

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, May 22, 2022

St. Andrew's welcomes Afghan refugee to May 29 Adult Forum

We will have a special guest speaker at the Adult Forum on Sunday, May 29. Ali is a Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) staff member who arrived in Columbus earlier this year after fleeing Afghanistan with his family. Through his work with the U.S. Army, he was able to navigate the perilous journey to Kabul Airport, Qatar and then Germany before finally evacuating to the United States.

Ali decided Ohio would be the best place for him and his family, and they were greeted with kindness by a CRIS Welcome Team upon arrival. Based on this experience and his fluency in English, Ali decided to "pay it forward." He now serves as a mentor to the family hosted by our St. Andrew's Welcome Team.

Ali will share more about his experience as a refugee and answer questions about CRIS and the role of Welcome Teams like ours. Please join us if you can!

Where do we look for wisdom? Find out in new Women's Bible Study

When we want wisdom for life, where do we begin?

Is wisdom found in the library, in history, in modern philosophers of ages past, in university, in Internet searches, or in unique lived experience? Unlimited access to information pours in daily from every corner of the world with a multitude of unfiltered opinions. But for all the information we gather, are we truly wise?

In this three-week study in 1 Kings 3, Psalms, and Proverbs, follow King David and his son King Solomon, as they pen words of wisdom that pray and sing of its ultimate Source. Together they declare: God the Creator of all is the source of all wisdom.

The study, called "Wisdom," uses the WordGo app (<https://www.wordgo.org/>), which is written and produced by Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). All women are invited to a "get acquainted day" on Monday, June 6, at the home of Meg Patton, 752 Woodbend Drive, Westerville. We will continue to meet each Monday for about an hour to 1 1/2 hours through June 27.

If you are interested, please email Meg (davepatton7502@msn.com) or Christine Brill (goosebrill@msn.com), along with your preferred meeting time of either 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. and we will choose the time that works for the majority of women.



Following a Godly Play presentation on Easter Eggs and the ancient Ukrainian folk art of Pysanky, children had the opportunity to write their own version of a Pysanka. Above, a young girl shows off her egg, which features a butterfly, a symbol of the Resurrection of Christ. See the back page for more photos and details.

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The Daily Lectionary

The Week of the Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 22-28

Sunday, May 22 — A.M.: Psalms 52, 53, 54; Deuteronomy 23; Luke 12:1-34
P.M.: Psalm 55; Ecclesiastes 8; Acts 1:15-26

Monday, May 23 — A.M.: Psalms 56, 57; Deuteronomy 24; Luke 12:35-53
P.M.: Psalms 58, 60; Ecclesiastes 9; Acts 2:1-21

Tuesday, May 24 — A.M.: Psalm 59; Deuteronomy 25; Luke 12:54—13:9
P.M.: Psalms 63, 64; Ecclesiastes 10; Acts 2:22-47

Wednesday, May 25 — A.M.: Psalms 61, 62; Deuteronomy 26; Luke 13:10-35
P.M.: Psalms 65, 67; Ecclesiastes 11; Acts 3:1—4:4

Thursday, May 26 — A.M.: Psalm 68:1-18; Deuteronomy 27; Luke 14:1-24
P.M.: Psalm 68:19-36; Ecclesiastes 12; Acts 4:5-31

Friday, May 27 — A.M.: Psalm 69:1-18; Deuteronomy 28:1-25,64-68; Luke 14:25—15:10
P.M.: Psalm 69:19-37; Ezekiel 1; Acts 4:32—5:11

Saturday, May 28 — A.M.: Psalm 66; Deuteronomy 29; Luke 15:11-32;
P.M.: Psalm 70, 72; Ezekiel 2; Acts 5:12-42

Next Sunday, May 29 — A.M.: Psalm 74; Deuteronomy 30; Luke 16
P.M.: Psalm 73; Ezekiel 3; Acts 6:1—7:16

Lectionary for the Sunday after Ascension Day • May 29

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Revelation 21:1-4,22-22:5
(11:15 a.m.)

Psalm 47 (BCP 328)

Second Reading: Revelation 22:10-21 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Gospel: John 17:20-26 (All)

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Encouragement for your time with God

God is listening; he hears us. “Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.” (2 *Chronicles* 7:15) “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” (1 *John* 5:14) — *From the St. Andrew’s Prayer Ministry Team*

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Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Bishop Bill Atwood, his wife Susan, and the clergy and people of the International Diocese.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: All non-parochial clergy: Fr. Chris Harner, Fr. Richard Dalton, Fr. Wayne Hutson, Fr. Michael Cupp, Fr. Ryan Kocak, Fr. Michael Kraynak, Fr. Dennis Henkle, the Rev. Deacon Aaron Eime, the Rev. Deacon Donna Purkis, the Rev. Canon Kathleen Rankin, the Rev. Canon Jeff Smead, Fr. Andrew Counts, Fr. Richard Dalton, Fr. Shane Chellis, Fr. Todd Boyce, Fr. Scott Gorbald, the Rev. Giovanna Meek, the Rev. Emilie Wierda, the Rev. Deacon Mark Bowald, and Rev. Deacon Brad Miller.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Judy Joseph; Mike Kitsmiller; and our RUBICON Youth Ministry.

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.*

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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.

Adult Forum Study explores ‘39 Articles’

The Adult Forum last week began a new study of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join Fr. Ron Baird between services—from about 10:15 to 11 a.m.—in the Sanctuary for what will be the last Adult Forum series he will lead before his retirement later this year.

A requested topic in comments made on the recent Church Health Assessment, the Thirty-Nine Articles have since 1571 expressed the foundational principles of Anglican belief. The Anglican Church in North America, in the Fundamental Declarations of the Province, upholds the Articles as expressing the Anglican response to doctrinal issues and fundamental principles of authentic Anglican belief. The Jerusalem Declaration, adopted at the Global Anglican Future Conference in 2008, upholds the Articles as “containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God’s Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.”

The Articles went through at least five major revisions between 1536 and their finalization in 1571 following the coronation of Elizabeth I and the re-establishment of the Church of England as separate from the Roman Catholic Church. Today, the Articles form part of the Books of Common Prayer used by the Church of England, the Anglican Church in North America and the Episcopal Church in the United States, and other denominations in the worldwide Anglican Communion and the Continuing Anglican Movement.

You may read the Articles in full beginning on Page 772 of the Book of Common Prayer 2019, available as a free download and for purchase at <https://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net>.



Congratulations, Genevieve!

Genevieve Cherubini, daughter of Rachel and Carlo, had her completion ceremony Saturday, May 21, from the Delaware Area Career Center. Genevieve studied the Digital Design Program and was certified in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. On Sunday, May 22, Genevieve will graduate from Olentangy Orange High School.

While in school, Genevieve played baritone all four years and participated in the Marching Band. She was a section and squad leader and also competed in dance for several of her high school years. Music is important to her, as she has also performed at church, played in the handbell choir, and joined the choir.

After graduation, Genevieve will pursue a full-time job and attend classes at Columbus State. Her vision is to be an art educator and support the youth in all forms of art.

The Community Garden is now open and ready for planting! Please reach out to Carlo Cherubini (cherubnicarlo@yahoo.com or 614-327-2317) to confirm your plot if you had one last year and would to have the same one again this year, or to be assigned a plot for the first time. And go ahead and share this info with friends and neighbors!

Jane Anosike receives doctorate

Jane Anosike recently completed her studies and on May 12 earned her Doctorate of Science in Physician Assistant Studies with a concentration in Health System Administration from the School of Healthcare Business at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

“It has been quite the journey when I first began my endeavor into completing my doctorate a few years ago. I did not know how I was going to balance school whilst working as a full-time Hospitalist PA especially as a frontline worker during the COVID-19 pandemic!,” Jane writes. “While the last several years is a testament that all things are possible through God’s grace, and I give all glory to Him, I cannot let overlook the wonderful love and support of my family as well as the kindness and support from my church family, which helped me through my academic endeavors even during the most challenging of times.



“It all feels so surreal and even more so when I joined all of my fellow academic colleagues to walk during the commencement. It was such a wonderful, fantastic, and memorable event! I am so excited to share this news with the rest of my church family and thank everyone who have been so kind and supportive. It my prayer that God continues to bless everyone!”

Jane is the daughter of Chinaza and the sister of Phil, who are also members of St. Andrew’s.

Graduating? We want to recognize you!

St. Andrew’s would like to help mark this very special milestone in the lives of the members of our parish who are graduating from high school, college or other degree program. If you, a child or a grandchild is graduating this year, please contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 1 to be included in The Net’s graduation notes. Please let us know the name of the graduate, their relationship to you, the school they are graduating from, and their plans following graduation. If they are a college graduate, please also include their degree.

Pictures are also welcomed and encouraged, and are best submitted as full resolution jpeg photos by email to Judy at the above address.

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At left, Godly Play storyteller Lori Cornett asks children to bring items from their classroom to the story that remind them of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearance to Mary Magdalene. Among the items is an icon of Mary Magdalene holding an egg, a symbol of the Resurrection, which the children talked about several weeks ago when they learned about the ancient Ukrainian folk art of Pysanky.

In Pysanky, an ancient Ukrainian folk art, Easter eggs are “written,” much like Christian icons are, with each symbol and color carrying a specific meaning. Children had the opportunity during their meaningful work time in Godly Play on May 8 to “write” their own Pysanky, on plastic eggs instead of real eggs, and with markers instead of wax, as is done in the actual art of Pysanky. At right, one child shows off her Pysanky featuring symbols including an encircling ribbon, which represents eternity or everlasting life, and another works on her egg. The eggs inset are of Pysanky from Ukraine, and both feature a version of the St. Andrew’s cross, along with many other Christian symbols. You may see more eggs from the artist—and order your own!—at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/EggPysanka/>.



Rogation Days: What seeds are we planting?

How many of you remember celebrating Rogation days? Rogation days are the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day, this year May 23-25. The meaning of these days comes from its name. Rogare is Latin for “ask.” These days were set aside as days of intercessory prayer. On Rogation days we “ask for God’s assistance for our labors.”

In times past this has been focused in two different ways. In England in 1559, Parliament, at Queen Elizabeth’s request, ordered that the priest of a parish lead a procession of his parishioners around the boundaries of the parish, praying for the needs of the parish. Since, until recently, our world has been primarily an agricultural world, these intercessory prayers have focused on planting and harvesting.

In the Anglican Church of North America’s newly released Book of Common of Prayer—available to download free from bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net—you’ll find the following intercessions that are especially appropriate for Rogation Days:

- For Agriculture and Farming (Page 660)
- For Commerce and Industry (Page 660)

- For Stewardship of Creation (Page 652)

These three intercessions focus on the needs of our day: The labor of all people in the planting and harvest; for commerce and industry; and for the stewardship of God’s creation and gifts to us. Take a moment to say one of these prayers for each Rogation day.

Beyond the intercession for our own needs, one of the parables that Jesus told points to our need to plant and sow the seeds of faith. Anglicans are often somewhat reluctant to be evangelists, yet that is exactly what we are called to be. Perhaps our reluctance comes from having been put upon by some overzealous convert ourselves.

When we plant a seed, we can nurture it, tend it, care for it, pray for it, and even love it; but we cannot make it grow. Only God makes things grow. We are called to be planters and sowers, nurturers and carers. We are not called to convert someone. That job belongs to God!

The question we need to ask ourselves this Rogationtide is how many seeds have we planted and cared for?

— By Fr. Ron Baird