

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

March 12, 2017



## Lessons for Lent

Above, Karen Brust and our Young Saints gather for prayer on Feb. 26, after they buried their Alleluias in preparation for Lent; at top left, a child colors her Alleluia before burying it. See more about the custom of burying Alleluias on the back page.



## Fun & Fellowship

Above, one of our Young Saints serves up pancakes to Wini Cloran while Fr. Wil Verhoff looks on at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb. 28. At left, Tony and Krista Lung and children show of the first place prize Tony won for his chili at the annual Chili Cook-off before the Annual Parish Meeting on Feb. 26. Many thanks to Marty Scott, who took many of the photos in this issue of "The Net!"



THIRTY DAYS. SMALL CHANGES. BIG RESULTS.

## 2017 Lenten Study Program

With Soup and Salad Supper

Tuesdays through April 4  
6:15 - 8 p.m.  
Adults, youth & kids included!

## 30-DAY Kindness Challenge

POSITIVITY • PRAISE • KINDNESS

### HOW KIND ARE YOU? FIND OUT!

CHANGE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS.  
CHANGE YOUR LIFE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Second Sunday in Lent · March 12-18

**Sunday, March 12** — A.M.: Psalms 62, 63, 64; Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 15:11-32  
P.M.: Psalms 65, 66, 67; Genesis 9:1-17 (& 11:1-9); Mark 14:27-52

**Monday, March 13** — A.M.: Psalms 68; Exodus 2:23—3:22; John 1:1-28 P.M.:Psalms 69, 70; Exodus 4:1-23 (24-26); Colossians 2:8—3:11

**Tuesday, March 14** — A.M.: Psalms 71, 72; Exodus 4:27—6:1; John 1:29-51 P.M.:  
Psalm 73, 74; Exodus 6:2-13 (14-30) & 7:1-7; Colossians 3:12—4:1

**Wednesday, March 15** — A.M.: Psalms 75, 76, 77; Exodus 7:8-25; John 2 P.M.:  
Psalm 78; Exodus 8:1-19; Colossians 4:2-18

**Thursday, March 16** —A.M.: Psalms 79, 80, 81; Exodus 8:20—9:12; John 3:1-21 P.M.:  
Psalms 82, 83, 84, 85; Exodus 9:13-35; Philemon

**Friday, February 17** — A.M.: Psalms 86, 87, 88; Exodus 10:1-20; John 3:22-36 P.M.:  
Psalm 89; Exodus 10:21-29; 11:1-10; Ephesians 1

**Saturday, February 18** — A.M.: Psalms 90, 91, 92; Exodus 12:1-20; John 4:1-26 P.M.:  
Psalms 93, 94; Exodus 12:21-36; Ephesians 2

**Sunday, February 19** — A.M.: Psalms 95, 96, 97; Genesis 18:16-33; Luke 18:1-14  
P.M.: Psalms 98, 99, 100, 101; Genesis 24:1-28; Mark 14:53-72

Next Sunday's Lectionary · March 19 (Third Sunday in Lent, Year A)

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:1-7      **Psalms 95** (BCP 724)

**Second Reading:** Romans 1:16-32      **Gospel:** John 4:5-42

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishops Francis Abiero and Joseph Wasonga and the clergy and people of the Dioceses of Maseno South and Maseno West, two of the 33 dioceses in The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Although Anglican worship in Kenya began in 1844, Anglican missionaries did not arrive in the Maseno area until 1906. The name "Maseno" itself was coined by Anglican priest J. J. Willis from the local name for the tree under which he set up camp, on land donated for the mission by a local African chief. With that beginning, it is small wonder that the first schools and clinics were also established by Anglican missionaries.

Both dioceses are in primarily rural areas, with Maseno Town remaining the largest in the area. Population growth there has been rapid: In 1999, the town had a population of 2,000. The University of Maseno, one of the seven public universities in Kenya, opened in 1999 and now has a student population of over 10,000. The University bills itself as the only one on earth that lies right on the equator (and 5,000 feet above sea level).

The Diocese of Maseno South was created in 1970 by the subdivision of the Diocese of Maseno and was itself subdivided in 1985 to form the Diocese of Maseno West and again in 1992 to give birth to the Diocese of Southern Nyanza. The Diocese of Maseno South now contains 35 parishes, with 270 congregations, 53 priests, 48 church workers, and 60,000 members. The Diocese of Maseno West itself subdivided in 1999 to form the Diocese of Bondo and now has 43 parishes, 258 congregations, 54 priests, 26 church workers, and reports 380,000 parishioners.

Please pray especially for more vocations and continued success with evangelism and outreach to youth.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for Deacon Jody Bambas, Fr. Rex Benfield, and the people Christ the King, Manistee, Michigan.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for Robin and Dan Field; Bonnie Freeman; the Youth Group; and our Nursery Supervisors.

## Encouragement for your prayer time with God

God hears those who come to Him humbly. "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself

with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you." (*Romans 12:3*) "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way." (*Psalms 25:9*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

## Cookie-baking for Kairos a success!

Last Tuesday the Daughters of the Holy Cross came together to bake cookies for the Men's Kairos Prison Ministry.

The Church of the Messiah in Westerville was gracious enough to allow us to use their very large kitchen with several ovens and industrial sized cookie sheets to accomplish this task.

We baked 34 dozen cookies in 3 1/2 hours with only three people!

We are truly blessed and thankful to The Church of the Messiah for allowing us to come into their home.

### Second Chance Ladies!

Couldn't make it to the first baking extravaganza? Well, the Daughters of the Holy Cross is planning a second baking day. It will be held on Tuesday March 28, at the Church of the Messiah, 51 N. State St. in uptown Westerville, from 12-5 p.m.

This time we plan to bake lots of different things for the Common Ground Free Store Ministry. Included, of course, will be cookies, but we want to bake mini breads and muffins, too. All food will be delivered to Common Ground that week so the families who are being served may enjoy an extra treat and hopefully will have something to take home, too.

Sign up in the Narthex to join us!

## Collection to aid students during cold and flu season

The St. Andrew's Outreach Committee is collecting issues, sanitary hand wipes and hand sanitizers for Olentangy Meadows Elementary to help prevent the flu epidemic in their school. Please place items in the barrel behind the Information Desk beside the Common Ground collection basket no later than Sunday, March 19. Thank you!

## Stations of the Cross continues on Fridays

Fr. Wil Verhoff will offer the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. on Fridays in Lent in the Sanctuary. A potluck supper will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area for those who wish to stay for dinner. A sign up sheet for potluck contributions is at the Information Desk.

## St. Andrew's at Common Ground next Saturday; today last day to sign up!

St. Andrew's will serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware on **Saturday, March 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Today is the last day to sign up to volunteer, or to provide food for the meal we'll be serving that day, so please check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex!

We are especially in need of volunteers and food for this visit. Also, if you are unavailable in the morning, please consider coming from 1 to 3 p.m. that day to prepare the store for the next shopping day the following Tuesday.

To volunteer or to 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.

The Common Ground Free Store welcomes the community to share in God's love and gifts by providing 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." When St. Andrew's serves 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 is located at 193 E. Central Ave., Delaware, and 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., and help is always needed on these days, as well. For more information, log on to [www.commongroundfreestore.org](http://www.commongroundfreestore.org) or e-mail Jill Ignaszewski, Volunteer Manager at [volunteer@commongroundfreestore.org](mailto:volunteer@commongroundfreestore.org).



## 'Embrace the Journey'

### Sunday morning Adult Forum to look at end-of-life issues



"Embrace the Journey," an eight-week program formulated by Anglicans for Life, will begin Sunday, March 5, during the Adult Forum from 10:15 to 11 a.m. This important program will give us the theological, moral, emotional, and practical undergirding for how to face end-of-life issues. Presenters include Dr Jim Menke, Pat Carpenter, Deacon Ernie Tracy, Fr. Will Verhoff, Mother

Nanci James, and Fr. Ron Baird. Please contact Deacon Becky Spanos at 614-868-3720 with questions.

Aging and end-of-life issues are becoming a greater concern as our population ages. Death is inevitable, but we tend to live life pretending death only happens to others. Because of medical advances, we are living longer, and dying is more complicated, drawn out, and removed from the experience of most people. Death is hidden in hospital rooms and nursing homes, removed from daily life. Most of us find ourselves at a loss when death approaches. We don't know how to die gracefully.

While it is difficult to discuss death and end-of-life issues, it is important to be prepared, whether for yourself or for a loved one. Healthcare decisions, medical ethics, and legal issues, as well as personal aspects that are emotional and spiritual in nature, must be considered.

"Embrace the Journey" provides practical information, such as writing your obituary and guidelines for appointing a healthcare advocate, but also features spiritual guidance, as participants learn about the biblical perspective on aging, dying, and heaven. The series will look at what the Bible teaches us about mortal life and eternal life, and the role of the church in helping people embrace the journey of suffering, death, and heaven.

## Adult Forum Resource Book Available

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has obtained copies of our own Pat Carpenter's book "The Caregiver's Roadmap." This is a resource for your use in conjunction with the current Adult Forum program "Embrace The Journey." We will make the book available near the Information Desk every Sunday after the 9 a.m. service, and prior to the start of the forum. The book can be obtained at other times from any member of the Brotherhood. A suggested donation of \$15 (or, whatever amount you wish) would be most appreciated.

## Lenten mite boxes for 'least of these'

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is sponsoring our annual Lenten mite box project, which this year will benefit the Anglican Church in North America's Matthew 25 Initiative, established for the purpose of expanding and developing ministries in North America that are engaged in working, living, and serving on the margins of society.

The Matthew 25 Initiative is currently funded by an anonymous donor, who reached out to Archbishop Foley Beach of the Anglican Church in North American (ACNA) with an offer of a dollar-for-dollar matching gift of up to \$1 million if our Province can raise \$1 million, to fund programs that reach some of the most vulnerable and under-resourced populations, fulfilling Jesus' call to love "the least of these." (*Matthew 25:40*)

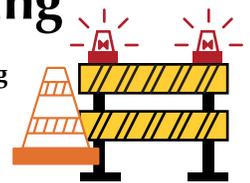


In the spirit of the anonymous donor's generosity, the Brotherhood here at St. Andrew's has graciously offered to match giving to the Matthew 28 initiative by our parish, up to \$1,000!

M25i gathers resources, both human and financial, and multiplies them for the good of the Gospel and the ministry of Christ.

## Road closing

The Delaware County Engineer will be closing East Powell Road between Hickory Ridge Court and Bale Kenyon Road for road reconstruction. The road will close on Monday, March 13 and reopen on Friday, April 28.





## *Burying the Alleluias*

On the last Sunday before Lent on Feb. 26 we sang our final Alleluias as we prepared to begin our Lenten journey toward Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and his glorious Resurrection on Easter. The omission of the word Alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western Church, when its association with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the season of Lent, a kind of verbal fast, which has the effect of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns. We let it rest during Lent, so that when it reappears on Easter, we may hear it anew. We then give it no rest at all, repeating it again and again, in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus!

The tradition of burying Alleluias dates back to medieval times when priests would process out to the church cemetery with the Alleluia banner on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and have a "burial" ceremony.



## *Chili Cook-off*

From left, Deryck Richardson enjoys the Chili Cook-off sponsored by the St. Andrew's Youth Group; Erica Weiser and son show off their second place prize for Best Chili; and Erica's daughter helps Marty Scott display her third place prize. Chin Osmond won for most unusual recipe.