

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, February 20, 2022



≡ I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME. ≡

♡ MATTHEW 25:35 ♡

A call to action for our Afghan refugee family!

The Afghan refugee family sponsored by St. Andrew's will arrive in a few weeks! This project is more than a humanitarian effort. During this Lenten season, it also will allow our church to grow together in fellowship, leadership and service as we live our faith.

This weekend, core team members will make a brief pulpit announcement. We also will have pew cards available that you can use to volunteer your time or to donate funds or items. Please take a moment to fill out a card or scan the QR code.

If you are not worshipping with us in-person this weekend, a copy of the pew card is on the back page of "The Net." You can also support our family by calling the church office or going online to app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/78.

If you have questions or want to discuss other ways that you can help, please contact any of the core team members listed on the pew card. Please also keep our refugee family and our team in your prayers.

News about the Lenten Study Program and our children's presentation next Sunday inside today!

Annual Meeting Feb. 27

The 2022 Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 27, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be an opportunity to hear from Fr. Ron Baird, members of the Vestry and officers about the state of the parish in 2021, and look ahead to what's planned for 2022. As part of the meeting we'll be gathering in small groups for table discussion on the topic of "Getting Ready for the Transition" in preparation for Fr. Ron's retirement and the welcoming of a new Rector.

You'll also have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the 2021 Annual Report, which is available at the Information Desk today. You may also download the report from the "Files" tab on the "St. Andrew's Members" group on the Member Connection.

If you've forgotten your Member Connection login or password, or if you don't yet have a login, go to standrews.onechurchsoftware.com and click on "Forgot Password" or "Register" and follow the prompts. Contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3 if you have questions or need assistance.

Join us on March 1 for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on March 1 in the church Gathering Area. Food will be served between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For folks



arriving later (around 7:30), we promise you'll still get fresh, hot food as we will be cooking right up to closing time. And new this year—pancakes to go! As usual, we'll be serving pancakes, sausages and all the trimmings, so please come and join us for our pre-Lent celebration. There is no cost for the meal; we will, however, be collecting a free-will donation to cover the cost of the food, if you should like to contribute.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Desk near the entrance to the church. To place your to-go order, go to app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/77. We ask that you sign up so we know how much food to purchase.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in conjunction with the Kitchen Ministry, is sponsoring the event.

Afghan Family Resettlement Support/Team Member Interest

First name: _____ Last name: _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____

Your time, talent and/or treasure in this endeavor will help us in our mission of the Great Commandment. Please reach out to any of the contacts below for more information regarding a specific area of support.

I have interest to be on a team:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Contact-Social Services-Budget
Contact: Pat Schmitz (614)204-7080 | <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Health Team
Contact: Jim & Jackie Menke (614) 361-4329 | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Team
Contact: Kelsie Myers (614) 517-0549 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Assimilation, Employment and
Training Team
Contact: Eric Emery (614) 405-4179 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donations & Contributions Team
Contact: Rachel & Carlo Cherubini (740)971-7741 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
Contact: Shane Tucker (740) 548-5112 x4 |

I would like to support financially to the project. I understand that Samaritan's Purse provides \$2,275 per person, and the request is for above and beyond support that will help in one of the areas above. You may call the parish office at (740) 548-5112, or scan the QR code or type in the link that's below to donate and access more information on the project.



To donate go to <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/egiving>

Lenten Study Program begins March 8; books available today

Our 2021 Lenten Study Program kicks off on Tuesday, March 8, and continues on Tuesdays through April 5. Each evening will begin at 6:15 p.m. with a soup and salad supper, followed by a teaching by Fr. Ron and table discussion in small groups. We'll end by 8 p.m., closing with Compline, a brief service of prayers for the end of the day.

You may register online beginning this Sunday, or at the the Information Desk at church beginning next weekend. Also watch for a sign-up sheet for food for our common meal.

Copies of "Revive: Bringing Health, Vitality, and Growth Back into Your Church"—the book we are using for our Lenten Study Program—are available today at the Information Desk. The books are \$14, tax included. If you wish to purchase a book through the church you may write a check payable to St. Andrew's with "Lenten Study" in the memo section, pay by cash, or online at app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/egiving. If you pay online, select "Other" and type in "Lenten Study," and please consider covering the small transaction fee so that the cost of your payment will cover the book and tax in its entirety. The book is also available from Amazon at tinyurl.com/4k3ez2cj in both paperback and a less-costly Kindle version, and it's free if you're a Kindle Unlimited member.

We want as many members of our parish as possible coming together this Lent to explore this topic, which is so important as we look forward to transitioning to new leadership when Fr. Ron Baird retires at the end of the year. If the cost is prohibitive, you're welcome to borrow a copy from the church. Just let Fr. Ron, Tally Whitehead, or Judy Baird know!

"Revive," by the Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge, director of church revitalization for the American Anglican Council (AAC), is a practical step-by-step guide that focuses on the building blocks needed to foster revitalization in the Church, the first and most important of which is spiritual renewal.

The book is written in five sections, which we will be discussing in each of the five sessions of our Lenten Study Program. The first section focuses on five renewals that Canon Mark consider the cornerstone of revitalization: Personal Renewal, Relational Renewal, Missional Renewal, Structural Renewal, and Cultural Renewal.

Feb. 28 a big day for our children!

The Last Sunday before Lent on Feb. 27 will be a big day for our youngest members. To start, our children will be sharing songs they've been learning in Children's Chapel with the congregation during the Offertory at the 9 a.m. service. Between services later that morning, from about 10:15 to 11 a.m., they'll be burying their Alleluias. Children will hear a lesson on the custom of burying the Alleluias, which dates back to medieval times when priests would process out to the church cemetery with the Alleluia banner on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and have a "burial" ceremony. They will then decorate Alleluia banners before symbolically burying them (in real potting soil!), where they will await resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The custom of intentionally omitting the word "Alleluia" from the liturgy during the season of Lent is a kind of verbal "fast," which has the effect of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns at Easter.

We hope you will plan to join us for these two special activities in our children's life in church! And please invite your family and friends!

The Daily Lectionary, next Sunday's Eucharistic Lectionary and the Prayers for the Church are available at the Information Desk.