

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sept. 12, 2021

## Spotlight on Service

*This is a new feature profiling Christ-inspired work by St. Andrew's members. We serve together to bring our faith to life, and many members also have remarkable personal stories to share.*



This weekend's spotlight is on Jim Menke. For many years, Jim participated in a worship service and community meal program in a disadvantaged area (Franklinton) through St. John's Church on Town Street. A retired physician, Jim remembers using his hands to wash a lot of dishes!

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Above, clockwise from left, Jim Menke works checkout at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware; as a Children's Chapel volunteer helps children look for things in "big church" that remind them of Old Testament worship; and leads a small group during a St. Andrew's Lenten Study program.

### An adventure lies ahead!

Join fellow explorers for an 8-week journey, wrestling with questions of life, faith, meaning and purpose

## Confirmation

Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's beginning Sept. 22  
Dinner & materials provided.

High School youth and recent graduates are welcome!

Fr. Shane Tucker will lead an eight-week class for youth interested in being confirmed when Bishop Mark Engel of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes makes his first visitation to St. Andrew's on Nov. 21. See details inside.

### Adult Forum on worship in the Anglican tradition begins Sept. 19

Fr. Ron Baird will lead the Adult Forum in a discussion of worship in the Anglican tradition on Sundays from 10:15 to 11 a.m. beginning Sept. 19.

Whether you've been an Anglican Christian for your entire life, or are new to the Anglican Church, this class will offer a fresh look at why we worship the way we do.

We'll look at the sacraments of the Church, and the meaning behind what we do at the altar, the vessels we use in the Eucharist, and the vestments (clothes) our clergy wear. We'll also be talking about those "Anglican aerobics"—when and why we sit, stand and kneel, and why some folks cross themselves and bow at certain times

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# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the 16th Sunday after Pentecost • Sept. 12-18

**Sunday, Sept. 12** — A.M.: Psalm 34; 1 Kings 4:1-6,20-34; Hebrews 3  
P.M.: Psalm 35; Nahum 3; Matthew 10:24-42

**Monday, Sept. 13** — A.M.: Psalms 32, 36; 1 Kings 5; Hebrews 4:1-13 P.M.: Psalm 38; Habakkuk 1; Matthew 11

**Tuesday, Sept. 14 (Feast of the Holy Cross)** — A.M.: Psalm 37:1-17; Hebrews 4:14—5:10; John 12:23-33 P.M.: Psalm 37:18-41; Habakkuk 2 Matthew 12:1-21

**Wednesday, Sept. 15** — A.M.: Psalm 40; 1 Kings 6:1-7,11-30,37-38; Hebrews 5:11—6:20 P.M.: Psalms 39, 41; Habakkuk 3; Matthew 12:22-50

**Thursday, Sept. 16** — A.M.: Psalms 42, 43; 1 Kings 7:1-14, 40-44,47-51; Hebrews 7 P.M.: Psalm 44; Zephaniah 1; Matthew 13:1-23

**Friday, Sept. 17** — A.M.: Psalm 45; 1 Kings 8:1-11,22-30,54-63; Hebrews 8 P.M.: Psalm 46; Zephaniah 2; Matthew 13:24-43

**Saturday, Sept. 18** — A.M.: Psalms 47, 48; 1 Kings 9:1-9,15-28; Hebrews 9:1-14 P.M.: Psalm 49; Zephaniah 3; Matthew 13:44-58

**Next Sunday Sept. 19** — A.M.: Psalm 50; 1 Kings 10:1-13,23-29; Hebrews 9:15-28 P.M.: Psalm 51; Haggai 1; Matthew 14

## Next Week's Eucharistic Lectionary

Proper 20 (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost) • Sept. 19

**First Reading:** Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22; James 3:16-4:6 (11:15 a.m.)

**Psalm 54** • BCP 336 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Second Reading:** James 3:16-4:6 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37 (All)

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Bishop Richard Lipka, his wife Susan; Bishop Winfield Mott, his wife Margaret; and the clergy and people of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints. 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:** Our own parish: Fr. Ron Baird, Fr. Shane Tucker, Fr. Wil Verhoff, Fr. Ernie Tracy, Deacon Becky Spanos, and the people of St. Andrew's, Lewis Center.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Bruce, Peggy and Hannah Vanderhoff; Fr. Wil and Cindy Verhoff; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and the Rector Search Committee.

### A Prayer for the Selection of a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Encouragement for your prayer time

If you get distracted when praying, let your hands help you to keep your mind on God. "... I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the Lord my God." (*Ezra 9:5b*) "Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You, when I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary." (*Psalms 28:2*) "And [Jesus] took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them." (*Mark 10:16*)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team

## Group dedicated to racial reconciliation holding raffle for tickets to OSU-Tulsa game

Sacred Conversations for Racial Reconciliation, a Central Ohio group dedicated to fostering mutual understanding and acceptance among Blacks and whites, is holding a drawing for a chance to win two tickets to the Ohio State vs. Tulsa football game on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Ohio Stadium. The tickets are in Section 18A, Row 34, Seats 3 and 4, providing an exceptional view of the game for the lucky winner.

Raffle tickets, available from Judy Baird, are \$10 each, or \$50 for six tickets, and must be purchased by this Sunday for the drawing on Wednesday via Zoom and Facebook Live. The winner will be notified by email with instructions on how to claim their tickets.

Proceeds of the fundraiser will benefit the MCRC Project at North Kentucky University. MCRC, which stands for "Mourning the Creation of Racial Categories," seeks to use dance, drama and commentary to show how sorting people into racial categories "is at the heart of an unresolved American identity crisis ..." Spiritual Conversations, for which Deryck Richardson's wife Nadya serves as convener, will sponsor a screening of two new MCRC Project films addressing this issue on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Philip Episcopal Church, 161 Woodland Avenue, Columbus. Tickets to this event are \$15.

Spiritual Conversations has met monthly via ZOOM since the start of the pandemic. Deryck has attended the meetings, which he says he's found to be thought provoking, over the past year and invites members of St. Andrew's to join him. Please contact Deryck at [nddjca@aol.com](mailto:nddjca@aol.com) for more information.

# Confirmation a mature confession of faith in Christ

By Fr. Ron Baird

Many of us who grew up in the Anglican tradition in the United States did so at a time when most everyone was confirmed at age 12 or 13. This was considered to be “the age of discretion,” and no one was permitted to receive Holy Communion until he or she had been confirmed.

In the early 1970s, the Church removed the requirement for Confirmation as a prerequisite for partaking of Holy Communion, and many parishes, including ours, began to welcome all baptized Christians, including infants and children, as well as Christians of other denominations, to God’s Holy Table.

With Baptism wholly sufficient to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, the importance of Confirmation seemed to diminish. For some, it became merely a

traditional rite of passage, which teenagers went through during adolescence. For others, it was seen as a redundant act, merely repeating what Baptism had already done. I would submit to you, however, that Confirmation is still a valid and important Sacrament in the life of the Body of Christ.

When we gather for Confirmation before the Bishop, we gather from various perspectives. Some will be teenagers coming to proclaim the faith as their own publicly for the first time. Others will be adults who have transferred in from other denominations, having already made an adult affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ. Still others will be those who were baptized into this community of faith as adults since the Bishop made his last visitation.

Though all of these folk come from different perspectives, they all come

seeking the same grace. Adults making a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ before the Bishop—who sacramentally embodies the Church—come seeking the power of the Holy Spirit to live out the faith that they claim in their daily lives.

None of us has the power in and of ourselves to be without sin. We come proclaiming our trust in Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be so united to Christ that we become one with him. Then, just as he is without sin, so shall we be!

The living into this life in Christ is a process called sanctification (being made holy).

## Who should be confirmed?

It is important that someone who comes to boldly profess this faith before the Church, seeking to actively claim it for his or her own, be old enough to understand this significance.

For this reason, the policy for our congregation is that one should be mature enough to make this decision and commitment. For many, this is often around their 16th birthday, as they begin to experience more freedom and responsibility, such as securing a driver’s license, getting a part-time job, and taking on more responsibility for their lives.

Whether teen or adult, all come seeking the commissioning of the Bishop, through the laying on of hands and through prayer, to be empowered to become one with Christ, increasing day by day in that grace, in order that we might be effective ministers of his Holy Gospel!

## Adult Forum

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during the service.

This class is open to all, but is especially beneficial for those who wish to be confirmed or received into the Anglican branch of Christ’s one, holy, catholic and apostolic church when Bishop Mark Engel visits St. Andrew’s on Sunday, Nov. 21.

Watch for further details in “The Net” and your weekly email.

## Youth Confirmation class begins Sept. 22

Catechesis—the instruction of Christian disciples—is a long held tradition in the Church, and helps us to walk and work with Jesus more fully and freely. Instruction usually culminates in confirmation by the bishop, who affirms you as belonging to Jesus, and as an active participant in Christ’s world-renewing mission.

Fr. Shane Tucker, youth and family life pastor, will lead a class for youth interested in being confirmed when Bishop Mark Engel of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes makes his first visitation to St. Andrew’s, on Sunday, Nov. 21. The class will be held at the church on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 22 through Nov. 10. Dinner and materials will be provided.

### About the class

The confirmation class will be based on “To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism,” developed by the Anglican Church in North America. Topics include:

#### Week 1

The Gospel of the Kingdom: What is Confirmation?

#### Week 2

Believing in Christ—Part 1: What is the Bible?

#### Week 3

Believing in Christ—Part 2: What are the Creeds?

#### Week 4

Believing in Christ—Part 3: What are the Sacraments?

#### Week 5

Belonging to Christ: What are Spiritual Practices?

#### Week 6

Becoming like Christ: What is Spiritual Formation?

#### Week 7

Anglican Identity: How do Anglicans Worship and Work?

#### Week 8

Q & A

*For more information or to register for the confirmation class please contact Fr. Shane at [stucker@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:stucker@standrewspolaris.org) or 740-548-5112, ext. 4.*

# Harvest Festival just three weeks away!

Our annual Harvest Festival, now in its 10th year, will be Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the church grounds. The Festival is a wonderful way to celebrate the bounty of God's harvest as we welcome our community to St. Andrew's for a day of shopping, food, music, entertainment, and fun.

## Volunteers

We hope to make this year's event bigger and better than ever, and we need your help to do it! Watch for the sign-up table in the Narthex and see our website—[standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org)—for the link to SignUp Genius, where you can volunteer online.

## Vendors Market

It's not too late for vendors to sign up to join us for the Festival. Please contact Minna Varkey at [mvarkey@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mvarkey@standrewspolaris.org) for details, or 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.

## Basket Raffle

Back for a second year is our themed basket raffle. Members of



St. Andrew's will get a sneak peek at the baskets the Sunday before the Festival.

## Music, food, fun & games

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 will be back this year.

Watch for a complete schedule of activities next week. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Lori Cornett, Festival coordinator, at [lori\\_cornett@olsd.us](mailto:lori_cornett@olsd.us) or 614-218-9882.

**Please take some flyers from the Information Desk to share with family and friends, and share our social media posts with as many people as you can, as well as with any groups you're a part of.**

## Spotlight on service

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needs through Bible study and prayer. Jim helped lead the parish's youth group for several years. During that time, it grew from 15 members to about 45, as kids invited friends to join. Jim worked with Snowflake Castle in Westerville, which taught children to make wooden toys, and he also helps with St. Andrew's Blessing Box.

During his career as a neonatologist, Jim risked criticism from other doctors by praying with patients. He also provided spiritual guidance for parents grieving a still-birth or loss of a baby.

Here is one more inspiring testament of faith: Jim and his wife Jackie often offer hospitality to people temporarily in need of a place to live. They bought their home with extra rooms for the purpose of helping others.

*This is the first of many articles. Your service continues by sharing your story! If you are willing to share how Christ led you to be his eyes, ears, hands and heart, please contact Judy Baird, [jbaird@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org) or 740-548-5223 or Pat Schmitz, [pat@scottscrivenlaw.com](mailto:pat@scottscrivenlaw.com) or 614-204-7080.*

## Last donation drop-off day, planning and sorting session for Harvest Festival rummage sale Sept. 23

The final day to drop off donations for the Harvest Festival Rummage Sale will be Thursday, Sept. 23, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the garage behind the Parish House. At the same time our team of volunteers will be sorting and pricing sale items, and could use your help if you're free.

Items desired include:

- Household items
- Kitchen items
- Holiday decorations
- 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, so that someone will be willing to buy them at a fair price. 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 St. Andrew's Harvest Festival Planning Team will host a fundraiser on**

**Sunday, Sept. 12, to help defray costs for the 2021 Harvest Festival. This event will be at California Pizza Kitchen in the Polaris Fashion Place shopping mall. Pick up a flyer at the Information Desk or download one from our website or social media!**

