

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

November 23, 2014



Newly confirmed Dietrich Stallworth introduces his sons to Bishop Beckwith.



Bishop Beckwith greets Eric Emery and son.

Confirmation

Our confirmands, with Fr. Ron Baird and Bishop Peter Beckwith.

Baptism

At right, twin brothers are "marked as Christ's own forever" with oil and the sign of the cross by Bishop Beckwith, who 36 years ago as a priest in Worthington baptized their dad.



Two Christmas 'voices' still needed

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

— Please turn to inside —

*And whatever you do
in word or deed, do all
in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father through him.*

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COLOSSIANS 3:17

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!

The Feast of St. Andrew, our patronal saint, is celebrated in the Church worldwide on Nov. 30, which is next Sunday. St. Andrew is also the patron saint of Scotland, and in the past several year we've established a tradition of folks wearing kilts or tartan plaids to church on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's feast day. **If you have a kilt or plaid, be sure to wear it next Sunday!**

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29) • Nov. 23-29

Sunday, November 23 — A.M.: Psalm 118; P.M.: Psalm 145; Zechariah 9:9-16; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Matthew 21:1-13

Monday, November 24 — A.M.: Psalm 106:1-18; P.M.: Psalm 106:19-48; Zechariah 10:1-12; Galatians 6:1-10; Luke 18:15-30

Tuesday, November 25 — A.M.: Psalm [120], 121, 122, 123; P.M.: Psalm 124, 125, 126, [127]; Zechariah 11:4-17; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23; Luke 18:31-43

Wednesday, November 26 — A.M.: Psalm 119:145-176; P.M.: Psalm 128, 129, 130; Zechariah 12:1-10; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 19:1-10

Thursday, November 27 — A.M.: Psalm 131, 132, [133]; P.M.: Psalm 134, 135; Zechariah 13:1-9; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 19:11-27 **Thanksgiving Day** — A.M.: Psalm 147, Deuteronomy 26:1-11, John 6:26-35; P.M.: Psalm 145, Joel 2:21-27, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Friday, November 28 — A.M.: Psalm 140, 142; P.M.: Psalm 141, 143:1-11(12); Zechariah 14:1-11; Romans 15:7-13; Luke 19:28-40

Saturday, November 29 — A.M.: Psalm 137:1-6(7-9), 144; P.M.: Psalm 104; Zechariah 14:12-21; Philippians 2:1-11; Luke 19:41-48

Next Sunday, November 30 — A.M.: Psalm 146, 147; PM Psalm 111, 112, 113; Isaiah 1:1-9; 2 Peter 3:1-10; Matthew 25:1-13

Next Sunday's Lectionary • November 30; First Sunday in Advent (Year B)

Collect: BCP 211

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (BCP 702)

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Carlos Lopez-Lozano** and for the priests, deacons, religious, and people of the **Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain**. Begun with the leadership of former Roman Catholic priests, the Church was under the pastoral care of the (Episcopal) Bishop of Mexico in 1880. In 1894, the first bishop of the Church was consecrated. After that bishop's death, another was not consecrated until 1954 and the Church was under the oversight of the Church of Ireland during the intervening period. Initially, the Church had grown rapidly, especially in rural areas. However, the Church suffered greatly during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939 and the persecution continued under the ensuing regime of General Franco, when only Roman Catholics were permitted to worship in public. With a change in the laws, religious freedom began again in 1967.

The Church has adopted the Mozarabic Liturgy, used from the 7th through the 11th centuries in the ancient Spanish church. (Mozarab was the name given to Christians who lived under Moslem rule after Moslems had conquered large portions of Spain.) The Church is now extra-provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury and has one bishop, 22 priests serving 20 parishes, and some 5,000 members. Please pray especially for the church's renewed efforts in education and with youth, and also for the outreach ministries to immigrants, now serving some 10,000 per year.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Andrew Counts** and for the people of **Company of Jesus**, Huntington, W.Va.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Steve** and **Jan Zacharias**; **David** and **Amber Zak**; the **Senior Saints**; and for the **Outreach Ministries**. Please also pray for those in business and retail: may they do their jobs for the glory of God, not solely for personal gain.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

Prayer is not us convincing God to do what may not be in his holy plan; it is the God-appointed way of enabling him to do what he has promised to do and enabling us to inherit his promises. Our prayers should be connected to God's promises. "Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed." (*Psalm 119:116*) "He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ... to remember his holy covenant ... to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness" (*Luke 1:69, 72b, 74-75*).

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

Youth Group on hiatus;

December activities planned

The St. Andrew's Youth Group, which recently wrapped up a six-week session on Tuesdays featuring confirmation preparation for some, and a study of "Not a Fan: What does it mean to really follow Jesus?" for others, is taking a hiatus through the rest of November. They will meet for one Tuesday session in December, and will go together to Wildlights at the Zoo for their annual Christmas party. Watch "The Net" and our website, as well as an email to youth parents, for dates and details!

To accommodate the variety of school and extra-curricular activities our youth are involved in, we are planning to offer multiple short-term sessions throughout the coming year — similar to the six-week session just completed — rather than meeting every week.

We'll try to work around major school activities common to all area middle and high schools, and hope this will allow more young people to attend Youth Group as their schedules permit. Watch for an email to youth parents.

December Birthdays

Candy Tracy
Christie Gales
Marcia Johnson
Sarah Fabian
Larry Harper
Austin Stout
Jon Wallace
Braeden Snead
Burt Otani
Rachel Cherubini
Chris Haines
Aiden Darke
Avril Darke
Peter Vanderhoff
Alan Seitz
Deryck Richardson
Michael Seagrave
Steve Darke
Kerri Brock
Robert Williams
Ben Haines
Steve Sattler
Hope James
Kristin Lowery

December Anniversaries

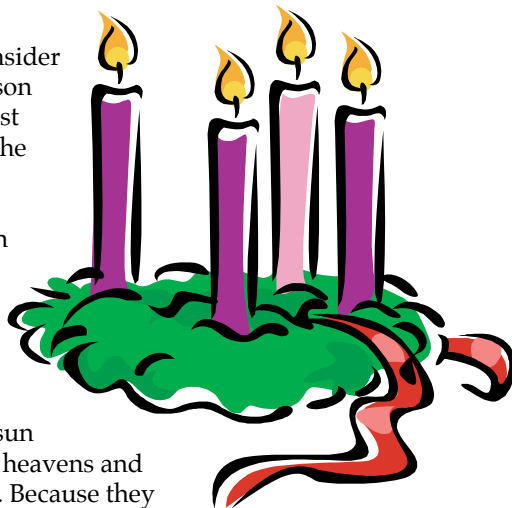
Bill & Debbie Sterling
Mike & Amy Romey
Michael & Rosa Maria Seagrave
Carlo & Rachel Cherubini
Mike & Tiffany Christy
Ryan & Diane Bobay
Steve & Jan Zacharias
Bob & Alex Seyerle
John & Chin Osmond
Frank & Jo Edda Habeker

The Advent Wreath

The first Sunday in Advent is just one week away, and now is the time to consider how your family will observe this season of preparation for the birth of the Christ Child. Many families choose to mark the days leading up to Christmas with an Advent wreath or calendar. While the Advent calendar dates back to the 19th Century, the tradition of lighting an Advent wreath can be traced back much further.

The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the Winter solstice — that time of year when the sun reaches its Southern-most point in the heavens and the days are darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens, in their celebration hall.

There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the "nativity" of the sun — the turning point of the year. As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: The nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for the saving birth.



Advent devotional available

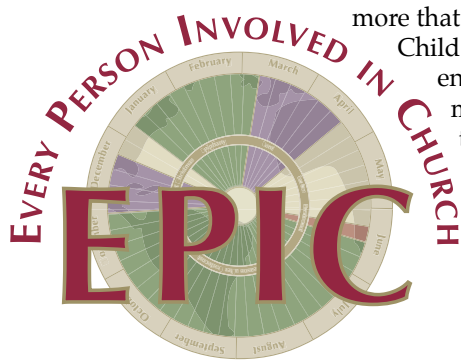
We begin our journey toward Bethlehem and the birth of our Savior next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. To help you prepare for that most holy night when God came to us as one of us, we're making available an Advent devotional. The booklet, "The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Advent 2014" by R. Scott Hurd, provides a simple blueprint for prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth in anticipation of Christmas. The booklet is available at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Christmas Eve services announced

St. Andrew's will once again celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord with three services on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24. The 5 p.m. service will feature traditional Christmas carols led by "Calling of Levi," our contemporary worship band, and a children's sermon. Two traditional services with organ and choir will be offered at 7:30 and 10 p.m. Please note that the third service has been moved up one hour. Holy Communion will be served at all three services, and child care will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Watch "The Net" and our website for further details about our holiday celebrations.

Parish contributes 34 Christmas shoeboxes

Thirty-four children will receive a shoebox filled with gifts through Operation Christmas Child, thanks to members of St. Andrew's! Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected and delivered more than 113 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries through Operation Christmas Child. This year, Samaritan's Purse hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 10 million children, as together we seek to help them know and follow Jesus Christ.



2014 General Fund pledge drive at \$417,704

One hundred and one (101) families have responded to the 2015 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$417,704 as of this past Monday. We are still waiting to hear from nearly 42 families. Our goal is \$484,000, which means we have \$66,296 yet to raise. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today so the Vestry 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!

Pumpkin pie pick-up Tuesday, Nov. 25

If you ordered pies through the Common Ground Free Store's Thanksgiving Pie Fund-raiser, please remember to pick them up at the church this Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, please contact **Marty Scott** at 614-284-0182 or msscott@standrewspolaris.org.

'Just for Jesus' today

The 12th Annual "Just for Jesus" celebration, which brings together Lewis Center area churches, is this Sunday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church, which just recently moved from its location on S. Old State Rd. just south of Polaris Parkway to its new home at 233 S. State Street, Westerville. The mission of "Just for Jesus" is to magnify the name of Jesus, so that the world may treasure and trust in Jesus. While seeking to gather Christians from various local churches and traditions, the purpose of the event is not to lift up a particular church or tradition, but to lift up the one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "Jesus said that when he is lifted up, he will draw all people to himself." (*John 12:32*).

Twelve Voices

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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!

Our EPIC needs this week are two-fold: Sunday morning ministry positions are open in both the Sound Booth and the Nursery. To volunteer for the Sound Booth (training available), contact Chris Bryant, 904-254-0930 or cmbryant64@gmail.com. To volunteer in the Nursery, contact Tally Whitehead, 740-548-1765 / twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org.



Bishop Beckwith preaches during the 9:30 a.m. service last Sunday.

These twins couldn't keep their eyes off of the Bishop during their baptism last Sunday!



Five youth and three adults professed their faith in Jesus Christ and received the sacrament of Confirmation when Bishop Peter Beckwith, assisting bishop in the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, visited St. Andrew's last Sunday.