

THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

JULY 2010



Summertime Services

On June 20, we began our summer worship schedule — two Sunday services, 8:00 am & 9:15 am.

Theater Camp

Enjoy all three entertaining theater performances this month! See details on page 3.

An Easy Way to Contribute

Help support our many missions and ministries while you buy your groceries. Just by using Stop & Shop cards — **5% of all purchases go to St. Andrew's!** These cards are convenient and easy to use. Buy Stop & Shop cards after each service or during the week in the church office. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover accepted.

Honoring Our History... Celebrating Our Blessings

We all have the very unique opportunity to be part of St. Andrew's celebration of 50 years of parish life! To be in a position to learn about our beginnings while acknowledging the many blessings that we share, is very special indeed. We look forward to being part of the continuing commitment to mission, as well as the events that will develop over the next two years — resulting from the talent, creativity and energy of our parish family. We encourage you to be part of what will be happening; everyone is welcome and the only requirement is interest! If you were unable to attend the "Gathering Meeting" on June 29, please contact us if you want to get involved. We hope to have a monthly update/article relating to the 50th Anniversary in each Messenger.

We had a wonderful kick-off event on June 13 as the Annual Picnic commemorated the very first meeting of a small group of individuals to whom *continued on page 2*

Examining Our Faith

"If you had faith, even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible." Here in Matthew 17: 20, we are reminded of how little faith we need to accomplish truly miraculous deeds. Even the word faith conjures up many differing ideas, emotions and thoughts; faith in God, faith in church, faith in leadership, faith in our neighbor, faith in ourselves and our own ability. Many questions regarding these issues arise frequently during the course of our daily lives, particularly when we are confronted with personal challenges. During these challenges, *continued on page 2*

Wednesday Night Suppers at the Surf Club at 6:00 pm

Wednesday night picnics at the Surf Club began on June 23 and will continue throughout the summer. Join friends from St. Andrew's at 6:00 pm for a casual gathering. Bring your own dinner and meet up with friends at the point (near the flagpole) to share an evening of fun, fellowship and food! No need for a beach pass after 5:30 pm. So join us on Wednesday evenings during the summer. If you have questions, contact Donna Johansen at 245-6729 or dmjarm@snet.net.

Welcoming Commission Seeks New Members

Wanted: Friendly parishioners from all three services to welcome visitors to St. Andrew's and help them feel comfortable. Many of us can remember how it felt to show up at a church for the first time, and our goal is to make this experience as pleasant as possible for all newcomers.

In the last few years, the Welcoming Commission has updated a brochure for visitors, arranged for greeters prior to Sunday services, provided nametags for parishioners, and updated the bulletin board in the narthex with photos of staff, vestry, and new members. We also have hosted informational dinners for newcomers with the staff and lay leaders, organized Ministry Sundays for everyone to learn more about how to become involved in the life of St. Andrew's, and held newcomer receptions before major church events, such as the Celebration Dinner and Spaghetti Supper.

We need new ideas and fresh energy. It would be great to have *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.

Honoring Our History, Celebrating Our Blessings

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we will be forever grateful. This group of men and women stepped forward to investigate the opportunity for an Episcopal house of worship in Madison. They met in what is now the Youth and Family/ Social Services building to the left of Academy School. Before this building was subdivided into offices, it was the Town Meeting space. Before that, it was the Chapel for the First Congregational Church prior to its present building. Our neighbors of faith offered it to their Episcopal friends to serve as a humble place of worship as they forged their way to creating St. Andrew's parish.

We are so blessed to have one of our founding members still actively worshipping with us every Sunday and Bea Fortin was honored, with gratitude, at the service on June 13. Bea's husband,

John, was very active in the investigation, planning and building of our parish. He also designed the original Rectory, and Bea was grateful our parish kept that building as it was originally intended when it was renovated recently. In addition to being a member of our Altar Guild for fifty years, Bea has been active in ECW (no longer present at St. Andrew's), the St. Andrew's Thrift Shoppe, fellowship activities, served on the Search Committee in 1999-2001, and of course there is the incomparable Bea's Bake Shoppe at the annual Holiday Fair. Bea has never faltered in her steadfast commitment to, as she is known to say, "my church." Through fifty years of celebration, change and challenge, her humble smile is a welcoming beacon and a testament to the hopes and dreams of a small group of people who had the vision and faith to get us "started."

And so we have begun, thanks to Nancy Karas and her Picnic Committee. The culmination will be a 2012 commemoration of the first service held in our present building in July 1962. There is so much for us to learn, so much for us to celebrate, and so much for which we should be grateful.

— Charlie & Maggie Walden
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Examining Our Faith

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we find ourselves reexamining our faith in many areas. This reexamination process is healthy and natural and frequently a source of renewal.

Over the last year, many of us have wrestled with these issues. Some of these internal discussions continue and will need time to work themselves out. The process is different in both duration and the form it takes for each one of us. Take the time you need over the summer months to reflect upon these issues.

However, know that much work continues to be done as we search for a Priest-in-Charge, deal with our budgetary concerns, prepare for our 50th anniversary celebrations, and restore the normal life of the church. It is our hope that you will find the faith to help us as we continue to go through this next phase of transition.

Here at St Andrew's, we believe that our reexamination will provide us with a new sense of mission and purpose. We expect that we will continue to 'move mountains' in our lives, our homes, and our community here and abroad.

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Financial Update

At a special meeting on June 20, the parish voted to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$25,000 from the Endowment Fund if needed to help meet our 2010 financial obligations. The need for this vote highlights the precarious cash flow situation currently facing St. Andrew's. Parishioners can help by keeping 2010 pledges up to date throughout the summer, or making a new pledge commitment for 2010 (please call the parish office during the week at 203-245-2584). The vestry has completed a parish budget for 2010 and would be happy to provide copies to anyone interested.

It is most important that we get our finances in order as we prepare for the arrival of a priest-in-charge in the fall. Please feel free to contact members of the executive committee for more information — David Karas at 203-245-9367, Kristen Garnett at 203-245-8284, Helen Van Antwerp at 203-421-3118, or Brenda Naegel at 203-421-4426.

Treasurer's Notes

Pledge income for the month of May was \$18,166, with loose offerings of \$1188. At the end of May, the pledge total for 2010 was \$270,855. Meeting our financial obligations remains a challenge.

Again, I want to urge the parishioners to remember the parish during the months of July and August.

The Budget Committee has prepared a budget for 2010. It has been approved by the Vestry and is in effect now.

— Helen Van Antwerp
Treasurer

Welcoming Commission

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the varied perspectives of people who have arrived at St. Andrew's recently, as well as those who have been here a while. If you would like to help revitalize the Welcoming Commission, please contact Martha Stewart at 203-245-3220 or gmstewart2@sbcglobal.net. An organizational meeting will be held before Labor Day, and meetings will be held approximately every other month prior to each event. Please consider joining this important ministry.



Serendipity volunteers enjoyed the sunshine and fellowship at a lovely luncheon hosted by Carol Bostrom on June 21.

Be Part of Serendipity

We are always looking for more volunteers — during regular store hours or for behind-the-scenes tasks. The store is located at 200 Boston Post Road in Madison; open Tuesday to Saturday, 10-4. Call us at 203-245-4731 to get started. Donations are welcome anytime. Visit our web site at Serendipitymadison.org.

All of Us Bear Responsibility for God's Creation

While the following excerpt from the "Forum on Religion and Ecology" is dated May 10, 2010, the message, unfortunately, remains timely.

■ *Sins Against Nature and God: We Are All Accountable for Ignoring the Global Consequences of Environmental Exploitation*, by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew; The Huffington Post.

Once again, in a matter only of a few years, the eyes of the world are turned with suspense toward the Gulf Coast. Sadly, the oil spill is following a path similar to Hurricane Katrina and threatening the coast of Louisiana, as well as neighboring states.

As citizens of God's creation, we perceive this monumental spill of crude oil in the oceans of our planet as a sign of how far we have moved from the purpose of God's creation. [...]

But as the first bishop of the world's second largest Christian Church, we also have a responsibility not only to pray, but also to declare that to mistreat the natural environment is to sin against humanity, against all living things, and against our creator God. All of us — individuals, institutions, and industries alike — bear responsibility; all of us are accountable for ignoring the global consequences of environmental exploitation. Katrina — we knew — was a natural calamity. This time — we know it is a man-made disaster.

For more information log on to www.yale.edu/religionandecology.

— John Fuller

You are cordially invited to attend our Theater Camp Performances

Life School Musical — Friday, July 16 at 7:00 pm

A musical experience presented by our campers in Grades 1 through 6 as they take you through a day of discovery in the lives of a group of students.

Backyard Barbecue — Saturday, July 24

Dinner served at 6:00 pm, Performance at 7:00 pm

A delightful Musical Revue and Dinner Theatre performed by teens in Grades 7 and up.

American Ideal — Friday, July 30 at 7:00 pm

We will take you through the lives and performance of our own reality singing show performers, their families and judges.

Who will win the title of the American Ideal? It may surprise you.

All performances are free of charge, though a \$5 donation per audience member is suggested and appreciated. To make reservations for the July 24 dinner, fill out the form below and return it by e-mail to Joy at joyann228@yahoo.com, or stop by the office at St. Andrew's. The cost for the dinner is \$12 for adults, \$8 for students (No charge for campers and children under 5). The dinner will be catered by a professional chef (Joy's husband) and will be served by the campers.

Chef Scott's Catering for the Backyard Barbecue Buffet

Saturday, July 24 • Dinner served at 6:00 pm • Performance at 7:00 pm

\$12.00 per adult, \$8.00 per child (no charge for children under 5)

Garden Salad with Italian Vinaigrette • Barbecued Chicken • Hamburgers • Hot Dogs

Corn on the Cob • Watermelon • Soda, Water, and Juice • Dessert — Chef's Cake

Please tear off this bottom portion and return it to Joy ASAP. E-mail: Joyann228@yahoo.com • or call 203-230-8264

____ # IN ATTENDANCE FOR DINNER AND PERFORMANCE

____ # IN ATTENDANCE FOR PERFORMANCE ONLY (no charge)

Campers name: _____ (no charge)

Adult: ____ x \$12.00

Child: ____ x \$8.00

Total Cost = _____

Cash or Check (made payable to St. Andrew's Church)

JULY 2010

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 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 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist | 5 Parish Office Closed | 6 | 7 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club (see page 1) | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist H.O.M.E. Trip participants leave for Maine | 12 Theater Camp all week | 13 | 14 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club (see page 1) | 15 | 16 7:00 pm Theater Camp performance | 17 |
| 18 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist H.O.M.E. Trip reflections at 9:15 service | 19 Theater Camp all week | 20 | 21 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club (see page 1) | 22 | 23 | 24 Dinner Theater: 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Theater performance |
| 25 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist | 26 Theater Camp all week | 27 | 28 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club (see page 1) | 29 | 30 7:00 pm Theater Camp performance | 31 |



In May, a rugged crew of parishioners of all ages came out to help a local family on St. Andrew's Cares Day by tidying the yard, making a garden, and doing repairs.



Summer 9:15 Service Schedule

| | Priest | Musician at 9:15 service | Style at 9:15 |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| July 4 | Rev. Esther Chuboff | Paul Jordan | Traditional |
| July 11 | Rev. Esther Chuboff | Heather Meachen (donated) | Traditional |
| July 18 | Rev. Esther Chuboff | Steve Van Ness (donated) | Contemporary |
| July 25 | Rev. Bob Taylor | Paul Jordan | Traditional |
| Aug 1 | Rev. Esther Chuboff | Paul Jordan | Traditional |
| Aug 8 | Rev. Esther Chuboff | ? | ? |
| Aug 15 | Rev. Esther Chuboff | Paul Jordan | Traditional |
| Aug 22 | Rev. Esther Chuboff | Paul Jordan | Traditional |
| Aug 29 | Rev. Esther Chuboff | Paul Jordan | Contemporary |

We are very thankful for the generosity of Heather Meachen and Steve Van Ness to arrange and perform musical offerings in July. Parishioners will enjoy their talent!

Sunday service times in the summer are 8:00 am and 9:15 am.



New Beginnings & Remembrances

Baptisms — Welcome...

The following Baptisms took place at St. Andrew's during the month of May. We welcome all to our parish community of faith.
May 23

■ Charles Matthew Donato, son of Adrienne and Chris Donato, grandson of Holly Donato and nephew of Amy Picard.

■ Emily Alice Dahlberg, daughter of Tina Quirion and Suzanne Dahlberg.
May 30

■ Isabelle Scott Wilker, daughter of Katie and Rob Wilker and sister of big brothers Graham and Oliver.

■ Anna Rose Bussmann, daughter of Laurie and Andrew Bussmann and sister of Mason.

■ Joelle Sophie Rhoads, daughter of Kelly and Brandon Rhoads, and niece of Laurie Bussmann.

■ Kyle Alexander Potenziani and twins Bryan Josef and Elizabeth Mary Potenziani, children of Mary and John Potenziani, all new parishioners at St. Andrew's.

... and Farewell

■ A funeral service for Edward Robert Cottrell was held at St. Andrew's on Monday May 24. Edward is survived by his wife Deidre, daughter Kristin and two sisters. He was an avid fisherman and boating enthusiast.

Thanks to Picnic Helpers

Thanks to all who helped with the annual picnic/kick-off party for the 50th celebration of St. Andrew's. The threatening rains held off and allowed us to have the picnic outdoors at St. Andrew's and all who came had a good time! Thank you to those who helped with set up, cooking, clean up and entertainment!



The 6th and 7th Graders in Rite 13 Class Enjoy Special Outing

The Rite 13 class (6th and 7th graders) enjoyed a beach outing on the last day of church school classes, complete with kite flying. The coveted Attendance Awards were presented to Katharine Garnett, Kathleen Neustaetter, Carly Kolstad, and Will Card, who all came to at least half of the classes this year.

Pictured here left to right: Joey Milner, Martha Stewart (teacher), Brandon Ledyard, Will Card, Glenn Stewart (teacher), Matthew Karas, Lee Scaros (teacher), Carly Kolstad, Tori Milner, and Katharine Garnett.

Team Uganda Members Stand Up for Orphans

Ever since Team Uganda was formed in 2007 at St. Andrew's, the members of the team have pitched in to help support orphans in Uganda. Sure, we have many fundraisers that depend on the generous donations of parishioners to make a big difference in the lives of these children. There are local businesses that have given money and products toward the orphans' welfare as well. And a large grant from the Connecticut diocese Millennium Fund allowed us to purchase capital equipment for the Chain Foundation Orphanage assuring it of dependable electric power.

But behind the scenes in almost every activity, Team Uganda members are there — not only giving time and talent but also individual contributions that make the event a success. Members and their families bake more desserts for "Pies, Pies, Pies" and fix more meals for

"Frozen Assets" than anyone else. They buy a little extra when the Team sells Christmas cards or "Chicks for U..ganda." Individual Team members purchased Braille machines for the blind orphans so the goal of ten machines could be reached. Two members provided the paper and envelopes for our Ugandan Christmas card sale. Members donated the items in a gift basket raffled at the U2charist event this spring. When we learned that our sponsored orphans desperately needed new school uniforms, two individuals stepped up and made sure they were provided. And the list goes on.

Many are involved in St. Andrew's Uganda mission but sometimes we need to credit and thank the unheralded members who quietly take an extra step making the overall effort a success.

— Terry Sinclair

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The Parish Staff

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| 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 | David Mikus |

The Parish Vestry

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| 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,
Jenny Gerst, John Paulson, Terry Sinclair, Martha Stewart,
Robert Stimpson

Summertime Service Schedule

During the summer — we will have two Sunday services,
8:00 am and 9:15 am.

Wednesday Night Suppers at Surf Club

Back by popular demand, the Wednesday night picnics at the Surf Club will start on June 23 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. It's BYO everything! No need for a beach pass after 5:30 pm. So join us on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer.

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