

E-pistle



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Our Beautiful Church has been Nominated for an Architectural Award! See below for more details.

From The Properties Commission

St. Andrew's received an impressive honor last week from The American Institute of Architects, Connecticut chapter. Unknown to us, each year the Connecticut chapter celebrates architectural treasures in each of the State's

eight counties. It's a competition (of sorts) that celebrates CT's rich architectural heritage. The program focuses on a different building type each year, and this year, the program is focusing on churches. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has been nominated for Litchfield County.

The purpose of the program is to expand the general public's awareness of architecture and its impact on culture, community, and the built environment. Each county's nomination will be featured on the AIACT website. The public is invited to vote for their favorite "Connecticut Treasure." We will have more on that process in next week's Epistle. The voting takes place online July 24th-28th

The parish has always treasured our church building, and over the years we have taken our responsibility as stewards faithfully for future generations of parishioners, but it's quite another thing for a preeminent organization like the AIA to recognize such excellence. Architectural firms all over the country submit their buildings to local, state and national chapters for recognition and awards, but since our architect is deceased, it's even more special to have the AIA nominate us for a possible award.

More to come on how to vote and we need to spread the word to local organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall, The Historical Society and the community at large. This is an honor not only for St. Andrew's but also for Kent and Litchfield County.

From The Wardens

As promised, we are happy to report that the diocese has posted our search for a full-time rector. Accordingly, our own website, www.standrewskentct.org, now has a page dedicated to our search. Please do spread the word to encourage anyone you think should apply. The necessary information can be found on our website under "rector search." We will be accepting applications into the first part of September.

Special thanks to **Randy Osolin**, our verger, for attending to the undercroft so swiftly and efficiently the day after the rains came. When you see him, please do thank him.

And we are proud of the honor reported above by our property commission. It is a tribute to their faithful dedication as stewards maintaining and caring for our grounds and buildings over the years.

It's Almost Here! Donations to the Tag Sale Are Now Welcome



The Tag Sale itself takes place August 4, 5 and 6, but preparations go on all of July.

- Please bring your donations to the Parish Hall. Leave them on the left hand side of the hall on the “office” end.
 - Remember that donations should be clean and in good working order. If you wouldn't buy it, we cannot sell it.
 - Volunteers will be in the Parish Hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-2pm. We'll be happy to help you unload.
 - If possible, please bring your donations in boxes, and let us know if you have a set of, for example, china, that is in more than one box. We cannot take computers.
 - Please call Bob McDowell to arrange for large items to be picked up at your house. His number is 860-488-1635. We cannot pick up upholstered furniture or mattresses.
- Help is always needed to price, arrange, and re-arrange donations. Please call Marel Rogers (860-364-0635) to find out how you can participate. You'll meet some great people and have a lot of fun!

**Volunteers Needed:
The St. Andrew's Community Garden**



"The community garden will be coming alive after Memorial Day. Tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, peppers and herbs will be planted. All are invited to help! Waterers and weeders are always welcomed. Thank you for your participation." --**Jake Fricker**, stalwart gardener for St. Andrew's Community Garden

Again this year, the produce will be donated to the food banks in Kent and Sharon. Call Jake at (860) 364-9890 if you can lend a hand.

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 16 July :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday, 16 July :: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost* (with music)
(in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 16 July :: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 16 July :: 11:30 am

Iced Tea & Cookies

Monday, 17 July :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 19 July :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Thursday, 20 July :: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 20 July :: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

August 4, 5, 6
The Tag Sale!

Gas Cards Needed for Kent Social Services

Our town Social Worker, Samantha Hasenflue, asked whether St. Andrew's members might like to purchase prepaid gas cards at the Mobil station, which she would give to needy Kent residents who have to drive to medical appointments outside of Kent. Some people are really feeling the impact of rising food and fuel costs, and an extended drive to seek medical care puts strain on already tight budgets.

If you would like to help in this way, please place the gas card in an envelope, labelled "Kent Social Services" and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Help Support the Kent Food Bank



Please help our parish family continue to support of the Kent Food Bank by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund
P O Box 262
Kent, CT 06757
memo: Food Bank

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's new Social Services Director, Samantha Hasenflue. In addition, it is useful for the Director to have IGA gift cards to

give to families who are in need. Please consider purchasing a card, for \$25 or \$50, and taking it to Samantha's office in Town Hall, or placing it in the offering plate, marked for the food bank.

The Kent Food Bank also accepts food donations. They are especially in need of staples such as **beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna**. Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past! Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

You may drop off food items on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street.

Lections for this Week

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost *Year A*

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



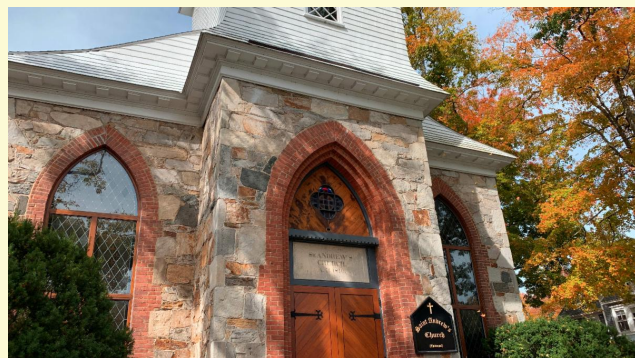
Worship Services

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

In person
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.





12 Step Meetings

Mondays
LGBTQ+ A.A.
(Parish House)

Thursdays
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm
(Parish House)



Parish Staff

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Organist & Director of Choirs

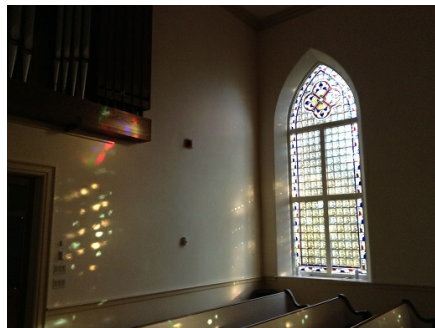
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