

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Feast of the  
Baptism of our Lord  
January 9 & 10, 2016



St. Andrew's welcomed a new member into the family of God last Sunday. She wore a baptismal gown that was made in 1906 by her Great-great-grandmother, and which has been worn in every generation of her family since, including by her mother and grandmother. (Photos courtesy of Barbie Atkinson.)

## Baptism

... power to become  
children of God

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### Parish to serve at Common Ground Jan. 16

St. Andrew's will serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware on Saturday, Jan. 16. You may sign up to volunteer and/or contribute food for the meal we'll serve that day in the Narthex.

For more information, please contact Diane Bobay at 614-846-6921 or bobayfamily@att.net, or Marty at 614-284-0182 or mscott@standrewspolaris.org.

### Healthy Marriage group meets Jan. 15

The Healthy Marriage Small Group will ring in the new year with an abundance of new! The plan is to start a new study this month *and* to add a new meeting night each month.

The new study will be "Love and Respect" by Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerich, and will get started this Friday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering area. Then a second meeting will be added on a Wednesday night each month using the same study. The first meeting of this group of couples will be on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Parish house.

For more information contact Larry and Patti Cooper at 740-369-0832.

### Women's Bible study group resumes Jan. 19

The Tuesday morning women's Bible study group has finished its fall study, and will resume meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 9:30 a.m. at the Parish House. At that time, the group will choose its next study, which will begin on Feb. 2.

All women of the church are welcome to come and bring a friend! For more information, please contact Tally Whitehead at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper set for Feb. 9

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held this year on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 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 and sign up so we'll know how many guests to prepare for.

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# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the First Sunday in Epiphany • Jan.10-16

**Sunday, Jan. 10** — A.M.: Psalm 146, 147; P.M.: Psalm 111, 112, 113; Genesis 1:1-2:3; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:29-34

**Monday, Jan. 11** — A.M.: Psalm 1, 2, 3; P.M.: Psalm 4, 7; Genesis 2:4-9 (10-15) 16-25; Hebrews 1:1-14; John 1:1-18

**Tuesday, Jan. 12** — A.M.: Psalm 5, 6; P.M.: Psalm 10, 11; Genesis 3:1-24; Hebrews 2:1-10; John 1:19-28

**Wednesday, Jan. 13** — A.M.: Psalm 119:1-24; P.M.: Psalm 12, 13, 14; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 2:11-18; John 1:(29-34)35-42

**Thursday, Jan. 14** — A.M.: Psalm 18:1-20; P.M.: Psalm 18:21-50; Genesis 4:17-26; Hebrews 3:1-11; John 1:43-51

**Friday, Jan. 15** — A.M.: Psalm 16, 17; P.M.: Psalm 22; Genesis 6:1-8; Hebrews 3:12-19; John 2:1-12

**Saturday, Jan. 16** — A.M.: Psalm 20, 21:1-7 (8-14); P.M.: Psalm 110:1-5 (6-7), 116, 117; Genesis 6:9-22; Hebrews 4:1-13; John 2:13-22

**Next Sunday, Jan. 17** — A.M.: Psalm 148, 149, 150; P.M.: Psalm 114, 115; Genesis 7:1-10,17-23; Ephesians 4:1-16; Mark 3:7-19

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**Next Sunday's Lectionary • Jan. 17; Second Sunday after The Epiphany (Year C)**

**Collect:** BCP 215

**Psalm 36:5-10** (BCP 632)

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62: 1-5

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Archbishop Philip Freir and for the archbishops, bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the Anglican Church of Australia. Anglican worship in Australia began in 1788 with the arrival, from England, of the "First Fleet", made up primarily of convicts and military personnel. Free settlers soon followed. The first church building was not completed until 1791. The Church became fully autonomous in 1962.

A mission to the indigenous peoples of Australia was started in 1832 but met with failure as the natives displayed a reluctance to convert to the religion of the colonists who were seizing their lands. Later missions were more successful and about 25 percent of Australia's indigenous population self-reported as Anglican in 2006. Overall, the church has declined sharply from including 40 percent of the population at the beginning of the 20th century to including only 17 percent (about 3.7 million) now, due to changes in immigration patterns, a decline in Anglican church attendance, and a sharp rise in the numbers professing to be agnostic or atheist. Nonetheless, the Church remains a major provider of welfare and education. Please pray especially for evangelistic outreach to the unchurched.

Following the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishops Alphonza Gadsden, D.D., and William White and for the Diocese of the Southeast.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Fr. Brian Wolthius and 3Sixty & All Saints Anglican, Holland, Michigan. Please also pray for the Rev. Dr. Ronald Jackson, elected this past week by the ACNA College of Bishops to be the next bishop of the Diocese of the Great Lakes.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Chris and Cherie Bryant and Angela Kerr; Dick and Mary Alice Busick; and Common Ground Free Store Ministries. Please also pray for those serving in the military; God, we ask for your protection on them as they give of their lives to protect our country.

## Weekday prayer this

### coming Wednesday, Jan. 13

Got a few minutes around noontime on Wednesdays? Come join us in praying at church in the sanctuary from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. on January 13 and 27.

"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." (*James 4:8a*)

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## Encouragement for your prayer time with God

What is God talking about? What is he saying to you? "But which of them has stood in the council of the Lord to see or to hear his word? Who has listened and heard his word?" (*Jeremiah 23:18*)

"This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name: 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' " (*Jeremiah 33:2-3*) "...for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice,..." (*Psalm 95:7*)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

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## Shrove Tuesday

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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.

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## Winter weather notice

We've been blessed with mild weather so far this winter, but we do live in Central Ohio, so things could change at any moment! 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. (Please note that all events and activities at the church are canceled if there is a Level 3 snow emergency in Delaware County and/or Orange Township.)

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.

# A new bishop for the ADGL

The College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America met on Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, and prayerfully elected the Rev. Dr. Canon Ronald Jackson as the next bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes (ADGL).

Three candidates, including Bishop-elect Jackson, the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, and the Rev. Allen Kannapell, had been nominated when the ADGL met in an extraordinary Synod on Oct. 3.

The College, meeting at Christ Church in Vero Beach, Fla., heard the testimonies of all three candidates

and had the opportunity to ask them questions about their faith, ministry, and calling. The election came after a time of prayer.

Archbishop Foley Beach gave thanks for the election saying, "I am very excited about this godly man whom God has raised up to serve His Church."

The chair of the Task Force on the Episcopate, the Rt. Rev Bill Atwood commented, "The Bishops take their role prayerfully and very seriously to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We had three tremendous candidates

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**Bishop-elect Ron Jackson and wife Patty**

## Feast of the Baptism of our Lord reveals God's power in Jesus

The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany. The reason that this feast stands in such a prominent position is because it was the first time that God manifested his power in Jesus in public.



When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John was appalled at the idea. He claimed he was not worthy to untie Jesus' sandal. Why should he baptize Jesus for the forgiveness of sins when Jesus was obviously so much more righteous than anyone John had ever known?

John tells Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you ..." (*Matthew 3:14*). But Jesus answers him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Why does Jesus insist on this? Why does he need to be baptized?

The answer is one that John gave earlier in *Matthew 3:11*. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me ... will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

This is the baptism that Jesus receives. A baptism to be filled with the Holy Spirit. A baptism of the power of God. To this the Father testifies, "This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased." God's public testimony of the person and power of Jesus the Christ!

Others would come, at the Transfiguration, through signs and healings: The blind shall see, the lame shall walk, the deaf shall hear, the dumb shall speak. And then through that

ultimate sign of the power of God: The Resurrection.

When we come to be baptized as Christians, we come not only to be baptized with water for the forgiveness of sins. That was possible even before Jesus. John the Baptizer could do that. No, we come to share in the baptism of our Lord. To paraphrase St. Paul, if we share in a death like his through the drowning of baptism, we shall surely share in a resurrection like his.

In our own baptisms, Christ has been revealed to us. The Holy Spirit has descended upon us and given to us the power of God to bring the Gospel (the Good News of love, forgiveness and acceptance) to the whole world. In this first public revelation of Jesus, he was declared to be the Son of God. In our baptisms, we are declared to be the adopted sons and daughters of God. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we too are sent out into the world to declare to a sinful and broken world the Good News of God's salvation through Jesus Christ.

With the power of God with us, we are called to open the eyes of the blind, open the ears of the deaf, enable the dumb to speak and the lame to walk. In other words, we are to set those who are captive to sin free from the darkness to walk as the children of light!

— By Fr. Ron Baird

Pictured on the front and above, is the ceiling mosaic in the Baptistery of Neon in Ravenna, central Italy, which depicts at its center John the Baptist baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River. The 12 apostles proceed around the center mosaic in two directions, ending with Saint Peter meeting Saint Paul.

The most ancient monument remaining in the city, the baptistry was partly erected on the site of a Roman bath. The octagonal brick structure was erected by Bishop Ursus at the end of the 4th or beginning of the 5th Century, as part of his great Basilica, which was destroyed in 1734. The baptistry was finished by Bishop Neon at the end of the 5th Century, at which time the mosaic decorations were added.



*Come, let us adore him!*



Children seem naturally drawn to the Christ Child in the Nativity, which features the Adoration of the Magi, that graces our Narthex at Christmas.

## Fr. Ron begins class on Book of Revelation this Sunday

Beginning this Sunday, Fr. Ron Baird will begin teaching on the the Book of Revelation in the adult forum at 10:15 a.m.. If you've ever been curious about this book, which has been misrepresented by so many groups, come and hear how it is the promise of God's victory over the evil in the world. Learn how to discern the meaning behind the symbolism that many find so confusing in this book. Come and share the Good News!

## Orientation to St. Andrew's Sunday, Jan. 24

The next session of "Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's" will be Sunday, Jan. 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Parish House Conference Room. Class 101, which is led by Fr. Ron Baird, is an introduction to St. Andrew's, and covers the benefits of belonging to our parish, our purpose, mission and beliefs.

You may register by contacting Judy Baird, 740- 548-5112, ext. 3 or [jbaird@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org). Child care will be provided, but we do ask that you let us know in advance so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

This class is for anyone who is interested in joining St. Andrew's, or just wants to know more about our mission and ministry! Although you will be invited to join St. Andrew's at the close of the class, you are under no obligation to do so. You may join at any time simply by signing and returning the Membership Covenant that is in the Participant's Manual.

## A new bishop

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for Bishop of the Great Lakes. We are pleased to be able to come to one mind concerning the selection of the new Bishop, and congratulate our brother, the Rev Dr. Ronald W. Jackson as the new Bishop. The Bishops are very pleased to commend him."

Rev. Jackson will be the second bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, taking over the episcopal ministry from diocese's first bishop, The Rt. Rev. Roger Ames. The consecration of Bishop-elect Jackson will be in Akron on Thursday, April 28.

Bishop-elect Jackson was ordained to the priesthood in 1974 in the Diocese of Los Angeles. He attended seminary at Nashotah House in Wisconsin, and earned his Doctorate of Ministry from the School of Theology at Claremont, California, with an emphasis on New Testament Theology and Church History.

Prior to being named Canon for Leadership and Missional Development in the ADGL in 2014, the Rev. Dr. Jackson was chaplain and senior tutor at Trinity College in Bristol, England, from 2007 to 2013. He also served in parishes in Ohio, Tennessee and California, most recently as rector of St. Luke's of the Mountains, La Crescenta, Calif., from 1992 to 2007.

He and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of four grown children, and have four grandchildren and (as of October) two on the way.