

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

February 1, 2015



At left, Testimony Troupe participants rehearse around the piano in the Sanctuary; below, our organist Laurie Darke, left, who is accompanying the singers, and Tiffany Christy, right, who is directing the Troupe.



Parish invited to participate in Chili Cook-off Sunday, Feb. 8

The St. Andrew's Youth Group will host its sixth annual Chili Cook-off Sunday, Feb. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Everyone in the parish is invited to come and join the fun!

This event grows each year, with more and more folks competing for the top prizes. Please plan to attend, and consider entering your favorite chili in the contest. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place; "fan favorites;" and the most unusual chili. Please contact **Karen Osmond** at 614-975-0878 or khosmond@gmail.com if you'd like to enter your chili in the cook-off. And please pass the word on to your friends and family, and encourage them to come!

Drinks, rolls and dessert will be provided. The youth do ask that you sign up on the sheets available on the Youth Group bulletin board in the Gathering Area so they'll know how many people to plan for.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper set for Feb. 17

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held this year on Tuesday, Feb 17, at the church. We will begin serving at approximately 5:30 p.m. and will continue until 7:30 p.m., or whenever the food runs out. As in the past, there is no charge for the supper, although we will be accepting donations to defray the costs. Friends and neighbors are welcome! Sign up sheets are available at the church. Please make sure to sign up so we'll know how many guests to prepare for.

Once again this year the Pancake Supper is hosted by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in conjunction with the Kitchen Ministry. If you have any questions, you can contact **Ed Summers** at 614-371-1649, or see any member of the Brotherhood.

Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Feb. 18

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18. We invite you to come to the altar of Christ at one of the two services that day, at 12 Noon and 7 p.m., to receive the imposition of ashes, to hear the call to a devout and Holy Lent and to receive God's mercy in the form of Christ's Body and Blood.

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Youth gearing up to 'Celebrate Life'

The St. Andrew's Youth Testimony Troupe is currently in formation, and is gathering weekly to rehearse for "Celebrate Life," a musical that tells the entire story of Christ — from prophecy through his birth, ministry, death, burial and resurrection.

The youth hope to perform a song or two from "Celebrate Life" for the congregation in the spring, with the longer-term goal of presenting the full musical for the community this summer.

Testimony Troupe, which provides youth with an opportunity to share their faith through drama and music, is led by **Tiffany Christy**, whose family has been involved in similar ministries in other churches. We are blessed that Tiffany has offered her musical and theatrical gifts to bring this experience to our young people. **Laurie Darke**, our organist, is accompanying the youth.

The Troupe meets weekly as part of

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The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany • Feb. 1-7

Sunday, February 1 — A.M.: Psalm 24, 29; P.M.: Psalm 8, 84; Isaiah 51:9-16; Hebrews 11:8-16; John 7:14-31 **Eve of the Presentation** — P.M.: Psalm 113, 122; 1 Samuel 1:20-28a; Romans 8:14-21

Monday, February 2 — A.M.: Psalm 56, 57, [58]; P.M.: Psalm 64, 65; Isaiah 51:17-23; Galatians 4:1-11; Mark 7:24-37 **Feast of the Presentation** — A.M.: Psalm 42, 43, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, John 8:31-36; P.M.: Psalm 48, 87, Haggai 2:1-9, 1 John 3:1-8

Tuesday, February 3 — A.M.: Psalm 61, 62; P.M.: Psalm 68:1-20(21-23)24-36; Isaiah 52:1-12; Galatians 4:12-20; Mark 8:1-10

Wednesday, February 4 — A.M.: Psalm 72; P.M.: Psalm 119:73-96; Isaiah 54:1-10(11-17); Galatians 4:21-31; Mark 8:11-26

Thursday, February 5 — A.M.: Psalm [70], 71; P.M.: Psalm 74; Isaiah 55:1-13; Galatians 5:1-15; Mark 8:27-9:1

Friday, February 6 — A.M.: Psalm 69:1-23(24-30)31-38; P.M.: Psalm 73; Isaiah 56:1-8; Galatians 5:16-24; Mark 9:2-13

Saturday, February 7 — A.M.: Psalm 75, 76; P.M.: Psalm 23, 27; Isaiah 57:3-13; Galatians 5:25-6:10; Mark 9:14-29

Next Sunday, February 8 — A.M.: Psalm 93, 96; P.M.: Psalm 34; Isaiah 57:14-21; Hebrews 12:1-6; John 7:37-46

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Next Sunday's Lectionary • Feb. 8; Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany (Year B)

Collect: BCP 216

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c (BCP 804)

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Evans Kisekka, Bishop-elect Canon Eridard Nsubuga**, and for the priests, deacons, religious, and people of the **Diocese of Luweero, Uganda**. Carved out of the first diocese in Uganda on Dec. 8, 1991, Luweero is one of the 34 dioceses in the Church of the Province of Uganda. Located in central Uganda, just barely north of the equator, most of the diocese is over 4,000 feet above sea level. Some 80 percent of the labor force is involved with agriculture, with most in subsistence farming. People 18 years old and younger comprise 59 percent of the population. Ndejje University, sponsored by the Anglican Church, has its main campus in Luweero Diocese. Anglicans comprise the largest religious group in the area, with 37 percent (more than 160,000 members) of the population according to the 2012 census (Roman Catholics number 32 percent, and Moslems 20 percent).

Please pray especially for the Diocese's focus on education and evangelism; for the consecration of the bishop-elect on May 17; and for the First International Celebration for martyred Anglican Archbishop St. Janani Luwum on Feb. 16.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Jim Burr** and the people of **Bread of Life Anglican Church**, Painesville; and for **Fr. Mark Engle, Deacon Terri Engle**, and the people of **Gateway Church**, Canton.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Wini Cloran; Jim and Carolyn Connors; Doris Cook**; the **Youth Group**; and the **Drama Ministry**. Please also pray for those who work in the cold weather: may God warm them with his love, and give them respite when needed to come in, out of the cold.

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Have a prayer request? Email prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org; call **Jacquie Wallace** at 740-369-3963; or fill out the online form on our website, standrewspolaris.org, under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

Sometimes for change to happen in my relationship with God, I am responsible for part of the process. "Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours." (*Isaiah 61:7*) "Who is like the wise? Who knows the explanation of things? A person's wisdom brightens their face and changes its hard appearance." (*Ecclesiastes 8:1*)

— From the Prayer Ministries Team

February Birthdays

Mike Kitsmiller
Ashlen Torio
Dan Field
Barbara Girard
Ava Yorke
Christian James
Sabrina Seagrave
Robert Patton
Matt Seitz
Bob Seyerle
Janet McNelis
Robert Schmidt
Sue McKeown
Steve Zacharias
Isabella Sylvester
Kathy Seitz
Kathy Summers
Avery Sylvester
Bernie Schramm
Carly Christopher
William Yorke
David Zak
Mike Christy
Andrew Lowery
Drew Lowery
Carla Stout
Allie Gales

February Anniversaries

George & Barbara Girard
Joe & Celia Nelson

Please remember to check our website before heading out for events and activities at the church if weather conditions are deteriorating, if roads are in poor driving condition or if there are snow emergencies in Delaware or Franklin counties. If a cancellation affects a majority of the congregation, we will also send a parish-wide e-mail. Church service cancellations will also be posted on local TV stations.

Ash Wednesday

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Remember that Ash Wednesday is also a fast day in the church. Those who are healthy and able are encouraged to fast from solid foods from sunup to sundown. Fasting helps us keep in mind the plight of those who don't have enough to eat, and also focuses our attention on the need to be "hungry" for the Gospel.

In order to experience the true joy of Easter, one must walk the Lenten journey. The imposition of ashes begins this journey by reminding us that we are but creatures of dust, created by God, and lost without his saving grace.

Bible study opportunities

Sunday at the Parish House

George Girard's Sunday morning adult Bible Study group will be starting a study on the book of James this week. The group meets Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish House, and all adults are welcome. If you're interested, please let George know so that he can have enough copies of the lesson available.

Weekdays in Delaware

Larry and Patti Cooper are inviting folks who live in the Delaware Area to join them for a Small Group Bible Study, perhaps on Wednesday evenings at their home in Delaware. Please contact them at lawrence_d_cooper@yahoo.com or 740-369-0832 if you're interested, or would like to learn more.

Marriage Enrichment

All married couples are invited to join the St. Andrew's Marriage Enrichment and Support Ministry for its monthly study of Dr. Gary Chapman's book, "The Marriage You've Always Wanted."

The group's next meeting is Friday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Area.

Please email **Donny and Heather Teeter** at PolarisMarriageEnrichment@gmail.com or contact **Larry and Patti Cooper** at 740-369-0832, if you're interested in attending.

Lenten Study Program begins Feb. 24

The 2015 Lenten Study Program is set to begin on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Once again, the five-week study will be held on Tuesdays, and will coincide with weekly Youth Group meetings. With programs for adults, youth and children, our hope is that families will come together to make this Lent a time of discipleship, fellowship and worship in preparation for Jesus's sacrifice on the cross, which opened the door to eternal life for us and for all who know him, and choose to follow him and call him Lord.

The study program will be held from 6:15 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays in Lent, beginning Feb. 24 and concluding March 24. Each evening will begin with a simple supper of soup and salad at 6:15 p.m., followed by a teaching by **Fr. Ron Baird**. Participants will then break into small groups for discussion and reflection.

We are also planning a program for our children, which will include a lesson, music and crafts. Youth participating in Testimony Troupe will meet for rehearsal following the evening meal each week. Youth not participating in Testimony Troupe are invited to join the adults for the teaching, and will break into their own small group for discussion.

Each evening will conclude with all ages coming together for a brief time of prayer and worship.

If you plan to participate in this year's program, please let us know by signing up in the Gathering Area, or online at standrewspolaris.org. If you're unable to make all five sessions, please feel free to come for as many of the sessions as you can.

As in the past, we're asking parishioners to contribute to the weekly meals by bringing a soup or salad to share. Individuals and families, or small groups, may wish to join together to take an evening to provide the food. Sign-up sheets for the meals are also available in the Gathering Area.

We are also seeking volunteers to help with the children's program, as well as in the Nursery, during Lent. Sign-up sheets for those are also available in the Narthex.

Please watch "The Net" and our website for further details, and for more information, please contact **Tally Whitehead**, director of Christian Formation and Lenten Study Program coordinator, at 614-578-7897 or twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org.

Annual Parish Meeting Feb. 22

The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 22 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be an opportunity to hear from **Fr. Ron Baird** and members of the Vestry about the state of the parish in 2014, and look ahead to what's planned for 2015. It's also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the "2014 Annual Report," which will be available on Sunday, Feb. 15.

Please mark Feb. 22 on your calendar, and plan to come out to learn about the state of the parish! Child care will be available.

Ministry reports due today!

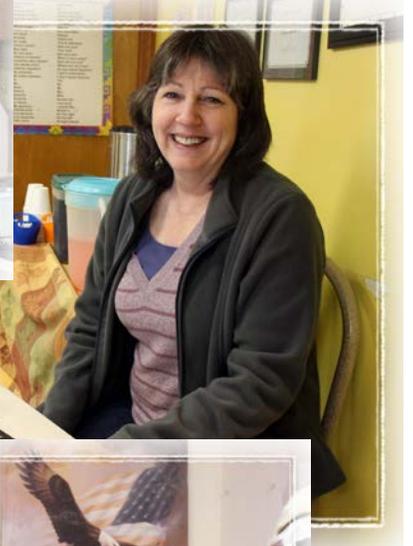
It's that time of year again! If you are a leader of a ministry or group, or an officer of the church, your ministry reports for inclusion in the 2014 Annual Report are due by Sunday, Feb. 1. The 2014 Annual Report will be made available to the parish on Feb. 15 in preparation for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 22.

Ministry leaders may download an electronic copy of the report form, which includes a suggested outline for your report. A hard copy of the form is available in the Narthex. For more information, please contact **Judy Baird** at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3.

Important reminder for those giving to the church

St. Andrew's Business Manager **Ruth Eller** reminds parishioners to indicate on your checks and/or pledge envelopes which fund you would like your donations directed to. Many parishioners are contributing to both the operating budget and the building fund, and sometimes make special gifts, and it's important that you indicate in some way to which fund your gifts should be directed. This is important also for those of you who give electronically, either through E-Giving, or through your own bank.

We shared with you last week about St. Andrew's service at the Common Ground Free Store earlier this month. Today, we want to spotlight a few more of our amazing volunteers, who gave their time to serve others in Christ's name. Below, at left (l-r), Helen Sawyer, Marty Scott and Emily Fieger pause from their kitchen duties for a photo; and at right, Kathy Summers welcomes Free Store shoppers.



Above, one of our young members offers up a tray of cookies; at right, Jackie and Jim Menke assist Free store shoppers at check-out.



Youth gearing up to 'Celebrate Life'

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Youth Group Tuesday Nights, which begin at 6:30 p.m. with rehearsal for those teens participating, followed by full Youth Group at 7:30 p.m.

Tiffany leads the youth in some team-building games before they go into the Sanctuary and sing a song or two. Youth then have a light meal together, beginning at around 7:30 p.m. After dinner, the youth have a short devotion and prayer, followed by a fun game, such as Sardines. Officially, the evening ends at 8:30, but several of the older youth like to hang out until 9 p.m., so those who want to stay longer have that option. **Tally Whitehead**, our director of Christian Formation, is facilitating Tuesday evening activities.

All youth ages 12 to 18 are welcome to come for some or all of the activities, and may leave when they need to. Some

come just for Youth Group at 7:30 p.m., while others come at 6:30 for Testimony Troupe and leave afterward. Others come for the entire evening.

For the first month or so, Testimony Troupe rehearsals center on having fun and building relationships, practicing a few songs, and recruitment of talent. The youth will be asked soon how they want to be involved. In addition to on-stage talent, opportunities exist for technical services, lighting, costume, stage and make-up personnel. Youth are welcome to invite friends from school and other churches to participate.

Changing it up for Lent

The normal schedule for Youth Group Tuesday Nights will remain until Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17. Youth Group will not be held that night, but everyone is invited to come with their families and enjoy our annual Pancake

Supper, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Any youth who want to help serve at this event should talk with Tally about volunteering.

During Lent the schedule changes again to accommodate the Lenten Study program, which runs from Feb. 24 to March 24. Dinner will start at 6:15 p.m. for the whole church. At 6:45, the Testimony Troupe will head over to the Parish House or the choir room (depending on weather), while adults are in the Sanctuary and younger kids in the Gathering Area. For those youth not involved in Testimony Troupe, we will have a designated small group discussion table following Fr. Ron's teaching in the sanctuary. Everyone will return to the Sanctuary by 7:50 p.m. to end the night together with the service of Compline. Youth will not meet during Holy Week, March 31, but return to the current schedule after Easter.