

THE MESSENGER

Growing Together in God's Love

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MADISON, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 2011



Church School Resumes

Church School will kick off with an **Ice Cream Social and Registration** on Sunday, September 11 immediately following the 9:15 service. Church School classes begin September 18.

New Musicals

New musicals are planned for the fall and winter. For more details and audition schedules, see page 7.

Blessing of the Animals

Save the date — bring your pets to church on Sunday, October 2 — as we honor St. Francis on this special day.

Crop Walk

The Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 2, at 1 pm.

A Priest's Perspective Sailing Into September

This is not an article about sailing per se, but I couldn't resist harnessing the terminology since I have enjoyed my sailing lessons very much! On one such outing, I learned that the leisurely sail we had out and back was commonly known as a "gentleman's reach." I am not sure who coined this term, but the jargon seems to imply that ladies are not entitled to this same type of leisure, hence, I prefer the more common name of "broad reach" which seems to be more inclusive of women, men and children. This metaphor reminds me of Peter and the other disciples casting their nets widely, not just for fish but for people as well. We have a similar goal here at St. Andrew's to be a welcoming place for everyone, so we want our outreach to the community to be as broad as possible.

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Annual Pig Roast Set

We encourage parishioners of all ages to join us on Saturday, September 17 at 4 pm for loads of fun!

The roast pig and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Also, we would love to have a couple of volunteers to bring vegetarian lasagna or another type of vegetarian dish.

There will be activities for all ages. Please notify Dick Johansen if you can bake a cake for the Cake Walk.

If you can help us with this terrific event, contact Dick Johansen at rjarm@snet.net or call him at 203-887-0398.

50th Anniversary News

We spent time this summer working on projects that will come to fruition over the next year. Charlie is deep into planning with his great Veteran's Day Committee of Vern Beatrice, Ray Hencir, Dave Mason, Don Rankin, Martin Gerst, David Mikus, Suzie Birks, Bob Stimpson, Alan Miller and Fr. Steve. The new flagpole is part of that. The ecumenical service and musical tribute will be awesome, and we will look for some help with the reception that follows on November 12.

I've been digging through annual reports and contributions from members of the History Committee to generate a resource for Nancy Farnan's documentation work. Nancy had unusual summer reading but hopefully she is beginning to see the story develop — I know I have in gathering the information for her.

It is clear from the beginning, our story at St. Andrew's is about a spiritual journey that continues to include so many people whose lives evolve through their experiences in leadership, ministry and events.

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A Taste of Broadway

Join us on Saturday, October 1 for an evening of live entertainment and dining to benefit the Music Program at St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's parishioners will present our very own **Off-Broadway Theater**. A talented cast, led by Father Steve and directed by Joy Weaver, will perform a "taste" of some of the best Broadway shows ever produced. Excerpts from such fun musicals as *Chicago*, *West Side Story*, and *Little Shop of Horrors* will grace our stage. To top it off, we will have a complete gourmet dinner featuring your choice of delicious roasted beef tenderloin, savory shrimp scampi or succulent eggplant rollatini, plus fine wine and tempting desserts!

More information will be available in the Sunday Bulletins and upcoming E-News messages — so stay tuned and save the date!

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

Summer Trip to Uganda for College Students

Call To Care Uganda is planning a trip to work at a primary school for the poor in Uganda during the summer of 2012, and invites students from the St. Andrew's community to participate. The trip is available for students who are of college age and who graduate in 2011 or prior. This two-week trip will focus on working with children and teachers at the Faith School in Sheema, Uganda, and the trip is currently in its planning stages. The cost for the trip will be between \$2500 and \$3000 per student – with multiple funding opportunities planned outside of the church community. Space is limited, and eligible students are required to go through an application/essay writing approval process. For questions or more details, call Rich Fisler at 203-376-3045, or send an e-mail to rfisler@beachhead.com by September 20.

50th Anniversary: Be Part of This Special Time

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From the people who literally built the church, to those who continue to nourish it with their contributions of time, talent and treasure — a consistent faithful commitment to provide for one of God's houses. It is a caring, welcoming house filled with worship, music and voices that cover the age spectrum. The bottom line — you are all part of this story.

We invite anyone who wishes to share an experience or a reflection to please do so. If we could have them by Thanksgiving, that would be great since much of January through May will be dedicated to writing the document. Please feel free to send an e-mail or put them in our church mailbox. This is a good opportunity for those of you who were unable to attend the "Decade talks" to reflect on your time here. If you did attend the talks, this is a chance to write down what you remembered when you got home!

We also have become aware of how valuable people's contributions are as we have had very few from the earlier years. While not every word of everyone's story can be included in an historical document, we will keep everything we have gathered for the next generation. Helen Kitzman is the keeper of research, and eventually we will have it categorized and collected for safe keeping.

Next month, we will continue to honor the remaining ministries and will complete that goal by the end of the year. We will recognize Boy Scout Troop 490 this fall as they celebrate their 40th year at St. Andrew's. Details will be given in Sunday bulletins when we make those arrangements. Sounds like more cakes are coming...

We look forward to hearing from you and **save the date — June 16, 2012.**

— Maggie & Charlie Walden,
Co-chairs
50th Anniversary Committee
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Welcoming Commission Seeks Greeters and Other Friendly People

The Welcoming Commission plans to meet at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 14 to begin planning fall events, such as Ministry/Welcoming Sunday (scheduled for October 23) and a dinner for newcomers to St. Andrew's. We would love to have you join us, because we can always use new ideas and suggestions for helping newcomers feel comfortable and involved in our parish. Refreshments will be served.

Also, we are looking for people willing to be greeters at the three services on Sunday mornings. This is particularly important at the start of the school year, a time when new families tend to visit churches. It's also a great way to learn people's names by helping them find their nametags in the racks. If you are not able to come to the meeting but would like to be involved, please call Martha Stewart at 203-245-3220.

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Church School and Youth Ministry

■ Church School

• The 2011-12 church school year kicks off with an **Ice Cream Social and Registration** on Sunday, September 11 immediately following the 9:15 service. Church School begins September 18 — come hear reflections from our travelers to the Dominican Republic at the 9:15 service that morning. Invite a friend!

• There are more than 40 adult volunteers involved in church school, middle school and high school youth events. Without this group of fun-loving and committed adults, we would not have the children's and youth programs we know and enjoy. **We have open teaching spots!** Teachers are needed for K/1st, 4th/5th, Rite 13 and J2A — is God calling you? Please speak to Mary if you are interested in participating in this vital ministry. Thank you!

■ Nursery News

Jordan Mattei will contribute to our Sunday service as a verger beginning in September. Therefore we need someone to help set up church school classrooms and babysit for the youngest among us. The time commitment is 8:30-11 am on alternating Sundays. Please call Mary at 203-980-8175 or send an e-mail to themsgroup@snet.net.

■ Youth Ministry

• **High School Youth Group** kicks off on Friday, September 9, 6-7:30 pm! Please bring numerous fun items and lots of candy to stuff into the care packages of our new college freshmen. Come for games, fun, pizza (or maybe burgers) and more!

• **Ode to Seniors** — Sam Albright, Denali Dahl, Jen Downes, Caroline Garnett, Sam Hodgson, Melissa Hoffman, Rachel Johansen, Erin McHugh, Kelsey Page, Kyle Potenziani, Luke Scaros and Demi Zachos have helped as acolytes and vergers, starred and performed in church shows and choir camps, hammered and nailed on the H.O.M.E. trip, been true anchors for our annual Vacation Bible School, worked in the Dominican Republic, participated in numerous youth group activities, and

many other things. In addition, they have also worked hard at school sharing their talents, leadership skills and athletic abilities. Please join me in prayer as they head off on the next stage of life's journey (with their prayer shawls, of course). Hey seniors — thank you for sharing so much of yourselves with us at St. Andrew's. We will miss you greatly.

■ Vacation Bible School

What an incredible week! More than 125 kids participated in Pre-K, K-4th Grade, and an expanded middle school program for 5th-8th Grades. Huge thanks to Florie Earle for leading the K-4th Grade and doing a wonderful job of coordinating an upbeat and exciting daily routine! Sarah Drought, new to our Pre-K group this year, did a beautiful job with able teammates Jane Kraus and daughters, Hannah and Grace. With the help of Lyn Lunn and others from First Congregational Church, I hiked, tie-dyed, prepped brunch, served seniors, hung from cables and otherwise engaged 35 middle school students to keep them busy and challenged all week. *'Hometown Nazareth VBS'* was a great way to kick-off the summer.

Thanks to St. Andrew's adult saints — registrar Lisa Preikszas, art gurus Jen Conroy and Rachel Carfora, nurse Tracy Lynch, drama king Michael Greene, Shana Reese, and all others who I am forgetting, but without whose help we would not have had this amazing week of fun and faith. And to our crew of over 20 youth who assisted with the kids in their tribe each day — you are amazing and we want you back next year.

Thank you to everyone for making the week such a success and helping to bring home the message of God's love.

When a mom comes up to you and says, "My daughter wishes this were her day camp all summer long!" you know you must be on the right track. Another favorite comment from an eight-year-old participant is, "How come Bible Camp isn't two weeks long?"

— Mary Merkle-Scotland
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Preschool News

St. Andrew's Preschool is getting ready for the fall. Our Two-year-old class is full, and we continue to enroll new students. We have a few spaces left in the Three-year-old and Four-year-old program as well as Pre-K. We have exciting things planned for next year and the preschool classrooms have a new look. The preschool "Meet and Greet" will be held on September 2 from 10 - 11:30 am. Please stop by. All are welcome.

This year, we are putting together a directory for the preschool. Families and community members are welcome to advertise in the directory. A 3 1/2" x 5" space is \$20. Forms can be obtained by sending an e-mail to the director or stopping by the preschool. Businesses can advertise or words of encouragement can be used such as *"Good luck in preschool this year John. Love, Mom and Dad."* Advertisements must be submitted by August 30. Proceeds will go towards purchasing items for the preschool.

I only have been with the preschool for a short amount of time but it feels like I have been here longer. St. Andrew's members have been very welcoming and kind. The preschool teachers have been wonderful and very supportive. I feel lucky to be part of such a dedicated extraordinary team.

— Judy Goldberg
St. Andrew's Preschool Director

Treasurer's Report

The July pledge income was \$18,254.20, with loose offerings of \$1655.

Joy Weaver's theater camp brought in a profit of \$5570, which shall go in the Music Fund for the fall musical *Nonsense*. Great job Joy!

— Helen Van Antwerp
Treasurer

A Priest's Perspective — Sailing Into September

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To that end, we have a broad array of activities, events and services planned for the autumn tide. For a complete listing, please consult the monthly calendar included in each *Messenger*, as well as our newly revised Google Calendar on the St. Andrew's website. If you have a meeting or event that you would like to add to this schedule, please e-mail Barb Gibbons or write it in yourself on the calendar hanging outside of her office. Don't miss our second annual pig roast on Saturday, September 17 and our adult musical review and dinner theater at the end of the month. Our very own Joy Weaver has worked diligently over these past months to create a spectacular show! You also will find dates and times for our Newcomers Dinner, our annual Holiday Fair, the Blessing of the Animals, Crop Walk, Veteran's Day Service and a host of other events.

We return to our regular routine of three services on Sunday, September 11.

That day will be dedicated to honoring the memory of those who died in the wake of the 9/11 tragedy. We will include special readings, prayers and music in the morning, and everyone is encouraged to attend the town service of Remembrance held later in the afternoon on the Green.

Church School begins on Sunday, September 18. As a way to gather and celebrate another new year, we will host an ice cream social during coffee hour on Sunday, September 11. In addition, be on the look out for a couple's bible study starting this month as well as opportunities for various adult educational forums.

Many people believe that January 1 is the only time to make resolutions for the

coming year, but I would like to invite all of us to set our sights on making new commitments to our local community of faith this month. We need everyone to share time, talent and treasure with us to make St. Andrew's the warm, welcoming, spiritual place that feeds our souls. We will talk more about this celebration of stewardship in the coming weeks and how you can make a difference!

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer and that you are setting your course once again toward the safe port of St. Andrew's for the coming fall and winter season.

Blessings, Fr. Steve

A Biblical Moment

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."



— 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Healing Team — Coming Together in Prayer

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

— Matthew 10:28

Comfortable words indeed spoken by Jesus to us all. In early days at St. Andrew's, Pastoral Care centered on the Rector's calling, counseling, and taking the sacrament to members of the parish who were ill. In 1984, John Macort asked Anne Pyne to assist him as Parish Visitor, and she created a lay group of pastoral ministers. With the guidance of Lou Hayes and Marilyn Anderson, this group became the St. Andrew's Shepherds group, loosely based on the Stephen Ministry. From these beginnings, Pastoral Care has grown as an important lay ministry at St. Andrew's to include the healing prayer team, the prayer chain, the prayer shawl group, Loaves and Fishes, and lay Eucharist ministers.

In 2008, Healing Prayer was instituted at all Sunday services. During the celebration of the Eucharist, healing prayer team members, usually two people at each service, welcome a person or persons seeking prayers. During these private moments, healing team members offer up prayers for this person, for families, for the parish, for the world, for healing. There are no requirements that persons need have in order to come for prayer.

One need not request prayers for a particular person, or have a dire health condition or even any major concern, or respond in any way other than spiritually. It is a private moment in which a few can come together in prayer. All who participate find it a time when the Spirit moves among us.

The Healing Team, and the Pastoral Care ministry as a whole, feels deeply the departure of Grace and Bill Crawford, who were in many ways spiritual mentors to this lay ministry. As part of this ministry, Grace taught us about icons, and Bill showed us the beauty of the Compline service on Sunday evenings.

We would like to have a brief meeting of all Pastoral Care ministers with Fr. Steve so that we can reconnect with each other and review the next steps in the spiritual journey of this lay ministry at St. Andrew's. Please join us on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 pm at the church.

If you have questions or suggestions about this ministry, and cannot join us at this meeting, please contact Mary Merkle Scotland at themsgroup@snet.net or Helen Kitzman at kitzhgh@gmail.com.

Please join us for healing during a Sunday service soon.

— Helen Kitzman

Save Date for Crop Walk

The Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 2, at 1 pm. This 5-mile walk from the Madison Green to the Guilford Green raises money for Church World Services and provides hunger relief at local and global levels. Participants include walkers, sponsors, and drivers.

'Thank You & Congratulations' from Altar Guild

Altar Guild members prepare the church and set up for worship services, and a few times throughout the year, we get to do something outside of our usual jobs when we become part of the "crew" — of sorts — for wonderful theatre productions. We're only a small part of the behind-the-scenes crew for this special ministry.

A few times a year, our church and worship space at St. Andrew's are transformed into a theatre, complete with stage. Joy Weaver and youth of all ages work and practice to put on amazing plays and shows. In July, there were three weeks of theatre camps — *Parableooza*,

Backyard Barbecue, and *The School of Rock and Roles*. These shows were enjoyed by many.

During the weeks of summer theatre camp, and for the main productions that are staged during the church school year, the chancel area of the church is cleared and a stage is put into place. Altar Guild members make up only part of the behind-the-scenes crew that helps with this transformation. The altar, prayer desks and candles are removed from the chancel area. The frontals and hangings are folded and stored. Glenn Stewart recruits volunteers to put the wooden stage into place, and David Mikus rearranges, adjusts and works around. Joy and the actors then create and perform fantastic shows that carry the audience members sitting in the pews to "places" far-removed from St. Andrew's.

When the standing ovations for each performance end, there is an unbelievable flurry of activity, as the "theatre" again becomes a "church." Dads and audience members help to remove the stage and replace the altar and other furniture. Some folks help vacuum up the feathers from boas and the other remnants of the show that are left behind. Altar Guild members replace hangings, candles and set the altar. The process of transforming the church into a theatre and back can sometimes occur multiple times during a week or even a weekend, depending upon the schedules for shows and worship services. During July's theatre camps, Father Steve and Linda Smith-Criddle graciously agreed to celebrate some of the services with the stage in place.

The theatre program is a beautiful ministry of 20+ years at St. Andrew's. The productions, though not typical worship services, are most definitely a joyful form of worship. Altar Guild members enjoy playing a small part in this ministry. Thank you to the many volunteers and crew members that also spring into action to help.

Congratulations to Joy and the summer theatre camp participants for great performances.

— Donna Gregory

Feed Thy Neighbor

The summer flew by for our family. With children home during the summer, some Madison neighbors find it difficult to feed their families. Did you know that 1 in 6 children in Connecticut do not know where their next meal will come from? I found this quite startling. I also want to share some Food Pantry news with you. The shelves are low at the present time. The Pantry would appreciate soup, Chef Boy Ardee, and tuna. Thank you for your support.

— Lisa Preikszas

Serendipity News

Our parish resale store, Serendipity, has been blessed with generous donations and some lovely consignments of furniture this summer. Monthly sales have seen an upward trend since the harsh winter months (remember all those snow days?). Our lease was extended for another year at a lower rate, and we remain committed to our location at 200 Boston Post Road in Madison near Nick's Restaurant.

As we enter the fall months, please consider donating any gently used furniture, clothing and household items. You may find yourself freed of clutter that weighed you down. Please call the store at 203-245-4731 and leave a message if you would like to arrange a pick-up.

Donations are accepted anytime and do not require any forms. They can be dropped off during normal business hours, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am-4 pm. Our website, Serendipitymadison.org, contains the forms for consignments.

Looking for a new volunteer outlet for your spare time? We need help with developing additional methods of advertising in the community, such as e-mail. We also would love to recruit more volunteers capable of covering a 3-hour sales shift twice a month.

Thank you to the entire parish for your support!

Green Matters: Green Stamps

I recently purchased a packet of 16 "forever" first-class stamps with the theme "USA Go Green." Each stamp bears a pithy command such as "plant trees," "maintain tire pressure," or "insulate the home."

Some discretion may be advisable in selecting a stamp. For instance, I'm undecided about sending the "fix leaky faucets" stamp to my plumber.

On the back of the stamp sheet is a worthwhile essay titled "Go Green step by step." The article rhetorically asks, "Is it enough to make a difference? Absolutely. Recycling just one aluminum can reduces waste — and saves enough energy to run a computer for three hours. Multiply that by 10 — or 200 — cans." Impressive.

The USPS, understandably, did not include a stamp stating, "use e-mail." So, when my computer misbehaves, I find it reassuring to use a fountain pen on smooth, recyclable paper and compose an old fashioned letter. Affixing the green stamp which says, "recycle more," hopefully, will keep the paper out of a landfill.

— John Fuller

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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	2 10 - 11:30 am Preschool Meet and Greet	3
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11 8:00, 9:15 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Church School Registration and Ice Cream Social	12	13 7:00 pm Exec. Com. Mtg	14 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm Welcoming Com. Mtg	15 5:15 pm — Spirit Choir 6:15 pm — Chancel Choir Deadline for <i>The Messenger</i>	16	17 4:00 pm Pig Roast
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Growing in Faith

G.I.F.T. — “Growing In Faith Together” — is a new adult education program that will start at St. Andrew’s in the fall. This is an ongoing time of discussion and fellowship in an informal, small group format. Discussions will center on faith-related topics and will include works by folks such as Andy Stanley, Philip Yancey, and others. Child care will be provided. All adults are welcome to join us on Sunday nights for a potluck dinner and a good time of talk and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Father Steve at 203-245-2584, or Lisa and Dave Preikszas at 203-421-8431.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

We are in need of more drivers for Meals on Wheels. St. Andrew’s provides drivers on Mondays for the two routes in Madison. It is a rewarding way to spend an hour or two, helping primarily homebound senior citizens. Even if you are not able to commit to delivering once every month or two, we always can use substitute drivers. Drivers pick up the prepared meals, which have been packed in one hot and one cold cooler, at Clinton Town Hall, between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. The number of recipients varies from 8 to 18, and it usually takes about 60 to 90 minutes to deliver the meals. If you are interested in this important ministry, call Martha Stewart at 203-245-3220 or send an e-mail to gmstewart2@sbcglobal.net.

Consider Donating to Our Music Fund

Did you know that St. Andrew’s has a Music Fund that you can donate monies to for the use of the music directors to buy instruments and music? If you would like to make such a donation, please call Barb Gibbons, Parish Administrator, at 203-245-2584.

Theatrical Tidbits: New Shows Set

I am happy to say that the three summer theatre camps offered by St. Andrew's were filled with music, laughter and lots of fun! Our talented campers all gave stellar performances to standing ovations from our audiences. I need to say thank you once again to all the parents of our campers for encouraging their children to become involved and helping them practice at home. The effort showed in every performance. It was exciting to have so many of our "St. Andrew's regulars" involved in camp. It also was exciting to have so many first timers in camp this summer and welcome so many new families to St. Andrew's. Marie Troiano was our Musical Director par excellence for our first two camps, and we welcomed back Matthew Gregory to serve as our Musical Director for our Rock'n'Roll camp. It was truly a group effort all summer and a very successful one at that!

For those of you who had so much fun this summer, or are wishing you had been able to attend one of our camps, I have good news. The fall brings auditions for both the Junior and Senior Musicals at St. Andrew's.

Auditions for ***Nunsense: The Mega Musical*** will be held on Sunday, September 25 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. All students in Grades 7 - 12 are eligible to audition. *Nunsense: The Mega Musical* is a musical comedy starring the original five nuns from the Award winning *Nunsense*, and it adds new (male and female) characters including the infamous convent cook, Sister Julia, Child

of God. In addition, there is upbeat music and huge dance numbers, as well as enough laughs to keep the audience rolling in the aisles. *Nunsense*, winner of four Outer Critics Circle Awards including Best Musical, was called "A hail of fun and frolic" by the *New York Times*. And now it is bigger and better than ever! It would be a sin to pass up the opportunity to be a part of it!

Auditions for ***Twos The Night Before Halloween***, a new original musical by Joy Weaver, will be held on Sunday, September 18 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. This musical will tell the story of "All Hallows Eve," its history and traditions and how it turned into the Halloween we celebrate today. All students in Grades 1 - 6 are eligible to audition.

There is no cost to participate in either one of these productions. All shows produced at St. Andrew's are non-competitive. The audition simply helps determine which role the child is best suited for. No one will be turned away, and fun parts for everyone who is interested in participating are guaranteed. No preparations needed for these auditions. Each group will be taught a musical number from the show to sing for their audition and given scenes and scene partners to read with. No previous experience is necessary to participate, and all are welcome. You do not need to be a member of St. Andrew's in order to participate.

All rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons - Junior Musical rehearsals 1 - 2 pm, and Senior Musical rehearsals 2 - 4 pm. Detailed rehearsal schedules are available by e-mail and will be handed out at the auditions.

Twos The Night Before Halloween will be performed on Sunday, October 30 at the 9:15 am service.

Nunsense: The Mega Musical will be performed at 7:30 pm on two evenings - Friday, January 6 and Saturday, January 7.

For more information, call Joy at 203-230-8264 or send an e-mail to joyann228@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing all of my old friends and making some new ones this fall!

- Joy Weaver



Spirit Choir News

I hope you had a fabulous summer filled with fun, family and friends. I am so excited to welcome back the Spirit Choir as we prepare for our new year at St. Andrew's.

Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 8 from 5:15 - 6:15 pm. We will begin singing at the 9:15 am service the following Sunday, September 11. You, too, can be a part of our music program. The Spirit Choir consists of everyone age 6 through adult. We meet regularly on Thursday evenings from 5:15 - 6:15 pm and on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am to rehearse for the 9:15 service.

It is a "come when you can" choir! Music and CDs are available in the choir office and at our first rehearsal - so you can rehearse at home when you can't make it on Thursday night.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to joyann228@yahoo.com, or you can call me at home at 203-230-8264.

- Joy Weaver

Stay Current with eNews

St. Andrew's weekly **eNews** is another channel of communication for parishioners. This electronic update contains scripture lessons for the coming Sunday, events and announcements for the coming week, and a short reflection by clergy and/or lay members.

To receive our **eNews**, go to - www.standrewsmadison.org - and sign up on the home page.

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The Parish Vestry

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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

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

■ **Spirit Choir** — Thursday Rehearsal 5:15-6:15 pm
Sunday Rehearsal at 8:30 am

This choir is for everyone — age 6 through adult — and sings each Sunday morning at the 9:15 am service during the school year. The selections include a varied palette of musical styles, including gospel, jazz, folk, and contemporary music.

■ **Chancel Choir** — Thursday Rehearsal 6:15-7:45 pm
Sunday Rehearsal at 10:15 am

Open to all high school and adult singers, this choir sings each Sunday morning at the 11:00 am service during the school year. The Chancel Choir sings a wide variety of music — traditional literature, gospel, jazz, folk, and music of the great composers, including their Masterworks.

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