

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

November 28, 2010

Youth plan party, trip to Narnia movie

The St. Andrew's Youth Group's annual Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 12. The youth will gather after the 11 a.m. service for a party and a trip to a nearby movie theater to watch *Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.

Food and beverages will be provided. Youth are asked to bring a donation for the Franklin County Dog Shelter. The dog shelter is always in need of food; old towels, blankets and sheets; puppy training pads; dog toys, etc. Those who wish, may also bring a gift of no more than \$15 in value for a gift exchange.

Further details will be provided in the coming weeks. Drivers are needed to transport youth to the movie theater. If you can help, or for more information, please contact Karen Osmond, 614-975-0878 or khosmond@gmail.com.

2011 pledge drive at \$420,000

Members of St. Andrew's have pledged \$420,374 to the 2011 General Fund stewardship drive to date. We are still waiting to hear from about 17 families. We remain \$75,000 short of our goal is \$495,000. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today so the Vestry can finalize the 2011 budget. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Christ's mission at St. Andrew's Anglican Church!

Opportunities to minister to others around this Christmas

Volunteers needed for Free Store Christmas shopping project

The Common Ground Free Store in Delaware will host its 5th Annual Christmas Shopping Event on Friday, Dec. 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Common Ground will be offering their registered shoppers the opportunity to shop for one brand-new item for each member of their family. The little ones will have the chance to sit on Santa's lap and receive a stocking full of goodies/ gift bag of treats. Refreshments will be served and gift wrapping will be offered. More than 100 families will have a merrier Christmas!

Volunteers to set up, staff the store and clean up. Donations of the following items are also needed: Adult men's gift items; adult women's gift items; teen girl items; infant/ toddler gift items; gift bags filled with small toys/school supplies and/or books for Santa to give to children; cookies and punch for refreshments; items for a drawing for shoppers (larger gift items, gift cards, etc.) Common Ground is also looking for carolers and decoration to add to the festive atmosphere.

If you're interesting in ministering to families served by Common Ground this Christmas season, please contact **Ginny Ribbans** at 614-330-5304 or vribbans@sbcglobal.net., or **Marty Scott**, director of Outreach Ministries, at 614-284-0182 or mscott@standrewspolaris.org.

Christmas project for military

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will once again reach out to the men and women of the U.S. military this Christmas. The Brotherhood invites others in the parish to join them in making the holiday a little brighter for those serving our country overseas by supporting Operation Gratitude.

Operation Gratitude seeks to lift morale by sending care packages addressed to individual soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines deployed abroad, including in the Middle East and Afghanistan. The Brotherhood will be collecting monetary donations to contribute toward care packages being assembled by Operation Gratitude, a non-profit, volunteer-based corporation funded entirely by private donations. For safety and security, packages will be assembled at the Army National Guard Armory in Van Nuys, California.

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Joel Penton to speak at St. Andrew's Dec. 12

St. Andrew's is pleased to announce that **Joel Penton**, former Ohio State Buckeyes defensive tackle and member of the 2002 National Championship team, will speak at St. Andrew's during the sermon time at all three services on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Since graduating from OSU in 2006, Joel has been engaged in a ministry of motivational speaking to youth, and serves as community director of the Central Ohio Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is also involved in the work of Athletes in Action with overseas missionaries **Bryan** and **Cheryl Hawkins**. Bryan is the son of **Candy Hawkins**, a member of our parish. Joel's talk will focus on how God can use sports both here at home and abroad as a way to reach out to people with the Gospel message. He'll also share about the work that Bryan and Cheryl are doing in their ministry. See more details on our web site, www.standrewspolaris.org.

Christmas 'voices' needed

Volunteers are still needed to portray three of our "12 Voices of Christmas." Three men are needed to bring us the voices of Gabriel, Simeon and John. If you are interested, please contact **Deacon Nanci James** at nanci@otterbein.edu or 614-895-0144 The "12 Voices of Christmas" will be presented on the last Sunday in Advent, Dec. 19.

'Donate Life Sabbath' Dec. 5

Last year approximately 28,000 Americans received a life-saving organ transplant and more than one million Americans received a life-changing tissue transplant. When just one individual makes the decision to donate, they can change the lives of more than 50 others

Next Sunday, Dec. 5, St. Andrew's will observe "Donate Life Sabbath." **Don Huiner**, a member of St. Andrew's whose family was touched by organ donation, will speak at the morning services, and representatives of Lifeline of Ohio will be on hand to provide information and answer questions you may have about how organ donation saves lives.

Opportunities

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If you wish to participate, please make a check in any amount to St. Andrew's, with "Operation Gratitude" in the memo section, or place your cash gift in an envelope marked "Operation Gratitude." Donations may be placed in the offering basket, or mailed to the Parish Office, through today. For more information, log on to www.opgratitude.com.

Cards for women inmates

Women of St. Andrew's will once again be sending Christmas cards to women prison inmates. The women 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.

Liberia book drive

St. Andrew's is joining Huber Ridge Elementary School in Westerville is collecting books for school children in Liberia, where there are neither school nor public libraries. New or gently used fiction or non-fiction books for children and youth ages Pre-K through high school may be dropped off in the Gathering Area through today. For more information, contact **Marty Scott** at mscott@standrewspolaris.org or 614-284-0182.

Parish asked again to provide baby packs for Mali

St. Andrew's parishioners **Steve** and **Beth Myers** will return to Mali in West Africa in January, where they will minister at the Koutiala Women's and Children's Hospital. The parish is again being invited to support Steve and Beth in this ministry by providing "baby packs" for newborns at the hospital. Each gift pack should include a shirt or dress, socks, a baby hat and a receiving blanket. Items should be packaged in a zip-lock bag, and may include a card or note of blessing. (Please don't include your name.) Newborn items may be used if they are clean and in good condition, with no spots or stains. Mali is longitudinally about equal with the Bahamas, so please choose light-weight items. You may make as many baby packs as you like!

Items should be dropped off at the church by Dec. 19. For more information, please contact **Deacon Nanci James** at nanci@otterbein.edu or 614-895-0144.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

In the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes ((ADGL) Cycle of Prayer this week, please pray for the Anglican Province of the Middle East, and **Fr. Drew Schmotzer**.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Week of the First Sunday In Advent • November 28-December 4

Sunday, Nov. 28 — Psalms 146, 147/111, 112, 113; Isaiah 1:1-9; 2 Peter 3:1-10; Matthew 25:1-13

Monday, Nov. 29 — Psalms 1, 2, 3/4, 7; Isaiah 1:10-20; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Luke 20:1-8

Tuesday, Nov. 30 — Psalms 5, 6/10, 11; Isaiah 1:21-31; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Luke 20:9-18 Feast of St. Andrew — A.M.: Psalm 34; Isaiah 49:1-6; 1 Corinthians 4:1-16; P.M.: Psalm 96, 100; Isaiah 55:1-5; John 1:35-42

Wednesday, Dec. 1 — Psalms 119:1-24/12, 13, 14; Isaiah 2:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20; Luke 20:19-26

Thursday, Dec. 2 — Psalms 18:1-20/18:21-50; Isaiah 2:12-22; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Friday, Dec. 3 — Psalms 16, 17/22; Isaiah 3:8-15; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Luke 20:41-21:4

Saturday, Dec. 4 — Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8-14)/110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117; Isaiah 4:2-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 21:5-19

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

Young adult Bible study group underway

Young adults — singles and couples — are invited to join a newly formed Bible study group. The group meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the home of **Karen Osmond**, 2092 Willowick Square, Columbus. Facilitators are **Wes** and **Natali Sutermeister**. The group is studying the *The Life of Jesus*, part of the Deeper Connections Series that many of our Life Groups did this fall. This DVD study explores the main events in Jesus' life to understand what made him extraordinary and to learn how to draw on his transforming power.

The group will meet on Thursdays, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16, and then break for the holidays before re-grouping after the first of the year to complete the study. For more information, please contact Karen at 614-975-0878 or khosmond@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's contributes 33 boxes to 'Operation Christmas Child'

The Girard Life Group collected 33 boxes filled with gifts for children overseas from the members of St. Andrew's. This was an eight percent increase over last year. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse, says, "Your gift of love may be the door God uses to open a child's heart to Jesus Christ." **Barbara Girard** extends the group's appreciation to all those who participated in Operation Christmas Child.

December birthdays

Parker Elder	Avril Darke
Christie Gales	Alane Evans
Sarah Fabian	Jean Falor
Lissy Estrada	Alan Seitz
Marcia Johnson	Deryck Richardson
Larry Harper	Barbara Lake
Austin Stout	Robert Williams
Pam Dunlap	Steve Sattler
Harlie Moreland	Ben Haines
Burt Otani	Don Bender
Chris Haines	Hope James
Aiden Darke	Kristin Lowery

December anniversaries

Jason & Trina Anthony
Shawn & Mandy Dunn
Bill & Debbie Sterling
Steven & Jan Zacharias
Bob & Alex Seyerle
Frank & JoEdda Habeker