

Call goes out for voices of Easter

It's that time again — We need volunteers for the *12 Voices of Easter*; three men. Once again, the sermon for Maundy Thursday's 7 p.m. service will be replaced by our visitors: Cleopas, The Centurion and Thomas.

Copies of the scripts will be available beginning this Sunday. If you would like to read a script prior to committing to be one of these voices, please see Nanci James before or after the 9:30 service, or send an e-mail to her at nanci@otterbein.edu, and she will send you a script.

Remember, this is an offering and a celebration of our Lord and *not* a theatrical production; your heart, willingness, and response to his call is needed.

Check your calendars to see if you are available; now is the time to volunteer to start working with your part. *Please, please, please*, commit to making our offering this year the one best ever!

Vestry, other groups elect officers

The St. Andrew's Vestry, at its January meeting, elected **Austin Stout** to serve as senior warden; **Steve Sattler**, as junior warden; **Donna Gough** as clerk, and **Alan Seitz**, as treasurer.

The St. Andrew's chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at its meeting this past Thursday, Feb. 4, elected officers for the coming year. They are **Ed Summers**, director; **Steve Sattler**, vice-director, and **Chris Haines**, secretary-treasurer.

In addition, the Daughters of the King also elected officers for the coming year. They are **Bonnie Freeman**, president; **Donna Gough**, vice-president and secretary, and **Alex Seyerle**, treasurer and assistant chaplain.

Ministry reports deadline today

If you are a leader of a ministry at St. Andrew's and have not yet submitted your report for inclusion in the 2009 Annual Report, please do so today, by filling out the form available in the Narthex, or by e-mailing it to jbaired@standrewspolaris.org. Forms are also available for download from the Member Connection of the web site. The 2009 Annual Report will be made available to the parish on Feb. 21 in preparation for the **Annual Meeting on Feb. 28**.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

The Week of the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 7-13

Sunday, Feb. 7 — Psalms 93, 96/34; Genesis 24:50-67;
2 Timothy 2:14-21; Mark 10:13-22

Monday, Feb. 8 — Psalms 80/77, [79]; Genesis 25:19-34;
Hebrews 13:1-16; John 7:37-52

Tuesday, Feb. 9 — Psalms 78:1-39/78:40-72; Genesis 26:1-6,12-33;
Hebrews 13:17-25; John 7:53-8:11

Wednesday, Feb. 10 — Psalms 119:97-120/81, 82; Genesis
27:1-29; Romans 12:1-8; John 8:12-20

Thursday, Feb. 11 — Psalms [83] or 146/85, 86; Genesis
27:30-45; Romans 12:9-21; John 8:21-32

Friday, Feb. 12 — Psalms 88/91, 92; Genesis 27:46-28:4,10-22;
Romans 13:1-14; John 8:33-47

Saturday, Feb. 13 — Psalms 87, 90/136; Genesis 29:1-20;
Romans 14:1-23; John 8:47-59

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

Stephen Ministers

Say 'thanks' and share love

It's polite to say thank you when you receive a gift. God has given us the greatest gift of all - eternal life and unconditional love in Jesus Christ. How can you say thanks? One way is to share the love you have received with others who may feel unloved and alone in their troubles and to those in crises such as job loss, grief, divorce, illness, empty nest, newly moved to area, etc. Stephen Ministers say thanks to God by caring for others.

Stephen Ministry has been in operation at St. Andrew's for many years. The ministry of the Stephen Ministers has been a blessing to individuals, to the lay ministers themselves, and to the whole congregation. In order to continue and expand this ministry of care, we will be starting another Stephen Ministry training class. Take advantage of this opportunity to share the love that God has given you. You will find that being a Stephen Minister will not only be helpful to others, but it will be one of the most fulfilling and joyful experiences that you have ever had. Talk to any of our Stephen Ministers; they will tell you that it is a joyous privilege to share Christ's love with others. Is this chance for ministry the one for you? Think about it. We will be starting a new class in the near future. If you are interested, please contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders soon. They will be available in the Gathering Area after 9:30 a.m. service or by contacting them: **Sarah Fabian**, 614-895-6745, sarahgf@scglobal.net; **Kathy Summers**, 614-939-1649, ktsummers@sbcglobal.net; **Brenda Bender**, 614-865-4565, brenda.brenda@att.net.

Lenten study

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With maps and pictures, outlines, key scripture verses, discussion questions, plenty of room for note taking, and a personal five-day Bible study for each session, this participant's guide will help you get the most out of the study, both in your group and in applying what you learn to your life.

This study is for everyone who wants to deepen their understanding of God's Word and apply it more faithfully and effectively to help them live the truth of the Bible today's difficult world. Included will be historical and cultural background; a close look at the biblical text and its meaning, and accurate, encouraging and challenging applications of the Bible's message to life today.

Watch for further details about this Lenten study, as well as an upcoming Small Group Fair, in *The Net* and on the Member Connection of our web site, www.standrewspolaris.org.

February birthdays

Milke Kitsmiller
Dan Field
Barbara Girard
Christian James
Cynthia DeMooy
Colette McNelis
Robert Patton
Aiden Blackcloud
Brenda Bender
Bob Seyerle
Joyce Montague
Janet McNelis
Lori Hause

Eddie Pappas
Sue McKeown
Steve Zacharias
Isabella Sylvester
Kathy Seitz
Avery Sylvester
Caleb Evans
Kathy Summers
Bernie Schramm
Carly Christopher
Monroe Dowling
Emmily Smith
David Zak

Drew Lowery
Carla Stout
Andrew Lowery
Allie Gales
Tom Gilligan

Anniversaries

George & Barbara Girard
Monroe & Judy Dowling
Jim & Didi Loseth
Tom & Pam Dunlap
Wes & Nicole Whitaker
Joe & Celia Nelson

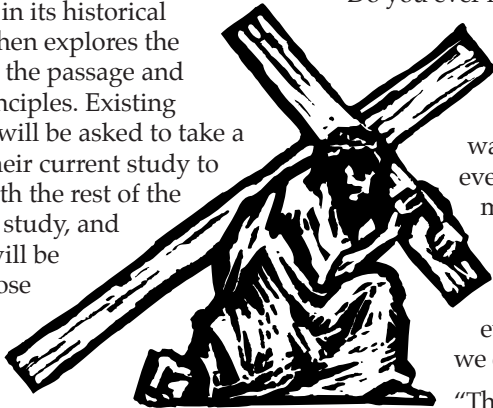
Lenten study to focus on 'The Last Days of Jesus'

Plans are underway for a six-week church-wide Lenten Bible study titled "The Last Days of Jesus." This video-based study looks at each week's Bible passage in its historical context, and then explores the application of the passage and its related principles. Existing small groups will be asked to take a hiatus from their current study to participate with the rest of the church in this study, and new groups will be formed for those not already involved in a small group who wish to participate in the Lenten series.

"The Last Days of Jesus" is part of the Deeper Connections series, which takes us behind the scenes of the main events

in Jesus' life to understand what made him extraordinary and to learn how to draw on his transforming power.

Do you ever feel dead—spiritually dead? Do you ever wonder, "If Christianity is supposed to be so great and Jesus' death was supposed to take care of everything, why is my life so messed up?" It's only when we drink deeply from the life and death of Jesus — understanding the main events of his death — that we can find a full life.



"The Last Days of Jesus" invites us to see the behind-the-scenes truth of the main events of Jesus' death, so that his death can affect our lives today...right where we live...in the midst of our weaknesses and failures.

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Valentine's Day Sunday to feature marriage blessings

Next Sunday is Valentine's Day, and couples who wish to have their marriages blessed will be invited to stand during the announcement part of each of the services for a blessing from the clergy. What a wonderful opportunity to express your love anew, and dedicate your marriage to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Marriage Encounter presentation Feb. 14

By now many of you will have noticed the Marriage Encounter Weekend displays in a couple of places in the church. In light of the fact that the 14th is Valentine's day, it seems entirely fitting that we offer a question and answer session on this wonderful Marriage Enrichment tool. Larry and Patti Cooper, as well as several other couples who have been on Marriage Encounter Weekends and who attend St. Andrew's, will make themselves available in the social area at 11:00 to give information about the weekend to any interested couples. Join them to learn more about how you too can "rediscover your spouse"!

'Undies Sunday' Feb. 14

The next "Undies Sunday" will be Feb. 14. Please give a gift from the heart to Common Ground Free Store buy bringing a pack of *new* underwear, socks, T-shirts and bras for those in need. Items most needed are boy's and men's underwear and T-shirts. A basket will be in the front hall on Sunday, Feb. 14. If you have any question, please call **Sue Thomas** 740-524-4505. Thank You for your support!

Lent begins Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent, the 40-day period of preparation leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, begins Wednesday, Feb. 17, with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes, will be held at both 12 Noon and 7 p.m. that day.

Shrove Tuesday pancake Feb. 16

On the night before, we will gather for our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, one last "feast" before our Lenten fast begins the next day. Mark these dates on your calendar, and watch for further details about Lenten activities at St. Andrew's in *The Net* and on the Member Connection of our web site.

Stations of the Cross to be offered on Fridays in Lent

The service of Morning Prayer with Stations of the Cross will be offered each Friday during Lent. Morning Prayer will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by Stations of the Cross, at 10 a.m. Watch *The Net* and the Member Connection of our web site, www.standrewspolaris.org for further details.

Class 101: Orientation to St. Andrew's today

Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's will be offered today, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Gathering Area. Class 101 is an orientation to St. Andrew's, and covers the benefits of belonging to our parish, our purpose, mission and beliefs. It is designed to show you how our *M.A.D.E. in Christ* spiritual development process will help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and live out God's purposes for your life. The class is taught by **Fr. Ron Baird**, our rector.

You may register by filling out the form in today's bulletin, or by calling **Judy Baird**, 614-423-4250, ext. 103.

This class is for anyone who is interested in joining St. Andrew's, or just wants to know more about our mission and ministry! Also, if you wish to have a child baptized, you should also take this class.

