



## SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford

1382 Middletown Avenue, P. O. Box 96, Northford, CT 06472

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March 2019

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Andrew's,



Happy Spring!!! It's sunny as I write this, and my gardens have a few crocus in bloom, with daffodils not far behind. I love this time of year, as the grey of winter gives way to trees starting to leaf out, pops of color appearing in our gardens, and birds returning from their southern migration. Without trying to sound too trite, this is a season of new beginnings, new hope, new life.



We are in the season of Lent. A Lenten book study is being offered at St. James, 501 Killingworth Rd., Higganum, Weds. through April 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. It is not too late to join. The Rev. Ellen Kennedy is facilitating. The topic is "Way of Love". Practice for a Jesus centered life. There is no fee and materials are provided. Bring your bible or one will be supplied. A simple supper will be served 6 - 6:45, then discussion 6:45 - 8. For meal planning purposes, please RSVP to [wecluster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wecluster@sbcglobal.net).

Still a few weeks away, but for your calendars, here is the schedule for **Holy Week and Easter:**

April 14	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10 a.m. Holy Eucharist service
April 18	<b>Maundy Thurs.</b>	6:30 p.m. agape supper (simple potluck supper) followed by the Holy Eucharist. Stripping of the altar and quiet prayer concludes the evening.
April 19	<b>Good Friday</b>	6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist service
April 21	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	10 a.m. Holy Eucharist service

The Diocese has approved our request to transfer our assigned region from the North Central Region to the **South Central Region**. This suits our common life with those parishes more closely geographically aligned with St. Andrew's. The Rev. Rachel Field is our Regional Missionary. This does not impact our relationship with the other two MACM churches. The next **South Central Regional Convocation** is scheduled for June 1st.

The **North Branford Scholarship program** is one of St. Andrew's many outreach commitments. Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship fund, which helps a local graduating senior who is continuing on to higher



education, should have your donations in to St. Andrew's by 1st week of April.

**ECCT Annual Spring Training** will be held Saturday, April 27th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join Episcopalians from across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut for a day of fellowship, learning, prayer and fun. All are welcome - people in the pews to vestry members to parish leaders and staff.

Quick reminder about some of our outreach programs:

- \* **Recycling eyeglasses and hearing aids.** Collection box located in our parish hall. Benefits those in need around the world.
- \* **Peanut butter.** For the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen. Donation basket located in our narthex (vestibule).
- \* **Boxtops for Education.** We donate these to our neighborTVES for education materials. Donation jar located on table in the back of the church.
- \* **Plastic Tabs For Wheelchairs** that come on bread bags, carrots bags. Donation jar located on table in the back of the church.
- \* **Clothing donation shed.** Benefits folks in need here around the world. Shed located in back of our parking lot.

The ECCT Aging and Life Planning Ministry Network announces the upcoming **2019 50th (or more) Wedding Anniversary Celebration.** This will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 3 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. If any couple has met or will reach this significant milestone in 2019, please let me know so that I can send your name and mailing address along. Also welcome to be recognized in the celebration are those same-sex couples who have been together 50 years or more and are married.

Clergy through Easter:

March 24 - 31

April 7 - 21

Rev. Ellen Kennedy

Rev. Jim Bradley

Peace be with you,

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**"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."**

**- The Letter of Paul to the Galatians.**

**5:22-23**

