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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Wardens

This September the rector search intensifies as the vestry expects to be reviewing applications by the end of this month. While the process has been protracted and sometimes frustrating, the parish life has not slowed down. Without a rector or a priest in charge, we are well served by a wonderful supply clergy that inspire and care for us, not just on Sundays and Wednesdays, but when necessary, for memorial services and other pastoral needs. In many ways, parishioners themselves are taking care of needs that arise within and outside the parish. Our parish administrator has steadfastly and ably attended to the workings of the parish. Our church school, the altar guild, lay worship leaders and greeters, our liturgical music, coffee hour hosts, our community outreach team (soup kitchen, luncheons for the community, Music in the Nave series, etc), our upcoming bazaar and Christmas tree sale, and our remarkable past tag sale are just some examples of our thriving parish life.

September also brings us together at coffee hour after the 10:30 service again, and we hope that new and longtime parishioners will gather on occasion or more often to hear about our parish life. In addition, for both the 10:30 and the 8:30 services, the greeters are always happy to guide you around St. Andrew's, literally and figuratively.

Greeters, servers and lay worship leaders still needed. Please email Randy at obd446@gmail.com or KC at office.sa.kent@gmail.com if you'd like to learn more.

From Susan Guse, Director of Music

St. Andrew's was blessed with several different musical ensembles during the 10:30 AM Worship Service this summer, including vocal solos, a duet, a men's quartet and a quintet, women's sextet and two different instrumentalists (guitar and trumpet). Besides enriching our worship together and proclaiming God's word, our choir members have discovered how much they love to sing together.

Recent research and newspaper articles suggest health benefits to singing and participating in choirs. The Washington Post featured an article in June about the benefit of church choir. The article maintained that "...choirs are large families; singing in them promotes bonding and joy. Choir members are less lonely and feel a sense of achievement creating notes with the body and working together to master a work."

Our choir would love to share this experience with other members of our community and invite new members to sing with us. The first choir Sunday of the season is September 10th 2023. We warm up each Sunday morning at 9:15 AM in the choir room to sing at 10:30 AM Worship. During the fall and spring, monthly Saturday rehearsals are held to review new choral works. Please contact the Director of Music (sjbguse@gmail.com), or any of our choir members, to join us. We always welcome new voices to our choir!

Coffee Hour Returns This Sunday, 10 September!



Coffee Hour, a chance to catch up with fellow parishioners and welcome new ones, begins again on Sunday, 10 September. Please consider hosting one Sunday, either on your own or ask a friend or parishioner to cohost with you - it's a delicious way to celebrate fellowship and enjoy our parish family!

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, 01 October

The Blessing of the Animals (after the 10:30 Service)

Friday, 27 October-Saturday, 28 October

Annual ECCT Convention

**Tomorrow:
Organ Concert in Amenia, NY**



ORGAN VIRTUOSO

KENT TRITLE

of the New York Philharmonic

in Recital

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

3:30PM

Acclaimed choirmaster and organ virtuoso, Kent Tritle will be performing works by J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Coleman and Hancock in the historic setting of The Smithfield Presbyterian Church on its 1893 Johnson & Son organ.



The Smithfield Presbyterian Church
656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, NY
TheSmithfieldChurch.org

**Suggested donation, \$20 at the door, to benefit
The Oratorio Society of New York. All welcome.
Reception to follow.**

**It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas...
(On a Smaller Scale)**



Our very own Patricia Carr's Christmas Dollhouse Decor

The beautiful dollhouse from the Tag Sale is now becoming a door prize for the Christmas Bazaar! We are seeking artists, furnishings and accessories for a 1:12 doll house, and intend to make it festive - just in time for the Christmas season. If you have any interesting items or ideas to share, please reach out to **George-Ann Gowan**.

**The St. Andrew's Community Garden
A Plentiful Bounty!**



The produce is donated to the food banks in Kent and Sharon. Call Jake at (860) 364-9890 if you can lend a hand with the harvest.

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 10 September :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday, 10 September:: 10:30 am

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

Sunday, 10 September :: 10:30 am

Church School

Monday, 11 September :: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 13 September :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 13 September :: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 14 September: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 14 September:: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

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.

Lectons for this Week

**The Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Year A**

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20



Worship Services

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

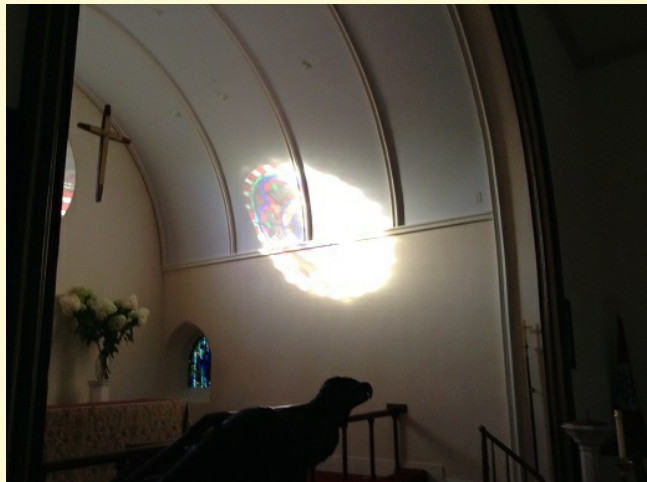
In person
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-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)



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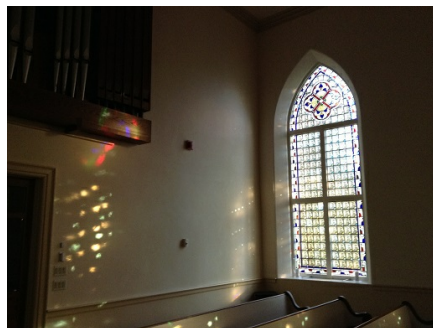
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