

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

October 24 & 25, 2015



The St. Andrew's Youth Group kicked off its fall program with a campfire on a chilly Oct. 13. Youth Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the church.

Stewardship Sunday, Vestry election next week

Next week, at services on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, we will lift up to God our pledges for the coming year. Materials for the 2016 Stewardship Campaign went out this week to active families. Please take time to read through the stewardship booklet, and prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give toward his work in this place in the coming year, discuss it with your spouse and family if necessary, and come prepared to respond to his call.

A line item budget will also be available next week, and Vestry members will be available to answer any questions you may have.

If you did not receive a stewardship packet, you may pick one up in the Narthex or call the Parish Office at 740-548-5112.

We'll also be electing members to the Vestry next weekend. Candidates are Chris Bryant, Pat Carpenter, Dan Field, Jim Menke, and Randy Smith. Their profiles are available in the Narthex today. Four members will be elected three-year terms, and one to fill a one-year unexpired term, vacated by Mike Christy when he has his family moved to Louisiana this past summer.

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Operation Christmas Child shoebox project now underway

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.

How to Pack Your Shoebox:

1. Pick up a shoebox from the Operation Christmas Child display in the Gathering Area.
2. You may include one of the small stuffed animals by the display for your box if you so desire.
3. Affix boy or girl label on box which is also by display.
4. Fill with gifts: Fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
5. Pray: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
6. Include a \$7 donation for shipping costs.

Shoeboxes are due on Nov. 15. Next week we will write about gift suggestions. For more information please call Barbara Girard at 614-882-8754.



Calling all saints ... and princesses and knights in shining armor, super heroes, cartoon & movie characters, puppy dogs & kitty cats! Our annual All Saints Procession will be held Sunday, Nov. 1. Children (and OK, some of you adventurous adults, too!) are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and participate in the All-Saints Procession during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Fr. Ron Baird will give a short homily on the origin and real meaning of Halloween — All Hallows' Eve — and the meaning of All Saints Day. There will be treats at both Sunday services — and yes, on Saturday, too!

Pizza with the Priest Sunday, Nov. 1

Come join Father Ron for a simple pizza lunch after the contemporary service on Sunday, Nov. 1, in the Gathering Area. This is a great opportunity for church members to gather to fellowship, eat and truly enjoy the Sabbath together. And if you haven't attended our contemporary service, this is a wonderful week to try it, as well as to invite a friend to come to church and stay for lunch. We ask that you sign up online or at the Information Desk in the Narthex. We will also invite church members to make love donations to help cover our costs as well. Questions or want to help organize the meal? Contact Tally Whitehead at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org or on her cell at 614-578-7897.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25), Oct. 25-31

Sunday, Oct. 25 — A.M.: Psalm 63:1-8(9-11), 98; P.M.: Psalm 103; Haggai 1:1-2:9; Acts 18:24-19:7; Luke 10:25-37

Monday, Oct. 26 — A.M.: Psalm 41, 52; P.M.: Psalm 44; Zechariah 1:7-17; Revelation 1:4-20; Matthew 12:43-50

Tuesday, Oct. 27 — A.M.: Psalm 45; P.M.: Psalm 47, 48; Ezra 5:1-17; Revelation 4:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9

Wednesday, Oct. 28 — A.M.: Psalm 119:49-72; P.M.: Psalm 49, [53]; Ezra 6:1-22; Revelation 5:1-10; Matthew 13:10-17 **Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude** — A.M.: Psalm 66, Isaiah 28:9-16, Ephesians 4:1-16; P.M.: Psalm 116, 117, Isaiah 4:2-6, John 14:15-31

Thursday, Oct. 29 — A.M.: Psalm 50; P.M.: Psalm [59, 60] or 103; Nehemiah 1-1:11; Revelation 5:11-6:11; Matthew 13:18-23

Friday, Oct. 30 — A.M.: Psalm 40, 54; P.M.: Psalm 51; Nehemiah 2:1-20; Revelation 6:12-7:4; Matthew 13:24-30

Saturday, Oct. 31 — A.M.: Psalm 55; P.M.: Psalm 138, 139:1-17(18-23); Nehemiah 4:1-23; Revelation 7:(4-8)9-17; Matthew 13:31-35 **Eve of All Saints** — Psalm 34; Wisdom 3:1-9; Revelation 19:1,4-10

Sunday, Nov. 1 — A.M.: Psalm 24, 29; P.M.: Psalm 8, 84; Nehemiah 5:1-19; Acts 20:7-12; Luke 12:22-31 **All Saints Day** — AM: Psalms 111 & 112, 2 Esdras 2:42-47, Hebrews 11:32-12:2; P.M.: Psalms 148 & 150, Wisdom 5:1-5,14-16, Revelation 21:1-4,22-22:5

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishops John Kato and Andrew Ohata and for the priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the Diocese of Tohoku and the Diocese of Tokyo, respectively. The dioceses are two of the 11 within the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Holy Catholic Church in Japan, Anglican Communion). Christianity was introduced to Japan by Roman Catholic missionaries in the 16th century and initially flourished. The government felt threatened by the growth, however, and, following mass martyrdoms, the practice of Christianity was forbidden for centuries. When Christianity was re-introduced in the mid-19th century, the missionaries were surprised to find that groups of Christians had passed the Gospel down through their children and had survived the centuries without any priests.

Anglican worship in Japan first took place in 1846, although missionaries were not allowed to approach the Japanese until years later. The first Japanese convert to the Anglican Church was baptized in 1866, the first deacons were ordained in 1883, and the first priest in 1889. In the 1930's, active government persecution of Christians began again. During World War II, over a quarter of the church buildings, including the cathedrals in both the dioceses of Tohoku and Tokyo, were destroyed by Allied bombing. Both were rebuilt and the cathedral of Tohoku was again destroyed by the 2011 earthquake and then rebuilt in 2014.

Both dioceses operate many educational institutions and the Tokyo diocese also operates a major university, a junior college, and a hospital. The Tohoku diocese continues to spearhead relief efforts targeted to survivors of the 2011 earthquake/tsunami who have been overlooked by the main relief organizations. Please pray especially for the latter efforts, for the Tokyo Diocese's outreach to immigrants and refugees, and for both dioceses' involvement with education, youth, and evangelism.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Father David Metsinger and the people of Fellowship of the Savior, Perry, New York. Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for David and De An Williams; Bob and Debby Wilson; Jeff Wilson; the Living Stones small group; and the Kitchen Saints. Please also pray for those whose work requires them to work long hours: Lord God, uphold them with your hands that they may keep their hands to the task as long as necessary.

All Saints memorials

Sunday, Nov. 1, 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 2014, 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 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. 28.

Event to benefit efforts against human trafficking

Unchained, a ministry to aid human trafficking survivors, will sponsor a fashion show on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at The Bluestone, 53 E. Broad St., Columbus. Unchained was co-founded by Stephanie Catani, daughter of former St. Andrew's members Steve and Beth Myers. The event will feature designs from Korto Momolu of Project Runway. For ticket information, log on to www.shehasaname.com/unchained-2015, or call 614-636-0421.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

In discerning what God would have us do, and obediently doing it, we are released from selfish, self-centered independent attitudes. In that way we humble ourselves before God so that his power can work in and through us. "Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.' " (Mark 9:35)

— St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries

Stewardship, Vestry

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Absentee balloting is permitted by St. Andrew's Bylaws if you are unable to attend services that weekend. Please email your vote to Fr. Ron (rbaird@standrewspolaris.org) no later than Friday, Oct. 30. If you do not have access to a computer, please mail your signed ballot to the church office, 7521 S. Old State Rd., Lewis Center, OH 43035, with a delivery date no later than Oct. 30. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Field, senior warden, at 614-895-8204.