

THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

NOVEMBER 2010



ST. ANDREW

St. Andrew's Day on Nov. 21

Join us on Sunday, November 21, as bagpipers help us celebrate and honor our patron saint. Wear your family tartan or your favorite tam-o'-shanter! Plus, "**Andrew – On the Road to Sainthood**" will be performed. See page 5.

Compline

Held Sundays at 8:30 pm, Compline is a quiet, meditative 25-minute service. Relax and engage in prayerful preparation for the coming week.

Backpack Drive

Help teenagers at Youth Continuum by donating backpacks of all sizes. See page 3 for more details.

Stewardship — T3

Have you considered what time, talent and treasure you can give to St. Andrew's? What does St. Andrew's mean to you, and what do you mean to St. Andrew's? Remember, nothing of value happens in the life of a church without the devotion of time, talent and treasure (T3) from its parish family.

Our Stewardship campaign began with a sermon by Bishop Ian Douglas on Oct. 24. He shared with us a touching story of his father's commitment to his church in Massachusetts.

We are asking that all families prayerfully consider their financial pledge for 2011. Bring your completed card to church on commitment Sunday, Nov. 7; or mail it to the parish office.

At St. Andrew's, positive things are happening all around us — the upcoming Holiday Fair, 50th Anniversary planning, a successful Pig Roast, the Preschool playground renovation, Team Uganda visit, and so much more! Through our collective commitment and giving back, blessings will continue to come our way.

Please feel free to speak with any member of the Stewardship Committee about your thoughts or questions. Thank you for your support.

Charlie Albright David Mason
Nancy Karas Colleen McHugh

Adult Education Classes

Adult education classes, led by Delores O'Connell and Woody Wilkins, will be offered in December. See insert for details.

Confronting Challenges

Two of my St. Andrew's friends had an interesting summer vacation this year. Their story prompted some thoughts...

Our friends were on a cruise in the Arctic areas of Canada in August. *continued on page 4*

Holiday Fair on Nov. 13

Get ready for our annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 13. There are many ways to participate. Please see page 2 for items to donate and information on how you can help us make it a great event!

50th Anniversary News

Committees continue to meet and plans are formed for our celebration of this very special place of worship.

Visit our website at www.standrewsmadison.org/50thnews.html. The site includes a timeline of our important events during the past five decades, a reminder of how all of this came to be thanks to our founding members, a statement of who we are now and what we do from this house of worship to impact the greater community, a visible reference of our church leadership and staff, and coming events.

By mid-November, we hope to hang the banner in the narthex — to establish a place to commemorate the past, present and future for all who enter our doors. Gordon Lang has done an incredible job of offering to us the talents of his "shop." Thank you so very much!

Denise Forrest generously offered to design a "50th" cover for the Sunday Bulletin to use for the duration of our celebration. She has done fabulous work, and we hope to have it in your hands by November as a weekly reminder that we have much to celebrate in St. Andrew's 50 years. Thanks so much Denise!

Whew! We give thanks to the Publicity Committee which continues to share its many talents for this endeavor.

The Historiography Committee continues to do its work and has moved from resource searching to actually documenting important events in our history. *continued on page 2*

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

Help Make Our Holiday Fair a Huge Success

Prepare for our 21st annual Holiday Fair on November 13!

Jewelry and Handcrafts — a group of crafters gather to lovingly stitch and glue items, and all are invited to join them. Contact Sue Morriss at 203-453-6414.

Theme Baskets — St. Andrew's is known for its fabulous selection of gift baskets. Various groups and ministries within the church often choose their own theme and create a unique basket. Individuals are welcome to donate one of their own choice. For questions or ideas for your basket, contact Donna Johansen at 203-245-6729, Carrie Nye at 203-779-5072, or Megan Callahan at 860-664-9884.

Ye Olde Bottle Shoppe — bring bottles of all kinds! This game of chance is looking for anything that is in a bottle: perfume, wine, salad dressing, bubble bath, candy, small toys, pennies, etc. Kids love the game, so we always can use more "kid friendly" items. This is easy and fun, so we hope every family will donate several bottles. Drop off items (marked Ye Olde Bottle Shoppe) in the appropriate donation box located in Farmer Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Price at 203-245-3002.

Fashion Accents — look through your jewelry boxes and closets for items you can donate — necklaces, pins, earrings, scarves, purses and wallets. Drop off donated items in the appropriate donation box in Farmer Hall. For questions, contact Marilyn Barnett at 860-669-3761.

Attic Treasures — china, silver, good glassware, brass, wrought iron, antiques and home décor items. For questions contact Marilyn Bullis at 203-245-0009 or Nancy Farnan at 203-245-0780.

Christmas Shop — gently used Christmas and holiday decorations for

the tree, the house, and the table. Kids love to shop for ornaments, and other popular items include artificial wreaths, electric candles, and placemats. Drop off items (marked Christmas Shop) in the appropriate donation box located in Farmer Hall. Questions, contact Martha Stewart at 203-245-3220.

Book Room — donate books of all types, CDs, and DVDs in decent condition. Please, no encyclopedias, but we welcome children's books.

Bea's Bake Shoppe — bake something tasty. Pies sell especially well, but we welcome cakes, breads, cookies, jams, jellies, and sugar-free food items. Please drop off bake shoppe items at Farmer Hall the day before the fair (Friday, November 12 in the afternoon or evening). If you have any questions, contact Bea Fortin at 203-245-9351.

Tag Sale — empty your garage, attic, closets, and cabinets. New this year: **Used Sporting Equipment** — bikes, sleds, skates, skateboards, rollerblades, fishing poles, skis, ski boots, bats, balls, gloves, ping pong tables, pool tables, etc. **Toy Shop** — toys, dolls, trucks, games, and collections. If you have questions or need help with pick up, call Florie Earle at 203-421-0100 or Linda Mastro at 203-483-6899. *Note: we cannot accept mattresses, cribs or car seats.*

Volunteer — please sign up to help for a two-hour shift, **and plan to come and shop!** A sign-up sheet is located in the church entryway.

Music Note

In planning the 8:00 and 11:00 am services, Paul Jordan welcomes suggestions of your favorite hymns. While perhaps not able to honor every suggestion, he happily will compile a "pool" of our parish's most beloved hymns to draw from, as he considers factors that enter into service designs. If guidance is needed, Barb Gibbons can indicate the location of Paul's mailbox. Thanks for your thoughts!

50th Anniversary News

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Eventually, they will move toward composing a 50-year story of how we got from there to here.

Both of these committees welcome new insights and ideas. This is an ongoing effort, and there is no deadline for involvement.

At the Holiday Fair, purchase our **50th Anniversary commemorative ornament** for \$15.00. It is fantastic! For those of you who pre-ordered, your ornaments will be available for pick-up at the fair. If you cannot attend the fair, please see the order form at lower left, and return this form with your payment. We will have your ornaments available for pick-up at Sunday services following the Holiday Fair.

As we look toward 2011, both the Church School (January) and the Choir (February) will be highlighted and celebrated for 50 years of contributing to the foundation of this parish. We look forward to celebrating with them.

Historical facts: In November 1970, the mortgage for the church was paid off, only 10 years after the founding members initiated the vision for an Episcopal parish in Madison. The Rectory was paid for by the sale of 8 acres of the original 13-acre property, limiting the "debt" incurred only to the church.

Please consider being part of this project. Contact us for details.

— Maggie and Charlie Walden,
mccwalden@yahoo.com
203-318-5045

Holiday Fair Meetings

Join us on November 1 and November 10. All meetings are at church at 6:00 pm in Classroom 1.

Ornament Orders

Please reserve (#) _____
50th Anniversary Commemorative
Ornaments. Enclosed is \$ _____.
Name _____
Phone _____
I usually attend _____ service.

Mail to: Maggie Walden
15 Matthew Court
Madison, CT 06443



The ornament can be viewed at
St. Andrew's website.

Church School, Youth Ministry, Family Activities, and More

■ Good That Keeps on Giving

Hooverville 2010 — a homeless immersion project — took place on the Madison Green with five Madison faith communities participating. St. Andrew's was represented by Demi and Elaina Zachos, Makayla Portley, former church member Brittney Jackson, and Anne-Claire Merkle-Scotland. Hooverville is a reference to the shanty towns of the Great Depression and President Herbert Hoover whose name is forever linked to them. Students built their "shack" from a cardboard refrigerator or oven box, and then moved indoors for group activities, a speaker, and discussion. Back outside, we closed the evening with a discussion among the students about serving others as Jesus taught us.

Saturday, students solicited donations from passersby in town. The students and adult chaperones raised \$767.

Thanks to the support of Rich Fislser and Art Criddle from the Outreach Committee, the youth were encouraged to submit a grant for matching funds. Special thanks to Elaina Zachos for writing the grant. Dave Allen from the Madison Foundation suggested they also apply for funds from this organization. Special thanks to Anne-Claire Merkle-Scotland for completing this grant

application — \$400 was donated by the Madison Foundation.

This year, Youth Continuum staff, an organization committed to fighting adolescent homelessness, spoke to the students and discussed the challenges and issues facing the young people they serve. Their greatest need right now is backpacks! Youth at participating churches will hold a backpack drive for gently used and new backpacks until Thanksgiving. **Backpacks and shoulder bags of all sizes are needed.** Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

Students and adults were asked to bring \$10 each, and with 44 people participating and all churches donating whatever was needed for the event, another \$440 was raised. All told, the event netted \$2374. Thanks to everyone who made a donation. Money raised was split equally between Youth Continuum and Madison Community Services. All canned goods, 250 pounds worth, were donated to the Madison Food Pantry.

■ November 13

Holiday Fair Helpers needed

Have fun helping children create crafts — glass ornaments, scuple pins, fleece scarves, salt clay ornaments, jewelry and more. Join us anytime between 9 am and 3 pm on Saturday, November 13.

■ November 21

H.O.M.E. Mission Trip

SAVE THE DATE! H.O.M.E. kickoff is Sunday, November 21 at 7 pm. Please bring \$5 for pizza. H.O.M.E. stands for Homeowners Organized for More Employment — our summer high school mission trip to Orland, Maine. Scheduled for the second week of July, we take 35 students and nine chaperones for a week of construction, fun, adventure and faith. Bring a non-refundable check for \$100 as your trip deposit to save your spot.

■ November 28 — Wreathmaking

On this first Sunday of Advent, come to Farmer Hall for a wonderful family activity — November 28 after the 9:15 service. A \$10 donation is requested for the oasis, candles, greens and ribbon.

■ January 8 — Adult Retreat

An adult retreat is set for Saturday, January 8, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. Set aside this time for enrichment and renewal. Lunch included. All are welcome!

■ January 14-17 — Ski Trip

Plans are in the works for a High School (Grades 9-12) ski trip to Vermont on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, January 14-17. The estimated cost is between \$200-\$300. We are looking for youth who would like to participate and also those would like to help plan the weekend. If you are interested, send an email to Mary at themsgroup@snet.net. Put this on your Christmas list!

■ Sunday Discussion Group for high school students

Did you know that there is a group for high school students that meets on Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's? Dave Preikszas meets with this group after the 9:15 service. Teens in Grades 9-12 are welcome. For details, contact Mary.

■ Volunteers Needed

Looking for somewhere to put your energies? Think about volunteering with the high school youth group! Contact Mary at themsgroup@snet.net or call 203.245.2584, x.3.

— Mary Merkle-Scotland
themsgroup@snet.net

Interfaith Youth Weekend Scheduled for November

The Rite 13 class (Grades 7-8) 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. This event provides 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.

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

Treasurer's Report

Pledges for 2010 increased by \$2400 for the month of September, bringing the total to \$280,222, with 143 pledges. The pledge collection for the month was \$16,646; the loose offering total was \$1,089.06.

I did not have to withdraw any money from the Endowment to get through September, which was a good thing. Hopefully this trend will continue.

— Helen Van Antwerp, Treasurer

Confronting Challenges and Helping Others

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The ship traveled westbound from Greenland. The backdrop included Inuit villages, polar bears, icebergs, glaciers, and mountains. About 8 hours from completing its 10-day itinerary in Kugluktuk 1500 miles due north of Edmonton, as it traveled through the uncharted waters of Coronation Bay, the ship suddenly lurched and ran aground. The 118 passengers, plus crew, were perched on a rock. They weren't sure how big a hole, if any, existed in the hull.

My friend remarked that it was interesting to see passengers' reactions to the 48 hours of chaos and uncertainty that ensued. At first, everyone had to report to lifeboats and don lifejackets. Some people panicked and some women cried. The closest rescue ship was 24 hours away.

After a number of hours, the captain gave up trying to maneuver the boat off the rock. Only a bit of water was entering the hull. Passengers were able to go to their rooms and sleep. A Canadian Coast Guard ship arrived, but unwilling to risk the same fate, anchored several miles away. Two days after running aground, passengers were taken off the boat using helicopters and small zodiac boats, and were accommodated for one night in the ice hockey rink of Kugluktuk, thankful to be on terra firma.

This story, and that of the Chilean miners, reminds me that sometimes we

all get stuck in a tough spot. Sometimes we get unexpected medical news. Car accidents and sports injuries take us by surprise. Sometimes, challenges come in spades. I think the reason we're all here together is to help out each other. As our Ugandan preacher, Solomon, told us in October, like Joseph (the one with the Technicolor Dream Coat), we all have a purpose in life, and it's to confront challenges. Sometimes, we're the ones answering a desperate call, helping out friends, sometimes even strangers, with our gifts and talents.

A year ago, St. Andrew's was in a tough spot. The vestry and clergy could not concur on a number of matters. We were unsure what our church would look like in 2010. Hours of thought and prayer went into how to proceed. Thankfully, our parish came through these difficult days, still able to serve each other and able to reach out to the wider community.

I think the traumatic experiences can help to teach us to be thankful for the ordinary days; to be grateful for the talents of those assisting in crisis; to be grateful for "amazing grace" that comes our way sometimes.

I encourage everyone to reach out to someone experiencing loss or trauma — you might just be the perfect hero or rescuer, able to help return a sense of ordinary to their life.

— Kristen Garnett

Newcomers' Dinner Was Well Attended

The Welcoming Commission was delighted to host seven families at our newcomers' dinner on October 17. This was an opportunity to get to know one another a little better and find out what brought people to St. Andrew's. Our family-friendly atmosphere and 9:15 service are the reason why most of the families choose to worship here. It was interesting to note that fewer than five of the 31 adults in attendance (newcomers, staff, and lay leaders) were raised in the Episcopal Church, and the rest were about evenly divided between Roman Catholic and Protestant upbringings.

We provided information on many of our church's ministries, and hopefully this will spark interest in joining some. We hope anyone who missed "Life at St. Andrew's" will be able to join us at the next one in the spring.

The evening would not have been such a success without the help of the cheerful members of the Welcoming Commission. Rosie Price and Debbie Ferrigno were there from setup through cleanup, and they provided the salads. Nancy Farnan brought garlic bread; Chris Abbott provided dessert and also handled getting the tasty lasagna from Bradley & Wall. We also thank Susan

Wines, Grace Crawford, and Maggie Walden for providing desserts, and Donna Johansen for an appetizer. Glenn Stewart and Rosie Price kept seven children entertained during the program, and we are grateful for their energy and enthusiasm. They say many hands make light work, and that was certainly the case. It was such a joy to work with these dedicated parishioners to help spread the word that all are welcome at St. Andrew's.

— Martha Stewart
Chairperson
Welcoming Commission

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Update from Orphanage Cites Team Uganda Involvement

Stone Weronde, our contact at the Chain Foundation Orphanage, sent us a brief update of the organization's activities in 2010. As a point of interest, he is the nephew of retired Archbishop Livingstone Mpalyani Nkoyoyo.

We just want to highlight some of the connections and activities that have formed since our relationship with Chain Orphanage began a few years ago. The complete update with much more information is available in a PDF format and can be downloaded from the St. Andrew's website (www.standrewsmadison.org/pdf/chainupdate_2010.pdf).

The report mentions the Blind Children Resource Center at the Chain orphanage and the utilization of Perkins Braille machines that parishioners of St. Andrew's helped provide. In addition, the organization's poultry house is featured as a way of improving the orphans' diet and a way to provide farming skills to the children. Team Uganda's annual "Chicks for U...ganda" has supported this effort for several years.

A long section about the problems of the electrical power supply in Uganda is discussed, and the update mentions the welcome donation of a generator from St. Andrew's. The update states: "Chain Foundation is grateful to all Christians of St. Andrew's Church for this support. The generator is being used whenever there is a blackout. It also has assisted children in using their books at night when there is no power and has reinforced security at the facility."

In a very current topic, a description of the Chain Foundation sickbay emphasizes the children's health needs and explains plans to expand the facility. This fits in nicely with the recent appeal to fill a suitcase with basic first aid and medical supplies to help stock the nurse's cabinet. Martha Hoffman will deliver the full suitcase of supplies when she visits the Chain Orphanage in November.

Finally, we are proud to note that the Chain Foundation has a chapel where children have devotion every evening. The

staff, plus people from the surrounding community, gather every morning. In addition, they have a Sunday school class. A chaplain, assisted by Chain Orphanage children and volunteers, leads all of the services. We particularly are honored that the chapel is named St. Andrew's Church Namubiri!

Team Uganda is grateful to all persons helping us support the Chain Foundation Orphanage mission.

As Stone Weronde says: "May the good Lord bless you abundantly."

Theatrical Tidbits

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 exciting aspect of having a Musical Theatre program at the church is welcoming new children and new families to our church family.

Our younger group, children in Grades 1-6, have begun the rehearsal process with a completely original show about St. Andrew. This will be a fun comedy filled with rousing music, designed to delight both cast members and audience! It also will serve to educate us about the actual St. Andrew, who he was and how he became a saint.

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

"Andrew – On the Road to Saint-hood" will be performed at the 9:15 service on Sunday, November 21.

As always, contact me if you have any questions. Send an email to joyann228@yahoo.com, call me at home at 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

New Beginnings

Baptisms

On Sunday, October 17, two baptisms were celebrated at the 11:00 am service.

■ **Tori Erin Migliore**, daughter of Heather and Nicholas Migliore. Tori is the granddaughter of Cindy and Ed Tichy.

■ **Olivia Patricia Santoro**, daughter of ShirleyAnn Halley and Scott Santoro. Olivia is their second daughter to be baptized at St. Andrew's.

Births

■ Jenny and Marty Gerst give thanksgiving for the birth of two grandchildren. Grandson **Corey Martin Letkowski**, son of Katie and RC Letkowski, was born on August 30; granddaughter **Elyssa Noel Gerst**, daughter of Philip and Jacqueline Gerst, was born on August 31.



"State Road 47"

Performed by our Teens
in Grades 7-12

Friday and Saturday
January 7 and 8
at 7:00 pm

Coat Collection for Shelters

Girl Scout Troop 62844 is collecting coats for men, women and kids for two shelters in New Haven until November 14. Put "good condition" coats in the basket in the Narthex. Questions, contact Tori Milner at 203-318-8677 or ToriM@snet.net.

NOVEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:00 pm Holiday Fair Meeting	2	3 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	4 5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir	5	6
7 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 pm Compline	8	9	10 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Holiday Fair Meeting	11 5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir	12 No Preschool	13 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Holiday Fair
14 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 pm Compline	15 Deadline for the December issue of the <i>Messenger</i>	16 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	17 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Scheduling Meeting	17 5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir	19 Interfaith Youth Weekend (see page 3)	20
21 St. Andrew's Day 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Performance of <i>Andrew - On the Road to Sainthood</i> during 9:15 service (see page 4) 8:30 pm Compline	22	23 Serendipity Sale all week	24 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	25 Thanksgiving	26 Parish Office Closed	27
28 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist — Advent 1 Wreathmaking (see page 3) 8:30 pm Compline	29	30	Check St. Andrew's weekly eNews for the most up-to-date announcements. To receive our eNews , go to — www.standrewsmadison.org — and sign up on the home page.			

Highlights from St. Andrew's Vestry Meeting in September

- **Priest-in-charge update:** We received three new candidates to interview. The interview team has met with two of the three candidates to date. The process is moving along.
- **Bakery request:** A motion was passed to regretfully deny the request that the kitchen be used for commercial baking at this time.
- **Vestry resignation:** Jenny Gerst resigned from her Vestry position. This term expires in 2013; a replacement will be sought when a new slate of candidates is presented for 2011.
- **Welcoming:** A dinner will be held on October 17 for newcomers to meet the Vestry and committee chairs.
- **Music Committee:** Geoff Gregory agreed to chair the Music Committee.
- **Bishop's visit:** Bishop Ian Douglas will visit St. Andrew's on Sunday, October 24. There will not be a 8 am service that Sunday.
- **Preschool:** Eagle Scout Matt Haigis will be thanked for his contribution to the playground at the 9:15 am service on October 3.
- **Stewardship:** The committee is actively planning the fall campaign. Bishop Douglas will give a sermon about commitment during his visit on October 24.
- **Team Uganda:** A wine tasting and silent auction will be held at Savvy Tea on September 18. Also, Destiny Africa Children's Choir will perform at the 9:15 am service on October 17. Rich Fisler is coordinating these activities.
- **Mission trip:** Ann Claire Merkle Scotland and Denali Dahl will give a presentation about their Dominican Republic trip in place of the sermon at the 9:15 service on September 19.
- **Outreach projects:** — A family has been identified for a **St. Andrew's Cares** clean-up project in mid-November. **Crop Walk** organizing and **Madison Cares** Build #7 are underway.
- **Pig Roast Party/Fundraiser:** The event was a big success and well attended.
- **50th Anniversary:** A timeline will be posted in the narthex.
- **Holiday Fair:** Florie Earl is chairperson and planning is underway. — Brenda Naegel

House of Bishops Speaks on Immigration, Haiti, and MDGs

The House of Bishops, concluding its Sept. 16-21 fall gathering in Phoenix, Arizona, has issued a pastoral letter and a “theological resource” on immigration, pledged to support a major fund drive to aid the rebuilding of the Episcopal Church in Haiti and reaffirmed its support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The bishops also passed a “mind of the house” resolution calling on one of their colleagues to resign. As of 10 pm EDT, Diocese of Pennsylvania Bishop Charles Bennisson had not officially responded to his fellow bishops’ request to “tender his immediate and unconditional resignation.”

The house’s actions came in addition to the bishops’ call for a reasoned and complete consideration of migration issues. That call came by way of a pastoral letter and an accompanying “theological resource” meant to give Episcopalians a way to study more deeply the challenges presented by the immigration debate.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori called the six-day gathering “a remarkably full meeting.”

Diocese of Pittsburgh Provisional Bishop Kenneth Price, House of Bishops secretary, told a post-meeting telephone media briefing that 120 bishops attended most of the sessions, adding that 115 were present for a business meeting the afternoon of Sept. 21.

The bishops also committed to a planned fundraising appeal to help the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti rebuild after the magnitude-7 earthquake on Jan. 12 devastated the country. The idea began with a February 2010 Executive Council resolution challenging the church to raise at least \$10 million for the initial reconstruction, based on priorities established by the Diocese of Haiti. The council is due to discuss the appeal in more detail during its Oct. 23-25 meeting in Salt Lake City.

Noting the Sept. 20-22 high-level United Nations summit on progress towards achieving the MDGs, the bishops said the goals are “a response to God’s mission of restoration and reconciliation,” and pledged “to re-engage our dioceses in helping to achieve the goals of the MDGs.”

The eight [MDG] targets are designed to reduce by half poverty, hunger, maternal and child deaths, disease, inadequate shelter, gender inequality and environmental degradation by 2015. The Episcopal Church has been committed since 2003 to helping the world achieve the standards called for in the MDGs. The goals formed the basis of the church’s budget priorities for the 2006-2009 triennium and a continued commitment to the goals was included in a different set of priorities for the 2010-2012 budget.

The bishops considered immigration, evangelism and mission amid changing cultural contexts during a regular rhythm of Bible study, theological reflection and worship. Their reflection included presentations from invited guests and from among their own ranks. The sessions were closed to the media and the public. Official accounts of the days’ work were released by the Episcopal Church’s Office of Public Affairs each evening.

Two reporters participating in the post-meeting briefing asked about the closed nature of the meeting, one noting that the last time the bishops met in open sessions was in September 2007.

“We always meet without the presence of press,” Jefferts Schori said, adding, “it’s not a meeting of the whole church; it’s only a meeting of the bishops and we seem to work better when we are speaking to ourselves and hearing input from particular experts.”

Prior to the bishops’ regularly scheduled meeting, about 40 bishops, spouses and partners participated in a Sept. 13-15 visit to Douglas, Arizona, and Sonora, Mexico, to acquaint themselves with the way immigration law impacts people on both sides of the border.

Many bishops and their spouses and partners also attended a dinner with representatives of the newly created Coalition of Episcopal Latinos, holding its inaugural meeting at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale.

Bishop Leo Frade of Southeast Florida, called the gathering “a moment of maturity” for Latino ministry. He had facilitated a Sept. 17 panel discussion for the House of Bishops about immigration and preached while Jefferts Schori cele-

brated Eucharist Sept. 19 at the Trinity Cathedral Spanish language service.

A majority of bishops attending the House of Bishops meeting also participated in local Sunday worship services, some as preachers.

According to the official daily accounts, the bishops heard reports on:

- reform of the General Ordination Examination process.
 - work on liturgical, pastoral, theological and teaching resources, as well as canonical and legal considerations for same-gender blessings to be presented at General Convention 2012.
 - the update of an earlier HOB Theology Committee report on same-gender relationships, which is now supplemented by responses of seven ecumenical and interfaith theologians and will be published in the *Anglican Theological Review*.
 - the formation of “The Episcopal Community,” which Diocese of Nevada Bishop Dan Edwards describes on his blog as having been formed by Episcopalians who felt pushed out of the Daughters of the King organization.
 - a program to create “safe space” for theological minorities in the church, which Edwards describes as aimed at “developing canonical protection for conservatives in the church generally and also for liberals who live in conservative dioceses — a plan to value and preserve theological diversity in the whole church and in each diocese.”
 - a plan to separately incorporate the College for Bishops, which its website says provides educational and formational opportunities “that will strengthen bishops in their personal lives, as diocesan leaders in God’s mission and in their vocation to God as a community of bishops in service to the Episcopal Church.”
 - a task force on theological education, which Edwards said is aimed at “improving relationships between dioceses and Episcopal seminaries and how to know which non-Episcopal seminaries have substantial Anglican studies programs.”
- The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg and the Rev. Pat McCaughan are national correspondents for the Episcopal News Service. September 21, 2010.

St. Andrew's Church
HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday
November 13
9 am - 3 pm



- Christmas Shop • All-day Café
- Attic Treasures • Tag Sale •
- Used Sporting Equipment Sale
- Nearly New Books •
- Theme Baskets • Fashion Accents
- Ye Olde Bottle Shoppe •
- Children's Shopping & Games
- Vendors & Handcrafts •
- Bea's Bake Shoppe • Order Holiday Turkeys
- See Nature Center Reptiles •

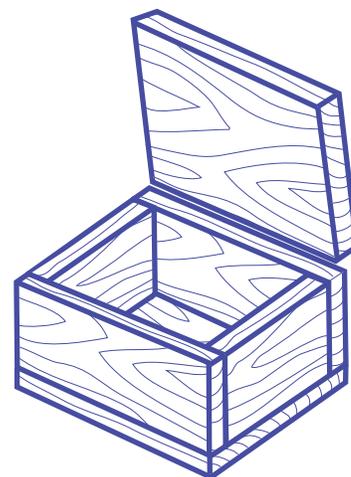
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The Way of the Carpenter

The Spiritual Box

When my life seems so very fast and thoughts about my spiritual life swirl without a sense of presence, I return to the way of the carpenter, I return to the way of wood. I return to my spiritual box which is both a container and an altar.



- **As a container**, it holds my thoughts, my prayers and longings for deeper communion with God.
- **As an altar**, it is where I place my love of Christ and feel his blessing and inner peace alive deep within me.

My spiritual box is a living box, where my faith is captured with words, art and symbols of his love for me. It is a place of refuge and of inspiration.

You are invited to join us in the way of the carpenter to build your own spiritual box and have it become a place of personal sanctuary and refuge in Christ.

Program facilitators: Dolores O'Connell, D. Min. Robert W H Wilkins "Woody"
Board Certified Chaplain Program Director

Dates: December 1 & 8 7 - 8.30pm Soup and Salad @ 6.30pm

Cost: Box kit and workbook - Suggested donation to Dances With Wood \$22

Registration: *To sign up please contact Barbara Gibbons in the Church office.*

Tel: 203-245-2584

Please bring a friend!

Adult Education: Please note that this program is for adults. *Minimum age 18*

No prior woodworking experience needed, beginners more than welcome!
(No sharp tools or cutting required)

Robert W H Wilkins "Woody"
Program Director/Founder

Dances With Wood
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Director of Spirit Choir & Musicals	Joy Weaver
Guitarist	Jim Olden
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Senior Warden	David Karas
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Chris Abbott, Charles Albright, Sandra Butler, Art Criddle, John Paulson, Terry Sinclair, Martha Stewart, and 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.

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