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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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Annual Meeting, Lent & SALT 2020 on the horizon

As we approach the end of January, it's time to begin to look ahead to several events important in the life of our parish, all of which fall this year at the end of February.

Our Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23, is an opportunity to hear from Fr. Ron Baird and officers of the Vestry about the state of the parish, celebrate all that we accomplished together in Christ's name in 2019, and look ahead to what's in store for 2020. Ministry leaders, please remember that your reports for inclusion in the 2019 Annual Report, which will be made available to the parish a week ahead of the Annual Meeting, are due on Wednesday, Feb. 5!

On Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25, we'll gather for our annual Pancake Supper (see article below), a feast before our Ash Wednesday fast. And then on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, we'll offer two services, at 12 Noon and 7 p.m. Both will feature Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Tally Whitehead, director of discipleship and ministries, returned from sabbatical last Sunday, and is excited to share details of our annual SALT (St. Andrew's Leadership Touchstone) gathering on Leap Day, Saturday Feb. 29.

This year, we will be hosting a silence-oriented mini-retreat, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and ending before Noon. We are inviting everyone in the church to attend, not just ministry leaders.

2019 giving reports in the mail

Year-end giving statements for 2019 tax purposes were mailed Saturday. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Rachel Cherubini, business manager, at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, or rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org.

Parishioners fill 39 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes; do you know where your gift went?

Members of St. Andrew's packed 39 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in 2019. We know many contributed to "Follow Your Box," an initiative that tracked their shoebox to allow them to find out the country where it was delivered into the hands of a child with the message of Christ's love. If you have heard where your shoebox went, please let Marty Scott know by contacting her at 614-284-0182 or mscott@standrewspolaris.org. Thanks to all who participated!

Study of 39 Articles begins next week

Fr. Ron Baird will lead the Adult Forum as we begin a study of the 39 Articles of Religion, one of the foundational documents of our faith, beginning next Sunday, Feb. 2. Watch for details on our website, and in an email this week.

We will start with a light continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and then move into our silence while we travel into the Sanctuary at around 10 a.m. Since we have an extra day this year, we hope you will set aside this morning and come retreat with God with us. The silent retreat format will also allow anyone to come late or leave early if you can't stay the whole time.

We are also encouraging ministry leaders to consider having lunch with your particular ministry team after the retreat. Lunch together would allow more fellowship together, and maybe even a chance to revisit goals from last year and vision together for 2020 and beyond. We know not everyone will be able to do this, but thought we would suggest it for those who are willing and able to participate.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, Feb. 29, and watch for more details and registration to come!

A note from Tally: "Thank you for all your support, encouragement and prayers while I was on sabbatical! I was able to get away for a few retreats and visit a number of churches. I also faced several family health challenges, so the time off was doubly needed. I am looking forward to reconnecting with parish life, especially as we approach Lent."

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 25

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Feb. 25 in the church Gathering Area. Food will be served between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For folks arriving later (around 7:30), we promise you'll still get fresh, hot food as we will be cooking right up to closing time.

As usual, we'll be serving pancakes, sausages and all the trimmings, so please come and join us for our pre-Lent celebration. There is no cost for the meal; however, we will be collecting a free-will donation to cover the cost of the food, if you should like to contribute.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Information Desk near the entrance to the church. We ask that you sign up so we know how much food to purchase. If you forget to sign up, we've got you covered anyway, so be sure to come.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in conjunction with the Kitchen Ministry, is sponsoring the event.

Our annual parish-wide Lenten Study Program and Soup and Salad Supper will held on Tuesdays in Lent, beginning March 3 and continuing through March 31. Watch for details coming soon!

Anglicans for Life: Where God has called, there is your ministry

The unborn baby, the orphaned child, the fatherless teenager, the lonely elderly man. These are just a few of the people that Anglicans for Life invites us to serve, as God calls us to serve. Deacon Becky Spanos, who has been a part of the National Organization of Episcopalians for Life (NOEL)—and now Anglicans for Life—for 47 years, encourages you to pick up a leaflet from the tract wall in the Gathering Area that will get you thinking about how God might be calling you might serve those vulnerable among us.

“There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” — 1 Corinthians 12:5-6

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Third Sunday in Epiphany • Jan. 26-Feb. 1

Sunday, Jan. 26 — A.M.: Psalm 69:1-18; Genesis 25:7-11,19-34; John 13 P.M.: Psalm 69:19-37; Jeremiah 25:1-19,26-31; 1 Corinthians 10

Monday, Jan. 27 — A.M.: Psalm 66; Genesis 26:1-25; John 14:1-14 P.M.: Psalms 70, 72; Jeremiah 26; 1 Corinthians 11

Tuesday, Jan. 28 — A.M.: Psalm 71; Genesis 27:1-13,18-36,39-40; John 14:15-31 P.M.: Psalms 73; Jeremiah 27; 1 Corinthians 12

Wednesday, Jan. 29 — A.M.: Psalm 74; Genesis 28; John 15:1-17 P.M.: Psalm 77; Jeremiah 28; 1 Corinthians 13

Thursday, Jan. 30 — A.M.: Psalms 75, 76; Genesis 29:1-28; John 15:18-27 P.M.: Psalms 79, 8; Jeremiah 29:1-14,24-32; 1 Corinthians 14:1-19

Friday, Jan. 31 — A.M.: Psalm 78:1-18; Genesis 30:1-2,22-43; John 16:1-15 P.M.: Psalm 78:19-40; Jeremiah 30; 1 Corinthians 14:20-40

Saturday, Feb. 1 — A.M.: Psalm 78:41-73; Genesis 31:1-3,17-45; John 16:16-33 P.M.: Psalm 80; Jeremiah 31:1-17,27-37; 1 Corinthians 15:1-34

Next Sunday, Feb. 2 (Feast of the Presentation) — A.M.: Psalms 24, 81; Genesis 32 + 1-13,21-32; Luke 2:22-40 P.M.: Psalm 84; Jeremiah 32:1-15,36-44; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Lectionary for Sunday, Feb. 2 • Presentation of Christ

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Hebrews 2:14-18 (11:15 a.m.) • **Psalm 37:1-11** (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.) •

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.) •

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Dan Field
Jim Oxenham
Bob Seyerle
Mary Ann Pate
Janet McNelis
Joe Pate
Sue McKeown
Steve Zacharias
Isabella Sylvester

Kathy Seitz
Kathy Summers
Avery Sylvester
Bernie Schramm
Xavier Lung
Liam Tucker
Adrian Knott

Anniversaries

Bob & JJ Muehlhausen
Joe & Celia Nelson

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa and his wife Frida, and the clergy and people of the Anglican Province of Tanzania.

The Diocese of Eastern Equatorial Africa (including Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda) was formed in 1884. The first bishop, James Hannington, and the members of his missionary group, were all martyred by one of the local kings while spreading the Gospel. The early church apologist Tertullian wrote in 197 A.D. that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” Many others died for the Faith in the area, and Tertullian’s insight has proven to be very true in East Africa, where now many millions of Anglicans and other Christians reside (in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, etc.). The first African bishops were consecrated in 1955. With the growth of the church, and the addition of new dioceses, the Province of East Africa was formed in 1960. With rapid growth, the church in Uganda became an independent province in 1961. In 1970, the Province of East Africa was further divided into the Province of Kenya and the Province of Tanzania. The 28 current dioceses (27 on mainland East Africa and one on the island of Zanzibar) represent both evangelical and Anglo-Catholic churches.

Christ Church Cathedral, on Zanzibar, is a World Heritage site. The cathedral itself is built over the site of the slave market that had flourished for centuries and the high altar, erected over the exact site of the whipping post, truly symbolizes the victory of life over death, of hope and joy over pain and grief.

The Province operates a university, two provincial theological colleges, and quite a few primary and secondary schools, along with a hospital and health clinics. In 2002, there were 2.5 million Anglicans in a population of 34.5 million. (*Sources: Anglican Communion News website, Diocese of Zanzibar website, Wikipedia.*)

Please pray especially that the light of the Gospel and the love of God will continue to shine into the darkest and most desperate parts of human existence.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: Fr. Jim Burr, Deacon Harry Keller, and the people of Bread of Life Anglican, Painesville, Ohio; and the Very Rev. Mark Engel, Fr. Manny Chavarria, Deacon Terri Engel, Deacon Elisabeth Engel, Deacon Scot Lahaie, and Deacon Traci Batchel, and the people of Gateway Church, Canton, Ohio.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Shaun, Shelley, Kade, Reed and Laine Casbarro; Carlo, Rachel, Genevieve and Mackenzie Cherubini; the Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study Group; and our Youth Group.

Encouragement for your prayer time

God’s characteristic of goodness is important for us. “For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.” (Psalm 52:9) “So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.” (Romans 7:12) — *From the St. Andrew’s Prayer Ministries Team*