

E-Giving contributors should update instructions

E-Giving, short for electronic giving, is an automatic transfer program that allows you to make contributions without the hassle of writing checks. If you are already using E-Giving to contribute to St. Andrew's, please remember that you will need to enter your new giving instructions under "General Fund 2010" before your first withdrawal in January.

If you are not already using E-Giving, but wish to explore its possibilities, simply go to our web site, www.standrewspolaris.org, and click on "Give Online" to establish an account.

How does E-Giving work?

E-Giving allows you to securely make a donation via your checking, savings account, or credit/debit card; it will be transferred directly to the church's account.

Can I donate to various funds and causes in the church?

Absolutely. Just go to Step 2 of "Making a Donation" and indicate how much you would like to give to each fund.

How often will the amount be deducted from my account?

That's up to you. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations.

What if I try it and don't like it?

You can cancel your automatic deduction schedule on the web site at any time.

Can I look up my donations?

You can view all donations completed online, print out a statement, and even use it for tax purposes. Please note that the online statement will not show any offerings you gave at the church (e.g., checks and envelope giving). You may obtain your complete donation statement from the church office, or on the Member Connection of our web site.

How much does E-Giving cost?

Nothing to you and a nominal fee to the church.

Can anyone at church see my account numbers?

No one at the church has access to your personal information.

If you have any questions, please contact **Ruth Eller**, business manager, at reller@standrewspolaris.org or 614-423-4250, ext. 101.

Food pantry collections

- 1st Sundays — Baby food, cereal formula, diapers, etc.
- 2nd Sundays — Canned goods: Meat, fish, vegetables, fruit and soups.
- 3rd Sundays — Paper products: Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins and tissues.
- 4th Sundays — Cereal, boxed dinners, mac 'n cheese, pasta, etc.
- 5th Sundays — Cleaning supplies hand soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

The Week of the First Sunday after Christmas • Dec. 27-Jan. 2

Sunday, Dec. 27 — Psalms 93, 96/34; 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28; Colossians 1:9-20; Luke 2:22-40

Monday, Dec. 28, Feast of St. John the Evangelist (Transferred from Dec. 27) — A.M.: Psalms 97, 98; Proverbs 8:22-30; John 13:20-35 P.M.: Psalm 145; Isaiah 44:1-8; 1 John 5:1-12

Tuesday, Dec. 29, The Holy Innocents (Transferred from Dec. 28) — A.M.: Psalms 2, 26; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14 P.M.: Psalm 19, 126; Isaiah 54:1-13; Mark 10:13-16

Wednesday, Dec. 30 — Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8-13)/23, 27; 1 Kings 17:17-24; 3 John 1-15; John 4:46-54

Thursday, Dec. 31 — A.M.: Psalms 46, 48; 1 Kings 3:5-14; James 4:13-17; 5:7-11; John 5:1-15 **Eve of Holy Name** — P.M.: Psalm 90; Isaiah 65:15b-25; Revelation 21:1-6

Friday, Jan. 1, Holy Name — Psalms 103/148; Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12; Revelation 19:11-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday, Jan. 2 — Psalms 34/33; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:1-14

Note: *The first set of Psalms are intended for the morning, and the second set for the evening.*

Baby packs for Mali due today

The deadline for newborn baby packs for **Steve and Beth Myers'** Mali ministry is Sunday, Dec. 27. Each baby pack should contain a baby hat, a little top or t-shirt, socks and a light blanket, placed in a zip lock bag. If you want to add a little note with a prayer, that would be a blessing. You may bring or mail your baby packs to the church; drop them by **Nanci James'** house (see her address on the Member Connection) or leave them on her porch, or mail them to her so they arrive before Dec. 27. However they come, Nanci will see that they get taken/shipped to Koutiala Women's and Children's Hospital in Mali.

January Birthdays

Patrick Giese
Coey Podraza
Jan Johnson
Frank Scott
Jenny Marinov
Brenda Spradling
Jack Reeks
Juliann Purner
David Warner
Trina Anthony
Karolyn Yoakum
Justin Anthony
Kevin Gartrell
Ann Collins
Natalie Stanley
Didi Loeth
Ellie Schramm
Jim Roberts
Pat Highley
Emelie Deslauriers
Tom Dunlap
Alex McKeown
Azubike Akunne
Marcie Smith
Eric Thomas
David Patton
Jennifer Hambrick
Shirley Maxie
Violet Schroeder
Tom Girard

January Anniversaries

Tom & Sarah Hubbard
Michele & Oscar Davidson
Tom & Nanci James
Steve & Beth Myers

Worship attendance

December 13

8 a.m.	41
9:30 a.m.	153
11 a.m.	54
5 p.m.	51
Total	299
Average YTD.....	235
Unctions.....	14

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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

December 27, 2009

New Year's Eve Adult Social, Eucharist planned

Adults in the parish are invited to join the Sunday Morning Apostles Life Group for a New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

If you'd like to join in the festivities, please register on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. All attending are asked to contribute their favorite appetizer/snack and beverage to share.

At 12:05 p.m., after the ball drops in Times Square and heralds the start of a new year, **Mother Nancy Stanton** will celebrate Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, regardless of whether they attend the party.

For more information, please contact **Ann Schnapp** at 614-890-5896 or acbs2@hotmail.com or **Marty Scott** at 614-284-0182 or mscott@standrewspolaris.org.

Office closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 2

The parish office will close at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23, and will remain closed through Friday, Jan. 1, to allow our staff to enjoy the Christmas holiday with their families. An exception will be Monday, Dec. 27, when the office will be opened for limited hours. Regular hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 4.

Receipts for purchases in 2009 due now!

Ministry leaders and others who may have receipts to be turned in for reimbursement for church-related purchases in 2009 are also asked to turn them in by Dec. 24. Reimbursement forms are available in the parish office, or by calling **Ruth Eller**, business manager, at 614-423-4250. Thank you for your cooperation!

Make year-end gifts by Christmas to receive 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, since the parish office will be open for limited hours between Christmas and New Year's Day.

2010 giving envelopes available for pick-up

If you requested giving envelopes for 2010 on your pledge card, you may pick them up from the table in the Narthex today. If you would like to have envelopes, but didn't request them previously, please contact **Ruth Eller**, business manager, at 614-423-4250.

Ministry leaders' annual reports due Jan. 31

It's that time of year! If you are a leader of a ministry or group, your ministry reports for inclusion in the 2009 Annual Report are due by **Sunday, Jan. 31**. The 2009 Annual Report will be made available to the parish on Feb. 21 in preparation for the **Annual Meeting on Feb. 28**. Details will follow.

A form with a suggested outline for your report will e-mailed to ministry leaders with e-mail access in early January. Forms will also be available at the Information Desk. Forms will also be available at the Information Desk.

This is a wonderful time to let the parish know what your ministry accomplished in 2009, and what you have planned for 2010. It is also an excellent way to thank those who have participated in ministry in the past year. Please remember to use complete names, and provide complete details.

The preferred method of submitting reports is via e-mail to **Judy Baird**, program director for membership and communications, at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org. If you don't have e-mail access, please submit your report, preferably typed, to the Parish Office.

Stephen ministers provide caring support

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. Stephen Ministers are caring Christians who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with those who are working through a crisis. They have been through 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving, including topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in caregiving. They are not counselors; their role is to listen, care and pray — and not to give advice.

There are many situations which could call for a Stephen Minister. There are people who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, empty nest, or any other life difficulties. A Stephen Minister is trained to minister to those people.

Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry, and what a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence. No one will be aware that an individual even has a Stephen Minister.

If you or someone you know could benefit by having a Stephen Minister, you can talk to any one of the leaders named below, or Fr. Ron, and after an interview, they will be matched with a suitable Stephen Minister.

For more information, please contact one of these Stephen Ministry Leaders: **Brenda Bender**, 614-865-4565 or brenda.bender@att.net; **Sarah Fabian**, 614-895-6745, sarahgf@sbcglobal.net; or **Kathy Summers**, 614-939-1649, ktsummers@sbcglobal.net.