

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

January 2, 2011



Christmas voices

St. Andrew's was treated to a special presentation of three of *The Twelve Voices of Christmas* on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 19. Clockwise, from above left, Deryck Richardson reprises his role of the Archangel Gabriel; Pat Schmitz as Simeon cradles an infant Jesus and then lifts him in thanksgiving to God; and Steve Darke, as John the Baptist, implores the crowd to prepare their hearts for the coming of the Lord.

Ministry leaders' annual reports due Jan. 16

It's that time of year! If you are a leader of a ministry or group, your ministry reports for inclusion in the 2010 Annual Report are due by **Sunday, Jan. 16**. The 2010 Annual Report will be made available to the parish on Feb. 20 in preparation for the **Annual Meeting on Feb. 27**. Details will follow. A form with a suggested outline for your report will e-mailed to ministry leaders with e-mail access this week. Forms will also be available at the Information Desk.

This is a wonderful time to let the parish know what your ministry accomplished in 2010, and what you have planned for 2011. It is also an excellent way to thank those who have participated in ministry in the past year. Please remember to use complete names, and provide complete details.

The preferred method of submitting reports is via e-mail to **Judy Baird** at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org. If you don't have e-mail access, please submit your typed report to the Parish Office.

Note to electronic givers

If you have been paying your pledge by automatic withdrawal through e-Giving, the church's online service, remember that these withdrawals ceased with the end of the calendar year. If you plan to continue making your gift to the church by electronic withdrawal, please log on to www.e-giving.org/zipsearch.asp and enter the church's ZIP code (43035) to set up your 2011 giving schedule. If you have any questions, please contact **Ruth Eller** at reller@standrewspolaris.org or 614-423-4250, ext. 101.

Prayers sought for Myers family's ministry in Mali

As St. Andrew's parishioners Steve and Beth Myers, and daughter Stephanie, prepare to return to Mali in West Africa, where they will be ministering at the Koutiala Hospital for Women and Children, we share the following excerpt from a letter from Beth, and ask your prayers for safe travel and for God's blessing on their work there.

Dear Friends and Family,

The doctors (at Koutiala Hospital) have been saving some very difficult cases for Steve to do during the two weeks we will be there. Steve will keep everyone posted on his blog, www.bariatricsurgeryblog.blogspot.com, and I will do the same on our family blog, www.myersfamilyconnection.blogspot.com.

We would sincerely appreciate prayer for the following:

- Safety for the children Steve is operating on.
- Strength, wisdom and guidance for Steve as he operates.
- Safety and strength in travel.
- That all our bags and supplies arrive.
- Unity on our team.
- That the love of Jesus would shine through us.

Thank you so much for your kind gift of prayer support. We are all so grateful to be able to go again this year. It is such a blessing to us and to those we serve.

With Love, Beth

For more information about the Koutiala Hospital, log on to their website at www.koutiala-hospital.org.

Parish gathering furniture, household items for organist

Parishioners at St. Andrew's are gathering furniture and household items for **Godwin Sadoh**, our interim organist. Godwin, who recently moved to the Columbus area in search of employment, is currently living in temporary furnished housing, but is looking at apartments. Items needed once he moves into an apartment include:

Living room furniture, including a sofa and tables (chairs have been donated); bedroom dresser and side table (a bed has been donated); kitchen table and chairs; bed linens and a blanket; pots and pans and kitchen utensils; dishes and silverware; a TV, and lamps. Godwin is also in need of a computer for work purposes.

For more information, or to donate items, please contact **Mother Nancy Stanton** at 614-519-0746 or nstanton@standrewspolaris.org.

January Birthdays

Patrick Giese
Tally Whitehead
Frank Scott
Jenny Marinov
Brenda Spradling
Jack Reeks
Justin Anthony
Trina Anthony
Juliann Purner
David Warner
Karolyn Yoakum
Ann Collins
Natalie Stanley
Didi Loseth
Baxter Whitehead
Ellie Schramm
Pat Highley
Emelie Deslauriers
Tom Dunlap
Alex McKeown
Marcie Smith
Eric Thomas
David Patton
Jennifer Hambrick
Shirley Maxie
Violet Schroeder
Tom Girard

January Anniversaries

Tom & Sarah Hubbard
Michelle & Oscar Davidson
Tom & Nanci James
Steve & Beth Myers

2011 giving envelopes available

If you requested giving envelopes for 2011 on your pledge card, they are in your mail slot in the Gathering Area. If you would like to have envelopes, but didn't request them previously, please contact **Ruth Eller** at 614-423-4250.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Week of the Second Sunday of Christmas • Jan. 1-8

Sunday, Jan. 2 — Psalms 66, 67/145; Ecclesiasticus 3:3-9, 14-17; 1 John 2:12-17; John 6:41-47

Monday, Jan. 3 — Psalms 68/72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22; John 10:7-17

Tuesday, Jan. 4 — Psalms 85, 87/89:1-29; Exodus 3:1-12; Hebrews 11:23-31; John 14:6-14

Wednesday, Jan. 5 — Psalms 2, 110:1-5(6-7); Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2; John 15:1-16 **Eve of Epiphany** — P.M.: Psalm 29, 98; Isaiah 66:18-23; Romans 15:7-13

Thursday, Jan. 6, The Epiphany — Psalms 46, 97/96, 100; Isaiah 52:7-10; Revelation 21:22-27; Matthew 12:14-21

Friday, Jan. 7 — Psalms 103/114, 115; Isaiah 52:3-6; Revelation 2:1-7; John 2:1-11

Saturday, Jan. 8 — Psalms 117, 118; 112, 113; Isaiah 59:15-21; Revelation 2:8-17; John 4:46-54 **Eve of Epiphany 1** — P.M.: Psalm 104; Isaiah 61:1-9; Galatians 3:23-29, 4:4-7

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

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for **Bishop Dr. Alexander Malik** and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Lahore, Pakistan and for the entire Church of Pakistan (United). Sadly, in recent times, Anglicans and other Christians in Pakistan have been physically attacked and some martyred, by some misguided Muslims. Happily, some Muslims have acted to protect and shield their Christian neighbors. Please pray especially for continued mutual support among those of good will, for an end to the violence, and for continued strengthening of faith.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for our own parish of St. Andrew, for **Fathers Ron and Ric**, for **Mother Nancy, Deacon Nanci**, seminarians **Caleb and Eric**, and for ourselves, that our faith may be strengthened and renewed every morning.