

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

October 4, 2020



Parishioner Bonnie Freeman snapped this picture of the Spanos family during an 11:15 a.m. worship service and it was too sweet not to share! We'd love to see Sunday mornings—or any other St. Andrew's activities—through your eyes. [Click here](#) to submit your photos for possible publication in "The Net!"

Update on what's happening at St. Andrew's amid the continuing coronavirus pandemic

On the heels of the news on Thursday that Delaware and Franklin counties are no longer at Level 3 on Ohio's latest coronavirus advisory map comes news that the President and a number of top White House officials who were at the debate in Cleveland the night before the map came out have tested positive for Covid-19. And thus seems to be the way of things with the pandemic that has swept across the world since early this year. Down one day, and up the next.

While we've been hoping to see a sustained downward trend of cases of the novel coronavirus, and waiting for a vaccine to become widely available, not much has changed on that front since we returned to in-person worship the third weekend in June. Social distancing, masks, and lots of hand washing and sanitizing are still recommended, and the Centers for Disease Control still ranks congregational singing in churches as one of the ways the virus can quickly spread.

We are beginning to bring back some of our regular activities, however. Our weekday prayer service has resumed at noon on Wednesdays; our Vestry and Finance Team are back to meeting in the Sanctuary, where social distancing is easier than it would be in the Parish House, rather than remotely by Zoom; the Tuesday Morning Women's Small Group is meeting outside when weather permits; and our youth get back together this Sunday (see details about the youth Fire Pit Night inside). In addition, our Children's Ministry Team, which has been so creative in bringing Godly Play to our children via YouTube, is looking at how we can bring an element of socially-distanced and safe fun and

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Vestry candidate forms due Oct. 16; election Oct. 31 & Nov. 1

On Saturday, Oct. 31, and Sunday, Nov. 1, the Parish will vote to elect four members to serve three-year terms—from 2021 through 2023—on the St. Andrew's Vestry.

Vestry's overall responsibilities include visioning, overseeing the direction of the Parish, and promoting our purpose and mission. They meet monthly on the third Monday evening. If you're interested in serving our parish on Vestry please speak with a current Vestry member about what's involved, or talk with Fr. Ron. Vestry names and contact information are available on the Member Connection of our website by clicking "Vestry & Staff Contact Information" under the "Files" tab of the "Saint Andrew's Members" group. You may [click here](#) to go to the "Files" tab, but you will need to sign in. If you've forgotten your password, please see instruction for re-setting it at the end of this article.

You may fill out the Vestry candidate form online by [clicking here](#). Candidate forms must be completed and submitted **no later than Thursday, Oct. 15**. This will allow the forms to be prepared and made available to the parish the weekend of Oct. 17-18, which is two weeks prior to the election, as our bylaws require.

The first Sunday in November is also Pledge Sunday, when we'll lift up to God our pledges to the 2021 General Fund. Watch your mail for stewardship materials later this month.

How to re-set your password

If you've forgotten your Member Connection login or password, go to standrews.onechurchsoftware.com and click on "Forgot Password?" You'll be prompted to enter your

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The Daily Lectionary

Week of Pentecost 18 (Proper 22) • Oct. 4-10

Sunday, Oct. 4 — A.M.: Psalms 86, 87; 1 Kings 18:1-8,17-46; 1 Peter 2:11—3:7 P.M.: Psalms 88; Zechariah 14; Matthew 24:1-28

Monday, Oct. 5 — A.M.: Psalm 89:1-18; 1 Kings 19; 1 Peter 3:8—4:6 P.M.: Psalm 89:19-51; Malachi 1; Matthew 24:29-51

Tuesday, Oct. 6 — A.M.: Psalm 90; 1 Kings 20:1,13,21-43; 1 Peter 4:7-19 P.M.: Psalm 91; Malachi 2; Matthew 25:1-30

Wednesday, Oct. 7 — A.M.: Psalm 92, 93; 1 Kings 21; 1 Peter 5 P.M.: Psalm 94; Malachi 3; Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday, Oct. 8 — A.M.: Psalms 95, 96; 1 Kings 22:1-23,29-38; 2 Peter 1 P.M.: Psalms 97, 98; Malachi 4; Matthew 26:1-30

Friday, Oct. 9 — A.M.: Psalms 99, 100, 101; 2 Chronicles 20; 2 Peter 2 P.M.: Psalm 102; 1 Maccabees 1:1-15,20-25,41-64; Matthew 26:31-56

Saturday, Oct. 10 — A.M.: Psalm 103; 2 Kings 1; 2 Peter 3 P.M.: Psalm 104; 1 Maccabees 2:1-28; Matthew 26:57-75

Next Sunday, Oct. 11 — A.M.: Psalm 105:1-22; Jude; 2 Kings 2 P.M.: Psalm 105:23-44; 2 Maccabees 6; Matthew 27:1-26

Next Sunday's Lectionary

Pentecost 19 (Proper 23) • October 11

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Philippians 4:4-13 (11:15 a.m.)

Psalm 23 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-13 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 16:13-20 (All)

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Archbishop Laurent Mbanda and his wife Chantal; and the bishops, clergy, and people of the Anglican Province of Rwanda.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: Fr. Todd Boyce and the people of Saints Mary and Martha, Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Deryck and Nadya Richardson; Mark, Elizabeth, Miriam, Lily and Kitty Rife; and the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study group.

Encouragement for your time with God

Seek God by giving him your time and attention. You will be rewarded. "But if you will seek God earnestly and plead with the Almighty, if you are pure and upright, even now he will rouse himself on your behalf and restore you to your prosperous state." (Job 8:5-6) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry*

Have a prayer request? Email it to prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org; fill out the online form at standrewspolaris.org under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu (you don't need to log in to submit a prayer request); or call us at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, and we'll pass your request along to the Prayer Chain.

Remember that East Powell Road is be closed between Bale-Kenyon and I-71 through Oct. 31. Alternate routes from those coming to the Church from the east are Polaris Parkway to South Old State Road, or Bale-Kenyon to Orange Road to South Old State.



Christmas Child shoeboxes are here!

St. Andrew's will once again be participating in Operation Christmas Child, the shoebox ministry that carries the hope of Christ to children in need throughout the world through a simple box of small gifts.

To minimize the number of people who will be handling Operation Christmas Child materials, shoeboxes will be available from a volunteer at the Information Desk between services on Sundays beginning today, and at the Saturday service beginning next week.

For more information, or to make arrangements to pick up shoeboxes outside of regular service times, please contact Marty Scott at mscott@standrewspolaris.org or 614-284-0182, or Sue McKeown at McKeownsw@yahoo.com or 614-578-1245.

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excitement to All Saints Sunday, when we traditionally invite our children to process into church in their Halloween costumes. (Watch for details in the coming weeks!)

We can tell you that we're planning to have our traditional Thanksgiving Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26, in the Sanctuary. We're still waiting to announce our plans for Christmas Eve, which will depend largely on what the Covid numbers look like when we get closer to December. In the meantime, stay tuned in to our website and your email!

Midweek Prayer is held in the Sanctuary at noon every Wednesday. Prayer is offered with special intention for our parish, the city, the state, the nation and the world, as well as for individual prayer needs.

Cards for Christ delivers God's love to prisoners isolated by COVID

Ohio prisoners receive no visitors ... not family, not Kairos team members ... no one.

This is a *hard rule* now because of this COVID-19 issue, and is expected to continue through Christmas. Although *no one* can make a *personal* visit, we are all invited to send every incarcerated person in Ohio a Christmas card! To do this we will need *seventy thousand Christmas cards!* It's like sending the love of Christ to each and every prison inmate!

St. Andrew's, under the auspices of our Daughters of the Holy Cross chapter, sent Christmas cards to the Reformatory for Women for many years, until security stopped it, and others helped. We now have permission through Kent Money, founder of Cards for Christ and a leader in the Christian prison ministry in Ohio, to join with other Christians and bless *every inmate!!!* How many can *you* do? Two ... twenty ... more?

Because of security reasons, there are a lot of "Do this" and "Don't do this" issues.



Absolutely Do NOTs

- No Envelopes, just cards
- No tri-folds
- No pockets
- No pop ups
- No glitter
- No loose pictures or messages
- No trinkets, keepsakes or gifts
- No full names, just sign your first name if you wish
- No addresses

- No phone numbers
- No crayon — **ink only!**

Absolute DOs

- Write encouraging messages
- **Write in ink only**
- Address it to Brother, Sister or Friend
- Be kind and share Jesus
- **Be the Church**

Sign your card as "Your Brother or Sister in Christ, [**your first name only**]," or just "your friend." Remembering not all recipients will be Christian, but all will respond to kindness and caring.

The most important thing: Pray that each card go to the one who needs it the most, even if that person feels he needs it the least.

Place your cards in packages with the number of cards included, or larger envelopes with the number of cards, and bring them to St. Andrew's. Donna Gough will pick them up. The deadline is not established yet, but earlier is better.

There is an address if you prefer to ship your own cards, but we'd like to know how many were sent. If you have any questions, please call Donna at 614-948-3833, or e-mail goughdonna@aol.com.

Vestry election _____

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email address, and will receive an email with instruction to re-set your password. If you get a message that your email address is not associated with a Member Connection account click on "Register" and follow the prompts.

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Kids and parents: Remember to check your email for the link to this week's Godly Play video on the Story of the Ark and the Flood, which will be shared by storyteller Lori Cornett.

Rubicon Youth Fire Pit Night tomorrow

We've been waiting for this forever ...

Our Vestry recently decided that it would be permissible for our RUBICON Teens to gather in person again, if we do so outside, face masks are worn and we maintain social distancing, and parents are OK with the above. After communicating with many of the parents, Fr. Shane Tucker has only heard support for gathering the teens under these conditions.

With that said, this Sunday night at 7 p.m. we'll welcome all RUBICON Youth and families around the parish fire pit for some food and fun in the spirit of fall. Our annual Fire Pit Night isn't only for our youth—families are welcome, as well! Fr. Shane issues a special RUBICON welcome to all of our incoming Middle School students! Anyone who has entered 6th grade this fall is invited to participate in all designated RUBICON Youth events ... his will be their first!

Please consider joining us this Sunday at 7 p.m. at the church. If we're rained out (there's heavy rain for hours beforehand, or just moderate rain at the time of the event) we'll reschedule for the following week, Sunday, Oct. 11. Please bring warm clothes, a chair, a face mask, and we'll provide the fire, snacks/drinks and fun!

Please RSVP to Fr. Shane) if you plan to attend at stucker@standrewspolaris.org. We look forward to celebrating fall (and being together) with you Sunday night!