

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, May 29, 2022

The St. Andrew's Afghan Mission Welcome Team has been instrumental in helping the Afghan refugee family our church is hosting as they resettle in Central Ohio, but many others have contributed in some way. Pictured are just some of our members who have contributed their time, financial assistance, or donations of furniture and household items to assist the family. Front row, from left, are Polly Lindemann, Rachel Cherubini, Didi Smith, Jackie Menke, Joyce Waddell, Chuck Waddell, and Pat Carpenter-Ayers; and back row, from left, are Jim Menke, Ann Schnapp, Fr. Wil Verhoff, Randy Smith, Fr. Ron Baird, Carlo Cherubini, Christine Brill, Eric Emery, Alan Carter, Pat Schmitz, and Linda Rowland. Carlo, Rachel, Jackie, Jim, Eric and Pat serve on the Welcome Team. Our Afghan Mission is featured in this weekend's edition of the Delaware Gazette, available to read at <https://www.delgazette.com/news/96786/church-assisting-refugees>.



At right, Joyce Waddell accepts the first donation for the Pregnancy Decision Health Center in the baby bottle drive going on now at St. Andrew's from one of our children. **Please remember to bring your filled baby bottles to church by Sunday, June 12!** If you missed picking up a bottle earlier, there are a limited number still available at the Information Desk in the Narthex.



## Welcome, Ali!

We are pleased to welcome Ali, who will speak at the Adult Forum between services today, from about 10:15 to 11 a.m.

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.

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# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Sunday after Ascension Day · May 29-June 4

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

**Monday, May 30** — A.M.: Psalm 74; Deuteronomy 31; Luke 17:1-19 P.M.: Psalm 77; Ezekiel 4; Acts 7:17-34

**Tuesday, May 31 (The Feast of the Visitation)** — A.M.: Psalms 75, 76; Deuteronomy 32:1-10,15-22,39-52; Luke 1:39-56 P.M.: Psalms 79, 82; Ezekiel 5; Acts 7:35—8:3

**Wednesday, June 1** — A.M.: Psalm 78:1-18; Deuteronomy 33; Luke 17:20-37 P.M.: Psalm 78:19-40; Ezekiel 6; Acts 8:4-25

**Thursday, June 2** — A.M.: Psalm 78:41-73; Deuteronomy 34; Luke 18:1-30 P.M.: Psalm 80; Ezekiel 7; Acts 8:26-40

**Friday, June 3** — A.M.: Psalm 81; Joshua 1; Luke 18:31—19:10 P.M.: Psalm 83; Ezekiel 8; Acts 9:1-31

**Saturday, June 4** — A.M.: Psalm 84; Joshua 2; Luke 19:11-28 P.M.: Psalm 85; Ezekiel 9; Acts 9:32-43

**Next Sunday, June 5** — A.M.: Psalm 86, 87; Joshua 3; Luke 19:29-48 P.M.: Psalm 88; Ezekiel 10; Acts 10:1-23

## Lectionary for the Day of Pentecost · Sunday, June 5

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-21 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (11:15 a.m.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** John 14:8-17 (All)

## Encouragement for your time with God

Christians are called to a deep inward righteousness of the heart where the Holy Spirit has written God's law. "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever ..." (*Psalm 112:9*) "By faith Noah ... built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith." (*Hebrews 11:7*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Archbishop James Wong and the bishops, clergy, and people of the Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** The Very Rev. Joe Murphy and the people of the Anglican Church of the Ascension, Marion, Indiana.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Carmen, Tommy, Adrian and Christian Knott; Kristy, Rob, Evie, Robert and Sam Lahoda; and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

**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.*

## Community Garden ready for planting!

The Community Garden is now open and ready for planting! Please contact Carlo Cherubini ([cherubinicarlo@yahoo.com](mailto:cherubinicarlo@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!



## Wisdom

### Learn where to find it 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](mailto:davepatton7502@msn.com)) or Christine Brill ([goosebrill@msn.com](mailto: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.

## Welcome, Ali!

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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!

**Have a prayer request or praise report? Fill out the online form at [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org) under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu or call us at 740-548-5112, ext. 1.**



## Congratulations, Canaan and Kelsie!

May was a big month for the Meyers family, with mother and son both receiving degrees.

Canaan Meyers, son of Kelsie and Kyle, graduated May 22 from Tree of Life Christian Schools. In the fall Canaan will attend Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. He is still deciding what he will major in.

Kelsie Meyers graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Ashland Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 14. Kelsie is currently working as a chaplain resident at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and is in the discernment process for Holy Orders in the Anglican Church in North America.

## Congratulations, Mikayla!

Mikayla Spradling will graduate on June 17 from Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington. She will be awarded a degree of Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education.

Mikayla is the daughter of Mike and Cheryl. She is also the granddaughter of George and Brenda and niece of Ted and Daphne, all St. Andrew’s parishioners.



## Prayer intercessors available at 9 a.m. Sunday service

Prayer teams are available to offer the Sacrament of Holy Unction—the administration of oil with the laying on of hands and prayers for healing—during communion at the 9 a.m. Sunday service. They are stationed to the left of the altar near the band equipment. You may seek prayer for personal cares and concerns or concerns for others, or offer thanksgiving for God’s blessings. All prayers are confidential.

# 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](mailto: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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## June Birthdays

Sophia Bobay  
Mary Alice Busick  
Natalie Clark  
Phil Cornett  
Scott Gales  
Judy Joseph  
Tommy Knott  
Polly Lindemann  
Madison Martin  
Gwyneth Nelson  
Meg Patton  
Marty Scott  
Shawn Snead  
Ted Spradling  
Neve Tucker  
Taylor Whitehead  
Jan Zacharias

## June Anniversaries

Robin & Dan Field  
Carmen & Tommy Knott  
Jenny & Kevin Marinov  
Jackie & Jim Menke  
Amanda & Jim Oxenham  
Ann & Tim Schnapp  
Brenda & George Spradling  
Christy & Fr. Shane Tucker  
Joyce & Chuck Waddell  
Terri & Pete Wilkinson

# Ascension is Christ's vindication from death

By Fr. Ron Baird

Ascension Day, which falls 40 days after Easter—this year it was Thursday, May 26—commemorates Christ's ascent into Heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. Ascension Day is more than just a remembering of the soles of Jesus' feet as he drifted up into the clouds! It is the fundamental Christian acknowledgment of the vindication of Jesus by God the Father.

He is vindicated from the sentence of treason and death that was laid upon him by Pontius Pilate in his trial.

He is vindicated from the charge of blasphemy that the Jewish High Priests laid upon him.

He is vindicated and restored to his rightful position as King of the Universe, Ruler of all of Creation.

We might wonder why Jesus waited 40 days before ascending into Heaven. What did he do for those 40 days? It is important to note that in Scripture "40 days" is a catch phrase. It is not necessarily meant to be taken literally. Rather, it means "a long time."

The fact that Jesus ascended into Heaven 40 days after his resurrection is meant to signify that he remained with his disciples for a long time before he returned to the Father.

This 40 days was an important time for the Church. During this period Jesus taught the disciples concerning the Scriptures that they might more fully understand their meaning and the implication of them upon the experience

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## Study of 'Thirty-Nine Articles' continues next Sunday

Fr. Ron Baird's class on the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion will continue during the Adult Forum next Sunday, June 5. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join Fr. Ron 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.

The Thirty-Nine Articles have since 1571 expressed the foundational principles of Anglican belief. 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>.



of his incarnation, earthly ministry, and his death and resurrection.

The disciples learned so that others might understand and come to know the saving grace that is Jesus Christ.

We also might wonder, "Why did Jesus ascend into Heaven as all? Why didn't he just remain here?" He ascended because the resurrection is more than the resuscitation of his corpse. He was given a new spiritual body in the resurrection.

He appeared to the disciples that they might know the love and forgiveness of the resurrection. He remained for 40 days that they might comprehend its impact upon their lives and the lives of the whole world.

He ascended into Heaven in order to prepare a place for us that we, too, might come to share in his Heavenly Kingdom.

He does not leave us alone, however. He sends the Holy Spirit into our lives and hearts through Baptism, that we might never be separated from him, but always connected to him through the Holy Spirit.

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
(Matthew 28:20, ESV)

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The artwork accompanying this article is *The Ascension*, No. 38 of Giotto's "Scenes from the Life of Christ," a series of frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, Italy. Our children's message on Christmas Eve featured the Nativity frescoes from this series, which were used to illustrate "The Mystery of Christmas," a Godly Play story based on the book *The Glorious Impossible* by beloved author Madeleine L'Engle. The cover of our Easter bulletin featured Giotto's *Noli me tangere*—meaning "touch me not"—the Resurrection scene from this same series.