

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

July 25, 2021

## Search Committee begins preliminary work to call new rector after Fr. Ron sets retirement date

In May Fr. Ron shared with us his intention to retire effective Jan. 1, 2023. Our St. Andrew's family has been richly and continually blessed by the gifts of both Fr. Ron and Judy Baird for the past 28 years. While the announcement was a formal statement, we have known for some time that this day would come, and we sincerely appreciate the love and commitment they have shown our community over the years.

Many thanks to Lori Cornett, below left, and Ann Schnapp, right, for filling our Sanctuary with music as they filled in for our organist Laura Waller at the 9 a.m. Sunday service last week. Lori returns this week to play, with her mother Lois Neff joining her on piano.

After Fr. Ron made his intentions known to the Vestry and congregation, the Vestry immediately began laying the foundation for the important task of calling our next Rector. The first step in that process was to form a search committee, a step which was completed in early June. Jim Menke, after prayerful consideration, agreed to head up the committee. Jim is ideal for this position not only because of his deep knowledge of our church and profound love of our Lord, but also for his work on the original committee that called Fr. Ron all those years ago. Jim has now called together the rest of the committee, which is as follows:

Jim Menke, chair; Pat Schmitz, secretary and Vestry liaison; Chris Bryant; Dan Brill; Karen Brust; Shelley Casbarro; Alan Carter; Amanda Oxenham; Steve Sattler; and Ian Sattler, youth appointee.

The committee has begun to meet regularly and create the organizational structure from which we will call our future Rector. We are confident that through daily prayer and openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Lord will send to us the person in the time frame he knows is right. This person will lead the next generation of St. Andrew's so that we may continue worshipping and praising God in our growing and welcoming family.

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## Weekly loose offerings help fund outreach

As St. Andrew's resumes many of our regular programs and activities that were on hiatus during the pandemic, so too are the outreach ministries that we support returning to full operations. The parish funds much of our local and international outreach through weekly loose offerings collected during the Offertory. Beginning today we are once again making collection envelopes available for those of you who wish to use them to make your outreach donations, or simply for your General or Capital Fund giving. If you use an

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## Drop-off donations for Harvest Festival next Saturday, Sunday

Getting ready to do some summer cleaning around the house, or planning to downsize soon? Please bring your sale-able items for our street market sale scheduled at the Oct. 2 Harvest Festival to the church next weekend!

Items desired include:

- Household items
- Kitchen items
- Holiday decorations

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# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost • July 24-31

**Sunday, July 25** — A.M.: Psalm 68:1-18; James 2; Corinthians 8; Mark 1:14-20  
P.M.: Psalm 68:19-36; Nehemiah 3:1-15; John 3:1-21

**Monday, July 26** — A.M.: Psalm 69:1-18; 1 Samuel 15; 2 Corinthians 9 P.M.:  
Psalm 69:19-37; Nehemiah 4; John 3:22-36

**Tuesday, July 27** — A.M.: Psalm 66; 1 Samuel 16; 2 Corinthians 10 P.M.: Psalms  
70, 72; Nehemiah 5; John 4:1-26

**Wednesday, July 28** — A.M.: Psalm 71; 1 Samuel 17:1-11,26-27,31-51; 2  
Corinthians 11 P.M.: Psalm 73; Nehemiah 6; John 4:27-54

**Thursday, July 29** — A.M.: Psalm 74; 1 Samuel 18; 2 Corinthians 12:1-13 P.M.:  
Psalm 77; Nehemiah 8; John 5:1-24

**Friday, July 30** — A.M.: Psalm 75, 76; 1 Samuel 19; 2 Corinthians 12:14—13:14  
P.M.: Psalms 79, 82; Nehemiah 9:1-15,26-38; John 5:25-47

**Saturday, July 31** — A.M.: Psalm 78:1-18; 1 Samuel 20:-1-7,24-42; Romans 1  
P.M.: Psalm 78:19-40; Nehemiah 10:28-39; John 6:1-21

**Next Sunday, August 1** — A.M.: Psalm 78:41-73; Samuel 21; Romans 2 P.M.:  
Psalm 80; Nehemiah 12:27-47; John 6:22-40

## Next Week's Eucharistic Lectionary

Proper 13 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost) • August 1

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-15 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Ephesians 4:1-16 (11:15 a.m.)

**Psalm 78:14-26 (BCP 369)** (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-16 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** John 6:24-35 (All)

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo and the bishops, clergy, religious communities, and people of the Anglican Province of Myanmar. Almighty Father, we pray that they may be faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ and empowered by your Holy Spirit to serve you in the world.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** The Rev. Kris Rolls, the Rev. Daniel Day, and the people of Christ Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Reed and Lorrie Slevin; Randy and Didi Smith; the Daughters of the Holy Cross; and our Greeters Ministry.

## Encouragement for your prayer time

God's 6:00 news: "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ... the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, ..." (*Titus 2:11, 13b-14*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

## Fr. Wil begins study of the Book of Hebrews today

Fr. Wil Verhoff begins a study of the Epistle of Hebrews today during the Adult Forum, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews—likely written before the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 AD— does not identify himself, but it is traditionally attributed to Paul the Apostle. The letter was addressed to a Christian community whose faith was faltering because of strong Jewish influences. **Please note that there will be no Adult Forum on Sunday, August 8, as Fr. Wil will be out of town.**

Grab a cup of coffee and come join us as together we explore what this epistle says to the early followers of Jesus, and its message for the Church today!

## Coffee Ministry needs volunteers, donations

Enjoying the return of Coffee Hour between services on Sundays?

We want to remind you that your donations help us keep the coffee, tea, and lemonade flowing! There is a freewill box available on one of the service tables, and your donations help defray cost of coffee and treats. And remember to sign up on the door to kitchen off the Gathering Area to help serve and/or contribute goodies to share!



## August Birthdays

Jake Anthony  
Jason Anthony  
Kara Atkinson  
Dan Brill  
Kade Casbarro  
Genevieve Cherubini  
Patti Cooper  
Bill Fieger  
Josh Gutierrez  
Tony Gutierrez  
Pat Linder  
John McGuirl  
Daniel McNelis  
Sandy Murray  
Karen Osmond  
Sasha Pais  
Matt Schmitz  
Deacon Becky Spanos  
George Spradling  
Reneé Sylvester  
Aidan Tucker  
Ryan Weiser  
Kaden White  
Jim Worthington  
Terry Yoakum

## August Anniversaries

Dick & Mary Alice Busick  
Scott & Pokey Gales  
Alan & Kathy Seitz  
Gary & Susan Sommerville

## Wednesday prayer service postponed until September

The Wednesday Noon Prayer Service will not be held until after Labor Day to accommodate vacation schedules and other commitments of some of its leaders and regular attenders. Watch "The Net" for details about when the service will resume.

## Outreach offerings

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offering envelope please mark it with where you want your gift to go and your name, and the church will post it on your giving statement.

Currently you can pick up offering envelopes from the table to the left inside the doors to the Sanctuary. The envelopes will be returned to the pockets on the back of the chairs sometime in August, after the Sanctuary carpet is cleaned and all of the chairs returned.

The loose offering outreach collections are:

1st Sunday—The Parish Discretionary Fund, to help those in need in our midst

2nd Sunday—Local Outreach

3rd Sunday—Common Ground Free Store

4th Sunday—International Outreach

5th Sunday—The Blessing Box Ministry

### Local Outreach

Local ministries we supporting include:

**Stand for Truth/LifeWise Academy**, a ministry of Joel Penton. LifeWise Academy is a Stand for Truth division, a 501c3 nonprofit Christian ministry with the vision to reach unchurched public school students with the Gospel.

**Out of Darkness Columbus**, whose mission is to REACH, RESCUE, and RESTORE all victims of commercial exploitation, that the glory of God may be known. In the 21st century, far too many people are trapped in the darkness of sex trafficking. Out of Darkness is on the front lines every day rescuing these individuals. When people are rescued from sex trafficking, they can begin to walk out God's purpose for their lives and become a beacon of light for others.

**Common Ground Free Store (CGFS)**. Located at 193 East Central Avenue in Delaware, CGFS is a place where everything is free, including clothing, shoes, linens, household items, books, toys, a cup of coffee, a meal, hospitality, and a smile. Common Ground's vision is to freely serve all God's children until no one is in need.

### International Outreach

St. Andrew's sponsors several missionary families whose names and locations we're unable to share publicly for their safety and security, but we'd like to update you on what's been happening with them.

One husband and wife we support traveled with their sons to Thailand for a conference last year, and while there the country where they lived was closed due to COVID-19 and they were unable to re-enter. With few possessions and clothing, they came back to the United States, where they spent time in Mount Vernon and Xenia, Ohio, closer to the Ohio headquarters for CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ International in the U.S., their sponsoring organization). They were subsequently forced from their home overseas, and while good friends there have helped pack up their

belongings and put them in storage, other friends have left the country. They are waiting for the government to reopen the country to continue their ministries.

We also support an Anglican priest, his wife, and four children serving in Egypt through INTERSERVE Ministries. They had hoped to visit with St. Andrew's while they were in the United States this summer, but with limited time were unable to do so. They plan to visit with us the next time they come back. The priest will continue his work with the Egyptian church and school, but perhaps in different roles. St. Andrew's has committed to sponsor them with a \$500 annual gift.

We also support the Rev. Jim Long, his wife Nanci and their children, who minister in Indonesia through SAMS USA (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders). One of their children received much-needed surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City during their quarantine in the United States, and they are hoping to return to Indonesia soon. Their mission is to build an Anglican Church there.

Many of you have participated in St. Andrew's involvement with Operation Christmas Child (OCC). In the face of unprecedented trials and challenges God was faithful and prepared the way for Samaritan's Purse to deliver Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, even in a pandemic year.

For more information on these local and international ministries, please get in touch with Marty Scott at [mscott@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mscott@standrewspolaris.org) or 614-284-0182.

## Search Committee

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The Search Committee cannot do this job without the help of our family. On Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12 Fr. Ron will be commissioning the committee during the various services. In addition, on Sunday, Sept. 12 during the normal Adult Forum hour the committee will be meeting with the parish family to outline the process for the call, as well as ask for your input. Please mark your calendars to attend between services on Sept. 12.

Finally, we know that as we move through this process you may have thoughts, questions, or ideas that you would like to share. We have created a special email address so that everyone can communicate with the committee. We want to hear from you, please reach out to us at [search@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:search@standrewspolaris.org). We ask everyone to join us in praying that the committee keeps open ears and hearts to hear God's call for the future leadership of our congregation.

# Plans for 2021 Harvest Festival continue

The 2021 Harvest Festival Planning Team continues to be hard at work getting ready for the Festival's return after a year off during the coronavirus pandemic. This year's Festival—our tenth!—will be Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the church.

The Harvest Festival will once again feature a Rummage Sale (see details about drop-off times for your donations elsewhere in today's edition of "The Net"), Vendors Market and Basket Raffle. We are continuing to accept vendor registrations, with the fee for a 10'x10' space \$25 before August 15, and \$35 after. For more information, or to receive a vendor registration form, please contact Minna Varkey at [mvarkey@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mvarkey@standrewspolaris.org). You may also register online at [app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/10](http://app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/10), or by clicking on the link in this weekend's e-Net Mail.

We'll be welcoming two new food vendors this year, including Sticky Fingers Ice Cream Parlor of Galena and Chefs Cruizin Delight of Delaware, which offers both breakfast (omelets, sausage biscuits and gravy, and chicken

and sugar waffles) and lunch (hot dogs, patty melts, shredded chicken sandwiches and fries, and a chicken tender basket with fries).

There will be music by St. Andrew's musicians and local Christian radio stations, and hayrides and a pumpkin patch for children, along with other games and activities (all free!). "Touch a Truck" with the Orange Township Fire Department, For All Species Wildlife Ambassadors of Westerville, and the Delaware County Humane Society with all be back this year.

## How you can participate

The Harvest Festival is our largest outreach event of the year, and we need your help to make it a success.

🍃 Please take a handful of tent cards to distribute to your favorite vendors or food trucks at any fairs or festivals you may be attending this summer. Cards are available at the Information Desk, and our supply will be replenished throughout the summer. Flyers are also available at the Information Desk for you to share with friends and family.

🍁 Keep an eye out in August for information about how you can contribute to the Basket Raffle.

🍂 Watch for sign-ups for volunteers to help the day of the Festival in early September.



# FUNDRAISER NIGHT.

**Eat well and do good.**

That's the basic recipe with Noodles Fundraising. Join us for the flavors you love while we help our community.

**25%** of qualifying sales will directly benefit:  
**St Andrew's Anglican Church**

**Saturday**  
**August 14, 2021**  
**4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS:**

Polaris  
1528 Gemini Pl  
Columbus, OH 43240

Guests must mention the organization or show the flyer when ordering. If ordering online, please enter code GIVING25 at checkout. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Not valid for delivery.

## Harvest Festival Sale

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- Children's toys and games
- Books

We are not accepting:

- Furniture
- Electronics
- Clothes or shoes

Please make sure that all items are in good condition and working order, and most importantly that someone will be willing to buy them at a fair price.

Donations will only be accepted at the garage behind the parish house between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, July 31 and between church services (from approximately 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.) on Sunday, August 1. Please do not leave items outside the closed garage doors. Additional donation times will be scheduled for later in August.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Carter at [alan.carter@columbus.rr.com](mailto:alan.carter@columbus.rr.com) or 614-578-3436.

**The Harvest Festival will host another restaurant fundraiser to help defray costs for this fall's event on Saturday, August 14, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Noodles & Company Polaris on Gemini Place. Pick up a flyer at the Information Desk, and join us in eating well and doing good!**