

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday • December 10, 2017



## Christmas Child gifts deliver eternal rewards

Barbara Girard displays some of the 42 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes packed by members of St. Andrew's this year. These shoeboxes can have a significant impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Thank you for being a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. And thanks to Barbara for her leadership of this project!

## Festival of Lessons & Carols next Sunday

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 dating back to 1880, Organist and Choir Director Laurie Darke puts a decidedly St. Andrew's *Please turn to inside*

## Bishop to confirm, receive three today

Please extend a warm St. Andrew's welcome today to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ronald Jackson, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, and his wife Patty. Bishop Ron will preach and celebrate the Eucharist at all three weekend services, and at the 9 a.m. Sunday service will confirm Caroline Bobay, daughter of Ryan *Please turn to back*



St. Nicholas paid our Young Saints a visit last Sunday, posing for pictures and bringing a small gift for each child. See next week's edition of "The Net" for more photos of all the fun!



# The Daily Lectionary

## Week of the Second Sunday in Advent • Dec. 10-16

**Sunday, Dec. 10** — A.M.: Psalms 50, 51, 52; Isaiah 5:1-16; Matthew 24:29-51  
P.M.: Psalms 53, 54, 55; Isaiah 5:(17-30) 18-30; Luke 1:1-25

**Monday, December 11** — A.M.: Psalms 56, 57, 58; Isaiah 19:18-25 (& 20);  
Mark 4:21-41 P.M.: Psalms 59, 60, 61; Isaiah 21:1-12 (13-17); Revelation 12

**Tuesday, December 12** — A.M.: Psalms 62, 63, 64;; Isaiah 22:1-14 (15-25);  
Mark 5: 1-20 P.M.: Psalms 65, 66, 67; Isaiah (23), 24; Revelation 13

**Wednesday, December 13** — A.M.: Psalms 68; Isaiah (27) 28:1-8 (9-29);  
Mark 5:21-43 P.M.: Psalm 69, 70; Isaiah 29:1-14; Revelation 14

**Thursday, December 14** — A.M.: Psalms 71, 72; Isaiah 29: 15-30:18 (30:19-  
31:9); Mark 6: 1-13 P.M.: Psalms 73, 74; Isaiah 32 (33); Revelation 15

**Friday, December 15** — A.M.: Psalms 75, 76, 77; Isaiah 34 (36); Mark 6:14-29  
P.M.: Psalms 78; Isaiah (37) 38; Revelation 16

**Saturday, December 16** — A.M.: Psalms 79, 80, 81;; Isaiah (39) 40:12-31;  
Mark 6: 30-56 P.M.: Psalms 53, 54, 55; Isaiah 41; Revelation 17

**Sunday, December 17** — A.M.: Psalms 86, 87, 88; Isaiah 25:1-9 (10-12);  
Matthew 25:1-30 P.M.: 89; Isaiah 26:1-13 (14-21); Matthew 3

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### Next Sunday's Lectionary • Dec. 17 (Second Sunday in Advent, Year B)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 65:17-25

**Psalms 126**

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

**Gospel:** John 3:22-30

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## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Our own Bishop Ron Jackson, Assisting Bishops Roger Ames and Dr. Peter Beckwith, and the clergy, religious, and people of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, one of the 20 dioceses in the Anglican Church in North America.

The diocese had its beginning in 2003 when five parishes in northern Ohio left The Episcopal Church. The five placed themselves under the authority of the Bishop of Bolivia. In 2008, the five were joined by eight other formerly-Episcopal churches and together became the Anglican District of the Great Lakes, under the patronage of the Anglican Primate of Nigeria. The Rev. Roger Ames was elected first bishop.

The Anglican District of the Great Lakes was one of the founding dioceses of the Anglican Church in North America in 2009 and became the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes (ADGL) in 2010.

Since its inception, ADGL has been committed to “three steam” Anglicanism (sacramental charismatic, evangelical). It has been equally committed to forming and nurturing disciples who then disciple others, who then disciple others, and so on. As a consequence, it has grown from the original five congregations in 2003 to 58 congregations now. It has also spread from Ohio to include congregations in Illinois, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, and Indiana in the U.S. and Ontario in Canada. The diocese also has one religious order: The Company of Jesus, an ecumenical third order with Benedictine, Franciscan, and Celtic roots under the episcopal oversight of Bishop Ames.

Please pray especially for ongoing evangelism and discipling and for the work of the Company of Jesus.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** Fr. Ernie Duross, Fr. Richard Palmer (Retired), Fr. Dennis Henkle (Retired), Fr. Ernest St. Johns, and Fr. Shane Chellis; and for Deacons Richard Davis and Donna Purkis.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Chinaza, Phil and Jane Anosike; Jason, Trina, Justin and Jake Anthony; the Hokey Pokey Small Group; and our Layreaders.

## Encouragement for your prayer time with God

“God is nearer than our own soul, closer than our most secret thoughts.”  
*A.W. Tozer. [worldinvisible.com/library/tozer/5f00.0888/5f00.0888.05.htm](http://worldinvisible.com/library/tozer/5f00.0888/5f00.0888.05.htm).*

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God with us’).” (*Matthew 1:23*)

— *St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

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## Have a prayer request?

You may email your prayer requests to [prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org), or fill out the online form on our website, [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org), under the “Scripture & Prayer” drop-down menu. Prayer requests may also be placed in the prayer box in the Narthex.

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## Wednesday Noon Prayer

A weekday Prayer Service is held in the Sanctuary at noon every Wednesday. Prayer is offered with special intention for our parish, the city, the state, the nation and the world, as well as for individual prayer needs. All are welcome!

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## Lessons & Carols

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flavor to the service with the involvement of our youth and children. Many of our youth will be reading the lessons, and our children will present a Nativity tableau, bringing the Christmas story alive for us. Lori Cornett is organizing string musicians to accompany on certain carols.

Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, Dec. 16. Middle school and high school students should arrive at 9 a.m.; children portraying angels and shepherds at 9:30 a.m.; and those portraying manger animals at around 10 a.m. with their black pants/tights and grey, white or brown long sleeve shirt on, depending on the animal they are portraying. Headpieces for each animal will be provided.

Rehearsal should end by 11 a.m.

Participants should arrive at church on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 a.m. and report to the Gathering Area to put costumes on and line up.

## Church safety forum next Sunday

In light of the recent church shootings in Texas and elsewhere, some parishioners have asked if we have a safety plan in place here at St. Andrew's. We invite you to join Fr. Ron Baird and Nikki Snead, a law enforcement officer and Vestry member-elect, at an open forum next Sunday, Dec. 17, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. to hear what we've already done, and how we're looking to address the issue in the future.

## Celebrate Marriage group Christmas party Dec. 12

The Celebrate Marriage Small Group will have their last meeting of the year this coming Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Parish House.

This will also be the group's Christmas party and, those attending may bring a holiday themed snack to share.

In addition, the group will also be revealing all the work that has been done up to this point concerning the Celebrate Marriage Couples Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9. Please join us to find out what we've accomplished in the planning and how you can help to make the event a great success.

All married couple are welcome. For more information, please contact Larry and Patti Cooper, [celebratemarriagegroup@gmail.com](mailto:celebratemarriagegroup@gmail.com) or 740-369-0832

## Brotherhood, Tuesday Women's Bible Study taking holiday hiatus

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be taking a brief hiatus over the Christmas holiday. There will be no meetings on Dec. 19 or Jan. 2. The Brotherhood's regular schedule of meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month will resume on Jan 16.

The Women's Bible Study group that meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays concluded its fall study last week, and will resume meeting after the first of the year.

## Gain Financial Peace in 2018!

The statistic at right is sobering, but you can eliminate credit card interest and debt. 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.

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 St. Andrew's parishioner Ryan Weiser, CFP®.

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!

Go to [fpucentral.com/classes/1051022/registration](http://fpucentral.com/classes/1051022/registration) to sign up today!

Registration is required and course

## Important electronic giving announcement

We want to remind you, as announced in the 2018 stewardship brochure, that we will be discontinuing our affiliation with E-Giving, a third-party payment service, as of Dec. 31.

Most banks now allow their customers to set up automatic payments in advance on a recurring schedule, such as weekly, bi-weekly or monthly, at no cost to you or the church. We encourage parishioners who have been taking advantage of E-Giving to instead make electronic payments through your bank.

Discontinuing E-Giving will save the parish \$1,200 annually in fees charged for automated bank withdrawals and credit card transactions.

## Gifts for year-end tax benefit

Parishioners who choose to make stock transfer gifts and other special contributions to the church prior to the end of the year for tax purposes are asked to do so by Christmas Eve. Gifts of stock should be made well in advance of year end, since it takes several days for the transfer to come through to St. Andrew's.

## Average Amount Spent on Credit Card Interest

\$2,630



*NerdWallet 2015*

materials must be purchased. Please contact Rachel Cherubini, parish business manager, at 740-548-5112 or [rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org) for additional details.

## Christmas Memorials & Thanksgivings

The Altar Guild is now accepting contributions toward flowers to decorate the altar and sanctuary for Christmas Eve. If you would like to make a gift in any amount in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a loved one, an event or a blessing, please complete this form and place it in the offering basket along with your check made payable to St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Please note *Altar Guild* in the memo section of your check. Cash gifts should be placed in an envelope, along with this form.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward altar decorations for Christmas Eve.



**Please print all information as you would like it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Editor reserves right to edit for space reasons.**

This gift is given by (please print):

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Contact me at the follow e-mail address or phone number with questions:

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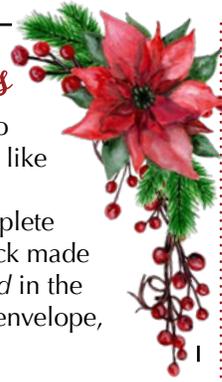
In memory of (please print):

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In thanksgiving for (please print):

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For more information, please email us at [mail@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mail@standrewspolaris.org) or call 740-548-5112. **Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 17.**



## Christmas Eve services announced

We'll once again observe the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord at three services on Christmas Eve, at 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The 5:30 p.m. service will feature traditional Christmas carols led by our contemporary worship band, and a special children's message, while the 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. services will be traditional services with organ and choir. The 10:30 p.m. service will include some favorite Anglican Christmas Eve traditions, including incense.

All three services will include Holy Communion. Child care will be available at the 8 p.m. service.

With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, that morning we'll be offering one service of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. This service, as well as the 5 p.m. Saturday service on Dec. 23, will be quiet services in observance of the fourth Sunday of Advent.

## Plans underway for Christmas morning brunch

A Christmas morning service followed by brunch has become a tradition at St. Andrew's, and plans are underway for this year's event. Everyone is welcome to attend either just the service, which will begin at 9:30 a.m., or both the service and the brunch, which will follow at 10 a.m. A sign-up sheet for the brunch is available at the Information Desk. Those attending are asked to bring a breakfast type dish.

You may also sign up by contacting Jackie Menke at 614-895-0786.

## Advent devotionals available

Advent devotionals for individuals and families are still available at the Information Desk in the Narthex today, with our compliments.

## Bishop \_\_\_\_\_

*Continued from the front* and Diane Bobay. He will also receive Jeni Jerrell and Pat Linder into the Anglican branch of Christ's One, Holy and Apostolic Church.

## Kroger Rewards earns St. Andrew's \$228 in second quarter

Many thanks to the 31 St. Andrew's families who earned \$228.67 for our parish through the Kroger Community Rewards program for the quarter ending Oct. 30. Regardless of how often you shop or how much you spend at Kroger, your participation helps our parish earn free rewards. And, you'll still earn any in-store discounts and gas points. Sign-ups are accepted anytime throughout the year, and now automatically renew every year. To enroll, have your Kroger Plus card handy and go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com). Our number is 80910, or enter St. Andrew's Anglican Church as your selected charity. Please contact Robin Field with any questions.

## St. Andrew's also earns rewards through AmazonSmile

As you're shopping online for those last-minute Christmas gifts, remember that St. Andrew's participates in the AmazonSmile rewards program. When customers shop at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization selected by customers. To begin shopping with St. Andrew's as your designated charity, simply go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1707284](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1707284). You may also shop with St. Andrew's as your designated charity by linking to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) directly from our church website. Remember that for the church to receive rewards, you need to be logged on to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).