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The 217th Annual Meeting is on Sunday!

# From Randy DiPentima, Senior Warden

As I conclude my two-year term as senior warden, I am grateful, hopeful, and humbled. <u>Grateful</u> for the patient support and helpful advice I received from so many members and staff of St. Andrew's and for their time and selfless effort in maintaining and enhancing our parish life. <u>Hopeful</u> because of the enthusiastic, faithful, and thoughtful leaders we are about to select for officers and vestry and because of the quality of clergy we met through the search process, not to mention our amazing cadre of supply clergy. <u>Humbled</u> because, as we have learned in the years since 2019, *every one* of us continues to have an important role in nurturing our spiritual home at the corner of Main and Bridge streets.

My final report on the status of the rector search is that this past week Canon Hodapp reposted our opening on three different websites, and we ourselves are posting in other newsletters beyond Connecticut. With heartfelt gratitude, hope and humility, it has been an honor to serve as senior warden of St. Andrew's.

I look forward to seeing you this <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 4th at 11:45am</u>. If you are unable to attend the annual meeting and would like to listen in, here is the zoom link:

Topic: St. Andrew's Annual Meeting

Time: Feb 4, 2024 11:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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# The Annual Meeting is This Sunday!



It's almost time for the Annual Meeting, where the parish comes together to recap the past year and look ahead to the new one. New vestry members will be appointed, as well as new Senior and Junior Wardens.

After the meeting, a parish-wide coffee hour will occur, and we invite everyone to bring sweet and savory items to share. Thank you!

#### A New Parish Directory is Now Available!



Special Note: The directory is in progress and is currently undergoing some revisions. A complete 2024 version will be made available after the Annual Meeting.

A newly updated Parish Directory is now available! With new parishioners and many changes since the last directory was published, it's a fresh format in a smaller-sized booklet.

A few directories will be available to take home after Sunday's services. If you would like a copy, please stop by the parish office or contact KC (office.sa.kent@gmail.com) if you would like a directory mailed to you.

# Music in the Nave Presents: The Story of Babar



# UPDATE: Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



Four South Kent School boys on Sunday, January 28, with a happy Hartford resident at cathedral soup kitchen and clothing boutique Photo courtesy of Steve Klots

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

**Sunday, 04 February** *Parish-wide Annual Meeting* 

Wednesday, 14 February
Ash Wednesday

#### This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 04 February :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (spoken)

Sunday, 04 February:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (with

music) (in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 04 February:: 10:30 am

Church school

Sunday, 04 February:: 11:45 am

**Annual Meeting** 

Monday, 05 February:: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 07 February :: 6:00 pm

**Midweek Holy Eucharist** 

Wednesday, 07 February:: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, o8 February: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 08 February: 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

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Year B

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12,21c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39



#### 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

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