

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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Children's Center among stops on July mission to El Salvador



Julie Baldwin, who will be making her second mission trip to El Salvador in July, continues the story of her experiences at "The Volcano" in San Salvador last summer.

The picture at right is of the playground at the Children's Center at the Volcano that missionaries built in 2016. The kids get a lot of enjoyment and exercise while they are at the Center. After their studies are completed they are free to spend time burning energy on the playground. They come to the Center to be kids and to do what kids do, without fear.



In addition to the play sets there's a recessed area just below for soccer or kickball.

Things that we take for granted are a big deal to the people we minister to. Without a place like this to go to, we can only speculate what could happen to these kids.

The Center offers structure, education and meals, and most importantly they learn about Jesus. There's hope for a future in each child's life.

See the flyer at the front desk, as well as our website — standrewspolaris.org — for a list of supplies that we are collecting for Julie to take with her to El Salvador. Please note that Sunday, July 8, is the last day for donations, as everything will be packed up on that day.

Family begins new ministry in Middle East

Joel and Elizabeth, missionaries with Interserve Fellowship who visited with us here at St. Andrew's last year, have embarked upon their mission to serve among Muslims in the Middle East. In an email to St. Andrew's Outreach Coordinator Marty Scott just an hour before they left earlier this week Elizabeth said, "The goodbyes have been said. Our lives are crammed in 20-plus suitcases and we are as ready as we are going to be!"

While at the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes' synod in April the St. Andrew's delegation was blessed to be able to have dinner with Joel, who was ordained to the priesthood in the diocese this spring.

Please keep the family in your prayers, praying especially for a positive start to their new ministry, and for their four children to adjust easily and happily to life abroad.

For more information, please contact Marty at msscott@standrewspolaris.org or 614-284-0182. To read more about Interserve go to (www.interserveusa.org)

Mailboxes to be removed in July

The St. Andrew's Vestry recently decided to remove the mailboxes in the Gathering Area to facilitate use of the entire area for weekend services and other gatherings. The mailboxes themselves have limited purpose with our use of "The Net," regular email summaries of activities, and the website. Furthermore, the area has a tendency to "gather" clutter.

The mailboxes will be removed sometime prior to Fr. Ron returning from vacation at the end of July, but we would appreciate it if parishioners would begin clearing out any items they store in their mailbox now.

Vestry members will be on hand to distribute the pledge statements that are mailed periodically throughout the year on the first weekend they become available. Year-end pledge statements will be mailed as usual. If individual parishioners have a need for paper communications we will make necessary arrangements

Please contact Senior Warden Dan Field at 614-895-8204 or sheba16@aol.com, or touch base with him at church, if you'd like more information or have any questions.

Sue Thomas plans fall mission to New Mexico

St. Andrew's continues to be blessed with opportunities to support members of our parish planning mission trips at home and abroad. In October, Sue Thomas, a member of our parish since her marriage to Jim in 2002, and who attends the 5 p.m. service, will be making her fourth mission trip to Espanola, New Mexico. She'll be returning to the McCurdy Campus, which provides services to the poor in the community in the area of mental health counseling, education for children, and more.

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Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Archbishop Stanley Ntagali and the bishops, clergy, religious, and people of the Anglican 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 sharing the simple story of Christianity with King Mutesa, he 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 a prominent newspaper in England in November, 1875.

Eight missionaries from the Church Missionary Society arrived in 1877. The Christian faith was originally preached only to the immediate members of the court of King Mutesa.

King Mutesa's successor, King Mwanga, became increasingly angry as he realized that the first converts put loyalty to Christ above the traditional loyalty to the king. Martyrdoms began in 1885. Mwanga first forbade anyone to go near a Christian mission on pain of death, but finding himself unable to cool the ardor of the converts, resolved to wipe out Christianity.

Among the early martyrs of Uganda was English Bishop, James Hannington, the first Anglican Bishop of the Eastern Equatorial province. Before they killed Hannington on Oct. 20, 1885, he is reported to have said, "Tell the Kabaka (king) that I die for Uganda."

On June 3, 1886, King Mwanga ordered the public killing of 26 of his pages, all young men, including 13 Anglicans and 12 Roman Catholics as a public example and warning to others who might be tempted to follow Christ. Today, June 3 is set aside as a public holiday to commemorate the Martyrs of Uganda. Tens of thousands of people from all over East Africa travel to the site of the martyrdom to remember their courage, sacrifice, and testimony ... even unto death.

Within a few years the original handful of converts had multiplied many times and spread far beyond the court. The martyrs had left the indelible impression that Christianity was truly African, not simply a white man's religion.

Renewed persecution of Christians broke out again in the 1970s by the brutal military dictator, Idi Amin. The Christian resilience in the face of brutal torture and death demonstrated the continued influence of the Martyrs of Uganda. Among the thousands of new martyrs, both Anglican and Roman Catholic, was Janani Luwum, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Uganda, murdered in by Amin's henchmen after Luwum publicly protested against Amin's atrocities.

The church in Uganda has indeed been nourished by the blood and witness of so many martyrs. Today, 36 percent of the 30 million people of Uganda are Anglicans (in 37 dioceses), and 56 percent are 18 years old and younger.

The Ugandan Church has been very active in the Anglican realignment movement and is in full communion with the Anglican Church in North America.

Please pray especially for continued faith, for the institutions of the church, and for the youth of the church. Please give thanks for the martyrs of all the years since St. Stephen was stoned to death for his faith in Jesus, with the later Apostle Paul standing by.

Following the Diocese of the Great Lakes' Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Fr. Joe Redmond and the people of Resurrection Church, Franklin, Ohio.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Burst Otani; Jim, Amanda and Bella Oxenham; Barbara Oxenham; the Daughters of the Holy Cross; and our Pastoral Care Ministries.

Next Sunday's Lectionary · July 1

First Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Psalm 112

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Gospel: Mark 5:22-24,35b-43

The Daily Lectionary

June 24-31

Sunday, June 24 (Nativity of John the Baptist) — A.M.: Psalms 127, 128; Acts 6:1—7:16; Matthew 14:1-13
P.M.: Psalms 129, 130, 131; Daniel 3; 2 Corinthians 2:12—3:18

Monday, June 25 — A.M.: Psalms 132, 133; Judges 7:1-8,16-25; Acts 7:17-34; P.M.: Psalms 134, 135; Daniel 4:1-9,19-35; 2 Corinthians 4

Tuesday, June 26 — A.M.: Psalm 136; Judges 8:4-23,28; Acts 7:35—8:3
P.M.: Psalms 137, 138; Daniel 5; 2 Corinthians 5

Wednesday, June 27 — A.M.: Psalm 139; Judges 9:1-6,22-25,43-56; Acts 8:4-25
P.M.: Psalms 141, 142; Daniel 6; 2 Corinthians 6

Thursday, June 28 — A.M.: Psalm 140; Judges 10:6-18; Acts 8:26-40; P.M.: Psalm 143; Daniel 7; 2 Corinthians 7

Friday, June 29 (Feast of Saints Peter & Paul) — A.M.: Psalm 144; Acts 15:1-35; 2 Peter 3:14-18; P.M.: Psalm 145; Daniel 8; 2 Corinthians 8

Saturday, June 30 — A.M.: Psalm 146; Judges 11:1-11,29-40; Acts 9:32-43; P.M.: Psalm 147; Daniel 9; 2 Corinthians 9

Next Sunday, August 1 — A.M.: Psalm 148; Judges 12; Acts 10:1-23
P.M.: Psalms 149, 150
Daniel 10; 2 Corinthians 10

Encouragement for your prayer time

Believing that God knows everything and will act at the proper time makes life easier for us, even when we have been wronged. We can tell him everything in prayer. "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord." (Romans 12:19) — *St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

Sue Thomas mission

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Sue and her fellow team members (19 in all) are responsible for raising funds for supplies for the work they'll be doing while in New Mexico, as well as for their travel and accommodations. Watch "The Net" for more information about Sue's trip, and information about how we can support her.