

Vestry candidate forms due Oct. 17

On Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7, the Parish will vote to elect four members to serve three-year terms—from 2022 through 2024—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 listed on the Member Connection of our website, standrewspolaris.org, and on the wall just inside the Gathering Area to the right.

Vestry candidate forms are available at the Information Desk in the

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Habitat's ReStore service days Oct. 23 and Oct. 24

St. Andrew's is sponsoring volunteer service days at Habitat for Humanity's Delaware and Union Counties ReStore on Saturday, Oct. 23, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 24, between 2 and 5 p.m. We will set up items on the sales floor and organize inventory in the storage area. The service days are open to adults, families, children over age 14, and friends.

Per its mission statement, "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope." The ReStore supports Habitat's mission of building affordable homes in partnership with lower income families in Delaware

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A young boy shares the plaque from the Godly Play Story of Creation symbolizing the seventh day—a day of rest—that God made holy.

Children exploring the Holy Eucharist and other symbols of our faith in Godly Play

While adults and youth are exploring the Anglican faith and tradition this fall, children in Godly Play are also focusing on some of the things that are integral to the way we worship. They opened their fall term with three core stories: The Circle of the Church Year, the Holy Family, and the Days of Creation. These stories are foundational to Godly Play, a Montessori-based approach to religious formation that allows children to enter into sacred stories from the Old Testament, the parables of Jesus and the liturgy of the church to help them discover God, their place in his story, and their role in Christian community.

Today through the Feast of Christ the King on Nov. 21—when the Rt. Rev. Mark Engel will be making his first visit to St. Andrew's since his consecration as bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes last February—children will be looking at and wondering together about the meaning of Holy Eucharist.

They begin by looking at the images of the Good Shepherd (another key Godly Play story) and Holy Communion, setting them side by side to discover the relationship between them. In the presentation of the Synagogue and the Upper Room on Oct. 10, the synagogue and the upper room are joined together, evoking the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table to form a model of Christian worship.

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Every year, Samaritan's Purse delivers millions of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around

the world to share the love of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas. Watch for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be available for pick-up next Sunday.

Prayer & Scripture inserts

Looking for the Daily and Sunday Lectionary, Prayers for the Church, and this week's prayer encouragement? They're available today in a separate leaflet at the Information Desk.

Adult Forum continues

Fr. Ron's Adult Forum class on "Worship in the Anglican Tradition" continues between services today in the Sanctuary.

Youth Confirmation Class

Youth interested in being confirmed when Bishop Mark Engel visits in November are encouraged to attend Fr. Shane's Confirmation Class, held at the church on Wednesdays through Nov. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner and materials are provided.

ReStore service days

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and Union Counties. The ReStore sells reasonably priced building materials, furniture, tools, appliances and housewares. Funds from sales help purchase land and materials needed to build affordable homes. Donated items also are re-purposed instead of discarded. Nationwide, ReStores annually save over 175,000 tons of materials from landfills.

The Delaware and Union Counties ReStore is located at 1161 Columbus Pike (S.R. 23) south of Delaware. There is parking in front of the building, and a volunteer leader will meet us there. Habitat for Humanity has requested an estimated number of volunteers. Please contact Pat Schmitz at 614-204-7080 or pat@scottscrivenlaw.com if you can volunteers for all or part of the three-hour shift, on one or both days.-

Blessing Box ministry shares needs

Jackie Menke is happy to share that our Blessing Box is getting more use! We have had to re-stock several times in the past two months. Rachel Cherubini has been very helpful in noticing what items are popular and what items are not. Listed below are items that we need, as well as a list of things that either are currently well stocked or not being taken.

We need:

- Instant oatmeal (microwaveable)
- Breakfast/granola bars
- Trail mix/nuts/craisins/ banana chips
- Canned meat/stew/chili
- Tuna
- Canned pasta
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Coffee (singles)
- Powdered drink mix (singles)
- Personal care items: Deodorant, shampoo, soap, lotion (sample size preferred)
- Healthy snacks

We do not need:

- Peanut butter
- Boxes of cereal
- Bags of rice/flour/sugar
- Canned fruit/vegetables
- Beans

Please remember that many of the people using the box may not have cooking facilities and may have to depend on a public microwave (in a gas station or store) to heat their food. Storage may also be an issue so large items are generally not being taken. Please make sure any items you donate (there is a box in the fellowship hall near the coat racks) has an expiration date. We will not put anything in the box that either has no date or has a date that has expired.

Thank you for your help in providing for the less fortunate in our community. *Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. (Matthew 25:40)*

Godly Play

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Other stories will include the Circle of the Holy Eucharist on Oct. 17, and the Symbols of the Holy Eucharist, on Oct. 24. On Oct. 31—All-Hallows' Eve the day before All Saints Day—children will learn about the Communion of the Saints. And we'll be having our annual All Saints procession of children in their Halloween costumes during both services that day, too!

On Nov. 7 children will be exploring the meaning of the words of the Apostles' Creed, one of the Church's declarations of what Christians believe about God, which we proclaim together in the service of Holy Baptism.

Following All Saints Day we'll be wrapping it all up with the presentation of the Liturgical Synthesis, which brings together the Circle of the Church year, the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Baptism, and the Holy Family, giving further meaning to the language of the Christian liturgy.

And then... We circle back around to Advent, which children learned earlier is the beginning of the Church year, and the time for getting ready to come close to the Mystery of Christmas.

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Narthex and can also be downloaded from our website—standrewspolaris.org—under the "Calendar & Forms" drop-down menu and from your dashboard on the Member Connection. Candidate forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than Sunday, Oct. 17. This will allow the forms to be prepared and made available to the parish on Sunday, Oct. 24, which is two weeks prior to the election, as our bylaws require.