

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
 Middletown Avenue, Route 17, Northford, CT

It's Harvest Supper Time.....

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What does the Harvest Supper mean to you? To me, it is a sense of community. The purpose of our Harvest Supper, of course, is to raise funds for our Church, but along the way, it has become so much more than that. It has become a gathering of friends, old and new. It has become a place to enjoy good food, catch-up with people throughout the community and create memories.

So, you might ask, "How can I help?" The first answer is, "Please mark your calendars and plan on being with us on Saturday, November 5th and don't forget to bring your friends and family". In addition to that, if you are able to help us in other areas, we can always use and appreciate the help.

As usual, food and dessert donation calls will be made over the next couple of weeks by Wanda Williams and Linda Bunnell. Please be sure to have your promised items to the Church by the designated day so the cooks can prepare the food according to schedule. If you have questions about what day to have your ingredients to the Church, please ask Wanda or Linda.

If you are in need of tickets, please contact Gertie Heath (203) 484-0393.

By popular demand, baskets will be organized again this year. If you would like ideas for a basket to contribute, or contents for a basket, please contact Yolande Ahlberg (203) 484-0257 or Laura Bunnell (203) 623-2511. Please have all basket donations to the Church no later than Sun-

day, October 23rd. If you would like to help on basket night (putting the baskets all together and other various duties), we will be gathering in the hall on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Harvest Supper Calendar:

- 10/25/11 – Basket Night—6 PM
- 10/30/11 – Meatball Sunday (following coffee hour)
- 11/3/11 – Opening tables & chairs
- 11/3/11 – Kitchen Prep
- 11/4/11 – Setting the tables
- 11/4/11 – Kitchen Prep
- 11/5/11 – Cooking
- 11/5/11—Dinner 5:00-7:30 PM

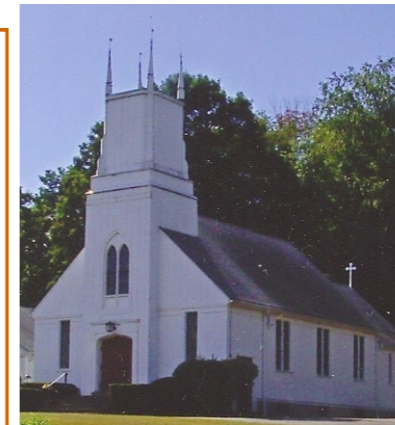
BOOK GROUP

Thursday Evenings
 Sept. 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6, 13

Jim Bradley will be leading a study of Mary of Magdala and the gospel written in her name. The book is Karen King's *The Gospel of Mary of Magdala* which can be purchased through Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

You'll examine the phenomena of Mary Magdalene in history, art, popular culture and read her gospel.

For more information, please contact Bea at the Cluster Office (860) 345-0058 or through e-mail wecluster@sbcglobal.net Mon-Thur. 9 am to 2 pm



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WARDEN LETTER

Laura moves fast, between her semesters she crams in a lot of work. A lot of it for our church community. We have benefited greatly from her efforts, but I fear that I slow her down. I am always the last piece of the puzzle. I don't switch gears as fast as she does and can't look ahead, I tend to live in the present and work day to day. As she puts this newsletter together I realize that we have not planned a Blessing of the Animals or a Pledge Drive yet this fall.

Please look for the signs or a notice in the paper about our Blessing of Animals. Alma will be our Minister then and with her love of animals I am sure we will find time for the animals. Many families with 'loose' connections to our Church look forward to being with us and bringing their pets. Please think of coming even if you don't have a pet. We can always find a leash for you to hold. And George the goat is always looking for a friend, I certainly hope he is still with us this year.

As for the Pledge Drive that can wait for the next Vestry Meeting. But as always please consider your pledge prayerfully. St. Andrews needs your money, but most importantly it needs you. Your seat is there every week and we miss you when you are not there and yes we notice. We miss YOU, not your work, not your money, YOU! You are part of us and we are not whole when you are not there. If you are one of the many that come regularly, know that you are missed too when you are gone. Please join us we are there every week waiting for YOU.

God's Peace,
Leslie Williams

PRAYER LIST		Lori Lyla Nancy Natasha Paul Sharon Steve Tim Toni Robbie	“A DAY OF REFLECTION”
<p style="color: orange;">Please include the following people in your prayers:</p> Annie Betty Brian Carol Carol P. Christina Colin Dorothy Ellen	Gary George Gertie Greg C. Greg M. Hilda Jan Johnny Laura Leah Linnie	Interim Missioner-in-Charge, Jim Bradley, will hold a “ <i>Day of Reflection</i> ” on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Labyrinth at St. James Church, Higganum. Participants will walk the labyrinth and practice Centering Prayer as taught by Fr. Basil Pennington. Centering Prayer is a prayer of intention, a way of spending time with God without words. The labyrinth is	an ancient spiritual exercise that also ‘centers’ in the walker in the moment to be open to God. The two complement each other in a remarkable way. Jim will discuss the two practices and lead the group in participating in the Prayer of the Heart and the Prayer of Walking. Please contact Bea at the Cluster Office if you have any questions or are interested in participating. Telephone: (860) 345-0058 or e-mail: wecluster@sbcglobal.net .

PEOPLE NEWS



The Reverend James Bradley celebrated a healing service for the congregation on Sunday, July 31, 2011. All who wished to participate were invited to the altar to receive a special prayer.

We offer our sincere condolences to Yolande Ahlberg and the family and friends of Jeff Johnson. Jeff passed away on August 10th after a valiant battle with Lou Gerhig's disease.

The following people and their family and friends, would like to thank the congregation for its prayers which helped get them through their time of need: Alma, Don, Frankie, Grace, Joyce, Kate, Ken, Mark, Ramon, Sally and Tim.

We would like to welcome Sebastian C. Carrasquillo into our community. Sebastian was baptized by The Rev. Bryan Spinks who officiated the Service for Holy Baptism on September 11, 2011. Sebastian's mom and dad are Nicole and Rene Carrasquillo and his Godparents are Danielle and Mario Forgione.

We hope that everyone made out ok during and after Hurricane Irene. Many of us were out of power for a short time and had a lot of cleanup to do. Luckily, the Church made out well.


And speaking of Hurricane Irene, congratulations to Bert and Wanda who were scheduled to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary that date. After relocating

the party to the Church hall, the party went on, even without electricity! Congratulations Bert and Wanda!!!



*To bring donations of
Peanut Butter for
Amazing Grace
in Middletown
and
Food for the
North Branford
Food Pantry
THANKS!!!*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Covenant to Care for Children
Helping Connecticut's Children in Need.

Covenant to Care for Children mobilizes and channels the generosity of caring and faithful people to advocate for, mentor and provide direct assistance to Connecticut's children and youth who are neglected, abused or at-risk.

Saint Andrew's has joined forces with Northford Congregational Church and North Branford Congregational Church to adopt a social worker, Meral Prewitt, Coordinator for the Southern Region of Connecticut. As a faith-based organization, we have agreed to a covenant in which we have partnered with Meral to provide, as far as is possible, for the necessary and special items needed for children in her caseload. This augments the provisions of the State, often assuring greater stability in the life of a child.

There are many churches and other civic organizations who have also partnered with Meral and the other social workers throughout the State, so we are not combating this alone. If you would like to obtain additional information about the works of this organization please visit its website at <http://www.covenanttocare.org>.

St. Vincent dePaul, Middletown
Sunday, July 31, 2011

As you may recall from an earlier newsletter, one of our Cluster Community Outreach projects is providing and serving a meal at St. Vincent dePaul's soup kitchen located in Middletown several times a year. Each Church in the Cluster contributes part of the meal.

Our contribution to the meal for July 31st was the entrée. We would like to thank **Paul and Stephen Krom** for cooking and delivering the chicken stew (chicken with carrots, celery, parsley, ginger and other spices), that they prepared and cooked over a two-day period. Others from our Cluster served the 90 or so people who enjoyed first, second and third helpings. It did smell yummy!

Our next contribution is to provide the salad, dressing, bread and butter on Sunday, December 11th. Bread will be buttered after coffee hour. Please join and help! If you are interested in helping serve the meal that afternoon, please contact Leslie Williams or Dean Heath.



THANKSGIVING BASKET

Contributions for a Thanksgiving Basket for a local family should be delivered to the Church by Sunday, November 6th.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY

Once we have received information about the local family we will be sponsoring, we will post gift ideas and will be collecting food toward a Christmas Feast

Please Watch for Details...

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



OCTOBER

- Rachel Sarenas—October 1
- Dora Odarenko - October 4
- Valarie Miller—October 4
- Ann Parisi—October 5
- Audrey Valentin—October 5
- Mario Forgione—October 7
- David Heath—October 11
- Sue Doolittle—October 20
- Danielle & Mario Forgione—Oct 12
- Stephen Krom—October 24
- Ray & Kathy Bishop—October 22
- Debbie & Peter Hanratty—October 26

NOVEMBER


- Ray Bishop—November 7
- Jan Walden—November 9
- Leslie Williams—November 12
- Carol Brearton—November 14
- Bud Salg—November 18
- Heidi Salg—November 24
- Holly Salg—November 24
- Bonnie Appi—November 26
- Tucker McClure—November 26
- Savanah Rosati—November 30



DECEMBER

- Brian Miller, II—December 5
- John Forder—December 14
- Emily Jan Forgione—December 14
- Bryan Spinks—December 23
- Megan Hanratty—December 24
- Linda Bunnell—December 25
- Beverly Cecarelli—December 26





DEAN HEATH, our workhorse...


Dean has been very busy indeed this year doing a lot of repair work and watching over other work we have contracted for.

This year, with the help of William Valleau, Dean power washed and stained the front deck. What a difference it has made! Great job boys!

The parking lot looks spectacular. It was necessary to clear and prep the area before the contractor came and paved the lot.

The new front doors are stunning! Hopefully, by the time you read this Newsletter, they will be installed and hung in their proper place.

There are still a lot of projects that need to be completed. Please, contact Dean Heath (203) 484-0393 to ask how you can help. We have a lot of ideas to spruce up the grounds, but we need some man (woman) power.



Our Ice Cream Socials were a huge hit!
People not only enjoy the yummy ice cream, fruit, and toppings, they also enjoy socializing and visiting each other!
Kudos to all who participated

FRONT DOORS

The doors are in! They are waiting to be hung, but they look fabulous. On behalf of all of St. Andrew's, we would like to thank our Angel Tree and our Easter Egg donors one more time.

In Honor of: Ellen Shortell; Mark Tartaglia; Joseph Perrelli; Wanda & Bert's 50th Anniversary; Many Friends of St. Andrews; Joyce and Louis Godkin; St. Andrew's 248th Anniversary; John Cecarelli; Bert and Laura Bunnell; The White Family; The McCarter Family; George and Pat Barron; The Forgione Family.

In Memory of: Hazel & Martin Trieschmann; Florence & Everett Heath; Al Maxwell; Bert M. Bunnell, Sr.; Waltzing Matilda (Llama); Eleanor Miller; Pat Johnson; Maggie Stewart (dog); Jane & Chuck Acton; Yolande Ahlberg, II; Ed Ahlberg, Jr.; Audrey Barnaba; Edith Cecarelli; Grandma King; James Stevenson; Linda Spinks; Joanne Spector; Denison Spector; Jane Trow; Robert Jensen; Vera Jensen; Mamie Bishop; Leon Bishop; Susi St. John; Nina Forgetta; Frances DellaRocco; Rita Williams; Joyce Cecarelli; Lindbergh Aceto; and Shenzi Appi (dog, for allowing us to share his life with him).

FAITH VS. TRUST

Where I come from, people often ask "Are you a believer?" We're too polite here in New England to ask such questions. Which is just as well with me since I'm never sure how to answer questions like "Do you believe *such and such*?"

I think what most people mean when they ask about 'believing' is something like 'agreement with a particular doctrine' or '*knowing* something is true even though it's unprovable.'

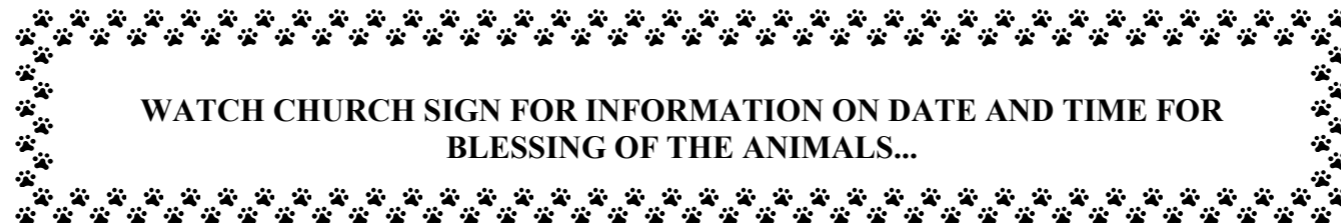
In other words, questions of faith and belief usually have something to do with intellectual assent to some particular thing—that Jesus was born of a virgin or turned water into wine or any of those things. I'm made uncomfortable by such questions. For one thing, the Greek word we translate as "believe" is *Pistos* and *Pistos* could also be translated as "Trust".

Now we're talking sense--'trust' is something I can relate to. There are people I'd 'trust' with my life. I 'trust' in God—like the money used to say, but I'm pretty foggy about the details of theology. I tend to take most Creeds and theologies with a grain of salt—or perhaps several grains.

You know how Jesus is always saying we need to be like little children to enter the Kingdom? I think what he's talking about is the 'trust' that children have in the 'big people' around them. I watch my son toss his two year old up in the air and catch her. Tegan laughs and laughs and doesn't for a moment imagine Josh might drop her. I used to do the same with him.

That's where I can get some spiritual footing: 'trusting' in God. Depending on how I'm doing that day, my answer about what I 'believe' might vary. But good times and bad, I 'trust' that God is in control, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary.

Shalom, Jim





The Workers in the Vineyard

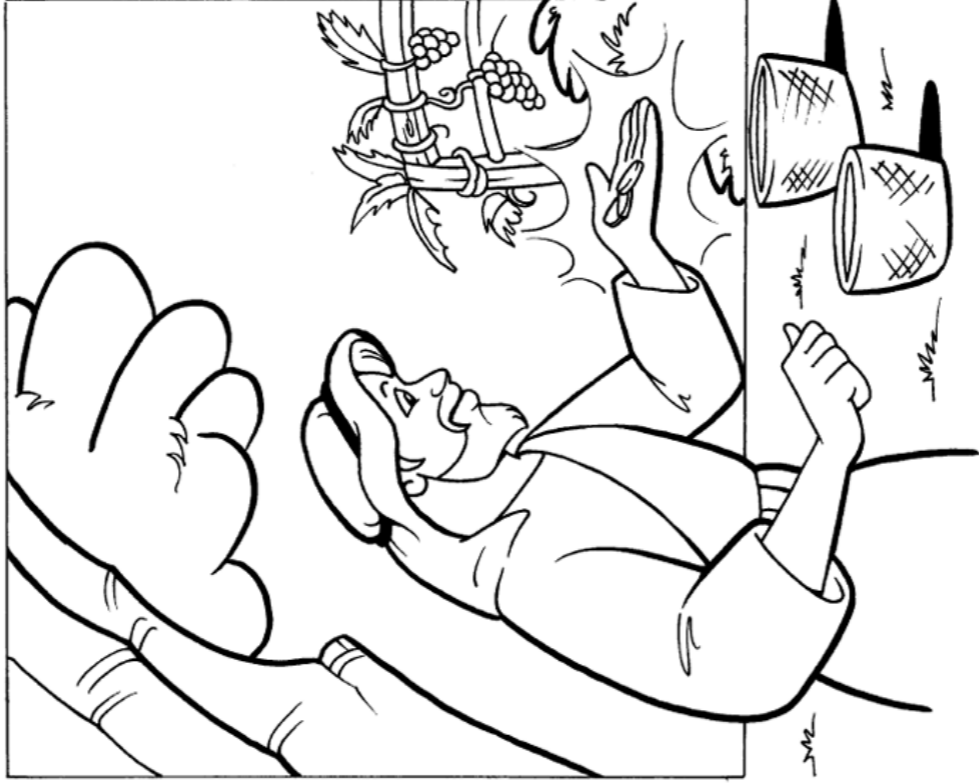
"These men who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day." Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16

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PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD (MATTHEW 20:1-16)



"But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you.

Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go.'"

Matthew 20:13-14a

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We're on the Web! <http://standrewsnorthford.org>
 Donna Valleau and Ann Parisi have been busy getting pictures onto our website. Thanks to Barbara Stone who often has her camera and is helping us greatly in this endeavor by taking lots of pictures of our activities.
 If you have any additional pictures, please contact Donna Valleau or Ann Parisi.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church shares resources through its participation in The Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry includes three other churches: Higganum, Killingworth and Westbrook.

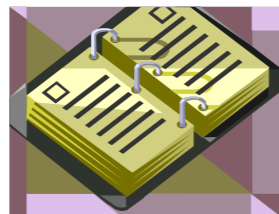
We believe we are all ministers of Jesus Christ through our Baptism, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world and to be active leaders and participants in our congregations and in our Cluster.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR SERVICES ON
 SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:00 AM
 COFFEE FOLLOWING SERVICE**

Clergy Rotation
 Now through November 6, 2011.....Alma Pollock
 November 13, 2011 to Christmas Day (except for 11/18)..... Jim Bradley
 November 18, 2011.....Nihal deLanerolle

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Note: Please be advised that a Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Discretionary Fund exists for anyone needing assistance. Please call the MACM Office (860) 345-0058 or email wecluster@sbcglobal.net for more information. All inquiries and requests are held confidential. (The fund is not limited to Cluster members only.)

*Please
 Mark Your-
 Calendars!!!*



COMING EVENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Sept 15, 22, 29 Oct 6 and 13 • Saturday Oct 15, 2011 • Sunday Oct. 16, 2011 • Saturday Oct. 22, 2011 • Sunday Oct. 23, 2011 • Tuesday Oct. 25, 2011 • Sunday Oct. 30, 2011 • Saturday Nov. 5, 2011 • Sunday Dec 11, 2011 • Weekend Oct 12-14, 2012 • Friday April 13, 2013 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-2:00PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM after coffee 5:00-7:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Group—<u>The Gospel of Mary of Magdala</u> by Karen King. First session at St. James, Higganum, balance TBD St. James, Labyrinth—Day of Reflection Bring your lunch Emmanuel—”Grand Re-Opening” celebration St. James Halloween Dance—\$7 per person Live Band “Triple Play”. Bring your own Beverages, snacks,. “Coffee &” provided. Costumes optional Emmanuel Mid-Autumn Concert Contact Rosemarie 860-663-1109 for info. Basket Night, St. Andrew’s Meatball Sunday Harvest Supper, St. Andrew’s St. Vincent de Paul—Salad & bread Cluster Retreat, Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, NY. Please sign up now to save place 250th Anniversary Celebration 	