

THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

AUGUST 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.

Support Group

This is a tough time for those out of work, and I'd like to start a support group. It can include praying, someone to talk to, help with resumes, interview techniques, and networking. If you are interested, contact Fred Sollars at 245-1682 or fsollars@comcast.net.

Rector's Reflections

Many parishioners have shared with me a curiosity about the "day" of a priest. Having been at this for 10 years now, I know that no day is like another, and rarely does the day unfold as I anticipate in the morning. Here is a brief summary of a month's worth of days and how I spent them. Approximately 4 full days on sermon and liturgy preparation, 14 pastoral visits out of the office, 5 pastoral meetings in the office, 1 renewal of wedding vows (I love these!), baptismal planning for 3 baptisms, 7 social engagements with parishioners, 9 committee meetings, 6 staff meetings, 4 events for Youth and Church School outside of worship time, led the Invocation on Memorial Day for the parade in Madison, and 3 days at Family Systems Workshop. In addition to these commitments, I led and preached at the 3 worship services on Sunday mornings and 1 worship service each Wednesday morning.

It is a joy and an honor to be a priest. I have had a rich and fulfilling experience these last 10 years. I find even the hardest of pastoral care situations to be a blessing and consider my time with you spent on "holy ground." Thank you for allowing me to walk on holy ground with you.

— Pastor Mary

Wednesday Night Suppers at Surf Club During Summer

Come enjoy Wednesday night picnics at the Surf Club 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.

Contemporary Worship

We will have the contemporary-style worship on August 2 and August 30.

- August 2 — Welcome the H.O.M.E. trip teenagers and chaperones home, and hear about their week of work in rural Maine.
- August 30 — **Church School registration and ice cream social.** Welcome back! (Church School classes will begin Sept. 13.)

Both Sundays will feature guitars and keyboard with music from the blue notebook.

Special Parish Meeting Held

St. Andrew's held a special parish meeting on Sunday, July 19, 2009 wherein it approved a withdrawal of no more than \$55,000 from the endowment fund. No more than \$45,000 is authorized to be spent to replace the main roof, to repair the flat roof, for area lighting, and related landscaping in accordance with the plan Buildings and Grounds presented to and which was approved by the Vestry at its meeting on July 6, 2009. Further, no more than \$10,000 can be withdrawn from the Endowment to replenish the Facilities Maintenance Fund which has been depleted as a result of the emergency repairs to the church's septic system.

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

Church School, Summer Teen and Youth Activities, and Fall Updates

■ H.O.M.E.ward Bound

At the time of this writing, 41 students and 9 adults are readying themselves for a week of work in Maine from July 26 to August 1. House completion, kitchen floor tiling, bunk bed construction, grounds-keeping, painting, cooking, shingling — these tasks are all part of this wonderful week of team building, fun, and yes, hard work. If you would like to make a donation to the H.O.M.E. fund, please do! It is not too late! Let's hear it for individual parishioners who leave little — or big — checks in my bin made out to St. Andrew's H.O.M.E. Mission Trip! Wahoo!

Join H.O.M.E. trip participants at the service on Sunday, August 2 to hear stories from adults and youth who went to Maine, see pictures and get a true taste of the mission trip.

The H.O.M.E. community works to provide housing, jobs, health care and daycare for those in need.

■ Nursery

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

■ Church School

- Save these important dates:

Church School Teacher Meeting on Monday, August 24 at 7:30 pm.

Ice Cream Social and Church School Registration, Sunday, August 30.

Church School classes begin for the fall on September 13.

- The current Church School lineup:

Ages 3-4/Pre-K — Susan Wines and Heather Meachen

Kindergarten/1st Grade — Trish Arida and Sandy Butler

2nd/3rd Grade — Jen Parthasarthy and Rachel Carfora

4th/5th Grade — Florie Earle, Tracy Lynch, and Rebecca Rastetter

Rite 13 — Lee Scaros, Kerry Arena, Glenn and Martha Stewart

J2A — Jean Card, Grace Crawford and ?

YAC — Mary Merkle-Scotland, Judy Albright and ??

- We need one or two more people to help teach the Journey to Adulthood program. These are 8th and 9th Graders preparing for Confirmation in 2011 — ideally, this is a two-year teaching

commitment. Thanks to Jean Card and Grace Crawford for leading the way. Another pair to help teach will round out this group nicely, thanks in advance.

- If you are interested in helping lead a great group of older teenagers, contact Mary via e-mail at themsgroup@snet.net or phone 245-2584, x3.

- Haven't you always wondered what Church School kids were really like?

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 needed. I am in the process of compiling a list of substitutes that might be available in a pinch. Thanks to those who already have offered to be placed on the list. Please send an e-mail or call if interested.

■ Summer Youth Events

The youth ministers in Madison joined forces for some summer fun! There was a high school event on July 8, complete with food, fun, some discussion about mission trips, and a great group of high school students! The next summer fun event is scheduled for those in high school on August 19 from 6-8 pm in the picnic grove at the Surf Club. Be there! Contact Mary for more information.

■ News from VBS

Vacation Bible School, held June 29 - July 3, was all about LOVE! Thanks to the amazing hands and hearts of a few adults and the many teenagers involved, this program kept 72 kids busy. We joined forces with First Congregational Church on the Green to bring the city of Rome to St. Andrew's. Very special thanks to adults Lynn and Tim Lunn of

FCC, Florie and Patches Earle, Paula Steere, Abby Dombrowski, and Jody Catalano. The teens who made all of the fun possible included Kate Ainsworth, Abby and Sam Albright, Lindsay Arminio, Meagan Allen, Liz Chapman, Nikki and Jen Downes, Josh Gregory, Katherine Lee, Nina Lunn, Erin McHugh, Aimee and Anne-Claire Merkle-Scotland, Kelsey Page, Eliza and Abbey Patteson, Jaime Pinella-O'Dea, Thomas O'Sullivan, Makayla and Korinne Portley, Monica Power, Shana and Dylan Reese, Luke and Lexi Scaros, and Cori, Demi and Elaina Zachos.

Stay tuned for dates on when the Bauer video, produced by the 5th and 6th Graders at VBS, will be aired on Madison TV. Thank you Patches Earle!

■ Mom's Prayer Group

The Mom's Group begins anew in September at 53 Liberty Street! All moms are welcome. Please call Jen Conroy for more information at 779-5420.

— Mary Merkle-Scotland
themsgroup@snet.net

Rector on Vacation

Pastor Mary will be on vacation from August 10 thru September 6. The Revs. Linda Smith-Criddle and Esther Chuboff will be preaching and presiding and providing pastoral care during Mary's vacation. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Barb Gibbons in the office.

End-of-Season Sale at Serendipity

Watch for the latest about Serendipity's End-of-Summer Sale during the last week of August. There will be great buys on summer clothing in order to make room for back-to-school and early Fall clothing. Serendipity's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Phone 245-4731. Visit us on the web at Serendipitymadison.org.

Remembrances

- Fr. Ed Morgan, founding rector of St. Andrew's, was interred here in June. (See note on page 5.)

- Ann Williams, a parishioner at St. Andrew's, passed away in July. She was 81. Services were handled by the funeral home.

Holiday Fair Date Set for Saturday, November 14

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

Planning Meetings

Join us for the second planning meeting on August 12 at 6:30 pm at the Surf Club (concurrent with the St. Andrew's Wednesday Night Suppers at the beach).

Also, start thinking about various donations and craft items you can contribute. (See the Theme Basket article at right.)

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

Storage Space Needed

Storage space is needed to store items for this year's Holiday Fair Tag Sale. The space is needed from October 15 - November 15. Free or inexpensive space is preferred. It can be a garage bay, barn, industrial/warehouse space, or any other dry secure space.

If you can help us meet this need, please contact Rachel Carfora at 421-1114, or send an e-mail to rachel_e_carfora@sbcglobal.net (Note: underscores before and after the "e" in her e-mail address).

Help Fill a Theme Basket!

Maggie and Margaret will organize the THEME BASKETS for the Holiday Fair — and once again, they need your help. If you are interested in creating a theme basket or donating items toward one, their committee will gladly put them together, plus they will provide the basket for you!

The end of the summer is approaching, and there will be a lot of good sales — possibly a travel, an island vacation or beach-themed basket, or even a book basket. Be creative!

As most of you know, the Holiday Fair is one of St. Andrew's biggest fundraisers and donating items for a basket is an easy way to participate in the fair. So please help us out. If you have any questions, call Maggie Walden at 318-5045 or Margaret Mason at 421-4359. They look forward to hearing from you.



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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 pm Compline Service	3	4	5 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club	6	7	8 / 1
9 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 pm Compline Service	10	11	12 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club 6:30 pm Holiday Fair Meeting at Surf Club	13	14	15
16 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 pm Compline Service	17	18	19 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00-8:00 pm High School Youth 6:00 Supper at Surf Club	20	21	22
23 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 pm Compline Service	24 7:30 pm Church School Teacher Meeting	25 7:00 pm Welcoming Commission Meeting	26 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Supper at Surf Club	27	28	29
30 8:00 and 9:15 am Holy Eucharist Church School Registration and Ice Cream Social 9:00 pm Compline Service	31					

Welcoming Commission News

The Welcoming Commission invites anyone who is interested in helping welcome newcomers to attend our fall planning meeting on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:00 pm in Classroom 1.

Also, we always look for more people to be greeters prior to each worship service. If you are willing to do this every month or two, please contact Jane Leake at 421-8472.

— Martha Stewart

Outreach Committee Update and Fall Plans

The Outreach Committee will meet on Thursday, September 3 at 7:30 pm (location will be announced later).

Highlights will include:

- Spring Plant Sale — thank you Don Rankin

- Youth Group H.O.M.E.

Mission Trip to Maine — Outreach was able to contribute \$3500 to the trip for building supplies, plus another \$500 from the Plant Sale

- Meals on Wheels
- Covenant to Care update
- Plans for Fall
- Crop Walk on October 4
- Fall St. Andrew's Cares Day
- Serendipity update

For more information, call Kristen Garnett at 245-8284. And please bring a friend to the meeting!

List of Recipients by Geographic Location, 2008 TOTAL DISTRIBUTION: \$19,179

Local ("Shoreline" — New Haven to New London) — \$10,076

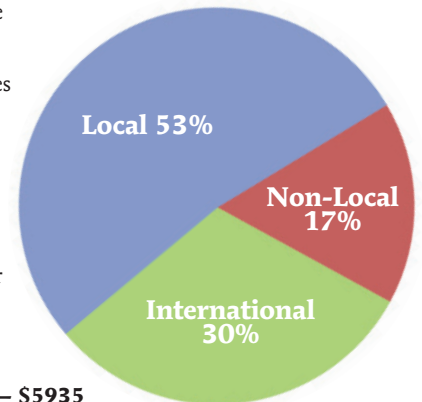
- Covenant to Care
- Food Pantry and Soup Kitchens
- St. Andrew's Cares Day
- Circle of Care

Non-Local (National, except Shoreline) — \$3168

- Bishop's Fund for Children
- H.O.M.E., Youth Mission Trip

International — \$5935

- Episcopal Relief and Development
- Team Uganda
- Crop Walk



Team Uganda Update: Toothbrushes & T-shirts

During St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School (VBS) the last week in June, Mary Merkle-Scotland organized a drive to help the orphaned children we support in Uganda. She asked Team Uganda to make a big and bold presentation in the entrance of church so that all of the VBS families could learn about the important work we do at St. Andrew's and, if they so choose, contribute to a drive to collect toothbrushes and t-shirts for the kids we help. This isn't unlike the VBS drive last summer for "cros" that extended throughout the summer. The mission team brought a total of 140 pairs to The Chain Foundation Orphanage last November!

Like the "cros" last year, we're off to a great start with collecting toothbrushes and t-shirts. Also like last year, we will continue this drive throughout the summer so all St. Andrew's parishioners have the opportunity to participate. Please stop and see the pictures of the four children that we support on your way in and out of Sunday services. Their names are Timothy, Cathy, Josephine and Calvin. They do not live at The Chain Foundation. They live in different parts or "districts" of the country. Parishioner Kris Kolstad, along with the help of his wife Gina and daughter Carly, put together beautiful posters with informa-

tion and recent letters from the children to St. Andrew's. Thanks Team Kolstad!

So, between now and the end of August, please pick up an extra toothbrush to add to the collection bin in the Narthex. And, if you are so inclined, grab a t-shirt the next time you are in the store. We request that the t-shirts be new since they are worn every day for about a year in most cases. In other words — they go a L-O-N-G way from here. (You can find nice quality, brand new t-shirts at Ocean State Job Lot and Wal-Mart for just \$3!) Or, if you'd like to contribute a dollar or two towards shipping these items all the way to Uganda, that would be wonderful too. Every little bit helps.

As always, thank you for your generous and compassionate support for God's children in dire need in Uganda.

Blessings,
Team Uganda



Memorial Garden Update

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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

Treasurer's Notes

Pledge income for the first half of 2009 totaled \$153,115, slightly more than the \$150,295 recorded for the first six months of last year. In addition, loose and special offerings, which include numerous responses to the recent second appeal letters, totaled \$15,070 through June 30, versus \$9,531 through June 30 of 2008. This increase in giving has been a meaningful offset to a \$9,370 decline in fundraiser income for this year versus last. Through June of 2008, we had netted \$21,884 through our fundraisers; the comparable figure for 2009 is \$12,514, clearly reflecting the effects of the current economy and understating the wonderful efforts of our volunteers.

Serendipity profits distributed equally between Church Operations and the Outreach Fund totaled \$8,400 through June 30 on gross sales of \$38,201.

— Bill Downes, Treasurer

Green Church News

■ Nature Lecture Series

The Friends of Hammonasset will present a Schumann Lecture Series at 7:00 pm on Fridays at the amphitheater next to the Meigs Point Nature Center at Hammonasset Beach State Park. There is free admission to the park after 6:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

- August 14 — **Live Reptile Show** by Russ Miller, Director of Meigs Point Nature Center.

- August 21 — **Demonstration and Instruction of the Atlatl** by Gary Nolf of the World Atlatl Association and Friends of State Archaeology.

- August 28 — **Live Bird Presentation** by Todd and Christine Secki from A Place Called Hope.

For more information, contact Russ Miller at 245-8743; Gary Nolf at (860) 399-5402 [home], 860 575-4263 [cell], or at gnolf@comcast.net; Todd and Christine Secki at (203) 214-2846 or Hope4raptors@yahoo.com, or on the web at www.aplacecalledhoperaptors.com.

■ Fresh Water Testing

Learn how to monitor the quality of rivers and streams. A free training session and data collection will be held Saturday, September 5, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Meigs Point Nature Center at Hammonasset Beach State Park. To register, contact Dr. Don Rankin at (203) 245-9192 or donandnancyrankin@gmail.com; or Russ Miller, Director of Meigs Point Nature Center, at (203) 245-8743.

Dear St. Andrew's,

As I am sure you know, this church and town were very near and dear to my parents, Fr. Ed and Sally Morgan. Over the years they have spoken about how their fondest memories were of building the church and parishioners of St. Andrew's. They loved Madison dearly, and I am happy to know that they will both rest here peacefully for eternity together.

Best wishes, Ann Morgan Peczeniuk

Editor's Note:

Father Ed Morgan, the founding rector of St. Andrew's, was interred in the Garden of the Resurrection here at St. Andrew's in June.

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Rector	Mary A. Canavan
Parish Administrator	Barbara Gibbons
Preschool Director	Leah Ann Portley
Director of Children's and Youth Ministry	Mary Merkle-Scotland
Organist & Chancel Choir Director	Mark Sullivan
Director of Spirit Choir & Musicals	Joy Weaver
Guitarist	Jim Olden
Sexton	David Mikus

The Parish Vestry

Senior Warden	Rob Card
Junior Warden	Matt Parthasarthy
Treasurer	Bill Downes
Clerk of the Vestry	Olivia Scaros

Charles Albright, Sandra Butler, Rich Fisler, Jenny Gerst,
Geoff Gregory, Terry Sinclair, Martha Stewart,
Robert Stimpson, Maggie Walden

Summertime Service Schedule

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



Sunday, August 30, we will have Church School Registration and an Ice Cream Social.

We will resume our three-service Sunday schedule and Church School classes on September 13.

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