

# THE MESSENGER

*Growing Together in God's Love*

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

DECEMBER 2010



## Adult Classes

December 1 and 8, from 7-8:30 pm, join Dolores O'Connell, D.Min. and Robert "Woody" Wilkins 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. A light dinner of soup and salad will start at 6:30 pm. Call the church office at 203-245-2584 to sign up.

## Christmastime

"God grant you:  
The light in Christmas  
which is faith; The  
warmth in Christmas  
which is love; The  
radiance in Christmas  
which is purity; The  
belief in Christmas  
which is truth; The  
all of Christmas  
which is Christ."

– by Wilda English

## Priest-in-Charge Update

We are pleased to announce that the Vestry has called the Rev. Steven B. Domienik to be the Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's Church. Our new priest joins us from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio. He will begin celebrating with us on Sunday, December 19.

The Rev. Steve Domienik brings many skills to his ministry including fifteen years of mental health counseling experience with community organizations. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Detroit (MI) in Communications, a Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Cincinnati (OH), a Certificate in Mission and Ecumenism from the Boston Theological Institute (MA) and a Masters of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge (MA).

Steve is currently serving as the Assistant to the Rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, OH and co-chaplain with the Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA) campus ministry program at Ohio University. Prior to this, he served as deacon for St. John's Church in Jamaica Plain, MA and as the assistant chaplain to the Episcopal/Lutheran campus ministry program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While in Cincinnati, Steve also served as the rector search consultant in the diocese of Southern Ohio, *continued on page 4*

## Join Us on December 19

Please join us on December 19 in Farmer Hall following the 9:15 service to welcome the Rev. Steve Domienik to St. Andrew's and to honor and thank the Rev. Esther Chuboff for her time with us.

If you would like to help, please contact Donna Johansen ([dmjarm@snet.net](mailto:dmjarm@snet.net) or 203-245-6729) or Donna Gregory ([gregfour@aol.com](mailto:gregfour@aol.com) or 203-421-0078).

## Christmas Eve Services and Christmas Day

### ■ Three Services on December 24

As in the past few years, there will be three services on Christmas Eve.

The first, at 4:00 pm, will feature the Christmas Pageant – the children love this traditional event.

The 6:00 pm service of Holy Eucharist will feature traditional carols and beautiful seasonal organ music.

Our 'big' Christmas Eve service will be held at 10:15 pm. 'Prelude' music will start at 10:00 pm, so you may wish to plan to arrive early and prepare to get into the Christmas spirit! This service will feature our choir and instrumental accompaniment.

If you are not a regular participant in our music program, but wish to join our choir for the evening service, please feel welcome to do so! You may talk to Joy Weaver or Paul Jordan, or call the church office at 203-245-2584.

### ■ One Service on December 25 and 26

A 10 am service on Christmas Day will be conducted by Rev. Steve Domienik and accompanied on the organ by Paul Jordan. On Sunday, December 26, St. Andrew's will offer ONE Service only at 10 am.

## 50th Anniversary News

The banner is hanging in the Narthex – Allelulia! Months of efforts by the Publicity Committee are apparent in its glorious presentation. It will serve as a reminder to us, as well as visitors, of a special celebration going on at St. Andrew's. We were delighted to have it hung in time for the Holiday Fair. Thank you Glenn Stewart! *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.***

# Holiday Fair Was A Terrific Success

To All,

I would like to express my great gratitude to each and every one of you who helped make the Holiday Fair a terrific SUCCESS! For all those loving souls who donated time, talent, and treasure to: Attic Treasures, Children's Workshop, Barely Used Books, Friends of Hammonasset, Fashion Accessories, Handcrafts, Toys, Bea's Bake Shop, Bottle Shop, Tag Sale, Theme Baskets, Barb's Cafe, Gozzi Turkey Sales, Santa and his Elves, Christmas Shop, Set Up Crew, Clean up Crew, Publicity, Decorations, Signs, and Counters, and anyone else that gave of themselves for this wonderful event... you made the day special! For all those who spent the day there and brought their friends and family to the fair, you helped make the day successful! I honestly felt great joy to be a part of such a wonderful group of people with an outstanding common cause.

Thank you all for your most positive and caring efforts!

All the best,  
Florie Earle



## Note from Serendipity

We would like to share a warm blessing of thanks to our volunteers and customers at Serendipity.

Thank you for a wonderful 2010.

## Sunday Night Compline

Join us for Compline on Sunday evenings at 8:30 pm. This is a quiet, meditative service affording the opportunity to relax and unwind after a busy week and engage in prayerful preparation for the upcoming week. The service lasts 20 to 25 minutes. For additional information, contact Bill Crawford at 203-318-0060.

## 50th Anniversary — Be Part of This Special Time

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The Anniversary ornaments are here, and hopefully everyone will want one. Buy these ornaments for yourself, as a gift to grown children or grandchildren, or anyone else who may have grown up here but no longer attend St. Andrew's. They will be sold after services during December. The cost is \$15 each.

When we celebrated St. Andrew's Day on November 21, the commemorative service bulletin cover was unveiled. We will use this cover for the duration of our celebration. The simplicity of the humble church which appears on the front cover, as compared to the present physical growth of the building, is very apparent as we look around us. The courage and commitment of those founding members is still very much present in the diverse and vibrant ministries now celebrated at St. Andrew's. With a simple prayer and the recognition of those members who signed the petition to seek a Missionary status for our future parish, we acknowledged their efforts on St. Andrew's Day. Let us have faith that the best is yet to come... Thank you to Denise Forrest for the cover design!

### So, what are YOU doing to be part of this special time in our history?

- Are you interested in helping Mary Merkle-Scotland plan a celebration of our Church School in late January? She would be glad to know that!
- Do you have ideas about the continuing transformation of the church entrance to communicate how

our history continues to be alive today as we welcome others through our doors? Alan Miller and Rachel Carfora would be glad to know that!

- Or, are you a bit inquisitive about exactly how this place came to be what it is and how people along the way that made it happen? Dave and Margaret Mason would be glad to know that!

- Among the future areas seeking participation — Brenda Naegel's committee which is designing a magnificent commemorative book and a committee to help plan special events for the next 18 months. We hope that those of you who may have interests more in the present time will step up for the Events committee to be formed in early 2011. We all would be really glad to know that!

There is so much to be thankful for and celebrate as we look around this church on Sunday mornings. From the faces of the youngest to the oldest, from the quiet prayers to the joyous voices raised in song, from the worship to the fellowship, from the "in reach" of pastoral care to the outreach of our many ministries, **YOU are what we celebrate! Won't you join us?**

Wishing each of you, and those who are important in your lives, a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

— Maggie and Charlie Walden,  
50th Anniversary Coordinators  
203-318-5045  
[mccwalden@yahoo.com](mailto:mccwalden@yahoo.com)

## 50th Anniversary 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.

## Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to all those who have graciously submitted their pledge for 2011. Our goal is to have 100% participation of time, talent and treasure for the coming year. You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Additional cards may be found in the pews or in the parish office. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the stewardship committee.

# Church School, Youth Ministry, Family Activities, and More

The time of expectation is upon us. Four weeks of waiting until we celebrate the Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, the King of kings — the amazing harbinger of truth and love and justice — Jesus Christ. What are you waiting for this Advent? Perhaps a new or improved relationship, a new job, a college acceptance letter, relief from pain, a change in attitude — whatever it is, the Light is on its way. May you find friendship, love, renewed hope and faith with friends and family this holiday season. Take time to celebrate all that is good and be thankful!

## ■ Christmas pageant

Calling all children age 3 through grade 6 — we need angels and animals, shepherds and narrators. We have a role for everyone! Four rehearsals will be 5:30-6:30 pm on Fridays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, and Wednesday, Dec. 22. Dress rehearsal is on Christmas Eve at 2:30 pm. All children and parents should attend the first rehearsal. Thereafter, children 4 and under, or without speaking parts, do not need to attend until the dress rehearsal. Anyone wanting to assist with costumes, rehearsals and other pageant-related tasks, please contact Sandy Butler at home at 203-245-2119, or via e-mail at [smbutler@travelers.com](mailto:smbutler@travelers.com).

## ■ December 4, 3-5 pm Middle School Youth Group

The Middle School Youth Group will meet in Farmer Hall to decorate Christmas cookies for the Tommy Fund's Christmas party. Please bring a dozen cookies or brownies to the meeting where we'll decorate and package them for these special kids undergoing cancer treatment and their families. For details, contact Jenn Ledyard at [tledyard22@comcast.net](mailto:tledyard22@comcast.net).

## ■ H.O.M.E. poinsettia sale

Please support the youth mission trip to Maine. Poinsettia sale will run until December 5. Many thanks to Nancy Karas, Sue McCann and Dave and Lisa Preikszas for their help with this fundraiser. H.O.M.E. stands for homeowners organized for more employment and is the annual mission trip for the

high school students to Orland, Maine. H.O.M.E. seeks to help the homeless and downtrodden. Housing provided at H.O.M.E. is constructed with volunteer labor. H.O.M.E. signups have begun and the trip opens up to those outside the parish in January. A \$100 deposit holds your space. Join the fun!

## ■ December 12, 4-6 pm Toys for Tots Shopping Trip

Shop till you Drop! High school youth (Grades 9-12) are invited to bring \$20 cash and a friend (also with \$20) for a shopping trip. Drivers wanted. For details, please send an e-mail to Mary at [themsgroup@snet.net](mailto:themsgroup@snet.net).

## ■ December 19, 1-3:00 pm Family Christmas Caroling

Come and join the fun! Bring your instrument as we sing carols to the elderly and to some of the homebound members of our parish.

## ■ Sign Up in December for Youth Services Opportunity Project

Sign-ups begin in December for the Youth Services Opportunity Project for Grades 9-12. Held February 25-26, 2011, this homeless immersion experience in New York City is both fun and challenging. Students will sleep overnight Friday at the Quaker Meetinghouse at 15th Street in Manhattan and spend most of the day Saturday at various soup kitchen and relief sites serving hungry families. This is a town-wide event made possible by the Madison Interfaith Youth Coalition, of which St. Andrew's is part. Forms are outside Mary's office.

## ■ January 8 — Twelfth Night and Musical Performance

Celebrate and be part of this festive evening! Bring a dish to pass and join us in Farmer Hall on Saturday night, January 8 at 5 pm for food, fellowship and fabulous entertainment. The show, **State Road 77**, will be performed at 7:00 pm by the youth of our parish and their friends. Suggested ticket donation is \$10. (Note that just the show also will be performed on Friday, January 7 at 7:00 pm.) See page 5.

## ■ January 8 — Adult Retreat

Get ready for a morning of fellowship, fun, and spiritual renewal on Saturday, January 8 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Guest House Retreat Center in Chester. St. Andrew's adult retreat for church school teachers, youth group volunteers and interested parishioners will be led by our own Rev. Steve Domienik — and promises to be a great time for all. The cost is \$45, and scholarships are available. Forms are available outside of Mary's office or on the church website. For more information, please send an e-mail to Mary at [themsgroup@snet.net](mailto:themsgroup@snet.net).

## ■ 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](mailto:themsgroup@snet.net). Put this on your Christmas list!

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

## Help the Hungry

Hunger Hurts! There are people in our community and beyond who need the support of food banks and other agencies to eat adequately. Please consider buying a few extra non-perishable food items and place them in our food collection basket. Kindly check the expiration date on the items you donate to ensure that the items have not expired. In addition, there is a box on the table at the back of the church for monetary donations.

Please help those in need during this holiday season. Thank you.

## Priest-in-Charge Will Begin December 19

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as coordinator of a Young Adult Christian volunteer program, as a residential director of a homeless shelter, and as a mental health case manager. Steve maintains his licensure as a Professional Clinical Counselor which includes a supervisory endorsement.

In his current position, Steve co-authored a grant which funded a campus ministry program at Good Shepherd, and he is working collaboratively to establish this ministry at the parish. Also, he initiated student and adult Christian education programs in the Lutheran and Episcopal congregations.

Steve has a daughter, Lynnea, who is a recent graduate from Smith College (MA) and currently resides in Chicago, IL. In his spare time, Steve enjoys swimming, kayaking, hiking, singing and cooking.

We look forward to beginning this new chapter at St. Andrew's with Rev. Steve Domienik and feel very fortunate that he will join our St. Andrew's community.

— David Karas

## Treasurer's Report

The pledge collection for October was \$26,489; the loose offering total was \$1,314.98.

I was able to make two Diocesan Pledge payments in the month of October; I will make two more payments in November, for a total of seven payments. We are still behind by four payments. It has been a tough year and catch up takes time.

— Helen Van Antwerp  
Treasurer

## Volunteers Needed

The Fellowship Commission requests eight volunteers to make coffee for the 9:15 am Sunday service. With a group of eight, each person would make coffee once every two months. No baking is required, just making the coffee. Instructions are provided.

Please see Donna Johansen in the kitchen on Sunday, or send an e-mail to [dmjarm@snet.net](mailto:dmjarm@snet.net). Thank you!

## Our Music Fund

Did you know that St. Andrew's has a Music Fund that you can donate monies to for the use of the music directors to buy instruments and music? If you would like to make such a donation, please call Barb Gibbons, Parish Administrator, at 203-245-2584.

## Remembrances

### Memorial Service

■ A memorial service for **Eve Rebecca Twombly** was celebrated at St. Andrew's on Saturday, October 30. Eve passed away on October 18 at the age of 83. She was a founding member of our parish in 1960. A reception followed the service in Farmer Hall.

## STOREWIDE PRE-HOLIDAY SALE

# TAKE 25% OFF YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE

**TUESDAY, DEC. 14 — SATURDAY, DEC. 18**  
Daily store hours: 10 am to 4 pm

Thank you donors, shoppers and consignors for a wonderful year in 2010.

We will close for the holidays on Saturday, December 18 at 4 pm and look forward to re-opening on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

Donations of high-quality, gently used furniture and clothing accepted daily during normal business hours; please call the store for current consignment policies. Visit us online at [Serendipitymadison.org](http://Serendipitymadison.org).

# Serendipity

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*A Ministry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, proceeds help support many charities.*

## Friends of Hammonasset Sell Christmas Trees

The annual Friends of Hammonasset Christmas tree sale, held November 26 through December 19, features freshly cut, Connecticut-grown trees, wreaths, pine roping and poinsettias. Six varieties of trees are available — Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, Canaan Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce, Concolor Fir, and Douglas Fir. Prices for the trees, which range in height from five feet to eight feet, will be \$35 to \$55.

Money raised from this sale supports the Meigs Point Nature Center and its educational programs, plus other improvements at Hammonasset Beach State Park.

The sale is located along Route 1, just three-tenths of a mile east of the entrance to Hammonasset Beach State Park.

## Theatrical Tidbits

Our junior musical this year was **Andrew – On The Road to Sainthood**. I hope you all had the opportunity to see it. I want to extend a special “Thank you” to the kids and parents who worked so hard on this musical. I especially want to thank my teen helpers, Meggie Stewart and Cassandra Kolstad, who attended every rehearsal and helped inspire our cast’s stellar performances.

If you have a child in 1st through 6th Grade who was involved in the show – or one who wishes they were involved, stay tuned. Our Summer Camps offer kids of all ages an opportunity to perform. Flyers will be available in January!

Currently, we are deeply involved in rehearsals for the Senior Musical. I am excited to report that everyone is learning lots and having fun in the process! Our Senior Musical this year is **State Road 47** – a modern-day telling of many of Jesus’ parables, full of current, upbeat music and loads of fun. We have a cast of more than 20 teens working hard to develop the multiple characters in the show. Make sure you save the dates – I personally guarantee that you will all enjoy their spectacular performances on Friday, January 7 and Saturday, January 8, 2011. We look forward to seeing you there.

Planning ahead – we always look for new members in our performance troupes. It’s never too early to start planning for the summer. We already are developing our summer camps for the month of July. There will be three weeklong camps filled with music, dance and fun field trips. Read the *Messenger* each month for more details.

As always, contact me for more information or with any questions you may have. You can call me at 203-230-8264 or send an e-mail to [joyann228@yahoo.com](mailto:joyann228@yahoo.com).

– Joy Weaver

## Giving Tree: Donate to Covenant-to-Care

The Covenant to Care Giving Tree is up. Please take a card off the tree and fulfill the wish of a child in need. Our social worker has many families in her charge who require our help to make Christmas a joy for the children. Each card has a name, age, gender and wish

list as a guide to help you. All of your gifts are taken to New Haven and given directly to the child you selected. Please be sure to put the child’s name on the gift(s). Remember gift cards from stores such as Walmart, Target, Kohls, CVS, and Old Navy are appreciated because it gives the kids the opportunity to shop themselves. All gifts should be returned to the church office by December 12.

Thank you in advance for supporting another season with this worthy cause! Feel free to call me with any questions. God Bless.

– Trish Arida, 203-421-0474

## A Thoughtful Present

Many of us already have lots of “stuff.” Finding just the right present for folks on our Christmas list can be difficult.

Here’s a fabulous idea for thoughtful gifts and wonderful stocking stuffers – Stop & Shop gift cards!

Perhaps wrap up a Stop & Shop gift card with a box of fancy crackers and a cheese spreader – or with a selection of fresh fruits – or with a bouquet of flowers. An elderly person on your list would be thrilled if you offered to take them grocery shopping as part of their present.

When you buy Stop & Shop cards, you help support the missions and ministries at St. Andrew’s – **5% of all purchases go directly to St. Andrew’s!** These cards are convenient, easy to use.

You can buy Stop & Shop cards after each service, at coffee hour, or during the week in the church office. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover credit cards are accepted.

## Help Wanted

### Is there music in your heart?

Do you use your showerhead as a microphone each morning? Is your child constantly humming around the house or singing along with commercials? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, the Spirit Choir is for you. We have spaces for everyone, ages 6 through adults, to join us singing at the 9:15 am service on Sunday mornings. No previous experience is required. Just a desire to express your love of the Lord through music! For more information, call Joy at 203-230-8264 or send an e-mail to [joyann228@yahoo.com](mailto:joyann228@yahoo.com) – or just show up any Thursday night from 5:15 – 6:15 pm or Sunday morning at 8:30 am. You do not have to attend every week in order to be a part of the choir.

I look forward to singing with you!  
– Joy Weaver



## “State Road 47”

Performed by our Teens  
in Grades 7-12

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

# D E C E M B E R 2 0 1 0

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Check St. Andrew's weekly <b>eNews</b> for the most up-to-date announcements. To receive our <b>eNews</b> , go to — <a href="http://www.standrewsmadison.org">www.standrewsmadison.org</a> — and sign up on the home page.			<b>1</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist  6:30 pm Adult Education Class	<b>2</b>  5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir	<b>3</b>  5:30 pm Pageant Rehearsal	<b>4</b>  3:00 pm Middle School Youth Group
<b>5</b> 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist  8:30 pm Compline	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 pm Vestry Nominating Committee	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist  6:30 pm Adult Education Class	<b>9</b>  5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir	<b>10</b>  5:30 pm Pageant Rehearsal	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>30</b>  5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir	<b>31</b>	

## Highlights from St. Andrew's Vestry Meeting on October 19

- **Priest-in-charge update:** A very strong candidate is under consideration; the interview committee will meet again tomorrow evening.
- **Stewardship:** The Fall stewardship campaign is underway. A mailing is scheduled for October 23; Commitment Sunday is scheduled for November 7.
- **Team Uganda:** The recent wine tasting event at Savvy Tea raised \$1,900.
- **Welcoming:** A recent dinner was held to welcome seven new families/individuals.
- **Holiday Fair:** Planning is well underway. The garage will be used for storage for tag sale. Rather than pricing items for the tag sale, we will accept whatever is offered for items.

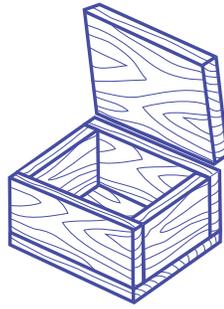
- **Outreach:** The Vestry approved the following donations from Outreach — \$1,000 to the Crop Walk, \$1,000 to Episcopal Relief and Development, \$1,000 to Circle of Care, and \$2000 to the local soup kitchen.
- **Building & Grounds:** Volunteers have offered to paint Farmer Hall. It was determined that this should wait until after the Holiday Fair. It was noted that the windows need replacing.
- **Preschool:** The newly purchased computer program is working well. The playground is almost entirely paid off.
- **Services:** Children's sermons during supply clergy time are coordinated by Martha Stewart.

- **Bishop's Visit:** Bishop Ian Douglas will visit St. Andrew's on Sunday, October 24. The Vestry will meet for lunch and discussion with the Bishop after services.
- **Adult Ed proposal:** Dolores O'Connell will facilitate an upcoming adult Christian education program.
- **2011 Vestry Nominations:** A Vestry Nominating committee will form to determine a slate of candidates to serve terms beginning in 2011. The term of the current vacant Vestry position that expires in 2013 will be filled in January 2011. Charlie Albright agreed to chair this committee.  
— Brenda Naegel

## 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.

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**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

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**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)**

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Robert W H Wilkins "Woody"  
Program Director/Founder

**Dances With Wood**  
[www.danceswithwood.org](http://www.danceswithwood.org)

## Food and Faith 2

You are all invited to a powerful conversation called "**Food and Faith 2**" at Gateway Community College in North Haven from 4-8 pm on Martin Luther King Day, January 17, 2011.

Food and Faith One (in Hartford last year) brought together developers, gardeners, social service providers, and congregational folks to ask about our role in food systems. Six concrete community gardens and some classes developed as a direct outcome of the gathering – from Danbury to Hartford.

Save the date for the second event. Community gardening models from Westport and a green fields reclamation model from New Britain (Urban Oaks) will be represented, as well as food producers from Falls Village and people of faith from around the state.

Interreligious Eco-Justice Network programs with "Transitions Towns" and bioregional groups are represented in New Haven. Please come and help them further the dialogue.

We will have co-catered food – vegetarian local fare – \$45 for patrons; \$30 retail; \$15 for special needs.

For details, contact Rabbi Andrea Cohen Kiener at 860-231-8554. The mailing address is Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, PO Box 270147, West Hartford, CT 06127.

## Join Our Yoga Class

Yoga continues, and everyone is welcome. Yoga is a wonderful combination of exercise for the mind, body and spirit. It is a spiritual practice that helps people quiet the chatter of the mind and experience a calm peace. All levels are welcome, including those who have never tried yoga. Bring a mat and water.

Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:00-8:00 am, in Farmer Hall.

If you have any questions, call Joan Fisler at 203-421-8647 (home) or 203-494-1619 (cell).

## Thoughts of the Season

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand." — Mother Teresa

"Somehow not only for Christmas, But all the year through, The joy that you give others Is the joy that comes back to you. And the more you spend in blessing The poor and lonely and sad, The more of your heart's possessing Returns to make you glad."

— John Greeleaf Whittier

## Sustainable Event Standards

Adopt sustainable event standards for your next St. Andrew's event. To help us host more environmentally-friendly events, both large and small, the Green Church team has drafted a set of guidelines for anyone in the church to follow. Visit our web site at [www.standrewsmadison.org/greenchurch](http://www.standrewsmadison.org/greenchurch).



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Parish Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm

## 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, 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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