

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

# HARVEST SUPPER

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### BASKETS, BASKETS, BASKETS...

Yolande and Laura are beginning to organize basket donations for the Harvest Dinner. Over the past several years, the baskets have seemed to be a tremendous hit and have increased our profits for this annual fundraiser.

We need your help in purchasing items to put into the baskets. Once all of the items are accumulated, we will hold a basket night, November 3, 2010, where we will assemble the baskets.

We try to make baskets so that everyone will find something they would like to take home.

Some ideas are:

**KIDS**—coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, small cars, kids jewelry. Basically anything kids might like.

**ITALIAN NIGHT**—colander, pasta, sauce, spoons, oil, olives, roasted peppers, grated cheese.

**KITCHEN**—towels, oven mitts, gift card to grocery store,.

**SPORTS**—snacks to watch the game, with cocktail napkins, sports tray, sports bowl.

**WINE**—wine, corkscrew, cocktail napkins, nuts, wine glasses.

**BAKING**—cake pan, cake mix, frosting, decorations, towels, mixing bowl, brownie mix, spoons, cupcake tins,.

**MOVIES**—popcorn, popcorn bowl, movie, cocktail napkins, candy.

**CHOCOLATE**—need we say more?

**STATIONARY**—address book, pens, paper, stamps.

**BREAKFAST**—oatmeal, pop tarts, pancake mix, syrup.

These are all just suggestions, please feel free to come up with other items...

If you have baskets that you can donate, we are accepting those, too!!!

**PLEASE HAVE ALL BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH BY OCTOBER 31, 2010**

**Thank You!!!**

**Questions:**

**Yolande (203) 484-0257**

**Laura (203) 623-2511**



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**WARDEN LETTER—LESLIE WILLIAMS**

Fall has arrived again; the years seem to pass faster all the time. Fall events are starting to stack up at St. Andrews and we will be rolling right into Advent before you know it. Our Harvest Supper is our big fund raiser and a chance for old and new friends to visit and work together.

You will receive a stewardship letter of some sort in the next few weeks also. In which the vestry hopes you will consider.

Fall is also a time to get back into the groove and back into the routine. And I am going to ask you to get back into the routine of coming to church.

The attendance on a typical Sunday is under 20 people. Please consider joining us one Sunday morning if you haven't been in a while. You will be warmly welcomed. I think we have a special community at St. Andrews and I think you do too.

by Leslie Williams,  
Warden

**WELCOME**

*"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1*

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER...**

**BELIEVE**

*When a believing person prays, great things happen.*  
Author Unknown

I wonder what you think of when you think about Leslie, Dean, Gertie, Toni, Wanda, Grace, Paul, and so many others. I think of DEDICATION!!! What is dedication? As defined by Merriam-Webster, dedication is a "self-sacrificing devotion". That describes each of them.

It is having faith, a "belief and trust in and loyalty to God" (Merriam-Webster), and in doing what you believe is

the right thing. That describes each of them.

Throughout the years, there have been breaches or divisions between people. Some people may believe things should be done one way, and others feel they should be done another. If you really think about it though, in the long term, what really matters is not our differences, but instead our devotion, faith and belief. By keeping those three words in the forefront we

can overcome all obstacles and work together for the betterment of the community.

Just think what a congregation of believing persons brings... I hope you feel the same way as I do – that it brings dedication, faith, healing and believing...

In a short three years, our church will be celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please join us as we continue our journey into the future...  
By Laura Bunnell

**PRAYER LIST**



Please include the following people in your prayers:

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|---------|--------|--------|
| Alma    | Colin  | Joe    |
| Andrew  | David  | Leah   |
| Annie   | Devon  | Lori   |
| Barbara | Donald | Lyla   |
| Brian   | George | Paul   |
| Carol   | Gertie | Rita   |
| Charlie | Greg   | Ruthie |
|         | Jan    | Sally  |
|         | Jeff   | Sharon |
|         | Jimmy  | Toni   |



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

**PEOPLE NEWS**



Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Pat Johnson who passed away on September 15th. A mass in her honor was held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, September 18th with burial in Northford Cemetery.

Heartfelt condolences to Bea Melino, Administrative Assistant at the Cluster Office whose father passed away.

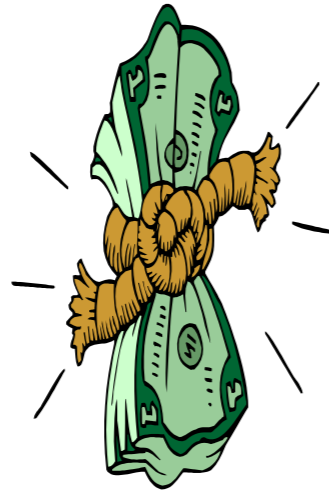
Happy and Safe Driving to Wini who recently got her car back!

Gertie and Dean sent all of the coats off to the Indians in South Dakota. We had so many coats it cost over \$200 for shipping!!! Great job everyone! If anyone would like to make a contribution towards the shipping expenses, please see Dean or Gertie.

Leah (daughter of Kim Thomas) has finished chemo and in full remission. Although her counts are not quite back to normal, they are getting better with each blood test and she continues to get stronger every day! She appreciates all of our continued prayers!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy who is at home in Northford!

## ANNUAL PLEDGES



As we come to the end of another year and start to plan for the new one, we must ask ourselves, how will we feel if our Church was not here. Would we be sad, would we just move to another, or would we even have a place to worship.

How many Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and other special occasions have we all been a part of here at St. Andrew's?

Just like our own shrinking budgets, the Church has weekly and monthly expenditures that it must meet. Our Vestry has done an excellent job of keeping expenses down by their hard work and dedication to our Church. Unfortunately over the past several years, pledges have been shrinking and expenses are still constant or growing.

When you receive your pledge card this year, please

think carefully about what this Church means to you and what you can do to help it survive, sustain itself, and grow into the future.

We see many more special occasions being held here and we hope that you do, too!

## MISSIONER-IN-CHARGE—PETER FLOYD

Good People:

I've been thinking about the future of the church, not just St. Andrew's, but the larger church as well. It is in decline throughout the Northeast. One thought keeps popping into my mind's eye. I think we would do well to think about the church as **community** more than as church. Further, I see a religious **community** as that

place and space where people get to share stories of their journey as human beings. And, I trust that our human journey stories are spiritual stories, for God is present in all that is.

I do know that when we share our journey stories, we automatically come to know each other and care about one another in a deeper more sacred way. If you will, we

become "velcroed" to one another.

I deeply and firmly believe this is the kind of religious **community** we are called to be as we move firmly into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Peter  
MACM, Missioner-in-Charge



*"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

*John 6:35*

## HARVEST DINNER

### FOOD & DESSERTS

Linda Bunnell will be making her annual telephone calls to ask for donations for the food and desserts for the dinner.

The more that we are able to get donated, the more profit will be made from the dinner.

### TICKETS

If you do not have them already, please contact Gertie Heath (203) 484-0393 to obtain tickets.

Even if you are not able to attend yourself, maybe your friends and/or family would enjoy coming.

### BASKETS

Please see Article on Page 1 about the baskets.

Any questions, please call Laura or Yolande.





**Theme:** Salvation - Proper 21 (26) Year C

**Object:** An alarm clock with a "snooze" button

**Scripture:** "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' Luke 16:19-24 (NIV)

Do you use an alarm clock to wake you up in the morning? A lot of alarm clocks have a button on them called a snooze alarm. When your alarm goes off, you can hit that button and go back to sleep. In about ten minutes, the alarm will go off again. You can just keep on doing this and go right on sleeping.

Maybe it is nice to get that extra sleep, but there are two problems with snooze alarms. The first is that if you keep on hitting the snooze alarm, you may be late or miss out on something completely. The second problem is that if you keep hitting the snooze alarm, you may get so used to the sound of the alarm that you don't even hear it at all and you will sleep right through the alarm.

Did you know that God sometimes sounds a "wake up" alarm in our lives? He speaks to our heart and says, "It is time to wake up and follow me." Some people hit the snooze button and say, "Not now Lord, call me again -- a little bit later." Some people hit that "snooze button" so many times that they get to where they don't even hear God's voice. When they finally wake up, they find out that it is too late. That is what happened in our Bible story today.

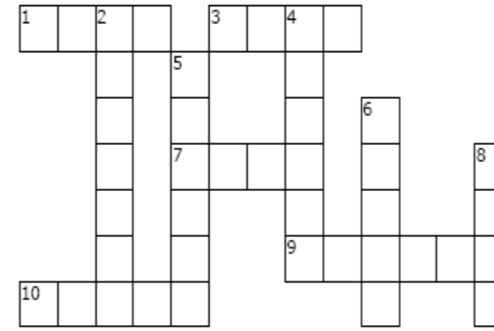
Jesus told a story about a rich man who wore the finest clothes and lived in luxury. A beggar named Lazarus lay outside the rich man's gate. Lazarus was hungry and his body was covered with sores. He was hoping that the rich man might have pity on him and that he might be able to satisfy his hunger with the leftovers from the rich man's table. But every day the Rich man passed by Lazarus without even giving him a thought. I imagine that he passed by Lazarus so many times that he eventually got to the point that he didn't see him at all.

The Bible says that Lazarus died and went to heaven. The rich man also died, but he went to hell. In hell, he looked up and saw Lazarus in heaven with Abraham. He asked Abraham to let Lazarus dip his finger in water and come and touch it to his burning tongue, but Abraham said, "No." Then he reminded the rich man how he had enjoyed such good things on earth while Lazarus had nothing.

The rich man then asked Abraham to allow Lazarus to go back to earth and warn his five brothers so that they would not end up in hell with him, but again, Abraham said, "No." The rich man finally woke up, but it was too late.

God is still sending "wake up" calls to people today. Let us pray that they will listen to his voice and follow him before it is too late.

Dear Father, when you sound the alarm telling us it is time to wake up and follow you, may we never be guilty of hitting the snooze alarm saying, "Later, Lord." Instead, let us rise up and follow you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



# Crossword Puzzle

## ACROSS

- 1. Having a lot of money or valuable possessions
- 3. To tell someone of possible danger or harm
- 7. An opening in a wall or fence for entrance or exit
- 9. The fleshy part in the mouth that is used in tasting
- 10. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid essential for most plant and animal life

## DOWN

- 2. To soothe someone in a time of pain or suffering
- 4. To change your behavior because you are sorry for what you have done
- 5. A poor person who lives by asking others for money or food
- 6. Extreme physical or mental pain or suffering
- 8. Stopped living

## The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

warn	died	comfort	water	gate
agony	rich	tongue	beggar	repent

# Word Search Puzzle

A G O N Y G O O D G M D U I A  
 X Q S Y B H W K K F S D I L D  
 H R T A U P U R P L E O M E E  
 T I Z E R W N L W K R H R C D  
 P L T L I A B R C E E V E E L  
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 N E L M A W T W A R N E N E O  
 E V L B F D K T G O Y I L W D  
 B E G G A R Y P P Q L Q R S D

AGONY	BEGGAR	DIED	BAD	ANGELS
DOGS	WATER	WARN	HELL	PITY
GOOD	TABLE	LICKED	PURPLE	DRESSED
LINEN	GATE	LAZARUS	RICH	TONGUE
BURIED	SORES	FINGER	REPENT	LUXURY

# Coloring Page



The Rich Man and Lazarus

We're on the Web! <http://standrewsnorthford.org>  
 We would like to scan and post pictures from Church activities on the website. If you have pictures, please contact Laura Bunnell

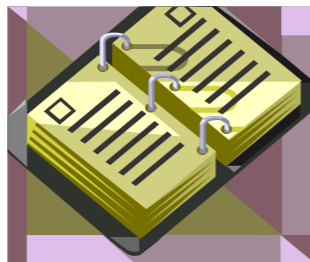
#### MISSION STATEMENT

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**

*Mark Your  
 Calendars!!!*



#### COMING EVENTS:

- \* Sunday, October 3, 2010, 4:00 PM – Blessing of the Animals, Cecarelli Farm, Old Post Road, Northford
- \* Sunday, October 9, 2010, 6:00 PM – Fall Festival Dinner to Benefit the No Branford Food Bank @ Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No Branford  
 Cash Donations, food or \$10 gift cards to Stop & Shop or Big Y
- \* Sunday, October 31, 2010, after coffee hour – Meatball Sunday  
 Come help us roll meatballs for the Harvest Supper
- \* Saturday, November 6, 2010, 5:00-7:30 PM – St. Andrew's Harvest Supper
- \* Sunday, December 5, 2010, 10:00 AM – Cluster Celebration at St. Andrew's with Bishop Ian Douglas
- \* Sunday, December 12, 2010 – Feeding the homeless @ St. Vincent DePaul, Middletown  
 Each Church in the Cluster provides a portion of the dinner
- \* TBD – Blue Christmas Mass – A service is being planned for those who experience sadness during the holiday season due to any loss or trouble
- \* TBD – Christmas caroling
- \* Friday, December 24, 2010, Christmas Eve Mass @ St. Andrew's - Time(s) TBD  
 Saturday, December 25, 2010, 10:00 AM – Christmas Day Mass @ St. James, Higganum
- \* Friday, April 13, 2013 – St. Andrew's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

