

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

June 18 & 19, 2016

Prayer on the Playground



St. Andrew's youth took advantage of the beautiful weather last Sunday to meet outside for their Bible study, as we kicked off our summer edition of "Grow in Faith," and found plenty of seats on the playground. See inside for details about our summer discipleship offerings. (Photos by Elspeth Nelson)

A mini-sabbatical and vacation for Fr. Ron

From Robin Field, Senior Warden

Fr. Ron has faithfully served God in this parish for nearly 23 years.

Few people are aware that his annual "Letter of Agreement" includes a provision for two weeks sabbatical for every service year with a maximum three-month period. Fr. Ron's only sabbatical occurred in 1999. Yes, 1999.

In a spring meeting with Fr. Ron, I acknowledged that the parish had not been able to honor this provision, which deeply concerned me and thanked him for his generosity. Even though providing a full sabbatical was not realistic, I suggested "thinking
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Pledges to our 2016 Capital Campaign, "Living Water from the Fountain of Faith," stand at \$259,728, with 60 pledges turned in as of this past Friday. We've heard from about 58 percent of our pledging families, and have raised nearly two-thirds of our goal of \$400,000, with \$140,272 yet to go.

Most of the monies raised through this three-year campaign will be earmarked for salary and benefits for a Youth and Family Life Minister. Achieving our campaign goal will allow us to call a person to this ministry sometime in 2017, with their salary assured for the next seven years.

If you've not yet had a chance to look through the campaign brochure, please take some time to do so, and prayerfully consider what God may be calling you to pledge to this campaign. Additional copies of the campaign booklet and pledge cards are available in the Narthex. If you wish to turn in your pledge card today, you may fold it, place it in one of the envelopes provided in the back pocket of the chair in front of you, and place it in the offering basket.

Current Building Fund Reminder

Although our current three-year Building Fund campaign officially concludes June 30, the last bank deposit in June will be on June 27. Monies subsequently received will be recorded in the Capital Fund account which begins July 1. Please contact the office at 740-548-5112 with any questions.

Living Water
FROM THE
Fountain
OF Faith

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7) · June 19-25

Sunday, June 19 — A.M.: Psalm 66, 67; P.M.: Psalm 19, 46; Numbers 14:26-45; Acts 15:1-12; Luke 12:49-56

Monday, June 10 — A.M.: Psalm 89:1-18; P.M.: Psalm 89:19-52; Numbers 16:1-19; Romans 3:21-31; Matthew 19:13-22

Tuesday, June 21 — A.M.: Psalm 97, 99, [100]; P.M.: Psalm 94, [95]; Numbers 16:20-35; Romans 4:1-12; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, June 22 — A.M.: Psalm 101, 109:1-4(5-19)20-30; P.M.: Psalm 119:121-144; Numbers 16:36-50; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, June 23 — A.M.: Psalm 105:1-22; P.M.: Psalm 105:23-45; Numbers 17:1-11; Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 20:17-28

Friday, June 24 — A.M.: Psalm 102; P.M.: Psalm 107:1-32; Numbers 20:1-13; Romans 5:12-21; Matthew 20:29-34 **Nativity of St. John the Baptist** — A.M.: Psalm 82 & 98, Malachi 3:1-5, John 3:22-30; P.M.: Psalm 80, Malachi 4:1-6, Matthew 11:2-19

Saturday, June 25 — A.M.: Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13); P.M.: Psalm 33; Numbers 20:14-29; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11

Next Sunday, June 26 — A.M.: **Psalm 118**; P.M.: **Psalm 145**; **Numbers 21:4-9, 21-35**; **Acts 17:(12-21)22-34**; **Luke 13:10-17**

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Next Sunday's Lectionary · June 26 (Pentecost 6, Proper 8, Year C)

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 16 BCP 599

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Moderator Pradeep Samantaroy and the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and laity of The Church of North India (United).

Anglican missionary work in north India began in 1814 with cooperative ventures with the Orthodox Christians who, along with the Roman Catholics, had been in the area for centuries. Gradually, more emphasis was placed on forming an Anglican identity. Ideas of unifying Christian denominations evolved and, after 40 years of prayer and negotiations, The Church of North India was formed in 1970 by the merger of Anglicans, Baptists, Brethren, Congregationalists, Disciples of Christ, and Presbyterians. The episcopacy was received by the non-Anglican churches and the liturgies included elements from all the traditions. The union has been difficult for some and a number of Anglican churches, with a current membership of 500,000, withdrew in 1964 to reform the Anglican Church of India. The Brethren withdrew in 2006.

The Church of North India remains a Province of the Anglican Communion, while also being a member of global Methodist and Presbyterian bodies, and has grown from 19 dioceses in 1970 to 26 dioceses now, with 1.5 million members in 4,500 congregations.

The Church has been very active with education and health and now operates 65 hospitals, nine nursing schools, 250 educational institutions, and three technical schools.

The Church has also spearheaded attempts to combat and prevent human trafficking. Current estimates are that 14 million Indians are being trafficked, most within India.

Please pray especially for continued success in liberating those who have been enslaved and trafficked, for outreach to the Dalits (the "Untouchable" caste among Hindus), for work among youth, and for evangelism.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Fr. Michael Bridge and the people of New Life Anglican, Petosky, Michigan.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Sandy Murray; Burt Otani; Jim Oxenham; the Daughters of the Holy Cross; and Children's Chapel leaders. Please also pray for journalists and those in all media; may they follow God's guidance to put out accurate information, because God is Truth.

Sabbatical

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outside the box."

This resulted in my proposal to add two weeks contiguous to this year's scheduled summer vacation time as a mini-sabbatical, providing time for rest, renewal, and relaxation. As Senior Warden I presented this as a motion to Vestry members, who gave their unanimous approval.

We are excited that as part of his extended time, Fr. Ron and Judy are planning to visit Germany, a doubly meaningful destination. Bensheim is the home of Fr. Ron's mother's birthplace, and Europe reflects his passion for history.

Fr. Ron will begin his time off Monday, June 20, following our regular monthly Vestry meeting, returning on Monday, August 8.

Please join me in offering Fr. Ron a heart-felt thank-you. On behalf of the parish, may you and your family be blessed during this time.

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During Fr. Ron's absence, Sunday morning preaching duties will be shared by Mother Nanci James, Fr. Ed Steele, the Rev. Ernie Tracy, and Fr. Wil Verhoff. Please contact the Parish Office at 740-548-5112 or mail@standrewspolaris.org with questions about administrative issues, and with calendar items for the bulletin.

All items for the bulletin are due no later than Wednesday of the week preceding the Sunday in which the item will appear. As previously announced, there will a single edition of "The Net" for July/early August, and all news items for both the June 26 edition and the summer edition are due to Judy Baird at jbaire@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3, no later than noon Monday, June 20.

For urgent pastoral needs, please contact Senior Warden Robin Field, 614-895-8204 or sheba16@aol.com, or Junior Warden Eric Whitehead, 740-548-1765 or ericwhitehead@yahoo.com, and they will make sure a priest is contacted. You may also contact Robin or Eric with any other urgent issues.

Summer @ St. Andrew's

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

— Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV

School may be out, but the fun and learning is just starting at St. Andrew's! This year we plan to offer **Grow in Faith** classes for all ages from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Young Saints Combined Class

In the summer, we combine pre-school aged kids through approximately 6th grade in one class into a VBS-type class, with music, a Bible lesson and other activities. Karen Brust will be our main teacher, with others helping throughout the summer. The focus through most of the summer will be on the "I AM" statements of Christ. We encourage middle school students to volunteer to help out or attend our youth class. Our Youth Saints will meet in Room 102 off the Gathering Area.

We also still need a volunteer to lead the lesson on Sunday, July 10 and August 7. If you can serve on either of these dates, please contact Tally Whitehead at 614-578-7897 or twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org.

Student-led Youth Bible Study

Gwyneth Nelson will be leading the youth bible study during the summer. Gwyneth, who just finished her freshman year at Marietta College, plans to focus on relevant bible passages that apply to our youth and young adults in today's culture. Donuts will be provided and college and high school students are invited to join in, as well as mature middle-school students hungry to study and discuss God's word. They will meet in the Choir Room, but if the weather is nice, they may venture outside.

Adult Series

The Adult Forum this feature three sessions. This month, Fr. Will Verhoff is teaching on "The Seven Feasts of God: The Bridge between the Old and New Covenants," based on Leviticus 23.

The feasts are "appointments with God," to celebrate God's past and future encounters with humanity. The class will cover:

- The Feast of Passover — Held annually on the 14th day of the first month of the Jewish calendar to memorialize the night that God saved the Jewish people from slavery and set them free. It correlates to the Eucharist and Good Friday.
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread — Begins with a sacred assembly to last seven days, to revere the gift of unleavened bread used during the Passover.
- The Feast of First Fruits — The first spring feast when the priest waves a sheaf of the first harvest of the season, correlating to Christ as the first fruits of the resurrection.
- The Feast of Pentecost (The Feast of Weeks) — The second spring harvest feast commemorating the giving of the Law to Moses, and foretelling of the arrival of the Holy Spirit.
- The Feast of Trumpets — The proclamation of ingathering; the Lord told Moses "Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of Sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts.'" (*Leviticus 23:24*)
- The Feast of Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement) — This is the only day of the year that the high priest entered the Temple to seek God's forgiveness of his sins and those of the people of Israel. It correlates to the atonement instituted by Christ Jesus on the cross.
- The Feast of Tabernacles — The greatest harvest of the year when the people build temporary tabernacles or booths for when God lived with his people in the dessert, and when he will return to reside with his people during his Millennial reign.

In July, the Rev. Ernie Tracy will teach on "The Psalms — Living and Praying with Jesus." Through his teaching, Ernie invites you to meet our Lord as we pray and live the prayers and songs of the Psalms:

- Discover how he connected the world of everyday life with the eternal plan of God.
- Allow the Psalms to transform you and bring you into the story they tell.
- See our troubled and confusing times as they intersect with God's long view and eternal promises.
- Celebrate God's choice of a special place where he would be present, and discover his promise to be at home with his people.
- Open your ears to the worship offered by all creation, and let God prepare you for your role of praise and service caring for the renewed universe.

We will experience the Psalms, and look for practical ways to make them a significant part of our worship life.

In August, Fr. Ed Steele will teach on "Faith, Reason, and Tradition: Living as a Christian in a post-Christian world."

Each one of us lives out our Christian faith in the midst of an increasingly secular culture. Many of the people we encounter at work, school, or even while shopping, have no background in the Christian faith, or any faith for that matter. Holy Scripture holds little or no authority for such persons, because they have no concept of who God is.

So how do we share our faith with such persons? This study will help us learn how to use faith, reason, and tradition to better share our faith, and the foundations of Christianity with those may have no religious preference or background.

Some of the questions we will be addressing are:

- How can we share the faith with others who have no religious background?
- How do we tell others about faith, if they find faith unreasonable?
- How can we share the Christian faith with someone who only believes in modern science?
- How can we help others see that the Christian tradition is still relevant to today's society and culture?

Come **Grow in Faith** with us this summer!

It's another new 'Busy Basket' find!

With Children's Chapel on hiatus through the summer, we have a few new items in the Busy Basket at the back of the church for our Young Saints to use during the services. Last week we introduced the Holy Eucharist flip book, and this week we've added a flip book featuring symbols of the Holy Eucharist. Both are based on Godly Play stories our 1st through 4th Graders heard this past school year. How many of the items pictured in the "Symbols of the Holy Eucharist" book can you find in church?



Help needed with our 4th of July Bottle Brigade!

Once again, we're planning to distribute water during the Orange Township Independence Day Parade on Monday, July 4. As usual, we'll need your help labeling the bottles with our logo before the 4th, but we're looking at trying something a little different this year in terms of distribution.



Last year, the Weiser family took several cases of water to distribute at the entrance to their subdivision, and said afterward that they could have used several more cases, and remarked about how much people appreciated the cool water on a hot day. We think the idea of spreading out our

coverage along the parade route is a great one, and would love to have families whose neighborhoods are along the route (beginning at the Oak Creek Center off Powell Road, moving north on S. Old State, and ending at Olentangy Orange Middle School on Orange Road) take water to pass out to parade spectators near their home. This would allow you to watch the parade closer to home, and avoid the traffic issues we've encountered in the past due to the closing of S. Old State Road early that morning.

If you don't live near the parade route but would like to distribute water near the church as we've done in the past, or if you'd like to take another area along the parade route, we'd welcome that, too!

Water and labels are available from behind the Information Desk in the Narthex. If you're willing to pass out water near your subdivision, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk, along with the intersection you'll be at. If you want to distribute water near the church that day, or at another location, let us know that on the sign-up sheet, as well, and we'll make sure we have water and wagons or rolling coolers available here that day.

Water and labels will be available today and for the next two Sunday, until supplies are gone. You may take cases of water and labels home to label, or grab some friends and label bottles in the Gathering Area after the service. Just be sure to have all of your labeled water back to the church by Sunday, July 3, unless you plan to distribute it elsewhere along the parade route. And remember to ice it down well!

What we still need for the 4th of July

In addition to folks to help with labeling water bottles, we need the following:

- ★ A volunteer to fill the fridge at the church and the Parish House with water the weekend before the 4th so we can get as many bottles cold as possible.
- ★ A volunteer to organize volunteers at the church on the 4th.
- ★ Rolling coolers for folks distributing water from the church to use on the 4th (please remember to mark your cooler with your name so we can get it back to you!).

Sign up to help at the Information Desk, or contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112 by Monday!

Mark your calendars! The Brats Bash is coming!

This year's Dave Cook Memorial Brats Bash, sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 23. It's never too early to mark those calendars!

More details will be published in "The Net" as we get closer. For right now, please make a note and hold this date for all men and boys of the parish.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Ed Summers on 614-371-1649, or talking to any member of the Brotherhood.

Mid-week prayer services for summer announced

The mid-week Prayer Services will be July 13, July 27, August 10 and August 24, from Noon to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night." (*Psalms* 1:2)

Two more drop off dates for Rummage Sale items

There are two more "early bird" drop-off dates for items for the fall Rummage Sale, which will be held in conjunction with the annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15.

If you've done your spring cleaning and already have items you want to donate, you may bring them to the garage behind the Parish House this Sunday, June 19, from Noon to 2 p.m., or Monday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Additional drop-off dates will be set in the fall.

Hey, kids: Remember to pick up a children's bulletin from one of the ushers!