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**A Full House for the Veteran's Day Lunch!**  
**Courtesy of George-Ann Gowan**

## From the Wardens

As you can see from the above photo, the Veteran's Day lunch hosted by Saint Andrew's at the parish hall was a big success. Many thanks go to **George-Ann Gowan** and her team. We are fortunate to have the opportunity through parishioners like George-Ann to serve the wonderful community of Kent in different ways. Likewise, as part of our Thanksgiving blessings this year we thank the the Kent community (including First Church, the town offices, and the chamber of commerce to mention a few) for their support, especially during this year of our transition.

Our Thanksgiving week begins on Saturday, November 18, when the parish holds its annual Christmas bazaar. It is a joy-filled day - please come with friends and family.

On Tuesday, November 21 at 7 pm, we will join our friends at First Congregational Church in their lovely church building for the Kent Community

Thanksgiving Service led by the Reverend John David Heckt. Last year we hosted the community service here at St. Andrew's. If your schedule permits, please do consider pausing to give thanks with our Kent community for our many blessings in this service of prayer, readings and music.

In addition, our own Thanksgiving Eucharist service will take place on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00 pm.

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## A Note from the Stewardship Commission: The End is in Sight

To those who have already pledged, thank you both for your support of St. Andrew's and your timeliness, which is a big help to our Treasurer and Finance Committee as they work to put together a budget for next year.

To those who have not pledged, we would be grateful if you will make a financial commitment in any amount to our parish to help us to continue to thrive as a church and important contributor to our community.

We hope to be nearing the end of Stewardship season – your pledges already received and those yet to come will make it a success for St. Andrew's.

## It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year: Christmas Bazaar 2023



**Tomorrow is the big day - See you there!**



Bakers and cooks , your donations will be welcome on Friday, November 17th or Saturday morning, November 18th.

Marel Rogers and Sue Edgerly

## Community Thanksgiving Service Next Tuesday at First Congregational Church



Many parishioners have fond memories of the joint services we used to have with First Congregational Church, and we are so pleased to continue this tradition.

Please join us at First Congregational Church on **Tuesday, 21 November** at 7:00 PM, for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service. There will be readings, hymns and prayers, but no sermon or Holy Communion, as we come together to thank God for the bounty of creation and all God has bestowed upon us.

Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor ... or bringing along your Thanksgiving houseguests! For we *all* have so very much to be thankful for.

## The Christmas Tree Sale is Back! Trees Arriving Next Monday, 20 November



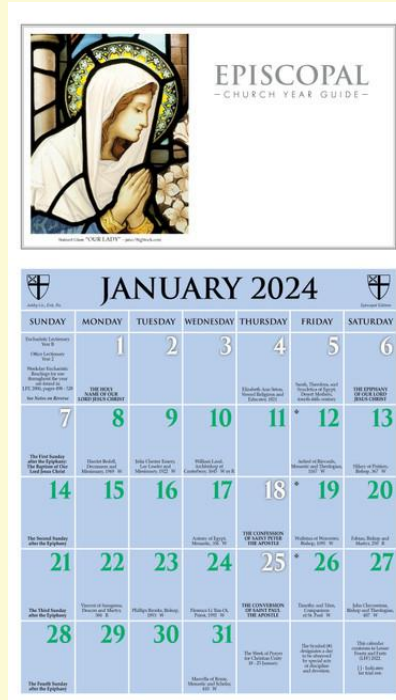
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After a hiatus last year due to a tree shortage, St. Andrew's has managed to successfully procure 200 Christmas trees for this year's sale.

We are looking for volunteers to help with tree sales, beginning on **Friday, 24 November**, and continuing through mid-December (or until all trees are sold).

Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex of the church and will be ready for your name this Sunday!

## 2024 Calendars Available!



2024 Episcopal Calendars are available in the Narthex and in the Parish Office. Please feel free to take one home.

## From the Nominating Committee



It is, once again, the season to think about who would like to serve St. Andrew's by standing for election at our annual meeting in early February. At that

meeting, we will elect new vestry members; two delegates to the diocesan annual convention; and two alternates to convention. Vestry members serve three-year terms. The vestry meets monthly, and vestry members are also expected to chair or serve on one commission or head up a project for the parish. Convention delegates represent the parish at the two-day diocesan convention, which usually takes place in Hartford in October.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charmian Place, is seeking suggestions for people it may nominate to fill all of these positions. These should be active members of St. Andrew's who attend worship regularly and contribute both time and money to the parish.

The Nominating Committee will consider all suggestions that are submitted, as it forms the slate of candidates for the Annual Meeting. If you'd like to suggest someone—and you may definitely toss your own hat into the ring—please complete a Suggestion Form (available in the Narthex and the parish office; or we can email you one) and give it to Charmian or KC. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Charmian directly.

## Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



On the fourth Sunday of each month, **Steve Klots** takes a group of South Kent School students to Church Street Eats, the Sunday soup kitchen at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. As part of that, he and his crew distribute clothing, and he reports that, with winter approaching, there is a desperate need for men's coats (but not dress coats), blankets, gloves, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and pants. (Some women's clothing is welcome, but about 90% of the guests at Church Street Eats are men.) He would greatly appreciate the support of the parish in this. He will leave a collection box in the narthex of the church, and he will stop by at least every couple of weeks to collect any donations. Feel free to contact him at [klotss@southkentschool.org](mailto:klotss@southkentschool.org) if you have any questions.



## Mark Your Calendars

**This Saturday, 18 November**

*Annual Christmas Bazaar*

**Tuesday, 21 November :: 7:00 PM**

*Community Thanksgiving Service at FCC*

**Friday, 24 November**

*Christmas Tree Sale Begins*

## This Week at St Andrew's

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Sunday, 19 November :: 8:30 am

**Morning Prayer: *The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

Sunday, 19 November:: 10:30 am

**Morning Prayer: *The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*** (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 19 November:: 10:30 am

Church School

Sunday, 19 November:: 11:45 am

Vestry Meeting

Monday, 20 November :: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Monday, 20 November :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 22 November :: 6:00 pm

**Community Thanksgiving Service at First Congregational Church**

Wednesday, 22 November :: 6:00 pm

**Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist**

Thursday, 23 November: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

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 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 Twenty-fifth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
*Year A*

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30



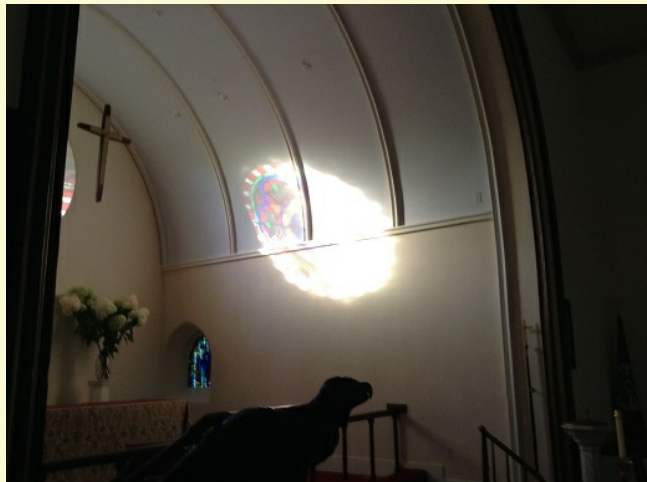
## Worship Services

**-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**

**Susan Guse**

Organist & Director of Choirs

**Ron Marasco, Ph.D.**

Director of Education

**KC Compton**

Parish Administrator

**Jane Farnol**

Church School Leader

**Joan I Cassel**

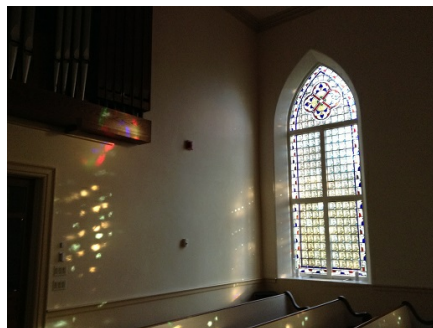
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