

THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

JULY 2009



Summertime Services

Our summer worship schedule — two Sunday morning services, 8:00 am and 9:15 am; and Compline at 9 pm.

Refreshments this Summer

Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments after the 9:15 am services. We serve lemonade, iced tea, and cookies outside. Sign up at church, or contact Donna Johansen at dmjarm@snet.net or 245-6729.

Quick Cuisine

Put together some easy gourmet meals while cultivating friendships! See the article on page 7.

Save The Date

Our Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 14. See page 4 for details.

Our Budget for 2009 – How Are We Doing?

By now, you should have received letters from Pastor Mary, the Wardens, and the Stewardship Committee appealing for your help in closing our \$25,000 budget gap. As of June 15, we received approximately \$8,000 in one-time donations, increased annual pledges, and new pledges. A big “Thank You” to everyone that has answered the call so far! If you have not yet contributed, would you prayerfully consider a one-time pledge? No amount is too small. Your generosity is what enables St. Andrew's to keep doing what we do. We know these are difficult economic times, and like many of you, St. Andrew's also is feeling the pinch. We would be grateful for any amount of assistance you are comfortable in providing your church.

— Matt Parthasarthy

Rector's Reflections

What a joy to celebrate Holy Eucharist at the Surf Club with 150 of St. Andrew's parishioners! It was a gorgeous morning made more perfect by all of you!

Since the summer is here and I know that folks along the shoreline like to play, I say, “Go and enjoy God's creation!” But, I do invite you to continue to worship God in God's sanctuary, St. Andrew's Church, for our Sunday worship at 8 and 9:15 am, or for Compline at 9 pm.

God created us and gave us the ability to have fun in the sun. So let's enjoy the ocean, the pools, the lakes, the tennis, the sailing, the socializing, and the barbecuing. The most important thing though, is to keep God, the One who gave us all of this beauty and glory, as the center of our lives.

In the snap of a finger, our lives may radically change. *continued on page 2*

Wednesday Night Suppers at the Surf Club begin July 1

Back by popular demand, the Wednesday night picnics at the Surf Club will start on July 1 at 6:00 pm. Simply pack up the family and your cooler with your favorite picnic (including drinks) and join friends from St. Andrew's at the Point. The whole idea is to make it simple and stress free, bring fixings for the grill, sandwiches from Bradley & Wall, or pick up a pizza. It's BYO everything! No need for a beach pass after 5:30 pm. So join us on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Any questions, call Donna Johansen at 245-6729.

Memorial Garden Update

Upon the recommendation of the Memorial Garden Committee (David Hill, Priscilla Rensis, Maggie Walden, and The Rev. Mary Canavan), the Vestry approved, as of September 1, 2009, to set the plot reservation fee at \$350 and \$50 to prepare the site at the time of interment.

If you would like to secure a reservation in the Memorial Garden, *continued on page 4*

A Winning Environment

Change and growth are fascinating things. Change and growth have predictable phases that must be experienced in order to be realized. The health of our environment and economy will take center stage in the discussions with our families, our local communities and of course the global media for years to come. Much of these discussions will actually be spent on what was being experienced and felt *continued on page 5*

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

Summer Theater Series at St. Andrew's

You are cordially invited to attend one (or all) of our summer performances:

■ **The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hits**

The story of David and Goliath set to upbeat music with a little comedy thrown in! Performance on Friday, July 10 at 7:00 pm.

■ **Broadway Bistro**

A musical revue of popular Broadway shows. Performance on Saturday, July 18 at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Advanced reservations are required to attend the dinner portion of this evening.

■ **Hula Hoops and Halos**

This musical comedy (a la "Grease") has upbeat music and roll in the aisle laughter you won't want to miss! Performance on Friday, July 24 at 7:00 pm.

All three musical performances are intended for the entire family and will be enjoyed by children and adults! There is no charge to attend, but a \$5 donation per person (over the age of 5) is recommended.

For "Broadway Bistro," there will be a fully catered meal including salad, choice of lemon chicken or pasta, roll, vegetable and dessert served in the parish hall at 6:00 pm. The charge for this meal is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children (no charge for children under age 5). Advanced reservations can be made by calling the church office at 245-2584, call Joy directly at 230-8264 or send an e-mail request to joyann228@yahoo.com. You may attend the performance without attending the dinner if you prefer.

Any questions? Contact Joy directly at the numbers listed above.

Rector's Reflections

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When we keep God at the center and core of our lives, we have a deep and abiding faith upon which to rest when the storms of life hit us. It isn't so much a question of "if" but "when."

God does want us to enjoy what God has given us the ability to appreciate. However, when we put anything before God, we create an idol. Even "playing" can be an idol if we put it before God. Our boats, our socializing, our sports can all become false gods, if we haven't put God first. This also pertains to how we spend our money. Do we put the money we spend on "play" before "God?" If so, it may mean we have a false god leading our lives.

Let us consider re-orienting our lives and putting God first. God makes an excellent first choice.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mary



Compline — Meditative, Candlelit Service on Sunday Nights

The church is dark. Silence and candlelight greet those who enter the sanctuary. As they find an empty pew, some kneel in prayer, others sit and squint at the altar. Some are dressed in their Sunday finest, others are in their pajamas. At 9:00 pm, the choir begins to sing. And thus begins the ancient rite of Compline — the last office of the day.

Nearly 1500 years ago, the Benedictines created a series of prayers to be said at appointed times of the day, called the Liturgy of the Hours. This combined two common practices of the day — the Jewish tradition of saying psalms at specific times of the day, and the early Christian practice of keeping all-night vigils. The original Hours were Matins (said in the middle of the night), Lauds (at daybreak), Prime, Terce, Sext, None (the 1st, 3rd, 6th, and 9th hours after daybreak), Vespers (at sunset), and Compline (before going to bed). Each

set of prayers, or "office," emphasized the presence of God at that time of day. Compline was a time to reflect on the day just completed, to ask God for protection through the dark night, and to pray for safe deliverance into the next day. Everything in Compline centers around three main themes — night, death, and deliverance.

Here at St. Andrew's, we begin Compline with a sung bidding prayer, followed by an invocation to God to "make speed to save us." Next follows a psalm, a very short reading from scripture, and a hymn. The bidding prayer, psalm, and hymn are all chosen for their themes of night, death, and deliverance.

Next is the Nunc Dimittis, or the Canticle of Simeon. Simeon was an old prophet who had been promised by God that he would not die until he saw Israel's Messiah. When the baby Jesus was presented at the temple, Simeon rushed to

him and said, "Lord, let your servant depart in peace, according to your word." Thus, the end of Simeon's life is a beautiful parallel marking the end of day.

After the canticle are the Collects, or collected prayers, appointed for that day. Finally, the Compline service closes with the same words every week, "We will lay us down in peace and take our rest, for it is you only Lord that makes us dwell in safety." After the final benediction, the choir sings an elaborate anthem appropriate to that particular Sunday in the church season. As the anthem finishes in silence, some choose to stay in the pew and reflect a little longer, others get up and leave immediately. Either is okay. Our goal is to provide you the time to reflect and recharge, however that works for you. If you can spare 20 minutes, we'd love to see you at the next service.

— Matt Parthasarthy

Church School, Summer Teen and Youth Activities, and Mom's Group

■ Nursery

Childcare resumes in the fall when we return to three services. See you then!

■ Church School

• Church School came to a close on Sunday, June 7. At our parish picnic on June 14, we recognized our departing seniors — Amy LaRocca, Amanda Page, Nikki Downes, and Shana Reese. Blessings to each of them as they enjoy their summer with family and friends and prepare for life at college. They will be greatly missed next fall.

• The fall line-up for church school classes and teachers is coming together nicely. Very special thanks to Sandy Butler, Trish Arida, Jen Parthasarthy, Florie Earle, Martha and Glenn Stewart, Kerry Arena, and Lee Scaros for continuing in their role in sharing the good news with the children of St. Andrew's. Thanks to Susan Wines, Jean Card, Heather Meachen, Rachel Carfora, and Grace Crawford for offering their time and stepping forward to become part of the teaching team in the fall. We are still looking for another one or two people to help teach the J2A program. These are 8th and 9th graders preparing for Confirmation in 2011 — ideally, it is a two-year teaching commitment.

There is interest among the recently confirmed in continuing with a church school type program, such as what has been offered to previous J2A students. They would be combined with the current YAC group led by Mary Merkle-Scotland and Judy Albright, with possibly an additional adult. If you are interested in helping to lead this great group of teens, please let Mary know via email at themsgroup@snet.net, or call 245-2584, x.3.

Do you miss teaching, but can't quite manage an ongoing commitment? Are you interested in spending time with the young people of the parish once in a while? Substitute teachers are often needed. I am compiling a list of substitutes that might be available in a pinch. Please send an e-mail or call if interested.

■ H.O.M.E. ward Bound

The H.O.M.E. Mission Trip will take place July 26 - August 1. Recent fund-raising efforts include the band night on

May 15, which brought in \$1350; and the car wash, held on June 7, that netted nearly \$900. Thanks to individual parishioners for their contributions and for coming to the car wash. Your support is always appreciated. Enormous thanks are due Tracy Zachos for chairing the car wash and H.O.M.E. chaperones who helped manage the event.

Don't forget our H.O.M.E. Trip barbecue at the Surf Club on Sunday, July 1 at 5 pm — for youth volunteers, parents, and chaperones.

The H.O.M.E. Trip wish list includes:

- nine paneled pine doors
- 360 ft. of door trim
- 350 ft. of baseboard trim
- kitchen sink
- range
- refrigerator
- bathroom tile
- well pump
- toilet
- matching sink/vanity
- bathroom and kitchen faucets

If you would like to donate or sponsor any of the above items, please send an e-mail to themsgroup@snet.net, or call 245-2584, x.3.

■ Summer Youth Events

What's Up for Summer? The youth ministers in Madison have joined forces for some summer fun! There will be a high school event on July 8, 6 - 8 pm and a middle school event on July 25. Both events will take place at the Surf Club.

■ Vacation Bible School

• Thanks to all of the amazing teens and adults who helped turn Farmer Hall into a Roman marketplace, the front lawn into an Olympic training ground, and classrooms into artist ateliers. With over 65 kids enrolled, it was a very busy week. The focus of the week was love — we receive God's love and then pass it on, sharing it with others.

• First Congregational Church joined VBS forces. St. Andrew's VBS welcomed Lynn Lunn, Director of Children and Middle School at FCC, and the few kids she had signed up for VBS. Lacking volunteers and campers, Lynn was in the position of canceling her program. After speaking together, it seemed that

the logical choice was to join forces and gain strength by adding Lynn's warmth and leadership to a combined program. Great to work with you, Lynn!

• "Yes, I can!" for 5th/6th Graders: Our new VBS track this year focused upon skills and new experiences. Thanks to wonderful leadership, kids had the chance to learn to shoot and edit video, build Adirondack chairs, learn a little gardening and even squeeze in a lesson or two on love. This track for older children was an effort to give the younger kids a VBS program they could look forward to as they grow up.

■ Mom's Prayer Group

The Mom's Group will meet every Monday through July, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at 53 Liberty Street. For more information, please call Jen Conroy at 779-5420. All moms are welcome.

— Mary Merkle-Scotland
themsgroup@snet.net

New Beginnings

On May 31, three children of the Blais families were baptized:

■ Rachel Lynn Blais and Joshua Lownes Blais, children of Jennifer and John Blais, Sr.

■ Isabella Elizabeth Blais, daughter of Shannon and John P. Blais, Jr. shared the very special day.

Special "Thank You's"

Special thank you to Rich Fisler and the teenagers going on the youth mission trip (H.O.M.E.) for the great job they did beautifying the Memorial Garden.

Special thank you also to Susan Miller for organizing the Installation. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee Chair, Donna Johansen, who handled the reception with the help of so many parishioners, especially Maggie Walden.

— Pastor Mary

Holiday Fair Date Set; Meetings Planned

Our annual Holiday Fair will take place on Saturday, November 14. Florie Earle and Rachel Carfora will co-chair the event this year.

Two planning meetings have been scheduled for this summer:

- July 14 at 7:00 pm in Classroom 1 at St. Andrew's.
- August 12 at 6:30 pm at the Surf Club (concurrent with the St. Andrew's Wednesday Night Suppers at the beach).

Please join us, and also start thinking about various donations and craft items to contribute.

If you have any questions, call Florie Earle at 421-0100.



Memorial Garden Update

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please contact Barb Gibbons in the office. The current reservation fee through August 31 is \$300.

David Hill, who continues to serve on the Memorial Garden Committee, and to dig the holes for interments, has told me that after 40 years he is ready to train someone else to do this ministry. Forty years is a long time for any ministry, David! Thank you for your service.

I look forward to receiving names of parishioners who will answer the call to serve in this most special and grace-filled ministry of interring the remains of our beloved. Earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes: it is not death, but, instead, a movement from life to life.

In Christ, Pastor Mary

A Few Caring Hands Needed in Our Garden

You pick the time; we've got the place...

Under Pastor Mary's leadership, the Memorial Garden Committee is rededicating ourselves to "sprucing up" this gift we are blessed with. Mother nature has been doing her thing quite well and weeds have become abundant.

The good news is that the Youth Group has made a huge dent in the task; MANY thanks to them! However, as you know this isn't a one time event and we are looking for a few volunteers who are willing to "get in touch with nature" on their own time schedule but with an ongoing commitment. Guidance will be given so that we move forward with a plan but it will be up to you to pick your timeframe.

Please contact Maggie Walden
mccwalden@yahoo.com 318-5045

Serendipity News

Thank you to Doreen Sproule for hosting the Annual Summer Luncheon at her home in June. Her lovely porch overlooking the water provided a beautiful setting for more than 35 volunteers to get together for fellowship and delicious food.

With summer in full swing, stop in often at Serendipity for shorts, tops, beach wear and more. We remain OPEN all summer, thanks to our volunteers who are generous with their time — Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.

Even if you cannot commit to a regular time shift each week or month, why not consider volunteering when you are available? We often pair a newer volunteer with a more experienced one, so you don't have to worry about learning the ropes alone. Call Nancy Rankin at 245-9192 or Annie Greene at 318-0009 and they will give you more information.

— Sue Morriss
453-6414

Green Matters

On the web page, Forum on Religion and Ecology, Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, both at Yale University, wrote about Thomas Berry, environmentalist, priest and eco-theologian, who died on June 1 at the age of 94.

Berry was a noted historian of world religions and taught at Fordham University. Among his books is *The Dream of the Earth* (1988), reprinted in 2006, which suggests its relevancy. Last winter, I discovered a used copy, found it compelling, and so I've put it in the brown wicker "Green Basket" in Farmer Hall. It's a book from which you can simply pick a chapter of interest and read on.

The internet article notes that two books of his essays will be published in August: *The Sacred Universe* (Columbia University Press) and *The Christian Future and the Fate of Earth* (Orbis Books).

You can find this web site at:
www.religionandecology.org.

— John Fuller

"We are indeed in a great moment of awakening... there is a newness about our time and we need to be sensitized to the awesome transformation that is being required of us."

— Thomas Berry, CP

Support Group for Work

This is a tough time for people being out of work, and I would like to start a support group.

This could include:

- Praying
- Someone to talk with
- Help with resumes
- Interview techniques
- Networking

These are just a few ideas. If you are interested, please contact Fred Sollars at 245-1682 or fsollars@comcast.net.

What Will Your Role Be in Creating a Healthy Growth Environment?

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during the phases of change and growth. Today, we are forced to look at things differently than we did as little as two years ago. Some are waiting for things to get back to the way they were. Others have seen these times before and know that we will make it through, maybe even better for it. Can each of us see our role in growth and change in our own environment, in our own health?

Perhaps “environment” should be the word at the center of personal leadership or personal health? I like the idea of personal leadership because this is where our health begins — within. Whether we are aware or not, each of us cultivates the environment in our lives, workplaces and our parish. We can create climates where our personal leadership and health thrive.

Growth and change is the yardstick that we can measure the well-being or health of our organization’s environment. *Hold on, I am not speaking of numbers, attendance or pledges.* A healthy climate is conducive to growth. A healthy environment is the incubator for our personal leadership, our health, our development. What I am trying to express may best be answered in the form of a question we might ask ourselves; what is my role... in my family, my job, my parish, my community, with my personal leadership?

Our opportunity is to thrive in relationships. St. Andrew’s is just one place where our relationships can be explored and come alive. St. Andrew’s is the great workhorse in a relationship with the farmer. The workhorse is used to work the farm and the fields. The horse-drawn plow or cart must be harnessed by the farmer, attached appropriately and adjusted from time to time. As strong and willing as the workhorse might be, the farmer must still provide guidance and direction. Sometimes the farmer needs to let go of the reins and let the horse do its work. The workhorse must be cared for in order to do the required work. If the workhorse is neglected, she will weaken in strength and in heart. The farmer and the workhorse need one another to accomplish great things.

St. Andrew’s, you have done wonderful things and we can do more! On an aside, I am not insinuating anyone here is a horse (although I may be a donkey at times).

We may be new in our role, smack dab in the middle of a role, stepping up or down, taking a break or looking for something new to do. These are all roles and they are **all good**. No matter where we are in the roles that we play, know that God is so joyful to watch us live life. God receives such pleasure to see each of us engage in relationships, manage through adversity, learn from mistakes, laugh so hard it hurts and to celebrate what is right in the world.

As we move forward as a parish, we will change and we will grow. John Maxell, author, leadership consultant and pastor outlines the following characteristics of a growth and change environment—things we may experience.

1. Others are ahead of you in their acceptance of growth.
2. Your focus is forward.
3. The atmosphere is affirming.
4. You are often outside of your comfort zone.
5. Failure is not your enemy.
6. Others are growing.
7. People desire change.
8. Growth is modeled and expected.

Growth is exciting and challenging, even a little hard at times. We can grow together. At St. Andrew’s, we value the spiritual development of each member of our parish family. We value outreach, worship, fellowship, music, our youth programs and the regular educational programming of our youth and adult parishioners. Through these values, God will delight in our contribution to one

another and those we touch. This is to be human — to grow as an individual, to be personal leaders who contribute in our community, in our careers, build strong families, relationships with one another and an intimate relationship with Jesus. This is a life God is excited to see for us.

What will your role be in creating a healthy growth environment, how will your personal leadership grow? Will you join me in our work with Pastor Mary, the vestry and the entire St. Andrew’s parish? Please join us in our growth together.

Peace, Rob Card
cardshouse@yahoo.com

Vestry Contacts and Highlights of Meetings

Vestry minutes can be found on our web site at www.standrewsmadison.org. Parishioners may contact vestry members about ideas, concerns, or needs.

Here is a list of Vestry members and their e-mail addresses:

- Rob Card, Senior Warden
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 - Matt Parthasarthy, Junior Warden
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 - Bill Downes, Treasurer
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- Robert Card

No Vacation from Hunger

There are people in our community 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. Thank you.

JULY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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.			1 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club	2	3	4
5 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 pm Compline Service	6 Parish Office Closed Theater Camp all week 1:00-2:00 pm Moms' Group	7	8 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6-8 pm Teen Event 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club	9	10 7:00 pm Theater Camp performs "Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hits"	11
12 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm H.O.M.E. BBQ at Surf Club 9:00 pm Compline Service	13 Theater Camp all week 1:00-2:00 pm Moms' Group	14 7:00 pm Holiday Fair Meeting	15 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club	16	17	18 Broadway Bistro Theater Camp 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Performance
19 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 pm Compline Service	20 Theater Camp all week 1:00-2:00 pm Moms' Group	21	22 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club	23	24 7:00 pm Theater Camp performs "Hula Hoops and Halos"	25 Middle School Youth Event
26 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist H.O.M.E. Mission Trip departure for week in Maine 9:00 pm Compline Service	27 1:00-2:00 pm Moms' Group	28	29 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club	30	31	

Preschool News

Registration will continue throughout the summer for fall programs. Contact Leah Ann Portley at 245-1308 for details.

Summer camps run Monday through Friday from 9 am - 12 noon.

Camp Dates

Ages

June 15-19	• Entering Pre-K and Kindergarten
July 6-10	• Ages 3-5
July 13-17	• Ages 3-5 • Entering Pre-K through 2nd grade
July 20-24	• Ages 3-5 • Entering Pre-K through 2nd grade
July 27-31	• Ages 3-5
August 3-7	• Ages 3-5
August 10-14	• Ages 3-5

Meals on Wheels Needs More Drivers

If you are available on Monday mornings, please consider volunteering to drive for Meals on Wheels. St. Andrew's provides two drivers every Monday (except holidays), and we always look for more helpers. Some people drive once a month, others once every three months, and some just in the summer. It takes about 90 minutes to deliver approximately a dozen meals.

Meals are picked up at the Clinton Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, between 10:30 and 11:00 am. There are two coolers: one with a hot lunch, and one that contains milk, bread, and dessert. Madison has two routes, and although suggested driving routes are provided, it is very helpful to carry a map of Madison in your car to check out the route before you start. There is often a new name or two on the list, but those who drive for Meals on Wheels regularly come to know the recipients on their route. The seniors receiving the meals are always appreciative and happy to see a friendly face, and some are quite talkative. After delivering the meals, you return the coolers to Clinton Town Hall, where you can fill in a mileage reimbursement form, available on a table next to the coolers.

We are grateful to those who participate in this valuable neighbor-to-neighbor community service, and we encourage others to give it a try. Please call Martha Stewart at 245-3220 if you would like information or want to sign up to help.

Quick Cuisine — ‘Cooking Up Some Fun’ Fundraiser !

QuickCuisine is your solution to, "What's For Dinner?" At Quick Cuisine, they do all the shopping, chopping and cleaning up. You reserve a spot to select and assemble meals for your family.

St. Andrew's has arranged a group party for the first Thursday of the month in September, October, November, and December at 6:30 pm at Quick Cuisine, 8 Post Office Square in Clinton.

■ Fun with St. Andrew's Friends

Enjoy some wine, cheese, and conversation with others from St. Andrew's — mingle in the party area before and after assembling your meals.

Plus – St. Andrew's Church will receive 10% of all dollars spent at Quick Cuisine!

So please join us on Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. Sessions last about an hour depending on how many meals you prepare.

■ Want to try it?

Here's how to Start

Browse the month's menu offerings — there are 12 entrees for self-assembly. These entrees change monthly, so each month brings with it 12 delicious, new choices. A seasonal selection of ready-to-take-home appetizers, entrees, soups, sides, and desserts also is posted. Make your selections (requirement of 3 meals minimum) at the Quick Cuisine web site at customerservice@myquickcuisine.com.

You can order meals that serve either 2-3 or 4-6 portions.

Then come into Quick Cuisine during our reserved sessions to assemble and pick up your meals. **You must order and register on their web site in advance. Each session is limited to 12 people.** Be sure to make space in your freezer for your Quick Cuisine meals. All meals are stored in disposable foil pans or plastic Zip-Lock freezer bags.

Plan on spending one hour or less preparing your meals. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. An apron will be provided to help keep your clothes clean.

Bring a cooler or laundry basket with you to transport your meals home.

■ What to expect on arrival

Quick Cuisine will give you a printed copy of the menu you have selected. You will be shown around and given a space in the refrigerator to store your meals while you work on others. Head to the assembly stations and follow the simple directions to put together your meals. Labels with detailed cooking instructions are provided, so once you have assembled your meal, you can label it, place it in the refrigerator and move on to the next station until you are finished.

■ For more information

View the Quick Cuisine web site at myquickcuisine.com or call them at (860) 664-9456.

Thank you Florie Earle for organizing these sessions. If you have other questions, call her at 421-0100.

Team Uganda Update

There are many ways to participate in the Uganda mission at St. Andrew's. You may already be doing it and not even know! Let's highlight a few:

- Be a member of Team Uganda — We meet once a month (except during the summer), and we plan initiatives to help children in need in Uganda.
- Pray for the team, our church, and the orphaned children that we support.
- Contribute to specific needs (i.e. Braille machines, chicks, etc.).
- Attend events that provide funding for scholarships and programs — such as "Frozen Assets."
- Go to Uganda and see the work we are doing — okay this is a biggie... but parishioners have done it!
- Offer hospitality to our Ugandan friends when they come to Madison.
- Tell others about our great work.

Not only do we make a difference in the lives of Timothy, Cathy, Calvin, Josephine and all of the orphans at The Chain Foundation orphanage, but also we enrich our own lives here in Madison. I thank you for your support and encourage others to open your hearts and minds to the amazing partnership that has formed between our two countries. The friendships and visitors, the love, and the richness of the Spirit fill this ministry.

A huge THANK YOU to Mary Merkle-Scotland and Vacation Bible School participants — they generously sponsored Team Uganda. And, if you didn't get a chance to see the wonderful display set up during the week (thanks to new Team Uganda member Kris Kolstad!), please be sure to check it out in Farmer Hall on the Team Uganda bulletin board.

Blessings,
Martha Hoffman and Team Uganda

Lines of Communication

We are fortunate to have dedicated people helping us to communicate. At present, if you have an event planned and would like to share it with the parish, please contact the following people:

- *The Messenger* Newsletter — Denise Forrest 245-9089 messenger@standrewsmadison.org
- Web site — Terry Sinclair 245-0384 sinclair@comcast.net
- E-News — Bill Crawford 318-0060 woc_md@yahoo.com
- Sunday Bulletin — Barb Gibbons, Parish Administrator 245-2584 barb@standrewsmadison.org



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Summertime Service Schedule

- We will have two Sunday morning services, 8:00 am and 9:15 am.
- Compline, a meditative service, will be held on Sunday nights at 9 pm.
- Wednesday morning services will be held at 9 am.



Our summer worship schedule began on June 21 and will continue until September. On September 13, we will resume our three-service schedule on Sunday mornings.

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