



THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

Calendar highlights:

Join us on Sunday June 10th at the Surf Club in Madison (weather permitting) for the annual Parish Picnic. Worship service takes place on the point at 10:00 followed by a picnic.

Grilled hamburgers, hot-dogs, chicken, and all the fixings will be provided. Please bring a salad side dish, fruit salad, vegetable or dessert to share - that will feed 12. To help defray cost, we will be asking for a \$5 donation per person or \$20 per family of 4 or more. Please contact Donna Johansen at 203-245-6729 or dmjarm@snet.net if you would like to help.

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The Faces of Our Faith

In this section we are going to highlight all the various ministries that we as individuals do. As a parish St. Andrew's has many ministries that people are invited to participate in. For example, you may be involved with some of our worship ministries, or as a Sunday School teacher, or with our youth groups, mission trips, or one of our committees such as hospitality, welcoming, prayer shawl, healing, pastoral care, outreach, stewardship, finance, fundraising or other group.

The focus of this monthly article is not on the ministry per se, but rather on the individual who performs the ministry. We want to show how YOU do ministry! Remember, things do not happen on their own, it takes the time and effort of one or more volunteers to accomplish ministry. So we are calling this regular column "Faces of Faith", we want to see your face and hear your words of what ministry is for you. It does not need to be a theological treatise or a scholarly work, rather, a brief description of what you do and why you do it.

I know some people will say, "I do not do ministry" and my reply is that EVERYONE has a ministry - you just may not have identified it as such. Ministry happens inside and outside of the church building so you might identify with some of the work mentioned earlier or you may have to dig a little deeper into your regular routine to recognize your work in the world. Some people may consider their paid employment their ministry, others may see their volunteer work at their kids school as ministry and still others may find it as they coach sports teams or when they take the time to help out a neighbor with some task.

Ministry happens when we intentionally focus on doing some good for another person and it occurs in a variety of ways. So we want to hear about your efforts at reaching out with your head, heart and hands to help spread a little joy in the world. Please be thinking about a story that you may share and then send them electronically at anytime to revsteve@standrewsmadison.org We will begin putting these stories of faith right here starting with the August Messenger.

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A Priest Perspective

It is that time of year again when the days are longer, the sunshine is warmer and school lets out for a few months of vacation. Our daily routines change and we find ourselves spending more time outside while our bodies and our minds just seem to automatically seek out rest, relaxation and fun. We find ourselves transitioning into that annual summertime mode. Our church year reflects this same shift in attitude as our Sunday school finishes up, our choir takes a break and we move from three to two Sunday services.

June 3rd is our last Sunday for three services. The following week on June 10th there will be an 8 am service at the church and then a 10 am service down at the Surf Club followed by our parish picnic. June 17 starts our two service schedule for the summer. We will have an 8 am and 9:15 am service only. Destiny Africa Children's Choir will be with us at the second service. For the remainder of the summer services, the 9:15 worship time will be a "blended"

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Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead!

1 Peter 1:6

Connecticut Episcopal Diocesan Highlights

"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)"

5K draws over 300 to event that benefits kids in CT

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Barbara Campbell of St. Mark's, New Britain has been named the first "**Diocesan Poet**" and her job is to be an "instigator of creativity."

Reconciliation, healing, & women are topics at annual meeting of CT Episcopal Churchwomen

CT Supreme Court to hear argument in an appeal of

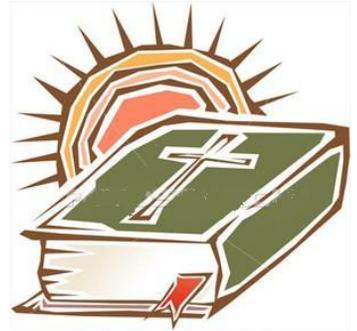
ruling re: Bishop Seabury Episcopal Church

Enfield parish responds to **crisis of teen suicide**

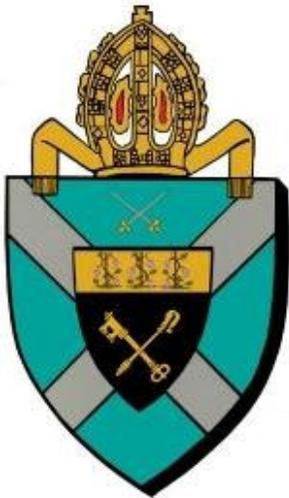
Religious leaders pray for **social justice**

Stations of the Cross - **Public Witness in Hartford**

Please visit the [Connecticut Episcopal Diocesan page at https://www.ctepiscopal.org](https://www.ctepiscopal.org) for additional information on the following highlights



On Sunday May 20th, Elizabeth Royce Haggan was baptized by Fr. Steve at the 9:15am service. She is the daughter of Jeanie and Gary Haggan . She was welcomed into the community of St. Andrew's by all who were present.



Musical Notes

We are pleased to announce that St. Andrew's has a new Music Director! Grant Underwood accepted the position over Memorial weekend. He will be moving to New Haven on August 1st to begin a seminary degree at Yale University and he will begin serving our parish in the middle of August. Grant is a very talented musician and well grounded in both contemporary and traditional

music. His enthusiasm and energy is electrifying and he is very excited about joining our staff. Grant will be directing both the Spirit and Chancel choirs, playing organ at the 11:00 service and keyboard at the 9:15 service. In addition he will be the vocal director and accompanist for all of our musical theater programs and our summer choir camps. Grant will have an article in our August Messenger introducing himself

so please look for it in our next newsletter.

Special thanks to the interviewing committee – Jan Anderson, Sandy Butler, Geoff Gregory, Lois Nichols, Jaime Polk and Steve Van Ness who put a great deal of time, energy and effort into this search process to bring Grant here.

50th Anniversary News

On Saturday, June 16 at 4pm we will have our grand finale worship service. We have assembled a stellar choir and Megan Sesma will be adding to the music with her harp. Alan Miller has created a wonderful video presentation to celebrate 50 years of life at St. Andrew's. There will also be a printed

history booklet of our parish available for \$10 so plan on picking up one of these limited editions. The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas will be the celebrant and The Rev. Steve Domienik will be the preacher. In addition, all of the past clergy who have served here have been invited. A reception in Farmer

Hall will follow.

The 50th Anniversary Committee has been working diligently over the past 2 years to make this milestone a truly memorable experience! We hope you will be able to join us for this celebration!



A Priest Perspective *(continued)*

music service featuring our organ with guitar and keyboard woven in. In addition, the Messenger will not be published in July but look for it to return in the middle of August. Our Wednesday morning worship will continue at 10 am.

We will hold the following Saturday Services in the outdoor chapel, June 23 at 5 pm, July 14 at 5pm, and August 25 at 5pm. There will be a potluck BBQ immediately following each service. We will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments, people are invited to bring snacks, sides and desserts.

Please keep in mind that we will have Vacation Bible School operating the last week in June down at the First Congregational Church on the green and our summer music camps as well as Preschool programs will also be operating at St. Andrew's. Our parish office will still be open and our various pastoral ministries will be ongoing.

While it is important to have a summer break from our busy school and church activities we need to remember that God never takes a break to go on a vacation leaving us alone. So if you take a break from "official" church activities during the summer, know that God is with you wherever you go. One does not need to be in a church building to pray and deepen their relationship with God.

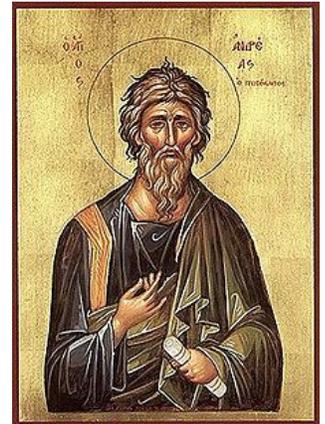
I would like to encourage all of us to take the initiative and invite God into our restful summer routines. If you find yourself relaxing on or near the water, or hiking in the mountains or doing yard work around your home, take a moment to reflect on the beauty of nature and thank God for creation. This is a powerful way to pray and to heighten our spiritual awareness. Being thankful for extended time with our families and friends is another way to keep God near.

Many people think of prayer as asking God for something, especially when we are in dire need. This certainly is one form of prayer, but words or thoughts of thanksgiving, praise, awe and wonder are equally valid. Acknowledgement and appreciation of where we are and what we have is an integral step in building an authentic relationship with God. It does not take a great deal of time or energy and you can do it from anywhere and at any time. You will be surprised how easy it is to develop a regular practice of prayer based on a few moments of thankfulness. This is a perfect spiritual discipline for the lazy days of summer.

May God continue to bless all of us as we transition into summer mode!

Blessings,

Fr. Steve



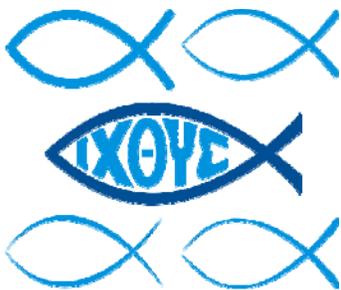
*I sought the
LORD, and he
answered me; he
delivered me from
all my fears. Psalm
34:4*

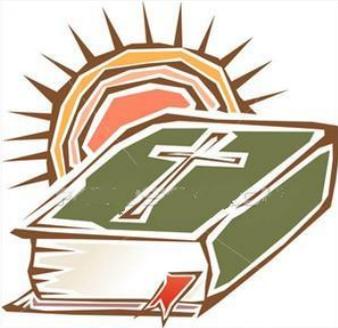
Church School

Amazingly, we are approaching the end of our "Church School year"!! It is truly an honor to be a part of your children's lives and be involved in their spiritual growth here, at St. Andrew's. We are all very grateful to our church school teachers, most of which are coming back to us next year! They are: Rebecca Rastetter, Megan Sesma, Jane Krauss, Susan Wines, Tracy Lynch, Sandy Butler, Louise Beecher, Beth Hines, Richard

and Kerry Arena, Lee Scaros, Gene Hines, Steve Van Ness, and Tracy Zachos. We also have dedicated adults leading our youth group activities. We are grateful for: Lynn Milner, Dick Johansen, and Mary Potenzi. If you see any of these fellow parishioners, please give them your thanks! Stay tuned online with the calendar of events and church school beginning in the fall.

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! It will be June 25-June 29 and is being held at First Congregational Church on the Green. Our theme is Adventures on Promise Island! Hopefully, you have picked up your registration forms or have gone online to www.standrewsmadison.org. Please register soon, to ensure your child's spot! See Lisa if you have any questions or concerns.





The Destiny Africa Children's Choir will be AT ST. ANDREW'S on Sunday, June 17th at the 9:15 Service Don't Miss It!!!

Summer Service Schedule

**Sundays
June 17-
September 2
8:00 and 9:15**

**Saturdays
June 23*, July
14*, August 25*
5:00pm
(outdoor chapel)**

* There will be a potluck BBQ immediately following each Saturday 5pm service. We will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments, people are invited to bring snacks, sides and desserts.

September 9th

Three Sunday services resume

2012 Uganda Quest

In just a few short weeks, parishioners Rich & Grace Fisler, Mike Maguire, and Martha & Melissa Hoffman will be hopping the 7,000 mile plane ride to Uganda. The 9 others joining in on this pilgrimage are: Rev. Marilyn Anderson, Barry Anderson, Meghan Long, Emily Power, Ellie Yahn, Riley McDonald, Jordan Stokes, Chad Krygier and Kailin Garrity.

While there, the group will visit St. Andrew's sponsored orphans - Timothy, Cathy, Calvin and Josephine, as well as visit the Chain Foundation orphanage. It will be a tremendous blessing to delivery your generous "chicks" donations, as well as shoes and medical supplies. We will also get to hear an update on how their build project is going for the new vocational school. With a generous grant from the Diocese's Millennium Development Fund, St. Andrew's was able to chip in and fund a new event tent, ten tables and 100 chairs for them to use and rent out for sustainability. This has truly grown into a wonderful mission partnership between our parish and the orphanage.

The itinerary while in Uganda is packed. While there, we will also work with a school called Faith Primary School out near the Congolese border of the country. We will share lessons with them about health, clean water, malaria prevention, geology, as well as bible stories. We are hoping to help them build a portion of a classroom while there if time permits. We are sure that other things will come up as we travel thru this welcoming country.

We look forward to "taking you along" thru our daily trip blog and also give a presentation when we return. Please keep the team in your prayers for safety and strength - surrounded by love.

WE NEED YOUR UNWANTED SUITCASES!!! NO MATTER WHAT CONDITION!!! Just let Martha, Rich or Mike know, and we can pick them up from you

(Want to be a host family or get involved with Team Uganda in any way? Just let Father Steve know!!)

Movie Night on the Madison Green

Friday, June 15 at 7:30pm—Call To Care Uganda is presenting Disney's "UP" Bring your blanket down to the Madison Green and enjoy a great movie, popcorn and fun. This is a community wide event. Bring your neighbors! Ticket cost - - by donation. Funds raised will support the 2012 Uganda Quest and the many planned projects for the orphans we will visit.

St. Andrew's 2nd Annual Spring Food Drive:

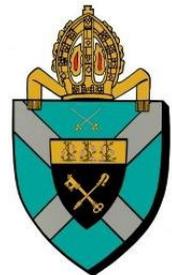
The food collected during our food drive totaled 1,318 lbs surpassing last years' donation by 18 lbs!

Thank you to all who donated food. The volunteers at the Food Pantry were extremely thankful. Once again, St. Andrew's has reason to be proud of the example we are

setting in being ever mindful of the needs of others by sharing our blessings.

Special thanks to Pete Schreck, David Mikus, Susan Miller, Lisa Preikszas, Nancy Rankin, Joe Burbela, Art Seymour and Charlie Walden for their time and muscle power to sort and move the

food. They made a great team!



Vestry News

As you review the numbers that Cathy has laid out in the Treasurer's Report for April 2012, the question that you should be asking yourself is, "where did the budgeted deficit go?" Last month we showed an annual budget with a deficit of \$27,840, and this month we show \$0..... breakeven! What has changed? At the last meeting of the Finance Committee, a recommendation was made to eliminate the budgeted deficit by increasing our budgeted pledge income by a similar amount. This recommendation was unanimously endorsed by your Vestry. While seemingly a modest change, there is a strong message behind this: we need to continue to focus on and increase our giving to cover the needs of the church. As you have heard me say before, operating deficits are not sustainable over a long period of time, and it is our collective responsibility to address this issue now, not kick the can down the road (to steal a popular phrase from Washington).

***I will say of the
Lord. He is my refuge
and my fortress: In
Him will I trust."***

Psalm 91:2

So against this higher standard, how did we do for the first four months of 2012? The good news is that we were within a stones throw of "being on budget" (the NEW budget) , with a collective deficit of only \$769. The bad news is that we are achieving these results through relentless cost control, not through increased income. If you were to peel back the numbers, you would see that for the four months ended 4/30/2012, our total income was \$117,484 against a budget of \$124,096. The favorable variance comes on the expense side, with year-to-date expenses of \$118,254 being less than the budgeted amount by roughly \$5,400. Several areas are contributing to this, the largest being staff expense (where volunteers are temporarily filling in for paid staff), buildings and grounds, professional expenses and outreach.....all important areas for the Church which need to not only be sustained, but grow over time.

As a final thought, I want to offer that while we of course need to continue to challenge ourselves on the "treasure" aspect of faith based giving, let's not forget about "time" and "talent". For those of you who could not make it to the Madison Green this past Saturday, I wish you could have experienced the "Raise the Roof" Day for one of our core outreach partners, Madison Cares/Habitat for Humanity. It was an incredible day of fellowship and hard work, which I am told resulted in the building of new frames for two complete houses. These frames were piled seven feet high and trucked into New Haven to become the start of two new homes for deserving families. Here at St. Andrews, it's time to start thinking about our other major fundraiser for 2012: the Holiday Fair. This is a critical event for our Church, and needs the support of many volunteers. If you receive a call to join, or possibly even help lead this event, please give it some prayerful thought. Individuals and families who embrace and commit to activities at St Andrews become our greatest supporters and future leaders. So please say "yes", and encourage your friends to do the same.

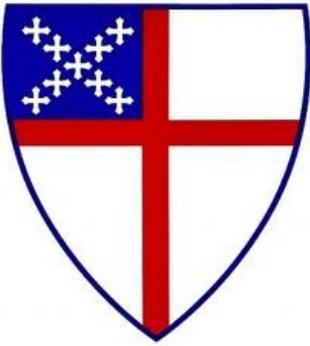
Give with faith and from your heart. Geoff

Church Pre School

Summer is almost here and the preschool has plenty of exciting activities planned for the summer. We will be starting a toddler summer program. The ice cream truck will be visiting and we have some exciting themes planned! The Spring was very busy with trips to the farm, beach, Lenny and Joe's and Leitner Observatory and Planetarium in New Haven. The kids really enjoyed the bus ride and show.

Next fall our new Young Learner's Program (kindergarten) will begin. We are looking for a Spanish teacher and a fitness instructor. If anyone is interested, please contact Judy Goldberg at 203-245-1308. Enjoy your summer!





Treasures' Report

	April Income	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Pledges	\$29,127.36	\$103,030.31	\$108,633.64	\$325,900.95
Other Income	\$3,648.33	\$14,454.68	\$15,462.96	\$46,389.00
Total Income	\$32,775.69	\$117,484.99	\$124,096.60	\$372,289.95
Expenses	\$31,423.81	\$118,254.35	\$123,660.35	\$372,289.95
Difference	\$1,351.88	\$ (769.36)	\$436.25	\$0.00
Endowment Fund				
Beginning Balance	Receipts	4% Transfer	Loan Payments	Ending Balance
\$336,925.00	0	\$1,286.58*	\$2,010.80**	\$333,627.62

“Give, and it shall be given to you. For whatever measure you deal out to others, it will be dealt to you in return.”

* 4% of Endowment Balance transferred into the operations budget each month to cover expenses

** Loan Payments are for 2003 Church Renovations and 2008 Rectory Renovation

Celebrating around the Lord's Table.



First Communion class 2012



Altar Cloth made by First Communicants

Please go to our web site calendar to get daily updates on calendar events.

Schedule of Events

June 2012

On Sunday **June 3**, from 11:00am-3:00pm a **car wash** will be held in support of the St. Andrew's Youth Group Mission Trip to H.O.M.E.. The Sunoco in downtown Madison at the corner of Rte 79 and Route 1. This mission trip is funded entirely by St. Andrew's. Thanks for your support!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Executive Committee <i>Jacques Pépin 7pm</i>	6 Bishop's Conference 4:30pm	7 Scheduling Meeting 7pm	8	9
10 H.O.M.E., Car Wash	11	12 Vestry Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 Destiny Children's Chior 9:15am	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Outdoor Chapel Service 5pm

Sunday School 8am and 9:15 services only NO 11am SERVICE



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www.standrewsmadison.org/VBS2012.html



www.standrewsmadison.org/50thnews.html



The National Church
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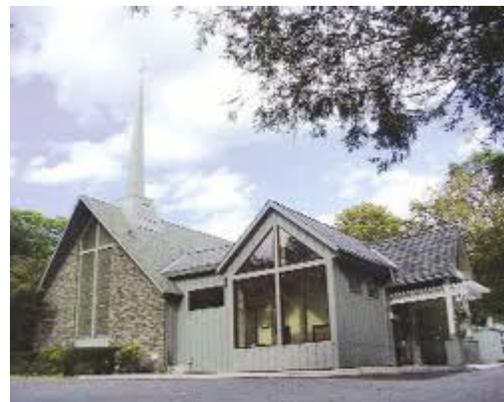


H.O.M.E. UPDATE!

A very special thank you to all of the hard working high school students, Dick and Donna Johansen, Glenn Stewart, up and coming chef Jeff Garnett and others for a great job with the pancake breakfast! We took in a whopping \$750! If anyone would like to make a contribution to the H.O.M.E. trip, please know that your support goes directly to building supplies. Checks may be made payable to St. Andrew's with HOME in the memo line. H.O.M.E. stands for Homeworkers Organized for More Employment and is an organization dedicated to assisting the least among us with housing, employment, basic medical care, and education in Orland, Maine.

This summer's mission launches Sunday, July 15 and returns Saturday, the 21st. The group will once again work to shingle new construction, make essential repairs to dilapidated structures, paint walls, and find themselves taking on unexpected projects as the week unfolds. With the hard work comes the requisite late afternoon swim in the river, dinner together prepared by rotating meal crews, and evening fun at H.O.M.E. or somewhere nearby. Students also spend time as a group reflecting on the day's work experience.

Each year, students and chaperones alike enjoy a day off from all the physical labor as they spend the morning exploring Acadia National Park and the afternoon enjoying a light shopping spree in Bar Harbor. Stay tuned for upcoming car washes this month to raise much needed funds for building supplies. Thanks again to all for your support – we couldn't do this without you!



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