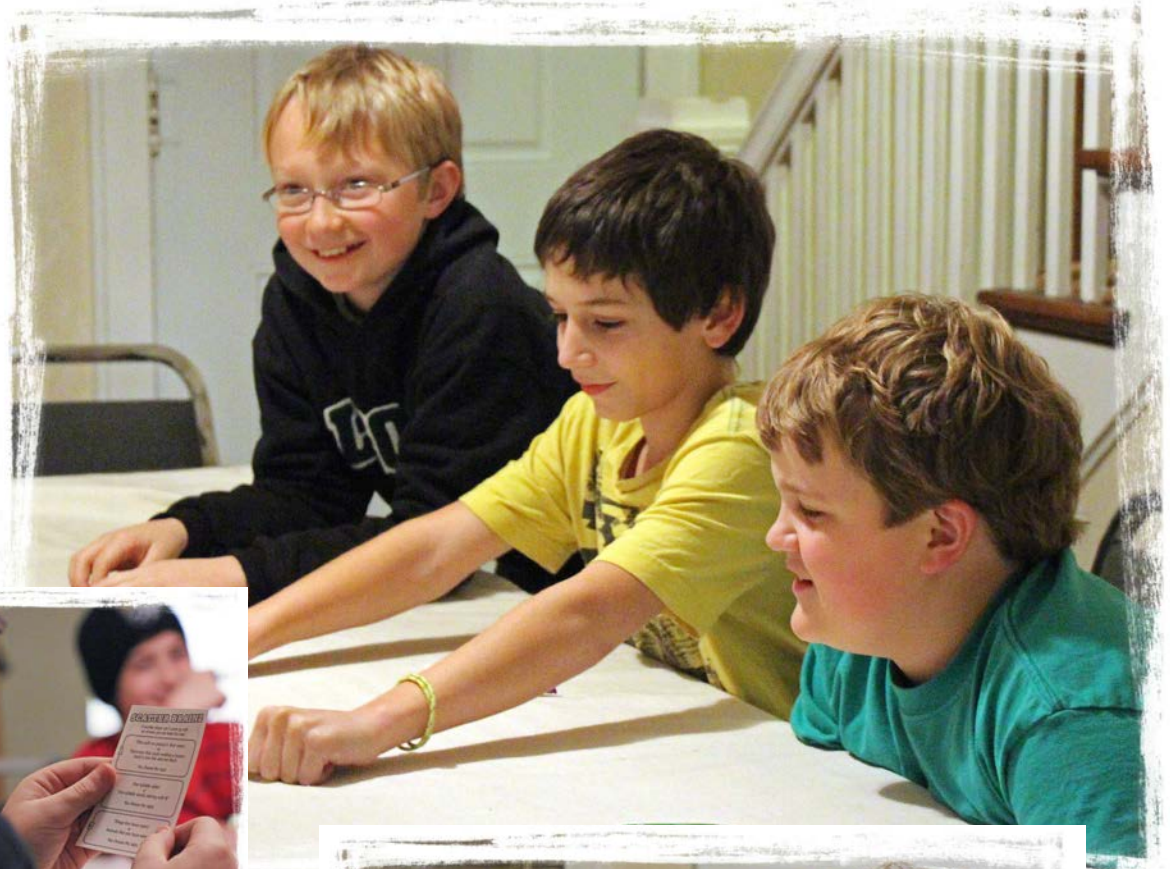


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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

January 27, 2013

At right, three boys play a round of "Quelf" in a community-building exercise.



Youth Group Tuesdays

Building community & faith

Youth Group Tuesdays — a new adventure for 5th through 12th grade students — began this past week! If you weren't able to be there for the first gathering, we hope you'll plan to join us this coming Tuesday. Middle-schoolers meet from 7 to 8 p.m., and high-schoolers meet from 8 to 9 p.m., both at the Parish House.

As we move into the second semester of the school year, 5th-graders are being invited to join the middle school group, and 8th-graders are being invited to join the high school group. The idea: To help them begin to build community with kids with whom they will be

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Above, two girls enjoy their time at the Middle School Youth Group this past Tuesday. At left, Stace Torio, who leads the group, shares a laugh with the middle-schoolers.

Five parishioners to assist with Ohio Benefit Bank Tax Day Feb. 2

Area taxpayers can file their federal and state tax returns at St. Andrew's Anglican Church on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Five parishioners have been trained to help file tax returns using a free online service through The Ohio Benefit Bank.™ If you qualify, we can help you e-file your return and receive your refund in 14 days or less.

Most households that make less \$60,000 a year can file their state and federal taxes for free with The Benefit Bank. Everyone who files with The Benefit Bank is screened for various credits — including the Earned Income Tax Credit — which are often missed by Ohioans filing their taxes otherwise.

We cannot file your taxes with The Ohio Benefit Bank™ if:

- Your household's adjusted gross income (AGI) is more than \$60,000
- You or your spouse is a statutory employee or business owner that must file Schedule C
- You or your spouse are a dual-status or non-resident alien
- You or your spouse receive income from farm or rental properties
- You or your spouse are a member of the clergy
- You or your spouse have to make any of the following payments:
 - Penalty for underpayment of estimated tax
 - Alternative minimum tax
 - Household employment tax

For more information, please see **Steve Darke, Eric Emery, Sue McKeown, Reed Slevin** or **Marty Scott**, or contact Marty at 614-284-0182 or msscott@standrewspolaris.org.

Sign up now to give blood on March 11

January is National Blood Donor Month in the United States, in recognition of those who donate blood during one of the most challenging months for blood collections organizations like the American Red Cross. You may not be able to give blood this month, but would you consider signing up now to give when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visits St. Andrew's on Tuesday, March 11? The blood drive will take place in the Gathering Area from 2 to 7 p.m. on March 11. Registration is not yet open to the general public, but members of St. Andrew's may sign up now for their preferred donation time. If you need an appointment after 5 p.m., it's a particularly good idea to sign up early, as those time slots go fast! To sign up, please contact **Judy Baird**, jbaird@standrewspolaris.org of 740-588-5112, ext. 3.

Groups thank parish for support of Christmas projects

Daughters of the Holy Cross Christmas card project for women inmates

The Daughters of the Holy Cross express their appreciation to the entire congregation for their support in sending Christmas cards to 414 women in Ohio prisons who participate in the Kairos Prison Ministry. "You were generous in giving us the money we needed for all those stamps," says Bonnie Freeman. "We used up our supply of Christian Christmas cards you also donated to the project. If you have cards left over and want to get them out of you home, we would *love* to store them for you for us to use next Christmas!" Card may be put in the box in the Narthex where you also put the food you graciously donate each week to help feed the hungry.

Collection of winter coats, hats and gloves for needy children

A huge thank you to the Youth Group, **Karen Osmond** and the **Christy Family**, who partnered together to collect hats, gloves, coats and blankets to keep children in need warm this winter. Thank you to members of the congregation who donated coats of all sizes, even adult sizes for older children. Thank you for answering the Lord's call to help the less fortunate children. The items were delivered to the Sullivant Gardens Community Center in Columbus on the Saturday before Christmas.

Election Day hospitality table planned for Feb. 5

The Daughters of the Holy Cross will staff an Election Day hospitality table on Tuesday, Feb. 5 as Orange Township voters go to the polls to decide on a special fire levy. The Daughters are asking parishioners to donate finger food (cookies, brownies, energy bars, cracker packages, etc.) and cans of soda pop for voters. At least two volunteers are also needed to welcome voters in two-hour shifts, from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., that day. Please contact **Bonnie Freeman** at 614-885-8003. If there is no answer, please leave a message and Bonnie will return your call.

February Birthdays

Mile Kitsmiller
Dan Field
Barbara Girard
Cynthia DeMooy
Christian James
Colette McNelis
Robert Patton
Aiden Blackcloud
Matt Seitz
Bob Seyerle
Janet McNelis
Christie Hill
Stacey Hill
Steve Zacharias
Sue McKeown
Isabella Sylvester
Kathy Summers
Kathy Seitz
Caleb Evans
Avery Sylvester
Bernie Schramm
Carly Christopher
David Zak
Emmily Smith
Mike Christy
Carla Stout
Andrew Lowery
Drew Lowery
Allie Gales

February Anniversaries

Joe & Celia Nelson
George & Barbara Girard

Coming up...

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, Feb. 13
Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 12 Noon & 7 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m.



Above, members of the High School Youth Group, and Stace Torio, right, who is leading the Tuesday night Youth Group gatherings, listen as a member of the group shares.

Youth Group

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spending the next several years at church and in Youth Group.

The groups are being led by **Stace Torio**, who began attending St. Andrew's with her husband **Gino** and their five children last summer. Stace has extensive youth leadership experience, and brings with her a passion for helping young people come to know and serve the Lord and his people.

Fifth through 7th-graders will be spending the next few weeks getting to know each other through games, actions, and general discussions. "This is an important place for kids to make friends based purely on the fact that they attend church together," Stace says. "They will incorporate their faith into discussions and actions in a fun, everyday way."

The Senior High Youth Group will start by having discussions on relevant news, lessons, or sermons. The focus will be on how those things incorporate into their lives today by faith. "This is the time when youth start to make life-altering decisions, and they will learn how can they use their faith to navigate into the next part of their life," Stace says.

If you have any questions please contact Stace at 419-215-8636 or youth@standrewspolaris.org.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper set for Feb. 13

The word "shrove" is the past tense of the English verb shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus, Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the church Gathering Area. We are serving our usual assortment of pancakes, sausages and side dishes. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m., and continue until 7:30, or whenever the food runs out. Make sure to bring the entire family, and friends are welcome, too!

There is no charge for the meal; however, a free-will offering will be collected to help offset the costs. Sign up sheets are posted around the church. Please sign up so that we know how much food to purchase.

As in the past, this Shrove Tuesday event is sponsored and hosted by The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Kitchen Ministry. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call **Ed Summers** at 614-939-1649.

'Abide in Christ' theme of Lenten Bible Study

The 2013 Lenten Study Program will focus on Jesus' allegory of "The Vine and the Branches," and will take a look at what it means to abide in Christ. The five-week study will be held on Tuesdays this year, to coincide with Youth Group Tuesdays. We hope that families will come together to make this Lent a time of discipleship, fellowship and worship.

The program begins on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and runs through Tuesday, March 19, from 6:15 to 8 o'clock each evening.

The format of this parish-wide program will follow that of last year's program, which was such a success, with more than 70 adults, youth and children participating. Each evening will begin with a simple supper of soup and salad, followed by a teaching by **Fr. Ron Baird**, after which participants will break into small group for discussion and reflection. Each week's session will end with the service of Compline from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

If you plan to participate in this year's program, please let us know by signing up in the Gathering Area.

We are also asking existing Small Groups and other parishioners who may be interested to sign up in the Gathering Area to help provide meals, and are looking for folks to help provide child care. Sign-up sheets for these activities are also available in the Gathering Area.

For more information, please contact Tally Whitehead at 614-578-7897 or twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org.

Small Group leaders to meet Tuesday, Jan. 29

St. Andrew's Small Group leaders will meet Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House Conference Room. Small Group Coordinator **Tally Whitehead** wants to take this opportunity to check in with Small Group leaders, and make plans for the upcoming Lenten Study program.

Tally also hopes to get input into the possibility of scheduling two or three regular leader meetings for the year. "It is extremely beneficial to have as many leaders at the meeting as possible," Tally says.

Marriage Encounter Weekend set for April 13-14

Our regular rhythm of life has returned after the holidays, including both old and new stresses and challenges. Help your marriage strengthen you for your regular life by attending the Marriage Enrichment Weekend being held April 13-14 at the Best Western Franklin Park Suites on Polaris Parkway!

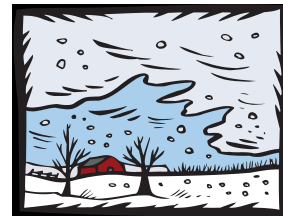
The weekend is being sponsored by the St. Andrew's Marriage Enrichment and Support Ministry, and is open to all St. Andrew's couples. Each couple can attend without fear of incurring hotel or meal expenses because all hotel and meal expenses have been donated, in advance, by couples who have attended previous weekends. If you feel the weekend was worthwhile, you will be given the opportunity to make a similar donation to "pay it forward" for future couples.

The weekend will start early in the morning on Saturday, and run till late that evening, with each couple staying in their room on Saturday night. The program will restart on Sunday morning and conclude around 4:30 on Sunday afternoon.

There is no requirement for public sharing during the weekend program....the main focus of the weekend is communicating privately with your spouse.

To register, please call **Larry** or **Patti Cooper** at 740-369-0832 or e-mail centralohiomarriageenrichment@yahoo.com.

Central Ohio Marriage Enrichment is an organization that exists to provide opportunities for couples to renew and enhance their married relationships.... making good marriages better! We accomplish this by offering events that provide tools for rediscovering one another, improving self knowledge and knowledge of one's partner as well as improving interpersonal communication skills.



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.

Ministry Trivia

Did you know that the St. Andrew's Prayer Shawl Ministry has given away 184 shawls? This ministry, which knits prayer shawls for people who are ill or otherwise in need of comfort, meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday on the month in Room 103 at the church. If you enjoy knitting, come and join them!

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Third Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C) • Jan. 27-Feb. 2

Sunday, Jan. 27 — A.M.: Psalm 63:1-8(9-11), 98; P.M.: Psalm 103; Isaiah 47:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-31; John 5:2-18

Monday, Jan. 28 — A.M.: Psalm 41, 52; P.M.: Psalm 44; Isaiah 48:1-11; Galatians 1:1-17; Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — Psalms 45/47, 48; Isaiah 48:12-21; Galatians 1:18-2:10; Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday, Jan. 30 — Psalms 119:49-72/49, [53]; Isaiah 49:1-12; Galatians 2:11-21; Mark 6:13-29

Thursday, Jan. 31 — Psalms 50/[59, 60] or 118; Isaiah 49:13-23; Galatians 3:1-14; Mark 6:30-46

Friday, Feb. 1 — Psalms 40, 54/51; Isaiah 50:1-11; Galatians 3:15-22; Mark 6:47-56
Evening of the Presentation — Psalms 113, 122; 1 Samuel 1:20-28a; Romans 8:14-21

Saturday, Feb. 2 — Psalms 55/138, 139:1-17(18-23); Isaiah 51:1-8; Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 7:1-23
The Presentation — A.M.: Psalms 42 & 43, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, John 8:31-36; P.M.: Psalms 48 & 87, Haggai 2:1-9, 1 John 3:1-8

Next Sunday, Feb. 3 — Psalms 24, 29/8, 84; Isaiah 51:9-16; Hebrews 11:8-16; John 7:14-31

Note: *Except where noted, the first set of Psalms are to be read in the morning, and the second set in the evening.*

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Next Sunday's Lessons

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany • Feb. 3, 2013

Collect • BCP 164 (8 a.m.); BCP 215 (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

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

Old Testament Lesson • Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6 (BCP 683)

New Testament Lesson • 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The Gospel • Luke 4:21-30

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

When we pray, we become closer to Jesus, which gives us a taste of heaven already! "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ..." (Philippians 3:20) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for **Archbishop Emmanuel Egbunu** and for the bishops, clergy, and people of the Province of Lokoja, Nigeria. The Province is centered around the capital city of Kogi State in central Nigeria. Please pray especially for peace and the rule of law in the area and for the spread of the Gospel.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Martin Gornik, the Rev. Pam Buck, Fr. Robert Magoola, the Rev. Michelle Terwilleger, Deacon Anna Gulick, Deacon Chris Millard**, and for the people of Christ Church, Westshore Bay Village, Ohio. Please also keep **Fr. Ron Fiester** and his wife **Ann** from St. Augustine's in your prayers as Ann prepared to undergo major surgery.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for the **Jack, Suzy, Jack and Carly Christopher**, and **Kay Cline**; for the **Lord's Ladies Small Group**; and for the **Finance Team**.