

Christmas outreach projects

Care packages for military personnel

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will once again adopt U.S. military personnel for Christmas, and is inviting members of the parish to join them in making the Holiday a little brighter for the men and women serving our country overseas. The Brotherhood is coordinating the project through **Col. David Mullins**, brother and brother-in-law of **Brenda and Don Bender**, and hopes to be able to provide care packages for 100 soldiers. If you'd like to participate in this project, be watching for the "Christmas trees" and details in the next several weeks.

Operation Christmas Child

The Girard Disciple Group expresses appreciation to everyone who participated in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child last year. The children who received your gifts were certainly touched by God's love because of your generosity.

The group will be sponsoring this ministry again this year, and they invite members of St. Andrew's to join them in bringing joy and hope in a shoebox to a needy child. If you wish to participate, you will need to supply a shoe box or plastic container with a lid filled with small gift items for a boy or girl age 2 through 14. Please bring your shoe box or plastic container to the church by Nov. 15. Drop-off will be by the table near the back door of the Gathering Area. Brochures that list all the details are available at the Information Desk in the Narthex. There are also stickers to attach to your shoe box or container to indicate whether the box is for a boy or girl, and what age group you have chosen.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact **Barbara** or **George Girard** at 614-882-8754 or girardg@sbcglobal.net.

Help sought to clean nursery, classrooms

Pam Dunlap is seeking volunteers to help with the ministry of cleaning and sanitizing the nursery and classrooms at church. Volunteers would need to come in either after the 11 a.m. service on Sundays, or some day during the week. If you are interested and willing to help us keep the classrooms clean and safe for the children, please contact Pam at 614-776-1385.

Pam also reminds parents that if their children bring toys from home, they remember to take them home. There are currently several miscellaneous toys in the Nursery, which we would like to see returned to their owners. Also, if you have toys you would like to donate to the church, please contact **Marty Scott** at mscott@standrewspolaris.org or 614-901-0564 to make sure they meet safety requirements.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Many people have asked us to recommend a pattern for daily Bible reading, and while there are many good methods for reading the Bible, we commend to you the Daily Lectionary from the *Book of Common Prayer*. We include in the weekly *Messenger* the readings from the Daily Lectionary. Reading suggestions are found on page 934 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Week of the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26 • Nov. 1-7)

Sunday, Nov. 1 — Psalms 24, 29/8, 84; Nehemiah 5:1-19; Acts 20:7-12; Luke 12:22-31

All Saints — A.M.: Psalm 111, 112; 2; Esdras 2:42-47; Hebrews 11:32-12:2

P.M.: Psalm 148, 150; Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16; Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:5

Monday, Nov. 2 — Psalms 56, 57, [58]/64, 65; Nehemiah 6:1-19; Revelation 10:1-11; Matthew 13:36-43 **All Faithful Departed (All Souls')** — Psalm 130 or 116:10-17; Wisdom 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; John 5:24-27

Tuesday, Nov. 3 — Psalms 61, 62/68:1-20(21-23)24-36; Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47; Revelation 11:1-19; Matthew 13:44-52

Wednesday, Nov. 4 — Psalms 72/119:73-96; Nehemiah 13:4-22; Revelation 12:1-12; Matthew 13:53-58

Thursday, Nov. 5 — Psalms [70], 71/74; Ezra 7:(1-10)11-26; Revelation 14:1-13; Matthew 14:1-12

Friday, Nov. 6 — Psalms 69:1-23(24-30)31-38/73; Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36; Revelation 15:1-8; Matthew 14:13-21

Saturday, Nov. 7 — Psalms 75, 76/23, 27; Ezra 9:1-15; Revelation 17:1-14; Matthew 14:22-36

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

November Birthdays

Nancy Stanton
Caroline Sylvester
David Allen
Kris Webb
Kelle Giese
John Baird
David Ryde
Nanci James
Cameron Blackcloud
Jana Lilly
Chinedu Akunne
Emily Menke
Wes Whitaker
Cathy Allen
Vince Cordova
Michelle Curry
Ruth Robinson
Julia Worthington
David Johnson
Christopher Akunne
Jim Menke
Michael Forman
Brandon Curry
Shawn Dunn
Marilyn Barnes
Connor Darke
Mark Pappas
Eric Kouns
Christie Carter
Nancy Forman
Oscar Davidson
Patrick Nelson

November Anniversaries

Coey & Tom Podraza
Mike & Karen Brust
Jack & Suzy Christopher
Jodi & Steve Moehring
Cathy & David Allen
Ed & Kathy Summers
Alan & Carter

Because our newsletter is posted to our public web site, we no longer include actual birthday and anniversary dates in the monthly list. For members and regular attenders of St. Andrew's, that information is available on our secure Member Connection. To view an individual's profile, sign in with your login and password, click on the "People" tab on your home page, and type the person's name into the search box. If the name of the person you are looking for does not pop up, they have chosen to be unlisted in the directory.

Greeters needed

The Greeters Ministry is in need of greeters for the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. If you'd like to become a part of this vital Sunday morning ministry, please see **George Girard**, or e-mail him at girardg@sbcglobal.net. Please join us in giving a warm St. Andrew's welcome to our guests and newcomers!

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All Saints Day

In communion with the saints

November 1 and 2 are the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. Many people ask why it is that we pray for the dead. Their questions often include, "Isn't it already too late for them?"

This reveals a narrow understanding of Salvation. Anglicans do not believe that Salvation is merely an endeavor to get into Heaven as some sort of reward! Rather, it is the all encompassing immersion into life and health that is full relationship with God, our Creator. Eternal life is not a destination. It is real, abundant, joyful life that begins in our baptism into Christ and never ends.

St. Paul tells us that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus! Therefore, just as we pray for one another and those whom we love who are present to this world — who are growing deeper and deeper into the eternal life that is theirs in Christ — we pray for those who have died to this world and this mortal body, because we know that their life in Christ is not ended. It has been transformed into a celestial body and now continues on in that form until the end time.

In Christ, all Christians are gathered into one Body, the Church. The separation of those Saints who have died and gone before us from those who remain is only a physical one, not a spiritual one. In Christ, at his Holy Table, in the communion that is the Eucharist, we are one with them forever! Therefore, we pray for their continued growth in the Lord and we ask through Christ for them to continue to pray for us.

Again, a common misunderstanding about Anglicans is that we pray to the Saints. We do not pray to them. In prayer, we ask them to pray for us, just as we pray for them. Prayer is directed only to God. But as we and the Saints are one in Christ, through our prayers to God we can communicate with them!

We often adopt a patron (or favorite) Saint because their life has served as an example to us of what faith in Christ is really about. As we ask them to pray for us, a large part of the request is that God will engender in us the strength of faith that our favorite Saint has exhibited!

We are all one in Christ. In Christ we have all died and we have all been raised into eternal life. That includes those of us who live in this worldly existence, and those who have died and gone before. In prayer we are connected in Christ Jesus, One Body, One Church. Pray for those who have died and seek their prayers for us as we all seek to grow into the full stature of Christ in the communion of the Saints.

By Fr. Ron Baird

Today is Pledge Sunday

Today is Pledge Sunday, when we will offer to God the gifts of our pledges to the 2010 General Fund, and lift them up to him with prayers that he will bless our work for him in this place. Pledges will be offered at the Offertory at all four services. The Vestry's vision for 2010, and a summary of the proposed operating budget, were outlined in a brochure mailed to your home this past week. If you didn't get a brochure, or didn't have time to read it this week, copies are available at the Information Desk. Additional pledge cards, as well as detailed budget information, are also available at the Information Desk.

If you wish to make your gifts by automatic withdrawal in 2010, please check the appropriate box on the pledge card, and we will send you instructions. Instructions may also be downloaded from the Member Connection of our web site.

We will also be electing members to serve on Vestry today. Voting will take place during each of the Sunday services. Candidates are **Donna Gough, Alan Seitz, Austin Stout** and **Wes Whitaker**. There is a handout with the candidates' answers to questions posed by the Vestry on desk in the Narthex.



What does it take to become a Stephen Minister...

...and what do you receive in return?

Stephen Ministry may have crossed your mind a few times. You might even have picked up a brochure to see what it is about. But now you want to take a closer look at the idea of becoming a Stephen Minister. You may be wondering, "Is this right for me?" Here are some guidelines that might help you in making your decision.

Gifts

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion, and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for.

Commitment

A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person's life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

Training

After being interviewed by the Stephen leaders and accepted, a Stephen Minister recruit completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality and many other aspects of care giving. After completing the initial training, there is continuing education and peer supervision each month. Stephen Ministers find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, at work, and with friends.

Dedicated Service

A Stephen Minister serves wholeheartedly. This isn't a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from the care receiver, our Stephen leaders, and the Lord.

Accountability

A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the Stephen leaders, the other Stephen Ministers, and the care receiver. In return, he or she receives support, encouragement and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision twice a month.

Continuous Learning

A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting his or her care giving to fit the needs of the care receiver. He or she learns more about care giving at each meeting with a care receiver and also at Continuing Education and Peer Supervision at Stephen Ministry meetings. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

A new training class for Stephen Ministry is planned to start on Saturdays beginning in February and running through June. The Holy Spirit may be calling you to the joy, commitment, growth, meaning, training, service and care of being a Stephen Minister. Please pray for God's guidance as you consider this opportunity for service to our Lord.

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

Food Pantry collections continue

The Daughters of the King is continuing to collect food for local food pantries to help those in our community in need during these uncertain economic times. The schedule is as follows:

- 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.

'Voices' of Joseph, Herod still needed

With the Wise Men already cast, **Nanci James**, director, is still seeking two courageous men to bring us the "voices" of Joseph and Herod for the Dec. 20 presentation of *The Twelve Voices of Christmas*. If you would like to step out in faith to portray Joseph or Herod, two very important figures in the Christmas narrative, please contact Nanci at 614-895-0144 or nanci@otterbein.edu. She promises you won't regret it! The reading for Joseph, the Voice of Reason, is based on Matthew 1:16-25. The reading for Herod, the Voice of Deception, is based on Matthew 2:1-12.

The Twelve Voices of Christmas was written by Woodrow Knoll, and is published by Back to the Bible, in Lincoln, Nebraska. It is a series of 12 soliloquies, each from the perspective of an active participant in the birth of Christ, and based upon scripture.

Nursery Ministry needs folks to cuddle babies

St. Andrew's nursery serves babies from birth to 18-months-old at the 9:30 a.m. service, and children through 3½ at the 11 a.m. service. The nursery is in need of volunteers to love and nurture the youngest members of St. Andrew's. If you love babies and want to cuddle, please consider serving these little ones. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the nursery. If you would like to be a helping hand, please sign-up and you will be placed where the greatest need is for that Sunday. If you need more information or would like to help, please contact **Laurie** or **Steve Darke** at 740-879-3220, lauriedarke@gmail.com or stephen.m.darke@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's mugs available

Mugs bearing the St. Andrew's logo and the slogan, "Come & See" are now available at the Information Desk in the Narthex. The mugs, which are a welcome gift to our guests on their first Sunday at St. Andrew's, may be purchased by parishioners for a donation of \$5 each, or two for \$8. Proceeds will go back into the budget to allow us to continue to "mug" our visitors. A basket is available at the desk with envelopes in which you may place a cash donation, or you may write a check, with "Mugs" in the memo section.

Coming up...

Women's book club to meet Nov. 7

The St. Andrew's Women's Book Club, which meets periodically for fellowship and a book discussion, will have their next gathering on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. The meeting will be at the home of **Pam Dunlap**, 186 Oakwood Court, Westerville.

The women will be discussing the *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett. Stockett's novel chronicles the extraordinary experience of three seemingly very different women working toward one end in the midst of the Civil Rights movement in 1962. The book looks at the times that defined an era, and how these three dare to cross the lines that divide their Mississippi town.

Bring a snack and come enjoy the fellowship of other women in your church. All women are welcome. Please call 614-776-1385 for more information.

Youth Group plans chili cook-off for Nov. 14

The St. Andrew's Youth Group will sponsor a parish-wide Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to enter their favorite chili recipe. Categories for the cook-off will be Best Overall (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place); spiciest; fan favorite, and most unusual. Please also plan to join us for supper, even if you didn't enter a chili recipe in the contest.

If you have a chili recipe that you would like to enter, please contact **Emelie Deslauriers**, 614-425-3973 or ecdeslauriers@gmail.com or **Karen Osmond**, 614-975-0878 or khosmond@gmail.com. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

Watch for more details in the *Net* and on the Member Connection so far web site, www.standrewspolaris.org.

'Undies Sunday' to benefit Common Ground

St. Andrew's will have an "Undies Sunday" on Sunday, Nov. 15 to benefit Common Ground Free Store Ministries in Delaware. New underwear and socks in all sizes are needed for men, women, boys and girls, and new bras in all sizes are needed for women and older girls. This event is being coordinated by **Sue** and **Jim Thomas**. For more information, please contact Sue at jim.sue@verizon.net or 740-524-4505. To learn more about the Common Ground Free Store, log on to www.commongroundfreestore.com.

Membership orientation class set for Nov. 15

Fr. Ron Baird will lead *Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's* on Sunday, Nov. 15, 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.

You may register by contacting **Judy Baird**, 614-423-4250, ext. 103 or jbaird@standrewspolaris.org, or online on the Member Connection of our web site, www.standrewspolaris.org. Child care will be provided for those families who need it, but we do ask that you let us know when you register so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

'Discover Spiritual Maturity' class begins Dec. 6

Would you like some tools to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus? If so, then *Class 201: Discover Spiritual Maturity* is for you! Class 201, an introduction to the essential habits for spiritual growth, will be held in two sessions, Sunday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Gathering Area. Facilitator is **Fr. Kevin Maney**. This class will equip you with the skills you need to begin the habits of Bible reading, prayer, Christian fellowship, worship and Christian giving, and will give you some resources to help you continue them.

Class 101: Discover Membership and/or membership at St. Andrew's is a pre-requisite. Register online on the Member Connection, or by calling the parish office at 614-423-4250.

FYI

Prayer Chain — To place a person or concern on the Prayer Chain, please fill out the Information Card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. For concerns that arise during the week, please contact **Alex Seyerle**, 614-501-1648 or cerelli@wowway.com, or submit prayer requests electronically at www.standrewspolaris.org.

Prayer Intercessors — Prayer Intercessors from the Order of St. Luke and Stephen Ministry are available during Communion at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services to pray with you for any cares, concerns or thanksgivings you may have. They also offer the Sacrament of Holy Unction with prayer for healing at your request. They are stationed to the right of the altar at the front of the church at the 9:30 a.m., and to the left of the altar at the front of the church at 11 a.m.

Weekly Sermons — Sermons are now available online and may be downloaded from our web site, www.standrewspolaris.org. Simply click on the Sermons button in the navigation bar and then select the week's sermon you'd like to listen to. Once you download the file, you may listen to the sermon on your computer, or download it to your iPod or other MP3 player.

Room Scheduling — Nearly every night of the week, there is something going on at St. Andrew's. To assure that our schedule runs smoothly, and the needs of all the ministries using our facility are met, we share with you a few reminders.

- Please remember to schedule your event or meeting with the parish office, either using our online scheduling system, or by calling the parish office at 614-423-4250. To avoid scheduling conflicts, your event must be confirmed by the parish office before it goes on the calendar.
- After you receive confirmation for a scheduled meeting or event, please remember that the group or ministry itself is responsible for room setup. Always remember to leave the room as you found it, so that it's ready for the next group that uses the space.
- If tables or chairs are needed, they may be found in the storage shed just outside the back door in the Gathering Area. The shed key is hung above the light switch in the workroom off the Gathering Area, where the copy machine and Vestry and ministry mailboxes are located. The key is attached to an old Tupperware lid with the writing "shed key" on it. Naturally, remember to lock the shed and hang the key in the workroom when done.