

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday • May 27, 2012

Coming together with a common purpose

At the St. Andrew's Leadership Touchstone gathering earlier this month, **Fr. Ron Baird** challenged ministry and small group leaders to take up the mantle of servant leadership modeled for us by Christ himself. It was a model that his apostles followed after his resurrection and ascension, creating the climate that allowed Christianity to take root and flourish, spreading across continents and centuries, to us today.

Reminding the leaders of Jesus' commandment that we love one another, he encouraged them to work with their ministry team members to find ways to serve one another, with the goal of uniting our parish family as one in Christ. And he talked about ways to turn problems into opportunities.

Working quietly behind the scenes, a group of Vestry and Finance Team members and other lay people were already doing these very things! The result: The \$8,000 deficit in the 2012 General Fund operating budget — created by a number of factors, the difficult economic climate chief among them — has been reduced by nearly half!

Two events this month have generated more than \$3,000, which will help offset the budget deficit, and a trio of programs that will give parishioners the opportunity to support St. Andrew's financially at no additional

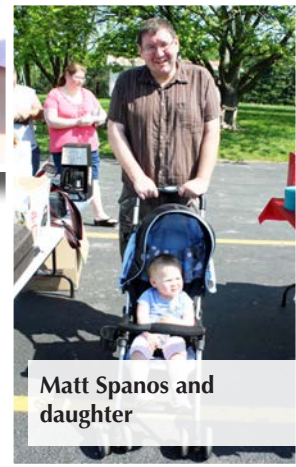
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Roof replaced after storm damage

Workers replaced the roof on both the church building and Parish House this week, after both sustained wind and hail damage in the storm that swept through southern Delaware County on March 18. We give thanks to God that the cost of replacing the roof, which totalled about \$27,000, was covered by our insurance company!



Julie Baldwin, coordinator of The Spring Sale, left, and Wini Cloran.



Matt Spanos and daughter



Ed and Kathy Summers



Dan McNelis

Coming together

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out-of-pocket expense, will go even further toward balancing the budget.

St. Andrew's Day at Max & Erma's

St. Andrew's Day at Max & Erma's at Polaris on May 6 netted \$267.23, representing 20 percent of sales totalling \$1,336.15. And every bit as important as the money brought in was the fellowship enjoyed by more than 30 families who came out to support the church, and the recognition it brought to St. Andrew's. A big thank-you to **Mary Templeton**, who organized the event.

The Spring Sale

Customers were queued up at 7:30 a.m. for the rummage sale that began at 9 o'clock, and the warm weather assured that the Graeter's ice cream sale was popular, not just on Saturday, but the next day at church, too! While the final figures aren't yet in, we do know that combined with the bake sale and iPad raffle, these activities brought in more than \$3,000, surpassing last fall's Harvest Festival and Rummage Sale! We are especially grateful to **Julie Baldwin**, coordinator of The Spring Sale, and her team of volunteers who worked countless hours before, during and after the event to make it a success. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Gift cards, groceries and other assorted goodies

The ideas for the preceding fund-raisers grew out of the small group discussions held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in February, and planted seeds for other fund-raising ideas and opportunities. Our newest ventures are partnerships with two grocery stores and a company that offers gift and other pre-paid cards to allow you to support the church while you're doing your normal everyday shopping. And while the church will benefit, there is no extra cost to you for any of these programs!



Kroger Community Rewards

Do you shop at Kroger? St. Andrew's recently enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program,

established to distribute up to \$4 million annually between enrolled non-profit 501 (c) 3 organizations.

Kroger calculates quarterly rebates based upon eligible purchases made by Kroger Plus cardholders. To participate, you must register online. Just go to krogercommunityrewards.com with your Kroger Plus card handy and register today!

You can use "St. Andrew's Anglican Church" or our number:

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It's easy! It's fast! And, you will help St. Andrew's while doing your regular shopping.



The Great Lakes Scrip Center

Scrip is a fund-raising program that works while you shop. The term "scrip" simply means "substitute money." When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and pre-paid cards that are used just like cash, with a dollar-for-dollar value.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our church without spending a single additional penny. And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out. Many of the major retailers and restaurants along Polaris Parkway and in your neighborhood participate.

How does scrip generate revenue for us? The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount, and part of that discount is passed on to the participating non-profit organization. For every gift card you purchase through ShopWithScrip.com, St. Andrew's will receive a rebate

ranging from two to 15 percent. (Please note that Scrip certificate payments are not tax deductible because you receive dollar for dollar value.) To purchase scrip, just log on to ShopWithScrip.com, and register. Follow the prompts, and when you get to the page that asks for your organization's Enrollment Code, enter:

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Marketplace

GFS FunFunds

The parish is also participating in GFS Marketplace's FunFunds program, a unique, year-round program where organizations can earn quarterly rebate dollars, based on the collective purchases of all members who sign up and show their card when shopping at GFS Marketplace.

More than 1,000 items in GFS stores are labeled for the FunFunds program. Based on the quarterly purchases of our card-holding members, we can earn up to a 10 percent rebate!

Fun Funds is free. There are no costs up front, and GFS stores don't charge a membership fee.

You may register online at:

www.gfs.com/funfunds/home.page?OrgNumber=2502848

Members who enroll online will receive two valuable offers: a \$10 discount on their first purchase and a \$10 donation to St. Andrew's on their second purchase.

Paper enrollment forms for those without Internet access are available at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Links for all of these fund-raising programs are posted on the Member Connection of our web site.

Thanks to **Robin Field**, who is coordinating the Kroger Community Rewards program; **Meg Patton**, who is coordinating Scrip; and **Marty Scott**, who is coordinating the GFS FunFunds program! You may contact them if you have questions about the individual program they are coordinating.

Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit!

By Fr. Ron Baird

The Feast of Pentecost is so named because it comes 50 days after Easter. "Pente" is the Latin word for "five," as in pentagram, thus Pentecost — the feast of 50 days.

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church because it was on Pentecost that God sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. If you recall, Jesus promised to send the Counsellor to be with his followers before he ascended into Heaven. Ten days later the Holy Spirit descended upon them as "Tongues of Fire." They began with fervor to preach, telling everyone of the Good News of what God had done in Jesus Christ!

People of various countries and languages were able to hear and understand the Gospel even though the disciples were uneducated men who did not know any language other than their own! Upon hearing the raucous they were creating, the priests of the Temple, thinking they were drunk, ordered them to desist from disturbing the peace.



They responded that they surely were not drunk. It was only 9 o'clock in the morning!

And they proceeded to tell of the Gospel, emboldened by the presence of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and lives.

The author of Acts tell us that about 3,000 people were baptized that day. What a joyous beginning for the Kingdom of God!

Today we will gather to celebrate this great feast of Pentecost. It is accepted as one of the five great feasts of the Church, along with Easter, Christmas, Epiphany and All Saints Day. Though it doesn't often get the attention that Easter or Christmas get, we should make every effort to celebrate it with the same devotion and fervor. It is the feast of God's gift of the Holy Spirit, to the disciples 2,000 years ago, and to us today!

Following the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services, we will process out to the front of the church to set loose hundreds of red balloons filled with helium. These balloons will be symbols of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world, blowing where it will.

Who knows; if some in the community see them they may even ask you why we did that, giving you the opportunity to preach the Gospel as those disciples did at the first Pentecost!



Graduations

Stephen Haines



Stephen Haines

Stephen C. Haines, son of **Chris** and **Kristen Haines**, who just last month was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, graduated Saturday, May 26 from Westerville North High School. Stephen earned a full scholarship through the Air Force ROTC program, and will attend The Ohio State University in the fall.

Brian Johnson

Brian Micheal Johnson, son of **John** and **Kirsten Johnson**, and grandson of **Mother Nancy Stanton** and **David**

Brandenburg, will graduate from Olentangy Liberty High School on Saturday, June 2. Brian, who will graduate Magna Cum Laude and is a member of the National Honor Society, is the recipient of the Davidson College Alumni Grant, and will attend the college in Davidson, N.C. in the fall.

While at Olentangy Liberty, Brian played football, and was named to the First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Delaware County, First-Team All-Metro, and Second Team All-District. He is the recipient of the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award.



Brian Johnson

Jacob Wilson

Jacob Allen Wilson, great-grandson of **Corrine Canter**, graduated from Westerville South High School on Saturday, May 26. The son of **Jerry** and **Jennifer Wilson**, Jacob plans to attend The Ohio State University in the fall.



Jacob Wilson

Graduating?

We want to recognize you!

If you, a child or a grandchild is graduating from high school, college or other degree program, please contact **Judy Baird** at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 614-423-4250, ext. 103 to be included in "The Net." Please let us know the name of the graduate, their relationship to you, the school they are graduating from (including their degree, if college), and their plans following graduation. Pictures are welcomed and encouraged!

Seniors recognized today!

Today during the 9:30 a.m. service we are recognizing St. Andrew's members who are graduating from high school this spring. They are **Stephen Haines**, son of **Chris** and **Kristen Haines**; **Patrick Nelson**, son of **Joe** and **Celia Nelson**; **Ken Purner**, son of **Dan** and the late **Juliann Purner** and grandson of **Donna** and the late **Oran Gough**; and **Allison Quayle**, daughter of **Jeff** and **Jeanne Quayle**.

Congratulations to all of our graduates, and Godspeed as you embark upon the next phase of your lives!

Orientation to St. Andrew's Sunday, June 3

Want to learn more about St. Andrew's? "Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's," an orientation to our parish, will be offered on Sunday, June 3 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Parish House. Class 101 covers the benefits of belonging to St. Andrew's, our purpose, mission and beliefs, and shows 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. 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.

To register, please contact Judy Baird, jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 614-423-4250, ext. 103, or online on the Member Connection of our website, www.standrewspolaris.org.

Congratulations to our iPad winner!

Congratulations to **Steve Bultema**, a member of our parish, who won the new iPad in last Saturday's raffle held in conjunction with The Spring Sale! And thanks to all who supported the parish by purchasing tickets.

Online registration for July 2 blood drive now open

If you signed up earlier this year to donate blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visits St. Andrew's on Monday, July 2, please note that online registration is now open. To sign up for your preferred time, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and click on "Enter a Sponsor Code." On the next page, enter **standac**. This will take you to our blood drive page, where you can select from available appointment times.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Week of the Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension Sunday) • May 20-26

The Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 27 — Psalms 118/145; Deuteronomy 16:9-12; Acts 4:18-21, 23-33; John 4:19-26

Monday, May 28 — Psalms 25/9, 15; Proverbs 10:1-12; 1 Timothy 1:1-17; Matthew 12:22-32

Tuesday, May 29 — Psalms 26, 28/36, 39; Proverbs 15:16-33; 1 Timothy 1:18-2:8; Matthew 12:33-42

Wednesday, May 30 — Psalms 38/119:25-48; Proverbs 17:1-20; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; Matthew 12:43-50 Eve of the Visitation — P.M.: Psalm 132, Isaiah 11:1-10 & Hebrews 2:11-18

Thursday, May 31 — Psalms 37:1-18/37:19-42; Proverbs 21:30-22:6; 1 Timothy 4:1-16; Matthew 13:24-30 Visitation of the angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary — A.M.: Psalm 72, 1 Samuel 1:1-20 & Hebrews 3:1-6; P.M.: Psalm 146, 147, Zechariah 2:10-13 & John 3:25-30

Friday, June 1 — Psalms 31/35; Proverbs 23:19-21, 29-24:2; 1 Timothy 5:17-22(23-25); Matt. 13:31-35

Saturday, June 2 — Psalms 30, 32/42, 43; Proverbs 25:15-28; 1 Timothy 6:6-21; Matthew 13:36-43 Eve of Trinity Sunday — P.M.: Psalm 104, Ecclesiasticus 42:15-45 & Ephesians 3:14-21

Next Sunday, June 3 (Trinity Sunday) — Psalms 146, 147/111, 112, 113; Job 38:1-11, 42:1-5; Revelation 19:4-16; John 1:29-34

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

Lectionary Readings for Trinity Sunday • June 3

- Collect, BCP 176/228
- Preface of Pentecost, BCP 347/380
- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29 (BCP 620)
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-17

June birthdays

Nadine Fosten
Linda Smith
De An Williams
Judy Joseph
Peggy Guenther
Marty Scott
Phil Cornett
Bill Highley
Mary Alice Busick
Taylor Whitehead
Bailey Snow-Daniels
Chris Schmidt
Polly Lindemann
Larry Cooper
Ted Spradling
Jan Zacharias
Frank Habeker
Gwyneth Nelson
Corinne Miller
Wes Purner
Meg Patton
Tim Smith
Judy Burch
Scott Gales
Ed Summers

June anniversaries

Timothy Dickey & Jennifer Hambrick
Kevin & Jenny Marinov
Jim & Julie Worthington
Terry & Deanna Gatwood
George & Brenda Spradling
Judy & William Joseph
Jim & Jackie Menke
Mike and Pat Buehner
Bernie & Ellie Schramm
Dan & Robin Field
Ann & Tim Schnapp
Judith Birdsall Taylor & Doug Taylor

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for **Presiding Bishop Carlos Touche-Porter**, primate, and the bishops, clergy, and people of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (The Anglican Church of Mexico), and for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Mexico (City), Mexico. Mexico became an autonomous province of the Anglican Communion in 1995 and now has five dioceses. Poverty is widespread in Mexico and in many villages there are few men under 50 as the others have left seeking to support their families as undocumented workers in the United States. Please pray especially for the church's missions and ministries to the poor.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for **Fr. John** and **Martha Jorden**; **Deacon Steve Wewer**; and **Fr. Michael** and **Bonnie Bridge** with their children **John** and **Mickey**.