

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

May 21 & 22, 2016

Campaign calls for hiring Youth & Family Life Minister

Discussion at our Annual Meeting in February centered around ministry to children and youth, and how we can best serve them and their families. After prayerful consideration of suggestions that came out of small group discussions at the meeting, as well as input from a survey that many attending filled out, Fr. Ron Baird and the St. Andrew's Vestry are recommending that the focus of our next Capital Campaign be on raising funds to hire a Youth and Family Life Minister. You'll read much more about this recommendation,

and how the position will be funded, in the 2016 Capital Fund Campaign materials that you'll receive in the coming week, and today we want to give you a glimpse of what's to come.

This will be our third Capital Campaign since we opened our doors in Lewis Center. Your generosity to both of those campaigns was phenomenal, and we exceeded our fund-raising goals in both of them. With monies raised from the current Capital Fund, which comes to a close at the end of June, we've accomplish all of the facilities projects that were proposed, and then some. Now we believe it's time to turn our efforts to investing in people, most specifically children, *Please turn to inside*



Pentecost!

Above, two of our youth pass out balloons during our celebration of the Feast of Pentecost last Sunday; and at left, a toddler holds fast to her balloon with help from Mom. The red balloons served as a symbol of the Holy Spirit in the world, reminding us that he blows where he will.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of Trinity Sunday · May 22-28

Trinity Sunday, May 22 — A.M.: Psalm 146, 147; P.M.: Psalm 111, 112, 113; Job 38:1-11, 42:1-5; Revelation 19:4-16; John 1:29-34

Monday, May 23 — A.M.: Psalm 25; P.M.: Psalm 9, 15; Proverbs 10:1-12; 1 Timothy 1:1-17; Matthew 12:22-32

Tuesday, May 24 — A.M.: Psalm 26 & 28; P.M.: Psalm 36, 39; Proverbs 15:16-33; 1 Timothy 1:18-2:8; Matthew 12:33-42

Wednesday, May 25 — A.M.: Psalm 38; P.M.: Psalm 119:25-48; Proverbs 17:1-20; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; Matthew 12:43-50

Thursday, May 26 — A.M.: Psalm 37:1-18; P.M.: Psalm 37:19-42; Proverbs 21:30-22:6; 1 Timothy 4:1-16; Matthew 13:24-30

Friday, May 27 — A.M.: Psalm 31; P.M.: Psalm 35; Proverbs 23:19-21, 29-24:2; 1 Timothy 5:17-22(23-25); Matthew 13:31-35

Saturday, May 28 — A.M.: Psalm 30, 32; P.M.: Psalm 42, 43; Proverbs 25:15-28; 1 Timothy 6:6-21; Matthew 13:36-43

Next Sunday, May 29 — A.M.: Psalm 63:1-8 (9-11), 98; P.M.: Psalm 103; Ecclesiasticus 1:1-11; Acts 8:26-40; Luke 11:1-13

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Presiding Bishop Francisco Moreno and for the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and laity of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (The Anglican Church of Mexico).

An Anglican Church in Mexico was not legally possible until religious reform in 1857 separated the Roman Catholic Church from the government and politics. In 1860, the newly formed Church of Jesus, led by three former Roman Catholic priests, contacted

The Episcopal Church in the United States seeking leadership, guidance, and support and all were provided. Also in the mid-1800s, many British and American citizens had moved to Mexico to work in the oil, mining, and railroad industries and they requested church services in English, ultimately provided by Episcopal priests from the U.S. Eventually, the Spanish and English speaking congregations were united in the Missionary Diocese of Mexico.

After initial rapid growth, many church buildings were destroyed and congregations scattered during the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1920. Many of the English speaking congregations never returned to Mexico. The first native Mexican bishop was consecrated in 1931. The Church became an autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion in 1995. It now numbers 100,000 members in five dioceses. Please pray especially for continued evangelism and outreach to youth.

Following the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, please pray for all retired clergy and clergy widows.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Fr. Joe Boysel, Deacons Sarah Nix and Brian Hollon, and for the people of Holy Trinity, Hudson, Ohio. Please also pray for Fr. Abraham Fiodembo and the people of Holy Trinity, Milan, Ohio.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Daniel McNelis; Janet McNelis; the Living Stones Small Group; and the St. Andrew's Leadership Touchstone (SALT) Gathering, which will later this year. Please also pray for those working in the computer industry; may they be good stewards of this vast technology God has given mankind the intelligence to develop.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

Prayer is in itself an essentially trinitarian exercise. It is access to the Father through the Son and by the Holy Spirit "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." (*Ephesians 2:18*) The inspiration of the Spirit is just as necessary for our prayers as the mediation of the Son. We can approach the Father only through the Son and only by the Spirit. First, [in prayer] the Spirit helps us (because of our weak half-saved situation), "Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses, ..." (*Romans 8:26a*); secondly, as the apostle Paul stated in *Romans 8:26b*: "...the Spirit intercedes for us" (because of our ignorance of what to pray for); and thirdly, "But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth." (*John 16:13a*), and therefore God listens and responds. — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

'Feeling Better' seminar May 22

Tasso Spanos, CTPM will present "Feeling Better," a pain management seminar, on Sunday, May 22nd, from 2 to 4pm in the Gathering Area at St. Andrew's. Tasso is a Certified Trigger Point Myotherapist who has been practicing and teaching Myofascial Trigger Point Therapy since the early 1980s, and is also a Licensed Massage Therapist.

Myofascial Trigger Point Therapy is the identification and treatment of pain and dysfunction in muscle tissue and the connective tissue in and around it caused by myofascial trigger points.

Youth service opportunities

Humane Society Service Project — On Sunday, May 22, the Youth Group will be volunteering at the Delaware County Humane Society. Youth should plan on gathering at the church after the 11:15 a.m. service. We will enjoy a pizza lunch before heading up to the Humane Society to walk dogs and play with the cats.

Youth need to be 14-years-old or older to volunteer due to age restrictions imposed by the Humane Society. We welcome any returning college students to joins us!

Service at the Homeless Shelter — On Sunday, June 5, youth have another great service opportunity serving meals to homeless families at the Community Shelter Board in downtown Columbus. Karen Osmond has previously volunteered here and has signed us up to serve if we can get at least six youth to commit. We would need to leave the church by 5 p.m. and go directly to the shelter.

Youth would serve meals from 5:45 to 8 p.m. We would then stop for a quick bite or some ice cream on the way back to church, arriving back between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

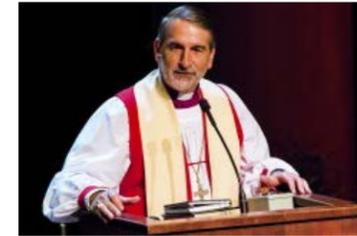
We absolutely need a response by May 20 if you are available to go. Again, this is another age 14 and older service opportunity due to age restrictions imposed by the shelter. We encourage returning college students to volunteer.

If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Tally Whitehead at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org or 614-578-7897, or Karen Osmond at khosmond@gmail.com or 614-975-0878, or look for the sign-up sheet on the information desk at church.

From a Shepherd's Heart

Archbishop Beach calls Church to serve our children and youth

With our plans for moving forward with a Capital Campaign to raise funds to hire and Youth and Family Life Minister to serve the needs of your children, teenagers and young families, we were encouraged to read this recent letter from the Most Rev. Foley Beach, archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America.



Not too long ago, I was in a discussion with a woman who shared with me about talking with a teenager in a major city in the U.S. who had never heard the name Jesus!

Can you imagine a child growing up in Canada or the U.S. and never hearing the name of Jesus? How many children and teenagers live or attend school within one mile of your church? How many of those children and youth are unchurched and do not know about Jesus? Yet, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

We live in a time when our children and youth (even in the Church) are missing out on the greatest story in human history. Rather than hearing about Jesus, these young people are being inculturated with ungodly and unbiblical attitudes and behaviors. Their childhood is being taken from them by the fracturing of the family, their exposure to sin through television and the internet, and the lack of moral teaching and discipline in their schools. The "innocence of childhood" is quickly becoming a faint legend from the past.

What are we followers of Jesus to do about this? What can we do about this?

First, pray. Ask God to intervene and help you reach the children in your neighborhood and community (Lk.10:2). Second, make disciples of your children and your youth "teaching them to observe all that he has commanded you" (Mt.28:20). Third, equip the parents and families in your congregation and community with teaching and resources on how to parent, disciple their children, and model godly parenting. Fourth, creatively reach out to the children and teenagers in your neighborhood and schools.

On a Provincial level, it is time to invest in staffing and resources to better assist dioceses and parishes to reach the children and teens in their communities. Somehow, someday, we as a Province need to be equipping our people to minister to the teenagers and children in our communities. Will you join me in praying that the Lord will provide the people and resources to do this?

+ *Foley Beach*

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach
Archbishop and Primate
Anglican Church in North America

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youth and young families. We believe that by focusing on people now, our parish family will grow and flourish, and facilities will follow out of necessity.

We anticipate hiring a Youth and Family Life Minister in 2017, with the ideal candidate someone with the gifts and passion to work with children, youth and young families.

Building on a firm foundation "Upon the Rock" who is Christ the Cornerstone in the first campaign in 2010, and "Sowing Seeds of Faith" on good soil in the second, we were able to purchase the Parish House next door to the church to provide much-needed office and classroom space, and we've made extensive improvements to our buildings and grounds.

With our foundation secure, and our seeds sprouting, we now begin to draw "Living Waters from the Fountain of Faith." In the Gospel of John, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, an eight-day celebration of God's provision and protection during the Israelites' 40 years in the wilderness. There, he stood before the crowds and cried out:

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" (*John 7:37-38, NASB*)

We want each of our children and youth to know what it is to drink of the Living Water who is Christ himself, the one who will quench their thirst for love, for authentic relationship, for meaning and purpose. And we pray that from their "innermost being" the Holy Spirit will flow freely, so that Jesus' purpose for them will be fulfilled in their lives, and that they will be equipped to live out his Great Commandment and Great Commission, which under-gird the mission and purpose of St. Andrew's.

Your Vestry and I believe strongly in the mission God has given us in this place, and in the plans called for in this Capital Campaign, which will go a long way toward helping us achieve our mission of "transforming the world through Christ — one heart at a time," beginning with our children and youth. Together your leadership has already pledged \$94,000, nearly a quarter of our \$400,000 goal, and we invite you to join us in making it a reality.

Please read carefully through the campaign brochure you'll be receiving next week. In those pages you'll hear from many of our youth about what St. Andrew's means to them, how they're already contributing to the life of our parish, and what they yearn for in a youth ministry that will help them grow closer in relationship with Jesus, and in fellowship with fellow Christians.

You'll also read in the brochure about some of the challenges facing our young people today, and how the Church can help them navigate those challenges. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to help assure that our young people are equipped to go out into the world to life Christ-honoring lives and invite others to participate fully in God's plan to reconcile the world to himself.

Mark your calendar for Prayer in the Public Square at the Delaware County Court House on Saturday June 4, from 11:30 to Noon. See our website and next week's "Net" for details, or contact Fr. Wil Verhoff at 740-602-8810, or wilfredverhoff@yahoo.com.

Congratulations, Graduates!



Jennifer Patton

Jennifer Nicole Patton, daughter of David and Meg Patton, graduated from Olentangy High School last Sunday. Jennifer will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall and majoring in Neuroscience.

Rachel DeMooy

Rachel DeMooy, granddaughter of Bob DeMooy and the late Cinnie DeMooy, graduated this spring from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Rachel plans to further her education to become an Occupational Therapist.



Rachel DeMooy

Graduating?

We want to recognize you!

St. Andrew's would like to help mark this very special milestone in the lives of the members of our parish who are graduating from high school, college or other degree program. If you, a child or a grandchild is graduating this year, please contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-584-5112, ext. 3 to be included in "The Net's" graduation notes. Please let us know the name of the graduate, their relationship to you, the school they are graduating from, and their plans following graduation. If they are a college graduate, please also include their degree.

Pictures are welcomed and encouraged. The preferred method of submitting photos is as jpeg images via email, but we can also use clear original photographs (copies will not reproduce well), which may be dropped in Judy's mail slot in the Gathering Area. Please label them on the back with the name of the graduate and your name.

Below, acolytes stand by as Fr. Ron Baird gets ready to say a prayer of blessing before red balloons representing the Holy Spirit are released during last Sunday's Pentecost celebration after the 9 a.m. service.

