

All Saints Day

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are growing deeper and deeper into the eternal life that is theirs in Christ — we pray for those who have died to this world and this mortal body, because we know that their life in Christ is not ended. It has been transformed into a celestial body and now continues on in that form until the end time.

In Christ, all Christians are gathered into one Body, the Church. The separation of those Saints who have died and gone before us from those who remain is only a physical one, not a spiritual one. In Christ, at his Holy Table, in the communion that is the Eucharist, we are one with them forever! Therefore, we pray for their continued growth in the Lord and we ask through Christ for them to continue to pray for us.

Again, a common misunderstanding about Anglicans is that we pray to the Saints. We do not pray to them. In prayer, we ask them to pray for us, just as we pray for them. Prayer is directed only to God. But as we and the Saints are one in Christ, through our prayers to God we can communicate with them!

We often adopt a patron (or favorite) Saint because their life has served as an example to us of what faith in Christ is really about. As we ask them to pray for us, a large part of the request is that God will engender in us the strength of faith that our favorite Saint has exhibited!

We are all one in Christ. In Christ we have all died and we have all been raised into eternal life. That includes those of us who live in this worldly existence, and those who have died and gone before. In prayer we are connected in Christ Jesus, One Body, One Church. Pray for those who have died and seek their prayers for us as we all seek to grow into the full stature of Christ in the communion of the Saints.

↪ *By Fr. Ron Baird*

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray today **Bishops Duleep de Chickera** and **Kumara Illangasinghe** and the priests, religious and laity of the Church of Ceylon (Sri Lanka). The first Anglican service was held in Ceylon in 1796. There are now two dioceses and some 30,000 Anglicans in a population of some 16 million. Please pray especially for a continuation of the cease fire from the devastating civil war and for the fulfillment of the so-far elusive national reconciliation.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Week of the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26) • Oct. 31-Nov. 6

Sunday, Oct. 31 — Psalms 24, 29/8, 84; Ecclesiasticus 36:1-17; 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13; Matthew 18:21-35 **Eve of All Saints** — P.M.: Psalm 34, Wisdom 3:1-9; Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:5

Monday, Nov. 1 — Psalms 56, 57, [58]/64, 65; Ecclesiasticus 38:24-34; Revelation 14:1-13; Luke 12:49-59 **All Saints** — A.M.: Psalm 111, 112, 2 Esdras 2:42-47, Hebrews 11:32-10:2; P.M.: Psalm 148 & 150, Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16, Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:1-5

Tuesday, Nov. 2 — Psalms 61, 62/68:1-20(21-23)24-36; Ecclesiasticus 43:1-22; Revelation 14:14-15:8; Luke 13:1-9 **All Faithful Departed (All Souls')** — Psalm 130 or 116:10-17, Wisdom 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, John 5:24-27

Wednesday, Nov. 3 — Psalms 72/119:73-96; Ecclesiasticus 43:23-33; Revelation 16:1-11; Luke 13:10-17

Thursday, Nov. 4 — Psalms [70], 71/74; Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15; Revelation 16:12-21; Luke 13:18-30

Friday, Nov. 5 — Psalms 69:1-23(24-30)31-38/73; Ecclesiasticus 50:1, 11-24; Revelation 17:1-18; Luke 13:31-35

Saturday, Nov. 6 — Psalms 75, 76/23, 27; Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12; Revelation 18:1-14; Luke 14:1-11

Note: *The first set of Psalms and readings are intended for the morning, and the second set for the evening.*

Youth Group to host Chili Cook-off next Saturday

The next Youth Group event is right around the corner. We will be having our Second Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the church. It will begin at 5:30 p.m., and end when everyone has had too much chili! The parish is invited. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

Please contact **Karen Osmond** at 614-975-0878 or khosmond@gmail.com if you'd like to enter a chili into the cook-off. Prizes will be awarded for "Best Overall/Fan Favorite" and "Most Unusual." Drinks, rolls and dessert will be provided.

November birthdays

Mother Nancy Stanton
Caroline Sylvester
Kris Webb
Kelle Giese
John Baird
David Ryde
Nanci James
Cameron Blackcloud
Jana Lilly
Vince Cordova
Cathy Allen
Ruth Robinson
Julie Worthington
Jim Menke
Shawn Dunn
Marilyn Barnes
Trinity Roach
Connor Darke
Eric Whitehead
Mark Pappas
Eric Kouns
Nancy Forman
Christie Carter
Oscar Davidson
Patrick Nelson

November anniversaries

Mike & Karen Brust
Jack & Suzy Christopher
Dale & Ruth Vogel
Jodi & Steve Moehring
Cathy & David Allen
Alan & Christie Carter
Ed & Kathy Summers

Last Sunday's Attendance

8 a.m.	39
9:30 a.m.	117
11 a.m.	58
5 p.m.	14
Total	228
Average YTD.....	225
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The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

October 31, 2010

All Saints Day In communion with the saints

November 1 and 2 are the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. Many people ask why it is that we pray for the dead. Their questions often include, "Isn't it already too late for them?"

This reveals a narrow understanding of Salvation. Anglicans do not believe that Salvation is merely an endeavor to get into Heaven as some sort of reward! Rather, it is the all encompassing immersion into life and health that is full relationship with God, our Creator. Eternal life is not a destination. It is real, abundant, joyful life that begins in our baptism into Christ and never ends.

St. Paul tells us that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus! Therefore, just as we pray for one another and those whom we love who are present to this world — who

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Caught in the Net

Getting to know our fellow fish

By Susan Sommerville

How many of the church members do you know? Perhaps, if you are like me, there are some you couldn't even name, although you see them week after week. Jesus told us to love one another as he loved us. Throughout history many considered the Church as a "School for Love." (Though at various times the school failed spectacularly). If our local school is functioning properly we will learn to love others more. Just how are we going to do that if we don't even *know* one another? Help is on the way!

Beginning in the next few weeks and continuing throughout most of the year, *the Net* will include a new column called *Caught in the Net*. The subject of each column will be an interesting fish (aka: member of the congregation), who once caught in God's net of grace now swims in St. Andrew's pond. The member will be featured, or "caught" in *the Net* after participating in a friendly interview. One of several skilled, in-house ichthyologists* will conduct the interview and write the report. These reports will enable us to know one another better.

St. Andrew was told to fish for men and so are we. Fish are caught and redeemed, not to end up on a dinner plate, but to attend a school with other fish to learn how to love and then...to go fishing. The truth is often very strange as this very fishy tale attests. The top line on St. Andrew's web page reads, "Come and see... Experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ!" For experiences of God's transforming love to consistently

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Remembering loved ones

While we are having our All Saint's Children's Procession today, on All Hallow's Eve, the traditional observance of All Saint's Day in the Church, when Christians remember those who have died in the past year, is the Sunday after All Saints Day. If you have a loved one you would like us to remember in *The Net* next Sunday, please contact the Parish Office at 614-423-4250 or e-mail jbaird@standrewspolaris.org.



Vestry elections, Pledge Sunday, next week

Next Sunday, Nov. 7, the Parish will be electing members to serve on Vestry. Voting will take place during each of the Sunday services. Candidates are **Dan Brill, Sarah Fabian, Patrick Giese and Jackie Menke**.

Next Sunday is also Pledge Sunday, when we will lift up to God during the Offertory at all four services our pledges for 2011. If you were unable to pick up your 2011 Stewardship Campaign materials last Sunday, there were mailed to you this week. The materials are also available for download on the Member Connection of our web site, www.standrewspolaris.org. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give toward his work at St. Andrew's in the coming year, and

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ACNA visitor here Nov. 14

The Rev. Daryl Fenton of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) will be with us the weekend of Nov. 13-14 as part of an ongoing effort of the ACNA to visit with each of the churches in the new province. He will meet with our Vestry on the evening of Sept. 13, and will preach at all three morning services on Sept. 14.

Bishop at St. Andrew's for Confirmation Nov. 21

It is appropriate that all baptized Christians make a mature profession of faith in Jesus Christ. In the Anglican Church, we make that confession in the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are an adult or mature youth who has not yet been confirmed, we invite you to receive this Sacrament when **Bishop Roger Ames** visits on Nov. 21. If you desire to be confirmed, or to renew your baptismal vows, please contact the parish office at 614-423-4250, or fill out the online application on the Member Connection of the our web site, where you may also find more information about the Sacrament of Confirmation.

‘Undies Sunday’ Nov. 14 focuses on winter wear

The next “Undies Sunday” to benefit the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware will be Nov. 15.

We want to help get people ready for winter, so special items needed this time include men’s and boys’ T-shirts; men’s and boys’ long underwear tops and bottoms; and women’s and girls’ long underwear tops and bottoms. As always, socks and underwear for men, women, boys and girls are also needed.

This is the last “Undies Sunday” in 2010, so let’s make it a great one! **Sue Thomas**, who coordinates this effort at St. Andrew’s, expresses her appreciation to everyone for their support throughout the year.

Common Ground taking orders for wreaths, swags

As Winter approaches, Common Ground Free Store Ministries faces a substantial increase in their gas and electric usage. In order to offset some of these costs, they are currently taking orders for holiday decorations, including wreaths, swags and centerpieces. All items are from Back Roads, a Common Ground ministry partner.

These items will also be available at Common Ground’s booth at First Friday Delaware on Dec. 3. Our own **Sue Thomas** and **Bonnie Freeman** will be staffing the booth!

Common Ground will also be offering a variety of dips, including Veggie/Chip Dip Mixes, Olive Oil Dip Mixes and Dessert Dip Mixes. These are sold in individual packets of three for \$12.95 for the trio. These make great basket additions, package toppers and are simply great to have on hand for holiday company.

Calendar corrections

There are two errors in the calendar in today’s bulletin.

- On Monday, Nov. 1, the Daughters of the King meets at 6:30 p.m. in Room 101
- There is no Stephen Ministry meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Also remember that Tuesday is Election Day, and the church serves as a polling place. If you have church business to attend to, phone and e-mail are the preferred method of communications that day.

Ministries seeks help with Christmas outreach

Have you seen Christmas decorations in the stores already? Have friends who have their shopping done? Planning those holiday parties and outings?

It’s just now Halloween, and in the secular world thoughts are already turning to Christmas. It’s the same in the Church. Although our celebration doesn’t come until after the season of Advent, when we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child, several Christmas ministry projects are already in the planning stages.

Back this year are Operation Christmas Child and the Christmas Card Ministry to women in prison. Both have deadlines well before Christmas, and we wanted to make you aware of them now so you and your family can make plans for how you might bless others this Christmas.

Operation Christmas Child

The mission of Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse, is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with local churches worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The tangible in Operation Christmas Child is a shoebox filled with small gifts and goodies to bring hope to a child whose life has been too often marked by heartache.

As you read this, preparations have already begun at Samaritan’s Purse to receive our shoeboxes. Volunteers are busy promoting Operation Christmas Child here and abroad, being trained in countries where children will receive your gifts, and engaging in prayer for those who are both giving and receiving boxes. Here at St. Andrew’s, the Girard Life Group is preparing to collect and distribute the boxes donated by our parishioners.

National Collection Week for shoeboxes is Nov. 15-22. Samaritan’s Purse is hoping to send a record number of boxes to Haiti this year. Watch for more information about how you can pack a box, including suggestions for items to include, in the coming weeks.

Christmas Card Ministry

The Daughters of the King will once again be sending Christmas cards to women prison inmates. The Daughters are inviting the congregation to donate stamps (they need a total of 450!) and Christian-themed Christmas cards. Cards may be dropped off in the food donation baskets in the Narthex, and stamps may be placed in the offering basket or dropped off to the Parish Office. Please mark them for the Christmas Card Ministry.

Book drive to benefit students in Liberia

Many members of St. Andrew’s have a history of ministry to Liberia. Once again we’ve been invited to reach out to school children there by participating in a book drive. Schools in Liberia, where most students speak and read English, are in desperate need of books, as there are neither school nor public libraries there.

The drive is being conducted by Huber Ridge Elementary School in Westerville. The project got off the ground recently when Liberia native **Zuulu Cooper**, a LAN Tech in the Information Technology Department at Westerville City Schools, spoke with Huber’s assistant principal, **Lucy Rader-Brown**. Together they decided that a book drive would be a great project for Huber Ridge as a way to help students in another country. The coordinator for the project in Liberia is **Catherine Woods**, a member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

The books will be saved in a local storage facility and transported via Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, which has a rubber plantation in Liberia. Firestone has offered to ship the books from its terminal in Baltimore, Maryland to Liberia, probably the first week in December.

What a great opportunity for St. Andrew’s to help the Liberian students! New or gently used fiction or non-fiction books for children and youth ages Pre-K through high school are needed. A collection box for books will be placed in the Gathering Area.

For more information you may contact **Marty Scott**, director of Outreach Ministries at St. Andrew’s, at msscott@standrewspolaris.org or 614-284-0182.

Election Day hospitality volunteers, bakers needed

St. Andrew’s will serve as a polling place for the election on Tuesday, Nov. 2, and the parish will be providing a hospitality table, offering snacks and beverages throughout the day.

Bonnie Freeman is coordinating this ministry, and is asking for volunteers to make homemade baked goods, breakfast item, lunch items, mini sandwiches and snack items. If you’d like to contribute but don’t bake or have time to prepare food items, donations of juice boxes, soda pop and bottled water are welcome.

Bonnie also needs volunteers to staff the hospitality table during the day. People are needed to serve from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in two-hour increments. Volunteers will be responsible for making coffee and tea, and handing out the snacks. They *will not* be involved with polling.

To volunteer, contact Bonnie at freemanbc@aol.com or 614-885-8003 .

Seminar addresses men’s issues

The first in a four-part seminar series on men’s issues, led by **Fr. Ric Bowser** of Family Counseling Ministries, was well received, with 22 men attending.

If you were unable to attend the first session, you’ll want to make plans now to attend the remaining three sessions on Nov 4, Nov 18, and Dec 2. Each session will last approximately one hour, with 15 minutes of question and answer time

The seminar is being offered in cooperation with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew during their regular meeting times. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend, and are welcome to bring male friends and neighbors.

The title of the seminar is *Fathers, Brothers, Husbands, Sons: Issues confronting the modern man*. The theme that will be woven throughout the seminar is what Fr. Ric calls “Relational Rule #1.” This rule, he promises, is the key to understanding God’s intent for relationship with his children and his desire for our physical, emotional and relational health and well-being.

The first session, “Authority/Dependency (A core issue of life) & Automatic/Unconscious (How we process the core issues of life),” will set the stage for the coming week’s topics. Life is a series of A/D (authority/dependency) relationships, Fr. Ric says, and this session is based on the premise that the core issues in our relationships are too often processed unconsciously and automatically to the point that we only become aware of them once a serious problem arises.

The second session will explore “Relational Rule #1”; relationship and blessing; the “Ax Blow” of betrayal; provision and protection; acceptance, affirmation and admiration, and training up a child.

Topics for the final two sessions will be “Effects of fatherlessness and Anxiety Management” (Session III), and “It’s our System: Searching for Home and Leadership with Integrity” (Session IV).

Additional information may be found in Fr. Ric’s book, *The Fox In the Chicken Coop*, which will be available in conjunction with the workshop.

This is the first in a series of relationship seminars that will continue in the spring with a marriage workshop for couples.

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happen at St. Andrew’s, our School for Love must be a vibrant reality. Such vibrancy won’t just happen. We hope *Caught in the Net* contributes to our school’s ability to enhance and refine our fishing skills by helping us to know one another better. We believe you will enjoy your fishing mates’ stories. Have fun schooling in the pond, and then go fishing. Lord knows, there are *plenty* of fishing holes available.

* An *ichthyologist* is a scientist who studies fish.

Vestry elections

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come prepared on Nov. 7 to respond to that call.

A bit about the candidates

Dan Brill has been a part of our congregation since November 2008. Both Dan and his wife **Christine** are members of the St. Andrew’s Contemporary Worship Team, and belong to a Life Group. Dan also works with the Building and Grounds Committee, and been involved in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Renewal Ministries, and as a Youth Group advisor,

Sarah Fabian joined our congregation in 1999. She is a Stephen Ministry leader, a Life Group leader and a member of the St. Andrew’s Choir. She is also a prayer intercessor and a member of the Prayer Chain. Sarah has served on Vestry previously.

Patrick Giese, a member of our congregation since 2001, is currently serving on Vestry, having been selected to fill the unexpired term of Wes Whitaker, who moved with his family to Tennessee earlier this year. He was also a Vestry member previously, serves in the Technical Services Ministry, has played with the Contemporary Worship Team, and with his wife **Kelle** hosted a Life Group for several years. You will frequently see him in the Sound Booth at the 11 a.m. service.

Jackie Menke has been a member of our congregation for more than two decades, and has served on Vestry and as Senior Warden. She and her husband **Jim** host a Life Group, and they served for many years as Youth Group leaders. Jackie has also been involved in Children’s Ministries and the Choir.

Complete candidate profiles will be e-mailed early this week. If we don’t have an e-mail address for you in our database, we will send the profiles via regular mail. If your e-mail has changed, please log on to the Member Connection and update it in your profile.

Fall back next Sunday!

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 a.m. Please remember to turn your clocks *back* one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, unless you want to be really early for church the next day! And enjoy your extra hour of sleep!

