

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, July 10, 2022



The Acolyte Ministry at St. Andrew's welcomed some new members to its ranks during acolyte training in May, and we've begun to see them in action on Sunday mornings. See the back page for more photos!



St. Andrew's Service Day at WARM on Saturday, July 23

The Service Team is hosting a service day at the Westerville Area Resource Ministries (WARM), located at 150 Heatherdown Drive in Westerville, on Saturday, July 23, between 10 a.m. and noon. We will sort, inventory, date-check and store canned food items, which will be donated to needy families in the Westerville area. Please join us for this family-friendly service event, which is open to volunteers of all ages.

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Welcome guest organist Audrey Gordon to St. Andrew's
Please welcome Audrey Gordon as our guest organist for the next two Sundays while John Holsinger is on vacation.

Audrey is an experienced organist and presently serves as accompanist for Worthington Community Chorus. Her most recent organist position was at Emmanuel Lutheran in German Village. Audrey has arranged several hymns for handbell choir and has accompanied children's choirs at Church of the Messiah in Westerville.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of Pentecost 5 (Proper 10) · July 10-16

Sunday, July 10 — A.M.: Psalm 25; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; 1 Corinthians 10
P.M.: Psalm 27; Esther 6; 1 Timothy 1:18—2:15

Monday, July 11 — A.M.: Psalms 26, 28; 1 Samuel 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 11
P.M.: Psalm 31; Esther 7; 1 Timothy 3

Tuesday, July 12 — A.M.: Psalm 29, 30; 1 Samuel 3; 1 Corinthians 12
P.M.: Psalm 33; Esther 8; 1 Timothy 4

Wednesday, July 13 — A.M.: Psalm 34; 1 Samuel 4; 1 Corinthians 13
P.M.: Psalm 35; Esther 9 & 10; 1 Timothy 5

Thursday, July 14 — A.M.: Psalm 32, 36; 1 Samuel 5; 1 Corinthians 14:1-19
P.M.: Psalm 38; Ezra 1; 1 Timothy 6

Friday, July 15 — A.M.: Psalm 37:1-17; 1 Samuel 6:1-15; 1 Corinthians 14:20-40
P.M.: Psalm 37:18-41; Ezra 3; Titus 1

Saturday, July 16 — A.M.: Psalm 40; 1 Samuel 7; 1 Corinthians 15:1-34
P.M.: Psalms 39, 41; Ezra 4; Titus 2

Next Sunday, July 17 — A.M.: Psalms 42, 43; 1 Samuel 8; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
P.M.: Psalm 44; Ezra 5; Titus 3

Lectionary for Sunday, July 17 (Proper 11)

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-14 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.), Colossians 1:21-29 (11:15)

Psalm 15, BCP 282 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Second Reading: Colossians 1:21-29 (11:15) (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Bishop Jay Behan, his wife Jaimee, and the clergy and people of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, the Confessing Anglican Diocese in New Zealand.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: Fr. Christopher Peterson and the people of St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Covington, Kentucky.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Jodi, Steve, Sara and Emma Moehring; Sandy Murray; and the Carpenter's Touch Counseling 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.*

Encouragement for your time with God

Events around you can show you how to pray. "It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy." (*Proverbs 14:21*) "For the one in authority is God's servant for your good." (*Romans 13:4a*) "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of ..." (*2 Timothy 3:14a*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

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

PDHC shares impact of \$733 raised by our parish through Baby Bottle drive

St. Andrew's raised \$733.49 in the recent Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Bottles for Life campaign to benefit the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC). Joyce Waddell, who coordinated the Baby Bottle drive, shares a letter of thanks in which Anne Marie Weakley, PDHC Community Outreach Director, highlighted the impact of our parish's contribution: "It is enough to provide 7 ultrasounds and one pregnancy test and consultation OR it could provide 2 ultrasounds, 2 parenting classes, 5 pregnancy tests and consultations and support one mother with her pregnancy all the way through the baby's first year of life!"

She adds that "Because of the support of our Church Partners like YOU, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers continues to serve women and families and save lives! Our PDHC staff ... continues to stand ready to listen, love, teach, empower, mentor, inspire, heal and extend the Lord's grace to all those we serve."

In 2021, PDHC reports that 834 life decisions were made; 44 schools in Franklin and Fairfield counties were served through Youth Development Program; families were empowered through over 6,500 parenting classes; and there were nearly 800 participant sessions in their Abortion Recovery Program.

The Anglican Church in North America promotes and respects the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death. While committed to serving mothers so they can embrace motherhood and welcome their children, the ACNA also points the way to God's healing and forgiveness for all who suffer physically and emotionally from abortion experiences.

If someone you know is struggling with an unintended pregnancy we encourage you to share with them the services offered by the Pregnancy Decisions Health Centers, which can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at 614-444-4411.

Women's Bible Study continues for the summer

The Women's Bible Study Group, which began in June, is continuing its summer study in July and August with a five-week unit called "Solomon" using the WordGo app (<https://www.wordgo.org/>), which is written and produced by Bible Study Fellowship (BSF).

We'll look at questions like, "Why do we drift away from God in the good times?" We'll see how to seek God first and fulfill our responsibilities to others, and we'll learn from Solomon how good times are meant to draw us closer to the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ.

All women are invited to the study, which will be held at the home of Meg Patton, 752 Woodbend Drive, Westerville, on Mondays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. July 11-August 8.

If you are interested, please email Meg at davepatton7502@msn.com or Christine Brill at goosebrill@msn.com.

WARM Service Day

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WARM is a faith-based organization serving the Westerville community, supporting families who are on the economic and spiritual journey of self-sufficiency. WARM provides short-term assistance, educational and job services and spiritual support to encourage individuals to achieve a God-reliant, self-sufficient life while restoring dignity and hope. In a typical year, WARM provides nearly 350,000 meals to families in need. WARM also has a workforce development program, childhood nutrition programs, and a vibrant volunteer corps.

Volunteers do not need to RSVP, but a head count is always helpful! If you can join us, please respond online at <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/86>. Please contact Pat or Liddy Schmitz, 614-204-7080 or 740-272-1723, with questions.

Coming transition will bring changes to parish communications

A note from Communications Director Judy Baird

This weekend brings the final regular edition of our "eNet" email. The "eNet" has been a weekly feature since its debut on March 22, 2020, the first Sunday that we moved to online-only services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Originally meant to keep our parish connected during the COVID-19 shutdown and provide resources for those worshipping with us via livestream, the "eNet" evolved into an online version of "The Net," our weekly printed newsletter, during the time that we were unable to worship together in person. While we resumed in-person services in late June of 2020 (with the exception of those weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve that year when there was an uptick in the number of COVID-19 cases in Franklin and Delaware counties), we didn't return to printing our weekly bulletin and "The Net" until nearly a year later. By that time we had learned more about how the coronavirus did—and did not—spread, and were comfortable with people once again handling paper copies of our publications. We continued the weekly "eNet," however, primarily so that those who had not yet rejoined us in person would have easy access to "The Net," the weekly bulletin, and other resources to aid them in worshipping online.

With more and more people joining us in church on Sundays, and fewer of our members watching our services live on YouTube, this seems like a good time to begin to streamline our communications in preparation for the transition to new leadership when Fr. Ron and I retire. While our official retirement doesn't come until the end of the year, our last Sunday with you in an official capacity will be August 28. Following vacation in September, we'll be on a three-month sabbatical. During that time we'll be available to our new rector and the staff in an advisory capacity, but will no longer be carrying out our regular day-to-day responsibilities. That means that things like "The Net," the weekly bulletin, and email communications will be handled by other staff members and lay volunteers until a decision is made as to how my responsibilities as Communications Director will be handled going forward.

I am beginning to work with several lay people and staff members who will be handling some of my duties in the interim. We cannot expect a volunteer to do everything I have been doing, however, nor can we add too many other duties to those our remaining staff is already responsible for. Suspending the weekly "eNet" email will allow me to focus on the essential weekly publications and website functions with the people I'm training.

Going forward you will continue to receive periodic emails about specific activities and events as needed. I'll be sharing details in the coming weeks about how you can find all of the resources that have been available via the "eNet" on our Member Connection and website.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 740-548-5112, ext. 3 or jbaird@standrewspolaris.org. Please also let me know if you'd like to volunteer to take photographs to submit for publication in "The Net." And ministry leaders, please be pro-active in submitting information for publication in the bulletin and "The Net," and on our public website and the Member Connection during the coming transition. Have information you'd like to share with the parish? Please send it to mail@standrewspolaris.org or call the parish office at 740-548-5112, ext. 1 by **noon Wednesday** for publication that coming weekend!

Book of Daniel July Adult Forum topic

The Adult Forum resumes this Sunday, July 10, with a study of the Book of Daniel, which will be led by Fr. Wil Verhoff. The study will continue through July. Grab a cup of coffee and join Fr. Wil for the Adult Forum between services in the Sanctuary!

Acolyte Training

On the cover, clockwise, from upper left, an acolyte practices lighting one of the torches next to the altar; a “veteran” acolyte shows a new acolyte how to fasten her robe; Acolyte Master Kelsie Meyers and Fr. Ron Baird demonstrate the ablutions—the ritual washing of the priest’s hands at Communion; and a long-time acolyte helps new acolytes find robes in the Vesting Room and shows them how to tie their cinctures. Pictured on this page are some of our newer acolytes.

Acolytes serving at the 9 a.m. Sunday service are Kade Casbarro, son of Shelley and Shaun; Hannah and Jonathan Cornett, children of Lori and Phil; Christian Emery, son of Eric; Evie and Sam Lahoda, children of Kristy and Rob; Jo Jo Lung, daughter of Krista and Tony; Kelsie Meyers; Maggie and Marion Meyers, daughters of Kelsie and Kyle; and Braeden and Kiera Snead, children of Nikki and Shawn. Serving at the 11:15 a.m. service are Ian Sattler, son of Michelle and Steve; Aidan and Keely Tucker, children of Christy and Fr. Shane; and Sommer Whitehead, daughter of Tally and Eric.

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Please take a moment when you see our acolytes to thank them for their service at Christ’s altar here at St. Andrew’s!

