

THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

JULY 2011



Summertime Services

On June 19, we began our summer worship schedule — two Sunday services, 8 am and 10 am, which will run through the end of August. We will return to the three-service schedule on September 4. We will designate the 10 am services as either a traditional, contemporary or a blended music service. Stay tuned for details.

Saturday 5 pm Services

Two more Saturday evening liturgies will be held at 5:00 pm in the outdoor chapel on July 9 and August 13. A potluck cook-out will follow.

Summer Fun!

See page 3 for details about camps.

A Priest's Perspective Embracing Christian Stewardship

The concept of stewardship is not unique to Christianity. Many cultures, societies and nations throughout human history have focused on the importance of personal and communal responsibility in managing resources for the good of all. Stewards were people assigned to oversee and manage the possessions, estates and businesses of their masters or employers.

Stewardship in Christianity developed out of the belief that human beings are created by the same God who made the entire universe and everything in it. We believe that God is the ultimate owner of all things and we are accountable to God for the care and use of every resource that God bestows upon us.

Christian stewardship refers to the responsibility that each of us has in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that we have been given. We understand stewardship to be our thankful and intentional response to the question: "What does God call me to do with the gifts God has entrusted to me?"

In our Episcopal tradition, we typically talk about stewardship in terms of how we use our time, talent and treasure for the service of God.

At St. Andrew's, our 50th Anniversary committee has been highlighting our stewardship of time and talent over the past six months. You may have noticed that *continued on page 4*

Summer Refreshments

After the summer 10 am services, enjoy fellowship and refreshments outside. Please sign up to provide ice tea and lemonade once this summer! Contact Donna Johansen at 245-6729 or dmjarm@snet.net.

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

Wednesday night picnics at the Surf Club began on June 29 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.

50th Anniversary News

Confirmation Connection — St. Andrew's had the privilege of hosting Confirmation on Saturday, June 11. As it would happen (a lot of serendipity at work here), it was the 50th Anniversary of the first Confirmation celebrated for young people of our parish.

On June 16, 1961, a class of twenty-two young people were confirmed by Bishop Esquirol, Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut. That event was extra special since we didn't even have a church at the time! Bishop Esquirol also brought the good news that the Diocese would loan our founding members money to build a church provided they could raise \$50,000. A Capital Campaign began in a few weeks and by the end of August, the money was raised. These original members were made of special fortitude and commitment. On June 17, 1962, our second Confirmation class was confirmed and the cornerstone of the building was placed at the same time. It was the first "service" held in the building. This is the event we will commemorate on June 16, 2012 *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.

Green Matters

In E. W. Hornung's long forgotten suspense novel, *The Camera Fiend*, 1911, the sinister Dr. Baumgartner's photographic darkroom has a door-size ruby glass window which casts an ominous red glow throughout the lab.

I was reminded of this image when a Connecticut Home Energy contractor framed our front entrance with a red translucent covering to measure air filtration into the house. There was, however, nothing at all fictional or suspenseful about this worthwhile project which is subsidized by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund.

The testing, costing the homeowner only \$75, provides not only information about energy efficiency, but includes valuable services and materials.

For example, the technician insulated nine feet of hot water pipe, caulked a number of air leaks, and weather-stripped several doors. The package also included two of the improved shower-heads and replacement of most incandescent bulbs with the new warm compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs).

A *Wall Street Journal* article on June 1, 2011, indicates that CFLs are an interim solution, saving 75% energy over incandescent bulbs. The future is probably with Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs, but their present cost is a deterrent.

For information on this home energy program, you can call 1-877-WISE USE, or go online at www.CTEnergyinfo.com.

— John Fuller

Green Request

We encourage other parishioners to contribute to this column. Please share your thoughts and discoveries! We must be good stewards of our land and our resources.

50th Anniversary: Be Part of This Special Time

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as we conclude our 50th Anniversary celebration.

This year, the Right Rev. Laura Ahrens, Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut, celebrated Confirmation for 14 young people of our parish and four from two other parishes. The 50th Anniversary Committee was pleased to provide a display of our Confirmation history and flowers for the reception table. Fr. Steve also presented Bishop Ahrens with a 50th Anniversary commemorative ornament.

Written History — Members of the History sub-committee have researched and gathered information about our history for almost a year. Their work is fairly complete and we are so pleased to announce that Nancy Farman, our own Spirit Choir member and advisor to the History Committee, has agreed to write the final document that will tell our story. Nancy has authored a church history and is an active volunteer at the Charlotte Evarts Town of Madison Archives. It is our goal to have this available in June 2012. Copies will be available for a nominal fee of \$10.

Additionally, it was the consensus of those who have worked on the history,

that we collate and maintain all information that has been gathered for future generations. Clearly not all information will find its way into the final document, but it will be preserved. Helen Kitman, has graciously agreed to create this "notebook" of our historical research.

We are grateful to both Nancy and Helen for taking on these important tasks. We also extend our sincere gratitude to all of those on the History Committee, under the leadership of Margaret and Dave Mason, who contributed their time to make these documents possible: Mary Beatrice, The Rev. Linda Smith-Criddle, Bea Fortin, Mark Getchell, Alice and Ray Hencir, Helen Kitman, Jean and Pete Moore, Priscilla Rensis and Alwyn Thorpe. Thank you all!

March With St. Andrew's — Our great banner will be proudly carried in the 4th of July Parade, as members of the parish join Fr. Steve in bringing our celebration to the community. Thanks to those who participate!

Remember to save this special date — JUNE 16, 2012.

— Maggie & Charlie Walden,
Co-chairs
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Summer Forums for Adults

Adult Education Forums will be meeting every Sunday throughout the summer at 9:00 am in Farmer Hall. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with people from the other services that you may not see very often. The St. Andrew's deanery and convention delegates will facilitate ongoing conversations about our common faith and what it means to be in relationship with the wider Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. Clergy also will participate in these discussions. Come join us for coffee and conversation!

Treasurer's Report

The pledge collection for the month of May was \$16,957 with loose offerings of \$1061.

Stewardship pledge income through May is \$132,284 which includes pre-paid pledges.

The summer months are here. Please do not forget St. Andrew's while on vacation since the bills do not take one.

Thank you.

— Helen Van Antwerp,
Treasurer

July Theater Camps

Support St. Andrew's Summer Theatre Program and see some great entertainment.

- **Parableooza** — performance on Friday, July 15 at 7 pm.

- **Backyard Barbecue** — performance on Saturday, July 23 at 7 pm. (This is a dinner theatre. Dinner reservations can be made by calling St. Andrew's office. No reservation is necessary for the performance only.)

- **School of Rock and Roles** — performance on Friday, July 29 at 7 pm.

There is no charge to attend these performances, though a donation to St. Andrew's Music Committee of \$5 per person is recommended.

Hope to see you all there!

— Joy Weaver

Summer Camps for Children Ages 3-7

Summer is here and your child can enjoy a week or two of summer camp at St. Andrew's! Each week-long camp is held 9 am - 12 noon.

Summer camps begin July 11 and run through August 19 for children ages 3-7. Topics include Creation Station — creating art with recycled materials; Creatures of the Sea; Water, Water Everywhere I & II; Motion Commotion — woodworking that moves; and Arts and Crafts. Have lots of fun outside exploring nature.

The cost is \$110 per week. For more details, stop by or call Judy Goldberg or Miss Abby at 203-245-1308.

H.O.M.E Trip, July 10-16

Homeowners Organized for More Employment (H.O.M.E.) is a mission trip that youth in Grades 9-12 take to rural Maine each summer to build and repair homes for the needy.

The trip this year will take place July 10-16. Please keep the teens and chaperones in your prayers.

Attend the 10 am service on July 17 to hear all about their trip!

Feed Thy Neighbor

Hooray — our summer
is finally here
And at home everyone's children
will reappear
So let's keep this in mind
when we grocery shop
That they all will be eating
at home nonstop.
So on the first Sunday
all summer long
Let us remember to give
a little more
And keep those
little tummies full
For all our neighbors
next door.
— Anne Greene

Team Uganda Had Successful Spring

Team Uganda (TU) had a great spring fundraising effort with our signature "Chicks" campaign. Taking place over the three Sundays leading up to and including Easter, TU raised \$1,341, an all-time record for this annual event that began in 2007. A large part of our success was the great cooperation from the Vestry and Father Steve Domienik. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the Chain Foundation orphanage in Uganda to supplement the purchase of livestock for the foundation's self-sustaining farming efforts. Many people helped out in this effort, including the generous members of St. Andrew's. On behalf of TU, I would like to thank every person who contributed their time and donations. Special thanks go to Laura Way who brought the chicks each Sunday and also to Tom Dahl and his family, who housed the actual chicks.

Team Uganda of St. Andrew's continues to act in the capacity as a church-outreach mission. TU supports tuition, books, and uniforms for four orphans — Josephine, Calvin, Timothy and Catherine. Our second focus is the Ugandan Chain Foundation Orphanage, where TU sponsors capital projects and other needs such as generators, plumbing,

basic clothing requirements, and educational aids such as Braille machines and musical instruments. TU is a voluntary group of St. Andrew's parishioners who meet monthly to discuss our goals, communications, fundraising efforts, and related mission work.

Separately from TU, and often confused with TU is "Call to Care Uganda" — an outside not-for-profit group that also does great work in Uganda. Call to Care Uganda, run by Martha Hoffman, sponsors clean water well projects across Uganda and currently is raising funds for a fabulous community center in Kaberamaido.

While Team Uganda considers all of St. Andrew's to be part of our mission support team, the core group that meets monthly and staffs the fundraising efforts includes Terry Sinclair, Lillian Sinclair, Suzie Birks, Alice Hencir, Martha Hoffman, Alwyn Thorpe, Sue Morris, Aimee Merkle-Scotland, Judy Getchell, and the Kolstad family.

Many thanks for the great support from Fr. Steve and the Outreach Commission Leadership of Rich Fisler and Art Criddle.

— Kris Kolstad, Chairman
Team Uganda of St. Andrew's

Note From Altar Guild

The Altar Guild would like to thank David Mikus for his gift to the Altar Fund in celebration of the marriage of his daughter, Sarah Catherine Mikus, to Arlen Lewis Trichardt on March 30, 2011. Thank you to Vernon and Mary Beatrice for their gift to the Altar Fund in memory of their parents, Clayton O. and Frances Beatrice and John E. and Lillian M. Knauer. Thank you, also, to Mike Walden for his gift in honor of Maggie Walden.

Gifts made to the Altar Fund are used to purchase the linens, vessels and hangings that are used in our worship and adorn our worship space. We are thankful for these gifts.

A Priest's Perspective — Embracing Christian Stewardship

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on several Sundays, we acknowledged and thanked people who are involved in many of our ministries, and we prayed for God's continued blessing on their life and work. We are fortunate to have 50% of our parishioners actively involved in one or more ministries of our church, and we are always ready to welcome more people who wish to join us in these endeavors.

In addition, we are forming a Stewardship Ministry Team that will work throughout the year to help us articulate and facilitate our response of time, talent and treasure to God's mission in this place. We will explore how we as members of St. Andrew's are deepening our faith and transforming the world as Christ calls us through joyful worship, music, study and service to others.

God Calls Us to Pull Weeds, Fix Stone Walls

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is soliciting help from the congregation to take on tasks to weed, apply mulch, paint, repair stone walls, wash windows, clean gutters, strip floors, install child locks, and organize the library. God calls men, woman, families and teens; no skills required. You can work at your own speed, in your own time, do as little or as much as you want. Please contact any of the following to sign up: Alan Miller, Charlie Walden, Glenn Stewart, David Mikus, Father Steve or the church office if you can give an hour or two.

New Beginnings

The following is a correction for information submitted in the June *Messenger*. On Sunday May 1, a new member was added to our Christian family. At the 11:00 service, William Abbott Millett was baptized by Fr. Steve. William is the son of Betsy and William Millett and the grandson of Chris and Terry Abbott.

In addition, this team also will guide us during our annual pledge drive that will be coming up in the fall. As a precursor to this event, I encourage you to review the 2011 Operating Budget that appears below.

Finally, Christian Stewardship is a spiritual journey we take as individuals and as a community of faith in which we seek to move from a perspective of

scarcity to one of abundance with ever increasing gratitude and generosity.

My prayer for all of us is that we may be the best stewards of our time, talent and treasure as we utilize, share and oversee all of the personal and material resources that we have at our disposal for the Glory of God and the betterment of all creation.

Blessings, Fr. Steve

Rev G A1- 04/26/2011		St. Andrew's 2011 Operating Budget (adopted by Vestry 3/15/2011)			
2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	Line		
REVENUES					
248,914	247,848	250,000	110	Pledges - Current Year	
1,645	1,645	1,000	115	Pledges - Previous Year	
21,941	21,936	27,060	121	Pledges - Prepaid for 2011	
15,000			130	Pledges - Additional Campaign	
15,000	24,266	20,000	135	Non-Pledge Offerings & Spec. Appeal	
4,500	2,970	1,950	140	Facilities Rental	
15,000	9,101	25,000	145	Fundraisers	
4,000	3,855	4,000	150	Store Prepaid Cards	
7,500	5,450	5,400	155	Serendipity Income	
	24		160	Gifts / Other Income	
333,500	317,095	334,410	175	BASE OPERATING REVENUE	
20,000	20,000	17,279	180	Annual Transfer from Endowment	
	25,532		181	Additional Transfer from Endowment	
24,000	24,130	24,130	185	Loan Repayment from Endowment	
377,500	386,757	375,819	195	TOTAL OPER. FUNDS AVAILABLE	
EXPENSES					
87,000	70,690	89,757	205	Rector sal & ben	
132,138	130,005	133,544	210	Ch. staff sal & ben	
3,500	3,917	3,500	215	Professional Expenses	
1,282	915	1,500	220	Cont ed-staff & rector	
1,200	811	1,500	225	Supply Clergy	
12,000	10,995	12,000	230	Utilities-total	
2,500	2,142	2,500	235	Telephone	
13,768	16,267	14,000	240	Admin & Office	
13,243	13,402	14,000	245	Buildings&Grounds	
0	0	5,000	250	To Facility Maint Fund	
11,676	11,676	11,700	255	Property Insurance	
4,450	4,450	4,450	260	Audit	
50,688	38,016	57,283	265	Diocesan Assessment	
200	144	200	270	Vestry retreat/ training	
10,000	8,267	10,000	275	Outreach	
1,120	1,295	1,300	285	Stewardship Exp	
3,050	2,747	4,526	290	Christ. ed-church school	
204	554	500	295	Christ. ed-adult ed	
941	200	500	300	Christ. ed-youth	
3,094	2,513	5,000	305	Music/choir	
2,840	866	-	310	Hospitality/Welcoming	
		2,240	311	Hospitality	
		600	312	Welcoming	
1,845	1,310	1,800	315	Communications	
0	83	-	316	ECW & Other Groups	
942	774	922	320	Liturgical Expenses	
0	(356)	-	325	Search	
1,207	3,148	350	330	Other	
358,888	324,829	378,672	345	BASE OPERATING EXPENSES	
24,000	24,130	24,130	350	Loan Payments	
19,400	0	-	355	Severance Package	
3,000		3,500	360	Incoming Rector Expenses	
405,288	348,959	406,302	370	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	
NET TOTALS					
(25,388)	(7,735)	(44,262)	400	BASE OP. SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (line 175 minus line 345)	
(27,788)	37,798	(30,483)	500	GROSS SURPLUS/DEFICIT (line 195 minus line 370)	



Glory, Glory Serendipity . . .

In June, the volunteers of Serendipity got together for a summer luncheon at the home of Doreen Sproule, and spent a lovely afternoon together with food and fellowship. Our in-house poet, Anne Greene, shared yet another clever and entertaining poem that needs to be heard by all. With her permission, I would ask you to sing the following to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" –

Mine eyes have seen the st-art of our Ser-en-dip-i-ty store;
 It's been five years since the o-pen-ing, five days a week from 10-to-4;
 We're there to sell the i-tems, but then WE shop and buy some more;
 Vol-un-teers keep march-ing on!
 Glo-ry, glo-ry Ser-en-dip-i-ty,
 Glo-ry, glo-ry Ser-en-dip-i-ty,
 Glo-ry, glo-ry Ser-en-dip-i-ty,
 Vol-un-teers keep march-ing on!

Some days are fast and fur-i-ous,
 And some are not so much.
 There are times when no one is around,
 And times a whole big bunch.
 So, we talk and tag, and talk and arrange.
 And talk as a final touch;
 Vol-un-teers keep march-ing on!

Glo-ry, glo-ry Ser-en-dip-i-ty,
 Glo-ry, glo-ry Ser-en-dip-i-ty,
 Glo-ry, glo-ry Ser-en-dip-i-ty,
 Vol-un-teers keep march-ing on!



Dinner and Dancing on Friday, August 12

Mark your calendars for Friday evening August 12, 7:00 pm - 12 midnight, for dinner and dancing on the water at the Westbrook Elks Club. Come join us for **St. Andrew's Caribbean Getaway** in the club's large dining room with an expansive deck overlooking the sound. We will have either a DJ or live music for dancing. Adults only \$75 per person. Tickets will go on sale soon.

The Easiest Way to Give to St. Andrew's

Use Stop & Shop cards and **5% of all purchases go directly to St. Andrew's!** Buy these cards after each service or during the week in the church office. Visa and Mastercards are accepted.

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Parish Administrator	Barbara Gibbons
Preschool Director	Judy Goldberg
Director of Children's and Youth Ministry	Mary Merkle-Scotland
Organist & Chancel Choir Director	Paul Jordan
Director of Spirit Choir & Musicals	Joy Weaver
Guitarist	Jim Olden
Sexton and Verger	David Mikus

The Parish Vestry

Senior Warden	David Karas
Junior Warden	Kristen Garnett
Treasurer	Helen Van Antwerp
Clerk of the Vestry	Michael Greene

Chris Abbott, Sandra Butler, Art Criddle, Florie Earle, Susan McCann, Brenda Naegel, John Paulson, Martha Stewart, and Robert Stimpson

Summertime Service Schedule

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