souls of our members. As you can see, there is still so much to do in order to honor our history as we look to continue our growth in the future. Please consider joining fellow parishioners in becoming part of this positive and empowering project. Summaries of our project goals and descriptions of all committees are located on the kiosk in the narthex and on the table outside Barb's office.

– Maggie and Charlie Walden,  
[mccwalden@yahoo.com](mailto:mccwalden@yahoo.com)

### **The following 50th Anniversary committee chairs will welcome you!**

• Publicity: Alan Miller, [milleralanc@comcast.net](mailto:milleralanc@comcast.net) and Rachel Carfora, [Rachel\\_e\\_carfora@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rachel_e_carfora@sbcglobal.net)

• History: Dave Mason, [Dave@yankeecontainers.com](mailto:Dave@yankeecontainers.com) and Margaret Mason, [mmason52@aol.com](mailto:mmason52@aol.com)

## Theatrical Tidbits

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

This year, we chose a fun musical for our teens to perform, "**State Road 47.**" It is a modern day "Godspell" — retelling some favorite parables. An extraordinary mix of music ranging from "country" to "reggae" and even a little "rock" will provide lots of laughs and light-hearted fun. This original new musical is 90 minutes of pure delight that is suitable for all ages and will have the whole family laughing and singing along. Although we have just begun our rehearsal process, I can already tell that this show will be one worth seeing!

Our younger group, children in Grades 1-6, also began their rehearsal process with a completely original show about St. Andrew. "**Andrew — the Road to Sainthood**" will be a fun comedy filled with rousing music designed to delight both cast members and the audience! It also will serve to educate all of us about the actual St. Andrew, how he became a saint, and why we chose to name our church after him.

Come and show your support, learn a little and laugh a little by attending our performances.

"**Andrew — The Road to Sainthood**" will be performed at the 9:15 service on Sunday, November 21.

"**State Road 47**" will be performed by our teens on Friday, January 7 and Saturday, January 8 at 7:00 pm.

As always, if you have any questions, send an e-mail to [joy-ann228@yahoo.com](mailto:joy-ann228@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 another exciting season with my extended family at St. Andrew's.

— Joy Weaver

## Church School, Youth Ministry, and More

### ■ Church School

Wonderful things are happening at St. Andrew's on Sunday mornings! To date, 81 children are registered for church school! Please take a moment to complete a Registration Form 2010-2011 — available on the church website or outside my office. Thanks!

Church school began September 12; 22 teachers were commissioned, and we are grateful for the eight subs. Special thanks to our church school teachers:

**Pre-K/K** — Jane Kraus, Rebecca

Rastetter and Katie Wilker

**1st & 2nd** — Sandy Butler and Tracy Lynch

**3rd & 4th** — Rachel Carfora, Florie and Patches Earle

**5th & 6th** — Louise Beecher, Lisa Marvinsmith, and Beth Hines

**7th & 8th / Rite 13** — Kerry Arena, Glenn and Martha Stewart, Lee and Luke Scaros

**9th & 10th / Journey to Adulthood (J2A)** — Jean Card, Jenny Coniff, Grace Crawford, and Helen Kitzman

**10th & older / Young Adults in the Church (YAC)** — Dave Preikszas. YAC is a post-Confirmation group and for those who chose not to be confirmed. They meet in Mary MS' office.

Church school is held every Sunday — rain or shine! Be there!

### ■ Youth Ministry

• Each middle and high school student who wishes to participate in youth group events must complete a "St. Andrew's Youth Group 2010-2011 Medical Release and Permission" form found outside my office or on the church website. These are kept on file and only one per student per school year is needed. An "Individual Event Permission Form" is needed for each separate activity.

• **September activities** included a kick-off get-together on the 8th and bonfire at the Card's house on the 17th.

• **Upcoming high school youth group events:** Volunteer at the Bauer Park Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 16, in either of two shifts from 10:30 am — 1pm or 1 — 3:30 pm; and Halloween fun at the Stewart's home on Halloween. Details to be announced.

• **Hooverville on the Green**, the town-wide homeless immersion project on September 24-25, was held in cooperation with the Madison Interfaith Youth Coalition — St. Andrew's, St. Margaret's, North Madison Congregational Church, First Congregational Church, and the Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society. Canned food, outerwear and blankets were collected, and proceeds will go to the teen shelter in New Haven, Youth Continuum, and to area soup kitchens.

• **Middle School Youth Group** Special thanks to Jenn Ledyard, Lisa Tenney and Jennifer Johns for offering to help line up activities. Get ready for a trip to the corn maze at Lyman Orchard and the Haunted Hayride in October. Details to follow. See page 1 about the meeting on October 8. If you have more ideas, send an e-mail to Lisa Tenney at [waterwings59@comcast.net](mailto:waterwings59@comcast.net).

### ■ Adults

• **An adult retreat** is in the works for this fall. If you want to help, please send an e-mail to [themsgroup@snet.net](mailto:themsgroup@snet.net).

— Mary Merkle-Scotland  
[themsgroup@snet.net](mailto:themsgroup@snet.net)

### Interfaith Youth Weekend Scheduled for November

The Rite 13 class (7th and 8th Grades) is invited to participate in an Interfaith Youth Weekend in Madison and Guilford. During the weekend of November 19-21, they will be guests at services at Temple Beth Tikvah as well as churches of several denominations. In the past, this event has provided an excellent opportunity for youth to learn about various religions, with ample opportunity to ask questions (and eat!). We hope all students in our class will participate. Information will be provided in class soon, but please mark your calendars now.

— Rite 13 teachers: Glenn and Martha Stewart, Kerry Arena, and Lee and Luke Scaros

# Preschool News and Improvements

The children and staff are adjusting beautifully to the new school year. There are 67 students enrolled in 8 different programs. The only openings remaining are in the “Fours” program.

We were sad to lose Melanie Hartmann to the pursuit of a teaching position in the public schools, but equally as excited to welcome Betsy Flanagan as our new lead Pre-K teacher. Jody Catalano was unable to return to her position as an assistant in the “Twos program.” We are grateful for her dedication to the school over the past few years. Jackie Kidwell will cover Jody’s position until a suitable replacement is hired.

This school year is most remarkable for the number of improvements to the preschool program. The most recognizable improvement is the new playground! A committee of mostly preschool parents — Josefa Abdelnour, Kim Sandor, Cally Kayal, Laura Haydon, Samantha Pullaro, Mary Merkle-Scotland, and myself — began meeting last October with the goal of renovating the playground on the north side of the church. This committee met weekly to decide on a design for the new playground, a vendor for the climbing apparatus, and a financial strategy to support the project. Major fundraisers included hosting Casey Carle’s Bubblemania, a tag sale on the front lawn, and a picket fence fundraiser (watch for the new pickets on the East side of the playground). Special thanks to the Haigis family and many parent volunteers, parishioners, and members of the community who worked at or participated in these events! Their efforts financially supported the climbing apparatus and the IPEMA-certified mulch that replaced one foot of sand and gravel over the entire playground. Guilford Savings Bank made a monetary donation in support of this worthwhile cause. Other support came in the form of labor from Sean Portley of P and L Construction, Glenn Stewart, and Brian Goodrich.

You may have read in the newspapers about the amazing Eagle Scout candidate (and parishioner!) Matthew Haigis, who is responsible for the excavation of the playground, the renovation of “The

Rankin Jeep,” and installation of privacy screening. Matt Haigis solicited monetary donations from The Madison Foundation, The Lions Club, The Rotary Club, and a family member to help cover the cost of his portion of the playground renovation. Matt also recruited Anderson Bros. Sanitation to donate time and equipment to excavate and relocate material from a 25’ x 74’ x 1’ space! I am deeply grateful for all of Matt’s effort and accomplishment with the playground renovation. I would also like to thank Boy Scout Troop #490, including their leaders and parents for the significant role they all played in making this all happen!

Further improvements to the playground include a new playhouse and the installation of the pickets that parents purchased during a fundraiser. I am looking for volunteers to help with both of these projects. If interested, please call me at 203-245-1308 or send an e-mail to [leahann@standrewsmadison.org](mailto:leahann@standrewsmadison.org).

Another significant, yet less noticeable improvement to the preschool program, is the acquisition of a new laptop and a childcare-specific software program! It is difficult to put into words what a monumental improvement this is for our program. I am very grateful to St. Andrew’s Vestry for authorizing this purchase.

Peace,  
Leah Ann Portley

## Treasurer’s Report

Pledges increased by \$1000 to bring the 2010 total to \$277,822, with 142 pledges. Pledge income for the month of September was \$14,661, with loose offerings of \$1,329.81. I withdrew \$10,000 in August to carry us through the month. It is tight this month.

Now that fall is here, with children back in school and church, hopefully the financial situation will improve for St. Andrew’s.

— Helen Van Antwerp, Treasurer

## 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.

## Welcoming News

Please wear your name tags! At this time of year, we have a lot of newcomers, and it will help all of us to learn one another’s names. If you need a name tag, please print your name neatly in the notepad on the shelf above the name tag boxes in the entryway, and one will be made for you.

The Welcoming Commission is looking for parishioners to help greet people as they enter church, make them feel welcome, help them find their name tags, and accompany newcomers to coffee hour. If you would be willing to do this every month or two, or if you have questions, please contact Martha Stewart at 203-245-3220.

We would be happy to have anyone, newer or older members, join our committee. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 pm in classroom 1. We will plan our newcomers’ dinner and discuss other ways to show visitors that we are glad they came to St. Andrew’s.

— Martha Stewart  
Welcoming Commission Chair

# Stewardship, T3 — a Way of Living and Giving

Yes, fall is almost here, the leaves will soon turn, the air is crisp and thus the annual stewardship campaign must not be far behind. Stewardship — for many Christians, it congers up feelings similar to some four-letter words. Break out the checkbook; time to balance the budget; there's that word "tithe" again. Sound familiar?

Well, it's time to start looking at stewardship in a different light. Do you really believe that God will provide for you and your family's needs? In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us:

**"Give, and it will be given to you.**

**A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put in to your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."** — Luke 6:38

God is generous, giving, loving, forgiving and gracious. God deserves our loving response to His generosity. Examine your life. Search to see God's generous hand in it. Write down the times in your life when God's hand has been present. I see God's grace when I look at the faces of my children at night, asleep in their beds, safe and healthy. I see God's grace when I hear the music and voices filled with praise when I sit in a pew at St. Andrew's on Sunday morning. I see God's grace when suit-

cases filled with shoes are shipped to Uganda, backpacks are filled and sent to New Haven, food is delivered to the food pantry downtown, our youth build houses in Maine, and a woman I hardly know brings me to tears as she claps with new prosthetic hands. I see God's grace in St. Andrew's.

This congregation has been through a challenging year. We are stepping out in faith, in search of a new priest-in-charge, and God will be there each step of the way. It is up to us to be there for God. Stewardship is thanksgiving, giving thanks for all that God has given us — our time, our talents, and our treasure. Nothing of value happens in life without these three currencies. Nothing of value happens in the life of a church without these three currencies.

Stewardship = time, talent, and treasure. T3. "T" to the third power. "T" cubed. Tee-three. It is a way of living and giving thanks every day. It is not balancing a budget. We are asking that each one of us look at the ways we can give of our own time, talent and treasure to St. Andrew's.

We will begin this year's stewardship campaign with Bishop Douglas' visit on October 24 and conclude with commitment Sunday on November 7. Please feel free to speak with any member of the Stewardship Committee about any questions or thoughts — as we move forward in deepening our spiritual development through our increased commitment of time, talent and treasure.

— Nancy Karas  
Colleen McHugh  
Charlie Albright  
David Mason

## Highlights from the August Vestry Meeting

### ■ 50th Anniversary

- A 50th Anniversary fund has been seeded with an anonymous gift.
- Commemorative Christmas ornaments will be sold at the annual Holiday Fair.
- Branding and a timeline were created and will be shared with the parish soon.

### ■ Preschool

- With the help of an Eagle Scout, Matt Haigis, the playground upgrade is underway.
- A decision was made to purchase new software and hardware for tracking healthcare regulations, immunization and receivables. Currently, the software is being tested.

### ■ Stewardship

- A new Stewardship Committee has been formed.
- Planning for a fall pledge drive and another "Nine to Dine" fellowship dinner is underway.

### ■ Welcoming

- A Welcoming Commission has been formed.
- The role of greeter has been re-established at each service to identify and welcome newcomers.

### ■ Outreach

Covenant to Care — Several backpacks containing school supplies were sent to DCF in New Haven.

### ■ Priest-in-Charge Search

The search continues. One of the original two candidates has withdrawn; names of additional candidates were requested.

### ■ New Business

The Vestry considered a proposal from the Hometown Bakery to rent the kitchen to bake three days a week.

### ■ Next Vestry Meeting

Monday, September 13 at 7 pm  
— Brenda Naegel

## 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. I included this item in last year's October Messenger and felt it warranted a second look! — Denise Forrest*

## New Beginnings

### ■ Mackenzie Rose Rahmann

was born on Tuesday, September 14. She is the daughter of Tabitha and Jayson Rahmann, granddaughter of Sharon and Michael Grippe, and the first great-grandchild of Mary and Vern Beatrice.

# Team Uganda Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Was a Successful Event

On Saturday September 18, Team Uganda (T.U.) held a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction to raise money to support our orphans' annual tuition needs. The idea of an additional fundraising event developed in the spring. T.U.'s traditional events have included Chicks, Pies, and Frozen Assets. This event had two new goals — raise money in a venue outside of St. Andrew's and raise enough money to "cushion" upcoming obligations. Our team goal was \$2,000, roughly one year of tuition costs for our four orphans. Recently, we were close to running out of money, and if it weren't for the generous grant from St. Andrew's Outreach Committee earlier this summer, we would not have met the tuition bills.

T.U. members met several times over the summer to plan the event and raise donations for the auction. We visited and reviewed several location options and ultimately picked Savvy Tea in the center of Madison. This turned out to

be an excellent choice, as owners Phil Parda and Judy Guard made it easy for us and did a fabulous job with the setup and preparations. The Team rallied around our goals by securing great donations from local people and companies. Some auction items included Boston College/Notre Dame football tickets, a drive in an antique car with a tour of Guilford Steam Works, four tickets to Radio City's Rockettes, resort spa accommodations, a limousine certificate, and a signed NBA basketball. We had 15 auction items in total.

The event began with a presentation of our mission in Uganda and the wonderful work and progress that the Team and St. Andrew's has made. While several from St. Andrew's supported the event, we did have quite a few from outside of the church including neighbors, family and friends; many of whom were learning of our mission for the first time. Ugandan tea was served throughout the

evening, and Judy and Phil prepared plates with gourmet cheeses and fruits. The wine tasting featured Mario Mazzotta of the Wine Cellar (in Middletown on Route 17) — who donated his time and all of the wine. He took us through five flights, starting with Champagne.

For a special treat, Cassandra and Carly Kolstad sang three beautiful songs for the 43 guests.

I am very pleased to be able to report that T.U. exceeded our financial goals. While St. Andrew's and the parishioners continue to generously support T.U., we were able to bring in outside financial support and also broadcast our message and good work. I want to thank everyone on Team Uganda and extend a special thanks to Terry and Lillian Sinclair, Suzie Birks, Alice Hencir, Alwyn Thorpe, and Gina Kolstad for selling tickets and raising donations.

— Kris Kolstad

Chairman of Team Uganda

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## The Secret of Happiness — An Excerpt from "Have a Little Faith"

The simplicity of happiness seems so easy and yet so elusive. Sometimes it can be articulated so well by others that it is difficult to improve upon. Please read this excerpt from Mitch Albom's *"Have a Little Faith."*

Can I ask you something? "Yes," he said. What makes a man happy? "Well..." He rolled his eyes around the hospital room. "This may not be the best setting for that question." Yeah, you're right. "On the other hand..." He took a deep breath. "On the other hand, here in this building, we must face the real issues. Some people will get better. Some will not. So it may be a good place to define what that word means." Happiness? "That's right. The things society tells us we must have to be happy — a new this or that, a bigger house, a better job. I know the falsity of it. I have counseled many people who have all these things, and I can tell you they are not happy because of them. The number of marriages that have disintegrated when they had all the

stuff in the world. The families who fought and argued all the time, when they had money and health. Having more does not keep you from wanting more. And if you always want more — to be richer, more beautiful, more well known — you are missing the bigger picture, and I can tell you from experience, happiness will never come."

You're not going to tell me to stop and smell the roses, are you? He chuckled. "Roses would smell better than this place."

Suddenly, out in the hall, I heard an infant scream, followed by a quick "shhh!" presumably from its mother. The Reb heard it, too. "Now, that child," he said, "reminds me of something our sages taught. When a baby comes into the world, its hands are clenched, right? Like this?" He made a fist. "Why? Because a baby, not knowing any better, wants to grab everything, to say, 'The whole world is mine.' But when an old person dies, how does he do so? With his hands open. Why? Because he has learned the lesson."

What lesson? I asked. He stretched open his empty fingers. "We can take nothing with us." For a moment we both stared at his hand. It was trembling. "Ach, you see this?" he said. Yeah. "I can't make it stop." He dropped the hand to his chest. I heard a cart being wheeled down the hall. He spoke so wisely, with such passion, that for a moment I'd forgotten where we were.

"Anyhow," he said, his voice trailing off. I hated seeing him in that bed. I wanted him home, with the messy desk and the mismatched clothes. I forced a smile.

So, have we solved the secret of happiness? "I believe so," he said. Are you going to tell me? "Yes. Ready?" Ready.

"Be satisfied." That's it? "Be grateful." That's it? "For what you have. For the love you receive. And for what God has given you."

That's it? He looked me in the eye. Then he sighed deeply. "That's it."

— David Karas

## Sacred Trust Forum on Religion & Environment

Peak oil, climate change, economic collapse and environmental toxification are problems too overwhelming to take on as individuals. But there is hope!

The Interreligious Eco-Justice Network will present their Sacred Trust Forum on Religion and the Environment entitled **“Beyond: Transforming Our Communities for the 21st Century.”** Transition Initiative trainer Tina Clarke will discuss how local communities and people of faith can implement changes in their own backyards to help build a better, more sustainable world.

The program will be held on Sunday, October 24, 4:00-7:30 pm at Spring Glen Church, 1825 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT. A cost of \$30 (\$20 for students) includes the program and a meal. Register online at the Hartford Seminary website — [www.hartsem.edu/pages/news-events/2010-Sacred-Trust-Forum.aspx](http://www.hartsem.edu/pages/news-events/2010-Sacred-Trust-Forum.aspx).

If you have questions, call Rabbi Andrea Cohen Kiener at 860-231-8554.



## Crop Walk planned

The Crop Walk will take place on October 3 at 1:00 pm. Participants walk from the Madison Green to the Guilford Green, which is approximately 5 miles. By walking, funds are raised to help support local, national, and international hunger-fighting causes. Please participate by walking, sponsoring, or shuttling walkers. Donation forms and information packets will be in Farmer Hall. For details, contact Jean Card at 421-8604 or [jcardshouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcardshouse@sbcglobal.net).

## Our Green Team Needs You

Do you have an interest in helping St. Andrew's to discover energy efficiency and savings? The Green Team could use your help!

What is popularly called the Green Team is actually the St. Andrew's Environmental Steering Committee. Some of the ideas of this committee can be found on the church website [www.standrewsmadison.org](http://www.standrewsmadison.org) under the heading Green Church.

Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener, who heads the Inter-Religious Eco-Justice Network of Connecticut, reports that “This Old House of Worship” program has again received funding for free energy auditing classes. This is a great opportunity for a group of St. Andrew's parishioners to receive excellent training and join a growing forum of like-minded individuals statewide. Details are on the website [www.IREJN.org](http://www.IREJN.org). Several faith organizations in Madison have been through this training and have found it to be invaluable in advancing their environmental initiatives.

Anyone (youth included!) interested in environmental sustainability — and this includes those unfamiliar with R-values and BTUs — can send an e-mail to [brenda.naegel@yale.edu](mailto:brenda.naegel@yale.edu) or call Barb Gibbons, Church Administrator, at 203-245-2584.  
— Brenda Naegel

## Celebrate Happy Occasions

If you want to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other happy occasion with St. Andrew's Church, please tell Barb Gibbons or me. I will compile a master list of parishioners' occasions, and these will be posted in the weekly bulletin. Specific parishioners might carry the elements at that Sunday service. Please call me at 203-421-3682, or send an e-mail to [jrgerst@snet.net](mailto:jrgerst@snet.net).

Thank you.  
Peace, Jenny Gerst

## Green Matters

Whether selling mustard or promoting a sustainable environment, the British attract attention here in this former Colony. Anyhow, Prince Charles, who is in line to head the Church of England, speaks frequently on “green” issues, and for the 25th Anniversary of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, he combined his interests in religion and environment.

Reporting in the *London Mail* (online June 10, 2010), Rebecca English noted that while all religious teachings oppose environmental destruction, this is particularly true of Islam. The article quoted the heir to the British throne as follows:

“The inconvenient truth is that we share this planet with the rest of creation for a very good reason — and that is, we cannot exist on our own without the intricately balanced web of life around us. Islam has always taught this and to ignore that lesson is to default on our contract with creation.”

This excerpt is from Yale University's “Forum on Religion and Ecology Newsletter, 4:4” (July 2010). To sign up for this online newsletter go to [www.religionandecology.org](http://www.religionandecology.org).

— John Fuller

## Help Set Up Compline

Bill Crawford will resume Compline on Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm if a few volunteers will help with set up. Please contact Bill at 203-318-0060 if you are interested in helping.

## Hammonasset Beach State Park Celebrates 90 Years

On October 2-3, Hammonasset Beach State Park will celebrate its 90th anniversary with two days of programs inspired by nature, Native American traditions, and the American spirit. All events are free and open to the public, and are geared for all ages.

For detailed program information, visit [www.hammonassetcelebration.com](http://www.hammonassetcelebration.com).

# St. Andrew's Church HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, November 13, 2010

9 am - 3 pm



**Collection Boxes will be available in Farmer Hall in mid-October 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. We need many strong hands, so please volunteer to help.

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

## ATTIC TREASURES

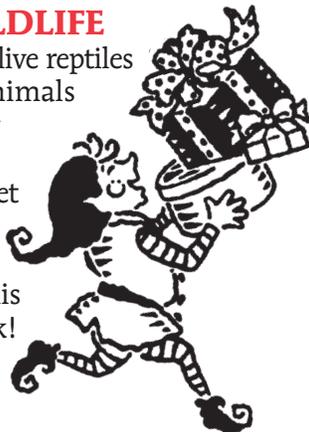
Check through your basement or attic. We can use a piece of china, good glassware, silver, brass, wrought iron, antiques, serving dishes, and home décor items.

## VENDORS & CRAFTERS

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

## REAL WILDLIFE

Come see live reptiles and other animals presented by Friends of Hammonasset volunteers. You will be amazed at this up-close look!



## 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 12.

## 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.

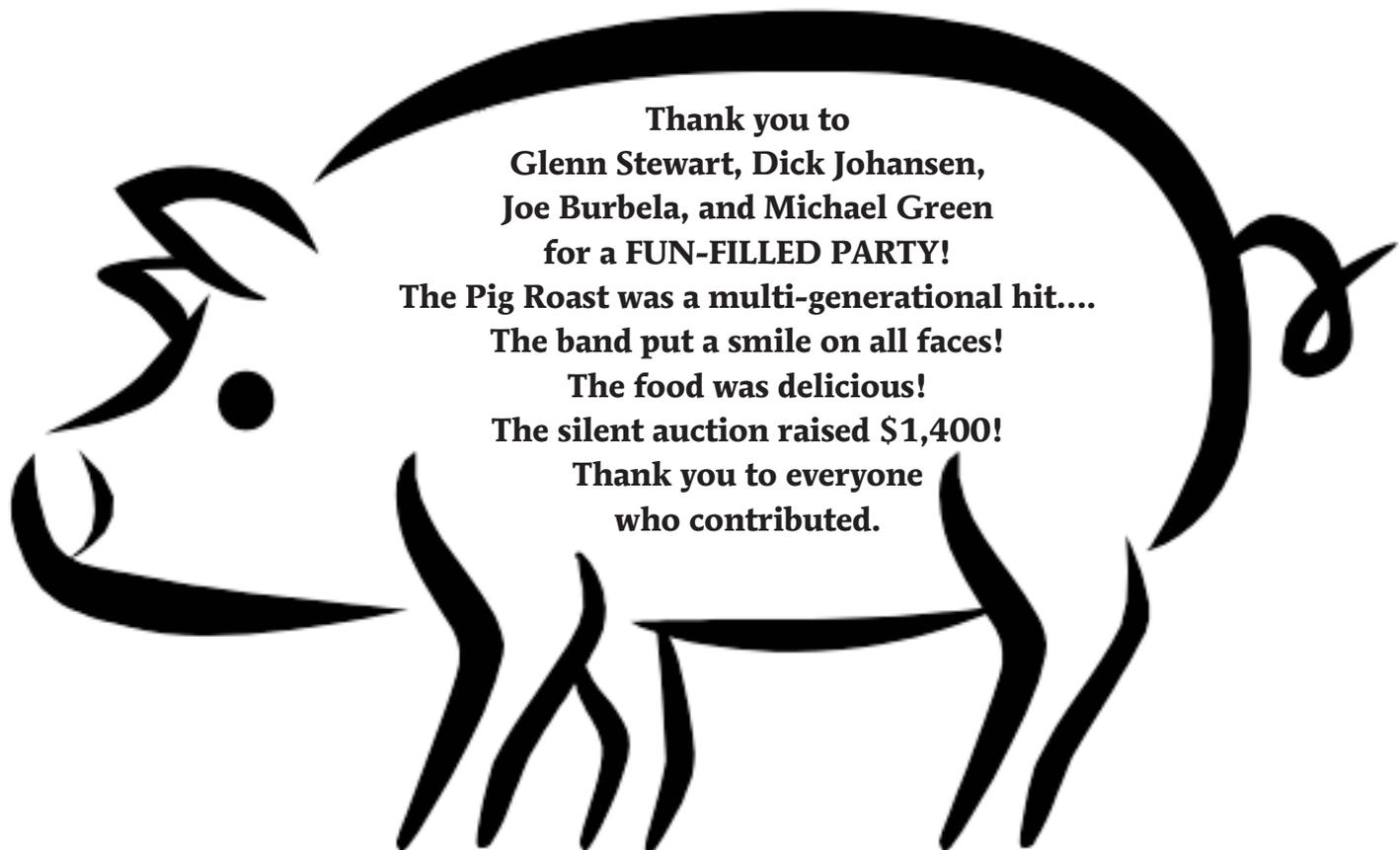
## PHOTOS WITH SANTA

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.

***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.***



**Thank you to  
Glenn Stewart, Dick Johansen,  
Joe Burbela, and Michael Green  
for a FUN-FILLED PARTY!**

**The Pig Roast was a multi-generational hit....**

**The band put a smile on all faces!**

**The food was delicious!**

**The silent auction raised \$1,400!**

**Thank you to everyone  
who contributed.**

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## The Parish Staff

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Parish Administrator                      | Barbara Gibbons      |
| Preschool Director                        | Leah Ann Portley     |
| Director of Children's and Youth Ministry | Mary Merkle-Scotland |
| Organist & Chancel Choir Director         | Paul Jordan          |
| Director of Spirit Choir & Musicals       | Joy Weaver           |
| Guitarist                                 | Jim Olden            |
| Sexton and Verger                         | David Mikus          |

## The Parish Vestry

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Senior Warden       | David Karas       |
| Junior Warden       | Kristen Garnett   |
| Treasurer           | Helen Van Antwerp |
| Clerk of the Vestry | Brenda Naegel     |

Chris Abbott, Charles Albright, Sandra Butler, Art Criddle, Jenny Gerst, John Paulson, Terry Sinclair, Martha Stewart, Robert Stimpson

## Choir Rehearsal Schedule

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

This choir is for everyone — age 6 through adult — and 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](mailto:messenger@standrewsmadison.org). All articles may be edited for space, style, and content. Editor: Denise Forrest



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