

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

October 13, 2013

Blessing of the animals



It was mostly a dogs' day at the annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals last Saturday, with several of the pups' two-legged friends sporting team colors. At left, "Walker," pet pooch of the Beverick family, wears his kid's team colors; above, the Spanos family's "Wynnie" looks on with curiosity as her kid jumps and cheers.

See more pictures from the Blessing of the Animals — including one of the more unique pets we've blessed — on the back page.

Vestry nominations due by Oct. 17; balloting Nov. 3

On Sunday, Nov. 3, the Parish will elect four members to serve three-year terms — from 2014 to 2016 — on the St. Andrew's Vestry. Vestry's overall responsibilities include visioning, overseeing the direction of the Parish, and promoting our purpose and mission. If you're interested in serving

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Kitchen Ministry seeks food donations for Fr. Ron's celebration

The informal Open House in celebration of Fr. Ron Baird's 20th anniversary serving as rector of our congregation is coming up in a little less than two weeks — on Friday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Westerville Recreation Center, 350 N. Cleveland Ave.

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Please excuse our dust as we grow to make a place in God's house for all whom he brings through our doors! During the past several weeks we've been "deconstructing" walls and laying the groundwork for renovations to the sanctuary and Narthex. Beginning this week, you should begin to see some construction going on!



Give Fr. Ron a Hand!

Today in the parish mailboxes are instructions and construction paper to make two sets of handprints for everyone in your home. Your cut out hand prints will be used as part of our table decorations for Fr. Ron's 20-Year Anniversary Celebration. **Mother Nanci James**, who is coordinating this, asks that you place handprints in the box with the hands by Oct. 13. Thank you! Contact Mother Nanci, 614-895-0144, with any questions.



Photographers Needed Oct. 25!

We can still use a few more "designated photographers" for Fr. Ron's Celebration on Oct. 25! Please contact **Robin Field**, senior warden, 614-895-8204, if you are willing to take pictures that evening.

Transportation available to Fr. Ron's 20th Celebration

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will provide free transportation to anyone who needs it, both to and from Fr. Ron's 20th Anniversary Open House on Friday, Oct. 25. If you need transportation, please call **Ruth Eller** at the church office, 740-548-5112, and provide her with your name, the number of people needing transportation, and the best telephone number to reach you at. Someone from the Brotherhood will contact you to arrange all the details. Please notify us prior to Oct. 21. You do not need to be a member of the parish to participate.

Bishop to visit for confirmation Nov. 17

It is appropriate that all baptized Christians make a mature profession of faith in Jesus Christ. If you are an adult or mature youth who has not yet been confirmed, we invite you to receive this Sacrament when **the Rt. Rev. Roger Ames**, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, makes his annual visit on Sunday, Nov. 17.

In addition, if you have joined St. Andrew's in the past year and would like to renew your baptismal vows before the Bishop, we invite you to do so.

If you desire to be confirmed, or wish to renew your baptismal vows, please contact the parish office at 740-548-5112, or **Fr. Ron Baird** at rbaird@standrewspolaris.org.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of Pentecost 21 (Proper 23) · October 13-19

Sunday, October 13 — A.M.: Psalm 146, 147; P.M.: Psalm 111, 112, 113; Jeremiah 36:1-10; Acts 14:8-18; Luke 7:36-50

Monday, October 14 — A.M.: Psalm 1, 2, 3; P.M.: Psalm 4, 7; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 1 Corinthians 13:(1-3) 4-13; Matthew 10:5-15

Tuesday, October 15 — A.M.: Psalm 5, 6; P.M.: Psalm 10, 11; Jeremiah 36:27-37:2; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12; Matthew 10:16-23

Wednesday, October 16 — A.M.: Psalm 119:1-24; P.M.: Psalm 12, 13, 14; Jeremiah 37:3-21; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25; Matthew 10:24-33

Thursday, October 17 — A.M.: Psalm 18:1-20; P.M.: Psalm 18:21-50; Jeremiah 38:1-13; 1 Corinthians 14:26-33a,37-40; Matthew 10:34-42

Friday, October 18 — A.M.: Psalm 16, 17; P.M.: Psalm 22; Jeremiah 38:14-28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 11:1-6 **Feast of St. Luke** — A.M.: Psalm 103; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Luke 1:1-4 P.M.: Psalm 67, 96; Isaiah 52:7-10; Acts 1:1-8

Saturday, October 19 — A.M.: Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14); P.M.: Psalm 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117; 2 Kings 25:8-12,22-26; 1 Corinthians 15:12-29; Matthew 11:7-15

Next Sunday, October 20 — A.M.: Psalm 148, 149, 150; P.M.: Psalm 114, 115; Jeremiah 29:1,4-14; Acts 16:6-15; Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

Why haven't you prayed about it yet? "He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in him, whose thoughts turn often to the Lord! Trust in the Lord God always, for in the Lord Jehovah is your everlasting strength." (Isaiah 26:3-4)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

'Slow down before gearing up' for the holidays on Nov. 16

How can we celebrate the upcoming holidays spiritually and prayerfully? Looking towards Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, take time to give thanks and find some new ways to pray in preparing for the holiday time, with your St. Andrew's family at the "Slow Down Before Gearing Up" Prayer Service on Saturday, Nov. 16 (time TBA) here at church. Bring your friends and family, too!

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for **Bishop Dr. Jacob Ayebo** and the clergy and people of the **Diocese of Tamale in Ghana in The Church of the Province of West Africa**. The Diocese, located in northern Ghana, was carved out of the Diocese of Sunyani on Feb. 22, 1997 and is one of 10 dioceses in Ghana. Please pray especially for the Diocese's training programs for employment skills; for continued rebuilding after the severe storms in May 2013 destroyed or heavily damaged 12 Anglican schools, four churches, and two clinics; and for the diocese's efforts to eradicate malaria in the area. Malaria still accounts for 25% of the deaths of children under five years old in the region.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray this week for the leaders and people of **St. Patrick's, Westfield, Ind.** The Bishop has asked us all to pray for the upcoming **GAFCON meeting in Kenya** later this month. He and Gretsie are going, as well as several other people from the diocese. Kenya has been the site of Muslim violence lately and he is sure that GAFCON is on their radar. Pray for protection, safe travel and, most importantly, for Divine guidance, wisdom and strength in their resolutions/decisions.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Austin and Carla Stout** and **Ed and Kathy Summers**; the **Sunday Morning Apostles Small Group**; the **Sunday School teachers** and the **"Slow Down Before Gearing Up" Prayer Service**.

Next Sunday's Lectionary

October 20 (Pentecost 22, Proper 24)

Collect: BCP 183 (8 a.m.); BCP 235 (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

Preface of the Lord's Day: BCP 345; (8 a.m.); BCP 378 (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121 (BCP 779)

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Stewardship Notes

Donor-Advised Mutual Funds

By the St. Andrew's Planned Giving Committee
(Rich Landsberg, Liddy Schmitz, Pat Carpenter, Mike Christy and Pat Carpenter)

If you are interested in providing long-term gifts to charities, a Donor-Advised Fund can be a good method to accomplish this goal. A Donor-Advised Fund can be a mutual fund-sponsored program that administers charitable-giving programs on behalf of individual participants, who can direct which charities should receive their contributions.

In a donor-advised charitable program, investors make an irrevocable contribution to the donor-advised account and receive an immediate tax deduction. Typically, the money in the account is invested in various mutual funds that are selected by the donor. The money in the account grows tax-free, and is distributed to charities that are requested by the donor, under a donation-granting program determined by the donor.

Most large mutual fund companies have these types of funds. The typical minimum initial investment varies among fund companies (typically from \$5,000 to \$25,000). The funds also have requirements for the minimum additional contributions range from \$500 to \$5,000.

Contributions to the accounts can be made with cash or with individual stock shares or mutual fund shares. You can deduct as a charitable contribution the full value of appreciated securities and give the shares with no capital gains taxes due, allowing you to donate more to the charity of your choice.

Typically, investors can choose among different mutual funds of each fund company to allocate the investment of their contributions. Most offer index mutual funds as well as fixed-income and growth funds. Any income earned from the funds is reinvested back into the charitable account. Since the gift is irrevocable, the investor will never receive payments of capital gains or dividends outside of the account.

Each fund family has different rules regarding the money that is granted to charities from your account. Minimums range from \$50 to \$500 per grant. Some also require a minimum amount of grants be made over a set time period, for example, at least 5% of the account's value every seven years.

As with any mutual fund, expenses are incurred and paid for by investors in the form of fees. Fund companies charge an administrative fee for the donor-advised funds. Most have a sliding scale fee schedule that ranges from less than 0.10% to just less than 1.0%, depending on the amount of funds invested.

You can make contributions and take deductions every year up to the amount allowed by the tax code.

Most qualified financial advisors will be able to assist with opening and operating a donor advised mutual fund account.

Volunteers, goodies sought for Election Day hospitality table

Elections are on Tuesday Nov. 5, and our voting public will be coming out to do their civic duty. Let's show them we appreciate them by once again having a refreshment table for those who vote at the precinct here at St. Andrew's.

It's a great way to get to know members of our community, for they us. Bonnie Free, president of the Daughters of the Holy Cross, which organizes the Election Day hospitality table, says she suspects we will have a lot of questions about our remodeling job! We need people to come in two-hour increments to be hosts throughout the day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Daughters would also appreciate donations of lot of cookies, energy bars, crackers and left-over Halloween Candy! They need juice boxes for toddlers, who often come to the polls with their parents. We will also serve coffee, tea and hot cocoa.

Please all Bonnie at 614-885-8003 and leave her a message as to when you can spend some time at our hospitality table.

All Saints Day memorials welcomed

Sunday, Nov. 3, is the traditional observance of All Saint's Day in the Church, when Christians remember those who have died in the past year.

We will once again be remembering parishioners who have died since last All Saints Day. In addition, if you have a loved one who has died since November 2012, we invite you to submit their name to be read in church and included in "The Net" that day, too.

To submit a name for inclusion in the All Saints roll, please contact **Judy Baird** at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3 with the name and date of death of the person you would like to remember no later than Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Vestry nominations

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your parish on Vestry, please pick up a Vestry candidate form in the Narthex, or download the form from the Member Connection of our website, and return it to Fr. Ron Baird, rbaird@standrewspolaris.org, or any current member of the Vestry. You may also enter another parishioner's name into nomination, provided you have their prior permission.

Candidate forms must be filled out and returned to the parish office no later than Thursday, Oct. 17 to allow the forms to be prepared and distributed to the parish at least 10 days prior to the election.

For further information, please contact Fr. Ron at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, or talk with a current Vestry member. Further details are available on the Member Connection of our website.

Kitchen Ministry

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As preparations come down to the final days, the Kitchen Ministry is issuing an appeal to help with food donations. There is sign up sheet in the Gathering Area for volunteers needed to provide food items for the celebration. Please contact **Kathy Seitz**, 614-638 5066, or see **Meg Patton** or **Marty Scott**, if you have any questions.

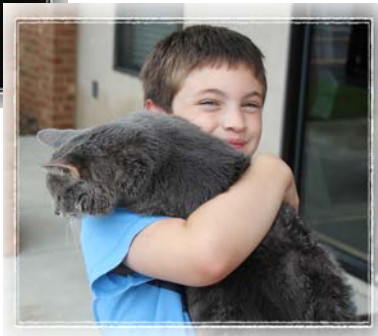
Please also see the back page for more details about the celebration.

Blessing of the animals



Above, Lesley DeBella brought the most unique pet, a bearded dragon who was surprisingly cuddly, to last Saturday's Blessing of the Animals.

Below, Alan and Christie Carter's cat gets a big hug.



The Seagrave family is looking for a loving home for "Toby," who Fr. Ron is blessing in this picture. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for details.

Thanks to our Common Ground volunteers! Join us when we serve again on Saturday, Nov. 16

Thank you, thank you to the volunteers from St. Andrew's who worked at and/or provided food for the Common Ground Free Store on Saturday, Sept. 21. Ohio Wesleyan University students were there to volunteer and write a report on their experiences, with St. Andrew's volunteers assisting them. A special thanks to our volunteers, **Corkeé Miller, Larry Cooper, Patti Cooper, Candy Hawkins, and Marty Scott.**

Thank you to the following people who provided food: **Mary Alice Busick, Judy Baird, Dan Field, Robin Field, Candice Richardson, Liddy Schmitz, Ginny Ribbans, Cherubini Family, Candy Hawkins, Jim Menke, Jackie Menke, Sarah Fabian, and Frank and Marty Scott.** How much food was served? Ten pounds of pulled pork (with or without barbeque sauce), hot dogs, 12 dozen cookies, lemonade, a dozen-plus deli sandwiches, two pans of lasagna, and taco salads with taco meat, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, tortilla chips and taco sauce. St. Andrew's is known for its taco salad! We started out bringing five pounds of taco meat, increased it to eight pounds, and now bring 10 pounds, and we still we ran out of taco meat by 10:45 a.m.!

Our next time to serve at Common Ground will be the St. Andrew's Thanksgiving Feast on Saturday, Nov. 16. This is 12 days before Thanksgiving. We will be looking for cooks and bakers to help provide turkey breasts, mashed potatoes, dressing, vegetables, rolls, cranberry sauce, pies, hot dogs/bun, lemonade, etc. Please watch for grocery store specials in October and November, as turkey breasts can be cooked ahead and frozen. Also, if you want to buy frozen pies we are willing to bake them.

Remember, Saturday, Nov. 16 at Common Ground Free Store, where everyone is on Common Ground! For more information contact **Ginny Ribbans** at 614-330-5304 or vrubbans@sbcglobal.net; or **Marty Scott** at 614-284-0182 or msscott@standrewspolaris.org.

October card classes in time for Christmas greetings

Linda Smith will lead a hand-made card class on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Gathering Area. Participants will be making six cards (two each of three designs), for a cost of \$10. Please RSVP to Linda at 740-417-4702 by Oct. 16.

Later in the month, Linda will lead a two-day Christmas card class, with participants making 12 cards (four each of three designs), for a cost of \$25. These classes will be Thursday, October 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Parish House. Please R.S.V.P. to Linda by Monday, Oct. 21 if you wish to participate in these classes.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes project coming soon

Yes, it's time to begin to think about how we're going to fill our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!



Barbara Girard, who with the "Meet to Eat" small group coordinates St. Andrew's participation in this annual project, reports that information for 2013 is on it's way to us.

Watch for a display in the Gathering Area within the next several weeks. National Collection Week is Nov. 18-26

The mission of Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with local churches worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The tangible in Operation Christmas Child is a shoebox filled with small gifts and goodies to bring hope to a child whose life has been too often marked by heartache.

Lose something? Check the Lost and Found box!

The Lost and Found box on top of the mail boxes in the Gathering Area is filling up with items found in and around the church. Please check the box in the next several weeks to see if anything there belongs to you. Items not claimed by Sunday, Nov. 3, will be thrown away or donated.