

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, May 8, 2022



Above, two of our youth peek out from behind boxes going on the conveyor belt at Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) during our service day there in April; and at right, another of our youth and Rachel Cherubini really get into their work—literally!

## Spotlight on Service

Several St. Andrew's members have a long-standing relationship with the Pregnancy Decision Health Center (PDHC) and its support for life. PDHC has four offices in Central Ohio, including one near Ohio State's campus, that offer services to women in need. Our church's members typically volunteer at the north office on Cleveland Avenue.

PDHC is a Christian nonprofit service organization, which since 1981 has made a positive impact by supporting women who are struggling with a crisis pregnancy. They employ nurses who provide free medical screenings and free imaging for women. PDHC also provides counseling services, offers prenatal classes, provides free maternity clothing and layettes to new mothers, and provides other services.

PDHC reports seeing the heartbeat of a baby during an



Jackie Menke and Joyce Waddell, pictured above reacting to our children's Nativity presentation during the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols last December, are among members of St. Andrew's who work with the Pregnancy Decision Health Center.

ultrasound is a precious bonding moment between a new mom and her unborn child. The ultrasound image shows

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# The Daily Lectionary

The Week of the Fourth Sunday of Easter · May 8-14

**Sunday, May 8** — A.M. Psalm 18:1-20; Deuteronomy 9; Luke 6:1-19  
P.M.: Psalm 18:21-52; Job 36; 1 Peter 5

**Monday, May 9** — A.M.: Psalm 19; Deuteronomy 10; Luke 6:20-38  
P.M.: Psalms 20, 21; Job 37; 2 Peter 1

**Tuesday, May 10** — A.M.: Psalm 22; Deuteronomy 11; Luke 6:39—7:10  
P.M.: Psalms 23, 24; Job 38:1-27,31-33; 2 Peter 2

**Wednesday, May 11** — A.M.: Psalm 25; Deuteronomy 12; Luke 7:11-35  
P.M.: Psalm 27; Job 39; 2 Peter 3

**Thursday, May 12** — A.M.: Psalms 26, 28; Deuteronomy 13; Luke 7:36-50  
P.M.: Psalm 31; Job 40; Jude

**Friday, May 13** — A.M.: Psalms 29, 30; Deuteronomy 14; Luke 8:1-21  
P.M.: Psalm 33; Job 41; 1 John 1:1—2:6

**Saturday, May 14** — A.M.: Psalm 35; Deuteronomy 15; Luke 8:22-56  
P.M.: Psalm 33; Job 42; 1 John 2:7-29

**Next Sunday, May 15** — A.M.: Psalms 32, 36; Deuteronomy 16; Luke 9:1-17  
P.M.: Psalm 38; Ecclesiastes 1; 1 John 3:1-10

## Lectionary for the 5th Sunday of Easter · May 15

**First Reading:** Acts 13:44-52 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Revelation 19:1-9 (11:15 a.m.)

**Psalm 145:1-9** (BCP 461)

**Second Reading:** Revelation 19:1-9 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** John 13:31-35 (All)

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## Encouragement for your time with God

A woman should have a close relationship with God. “All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” (*Acts 1:4*)

— From the St. Andrew’s Prayer Ministry Team

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## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** The GAFCON Branch in Northern Ireland. 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:** The Rev. Abbot Tim Luken and the community at Living Stone Monastery, Newport News, Virginia.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Martha, Jay, Aiden, Hope and Josiah Hawthorne; John and Nancy Holsinger; and our Adult Small Group 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](http://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.**

## First donation drop-off day for fall rummage sale is next Sunday, May 15

The first donation drop-off time for the fall sale, to be held in conjunction with the Harvest Festival will be next Sunday, May 15, between the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. Household goods, decorative items, children’s books and toys, all in good condition, are welcome. There will be no clothes, furniture, or electronics accepted for this sale.

## Volunteers, donors asked to gather for Afghan Mission ‘family photo’ next Sunday!

The Service Team of St. Andrew’s would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated their time, talent and treasure to help the Momand family from Afghanistan. We would like anyone who has helped in any way (even volunteers we have not been able to use yet) to join us on Sunday, May 15, between the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services for a group picture.

We would like to show the family how many people are involved in the effort to help them resettle in Columbus, not just the few they see on a regular basis. We will meet at 10:50 a.m. in the Narthex and take the picture between the Adult Forum and the band warm-up.

Again, thank you to everyone who has helped or is currently helping to make the Momand family welcome in Columbus.

## Intercessors available to pray with on Sundays

Prayer teams are once again 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, concerns for others, or offer thanksgivings for God’s blessings. All prayers are confidential.

# Community Garden is open!

The STiGMA Community Garden Ministry would like to invite you, families and friends to grab a plot this spring and help us towards our goals to:

- Bring families and the community together to have a place for community gardening and put fresh food on your tables.
- Have an abundance of food that can be donated to local groups and/or serve families in need of fresh foods.

This year we will not have a community clean-up day. The overall area is in really good shape. It has been mowed recently and a common area tilled.

The Garden is OPEN! Please reach out to Carlo Cherubini (cherubinicarlo@yahoo.com 614.327.2317) to confirm your plot if you had plot last year and would to have the same one again this year, or to be assigned one for the first time. Go ahead and share the info with friends and neighbors!

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## 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 614-423-4250, ext. 103 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.

# Health Assessment reveals strengths, opportunities headed into transition

*This is part two of a now three-part series looking at the results of our recent ReMissioning Church Health Assessment.*

The ReMissioning Church Health Assessment, which parishioners were invited to participate in earlier this year, revealed that our purpose and mission statements bring us together around a common set of principles, and guide us as we seek to serve Christ here at St. Andrew's. This puts us in a strong position going into the transition of leadership to a new rector when Fr. Ron retires at the end of this year, after nearly 30 years of ministry with us.

Gathering week by week around the table of our Lord to hear his Word, partake of his life-giving body and blood, and lift our voices in praise, worship, and thanksgiving to him is of vital importance to our members, who give us high marks in the areas of Christ-Centeredness and Authentic Worship. The survey showed an appreciation for our parish's Christ-centered teaching and Biblical and practical preaching, recognition of the sacraments as a vital part of our worship as a church, and a desire to glorify God in songs and hymns. Members also believe that our church keeps Christ as the center of all of our ministries, programs, and small groups.

In the area of Spiritual Formation, members believe our leaders actively encourage and equip them to pursue God's will, and help them incorporate their faith into all areas of their lives. Such living out of our faith has specifically been at the heart of the St. Andrew's Service Team's mission over the past year or so—since we've begin to come out of the COVID fog—as they've encouraged and provided opportunities for us to put our "faith in action."

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## Blessing Box needs your donations

The Blessing Box Ministry is very low or out of some items, and could use your help. We are currently in need of:

- Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, lip balm, soap
- Peanut Butter
- Canned meats! Tuna, chicken, hams, jerky, hash, etc.
- Microwavable Mac 'n Cheese and rice bowls
- Crackers
- Granola, Breakfast bars, and pop tarts
- Trail mixes
- Coffee, tea, and water flavoring packets
- Cereal (for adults and children) and oatmeal
- Milk and small juice boxes / packets

We currently do not need canned goods of any kind!

Donations may be placed in the bin in the coat area off the Gathering Area, or dropped off at the Parish House. Please do not place items in the Blessing Box, as the ministry takes inventory before re-stocking and checks to make sure that everything is in date. For more information, please contact Rachel Cherubini at [rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org) or 740-548-5112, ext. 1.

***We exist to worship God and be good stewards of his creation. Our mission is to transform the world through Christ—one heart at a time—by bringing all people into membership in the family of God, welcoming them fully by assimilating them into the life of the church, discipling them to follow Jesus and equipping them for ministry.***

# Church Health Assessment

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The Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge, director of Anglican Revitalization Ministries for the American Anglican Council (AAC), met with Fr. Ron and the Vestry to review the health assessment report from Asbury Theological Seminary, which administered the survey. The report encouraged us to continue to evaluate every program and ministry through the lens of Christ's gospel message by teaching and preaching on the centrality of the Gospel to transform broken lives, and elevating spiritual transformation as the main goal of every program and ministry in the church.

The assessment evaluated our congregation's strength level related to each of 10 health factors for thriving churches, including those mentioned above, as well as Kingdom Generosity, which we also scored high on; and Missional impulse, Leadership Development, Vision Clarity, Covenant Community, Effective Systems, and Lay Mobilization, all areas in which we exhibited strength in some ways.

It's worth noting that even in the areas where we scored a bit lower (we scored higher than 3 of a possible 5 in all of the categories measured), St. Andrew's already exhibits many of the marks of a vital and thriving church. Here are some of the report's findings:

- Missional Impulse (3.1): Our church "has seen the need to reach the lost and has taken action to fulfill this mission." The report suggested we evaluate our current involvement in mission locally, domestically, and internationally and explore ways that the church can teach about mission. The report also suggested we create new opportunities for members to participate in hands-on mission, something that is already happening, particularly with our Afghan Mission, which is sponsoring a refugee family as they resettle in the Columbus area. You'll see elsewhere in today's edition of "The Net" other ways we are serving those in need in Christ's name.

In this area we received our highest score in the area of identifying and seeking to meet needs of people in our surrounding community, and the lowest in members consistently reaching out to un-churched people and inviting their un-churched friends to our church's services and activities on a consistent basis.

- Leadership Development (3.3): Our systems "have adequately identified and trained leaders for the body of Christ." We received our highest marks in the area accountability of our leaders to others and to the church as a whole, and actively seeking to identify and raise up leaders from within the congregation. Our lowest scores came in the area of making leadership development a priority and empowering leaders to serve in areas that match their gifts, abilities, and personalities.

The report recommended that we meet regularly with the church's leadership team to ensure that they are growing individually and relationally, something that we seek to do through our SALT Leadership Gatherings, the most recent of which was held in March. Our "Discover your SHAPE for Ministry" class, which we hope to get back up and running soon, seeks to match members with ministries based on their Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences.

Next week we'll look in more detail at the areas of Vision Clarity, Covenant Community, Effective Systems, and Lay Mobilization.

## Spotlight on service

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the miracle of life to a woman who may be considering an abortion. In 2021, more than 90 percent of women who came to PDHC for help and saw their baby's heartbeat on an ultrasound voluntarily chose life, resulting in 831 life decisions.

If you are interested in helping support a whole life culture, PDHC offers several opportunities. Every Monday, anonymous requests are emailed to prayer volunteers. Our church also is hosting a "baby bottle campaign" to raise funds for PDHC. A table with bottles and information will be available today near the church entry. Church members can fill a bottle with donated funds and return them over the next five weeks, through June 12. Finally, PDHC hosts an annual Golf for Life scramble. This year's event is on Monday, May 23, at Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City.

For more information about PDHC, please go to <https://www.supportlifepdhc.org>, or contact church member Joyce Waddell at 614-325-0189 or [travelinjoy@aol.com](mailto:travelinjoy@aol.com).



**Tony Lung sorts cans at St. Andrew's Service Day at Westerville Area Resource Ministry in April. Our next service day at WARM is Saturday, July 23. Watch for details!**