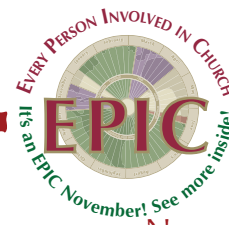


# The Net



St. Andrew's Anglican Church

November 16, 2014

## 'Slow Down Before Gearing Up' prayer service, workshops Nov. 22

How do we approach our national holiday of Thanksgiving, and our Christian seasons of Advent and Christmas? Anticipation, contemplation, expectation, awaiting and hope would describe some of our feelings for these upcoming events.

In preparing to have a stress-free and Christ-centered holiday season, especially in a spiritual sense, come to the "Slow Down Before Gearing Up" Prayer Service on Saturday, Nov. 22, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the church.

The format from last year will be extended to include workshops on the topics of:

- Managing Holiday Stress
- Family Prayer Time
- Advent and Christmas Prayers in the "Book of Common Prayer," and
- Being Alone with God and His Word.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m. there will be a choice of two classes, followed by the other two at 2:30 p.m.. Immediately after that is a hymn sing at 3:30 p.m., and the prayer service at 4 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex, or you may sign up online at [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org).

Come meet God and be centered spiritually, to be ready for all the excitement! Bring your friends, too!

## Men still needed for two of the '12 Voices of Christmas'

This year's "Twelve Voices of Christmas" presentation on the fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 21, will feature the voices of Gabriel, Simeon and John. While **Deryck Richardson** will reprise his role as the angel Gabriel, **Mother Nanci James**, director, is still looking to fill the voices of Simeon and John.

Woodrow Kroll of "Back to the Bible" has written these wonderful monologues for us to experience first-hand what it was like to be involved in the very first Christmas. Please pray about offering yourself to this ministry. God is truly working through us to expand this Christmas blessing beyond our congregation. If you have questions, or would like to read the scripts, please contact Mother Nanci at 614-895-0144. Please consider joining in this ministry; you will be blessed!

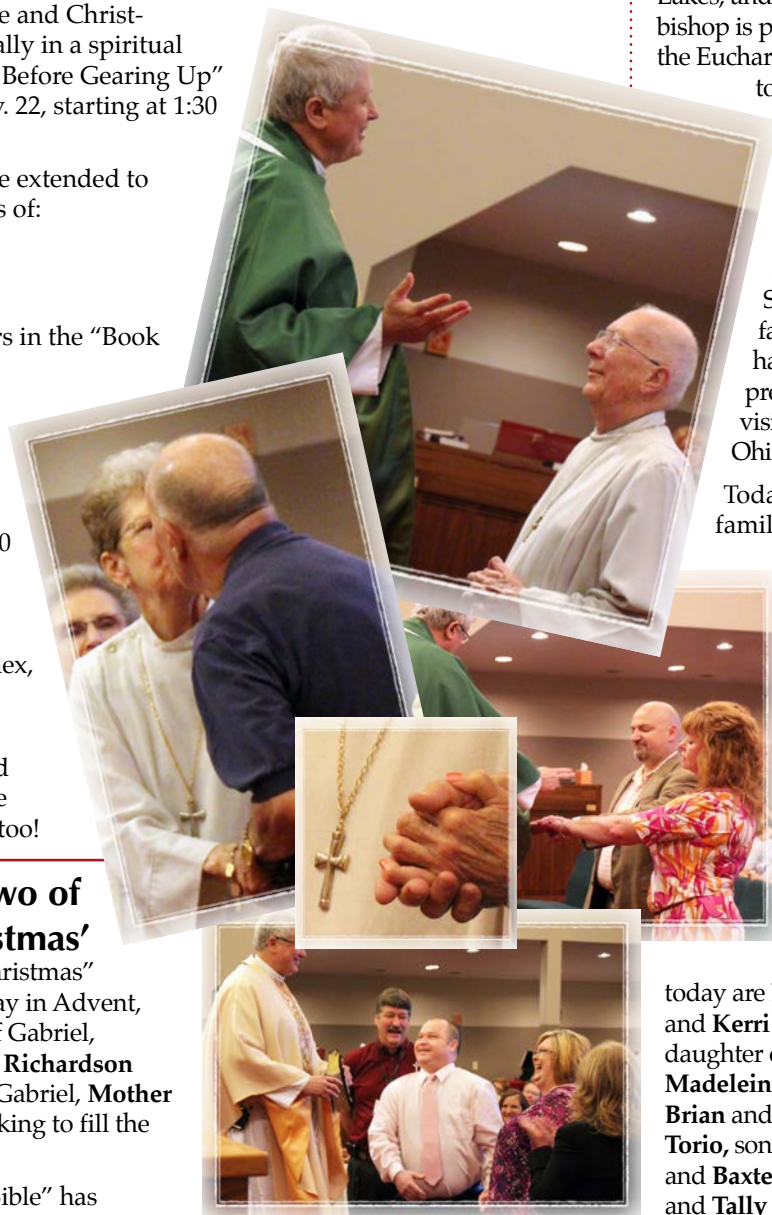
## Welcome Bishop Beckwith!

Please join us in extending a warm St. Andrew's welcome to the **Rt. Rev. Peter Beckwith**, assisting bishop in the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, and his wife, **Melinda**. The bishop is preaching and celebrating the Eucharist at all three services today, and administering the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Confirmation at the 9:30 a.m. service. While this is Bishop Beckwith's first time celebrating and preaching at St. Andrew's, he is a familiar face. He and Mrs. Beckwith have worshiped with us previously when they've been visiting family here in Central Ohio.

Today we welcome into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism **Ethan David Ribbans** and **Eric David Ribbans**, twin sons of Brian and Tracy Ribbans, brothers of **Corinne**, and grandsons of **Ginny Ribbans**. It's a special day for the Ribbans family, as Bishop Beckwith also baptized Ethan's and Eric's dad, Brian.

Youth being confirmed today are **Evan Brock**, son of **Rick** and **Kerri Brock**; **Megan Schmitz**, daughter of **Pat** and **Liddy Schmitz**; **Madeleine Sylvester**, daughter of **Brian** and **Reneé Sylvester**; **Dominic Torio**, son of **Gino** and **Stace Torio**; and **Baxter Whitehead**, son of **Eric** and **Tally Whitehead**.

Adult confirmands are **Dietrich Stallsworth**, **Aaron Thomas**, and **Candy Tracy**.



This is the first week in a while that we haven't had a full calendar of events with accompanying photographs, so we celebrate the milestones of Baptism and Confirmation with several of our parish families, we thought we'd take a look back at some other milestones that members of St. Andrew's chose to celebrate with us during Sunday morning worship. See the back for details and more pictures.

# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) · Nov. 16-23

**Sunday, November 16** — A.M.: Psalm 66, 67; P.M.: Psalm 19, 46; Habakkuk 1:1-4(5-11)2-2:1; Philippians 3:13-4:1; Matthew 23:13-24  
**Monday, November 17** — A.M.: Psalm 89:1-18; P.M.: Psalm 89:19-52; Habakkuk 2:1-4,9-20; James 2:14-26; Luke 16:19-31  
**Tuesday, November 18** — A.M.: Psalm 97, 99, [100]; P.M.: Psalm 94, [95]; Habakkuk 3:1-10(11-15)16-18; James 3:1-12; Luke 17:1-10  
**Wednesday, November 19** — A.M.: Psalm 101, 109:1-4(5-19)20-30; P.M.: Psalm 119:121-144; Malachi 1:1,6-14; James 3:13-4:12; Luke 17:11-19  
**Thursday, November 20** — A.M.: Psalm 105:1-22; P.M.: Psalm 105:23-45; Malachi 2:1-16; James 4:13-5:6; Luke 17:20-37  
**Friday, November 21** — A.M.: Psalm 102; P.M.: Psalm 107:1-32; Malachi 3:1-12; James 5:7-12; Luke 18:1-8  
**Saturday, November 22** — A.M.: Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13); P.M.: Psalm 33; Malachi 3:13-4:6; James 5:13-20; Luke 18:9-14  
**Next Sunday, November 23** — A.M.: Psalm 118; P.M.: Psalm 145; Zechariah 9:9-16; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Matthew 21:1-13

Next Sunday's Lectionary · November 23; Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29)

**Collect:** BCP 236

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**Psalm 100** (BCP 729)

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

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## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Jose de Pina Cabral** and for the priests, deacons, religious, and people of **Igreja Lusitana Cotelica Apostolica Evangelica** (The Lusitanian Church Catholic Apostolic Evangelical). Lusitania was a province of the Roman Empire in what is now Portugal. In 1870, the First Vatican Council promulgated the dogma of papal infallibility and universal jurisdiction. Some Roman Catholic priests and laity objected and separated themselves from the Roman Catholic Church. In 1870, at a Synod in Lisbon, Portugal, presided over by an Episcopal bishop, a group of former Roman Catholic priests and laity committed themselves to following Anglican faith and order. Thus was born the Lusitanian Church.

In 1884, a Portuguese Book of Common Prayer was created with elements of Anglican, Roman, and Mozarabic liturgies. In 1958, the first bishop of the Lusitanian Church was consecrated by archbishops and bishops from the Anglican Communion. Full integration was accomplished in 1980 when the Church became an extraprovincial diocese under the metropolitan authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The church now has some 5,000 members in 14 parishes and has a special emphasis on youth and family ministries. Please pray especially for the youth and family ministries and for the **Rev. Sergio Alves**, who is to be ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 22.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Nate Long** and for the people of **St. Patricks-by-the Rivers**, Fort Wayne, IN. Please also pray for **Fr. Dennis** and **Yvonne Henkle**, whose daughter, **Stephanie Kemper**, died this week following a lengthy illness.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Betsy York**; **Ernest, Rebecca, Edward, William, Francesca**, and **Ava Yorke**; the **Living Stones Small Group**; and the **Nursery Supervisors**. We also pray for those in business and retail; may they do their jobs for the glory of God, not solely for personal gain.

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## Encouragement for your prayer time with God

When we pray, Jesus says to us: Open your hands and come to me for my eyes are upon you and my ears are open to your requests. Do not worry if the ears of others are not listening to you. I will make a way, even when there seems to be no way, because I am the Way. Draw near to me now, and I will draw near to you. (<http://prayercentral.net/devotionals/>). "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' " (*John 14:6*) "Come near to God and he will come near to you." (*James 4:8a*)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

## Christmas Child boxes due today!

If you're filling a shoebox for a needy child through Operation Christmas Child, please remember that boxes are due today! This will allow **Barbara Girard**, who with her small group coordinates St. Andrew's participation in Operation Christmas Child, to turn our boxes in to the local distribution center during National Collection Week, which begins this Monday. If you forgot your shoebox this morning, please see Barbara or contact her at 614-882-8754 or [girardg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:girardg@sbcglobal.net) to make arrangements to get them to her later today.

We are out of the shoeboxes provided by Operation Christmas Child, but any shoebox can be used. Boxes may be wrapped, but lids must be wrapped separately. Your filled shoeboxes may be placed in the Gathering Area near the Operation Shoebox display.

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## 'Just for Jesus' Sunday, Nov. 23

The 12th Annual "Just for Jesus" celebration will be held at Cornerstone Community Church on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. Cornerstone recently moved from their location on South Old State Road just south of Polaris Parkway to 233 S. State Street, Westerville. The location will be familiar to many at St. Andrew's as the former site of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

This is a community celebration that gives churches in the Lewis Center area the opportunity to worship and give praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (*Romans 15:5-6*)

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## Class 301 concludes Tuesday

"Class 301: Discover Your SHAPE For Ministry" concludes Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. This week's class will be held in the Gathering Area at the church.

Led by **Joe Enneking**, this class helps you discover how God has SHAPED you to serve him in the Church and in the world. Membership at St. Andrew's Class 201 a prerequisite.

## A Thanksgiving feast for Common Ground Nov. 22

When **Ginny Ribbans** first organized the St. Andrew's Thanksgiving Feast at the Common Ground Free Store, little did we know it would become an annual event! This year the event will be on Nov. 22, the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

We are looking for cooks and bakers to help provide turkey breasts, mashed potatoes, dressing, vegetables, rolls, cranberry sauce, pies, hot dogs and buns, and lemonade. We know this starts a busy time of the year, so if you wish to contribute but don't have time to cook or bake, we are accepting monetary donations. We will also need volunteers to help in the store on Nov. 22.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex Sundays, today through Nov. 16th.

Remember Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Common Ground Free Store, where everyone is on common ground!

For more information contact Ginny at 614-330-5304 or [vribbans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vribbans@sbcglobal.net); or **Marty Scott** at 614-284-0182 or [msscott@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:msscott@standrewspolaris.org).

### This Week

#### TODAY • NOVEMBER 16

**Godly Play for Toddlers - 5th Graders**, 9:30 a.m., Rooms 101, 102, 106 & 107; 11 a.m., Room 102.

**Youth Class**, 11 a.m., Choir Room.

**Adult Bible Study Small Groups**, 9:30 a.m., Parish House Conference Room; 11 a.m., Parish House Chapel.

**Sunday Morning Apostles Small Group**, 11 a.m., Room 202, Parish House.

**Local Mission Offering**: Paper products (Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins & tissues).

#### MONDAY • NOVEMBER 17

**Cub Scout Pack 139 Den Meetings**, Gathering Area, Sanctuary, and classrooms at the church.

**Daughters of the Holy Cross Prayer Time**, 6:30 p.m., Parish House Chapel.

**Vestry**, 7:30 p.m., Parish House Conference Room.

#### TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 18

**Class 301: Discover Your SHAPE For Ministry**, 7-9 p.m., Gathering Area. See "The Net" and our website for details.

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew**, 7:30 p.m., Parish House Conference Room.

#### WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 19

**Prayer Committee Meeting**, 9:30 a.m., home of Mother Nanci James.

**Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal**, 7 p.m., Sanctuary.

#### THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 20

**Bell Choir Rehearsal**, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary.

**Harvest Festival Follow-up Meeting**, 7 p.m., Gathering Area.

**Choir Practice**, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary.

#### SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 22

**St. Andrew's to serve Thanksgiving meal at Common Ground**, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. See "The Net" and our website for details.

**Slow Down Before Gearing Up Prayer Service**, 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the church. See "The Net" and our website for details.

### Coming Up

#### NEXT SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 23

**Local Mission Offering**: Personal items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items); diapers.

#### THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 27

**Thanksgiving Eucharist**, 10 a.m., Sanctuary. See details in "The Net" and on our website.

### Worship Attendance

#### SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 9, 2014

8 a.m. ....	29	Total.....	185
9:30 a.m. ....	114	Average YTD.....	194
11 a.m. ....	42	Unctions.....	6

## 2014 General Fund pledge drive at \$409,424

Ninety-six (96) families have responded to the 2015 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$409,424 as of this past Friday. We are still waiting to hear from nearly 42 families. Our goal is \$484,000, which means we have \$74,576 yet to raise. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today so the Vestry, which meets tomorrow, can finalize the 2015 General Fund budget.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Christ's mission at St. Andrew's Anglican Church!

## Common Ground Free Store's Pumpkin Pie Sale

The Common Ground Free Store is teaming up with Costco Wholesale to offer delicious pumpkin pies for sale. You can order a pie for your own Thanksgiving



gathering, or order several and leave one or two with the Common Ground Free Store to share with the shoppers throughout the holiday season.

Please see the flyer in your mailbox for information about how the process works. The deadline to order is Wednesday, Nov. 19, so plan now to order a notoriously delicious Costco pie. The best part is that you can pick up your pie at St. Andrew's on Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. and save yourself a trip to Costco!

Ordering information is on the flyer, but please let **Marty Scott** know if you have any questions. Flyers are also be available in the Narthex.

## Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10 a.m.

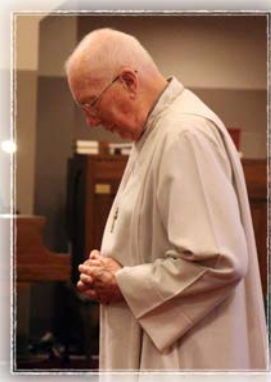
This Thanksgiving, take a few moments before the turkey-day rush to center yourself in Christ, from whom all blessings flow, by attending the annual Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27. This will be a quiet service of about half an hour in length. Toss the turkey in the oven, and come as you are — apron and all! And bring your family and friends!



**Surrounded by family**, George Spradling celebrates 50 years as a layreader. Above, front, are Cheryl, right, and wife Brenda, second from left, with granddaughters; and back, from left, Mike, George, Ted, and Daphne; and at right, George receives a blessing from Fr. Ron. Well done, George — good and faithful servant!



Above and at left, Jim and Julie Worthington **renew their marriage vows** with Barbara and George Girard as witnesses.



At right, Laurie and Steve Darke **embrace for a kiss** after renewing their wedding vows.



Above, Fr. Ron **blesses Rob and Marianne Schmidt's wedding rings**.

# Milestones



## On the front

From top, Fr. Ron Baird recognizes George Spradling for 50 years of service as a layreader to Christ's Church; Julie and Jim Worthington, still crazy — for each other — after all these years together, seal 50 years of marriage with a kiss after renewing their wedding vows; Steve and Laurie Darke have their rings blessed as they renew their marriage vows for their 20th anniversary; and Rob and Marianne Schmidt share a light moment with Fr. Ron and witnesses Larry and Julie Baldwin after having their marriage blessed by the Church.

It was a bittersweet moment as we bid a **fond farewell** to long-time member Patrick Giese, pictured at left with wife Kelle and Fr. Ron. Patrick, who served on Vestry and as coordinator of our Tech Services Ministry, accepted a new job in Texas earlier this year.

