

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

December 30, 2012



The "Greening of the Church" began after the 11 a.m. service last Sunday, when members of the Altar Guild, and "honorary" members (thanks, husbands!) gathered to transform the Sanctuary from the subdued colors of Advent to the brilliant reds and greens of Christmas. Above, Steve Zacharis carries in one of the wreaths that graced the Sanctuary — yes, the wreaths on the wall behind the altar are that big! See inside for a look at what it takes to hang the wreaths.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** — What a glorious Christmas we've had so far at St. Andrew's, beginning with the Drama Ministry's presentation of "The Twelve Voices of Christmas" on Sunday, Dec. 23, and continuing through Christmas Eve last Monday. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" continue through "Twelfth Night" this coming Saturday, Jan. 5, and on Sunday, Jan. 6, we'll celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany," the traditional observance of the Visitation of the Magi to the Christ Child.

## Orientation to St. Andrew's Jan. 13

The next session of *Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's* will be Sunday, Jan. 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Parish House Conference Room. Class 101 is an orientation to St. Andrew's, and covers the benefits of belonging to our parish, our purpose, mission and beliefs. It is designed to show you how our "M.A.D.E. in Christ" spiritual development process will help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and live out God's purposes for your life. The class is taught by **Fr. Ron Baird**, our rector.

You may register by contacting **Judy**  
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## New Year's Eve Adult Social, midnight Eucharist planned

Have you made your New Year's Eve plans yet? If not, consider ringing in the New Year with your parish family!

Adults in the parish are invited to attend the fourth annual St. Andrew's New Year's Eve party on Monday, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m. Those attending are asked to contribute their favorite appetizer/snack and beverage to share. There will be games — including a couple of new ones — with prizes; a raffle for a prize; and lots of fun and fellowship.

At 11:30 p.m., **Fr. Ron Baird** will celebrate Holy Communion. Following the Liturgy of the Word, at the time announcements would usually be made, those attending will watch the ball drop in New York City's Times Square on the big screens in the Sanctuary. The Great Thanksgiving, with Holy Eucharist, will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, regardless of whether they attend the party.

If you have questions, or would like to attend or help with this event, please contact **Ann Schnapp** at 614-890-5896 or [acbs2@hotmail.com](mailto:acbs2@hotmail.com).



# Stephen Ministers are there for you when a crisis hits

How many times have you, a family member, or a friend gone through a difficult time and needed someone to talk to? That is the perfect time for a Stephen Minister to step in.

Stephen Ministry is a “quiet” ministry at St. Andrew’s. Stephen Ministers are there when people are going through a crisis, such as a serious illness, job loss, divorce, hospitalization, long term illness, a move to a nursing home, empty nest, etc. Stephen Ministers are prepared, trained and available to visit, listen, and pray.

Stephen Ministers have had 50 hours of training to hone their skills and are prepared to give Christian care to those who need to have someone to be there for them. No advice will be given, and all conversations are confidential. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry, and no one will be aware that someone has a Stephen Minister.

If you, a family member, or a friend is in need of a Stephen Minister, you may contact either of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: **Kathy Summers**, 614-939-1649 or [ktsummers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ktsummers@sbcglobal.net), or **Sarah Fabian**, 614-562-6139 or [sarah@standi.com](mailto:sarah@standi.com) for further information or to receive a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers care!

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, visit [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

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## Training for prayer intercessors coming up January 18 & 19

A new year will begin in January for Sunday morning intercessors. In response to God’s calling, intercessors serve Sunday mornings in teams to help their brothers and sisters bring their concerns and thanksgivings to God.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please contact **Mother Nanci James** at 614-895-0144. Training for intercessors involves a meeting at St. Andrew’s concerning confidentiality and duties of an intercessor, plus a weekend class to develop listening skills on Friday evening, January 18, and Saturday, January 19, at the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. Cost for this course, the textbook and workbook and a soup lunch is \$25.

Intercessors must be members of St. Andrew’s, have completed training, be comfortable praying out loud with people and be approved for this ministry by the Rector. Once trained, they are asked to commit to the ministry for two years.

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## Ministry reports due Jan. 27

It’s that time of year! If you are a leader of a ministry or group, your ministry reports for inclusion in the 2012 Annual Report are due by Sunday, Jan. 27. The 2012 Annual Report will be made available to the parish on Feb. 17 in preparation for the Annual Meeting on Feb. 24. Details will follow. A form with a suggested outline for your report will e-mailed to ministry leaders with e-mail access this week. For information, please contact **Judy Baird** at [jbaird@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org) or 740-548-5112, ext. 3.

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## Cost of Mother Nancy’s lift chair covered!

St. Andrew’s parishioners have contributed generously toward a the purchase of a special lift chair for **Mother Nancy Stanton**, and the cost of the chair has now been covered in full!. **Didi Loseth**, who spearheaded the project, tells us that Mother Nancy is enjoying the chair, and thanks everyone for their part in this incredible gift, which is used every day.

Mother Nancy is now making her home with her daughter at 291 Adario Rd. West, Shiloh, OH 44878.

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## Orientation

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**Baird**, 740-548-5112, ext. 3 or [jbaird@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org). Child care will be provided for those families who need it, but we do ask that you let us know when you register so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

### Who should attend Class 101?

Anyone who is interested in joining St. Andrew’s, or just wants to know more about our mission and ministry!

### I’m already Episcopalian/Anglican. Do I still need to take Class 101?

If you want to join St. Andrew’s, yes! Class 101: Discover St. Andrew’s is our formal method of incorporation into the parish. We think it’s important to know a little bit about who we are before you join our parish family. This class focuses more on the mission and ministry of St. Andrew’s than it does on the Episcopal or Anglican faith tradition.

### I’ve been attending St. Andrew’s for awhile. Do I need to take the class?

We welcome your presence with us in worship and other activities, regardless of whether you’ve made a formal commitment to membership at St. Andrew’s. We believe, however, that there are some important reasons to make a commitment to a local church community, and this class will help you decide if that is something you’d like to do. Making a formal commitment to membership also makes you eligible to vote in parish elections and serve in positions of parish leadership.

### If I take Class 101, am I obligated to join the parish?

Although you will be invited to join St. Andrew’s at the close of the class, you are under no obligation to do so. Once you complete the class, you may join the parish at any time simply by signing and returning the Membership Covenant that is in the Participant’s Manual that you will receive.

### I’d like to have my child baptized at St. Andrew’s. Do I need to take Class 101?

Yes! When your child is baptized at St. Andrew’s, he or she becomes a member of this parish. We believe it’s important that the parents be members too, since they are covenanting to raise the child in the faith, and our congregation is covenanting to support the child being baptized and his or her parents.



And you thought decorating your home for the Christmas was a challenge! This page, Larry Baldwin, Alan Seitz, Bernie and Ellie Schramm, Mike Brust, and Steve Zacharias decorate and hang the wreaths on the wall behind the Sanctuary.





## Winter weather alerts

As we head into winter, please remember to check the website before heading out for events and activities at the church if weather conditions are deteriorating, roads are in poor driving condition, or there are snow emergencies in Delaware or Franklin counties.

## Holiday office closings

The parish office will be closed through Jan. 1 to allow our staff to enjoy the Christmas holiday with their families. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 2. If you have questions about your year-end giving, or any other urgent church-related business to conduct, please call the office at 740-548-5112, ext. 2 and leave a voice mail message, and someone will return your call.

**Fr. Ron** is also reachable in case of emergency by leaving messages at 740-548-5112, ext. 1.

## Year-end business notes

### 2012 receipts due

Ministry leaders and others who may have receipts to be turned in for reimbursement for church-related purchases in 2012 are also asked to turn them in by noon on Dec. 21. Reimbursement forms are available in the green basket on top of the mail boxes in the Gathering Area, and at the parish office.

### Note to electronic givers

Parishioners who are using e-giving should be sure to change their January pledge to "General Fund 2013." You can re-select that option on the e-giving website by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on the home page of our web site, [www.standrewspolaris.org](http://www.standrewspolaris.org).

### Gifts for year-end tax benefit

Parishioners who choose to make stock transfer gifts and other special contributions to the church prior to the end of the year for tax purposes are asked to do so by Dec. 31. Gifts of stock should be made well before Dec. 31 since it takes several days for the transfer to come through to St. Andrew's.

### 2012 giving reports mailed

If you were not here to pick up your 2012 pledge and giving statement last week they were mailed to you this week. These statements are being made available because giving statements are no longer available online, and a number of parishioners had asked if they could have a printed copy of their record of giving to the 2012 General Fund before the end of the year. Please note that these reports are only to give you a picture of your giving to date. Pledge giving statements for tax purposes will be issued in January, along with a complete report of your giving through the end of this year to the three-year Building Fund.

*If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact **Ruth Eller**, business manager, at 740-548-5112, ext. 2 or [reller@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:reller@standrewspolaris.org).*

## The Daily Lectionary

### Week of the First Sunday in Christmas (Year C)

#### Dec. 30, 2012-Jan. 5, 2013

**Sunday, Dec. 30** — Psalms 93, 96/34; Isaiah 62:6-7,10-12; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 1:18-25

**Monday, Dec. 31** — A.M.: Psalm 46, 48; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2; John 8:12-19 **Eve of the Feast of the Holy Name** — P.M.: Psalm 90; Isaiah 65:15b-25; Revelation 21:1-6

**Tuesday, Jan. 1, Feast of the Holy Name** — Psalm 103/148; Genesis 17:1-12a,15-16; Colossians 2:6-12; John 16:23b-30

**Wednesday, Jan. 2**, Psalms 34/33; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12; John 6:35-42, 48-51

**Thursday, Jan. 3** — Psalms 68/72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22; John 10:7-17

**Friday, Jan. 4** — Psalms 85, 87/89:1-29; Exodus 3:1-12; Hebrews 11:23-31; John 14:6-14

**Saturday, Jan. 5** — A.M.: Psalm 2, 110:1-5(6-7); Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2; John 15:1-16 **Eve of The Epiphany**: P.M.: Psalm 29, 98; Isaiah 66:18-23; Romans 15:7-13

**Next Sunday, Jan. 6, The Epiphany** — Psalms 46, 97/96, 100; Isaiah 52:7-10; Revelation 21:22-27; Matt. 12:14-21

*Note: Except where noted, the first set of the morning, and the second set for the evening.*

### Next Sunday's Lessons • The Epiphany, Jan. 6, 2013

**Collect** • BCP 162 (8 a.m.); BCP 214 (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

**Preface of The Epiphany** • BCP 346 (8 a.m.); BCP 378 (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

**Old Testament Lesson** • Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7 (BCP 685)

**New Testament Lesson** • Ephesians 3:1-12

**Gospel** • Matthew 2:1-12

## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for **Archbishop Bolly Lapok**, **Assistant Bishop Aeries Sumping**, and for the other bishops, clergy and people of the Church of the Province of South East Asia. The province includes four dioceses spread out over nine countries: Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, and Nepal. Although numerically small (some 98,000 congregants), the province has experienced spiritual renewal and is actively involved in mission work in various other parts of the world. Please pray especially for the continuing success of the work in evangelism and with youth.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Deacon Charlotte Schmotzer** and for seminarian **Kevin Krumenauer**.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Marty** and **Pam Boratyn**, **Fr. Ric** and **Val Bowser**, and **Dan and Christine Brill**; for the **Women's Small Group**; and for **Common Ground Free Store Ministries**.

## No Sunday School today

Because many teachers and families are traveling this holiday season, St. Andrew's children will worship with their parents today. The regular Sunday School schedule will resume next Sunday, Jan. 6.