

THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

DECEMBER 2011



Christmas Eve & Day Services

See details about services for Christmas Eve and Christmas day on page 5.

Ornaments

50th Anniversary Ornaments will be sold on December 3 at the Holiday Fair in the "Etc... Gift Shop" for the low price of \$10 each or 2 for \$15. Treat yourself and loved ones!

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

A Priest's Perspective Holidays or Holy Days?

We as a nation have just finished celebrating Thanksgiving, and a majority of Americans are now rushing into a shopping frenzy as we prepare for Christmas gift-giving later this month. Our culture typically refers to this time of year as the holiday season. Have you ever stopped to wonder what is meant by this term 'Holiday?'

The word itself comes from the Old English version of Holy Day, which would have been a day consecrated as a major religious festival, regarded with or deserving a deep respect, awe, reverence and adoration of God.

A Holy Day was identified by the church and dedicated to a specific saint or feast. People would take time off from their labors to rest and engage in religious observance. Over the years, this practice lost its religious significance and the term "Holy Day" evolved into "holiday" which meant a day of freedom from work set aside for leisure and recreation. A holiday would have been identified by law or custom typically to commemorate a specific event. Such is the case with our national holidays such as Thanksgiving, July Fourth, Veteran's Day, etc. The concept and practice of holiday has been further expanded in some *continued on page 4*

Couple's Retreat Planned

Please join us for a special day, focusing on each other! The topics will include couple communication and spirituality. Father Steve and a marriage/family therapist will be our speakers. We will spend the day at the Guest House in Chester on January 28, from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Refreshments and lunch are included in the cost of \$82 per couple.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Preikszas at 203-421-8431. Information also is located outside the door of her office.

Holiday Fair on Dec. 3

Get ready for our annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 3. There are many ways to participate. Please look at page 3 for items to donate and information on how you can help us make it a great event!

50th Anniversary News

On Saturday November 12, a very special event took place at St. Andrew's — a tribute to Veterans in recognition for their service. Members of the 50th Anniversary Committee identified Veterans as a focal point for what we conceived as a community project. The effort began with the "Sponsor a Flag" campaign with the flags to be displayed on the lawn for Memorial Day. Thanks to the overwhelming support of members of our parish and several visitors raising more than \$1300, funding this event. An interfaith service, rededication of the flag pole, a musical tribute to all service branches and a reception were set against the background of a beautiful day. The efforts of many people contributed to its success which was attended by almost 150 people.

The interfaith service was designed by Fr. Steve. The Rev. Dr. Chris Nichols of The First Congregational Church and The Rev. Robert L. Turner of St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church assisted him. The program began with the presentation of the colors by Paul Edman and the beautifully appropriate music was performed by Heather Meachen, Brenda Naegel, Jamie Polk and Megan Sesma. Moving readings by Roger Cyrus and Garnett Myers moved many to tears. The flag pole was rededicated by clergy. Dave Mason placed a plaque at the base of the flag pole to honor two parishioners of St. Andrew's killed in the Viet Nam War — *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.

Special Thank You

Before moving to Massachusetts, Grace Crawford gave to St. Andrew's an icon she painted of Saint Raphael the Archangel, whose name means "God heals." This beautiful icon is positioned on a stand in the back of the church next to the baptismal font and in this spot, is part of the space where the healing team offers prayers at the 9:15 and 11:00 am services. The icon is brought forward to the chancel area for the Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am.

The iconographer, Robert Armon, described icons as having a "a sense of a higher order which opens a door or window to a world of beauty, truth, goodness or Godliness that is mysteriously comforting and which approaches holiness. Icons present timeless states of the sacred which we all yearn for and can momentarily visit while in their presence."

Thank you, Grace, for sharing the gift of your artistry in the form of this beautiful icon, which creates a sacred space within our sacred space and reminds us that God heals.

Serendipity News

Once again, it was a profitable year for Serendipity, and we thank the 38 volunteers who keep it running on a regular basis. Our annual Winter Get-together will be an Appreciation Dinner for all Volunteers on Thursday, December 8 in Farmer Hall at 6 pm — may we *not* have a ton of snow.

We also extend a dinner invitation to those who may be interested in working at the store in the future; please come and join us in fellowship that evening. And who knows, Santa may come.

See the ad on page 6 for our Annual Pre-Holiday sale. Entire purchases at the store are 20% off from December 8 to December 17. Come shop and save!

We will close for Christmas Break beginning December 20 and will reopen Tuesday, January 19, 2012. See you then!

— Sue Morriss, 203-453-6414

50th Anniversary: Be Part of This Special Time

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First Lt. Peter L. Tripp and PFC Sergeant Voegtli, and several of their family members were present. Following a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace," the Color Guard performed a gun salute, played TAPS and unfurled the American flag. Don Rankin organized and presented a musical tribute to all five branches of the service and was assisted by Gary Naegel. He invited members of each branch to put their left hand on the flag that had been unfurled as their song was played. What a sight! Those present closed the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Star Spangled Banner. A reception followed which was prepared by spouses of the Veterans Event Committee. We are deeply indebted to the members of this committee: Suzie Birks, Marty Gerst, Ray Hencir, Dave Mason, David Mikus, Alan Miller, Don Rankin and Bob Stimpson and Co-Chairs Vern Beatrice and Charlie Walden.

The most rewarding part of the day was the visible appreciation seen in the faces of the Veterans present. Several people shared comments with us — "Thank you St. Andrew's for the foresight to have planned such a noteworthy program;" "...what a moving and beautiful experience;" "...your church did a wonderful job." We agree. It was a proud day to be a member of St. Andrew's, an American and most especially, in the company of these very special people.

In other news, our ministry recognition came to completion in November. The Outreach Ministry celebration included all those present who have participated in Outreach programs in addition to the program leaders, recognizing that their support is necessary to bring visions to reality. It was very visible why we are renowned for the extent we reach out beyond our doors. We concluded with the members of those ministries and groups responsible for keeping our ship afloat day after day, or fondly named our "Crew." Led by Fr. Steve, these included the Staff, Communications Committee, Stop & Shop Card Committee, Stewardship Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Endowment Committee, Green Committee, the Wardens and Vestry. These "thank you" events were begun by recognition and reenactment of the groundbreaking ceremony on November 13, 1961 and ended with celebration of St. Andrew's Day. Our cup runneth over... Amen!

— Maggie & Charlie Walden,
Co-chairs
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Preschool News

St. Andrew's Preschool is getting ready for the winter. December will bring a Winter Wonderland to the preschool. The children will learn about snow and how the change in the season effects the environment.

Miss Judy and Miss Abby attended the National Association for the Education of Young Children conference this year in Florida. They brought back some great ideas and good training resources.

Although it is hard to think of next fall now, the toddler program already has started taking registrations for the fall 2012 program. The program accepts children as young as 16 months. Please contact the preschool for a tour if you are interested — or if you have a friend who is interested.

— Judy Goldberg
St. Andrew's Preschool Director

Treasurer's Report

The pledge collection for the month of October was \$18,809.00, with loose offerings of \$3,338.00. We managed to end the month with \$3,196.00, however the YTD deficit is \$13,705.00. Hopefully the Holiday Fair will help to reduce this.

— Helen Van Antwerp, Treasurer

St. Andrew's Church HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, December 3, 2011

9 am - 3 pm



Collection Boxes are available in Farmer Hall for donations for the following areas:

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.

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.

WREATHS

Select a lovely wreath for your home. No orders; cash and carry.



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, December 2.

YE 'YOUNG' BOTTLE SHOP

A new twist on an old tradition! This game of chance will be run by the members of our youth ministry. Everyone should donate something that is IN a bottle. Wine, perfume, salad dressing, small toys, candy, bubble bath, pennies, etc. Children love this game — so we can use lots of "kid-friendly" items. Jars will be available in the narthex — so take some and fill them with different goodies!

ETCETERA...

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

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 TOYS AND GAME ROOM

Gently used toys and games will be for sale in this room.

KID'S CRAFT ROOM

Children will have fun making various craft projects. Parents should assist their children here.

ALL-DAY CAFE

Enjoy coffee and treats all morning — and fabulous home-made lunch specials, too!

The Holiday Fair is a parish-wide event, so we hope everyone will participate. If you have questions or want to help, call the church office at 203-245-2584.

A Priest's Perspective — Holidays or Holy Days?

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countries to mean the equivalent of our word vacation, hence individuals have their own personal holiday whenever they take time off work to go on a trip.

People in the United States, however, do not use the word holiday as a synonym for vacation, we continue to view it as a nationally recognized day of remembrance that typically includes a recreational component and a day off from work

Feed Thy Neighbor

Thanks to the St. Andrew's Church family for another strong showing at the food drive. We gathered 280 pounds of food to help fill the shelves at the Madison Food Pantry. Since the expansion of the food pantry last spring, there has been a overwhelming surge in Madison families that benefit from your work. Please continue to support our efforts to help those in need in Madison.

I asked my son Michael to write a prayer to share with you this month. Please see his reflection below.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday,
Anne Greene

Lord of abundance, fill us with the wisdom to hear your words and the grace to show your love in our hearts and on our faces. Please fill our minds with the understanding and compassion to fill our food pantry baskets with the food that sustains the bodies of the hungry. Allow us the good judgment to share our wallets with those less fortunate no matter how heavy our own hearts. Give us each day the foresight to recognize that each child fed, each adult sustained and each elder fulfilled grants us all entry into the feast of eternal life you have prepared for us. As the economic recession grows longer and hunger grows stronger, as the winter nights get colder and the food shelter lines get longer, help us strengthen our resolve to see your face in every person of need and our ability to help as a reflection of your voice in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

usually without any religious connotation. For the most part this structure works well, but tension does arise when society borrows a specific Holy Day from a particular religious tradition and makes it a Holiday. This is exactly the situation we encounter with Christmas.

Long before European explorers set foot on the North American continent, Christians had been celebrating the birth of Christ as a holy day, but as our country grew and developed, this religious holy day was absorbed into the collective conscious, and it became a nationally recognized holiday. An entire myth of Santa Claus living at the North Pole with elves to make toys for deserving children which would be delivered on Christmas by Santa and his reindeer permeated the culture. Many fun and romantic songs have sprung up to support this legend and a tradition of decorating, gatherings, parties and gift giving to family and friends has blossomed. Now this is all well and good and my guess is that all of us celebrate Christmas in this manner. I will confess that I enjoy this Holiday Season very much. But let's be clear, this is purely a secular celebration of a national holiday that has developed over time.

The challenge for us Christians is to maintain a balance between the national holiday and the original religious observance of Christ's birth as a Holy Day within our tradition. This may be a difficult undertaking because we are bombarded with cultural messages which promote the holiday side of Christmas. The Christmas season has become so commercialized that our economy relies heavily on the populace spending a great deal of money during these weeks leading up to Christmas. Don't most of us feel pressured this time of year to shop, clean, cook, decorate, entertain and manage the needs and wants of our loved ones to the the point of exhaustion? I hear every year how many people feel overwhelmed by the physical, emotional and financial demands of the whole Holiday Season and how they can't wait for it to be all over. In addition, we often realize during all this preparation and celebrating that we have missed or

neglected the spiritual and religious observances all together. Does any of this sound familiar?

In recent years, the push to separate the holiday from the holy day has increased as we wrestle with a familiar greeting. Do you say "Happy Holidays" or "Merry Christmas?" I find myself



saying happy holidays to people I do not know and reserving the phrase Merry Christmas for people I do know and for others I meet within the context of some religious function or event.

This distinction helps me remember the difference between a holiday and a holy day, and it also helps me respect others who do not share my Christian background and do not celebrate the holy day of Christ's birth.

Another way I maintain the balance between these two competing celebrations is to engage in some Advent practices such as having a wreath with candles in my home that I light while I take some time to read scripture or other devotions. In addition, St Andrew's will offer an Advent series on three Wednesday evenings, November 30, December 7 and 14 beginning at 6:30 pm with a simple supper of soup and salad which will be filled by conversation and prayer centered on the theme of waiting.

Giving of time, talent and treasure to a particular ministry or program is another way to express the faith component of Advent and of course there are all the communal worship services to attend.

For Christians, it is not a matter of choosing between the two different styles of Christmas celebrations. We may embrace both the holiday and the holy day traditions that have been handed down to us. Knowing the difference between the two and finding the proper balance between them is the key.

May God bless each of us with peace and joy during this holiday season as we await and prepare for the coming of Jesus on this most holy day of Christmas.

— Fr. Steve

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

■ Three Services on December 24

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

The 6:00 pm service of Holy Eucharist will feature a contemporary music service coordinated by Steve Van Ness.

Our 10:30 pm Christmas Eve service will have traditional organ music, a choir and instrumental accompaniment. 'Prelude' music begins at 10:15 pm, so you may wish to plan to arrive early and prepare to get into the Christmas spirit!

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 Paul Jordan, or call the church office at 203-245-2584.

■ One Service on December 25

One 10 am service on Christmas Day will be conducted by Rev. Steve Domienik and accompanied on the organ by Paul Jordan.

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

"Peace is our gift to each other." — Elie Wiesel

Prayer Shawl Ministry

According to the Prayer Shawl Ministry founders, "these lovingly knitted wraps are made for anyone and for nearly any occasion." At St. Andrew's, we make the shawls to give to anyone in need of a blessing from our community. The shawls are blessed by Fr. Steve before given to the recipient. We are looking for new members — no knitting experience needed. Call Judy Albright for details at 203-245-1287.

Theatrical Tidbits

Our junior musical this year was "All Hallow's Eve." I hope you all had the opportunity to see it. I want to extend a special "Thank you" to all the kids and parents who worked so hard on this musical. I especially want to thank my teen helpers, Meggie Stewart and Aimee Merkle-Scotland, who attended every rehearsal and helped to 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, and I am excited to report that all are learning lots and having fun in the process! Our senior musical this year is "Nunsense — The Mega Musical." This is a "roll in the aisle" comedy that will keep everyone on their toes — never knowing what to expect. Make sure you save the dates, as I personally guarantee that you will all enjoy their spectacular performance on Friday, January 6 and Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm. We all look forward to seeing you there.

Looking 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 planning our summer camps for the month of July. There will be 3 week-long camps filled with music, dance and fun field trips. Keep reading *The Messenger* for more details.

As always, you can call me at home at 203-230-8264 or send an e-mail to me at joyann228@yahoo.com for more information or with any questions you may have.

— Joy Weaver

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Spirit Choir News

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been a part of Spirit Choir during my tenure as the Director. I have so enjoyed working with all of you and singing with you every Sunday morning. It is with a sad heart that I leave the Choir. My last day will be Sunday, December 18. My schedule (a full-time day job, a part-time job at the high school, and the musical theatre performances here at the church) has become just too much for even me to handle, and it is time to reduce some of my obligations. I know the Music Committee will choose someone for the Choir who will be able to devote more time and help the choir grow in numbers and repertoire.

The good news is that I'm not leaving St. Andrew's, just stepping down as the Choir Director. St. Andrew's has become part of my extended family, and I look forward to working with your children in the musicals and summer camps — and seeing all of you at the performances.

— Joy Weaver

New Beginnings

Baptism

■ **Jake Anthony Olden** was baptized by Fr. Steve Domienik at the 9:15 service on November 6. Jake is the son of Marie and Jim Olden. Jim has been a guitarist at our contemporary services for a number of years. Baby Jake slept throughout his Baptism and was welcomed into the family of Christ by those in attendance.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>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.</p>				1 5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir	2 5:30 pm Pageant Rehearsal	3 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Holiday Fair
4 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	5	6 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	7 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Adult Advent Series	8 5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir 6:00 pm Serendipity Volunteers' Dinner	9 5:30 pm Pageant Rehearsal	10
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25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	26 Parish Office Closed	27	28 9:00 am Holy Eucharist	29	30	31

**STOREWIDE
PRE-HOLIDAY SALE**

**TAKE 20% OFF YOUR
ENTIRE PURCHASE**

THURSDAY, DEC. 8 — SATURDAY, DEC. 17
Daily store hours: 10 am to 4 pm

Thank you donors, shoppers and consignors for a wonderful year in 2011.
We will close for the holidays on Saturday, December 17 at 4 pm
and look forward to re-opening on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 10 am.
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.

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St. Andrew's Teen Troupe
on Friday and Saturday
January 6 and 7 at 7:00 pm**

“Everyone, Everywhere” Conference

On October 13-16, 2011, I had the honor of representing the Diocese of Connecticut in the second “Everyone, Everywhere” mission conference held in Estes Park, Colorado. The goal of this conference was “to bring together Episcopalians and Anglicans who are engaged, or desire to be engaged, in God’s mission... look at best practices, ways of participating in God’s mission domestically and globally, and network in new and different ways to ensure that everyone is able to discern their place in the mission.”

The conference had roughly 300 in attendance, and all nine provinces of the United States were represented. In addition, and unlike the first “EE” conference that was held in Baltimore, Maryland in 2009, many countries participating in the Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion also were present. I attended plenary sessions and workshops with friends and neighbors from the UK, Canada, Philippines, Sudan, Ghana, South Africa, Japan, China, El Salvador, India, Haiti, etc. It was truly a global village.

The program opened with a Eucharist at which our presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, was celebrant along with the Bishop of Colorado, Robert O’Neill, welcoming us to his state. The conference closed by a Sunday morning service at which Bishop Stacey Saul lead, the COO for the National Church. The involvement of these prominent members of the Episcopal Church demonstrated the importance placed on mission activity, and all of our individual and collective calling as God’s children to serve others.

The opening and closing celebrations were just two of the numerous highlights of the weekend. The program was well planned by a dedicated team, the music both contemplative and joyful, and the conference space — beautiful. With a backdrop like Rocky Mountain National Park, it was quite easy to feel the awesome and majestic presence of God around us! Morning prayer started each day and Compline closed it with different themes such as Celtic/IONA, Ethiopian, Mishkha, etc. — all spoken

in native tongues.

Of the 50 workshops offered, attendees could choose five — not an easy task! The workshops all fit into one of five broad categories: Education and Formation, Justice Concerns, Mission Logistics and Funding, Mission Opportunities, and Mobilizing People and Assets. If you are interested in more detail on the conference, please either visit www.episcopalchurch.org/ee11.htm or don’t hesitate to ask me personally.

In summary, the theme had threads intricately woven throughout everything we did during the conference and stressed the importance of our relationships with our mission partners both locally and globally. Without building strong relationships with those we work with, the effective sustainability of the work is jeopardized. Relationships help us to “go and see” — and for our brothers and sisters to also be welcomed into our communities so that we may continue to grow and learn from one another and knock down any potential borders that are so often built in that absence. We are all challenged to consider that maybe, just maybe, we are not the ones bearing the gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Hoffman

Did You Know?

The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut is one of 100 domestic and ten overseas dioceses that together comprise The Episcopal Church, which in turn is one of member churches that comprise the worldwide Anglican Communion. There are 170+ parishes/local Eucharistic communities in the Diocese of Connecticut and nearly 500 clergy including bishops, priests and deacons and those retired and in non-parish work. There are approximately 66,000 baptized Episcopalians in Connecticut. Connecticut is served by three bishops: Diocesan Bishop Ian T. Douglas, and Bishops Suffragan James E. Curry and Laura J. Ahrens.

Green Matters

The New York Times (Oct. 20, 2011) reported that scientists from the University of California Berkeley confirmed controversial data concerning global warming. For a video charting the rise in the earth’s temperature since 1950 by about 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit and other data, visit the university’s website at www.berkeleyearth.org.

This announcement would seem to add relevancy to “A Pastoral Teaching from the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church,” issued from Quito, Ecuador in Sept. 2011. In part, the Episcopal Bishops wrote:

“Christians cannot be indifferent to global warming, pollution, and natural resource depletion, species extinctions, and habitat destruction, all of which threaten life on our planet. Because so many of these threats are driven by greed, we must also actively seek to create more compassionate and sustainable economies that support the well-being of all God’s creation.”

Some of the material in this letter is credited to an Episcopal Bishops of New England letter of 2003, “To Serve Christ in All Creation.” This letter was published and extracts have been cited frequently in *St. Andrew’s Messenger*, and the book has been available to our parishioners.

The online “Forum on Religion and Ecology” (news@religionandecology.org) carried the UNEP news clip, and provided a website for the complete Bishops’ pastoral letter — www.stfrancisnm.org/content/pastoral-teaching-house-bishops-episcopal-church.

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Director of Spirit Choir & Musicals	Joy Weaver
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Sexton and Verger	David Mikus

The Parish Vestry

Senior Warden	David Karas
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Clerk of the Vestry	Michael Greene

Chris Abbott, Sandra Butler, Art Criddle, Florie Earle,
Susan McCann, Brenda Naegel, John Paulson,
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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