

# ***The Bellringer***

***Christ Episcopal Church  
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***June, 2011***

## ***Summer Schedule***

***Beginning June 26, 2011***

***Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
Will be at 9:00 am***

***Nursery Care Provided***

***“This is my commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.”  
John 15:12***

In this crazy, sometimes mixed up world, we sometimes forget some of the basic things that we are taught by our church. After all, who doesn't get wrapped up in all the day-to-day challenges trying to keep food on the table, pay the bills, deal with rude people on the road or in-line at the store, obnoxious phone calls, crime all around us—in short, just trying to survive?

As Episcopalians, we are taught that God loves us. This should be enough to help us understand that there is more to life than just the day to day – there is a whole universe of love and compassion for us, if we can only open ourselves to it.

How do we do that? We are commanded by God to love one another. If everyone lived this way, behaved this way, what a wonderful world this could be! Let's all take a step in that direction, starting today! Smile when someone is rude to you, let that other car go first—sometimes just little steps can go a long way!

## **The RT. REV. ROBERT ANDERSON**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Native Staten Islander the Right Rev. Robert Marshall Anderson, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota from 1978 to 1993 and a former assisting bishop in the Diocese of Los Angeles, died Tuesday in Minneapolis of pancreatic cancer. He was 77.

He was born and reared in New Brighton and graduated from Curtis High School, where he was president of the Class of 1952. He returned to the Island for his induction into the Curtis Hall of Fame in 2005.

“The Episcopal Church has lost a great soul,” said Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. “Bishop Anderson prodded and led this church in the midst of many highly significant concerns. He was a leader in developing effective responses to sexual misconduct.”



As bishop of Minnesota, Bishop Anderson oversaw 126 parishes and missions; helped write clergy discipline and misconduct guidelines, and placed women and gay and lesbian clergy in church leadership positions.

During his Los Angeles service, Bishop Anderson made pastoral visits to nearly all of the diocese’s 147 congregations. He retired from the Los Angeles Diocese in 2008 after 47 years of ministry. At that time, Bishop Anderson and his wife, Mary Artemis Evans Anderson, took up permanent residence in the couple’s 130-year-old Door County, Wis., farmhouse.

Bishop Anderson frequently summarized his ministry in three words: The baptismal covenant. “I tell congregations, this is our common life, our work together,” he said in 2008, when he retired. “It’s what I speak about almost every time I go to a church,” he added, emphasizing the promises to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Bishop Anderson was born Dec. 18, 1933, to Arthur and Hazel Anderson. Growing up as a parishioner of Christ Episcopal Church, he had no inkling he would be a priest, much less a bishop.

A basketball player at Curtis, he graduated from Colgate University in 1955. He said his understanding of Asian culture grew while he served in the U.S. Army’s 24th Infantry Division in Korea in 1955-1956.

He enrolled in the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University and was awarded a Danforth fellowship to serve for a year as a college chaplain at Northwestern University in Evanston. There, he met Mary Artemis Evans, a Minneapolis native and history and English senior. They were married Aug. 24, 1960, and returned to New Haven, where Mary taught school for a time and he completed his final year of seminary at Berkeley, graduating cum laude in 1961.

He was ordained a deacon June 13, 1961, and a priest on April 1, 1962. He served several Connecticut congregations, including stints as curate (1961-63) and later as associate rector (1968-72) at historic St. John’s Church, Stamford. He also served as vicar of a yoked parish, Christ Church, Middle Haddam, and St. John’s, East Hampton, from 1963 to 1968.

In 1972, the family headed west, to Salt Lake City, Utah, when he was called as dean of St. Mark’s Cathedral. He was awarded a doctor of divinity degree from Yale University in 1977. He was elected the seventh bishop of Minnesota and consecrated Feb. 11, 1978. At the time of his election he was the youngest bishop in the Episcopal Church. By the time he retired, he was the second-longest serving bishop in the Anglican Communion.

Advance records show he returned to Staten Island on numerous occasions over the years, attending Curtis reunions and preaching on several occasions at Christ Church.

Survivors include Mary, his wife of 50 years; three daughters, Martha Anderson, Elizabeth Kempe and Catherine Gregg; a son, Thomas, and eight grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark’s Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis. Burial will be in the columbarium of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul in Los Angeles at a later date.

## Missions Report June 2011

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Lenten Mission to collect funds to buy vitamins for the children of St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children in Haiti. We collected \$570! This will go a long way in keeping our children healthy!

Closer to home, we are providing another six months' worth of Birthday Bags for our Covenant to Care children served by our Social Worker, Christine Nucci. We could use some donations to replenish our funds for this program. Each bag costs about \$35, which includes a \$20 gift card, so if you wish to honor someone, think of donating a bag in his/her name. Please make out checks to Christ Church and put "Missions- Birthday" in the memo line.

Our next meeting is June 7 at 6 pm at the home of Donna Long. Join us!

Speaking of Covenant to Care, please read what has been provided by this organization and contact Gail Hamm or Eileen Daley if you wish to speak out on their behalf. We are part of the Adopt A Social Worker Program.

**Elimination of Covenant to Care as a line item has been proposed in the Office of Policy & Management budget.** Our DCF contract accounts for roughly 36% of our operating budget and pays for the salaries of our Adopt-A-Social Worker program coordinators allowing donations from the general public to go toward the goods and services for the over 25,000 children served every year by Covenant to Care. For every state dollar received, CCC is able to return \$6.80 in goods and services to the children of Connecticut in the form of clothes, beds and countless other immediate and essential needs.

The legislature will be voting on the final budget by June 8th, 2011. Now is the only chance you will have to express an opinion.

Please call and email all of the appropriation's committee members, and also your individual state representatives urging them to reconsider the elimination of our cost effective and critical state funding for children. Please be sure to say Covenant to Care and DCF budget when you talk or write a legislator about this issue.

Just to clarify: the line item in the DCF budget is "Covenant to Care". It is not our full name and it is not any program name.

If we can mobilize our friends in faith-based organizations and all of the social workers with whom we work we may be able to change some hearts and minds before it is too late. The children cannot wait.

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## Covenant to Care for Children, Inc. (CCC)

CCC is a 25-year-old statewide nonprofit agency.

Our total operating budget is \$767,273 for FY 11 (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011).

CCC has 8 staff positions.

247 faith and community based organizations and businesses have covenants or are doing special projects through CCC.

1,900 faith and community based organizations, and businesses are on our mailing list.

We serve the entire state of Connecticut.

FY 11, we will have served 27,000 children statewide, children who received basic necessities through CCC's network of faith and community based organizations, volunteers, individual donors and businesses.

FY 11, 72% of children served were on DCF caseload.

2,767 active volunteers statewide.

FY 10, CCC received \$268,041 from DCF in state and federal dollars, and provided donated goods and services totaling \$1,050,831 to children and families.

**For every State dollar we receive, \$6.80 is returned to the state in goods and services.**

**Adopt A Social Worker** - Faith-based organizations adopt a DCF caseworker and sign a covenant to provide the material goods needed by the children and caregivers in the social worker's caseload. In FY 11, we project that 26,000 children were served by this program. This program has two full-time staff people.

**Critical Goods Delivery Program** responds to the needs of families who are at risk of losing their children or who are being reunified with their children. In FY 11, we project that 360 children were served in this program. Donations of beds, cribs, and other household items are picked up and delivered to families to satisfy the requirements for getting back or keeping their children. The program has one full time staff person.

**Crisis Food Support Program** is a program for delivering fresh and staple foods for one-time emergencies in families with children in the North end of Hartford and in the New Britain DCF region. We project that 400 children and 248 adults will have received assistance by the end of calendar year 2011.

**Mentoring Program** - a best practices one-on-one mentoring program, faith-based organizations act as host sites for the program and provide volunteers who coordinate the program. In FY 11, 22 DCF involved youth were matched with mentors. This program is critical for teens who have no positive role models, are without familial connections, and are at risk or of becoming pregnant or who have a child.

**Children's Enrichment Fund** responds to unusual requests for children and youth. Social workers can request these funds to cover needs of children that are not met by State Government departments, other agencies, or our other CCC programs. Examples are camp experiences, haircuts, lessons, tutoring, special books, or other aids. More than 500 children are served each year by this program.

## **JUNE CALENDAR**

June 5	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist—Rite II
June 7	6:00 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting Home of Donna Long
June 12	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist—Rite II <b>Pentecost Sunday—Wear Red to Church</b>
June 19	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist—Rite II J.A.M. Graduation
June 21	6:30 p.m.	Vestry and Officers' Meeting
June 26	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist—Rite II

Congratulations to Clive Tucceri and Herschel Connor upon their upcoming wedding on Saturday, July 2, 2011!

### **TREASURY NOTE**

People have been kind enough to keep current with their pledges so far this year. The Vestry and Officers humbly thanks you for this. On behalf of Barry Edmonds, who is sipping a Mai Tai as he wades in the Molokai surf, I just ask to maintain your good efforts as we enter the late spring/summer months.

Thank you,  
Jerry Graham

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

Amy Garofalo, Jason Lanzi, Jean, Jeannie, Jessie, Jo, Ted, Winston, Anthony, Claudia White, Claire Megan, Wayne Stanley Sr., Bob Owen, Ralph Little, Donna Hryb, Clive Tucceri, Anna Bauer, Bernie Karl, Gracie, Frank Wadsworth, Eunice Sudol, May Ayers, and the family of friends of Norma Anderson Fontanelli, and Mary McKinney,



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