

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

March 22, 2015

Support sought for upcoming Kairos prison ministry weekend

"Whatsoever you have done to the least of these, you have done it unto Me." —Jesus

Every Kairos weekend in prison is a unique experience! At the Ohio Reformatory for Women, God calls a specific group of women to serve as the team. Then he calls another specific group of prison residents to receive his blessings, and he places them together for three days of growth, sharing and grace.

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Bill and Emily Fieger, pictured above with Bonnie Freeman, center, president of St. Andrew's Daughters of the Holy Cross chapter, recently donated 23,000 pop tabs — that's 12 pounds, 8 ounces of tabs! — for Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Fiegers collected the tabs in memory of a young Special Olympics athlete with whom Bill, a Special Olympics volunteer, connected. Inspired by the young man's enthusiasm for the project, Bill and Emily five years ago began asking lodgers who rent property from them on Lake Erie to save their cans and tabs. Tabs are designated for Ronald McDonald House, while the cans are donated to Faith Mission for recycling. The Daughters of the Holy Cross, which coordinates our participation in the Ronald McDonald Pop Tab project, invites you to join Bill and Emily in collecting your tabs from soda, soup and other aluminum cans. While most of us aren't likely to collect as many tabs as Bill and Emily, together our tabs will add up! Look for the RMHC pop tab collection containers in the shape of a house on top of the mail boxes in the Gathering Area. When your house is full, simply bring the tabs in and pour them in the large container, also on top of the mail boxes.

HOLY WEEK EASTER

SUNDAY • MARCH 29

Palm Sunday Services, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

THURSDAY • APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday, 12 Noon, Holy Eucharist; 7 p.m., Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar, with "The Voices of Easter."

FRIDAY • APRIL 3

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross, 11 a.m.
Good Friday Liturgy, 12 Noon
Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY • APRIL 4

Holy Saturday

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m.
Easter Vigil, 7 p.m.

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HOLY WEEK • MARCH 29-APRIL 4

A card shower for Georgiana's 99th!

Our own Georgiana Pearson will turn 99 on March 29, and we know that hearing from her church family would bring her great joy. Cards and well-wishes may be sent to her at: Georgiana Pearson, c/o Village at Westerville Retirement Center, 215 Huber Village Blvd., Westerville, Ohio 43081.

Youth movie outing today

The St. Andrew's Youth Group will go together to see the movie, "Do You Believe," after church today. Youth who wish to attend should plan to be at the church to leave by 12:30 p.m. They'll have lunch nearby before the 1:35 p.m. showing. Youth should be back to the church by about 4:30 p.m. Movie cost is \$5, plus money for lunch and/or popcorn. See Tally Whitehead or Karen Osmond if you'd like to attend!

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Fifth Sunday in Lent · March 22-28

Sunday, March 22 — A.M.: Psalm 118; P.M.: Psalm 145; Jeremiah 23:16-32; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Mark 8:31-9:1

Monday, March 23 — A.M.: Psalm 31; P.M.: Psalm 35; Jeremiah 24:1-10; Romans 9:19-33; John 9:1-17

Tuesday, March 24 — A.M.: Psalm [120], 121, 122, 123; P.M.: Psalm 124, 125, 126, [127]; Jeremiah 25:8-17; Romans 10:1-13; John 9:18-41

Wednesday, March 25 — A.M.: Psalm 119:145-176; P.M.: Psalm 128, 129, 130; Jeremiah 25:30-38; Romans 10:14-21; John 10:1-18 **Feast of The Annunciation** — A.M.: Psalm 85, 87, Isaiah 52:7-12, Hebrews 2:5-10; P.M.: Psalm 110:1-5(6-7), 132, Wisdom 9:1-12, John 1:9-14

Thursday, March 26 — A.M.: Psalm 131, 132, [133]; P.M.: Psalm 140, 142; Jeremiah 26:1-16; Romans 11:1-12; John 10:19-42

Friday, March 27 — A.M.: Psalm 95* & 22; P.M.: Psalm 141, 143:1-11(12); Jeremiah 29:1,4-13; Romans 11:13-24; John 11:1-27 or 12:1-10

Saturday, March 28 — A.M.: Psalm 137:1-6(7-9), 144; P.M.: Psalm 42, 43; Jeremiah 31:27-34; Romans 11:25-36; John 11:28-44 or 12:37-50

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 29 — A.M.: Psalm 24, 29; P.M.: Psalm 103; Zechariah 9:9-12** or Zechariah 12:9-11,13:1,7-9***; 1 Timothy 6:12-16**;
Matthew 21:12-17***

* For the Invitatory ** For use in the morning *** For use in the evening

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Next Sunday's Lectionary · March 29; Palm Sunday (Year B)

Collect: BCP 219

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Godfrey Sehaba** and for the priests, deacons, religious, and people of the **Diocese of Morogoro**, one of the 27 dioceses in The Anglican Church of Tanzania (ACT). Tanzania is in central east Africa and the Diocese of Morogoro is located some 150 miles from the Indian Ocean. Anglican worship in the area began in 1864 and the ACT now numbers some 2.5 million. The Diocese of Morogoro was created in 1965, covers a large area, and includes some of the most scenic areas of Tanzania, including portions of two mountain ranges.

While most members of the Diocese live in rural areas, the city of Morogoro contains some 1.6 million people. The population there is 49 percent Christian, 32 percent Muslim, and 19 percent animist. The annual income for a Tanzanian worker is the equivalent of 280 US dollars. The Diocese operates two Bible Colleges, a hospital, a health clinic, and an orphanage, along with a number of schools. The Bible College of Morogoro, operated by the Church, has students enrolled in two and three year courses of study. The graduates go on to become church planters. Other education/training programs last 1-3 months.

The Diocese places great emphasis on training church leaders, both ordained and lay, in the Bible colleges and also via the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program, running in dozens of locations throughout the diocese. In a recent year, the Bible colleges and TEE together trained over 1,400 church workers.

Please pray especially for continued Church growth, for the orphans, and for the lay and ordained leadership training programs.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Rick Leone, Fr. Jeff Robinette, Fr. John Robinette, Deacon Emma Robinette**, and for the people of **Church of Our Glorious King & New Life Anglican**, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for the **Theresa Gilligan; George and Barbara Girard; Tom, Joey and Alli Girard**; the **Menke Small Group**; and for the **Marriage Enrichment Ministry**. Please also pray for those in business and retail: may they do their jobs for the glory of God, not solely for personal gain.

We still need several soups and salads for this coming Tuesday. If you can help provide food, please check the needs on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex today and add your name to it!

Lenten Program concludes Tuesday

The 2015 Lenten Study Program concludes this coming Tuesday, March 22. This year's theme has been "Come and See: Ordinary people sharing God's extraordinary Good News."

Participants have explored what the Bible has to say about evangelism ... sharing the Good News that Christ, through his death and resurrection, has overcome sin and death and offers forgiveness and the gift of eternal life freely to all. They've discovered their personal style for evangelism; identified the Good News in their own life, and learned how God can use their story of how Jesus has overcome the brokenness in their life to draw others to him; and they've talked about who in their life God may be calling them to share that story with.

This week, the focus will be on seeking opportunities to share the Good News, and inviting others to "Come and See" God at work in our midst.

A simple supper of soup and salad will be served at 6:15 p.m., followed by the study, which includes a teaching by Fr. Ron, followed by discussion in small groups.

Children are also exploring the Good News and learning that they, too, have Good News to share, through interactive lessons featuring music, a craft and Scripture. Youth participating in Testimony Troupe are meeting for rehearsal following the evening meal each week, while youth not participating in Testimony Troupe join the adults for the teaching, and break into their own small group for discussion.

The evening will conclude with the service of Compline from the "Book of Common Prayer"; and wrap up by 8 p.m.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

"What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!" — *Words by Joseph M. Scriven, written in 1855*

— From St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries

Private Confession a channel of God's grace

By Fr. Ron Baird

The sacrament of Penance, called the Reconciliation of a Penitent (on Page 447 in "The Book of Common Prayer") is undoubtedly one of the least used sacraments available to Anglicans. Many rumors and innuendos have circulated in our Church about this sacrament, none of which have been good. For some it invokes memories of old Roman Catholicism and forced confessions. Others ask, "Why do I need a priest to confess my sins? Why can't I confess directly to God?"



It is obvious that we not only can, but should, confess our sins directly to God on a regular basis. I encourage and practice daily confession of sin to God, as well as the general confession we use on Sundays.

What I hope to do here is not to coerce you into going to confession, but rather to help you see private confession as a channel of God's grace. I hope you will see it for what it is — a sacrament *for* you.

I have made private confession because I have discovered in it the incredible power of reconciliation to God. Often, during Lent, I take the time (or make it) to examine my life; to look closely at the direction in which it is heading. Am I being obedient to God's call in my life? Am I even asking what it is? What things have I done contrary to that call?

The point of confession is not to berate yourself in front of another person. It is to look at your life and your obedience or disobedience to God in order to be restored to newness of life in him, and to be empowered to turn away from sin, which leads you away from God in disobedience. That is the power of the sacrament and is the reason why you "need a priest."

The seal of the confessional is absolute. A priest may not mention your confession to anyone else, or even to you ever again. In fact, the priest is best served by trying to forget it altogether once it is finished. This is because the priest's role in the confession is to be a mediator of the sacrament, not to sit in judgment of the penitent.

Very few of us take the time to actually confess our sins. We are good at acknowledging that we are sinners, but we rarely get specific about what our sins are, not only with others, but with ourselves. The sacrament provides us the opportunity to really discover our own sinfulness and the incredible power of God's love and forgiveness in our lives. Sometimes we may need to avail ourselves of the sacrament because the burden of guilt is too great to bear. But we also can discover the power of God by making an appointment to make our confession on a regular (perhaps yearly) basis.

Holy Week is an especially appropriate time to make a private confession. If you would like to make a sacramental confession during Lent, please contact **Fr. Ron** at 740-548-5112, ext. 1.

'Voices of Easter' set for Maundy Thursday

Our Drama Ministry's annual presentation of "The Twelves Voices of Easter" provides Holy Week worshipers a unique opportunity to experience the testimonies of "first-hand witnesses" to passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year's presentation, set for Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m., will feature three first-person accounts of the events surrounding the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We'll hear from "Caiaphas: Voice of Condemnation," based on Matthew 26: 59-68, to be presented by **Paul Roach**; "Pilate: Voice of Evasion," based on Matthew 27:11-26, to be presented by **Mike Schroeder**; and "The Mob: Voice of Hatred," based on Matthew 27: 15-26, to be presented by **Pat Carpenter, Reed Slevin and Randy Smith**, with congregational support. **Mother Nanci James** is the director.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and family to "come and see" the work God is doing in this place, and to experience the events of Holy Week in a very special and deeply meaningful way.

"The Twelve Voices of Easter" is based on the drama by Dr. Woodrow Kroll and Keith Ghormley of "Back to the Bible."

Donations sought for Easter Egg Hunt

Don't miss the annual St. Andrew's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4, on the lawn of the church! Bring your friends and family, and join the fun!

We are now accepting donations of small individually wrapped candies or small Christian-themed items such as stickers to place inside the eggs. These may be placed in the bin in the Narthex marked "Easter Egg Donations" no later than Palm Sunday, March 29.

We also need volunteers to help with the hunt on April 4, including a few folks to come out early (around 10 a.m.) to roll out the eggs. If you would like to help with the Easter Egg Hunt, please contact **Judy Baird** at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3.

Women's Spring Sequel set for Sunday, April 26

Mark your calendars! **Robin Field** invites the women and girls of the Parish to her home for fellowship, fun, and finger foods on Sunday, April 26 from 3 to 6 p.m. Come for all or part, but just come! Sign-up sheets and directions will be available after Easter. If you have questions, please contact Robin at 614-895-8204.

Spring Sale set for May 30!

Yes, we have decided to organize another Spring Sale! After much thought and prayer, we are going forward with our planning, with some changes. We will keep it short and simple so we can focus more of our time and energy on the Harvest Festival and Rummage Sale in the fall.

The Spring Sale will be Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. As in the past, the rummage sale will be the main event. We will sell ice cream and baked goods, but will save the vendors' market for the fall. We do need volunteers to bake some yummy treats!

Watch for the drop-off days and times in April. In the meantime, please consider what area you want to volunteer for. We'll need folks to set up at 7 a.m.; serve as cashiers; oversee the sale tables; assist customers with their purchases; answer questions; and tear down at 1 p.m. We need (and want) all of you to be involved in this community outreach project! Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex after Easter.

Kairos

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Even though you are not on the team, you can be involved in the upcoming Kairos #42! The team makes a financial commitment, sacrifices their time and puts great efforts into preparation. The Christian community at large can help with important tasks to help the weekend run smoothly and support the work of the team.

- **Pray!** Prayer is the oil that makes everything work. The work is the work of the Lord, and he has asked for your prayers! There is a prayer vigil, and we ask each person who can to sign up for a specific time. Your first name and the date and time will also be written on a colored strip of paper. All the strips are pasted into a rainbow chain that goes all the

way around the Conference Room ... sometimes twice!

- **Bake cookies!** Each team member has accepted the responsibility of collecting 75 dozen cookies! If individuals even make just three dozen each, it takes only 25 bakers to achieve that goal! Chocolate chip is the favorite, but "special" are used only in the Conference Room.

Cookie-baking rules:

-  No powdered sugar or frosting.
-  Pack them (after fully cooled) one dozen to a quart sized zippered plastic bag (that's a new procedure).
-  Pray while the cookies are

baking that whoever receives the cookies also receives the Lord Jesus Christ!

-  Deliver cookies to church by Easter Sunday.

- **Make a donation!** It costs more than \$150 for each prison resident to attend the weekend. Costs include food for three days, paper supplies, tissues, poster board, markers, rental of round tables, Bibles, crosses, and much, much more. All funds are donated by Christians who love the Lord. None of the costs for Kairos weekends are from state funds! Even \$5 helps! Please make checks payable to "Kairos of Ohio", and write "ORW #42" in the memo line.

- **Write letters to the participants!** Letters of encouragement are part of the process of sharing Jesus with the women. So many of them feel they have been "warehoused" and forgotten, that they are too discouraged to make a new life! *Your* note may make the difference. Please address to "Dear Sister in Christ," and *do not* seal or write names on the envelope!

- **Make banners or posters!** Banners and posters are pinned all over the walls to show the love and support of the Christian community outside the razor wire. These are a witness, too, to those who come to visit the prison library, which is in the same building.

- **Attend the closing!** Kairos #42 Closing is open to all Christians who are interested in seeing the outcome. Attendees are asked to be at the ORW Entrance Building by 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, at the Ohio Reformatory for Women. Application forms have address and instructions.

St. Andrew's parishioner **Donna Gough** is serving on this team, and asks your support for this work of the Lord. Applications for closing must be mailed in prior to Friday, April 3.

All other items are needed by Easter Sunday! She is especially asking for prayers and cookies!

Donna adds, "God loves you, and so do I!" For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Donna at 614-948-3833 or goughdonna@aol.com, or catch her in person at church.

Easter Flower Memorials & Thanksgivings



The Altar Guild is now accepting contributions toward flowers to decorate the altar and sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to make a gift in any amount in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a loved one, an event or a blessing, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Please note Altar Guild in the memo section of your check. Cash gifts should be placed in an envelope, along with this form. You may also fill out this form on the Member Connection of the website.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ toward altar decorations for Easter.

Please print all information exactly as you would like it to appear in the Easter bulletin.

This gift is given by (please print):

Please contact me at the follow e-mail address or phone number with questions:

In memory of (please print):

In thanksgiving for (please print):

For more information, please contact Ellie Schramm, 614-846-0711 or ellieschramm@live.com **Deadline: Sunday, March 29.**