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First Sunday of Advent

YEAR B



The First Sunday of Advent, Year B

From the Treasurer, Steve Morocco

This is the time of year that one can really dread going to your mailbox to retrieve mail. Besides the usual bills that come due to pay for heat, electric, auto, phone, etc, pretty much every non-profit is looking for and needing income to stay afloat and continue their work.

It can definitely feel overwhelming. Unfortunately there is never an easy way or a terrific time to ask for money. St. Andrew's asks all parishioners at this time of year to think about the year ahead and make a pledge to ensure that the church can pay all of its bills for the next year.

This note is to gently remind everyone who made a pledge for this year (2023) to take a few minutes to see if this year's pledge commitment is on track to meet its target.

Through October, this year's pledge income is down fairly significantly versus what people signed up for last year at this time. Things change for all of us as the year rolls on and sometimes one's best intention to commit to a dollar figure simply cannot happen due to extenuating circumstances.

However, if you simply have lost track or have forgotten what pledge you made last year for 2023, please reach out to KC in the office at

A Note from the Stewardship Commission: One More Week!

We will end Stewardship season on Dec. 9th, which will mean the end of our weekly notes to you for this year, but not our embracing of new pledges at any time.

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

To those who have not pledged (yet, we hope), we will be grateful if you will pledge in any amount to our parish to help us to continue to thrive as a church and important contributor to our community. Your pledge is a statement of your commitment to St. Andrew's.

The Christmas Tree Sale is Back: Trees on Sale This Weekend!



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, continuing through mid-December (or until all trees are sold).

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

Music in the Nave Presents: The Annual Messiah Sing-In!



St Andrew's Parish

1 N Main St, Kent, CT

Presents

Our Annual Sing-In!
HANDEL'S MESSIAH
Sherman Chamber Ensemble
James Sinclair - Conductor



Friday, Dec 8 at 8 PM

\$20 - Students *FREE*

Tickets at <https://bit.ly/messiah12> or at the door

www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html ~ 860-927-3486



Christmas Memorial Flower Donations



Christmas is a time to celebrate, but also to remember loved ones and cherish memories made with them. If you would like to make a donation for Christmas

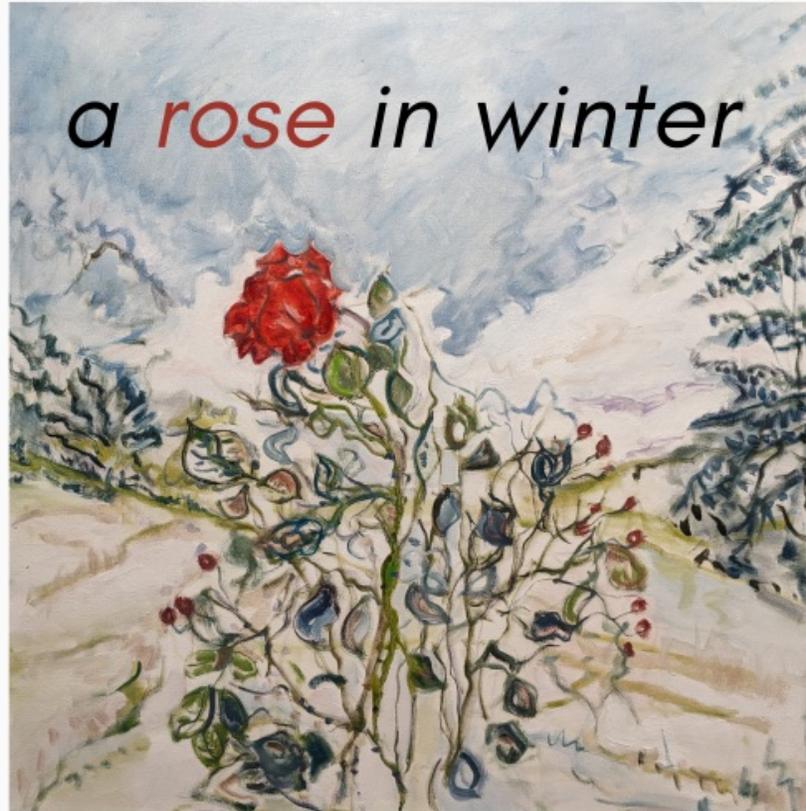
flowers and to have your loved one mentioned in the Christmas Eve bulletin, please pick up an Altar Flower Memorial envelope in the narthex, available this weekend. You can mail it or drop it at the office.

Kent Singers at St. Andrew's: A Rose in Winter



THE KENT SINGERS

James Knox Sutterfield, Music Director



Saturday , Dec. 9, 3pm

Sunday, Dec. 10, 3pm

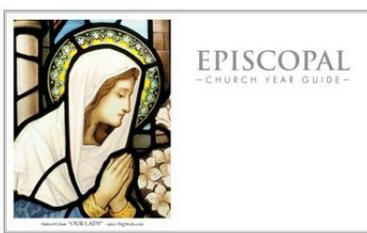
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Tickets: \$20 @ kentsingers.org or at the door

with the support of the Connecticut Department of Economic
and Community Development, Office of the Arts



2024 Calendars Available!



JANUARY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Epiphany 1st Sunday 1828 The Feast of the Circumcision of Christ 1828 1828 1828	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	* 12	13
14	15	16	17	18	* 19	20
21	22	23	24	25	* 26	27
28	29	30	31			

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 if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, 01 - Sunday, 03 December
Christmas Tree Sale

Friday, 08 December
Music in the Nave Presents: The Messiah Sing-In

Saturday, 09-Sunday, 10 December :: 3:00 pm
Kent Singers Present: A Rose in Winter

Friday, 08 - Sunday, 10 December

Christmas Tree Sale

Sunday, 17 December

Blue Christmas Service with First Congregational Church

Held at St. Andrew's

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 03 December :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The First Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, 03 December:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The First Sunday of Advent* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 03 December:: 10:30 am

Church School

Monday, 04 December:: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 06 December :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 06 December :: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 07 December: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 07 December: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 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

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Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7,16-18
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



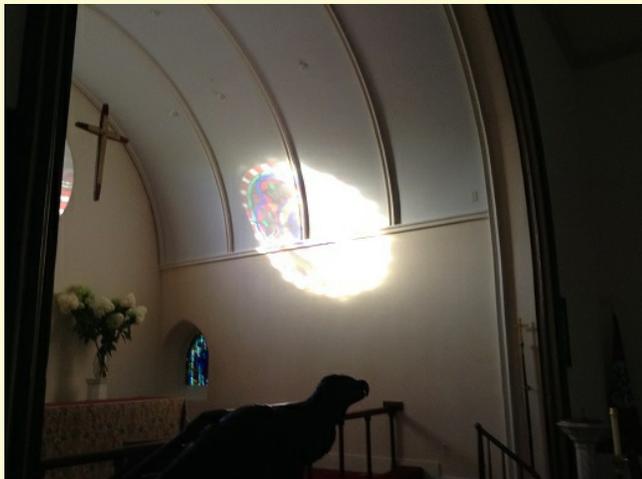
Worship Services

**-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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Ron Marasco, Ph.D.

Director of Education

KC Compton

Parish Administrator

Jane Farnol

Church School Leader

Joan I Cassel

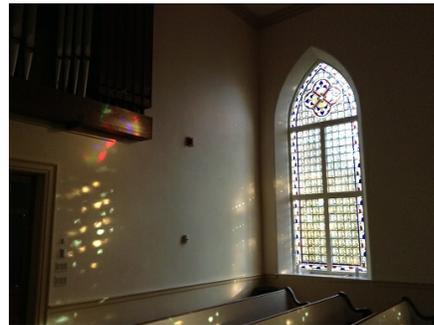
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