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## St Andrew's Church

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

[www.ctepiscopal.org](http://www.ctepiscopal.org)

## Service Schedule

### -Sunday-

Holy Eucharist  
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;  
Healing Service at 8.30,  
Third Sundays

### -Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist  
6.00 p.m.

### -Friday-

Prayer & Meditation  
5.30 p.m.

*Holy Days as announced.*

## Calendar

## This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

### Thursday, 12 March

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)  
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Tai Chi at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House)  
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

### Friday, 13 March

**Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.**

### Saturday, 14 March

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)

### Manhattan String Quartet

*Music in the Nave at 7 p.m.*

***POSTPONED for a later date***

### Sunday, 15 March

*The Third Sunday of Lent*

**Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.**

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

**Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.**

### Tuesday, 17 March

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

### Wednesday, 18 March

**Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.**

**Lent Madness at 5.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)**

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Parish House)

## Letter from the Wardens

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Covid-19 virus has now become a pandemic, and there is real confusion and concern within each parish in the ECCT. As yet, the Bishops have not instructed the parishes to close their doors and to cease holding services.

**Wednesday, 4 March**  
**March 4-April 8**  
**Lent Madness at 5 pm**

**Saturday, 14 March**  
**Music in the Nave**  
**Manhattan String**  
**Quartet**  
**7.00 p.m.**  
**POSTPONED**

**Sunday, March 22**  
**Music in the Nave**  
**The Kent Singers**  
**Songs of the**  
**British Isles**  
**3.00 p.m.**  
**POSTPONED**

**Sunday, 5 April**  
**PALM SUNDAY**

**Thursday, 9 April**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**Potluck at 6 p.m.**  
**Service at 7.30 p.m.**

**Friday, 10 April**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Sister Mary Lanning**  
**Preacher at Noon**  
**TENEBRAE**  
**at 7.30 a.m.**

**Sunday, 12 April**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday, 3 May**  
**Wykeham Consort**  
**Concert**  
**4.00 p.m.**

## Twelve Step Groups

**Wednesdays**  
7:00 p.m.  
A.A. for Women

**Thursdays**  
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(Great Room)  
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Vestry Room)

## Parish Staff

**Thomas W. Holcombe,**  
**Organist & Director of**  
**Choirs**

**Margie O'Brien,**  
**Director of the Children's**

The Bishops have, however, instructed the clergy to insist that Communicants refrain from receiving the Eucharistic wine by intinction, dipping the wafer into the wine chalice. In the past few days many of the priests have understood this to mean that the chalice will be consumed only by the Celebrant. This is a temporary measure, and as soon as possible the Celebrants will once again offer the chalice to all in attendance. Our Celebrant will instruct us accordingly on Sunday before Communion.

In the meantime, common sense on the part of all of us is important. The Bishops have not closed the doors of any of the parishes, and the routine liturgies should and will continue until the Bishops instruct us to close.

Therefore, if anyone feels uneasy about attending services, please stay home. If you are sick, or if you are not sure if you feel well, please stay home. It would be understandable if persons in a "high-risk" category might choose to skip church for the time being. We are family and as part of our family you are always in our prayers.

If you choose to attend the services, please plan to keep at least three feet between you and others in your pew. Please exchange the Peace with a smile and/or wave, an elbow bump, foot tap or simply with words. Please also greet people in the aisle and at the doors in the same way. And please do understand that coffee hour may be sparsely attended or may be suspended for a time.

Marel Rogers and the members of the Altar Guild are trying, with Lysol, to keep the nave as clean as possible. St Andrew's Church will be open for worship as usual for the foreseeable future, and until the Bishops tell us that this is inadvisable.

Please worship with others as you are willing and able and know that prayers at home are truly prayers. The Book of Common Prayer (pp.75-146) helps each of us to pray in unison with the whole of the Church.

Prayerfully,  
The Wardens

## Letter from the Bishops on the Coronavirus

February 28, 2020

Dear Companions in Christ,

A Holy Lent to you.

As you are likely already well aware, federal health officials have warned that it is anticipated that the COVID-19 (coronavirus) will probably spread into the United States. It has been recommended that churches, businesses, schools, and hospitals begin making preparations.

There are basic steps each of our communities within the Episcopal Church in Connecticut can follow to minimize risk for our parishes and people, and the ministries to which they contribute or by which they are served.

**Choir**

**Heather Scofield,  
Parish Administrator**

**Joan I. Cassel  
Financial Secretary**

**Bill McLaren,  
Sexton**

**Randy Osolin,  
Verger**

We highly recommend reviewing the sound advice on precautions provided by the World Health Organization here on their website. Information is available in English, Spanish and other languages. Additional information, especially from Episcopal Relief and Development can be found at the links that follow.

Some initial actions we encourage you and your parishioners to pursue are:

- Wash your hands frequently, using soap and water or an alcohol-based rub. All clergy and eucharistic ministers should use an alcohol-based rub before the distribution of the sacrament, both in the context of the liturgy or in visiting someone at home or in the hospital.
- Practice keeping a safe distance in social interactions. In general, maintain a distance of a few feet between you and others, particular those who are coughing, sneezing, or evidently ill.
- At the peace encourage parishioners to exchange the peace of the Lord without touching.
- Try to avoid intinction in receiving the Eucharist as fingers and hands carry viruses and other pathogens. Assure parishioners that receiving in only one kind (in this case, the bread) is a full and sufficient participation in the sacrament.
- Practice respiratory hygiene. Cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing; discard tissues immediately in closed bins.
- Avoid shaking hands at the doorway after the service and other physical greetings.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Any parishes involved in ministries in which food is served (including coffee hour!) should give particular attention to The WHO recommendations regarding food safety.
- Needless to say, we should send a clear message that if anyone feels ill or unwell, they should, as a general rule, seek medical care immediately and

not attend parish events.

- Related to this, if someone who is elderly or lives alone does not appear at church in what would otherwise be a regular function, create systems for wellness checks.

Caring for each other and for all the people of God means being careful in the midst of an epidemic, and also communicating a non-anxious presence. By staying informed and prepared, we can keep our communities safe and healthy, as well as maintain our worship life and parish functions in the case of potential quarantine.

We will continue to monitor the development of the spread of COVID-19 and will be in touch as the epidemic continues. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance. And please keep all affected by this disease in your prayers:

God of the present moment,  
God who in Jesus stills the storm  
and soothes the frantic heart;  
bring hope and courage to all  
who wait or work in uncertainty.  
Bring hope that you will make them the equal  
of whatever lies ahead.  
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,  
for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God, and we need you.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas

The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens

Bishop Diocesan

Bishop Suffragan

## **Easter Altar Flower Memorials**

***Please email the office if you would like to make requests for Altar Flowers Memorials for Easter Sunday. Or use the envelopes mailed to you and hand in or mail in to St. Andrews, P. O. Box 309, Kent, CT 06757. Requests need to be in by Tuesday, April 7th.***

***[st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net)***

**Become a Greeter**

**Greetings!!**

One of the most frequent compliments given about Saint Andrew's Church is that we are a welcoming place. People visiting, and people who attend regularly, consistently express this feeling of being welcomed to our worship.

Our Teams of Greeters are often the first contact that members and visitors have upon arrival. An important adage says that "...you only get one chance to make a first impression." At Saint Andrews the Greeters at the door often are that one chance.

Greeters are also an integral part of our Worship Services at Saint Andrew's. We greet at the door. We deliver the Sacraments. We collect the Offering. We help guide at Communion. We offer assistance, (perhaps a parent with a young child, or one of our members who needs a little extra help getting to the Communion Rail). We check the heat, the lights, and we help neaten up after the Services.

At Saint Andrews we use teams of two to greet and serve. Typically teams will greet one Sunday per month; sometimes it is only one Sunday every other month. The commitment to greet easily fits into regular attendance at Church. And we make assignments to fit your schedule! Our greeter teams share the privilege of service, and we enjoy a special perspective on the Service each time we greet. Our greeters are consistently making Saint Andrews a welcoming place.

And we get to ring the Bell!

We are in the process of building up our ranks of greeting teams. We ask that you consider joining our ranks to greet people to Saint Andrews, for either the 8:30 Service and the 10:30 Service. You may sign up as a team (Janet and I signed up as a Team). Families are encouraged to sign up - that could be entertaining. You can join as an individual and we will pair you with another greeter. We are also inviting members to join as substitutes or part-time (occasional or seasonal) greeters, available to be called upon when regular greeters have family or other commitments.

Please consider joining the cadre of greeters at Saint Andrews. Help us continue to be that welcoming place - even more important during this time of transition. Greeting is a convenient and simple way to be of big service.

To participate, simply call Heather Scofield our administrator at 860-927-3486, or Nick Downes at 860-488-4298, or Charmian Place at 917-566-8541. We will welcome you.

Yours in Service,  
Nick Downes  
Heather Scofield  
Charmian Place Cooper

**Organ Needs a Home**

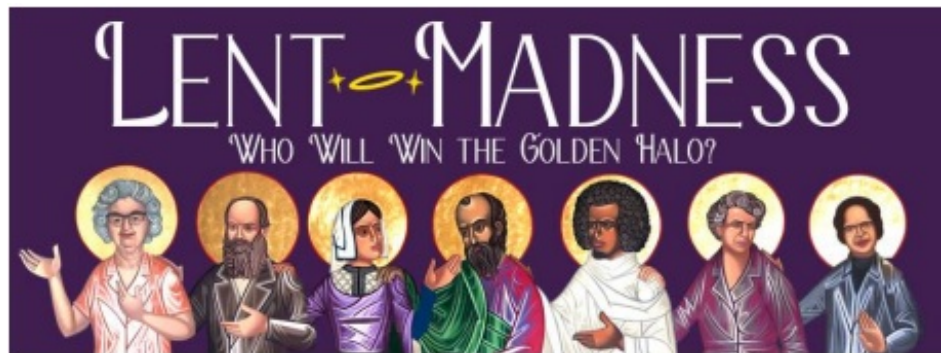


Dear Parishioners,

I mentioned in church on Sunday that we have a small organ that has been living in the rectory all these many years and it needs to find a new home. The organ was once in the Children's Chapel at St. James Episcopal Church on Madison, NYC. I am not an expert and incapable of answering any technical questions. However, if interested, I would be happy to show you the organ. Below are a couple of photos taken after Roger 's retirement.

Any interest contact: Charmian Place (917) 566-8541  
or Heather Scofield in the office (860) 927-3486

## **Lent Madness**



### **Lent Madness Begins February 27!**

Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is Lent Madness. With its unique blend of competition, education, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saints over the generations.

Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits 32 saints against one another in a single elimination bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout Lent. Here's how to participate: on the

weekdays of Lent, information is posted at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) about two different saints.

Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year, Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. This year's saints include heavyweights such as Patrick, Harriet Tubman, Clare of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, Joseph, and Jude, along with many lesser known yet equally inspiring people of faith.

St. Andrew's participants will meet on ***Wednesdays at 5 pm beginning March 4th***. Votes will have been cast online by then and our meetings will discuss the saints we voted for or passed over. Holy Eucharist or Evening Prayer will follow at 6 pm. We could all have dinner after the service if there's more to talk about!

Those who signed up last week have their Sainly Scorecards but we'll be happy to share with anyone who wants to attend. If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

**[www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)**

**Coffee in the Commons Podcast**



### **COFFEE HOUR AT THE COMMONS**

is a podcast where faith meets daily life over a cup of coffee and casual conversations. Modeled off of the eighth sacrament of the Church, the Coffee Hour, your hosts Alli and Jasree, sometimes joined by guests, will engage in a variety of topics. All conversations center around hearing the stories of how people live out their faith in their lives.

**Listen to the latest episode below!**

<http://www.coffeehour.org/>

### **Church & Parish House Schedule**

To avoid any conflict with events in the Parish House, it is imperative that you contact Heather Scofield, our Administrator . She will check the master calendar to see if the Hall and Church are free and inquire if there is any set up, take down and clean up for your event. Even if you leave a message on the answering machine, you still need to speak with Heather (Office: 860-927-3486 Cell: 860-921-8272 or Email: [st.andrew.kent@snet.net](mailto:st.andrew.kent@snet.net) ) to confirm. Thank you for your consideration.

Charmian Place

### **Music in the Nave**

***POSTPONED FOR A LATER DATE***





St. Andrew's Church  
1 North Main Street  
Kent, CT

**Presents....The Manhattan String Quartet**  
**Works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Beethoven**



**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**7 o'clock pm**

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**St. Andrew's Church**

**Corner of Routes 7 & 341 Kent, CT**

**Admission: discounted tickets in advance through**  
<https://manhattanstringquartet.eventbrite.com>

\$20 at the door/Students Free

[https://mitn\\_kentct.eventbrite.com](https://mitn_kentct.eventbrite.com)

860-927-3486

[www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html](http://www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html)

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***POSTPONED FOR A LATER DATE***

**The Kent Singers Present**

# SONGS OF THE BRITISH ISLES



Folk Songs,  
Ballads, and  
Madrigals  
from England,  
Scotland,  
Ireland,  
and Wales

**Sunday, March 22, 3PM**  
**St. Andrew's Church | Kent CT**

**Pawling Concert Series**

## **Legendary Musicians to Play in Pawling**

The Pawling Concert Series will welcome three of the world's most celebrated musicians when Wu Han, Philip Setzer and David Finckel visit Gardiner Theater on the Trinity Pawling School campus on **March 27**. The **7:00 pm** concert is sponsored by Jean and Gordon Douglas, and by Key Bank. As one writer said, "The stars are aligned when these three legendary musicians come together!"

**Wu Han and David Finckel**, co-directors of Lincoln Center Chamber Music, appear frequently with violinist Philip Setzer in performances of the piano trio literature. **Philip Setzer** and David Finckel were colleagues in the legendary Emerson String Quartet for more than three decades. Of the trio, another reviewer wrote "It used to be the Beaux Arts Trio that other piano trios had to look up to and attempt to emulate. Now it's the Han-Setzer-Finckel triumvirate that is the standard bearer."

In Pawling, they will play Rachmaninov's Trio élégiaque in D minor, Op. 9; Mendelssohn's Trio No. 1 in D minor, Op. 49; and Dvorak's Trio in E minor, Op. 90, the "Dumky."

Tickets are available on line at [www.pawlingconcertseries.org](http://www.pawlingconcertseries.org), at the Book Cove in Pawling Village, and at the door on the night of the concert. **Adult tickets are \$30; children 12 and under are admitted without charge.**

Call **(845) 855-3100** for more information.

The Pawling Concert Series is presented, in part, through funding from the New York State Council on the Arts and by Dutchess Tourism, administered by Arts Mid-Hudson, and is generously underwritten by Andron Construction, Joseph Meunier & Sons, and Pawling Engineered Products. For further information on the Pawling Concert Series, including directions and future concerts, visit [www.pawlingconcertseries.org](http://www.pawlingconcertseries.org).

**Friday, March 27**  
**at**  
**7.00 p.m.**

Gardiner Theatre  
Trinity Pawling Campus  
700 Route 22  
Pawling, NY

**Tai Chi**

# EASY TAICHI

*a simplified Taichi exercise class in Kent*

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10:00-11:00am

Tuesdays at the **Kent Community House**

Thursdays at the **St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall**

*classes run in 6-week sessions*

*new students may join at the beginning of the sessions only*

*session start dates: 2/18, 3/31, 5/12, 6/23, 8/4*

\$60 for one class a week

or \$100 for both



Tai Chi is a traditional Chinese fitness system based on the natural integration of mind, body and spirit. It has been proven over and over again to have a profoundly beneficial effect upon a wide range of health issues, both through the experiential claims of countless practitioners worldwide who swear by its usefulness and now also by an ever increasing collection of medical studies saying basically the same thing. The only catch to being able to utilize the full potential of Tai Chi practice is the difficulty of learning it. This class was developed as a collaboration between the Town of Kent Park and Rec Department and Christopher Kiely of the Falling Water Tai Chi School with the sole intention of providing a simple-as-possible path to learning. No experience at all is necessary. The only prerequisite is the ability to comfortably remain on one's feet for at least an hour at a time.

For more information or to register for the class please contact Christopher Kiely at 802-349-2725/cloudhandy@yahoo.com or Lesly Ferris at parkandrec@townofkentct.org/860-927-1003.

## **The Annual Reports for 2019**

**The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2020, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on [Annual Report 2019](#)**

## **The Prayer List During the Time of Transition**

***During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator, will be maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask her to add names to the list, remembering to tell her at which service --8.30 or 10.30-- you would like the prayers offered. **And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).*****

***Except for the names we know to keep on the Prayer List on a long term basis, we will remove names after 3 months and ask that you resubmit if the names should remain.***

***You may also write to Heather at  
st.andrew.kent@snet.net  
Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she  
may be able to ask if she has any questions.***

***We remember the faithful departed during the week after their  
deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be  
included.***

## **Refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Liturgy**

There is a sign-up sheet on the pass-through into the kitchen for volunteers to be responsible for both brewing the coffee and bringing light refreshments.

Included with the sign-up sheet are Instructions on "How to do Coffee Hour" with where to find supplies and instructions for coffee brewing...makes it really easy!!

During the time of transition between rectors, Coffee Hour is an especially important time for members of the parish to be together: please help by bringing in some coffee cakes, cookies, &..., to make the social time more enjoyable!

## **EVENTS in the NW REGION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in CONNECTICUT**

St Andrew's Parish in Kent is one of the 28 congregations of Episcopalians worshipping in the NW corner of Connecticut. Our new Missioner, Dylan Mello, has begun to publish a bulletin that advertises events of interest, open to all, in these places, and we will notify you of at least some of them.

## **A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'**

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS  
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,  
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!  
FISH is very short-handed ....***

***Please call Edith Altvater***

**(new number: 860.539.9957)  
if you can help!**

## **A Prayer for Change**

This prayer has been used several times since this summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an energy that will be a force for loving change.

### **A Prayer for Change**

*Loving God,  
You have made the whole of human life in your image;  
each one of us shaped in love.  
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.  
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,  
it comes at us from every direction.  
Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,  
to use that love as a force for good.  
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,  
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.  
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which darkness can never  
overcome;  
through Jesus Christ we pray.  
Amen.*

## **Homily**

***Please click on the link below in order  
to hear or read***

***Reverend Lisa Hahneman's Homily for 8 March***

***click on [Homily](#)***

## **The Lectons this Week**

**The Third Sunday  
of Lent  
15 March  
Year A**

***Exodus 17.1-7;  
Psalm 95;  
Romans 5.1-11;  
John 4.5-42***

**At nearby Camp Washington**  
190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside    [campwashington.org](http://campwashington.org)  
860.567.9623

**SECOND SUNDAYS**  
**at Camp Washington**  
**at 4.30 p.m.**

*Guest clergy will offer a short program, followed by worship and then a simple meal, at Camp Washington on the second Sunday of the month. Those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623. and a \$10 donation for the meal is welcomed. Further information is available at [campwashington.org](http://campwashington.org)*

**Announcements**

**A request from those who count the collection monies:**

The counters ask us to help them by tagging our cheques so that they are certain as to how to receive them: as Pledge, as donations to the Capital Fund, donations to the Discretionary or Mission & Outreach Funds, etc.

**Please remember that the loose offering on the first Sundays of the month**

... is given to the Parish Discretionary Fund for those in any kind of need.

**The Quality Thrift Shop**

... at The First Congregational Church is very much an effort of the whole of our community to provide affordable clothing and household necessities to those who need them. Members of St Andrew's Parish and of Sacred Heart Church help out there, and more help is urgently needed! Whatever hours you can give will be appreciated, and so please call 860.927.3287 if you are able to assist!

# Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



The ten bells of St. Joseph's Chapel at Kent School are hung for **change ringing**, a form of bell ringing first popularized in England during the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,<sup>1</sup> from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,<sup>2</sup> and occasionally overseas.<sup>3</sup>
- All levels of experience and ability are welcome! New ringers can join any regular practice.
- Contact Matthew Austin, Tower Captain, with any questions: [austinm@kent-school.edu](mailto:austinm@kent-school.edu).



<sup>1</sup> Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

<sup>2</sup> There are ~48 towers in North America, 14 on the Northeast corridor.

<sup>3</sup> There are ~5000 towers in England: in recent years guild members have rung towers in Amersham, Birmingham, Exeter, London, Oxford, Radley, Shiplake, and Worcester, among other locations.

## Needed by The Kent Food Bank

This month, The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of  
**coffee, tea, sugar, nuts,**  
**hot & cold breakfast cereals, canned soups,**  
**canned or bottled fruit juices.**  
**Please remember that the Food Bank accepts**  
**pet foods as well!**

**Also: the Bank is interested its selections for personal care including supplies for adult incontinence, soaps, toothpastes, feminine products, etc.**

*Donations may be dropped off in the basket in the narthex, to the left of the*



*doors. And please: do try to make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!*