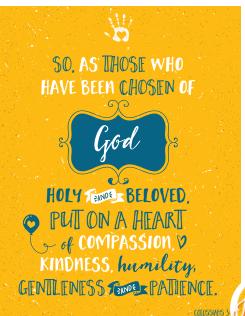
St. Andrew's Anglican Church



Embrace the Tourney

Dr. Jim Menke speaks during last Sunday's Adult Forum. Our current forum topic is "Embrace the Journey," an eight-week look at end-of-life issues that continues through April 9. This program give the theological, moral, emotional, and practical undergirding for how to face end-of-life issues.



Other presenters will include Pat Carpenter, Deacon Ernie Tracy, Fr. Wil Verhoff, Mother Nanci James, and Fr. Ron Baird. See details inside.

If you're participating in the current adult forum and don't yet have the "Embrace the Journey" guide you may pick one up today. Also, please note that each individual participant needs one of the smaller workbooks, as these are designed to allow you to record your own directives and wishes concerning your end-of-life issues.

THIS TUESDAY IN OUR LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM: "PRACTICING PRAISE" V Pitching in

One of our Young Saints helps move kneelers after last Sunday's 11:15 a.m. service in preparation for the Tuesday night Lenten Study Program. If you haven't yet been able to attend, please join us this coming Tuesday, March 21, from 6:15 to 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we continue our Kindness Challenge. We'll start with a simple supper of soup and salad at 6:15 p.m., followed by a teaching from Fr. Ron Baird and discussion in small groups, and will conclude with the brief service of Compline. See details inside.

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The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Third Sunday in Lent · March 19-25

Sunday, March 19 — 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

Monday, March 20 — A.M.: Psalms 102 & 103; Exodus 12:37-51; John 4:27-54 P.M.:Psalm 104; Exodus 13:1-16; Ephesians 3

Tuesday, March 21 — A.M.: Psalms 105; Exodus 13:17—14:14; John 5:1-23 P.M.: Psalm 106; Exodus 14:15-31; Ephesians 4:1-16

Wednesday, March 22 — A.M.: Psalms 107; Exodus 15:1-26; John 5:24-47 P.M.: Psalms 108 & 109; Exodus 15:27—16:36; Ephesians 4:17-30

Thursday, March 23 — A.M.: Psalms110, 111, 112 & 113; Exodus 17; John 6:1-21 P.M.: Psalms 114 & 115; Exodus 18; Ephesians 4:31—5:21

Friday, March 24 — A.M.: Psalms 116, 117 & 118; Exodus 19; John 6:22-40 P.M.: Psalms 119:1-32; Exodus 20:1-21 (20:22—21.36); Ephesians 5:22—6:9

Saturday, March 25 — A.M.: Psalms 119:33-72; Exodus 22: (1-19) 20—23:17; John 6:41-end P.M.: Psalms 119:73-104; Exodus 23:(1-17) 18-33; Ephesians 6:10-24

Sunday, March 26 — A.M.: Psalm 119:105-144; Exodus 1:8-14, 22—2:10; Luke 18:35—19:10 P.M.: Psalm 119:145-176; Genesis 24:29-67; Mark 15:1-21

Next Sunday's Lectionary · March 26 (Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year A)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 (BCP 612) Second Reading: Ephesians 5:1-14 Gospel: John 9:1-13, 28-41

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishop Patrick Giduda and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Mbale, one of the 35 dioceses in The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Henry Stanley, British explorer and journalist, met King Mutesa, the Kabaka (king) of Buganda (a central Ugandan tribe) in April 1875. After Stanley shared the simple story of Christianity with King Mutesa, the king became very enthusiastic about Christianity and asked Stanley to write a letter to Queen Victoria of England, appealing for missionaries. The letter was published in The Daily Telegraph newspaper in England on Nov. 15, 1875. Eight missionaries from the Church Missionary Society arrived from England two years later.

Converts increased and King Mutesa's successor became very jealous that the converts gave their first loyalty to God rather than, as was traditional, to the king. Thus, he expelled missionaries and ordered all converts to cease practicing their faith. The first Anglican bishop and many converts were killed at the king's command and the faith spread! Martyrdoms continued through the history of the Ugandan Church, including the murder of Archbishop St. Janani Luwum in 1977 at the orders of then-dictator Idi Amin after the Archbishop had spoken out against the dictator's tactics, including many killings. The 40th anniversary of Luwum's matryrdom was celebrated last month in a packed cathedral in the capitol city. By 2016, Anglicans numbered 12.2 million, about 32 percent of the population.

The Diocese of Mbale was established in 1926 and was named after the town and district in eastern Uganda. The town lies one degree north of the equator and about 3,700 feet above sea level. It is a mostly rural diocese in an agricultural, dairy, and coffee growing centre of Uganda. The diocese continues to grow, as reflected in an internet report that 239 people, 229 of them converts from Islam, were baptized in a single ceremony in recent years.

Please pray especially for ongoing evangelism.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Fr. Rick Leone, Fr. Jeff Robinette, Fr. John Robinette, Deacon Emma Robinette, and the people of Prince of Peace Anglican Church, Huntington, Indiana.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Scott and Pokey Gales; Theresa Gilligan; the Younger Youth Sunday School Class; and our Outreach Ministries.

Weekday prayer service this Wednesday, March 22

The next weekday prayer service will be Wednesday, March 22 in the Sanctuary from Noon to 1 p.m. Meet with the Lord during Lent! "They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!" "(John 12:13)

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.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

Think about God even when you're not praying! "The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1) "I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken." (Psalm 16:8) — From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

Kroger shoppers earn \$396 for parish in past quarter

Many thanks to the 31 St. Andrew's families who earned \$396.33 for our parish through the Kroger Community Rewards program for the quarter ending Jan. 30! Remember, 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, with the annual renewal date for all shoppers in May. Simply go to krogercommunityrewards. com with your Kroger Plus card handy and register with "St. Andrew's Anglican Church," or our number, 80910. In 2016, participating families earned \$706.77 for St. Andrew's!

The Daughters of the Holy Cross will be baking cookies again — this time for the Common Ground Free Store — on Tuesday, March 28, from 12 to 5 p.m. at Church of the Messiah, 51 N. State St., Westerville. You're invited to come join them!

Lenten Study Program continues Tuesday, March 21

Our 2017 Lenten Study Program — and with it the Kindness Challenge — is underway! If you've not yet been able to join us, we invite you to come next Tuesday, March 21, as we look at some practical ways of "Practicing Praise," and how doing so can positively impact our relationships.

We'll start with a simple supper of soup and salad at 6:15 p.m., followed by Fr. Ron's message and small group discussion, and will end at 8 o'clock. with the brief service of Compline. If you can't make it for supper, please feel free to come for just the study, which begins between 6:45 and 7 p.m.

Sign-up to contribute to the Lenten Soup & Salad Suppers at the Information Desk! This unique study is based on the book, "The Kindness Challenge," by best-selling author and speaker Shaunti Feldhahn, with whom Tally Whitehead, St. Andrew's director of Christian formation, has worked for years. Shaunti has partnered with several Christian organizations and churches to encourage a movement

of kindness in these often less than kind times. The study focuses on how an intentional commitment to kindness can enhance your relationships with your family and friends, at church, at work, and in other areas of your life. Each week Fr. Ron highlights one of the main points from the book. We've looked so far at "Why Kindness?" and "Nix the Negativity." In addition to "Practice Praise" this coming week, we'll focus on "Carry out Generosity" on March 28 and "Superpower Kindness: Making it a Habit" on April 4.

As in past years, we're also offering a younger kids program, with middle and high school youth being invited to help out there or join the adults in the Sanctuary.

Food needed for upcoming Lenten Study sessions

We're once again counting on individuals and small groups to help provide soups, salads, and cookies for our meals each week. You may sign up at the Information Desk at church, or online at standrewspolaris.org under the "Forms and Downloads" tab, to volunteer to provide food or to sign up for the remaining sessions.

'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, is being offered during the Adult Forum from 10:15 to 11 a.m. This important program gives 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. Wil Verhoff, Mother Nanci James, and Fr. Ron Baird.

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.

While it is difficult to discuss death and endof-life issues, it is important to be prepared, whether for yourself or for a loved one.

"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.

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 underresourced populations, fulfilling Jesus' call to love "the least of these." (Matthew

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

Remember that East Powell Road between Hickory Ridge Court and Bale Kenyon Road is currently closed for

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road reconstruction. Access to Bale Kenyon is open, and an alternate route to the church is to take Bale Kenyon to Orange Road, and turn left from Orange Road onto South Old State Road. East Powell Road will re-open on Friday, April 28.

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.

