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The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Wardens

Please plan to attend the annual meeting which follows the 10:30am service in the nave on February 4th. It will start at 11:45am, and the annual reports will be in the narthex to review beforehand. For those of you who received our interim parish directory, please take time before Sunday to confirm that your address and other information is accurate and complete. Thereafter, in a couple of weeks, we will publish a final version of the 2024 parish directory.

There is a reception immediately following the annual meeting next Sunday. Please join us to welcome incoming officers and vestry members and thank those outgoing.

We are sad to report that the choir learned last week of the death of Sharon Abner, who served as organist and choir director for St. Andrew's from 2007-2012. A gifted musician and skilled organist, after graduating from the College of Wooster in Ohio, Sharon attended the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological seminary. While living in northwestern Connecticut, she served as organist at various churches and synagogues in the area. She was living with her sister and brother-in-law near Kansas City at the time of her death. May she rest in peace.

The Annual Meeting is

Next 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



An update from Steve Klots:

Dear Friends at St. Andrew's: Thank you, thank you, thank you for your huge support of the clothing drive for Church Street Eats in Hartford. I know the coats and sweatshirts that you all have donated will be greatly appreciated when I take them and a busload of South Kent students over to Hartford this Sunday. Winter suddenly has felt very real, so your donations will make a difference for those who come to that vital ministry of our cathedral. Furthermore, I am certain that doing things like this is our obligation as Christians and persons. Says Jesus of the righteous and their good works in his vision of the Judgment of the Nations, "as you did it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." Please know that I will continue taking clothes over to the cathedral through the end of the school year. For now, let's continue focusing on winter clothescoats, sweatshirts, and pants. When it gets warmer, I will be collecting lighter clothes. Once again, many thanks to all of you who have supported this!

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, 28 January :: 8:30 am Holy Eucharist: *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany* (spoken)

Sunday, 28 January:: 10:30 am Holy Eucharist: *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany* (with music) *(in-person and live-streamed)*

Sunday, 28 January:: 10:30 am Church school

Monday, 29 January:: 8:00 pm LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 31 January :: 6:00 pm Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 31 January :: 7:00 pm Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 01 February: 7:00 pm A.A. meeting

Thursday, 01 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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany *Year B*

> Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



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

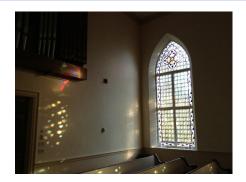
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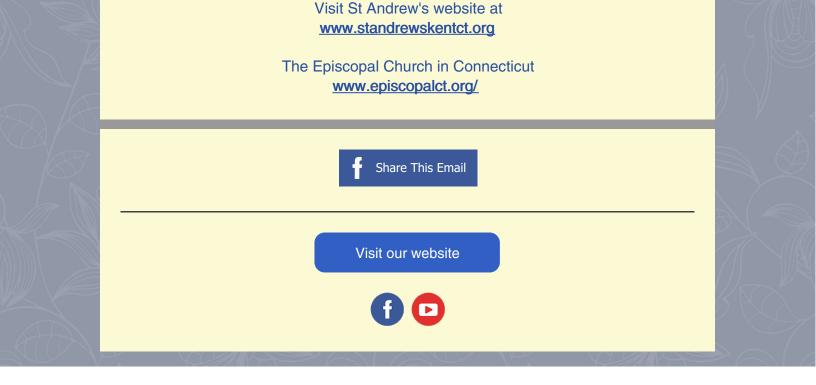
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