

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Summer 2016

SALT leadership gathering August 28

We invite everyone involved in church ministries to come out for our annual St. Andrew's Leadership Touchstone (SALT) conference on Sunday, August 28, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the church.

This year we have moved to a Sunday afternoon to hopefully accommodate more people who work or have kids' activities on Saturday mornings.

In the past our emphasis with SALT has been to take time to fellowship and worship with one another, and then spend time focusing on different aspects of leadership. We have been blessed to have Pastor Mike Weaver in the past to encourage things like teamwork and cooperation through improv activities and lessons, but this year are doing something a bit different. We will once again have a light snack and fellowship time, plus a short time of worship, but the main component of the conference will be a hands-on ministry development time.

We plan to break up into smaller groups by ministry, so members can work together on their yearly planning and goals. The timing of the conference coincides with church budgetary planning for the upcoming year as well.

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A new face in the office

While we extend a fond farewell to Ruth Eller, at left, our business manager for close to 14 years, we're excited to welcome Rachel Cherubini to our staff. Rachel trained with Ruth the last two full weeks in June, and will assume her new duties officially on June 27. We express our deepest appreciation to Ruth for her faithful service to our parish, and wish her well as she leaves to join her husband Greg in running the business side of his architectural firm, and also to spend more time with her granddaughter.

St. Andrew's at Common Ground Saturday, July 16; food and volunteers needed

St. Andrew's will serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware on Saturday, July 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This will be St. Andrew's first time to serve since the remodeling of the store.

We are especially in need of volunteers and food for this visit, as its summertime and many volunteers and food providers will be on vacation. Also, if you are unavailable in the morning, please consider coming from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to prepare the store for the next shopping day on the following Tuesday. To volunteer or provide food, please contact Diane Bobay at 614-846-6921 or bobayfamily@att.net or Marty Scott at 614-284-0182 or mscott@standrewspolaris.org, or sign up at church. Sign-up sheets will be available on June 26, and the first and second Sundays in July.

The Common Ground Free Store, whose mission statement is "Welcoming the Community to Share in God's Love and Gifts," provides free clothing, household goods, books, toys and more to all in need, regardless of their situation. There are no income requirements or guidelines to meet. The store's philosophy is that everyone is on "common ground."

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Mark your calendars now for Common Ground Free Store's annual fund-raiser on Friday, August 26, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Barn at Stratford, a historic landmark in Delaware County. More info will follow!

Common Ground

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When St. Andrew's serve at Common Ground, we not only provide food for shoppers to have a nutritious meal, but also staff the kitchen, check-in, hospitality, and check-out area, and help with sorting clothes and stocking racks and shelves. The store, located at 193 E. Central Ave., Delaware, is open Tuesdays, from 6 to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursdays, from 6 to 9 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Help is always needed on these days, as well.

For more information, log on to www.commongroundfreestore.org or e-mail Jill Ignaszewski, Volunteer Manager at volunteer@commongroundfreestore.org.

Brats Bash for men and boys August 23

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.

Married couples invited to group's summer picnic

The Celebrate Marriage Small Group will host their annual picnic on Saturday, July 16 after the 5 p.m. service, from 6:30 to around 9:30 p.m. All married couples welcome to attend, and to invite your married friends!

The picnic will be potluck style, and all fun and games, enjoying the fellowship of other married couples who want to celebrate the joy they have found with their spouse. There will be a sign-up sheet at the information desk in the Narthex soon.

Watch "The Net" for fall meeting dates, and consider joining this group as they celebrate marriage!

Who to contact while Fr. Ron is on vacation

Fr. Ron and Judy Baird will be on vacation and a mini-sabbatical through Sunday, August 7. 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 routine administrative issues, and with calendar items for the weekly bulletin, which are due no later than Wednesday of the week preceding the Sunday in which the item will appear. 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 issues.

SALT

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We hope everyone can prioritize this one afternoon by marking your calendars now to attend, especially ministry leaders who will help guide their groups through this process!

More details will be coming as the date gets closer, as well as an online response form. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to talk to Tally Whitehead at church or email her at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org

July Birthdays

Chin Osmond
Ben Spanos
Elizabeth Sylvester
Theresa Gilligan
Jane Lucas
Kevin Marinov
Megan Schmitz
Alli Girard
Benjamin Emery
Bob DeMooy
Keever Whitehead
Ethan Weiser
Chuck Waddell
Lori Cornett
David Williams
Randy Smith
Pokey Gales
Elspeth Nelson
Carlo Cherubini
Alex Tranchina

July Anniversaries

Jim & Ronda Reeves
Ana & David Grum
Ryan & Erica Weiser
Bob & Amy Beverick
Jim & Carolyn Connors
Steve & Laurie Darke
Fr. Ron & Judy Baird
Tony & Melissa Gutierrez
Jon & Jacque Wallace
Phil & Lori Cornett

August Birthdays

Susannah Reeves
Mike Romey
Jake Anthony
George Spradling
Tony Gutierrez
Sandy Murray
Patti Cooper
Ryan Weiser
Hilda Barnes
Josh Gutierrez
Kara Atkinson
Dan McNelis
Terry Yoakum
Karen Osmond
Reneé Sylvester
Jim Worthington
Dan Brill
Bill Fieger
Genevieve Cherubini
Aaron Thomas
John McGuirl
Debbie Sterling
Betsy York
Matt Schmitz
Jason Anthony

August Anniversaries

Donn & LuAnn Ross
Mary & David Alvarado
Dick & Mary Alice Busick
Gary & Susan Sommerville
Scott & Pokey Gales
Alan & Kathy Seitz

Pledges to Capital Campaign nears \$300,000

Pledges to our 2016 Capital Campaign, "Living Water from the Fountain of Faith," stand at \$293,508, with 69 pledges turned in as of Wednesday, June 22. We've heard from about two-thirds of our pledging families, and have raised 73% of our goal of \$400,000, with \$106,492 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.

If you have further questions, please see a member of the Vestry. Their names and contact information are on the bulletin board to the right just inside the Gathering Area.



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.

'Grow in Faith' at St. Andrew's this summer!

Our summer "Grow in Faith" classes for all ages from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on Sundays continue to be a success, and the fun and learning has just begun! Take a look at what's being offered this summer, and plan to join us as often as you can.

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 is 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.

Student-led Youth Bible Study

Gwyneth Nelson continued to lead 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've enjoyed meeting outside in the sun, but if the weather is bad they'll meet in the choir room.

Adult Series

Fr. Will Verhoff concludes his teaching on "The Seven Feasts of God: The Bridge between the Old and New Covenants," based on Leviticus 23 on June 26. His teaching outlines are now available on our website for those who may have missed a session or two, or just want to review. Go to standrewspolaris.org, and click on "Fr. Wil's Teaching Outlines" in the "Summer at St. Andrew's" article on the home page.

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?

Volunteers are still needed to lead our Young Saints in summer Sunday School on 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.

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 the Parish Office at 740-548-5112!

Renew your Kroger Rewards designation now!

If you're a Kroger shopper, please remember to renew your Kroger Community Rewards designation for St. Andrew's! The renewal period began in May, and if you haven't renewed we're no longer receiving rewards from your purchases. It takes just a few minutes. Simply go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com with your Kroger card number handy, sign in to your account, and enter St. Andrew's number, 80910, or search for us by ZIP Code (43035) and name. You will still earn any in-store discounts or gas points. This charitable donation is a separate extra feature, which earned approximately \$1,250 for St. Andrew's in 2015!

Parish mourns death of Val Serback

The Office of Christian Burial for Valerie Serback, who died Saturday, June 18, were held this past Friday at St. Andrew's.

Val was an active member of our congregation for more than two decades, participated in our Prayer Shawl Ministry knitting prayer shawls for those in need of comfort, and volunteered at Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital.

Please keep Val's family, including daughters Gail, Tracey and Lisa, and her six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother. And please also pray for Val as she enters her new life in the nearer presence of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. May her soul and the souls of all the saints rest in God's peace, and may light perpetual shine upon her.

Mid-week Prayer Services continue over summer

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*)

Prayer sought for national gathering of Christian groups

On July 16, the largest gathering of Christians in U.S. history will gather on the National Mall in Washington D.C. to pray for our country. Called "Together 2016," it will be attended by members of InterVarsity Fellowship, Young Life, Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ), and Navigators. Christian leaders such as Ravi Zacharias, Hillsong United, Billy Graham, and Pope Francis will be present and/or have endorsed this event. It will include Christians from all denominations, generations, races and economic classes. Please pray for this event, and that God would hear our prayers and have mercy on our country.

If you would like to find out more, or would like to attend, go to reset2016.com.