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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday • Nov. 26, 2017

Bishop Jackson to visit Dec. 9 & 10

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ronald Jackson, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, will visit St. Andrew's on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10.

It is appropriate that all baptized Christians make a mature profession of faith in Jesus Christ. If you are an adult or mature youth who has not yet been confirmed, we invite you to receive this Sacrament when the Bishop visits. Anyone who would like to renew their baptismal vows before the Bishop, or be received into the Anglican branch of Christ's One, Holy, and Apostolic Church, is also invited to do so. **This can be especially meaningful for members who have joined St. Andrew's since the Bishop's last visit.**

If you desire to be confirmed or received, or wish to renew your baptismal vows, please let us know by this Sunday, Nov. 26, by contacting the parish office at mail@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3.

Our children will have a visit from a very special Advent saint next Sunday, Dec. 3, during the 10:15 a.m. "Grow in Faith" time! Be sure to come out for a treat from St. Nicholas!



Twenty-three members of St. Andrew's braved the rain and flooded streets of Delaware last Saturday to serve at the Common Ground Free Store. Their feet may have damp and cold, but their hearts were warm and smiles bright as they welcomed more than 50 families to the store for a meal and a morning of shopping. See next week's edition of "The Net" for more information and pictures.

Loose offering today designated for ARDF

The fourth Sunday loose offering each month is designated for International Outreach, and this week will be sent to the Anglican Development and Relief Fund (ARDF) for #GivingTuesday. #GivingTuesday is a global initiative that encourages all of us to give back and celebrate the power of generosity. As we start thinking about Christmas shopping for our friends and loved ones,

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

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Festival of Lessons & Carols set for Dec. 17

The St. Andrew's Choir, along with children and youth of St. Andrew's will present the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 17. Last year's presentation, a first for St. Andrew's, was enthusiastically received and a wonderful addition to our Advent observance.

While the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is an Anglican Advent tradition that dates back to 1880, Organist and Choir Director Laurie Darke puts a decidedly St. Andrew's flavor to the service with the involvement of our youth

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Advent Devotionals available now

Advent, the time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child into the world and in our hearts, begins next Sunday. To help you get ready, our complimentary devotionals for individuals and families are available for pick-up at the Information Desk in the Narthex today.

Our two choices are "Sacred Reading," printed by Ave Maria Press, and "Countdown to Christmas," published by Creative Communications. "Sacred Reading" is a

more traditional devotional for older youth and adults and "Countdown to Christmas," is designed for families with young children.

"Countdown to Christmas" encourages children to count up their blessings as they count down the days until

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The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost • Nov. 19-25

Sunday, Nov. 26 — A.M.: Psalms 119:105-144; Ecclesiasticus 11 & 12; Hebrews 11:1-16 P.M.: 119:145-176; Malachi 3:13—4:5; Hebrews 11:17—12:2

Monday, Nov. 27 — A.M.: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123, 124 & 125; Wisdom 1; Matthew 5:1-16 P.M.: Psalms 126, 127, 128, 129, 130 & 131; Wisdom 2; Revelation 1

Tuesday, Nov. 28 — A.M.: Psalms 132, 133, 134, 135; Wisdom 3:1-9; Matthew 5:17-48 P.M.: Psalms 136, 137 & 138; Wisdom 4:7-20; Revelation 2:1-17

Wednesday, Nov. 29 — A.M.: Psalms 139 & 140; Wisdom 5:1-16; Matthew 6:1-18 P.M.: Psalm 141, 142, 143; Wisdom 6:1-21; Revelation 2:18—3:6

Thursday, Nov. 30 — A.M.: Psalms 144, 145 & 146; Wisdom 7:15—8:4; Matthew 6:19-34 P.M.: Psalms 147, 148, 149 & 150; Wisdom 8:5-18; Revelation 3:7-22

Friday, Dec. 1 — A.M.: Psalms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5; Wisdom 8:21—9:18; Matthew 7:1-14 P.M.: Psalms 6, 7, & 8; Wisdom 10:15—11:10; Revelation 4

Saturday, Dec. 2 — A.M.: Psalms 9, 10, 11; Wisdom 11:21—12:2; Matthew 7:15-29 P.M.: Psalms 12, 13, 14; Wisdom 12:12-21; Revelation 5

Sunday, Dec. 3 — A.M.: Psalms 15, 16, 17; Isaiah 1:1-20 (21-31); Matthew 24:1-28 P.M.: Psalm 18; Isaiah 2:(1-9) 10-22; John 3. 1-21

Next Sunday's Lectionary • Dec. 3 (First Sunday in Advent, Year B)

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9a

Psalms 80:1-7 (BCP 702)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Bishop Saman Mahdi and the clergy, religious, and people of the Diocese of Wad Medani in The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

The Province of Sudan is the 39th and newest province in the Anglican Communion, having been inaugurated by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby this past July 30 after the division of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan into separate provinces. The new province has five dioceses with some 1.1 million members. Although there have been some reprieves, Christians in Sudan often face persecution from the Muslim government: churches have been destroyed, Christian leaders arrested and detained, and predominantly Christian areas bombed. Many martyrs have been created and the church grows.

The Diocese of Wad Medani is named after the capital city of the Sudanese state of Al Jasiel in east central Sudan, on the banks of the Blue Nile. The area is noted for cotton and other agriculture. Mean elevation is 1,300 feet above sea level but the average daily high temperature is quite hot: above 90 degrees throughout the year.

There is little about the diocese itself on the internet except that it is quite poor, church school teachers are often unpaid, and areas of the southern part of the diocese have been repeatedly bombed by the government.

Please pray especially for lasting peace, evangelism, and for outreach to youth and the poor.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes Cycle of Prayer: The Rev. Andrea Orchard, Deacon Sarah Nix, and the people of 62:12 Ministries, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Jim and Julie Worthington; Terry and Karolyn Yoakum; Rebecca, Edward, William, Francesca, and Ava Yorke; Steve and Jan Zacharias; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and Common Ground Free Store Ministries.

Service of Christian Burial for Corkeè Miller Monday

The service of Christian Burial for Corkeè Miller, who died on Nov. 14, will be this coming Monday, Nov. 27, at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

God is always with you present in his full strength, working on your behalf. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (*Deuteronomy 31:6*) "With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ..." (*Acts 4:33*)
— St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

ARDF: Giving Tuesday

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let's also remember people around the world who lack the basic necessities of life that we take for granted.

Observed in the United States on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Since 2012, #GivingTuesday has celebrated and supported giving and philanthropy with events throughout the year and a growing catalog of resources.

This year ARDF is partnering with the musician Jordan Ware, who has written a song in honor of the organization. She is giving this new song, "Follow After You," to anyone who gives more than \$15 on Tuesday, Nov. 28, through ARDF.org.

This #GivingTuesday, consider partnering with ARDF. Your gift will empower Anglicans in the developing world to show the love of Christ to those in need in their own communities.

You may donate at ARDF.org on Tuesday if you wish to receive the Jordan Ware song, or designate a gift today to ARDF (checks payable to St. Andrew's and marked ARDF).

Financial Peace returns in January; sign up now!

St. Andrew's is pleased to once again be hosting the Financial Peace University (FPU), beginning Sunday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. FPU is a nine-week curriculum created by Dave Ramsey, and will be facilitated by parishioner Ryan Weiser, CFP®. Go to fpucentral.com/classes/1051022/ registration to sign up today!

Millions of people have gone through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) and learned God's ways of handling money. They've worked a plan, rewritten their stories, and changed their futures. The course incorporates small group discussions that help encourage accountability and discipleship. Groups meet once a week for 90 minutes, and the course is just as fun as it is practical!

Registration is required and course materials must be purchased. Please contact Rachel Cherubini, parish business manager, at 740-548-5112 or rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org for additional details.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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and children. Many of our youth will be reading the lessons, and our children will present a Nativity tableau, bringing alive the Christmas story.

Edward White Benson, later to become the Archbishop of Canterbury, designed the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in 1880 for use on Christmas Eve in Cornwall, England. In 1918, King's College in Cambridge, England, began performing the Festival of Lessons and Carols each year, and in the United States, the Groton School in Massachusetts has been performing the festival annually since 1928.

Performances of the Nine Lessons and Carols have since become an Advent tradition throughout much of the Anglican Communion. The festival tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus through nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns.

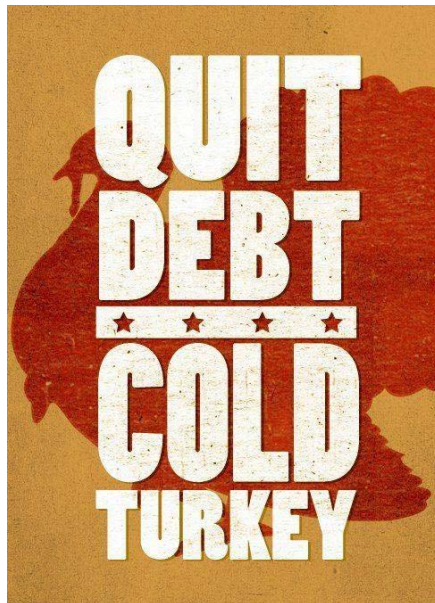
A note to parents and grandparents about the program

We need to hear from parents by Sunday, Dec. 3, if your children or grandchildren are going to participate in this year's presentation of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 16, between 9 and 11 a.m., so please make sure you can attend the rehearsal if your child or grandchild plans to participate. We plan to stagger arrival times this year for the rehearsal, from oldest to youngest, so our toddlers aren't there so long. We will confirm arrival times with families once we have a final head count.

Please contact Tally Whitehead, twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org or 614-578-7897, or Judy Baird, jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 614-282-1299, if your child wishes to be involved, or for more information.

We hope as many of our children and youth as possible can participate in this event, which is sure to enhance our Advent worship as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child!



2018 pledge drive at \$408,714

Eighty-five families have responded to the 2018 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$408,714 as of this Friday. Our goal is \$440,200, which means we have \$31,486 yet to raise. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today so the Vestry can finalize the 2018 budget. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Christ's mission at St. Andrew's Anglican Church!

Advent devotionals

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Jesus' birth. A children's bulletin to accompany "Countdown to Christmas" will be available on each of the four Sunday in Advent. These colorful bulletins provide fun and interactive ways for children to learn the story of Jesus' coming each Sunday in Advent.

"Sacred Reading" engages readers with daily scripture readings from the beginning of Advent to Epiphany, following the traditional spiritual devotion known as lectio divina, or "sacred reading." It's a catalyst for an intimate encounter with Christ by reading, reflecting, praying, and responding to the Word of God in a way that is both familiar and fresh.

Parents may pick one of each if they would like one for personal devotions as well.

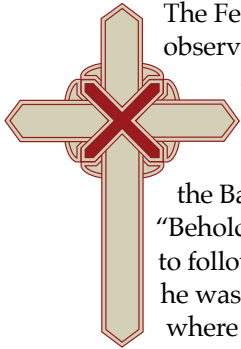
December Birthdays

Candy Tracy	Avril Darke
Sarah Fabian	Peter Vanderhoff
Donn Ross	Alan Seitz
Jon Wallace	Deryck Richardson
Braeden Snead	Steve Darke
Burt Otani	Kerri Brock
Rachel Cherubini	Steve Sattler
Aiden Darke	Kristin Lowery

December Anniversaries

Bill & Debbie Sterling
Carlo & Rachel Cherubini
Ryan & Diane Bobay
Steve & Jan Zacharias
Bob & Alex Seyerle
Frank & Jo Edda Habeker
John & Chin Osmond

The Feast of St. Andrew



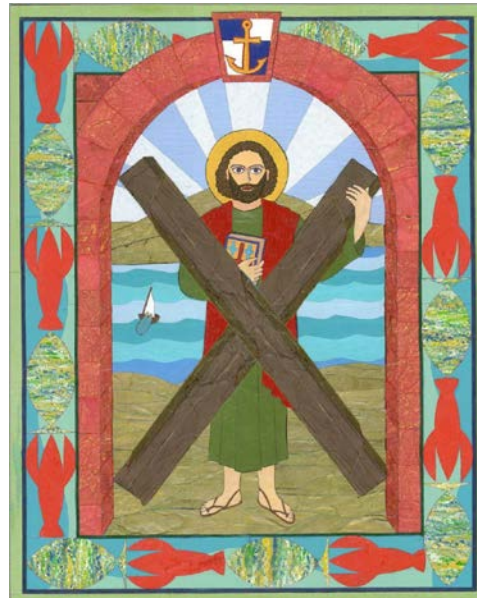
The Feast of St. Andrew, our parish's patron saint, is observed in the Church worldwide on Nov. 30.

Like his brother Simon Peter, Andrew was a fisherman in Bethsaida in Galilee, in what is now present-day Israel. He was with John the Baptist when John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" It was then that he began to follow Jesus, and when Jesus asked Andrew what he was seeking, Andrew replied by asking him where he lived.

Jesus said, "Come and see." Andrew then brought Simon Peter to Jesus, exclaiming, "We have found the Messiah!" The brothers left their nets to follow Jesus, who promised to make them "fishers of men."

Tradition speaks of Andrew carrying the Gospel message to Greece and Asia Minor following our Lord's ascension into heaven. He is said to have been put to death by the Roman authorities on an x-shaped cross, to which he was tied, rather than nailed.

He is supposed to have been buried in Patras in southern Greece. An x-shaped cross, or saltire (reflected in our parish's cross logo, is the symbol for St. Andrew, as are fish and fishing nets. Our parish's logo cross incorporates this "X" shape. The countries of Russia and Scotland have chosen St. Andrew as their patron.



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Hey kids!
How many
symbols for
St. Andrew
can you
find in the
icon at
left?

A Prayer for the Feast of St. Andrew

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Advent Wreath

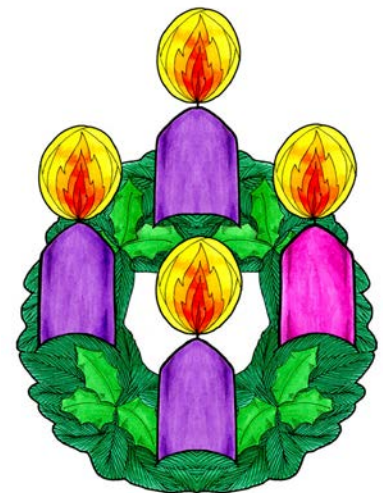
Advent begins next Sunday, Dec. 3. We wanted to share with you this background on the Advent wreath, so that you can prepare to use it if you wish in your family's Advent observance.

The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice — that time of year when the sun reaches its southern-most point in the heavens and the days are darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens, in their celebration hall. There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the "nativity" of the sun — the turning point of the year.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: The Nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for the saving birth.

Collect for the First Sunday in Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.* — *From the Anglican Church in North America*



Preface of Advent

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. — *From the Anglican Church in North America*