

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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Spotlight on Service



Service to Christ can happen right before our eyes, or it can occur quietly thousands of miles away. Eric Whitehead's decades of work with a religious organization in India is an example of the latter.

Since 1993, Eric has been active with the Bible Faith Lutheran Church near Guntur, in Southeast India. Located near the banks of the Krishna River, this organization ministers to sparsely populated island villages that have no other churches nearby. Residents face economic hardships, and many villages have little electricity and no running water. Most residents also are members of lower social castes. As a result, they work primarily as manual laborers and farmers, and face religious discrimination.

Eric and others in his mission groups provide support for believers who sometimes feel isolated and discouraged. Missionaries not only provide material support, but their presence helps remind villagers that they are part of a worldwide church.

Since 1993, Eric has taken five mission trips. Eric also has been called to help the organization with communications and fundraising, and he has served on its board for several years. During this time, the organization has sustained a children's home and opened a school. It also has constructed new churches and dug wells for potable water.

Eric plans to go back to India again in the near future, and he would welcome others who may want to join him, or offer prayers or other support.

Above, Eric Whitehead leads worship for an event at St. Andrew's; and images of India from one of Eric's missions trips include one of the church buildings in a village where he served, a school assembly, and church leaders from Eric's team at the construction site of a new church.



In today's 'Net'

More members of St. Andrew's reaching out in service to others, and an opportunity for you to contribute; the Adult Forum takes a look at the Old Testament; a reminder about how your participation in the Kroger Rewards program helps our parish; and more hints and tips on using our new online calendar.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Second Sunday of Epiphany · Jan. 16-22

Sunday, Jan. 16 — A.M.: Psalm 40; Genesis 16; John 7:53—8:30 P.M.: Psalms 39, 41; Jeremiah 15; 2 Thessalonians 3

Monday, Jan. 17 — A.M.: Psalms 42, 43; Genesis 17; John 8:31-59 P.M.: Psalm 44; Jeremiah 16; 1 Corinthians 1:1-25

Tuesday, Jan. 18 (Confession of St. Peter) — A.M.: Psalm 45; Genesis 18; Matthew 16:13-20 P.M.: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 17; 1 Corinthians 1:26—2:16

Wednesday, Jan. 19 — A.M.: Psalms 47, 48; Genesis 19:1-29; John 9 P.M.: Psalm 49; Jeremiah 18; 1 Corinthians 3

Thursday, Jan. 20 — A.M.: Psalm 50; Genesis 20; John 10:1-21 P.M.: Psalm 51; Jeremiah 19; 1 Corinthians 4:1-17

Friday, Jan. 21 — A.M.: Psalms 52, 53, 54; Genesis 21:1-21; John 10:22-42 P.M.: Psalm 55; Jeremiah 20; 1 Corinthians 4:18-5:13

Saturday, Jan. 22 — A.M.: Psalms 56, 57; Genesis 22; John 11:1-44 P.M. Psalms 58, 60; Jeremiah 21; 1 Corinthians 6

Next Sunday, Jan. 23 — A.M.: Psalm 59; Genesis 23; John 11:45-57 P.M.: Psalms 63, 64; Jeremiah 22; 1 Corinthians 7

Next Week's Eucharistic Lectionary The Third Sunday of Epiphany · Jan. 23

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-12 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (11:15 a.m.)

Psalm 113 (BCP 421)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21 (All)

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Bishop Eric Menees, his wife Florence, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of San Joaquin. 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: Fr. Martin Gornik, the Rev. Pam Buck, Bishop Douglas Woodall (retired), Fr. Scott Buck, Deacon Chris Millard, Deacon Emily Boyce, and the people of Apostles Anglican Church, Lexington, Kentucky.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Shaun, Shelley, Kade, Reed and Laine Casbarro; Carlo, Rachel, Genevieve and Mackenzie Cherubini; and the Senior Saints Bible Study.

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

God will bless your life with sweet fragrance, and help you deal with the "stinking" things in life. "I call to you, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice." (*Psalm 141:1-2*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

Blessing Box

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and to check for expiration dates. A simple rule ... If it's out of date, old, or you wouldn't eat it yourself it's not worth donating!

Items we especially need include:

- Chicken, canned or in a pouch
- Tuna fish, canned or in a pouch
- Beef stew
- Canned chili
- Canned pulled pork
- Small canned hams
- Canned corned beef hash
- Canned pasta with meat or meat sauce
- Microwavable cups of mac 'n' cheese
- Microwavable cups of rice (not bags or boxes; these do not move)
- Oatmeal packets
- Single servings of coffee
- Hot chocolate packets
- Pasta sauce in a can (no jars!)
- Trail mixes/mixed nuts
- Cereal/granola bars
- Soups, ramen noodles, ramen bowls (please, no creamed soups)
- Tissues
- Feminine supplies
- Soap, shower gels, shampoo/conditioner
- Body/hand lotion
- Lip balm sticks
- Gloves and socks
- Flavor packets for water bottles
- Boxed/shelf milk
- Fruits and vegetables (canned don't seem to move well; however, cups of fruit and apple sauce do!)
- Small cans of juice

For more information, please contact Jackie Menke at jwmenke@me.com or Rachel Cherubini at rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 1.

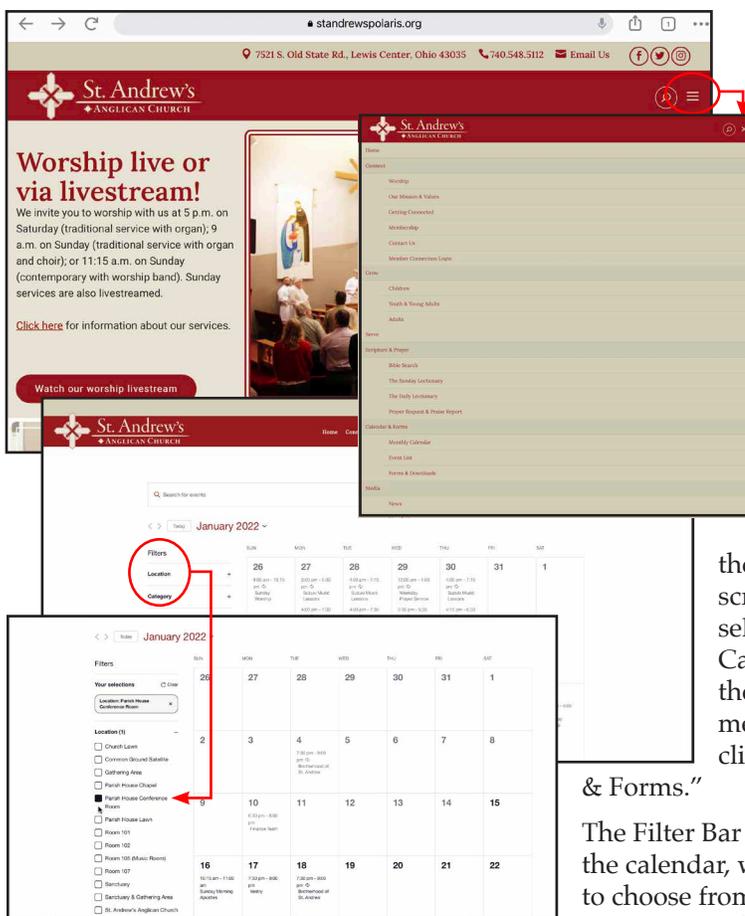
Have a prayer request or praise report? Fill out the online form at standrewspolaris.org under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu (you don't need to log in to submit a prayer request); or call us at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, and we'll pass your request along to the Prayer Chain.

New feature allows online calendar to be filtered by location, category

Is the Gathering Area available next Saturday? Can my group meet in the Parish House on Monday? Can I have a wedding at St. Andrew's in June?

These questions can now be answered—at least preliminarily—by a quick look at the online calendar—**accessible under the “Calendar & Forms” drop-down menu on our public website, standrewspolaris.org**—using our new filters feature. We talked last week about how you can view the calendar by list, month, or day. This week we look at how you can narrow events by location and/or category.

But first, do you feel like you're missing something when you go to our public website? It may be because you're viewing our site on a mobile device or on a smaller screen on your computer. To bring up the full menu simply click on the three little lines at the top right of your screen next to the search magnifying glass icon, which is commonly called a “hamburger menu.” See photo at left.



To locate the calendar, scroll to the bottom of the pop-up menu and select “Monthly Calendar” under “Calendar & Forms.” If you're using a device with a wider screen you'll see the menu bar across

the top of your screen and can select “Monthly Calendar” from the drop-down menu when you click on “Calendar

& Forms.”

The Filter Bar is to the left of the calendar, with two options to choose from: Location and Category. In the example

here we've selected “Location,” then marked the box next to “Parish House Conference Room.” You'll now see five events scheduled for that room in January: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew on Jan. 4 and Jan. 18, the Finance Team on Jan. 10, the Sunday Morning Apostles Small Group on Jan. 16, and Vestry on Jan. 17.

A word of caution: Always contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext 3 or Rachel Cherubini at rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 1 to schedule your meeting or event on the calendar. From time-to-time we have parish-wide events such as the Harvest Festival that are pending but not yet confirmed, and which might not yet be published publicly on the calendar. To avoid conflicts you'll need to confirm the date and location with the staff before your meeting.

Enroll in Kroger Rewards to benefit St. Andrew's!

Your Kroger shopping dollars can earn St. Andrew's free rebate money! Whether a regular or occasional shopper, your participation helps. And, your non-member church friends can sign up, too! You will still earn any in-store discounts or gas points; this charitable donation is a separate extra feature.

Robin Field thanks the 35 currently enrolled households who earned approximately \$525 in 2021, which funded our Card Ministry!

For those who have not yet signed up, please consider registering. Just log into your Kroger account, select “my account” under your name and then select Community Rewards. You can either enter HM 254, our ID number, or select Andrew's Anglican Church. This one-time registration is available anytime.

‘Overview of the Old Testament’ new Adult Forum topic

Fr. Ron Baird began “An Overview of the Old Testament” last Sunday in the Adult Forum. This class, which will run through spring, is designed to put the books of the Old Testament in context, and empower you to read and come to a deeper understanding of these earliest writings of our faith.

We'll be looking at the Bible as a library, rather than a single book, and will discuss the purpose of the different books of the Old Testament and their place in salvation history.

The Forum is held between services on Sundays—from about 10:15 to 11 a.m.—in the Sanctuary. Grab a cup of coffee or tea, and come join us as we explore the Old Testament, and consider what it has to say about God's relationship with us, and our relationship with him.



The St. Andrew's Yarn Ministry visited the Dream Center of Columbus in late December, gifting the Center with 75 hats and 40 scarves, and receiving a donation of baby wipes to pass on to the Common Ground Free Store or to place in our Blessing Box.

Such an exchange is foundational to the mission of the Dream Center, a volunteer-driven organization committed to making a transformational impact in every neighborhood they serve through sharing resources, building community and encouraging individuals towards their God-given purpose. Every program at the Dream Center—with locations in Columbus and Delaware, and soon to open in Hilliard—offers basic resources, meals, community, and support, all free of charge.

Christine and Dan Brill and Rachel and Carlo Cherubini and daughter, pictured at left with

Bebe Higgins, a Dream Center volunteer who works with the homeless, also toured the Center's Short North facility and learned more about the ministry's



A donation of blankets to the Dream Center.

*'Find a need and meet it.
Find a hurt and heal it.'*
- The Dream Center of Columbus

mission of "Transforming a city one neighborhood at a time." They focus their efforts in areas affected by poverty, income disparity and insufficiency of resources, building relationships centered around the Hope of Jesus, knowing that Hope changes lives.

To learn more about the Dream Center go to columbusdreamcenter.org.

Blessing Box Ministry shares list of most-needed items and donation process

The Blessing Box at St. Andrew's is being used this winter, and your donations are always welcome! There are a few procedures the ministry asks you to follow, however, to assure that items are suitable and in date.

Please bring your donated items to the Parish House or leave them in the bins at the church. Please, please do not put them in the blessing box! The box is checked daily to see what items need to be re-stocked

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Ring the bell

At left, Pat Schmitz, chair of St. Andrew's Outreach Ministries, rings the Salvation Army's bell at Cabela's on Gemini Place at Polaris on the Saturday before Christmas. Pete Wilkinson, a member of the outreach team, also served several shifts at the red kettle during the Christmas season.

