

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

November 22, 2020

## Pledge drive at \$318,811

Sixty-two families have responded to the 2021 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$318,811 as of this past Friday. Our goal is \$444,300, which means we have \$125,489 yet to raise.

If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today if possible so that the Vestry can finalize the 2021 budget. Extra pledge cards are available on the table at the back of the worship area. You may also mail your pledge to St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 7521 S. Old State Rd., Lewis Center, Ohio 43035, or pledge online. Instructions are on the back page of the 2021 Stewardship Brochure, which you may download from the Member Connection. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Christ's mission here at St. Andrew's!

## Share your blessings this Thanksgiving

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, the St. Andrew's Prayer Teams ministry encourages members to express and share their thanksgivings to God. Although we won't be having a Thanksgiving Day service this year, we'll compile responses and share them in next week's edition of "The Net." [Click here](#) to submit your thanksgivings.

As we head into colder weather and cases of COVID-19 continue to surge in Central Ohio, we'll be making you aware of any service cancellations by email and text message. Please check your profile on the Member Connection to make sure that the email listed as your primary address is correct, and that your mobile phone number is designated as such in the drop-down next to it to assure that you receive correspondence from us.



## The prophets point the way to God

This fall in Godly Play we've followed the People of God as they were led out of slavery, ruled their own country, were defeated, carried off into exile, and returned to rebuild the temple and Jerusalem. God has been with them all the way—but they have not always been with God. The prophets' job was to show the people, the king and the priests when they turned away from God.

The role of prophets changed over time. In ancient Israel, a judge was like a priest, a ruler and a prophet all in one person. After Samuel anointed Saul, kings began to rule. The priests led the people in worship. At that time, prophets arose to challenge the kings, the priests and the people.

After the exile there were no more independent kings, and the priests needed support to help the people keep their identity. The role of the prophets was absorbed into the role of the priest.

See your weekly e-Net, or download the "Godly Play Video Index" from the Member Connection for the link to this week's lesson.

**Our Children's Ministry team will be reaching out this week to families with children in pre-school through 5th Grade to make arrangements to deliver Godly Play Advent materials so that children may follow along with the stories from home. If you didn't get materials for the fall, please [contact us](#) to let us know so that we don't miss you this time!**

## Christmas Eve worship brings need for special seating plan

With Advent just two weeks away we're turning our thoughts to Christmas, and how that will look at St. Andrew's this year. A resurgence of COVID-19 this fall means a continuance of precautions to assure the health and safety of those attending worship services in person, including reduced seating capacity in the Worship Area.

We can accommodate a maximum of 60 people at any one service, so to assure that everyone has a seat for Christmas Eve we're asking you to sign up in advance for the service you plan to attend. In addition, we'd like to know how

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# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Feast of Christ the King • Nov. 22-29

**Sunday, Nov. 22** — A.M.: Psalm 59; Judith 16; Acts 19:21-41 P.M.: Psalms 63, 64; Isaiah 35; Luke 5:17-39

**Monday, Nov. 23** — A.M.: Psalms 61, 62; Ecclesiasticus 1; Acts 20:1-16 P.M.: Psalms 65, 67; Isaiah 36; Luke 6:1-19

**Tuesday, Nov. 24** — A.M.: Psalm 68:1-18; Ecclesiasticus 2; Acts 20:17-38 P.M.: Psalm 68:19-36; Isaiah 37; Luke 6:20-38

**Wednesday, Nov. 25** — A.M.: Psalm 69:19-37; Ecclesiasticus 4:1-19; Acts 21:1-16 P.M.: Psalm 69:19-37; Isaiah 38; Luke 6:39—7:10

**Thursday, Nov. 26** — A.M.: Psalm 66; Ecclesiasticus 6:5-31; Acts 21:17-36 P.M.: Psalms 70, 72; Isaiah 39; Luke 7:11-35

**Friday, Nov. 27** — A.M.: Psalm 71; Ecclesiasticus 7:1-21, 27-36; Acts 21:37—22:22 P.M.: Psalm 73; Isaiah 40; Luke 7:36-50

**Saturday, Nov. 28** — A.M.: Psalm 74; Ecclesiasticus 9; Acts 22:23—23:11 P.M.: Psalm 77; Isaiah 41; Luke 8:1-21

**Next Sunday, Nov. 29** — A.M.: Psalms 75, 76; Ecclesiasticus 10:1-24; Acts 23:12-35 P.M.: Psalms 79, 82; Isaiah 42; Luke 8:22-56

## Next Sunday's Lectionary

The First Sunday in Advent • November 29

**First Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9a (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (11:15)

**Psalm 80:1-7** (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Bishop Steven Breedlove and his wife Sally; Bishop Quigg Lawrence and his wife Annette; and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Christ our Hope.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** The ADGL Standing Committee: The Rev. Kathleen Rankin; the Very Rev. Pete Matthews; Rob Raun (Head of Finance Committee); Dr. I. Richmond Nettey; Tom Fields; and Ken Lutke, ex-officio (Treasurer).

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Brian, Reneé, Madeleine, Avery, Elizabeth, Isabella, Caroline, and Oliver Sylvester; Jim Thomas; Fr. Ernie and Candy Tracy; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Kitchen Ministry.

## Encouragement for your time with God

Until God fills that God-shaped "hole" inside, you are incomplete. "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." (*Job 8:21*) "... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (*Philippians 1:6*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

Have a prayer request or praise report? Fill out the online form at [standrewspolaris.org](http://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.

## Easy links

Remember that underlined text in dark red like this in "The Net" and our other electronic publications represents a hot link that you may click to download a resource, go to a form or another page on our website, or send an email to an individual mentioned in an article.

## Forgot your password?

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

## Christmas

— Continued from the front — many people you'll be bringing with you so that we can arrange seats accordingly to maintain proper social distancing. This will also help us gauge whether we need to add additional services.

Right now we're looking at offering two services, at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. You may click one of the links below to sign up for the service you plan to attend.

- [5:30 p.m. service](#), contemporary service with traditional carols from members of our worship band.
- [8 p.m. service](#), traditional service, with Christmas carols by our organist.

You may also sign up by calling the Parish Office at 740-548-5112, ext. 1. Seating is first come-first served. If you sign up and find later that you're unable to attend that service, please let us know so that we can release those seats for others.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us make this Christmas meaningful for all of those worshiping with us here at St. Andrew's!

# 'Cards from Christ' hopes to deliver God's love to every Ohio prisoners this Christmas

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 from Christ" and a leader in the Christian prison ministry in Ohio, to join with other Christians and bless *every inmate!!!*

We're excited to share that this ministry has spread beyond Ohio, with Resurrection Anglican Church in Shalimar, Florida, where Donna Gough's stepson Frank serves as rector, joining in!

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 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. Cards must be to Donna **no later than Sunday, Nov. 22**, but earlier is better.

If you prefer to ship your own cards—or miss the Nov. 22 deadline—you may send them to:

Cards From Christ  
PO Box 392  
Marysville, Ohio 43040

Cards must be received in Marysville **no later than Dec. 1**. Please let Donna know if you sent cards directly so we can track how many were sent.

If you have any questions, please call Donna at 614-948-3833, or e-mail [goughdonna@aol.com](mailto:goughdonna@aol.com).

[Click here](#) for photographs, discussions and more information about the "Cards from Christ" ministry on Facebook.