

OSA Concert Series Redux

Do you remember the BIG SNOW of October 29th? Because of it and the subsequent loss of power for most of an eternity, we needed to reschedule the first in our 2011-2012 concert series.

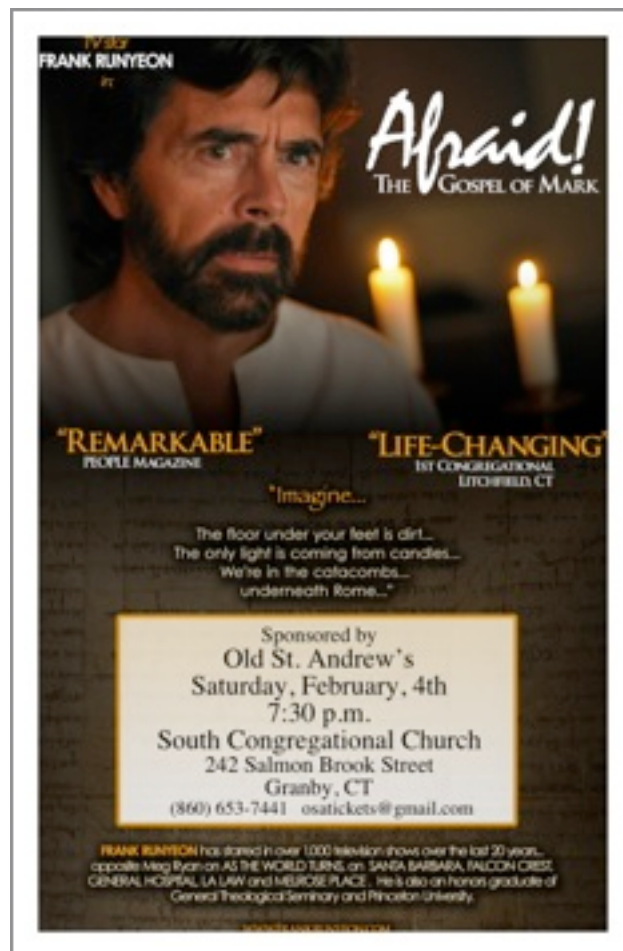
The Alta Wind Trio will now perform at Old St. Andrew's on Friday evening, February 10th at 7.30 p.m.



For tickets (only \$10!), call 860.653.7441 or go on-line: osatickets@gmail.com. If you have subscribed or made reservations last fall, of course they will be honored.

The Alta Wind Trio is a renaissance group that uses period instruments. They're incredibly accomplished and well known in the area. Love music? Don't miss this.

Daniel Green, Gwendolyn Winkel and Peter Braunfield have been making their extraordinary music for 25 years. Bring friends. Make it a date night!



Old St. Andrew's, in concert with South Congregational Church in Granby, is pleased to present *Afraid, The Gospel of Mark* on Saturday, February 4th at 7.30 p.m. The venue is South Congregational Church, Granby.

This production, by Hollywood star Frank Runyeon, is world class quality. Inspiring, at times funny and incredibly inspirational, you will never forget being on the ground with Jesus as a part of the Gospel of Mark.

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Rector's Letter

The Rev'd Erl G. Purnell

Doesn't it seem like there's always a lot going on around Old St. Andrew's?

Christmas was chock-a-block busy. We had our yearly visit from the paper mâché crèche figures (*love the angels!*) who live most of the year in the loft above the nave.

Then we also had visits from *Food for the Poor's* Bill Beers who thanked OSA for the house we built in Haiti in 2008 and Jean-Elie Millien who told us about his vision for rebuilding École le Bon Samaritain in Carrefour, Haiti. So, too, Shayson & Shane Shepherd were baptized and welcomed into the Body of Christ. And, by the time you read this, we'll have had our 272nd annual meeting.

Big news, we finally have a new Parish Directory. If you find any errors or would like to update your information, please call or send an email to Karen. It's important that we keep your information current. We're especially interested in having accurate email addresses as that's the very best way for us to communicate quickly with most parishioners.

Winter so far? What winter? Seems like it came on October 29th for the season. Well, as I'm writing well before February, perhaps we'll have had some cold and snow by the time this Crier is published.



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As we move into 2012, Junior Warden Doug Barnard has pledged to put together several work parties. Over the years we seem to accumulate way too much junk. It gathers in closets, the corners of our two furnace rooms, in the hallway downstairs and the closet off the Parish Hall, and especially in the balcony of the church. What to do?

Throw most of the unused, unrecognized, unwanted stuff in the dump or give useful items to the Hispanic Mission.

But, we also want to be careful. For example, there are old 1928 Prayer Books in the small cupboard on the side wall by the closet under the stairs in the church. It's



not that they're ever going to be used, but they're a part of our history. Likewise, the doors that were once on each pew are in a heap in the balcony, along with some left over piping from when stoves (kind of) heated the church.

As you may have seen at the annual meeting and can read about elsewhere in this Crier, we are about to be blessed with new choir robes. The generosity of many choirsters, especially Ellie Sulston and the ongoing thoughtfulness of Betsy Rich, enable us to acquire the robes. We are indeed blessed! *Thank you all!*

One last thing. Old St. Andrew's is a church, a public place. We gather to worship and share in fellowship week-by-week. Only a few places are designated for personal or somewhat private use—specifically the sacristy and my office.

That said, from time to time OSA hosts private parties, wedding and funeral receptions, choir practices and other events. In January, for example, a child's birthday party was held in the Parish Hall. On March 16, the Hartford Opera Theater will hold their spring fund raiser at OSA.

We try to put these events on the website calendar so all will be aware that some of our spaces are being used for specific purposes. And, we want people to use our facilities.

When an event occurs at OSA, please be respectful of those people using the spaces. Our thoughtfulness and hospitality are an important part of who we are.

As always, Blessings & Peace.

Puck.



Music & Choir

The premier of OSA's Concert Series is finally on our doorstep with **The Alta Wind Trio bringing us beautiful Renaissance music on Friday, February 10, at 7.30 pm.** Tickets for the postponed November 4th concert will be honored and you may purchase tickets for the three concert series at osatickets@gmail.com or by calling **David Russell at (860)653-7441.**

With the beginning of Lent this month, we are having a very special **Evensong on Shrove Tuesday, February 21 at 6.30 p.m.** The choir will perform "*The 23rd Psalm*" by H.W. Zimmerman with James Queiros on the upright bass. And, Phillip Martin, Composer in Residence with The Hartford Opera Theater, has written two new pieces for this occasion. Dana Kephart and James Querios will perform Martin's "*Magnificat*" for mezzo-soprano and upright bass and our own quartet (Liz, Dana, Michael and Tom) will sing Martin's "*Nunc Dimittis*" for quartet and bass. Stephen will be accompanist on all three pieces. We are in for a very special occasion, so do come. A delicious Pancake Supper will follow at 7.15 p.m.

We have been so blessed to have two more altos join our choir this year, **Judy Heath** and **Karen Peters**. Judy lives with her husband in Suffield and has three grown children scattered across

the globe from Simsbury to Wilbraham, Mass. to Australia. Introduced to OSA by Donna Glatz some nine months ago, she felt right away the power and beauty of the choral singing under the excellent direction of Liz. Music is in her heart and she experiences singing as a central act of worship, drawing her closer to God. Her warm welcome by Puck and fellow choir members convinced her this is her church home now.



Karen has come from far and near, having lived for a time in Hong Kong with her husband and then in West Hartford until five years ago. Now on her own, with her three grown children stretched from Conn. to Arizona, she lives right around the corner from OSA on Adams Road. After a number of years singing in the choir at Bethany Lutheran Church in West Hartford where she was an ac-

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complished bell ringer. She finally stopped in at OSA with a friend last June. Liking what she experienced then and urged on by a visit from Puck, she was very clear that to be a member here was, by definition, to be in the choir, not just a passive listener. And so, we have been blessed with two much needed alto voices. Welcome aboard, Judy and Karen.

One final note, please mark your March calendar for the second of our OSA Concert Series. **On Saturday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. The Jen Allen Trio will be featured.** Jen Allen is an internationally known jazz pianist, a product of the Jackie McClean Jazz Institute of The Hartt School of Music. Accompanied by her trio, she will play a mixture of well-known jazz standards as well as some original pieces. It promises to be a very special and entertaining evening indeed!

Please come and support our new concert series. Your presence affirms the wonderful effort we are making to bring outstanding talent and music to OSA.

~ *Ellie Sulston*

In the Moon of Wintertime



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Frank Runyeon's national reputation comes as a result of his skill in interpreting and performing Biblical stories. He has performed *Afraid* for thousands of people



in almost every state in America.

Early in his acting career, Frank played opposite Meg Ryan on *As the World Turns*. He has starred in Emmy award-winning *Santa Barbara*, *General Hospital*, *L.A. LAW*, *Falcon*

Crest, *Melrose Place*, and *All My Children*. He also starred in the feature film *Dark Streets*.

Frank received his B.A. in Religion from Princeton University, and studied at Fuller Seminary and Yale Divinity School before receiving his Masters, with honors, from General Theological Seminary.

Frank's other one-person productions are: *Sermon on the Mount*; *The 3 ½ Stories of Christmas*; *The Gospel of John*; "SIGNS;" *SALT & LIGHT* (a comedy for kids).

For tickets, call 860.653.7441 or go online to osatickets@gmail.com. \$15 in advance; \$12 for students; \$18 at the door.



New Choir Robes!

Over the past year, perhaps you've noticed that the OSA choir keeps growing. Along with this wonderful phenomenon came a high class problem: we ran out of robes! Currently, the choir has 30 members (including the music staff), and OSA owns 24 choir robes. The red and beige robes were purchased over 15 years ago and have served us well.

In October, I formed a committee to look at the possibility of getting new robes. Patty Connolly, Bobbi Seaton, Nancy Hyatt and I met, pored over catalogues, ordered samples and selected a robe. We will be purchasing our new robes from the Shenandoah Robe Company. They will be midnight blue, and will include a matching blue stole with ivory satin trim. This model, the "symphony" robe, is one of Shenandoah's most popular sellers. We know that the choir will love wearing it and that the congregation will love looking at it! The robe committee began measuring each choir member in January (the robes are being custom made!) and we hope to begin wearing them on either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Best of all was the response to this campaign from the choir. Over 50% of the funds needed to purchase the new robes came directly from the choir. The rest of the monies came from two gifts: Betsy Rich generously dedicated the

remaining funds given in memory of Jack (after she purchased our new LEVAS hymnals) to the choir robe campaign and Ellie Sulston made the wonderful gift of covering the shortfall. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to the campaign. I know I speak for the entire choir and congregation when I say that I can't wait to see the new robes!

New Choir Robe



Craig Scott, chorister & OSA treasurer, models our new choir robe. What a wonderful edition to our choir.

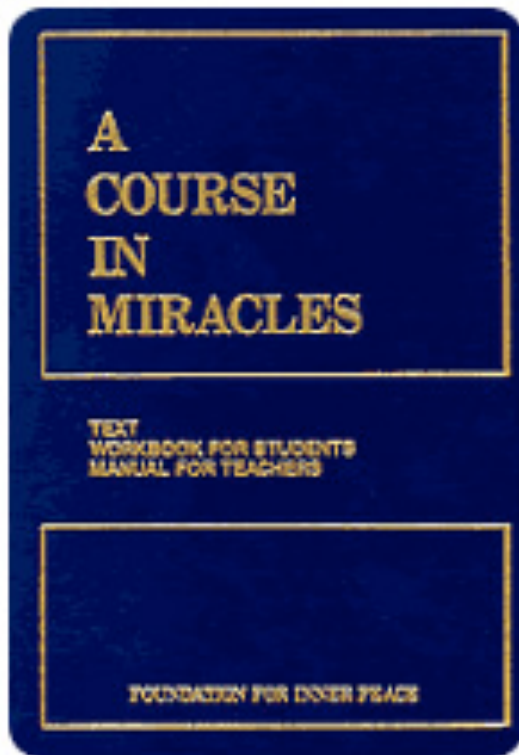
~ Liz Miller





A Course in Miracles

On February 12, Joanne Kimball will present an introduction to *A Course in Miracles*, a self-study guide to spiritual transformation.



Joanne, who has been a student and teacher of *A Course in Miracles* for the past 24 years, will discuss how this practical and experiential guide aims to help the student re-train and quiet the mind and so awaken or come closer to his or her own Inner Teacher. Though essentially Christian in content, *A Course in Miracles* sheds new light on love, faith and forgiveness as healing tools for anyone who seeks to enhance his or her spiritual practice.

Adult Education

We continue to work on our Lenten series, **“The World as Seen Through the Eyes of our Youth.”**

John Conard-Malley will present a forum on **March 18, 2012**. Although this is his first year at Hobart, he is willing to take the time to share his thoughts with us.

In John’s words: *“I believe that Steve Jobs’ philosophy of innovation relied heavily upon following heart and intuition, so I believe I will most likely talk about both the modern philosophy (or art) of innovation and following your heart or intuition.*

“I want to show how Steve became the man he was and why people, like myself, have found him to be so interesting and inspiring.

“I think we can all learn from Steve, both the good and the bad. And I want to give those who would not normally hear about these things the opportunity to do so.”

Let’s make a special effort to support our young people in this exciting endeavor.

We continue to want a diverse, challenging and profound agenda. If you wish to explore a topic, comment on a program or become involved in the committee, please don’t hesitate to call Puck at 860.508.1898 or Pat Penney at 745-2718, e:mail patpenct@cox.net.

~ Pat Penney



Recycling on Hoskins

For the February Earth Charter spotlight, one exceptional OSA parishioner deserves special recognition. Nine year-old Taylor Bowie has adopted and consistently maintains the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle habit at both home and school. She recycles at home, has a kitchen compost pail and a compost area in her yard. She said sometimes it gets a little stinky, but it's worth it. For the redeemable items, she and her father, Doug, venture to Stop & Shop to cash in on her efforts.

At her school, St. Thomas the Apostle, students recycle milk cartons, plastic and cans. Students also reuse paper and plastic bags. The children are encouraged to adopt a sustainable lifestyle. Her school librarian also helps students maintain a growing garden. Whether it's planting, weeding or watering, all children have some form of responsibility caring for the garden.

With help from her mom Cory, Taylor earned a Recycle badge from Girl Scouts. Taylor and her mom did a Capri Sun Drink Pouch Brigade. Since Capri Sun juice pouches are non-recyclable, it poses an extra effort. Kraft Foods works with TerraCycle, an organization that creates national recycling systems for previously non-recyclable or hard-to-recycle waste. They convert the pouches into a wide variety of products

and materials. Items such as fashion bags, totes and pencil cases are made from Capri Sun juice pouches.

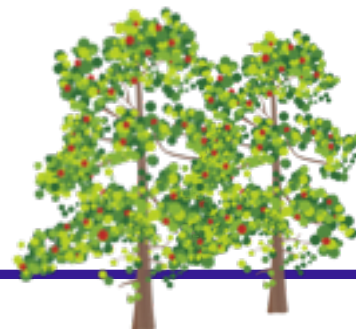


Taylor Bowie & her compost bucket, "Stinky"

Taylor gets a lot of support and encouragement from her parents. Because of their diligence and consistency with living responsibly, Taylor and her LEGO-loving brother, James, have learned the importance of sustainable living. When asked what she thought, Taylor says, *"I've always been a recycler!"*

The mission of the Earth Charter Initiative is to promote the transition to sustainable ways of living and a global society founded on a shared ethical framework that includes respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, universal human rights, respect for diversity, economic justice, democracy, and a culture of peace.

~ Cami Beiter





Episcopal Church Women

Betty Kelly and Patty Connolly were in attendance at our January meeting. Welcome to them.

Most of our meeting was discussing the Christmas Bazaar and ways to refine and improve it. Patty had a lot of wonderful suggestions that we will be implementing. Vote was taken to send \$2500 to the "Women's Center" in the Congo to cover some of the expenses in the letter that was written in the January Crier.

May 3, 2012 is the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women's annual meeting and luncheon at the Aqua Turf in Southington. The keynote speaker will be Kim Roby, chairman of Anglican Women's Empowerment (AWE). More information to follow.

Our May 8th meeting will be the Annual May Wine Luncheon. Peggy Stanwood has graciously offered her house for this event. We will meet 9:30 am, at the church, for a short meeting and then go to Peggy's around 11:45 a.m.

May 19th is the ABC sale and more information will follow on this also.

~ Shirley Greiman

ABC

A Meditation for Troubled Times

In these hard times I would like to start a bank. Call it a people's bank, a credit union of grace. What God has given me, through grace undeserved, I gladly invest, to be shared freely, with all those in need.



Those who have prayed so hard for work, those who long for healing, those whose hearts or minds are burdened, all those in any need, may come here and receive a loan of hope without fear of being turned down.

All that is asked is that when life becomes a blessing, they return to invest a tithe of mercy for others.

My bank of answered prayer is open for business. Call it a people's bank. Call it a community

~ Bishop Steven Charleston



Calendar of Events

On-going Weekly			
Sunday		8 & 10 a.m. 9.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Child Care
Wednesday		12.15 p.m.	Theology Sandwiched In & Holy Eucharist
Thursday		7.00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Day	Date	Time	Event
February 2012			
Saturday	4	7.30 p.m.	<i>Afraid The Gospel of Mark</i> w/ Frank Runyeon at South Church, Granby
Friday	10	7.00 p.m.	Alta Wind Trio - Tickets \$10
Tuesday	14	9.30 a.m. 7. p.m.	ECW Meeting Vestry Meeting
Tuesday	21	6.30 p.m. 7.15 p.m.	EvenSong Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Ash Wednesday	22	12.15 p.m. 7 p.m.	Holy Eucharist w/ ashes if desired
March 2012			
Saturday	10	7.30 p.m.	Jenn Allen Jazz Trio - Tickets \$10
Tuesday	13	9.30 a.m. 7. p.m.	ECW Meeting Vestry Meeting
Friday	16	7 p.m.	H.O.T. Fund Raiser
April 2012			
Palm Sunday	1	8 & 10 a.m.	Bishop Ahrens visits at 10 a.m.
Easter Sunday	8	8 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist w/ full choir & instruments both services