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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

September 5, 2010



Life Group Fair Sept. 19

You've heard us talking about the importance of plugging in to a small group. Are you wondering what this small group thing is all about? At St. Andrew's, these groups are known as Life Groups, and they're designed to help you connect with a community of Christians in a meaningful way, by studying the Scriptures together, and holding one another accountable for applying the truths found in them in your day-to-day life.

Typically, these groups meet weekly in host homes for about two hours, and may also get together informally from time-to-time for fellowship and common ministry.

If you're not already plugged in to a small group, please join us on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area to learn how you can connect with a Life Group to grow in your relationship with Christ, and with your family here at St. Andrew's. A light lunch will be served. **Fr. Kevin Maney**, pastor of Discipleship Ministries, will introduce some of our Small Group leaders and talk about the purpose, format and program of their groups. You'll then have an opportunity to meet the leaders

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Living lessons

Children of St. Andrew's, dressed as one of their favorite Old Testament figures, share in church last week what they've learned in Sunday School this summer. Registration for the coming school year, when children will return to the Godly Play curriculum, will take place over the next two weeks. Sunday School will be held as usual today and next week, with special orientation activities for the children. For information, please contact **Val Bowser**, director of Children's Ministries, at 330-573-8519 or vbowser@standrewspolaris.org.

East side church plant discussions underway

At right, **Robert and David Williams**, members of St. Andrew's who drive from Pataskala to attend services every Sunday, listen as **Fr. Ron Baird** shares his vision for a new Anglican church on the south east side of Columbus at a meeting in Pataskala this past Tuesday. In the background are **the Rev. Dick Palmer**, left, who would serve as church planter, and parishioner **Larry Harper**. "Initially, this plant would serve as 'St. Andrew's East' and remain a full part of St. Andrew's, although meeting at a different location on the east side," Fr. Ron said. "If the east side congregation were to grow, then we would begin discussions to officially form a mission congregation." The minimum number of congregants necessary to take that step is 50, according to the canons of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes (ADGL). Fr. Ron asks parishioners to prayerfully consider if God may be calling them to be a part of this new church plant, and to contact him at rbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 614-423-4250, ext. 102 for information. We also ask your prayers for this this new endeavor, that it may bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. Log on to the Member Connection of the web site for further details.



Meeting for current and prospective small group hosts, facilitators Sept. 12

St. Andrew's is currently recruiting new Life Group hosts, and will provide information and training on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Gathering Area. **Fr. Kevin Maney**, pastor of Discipleship Ministries, invites anyone interested in hosting a Life Group to attend. While attending does not commit you to host or facilitate a group, it will give you a better idea of what Life Group facilitation is all about.

Fr. Kevin also asks all current Life Group, or small group, hosts to attend this meeting for some important training updates. Please contact Fr. Kevin at kmaney@standrewspolaris.org or 614-895-8163 for more information.

Life Group

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and ask questions to help you decide which group might be right for you.

We will kick off the fall with a six-week, church-wide Bible study, from the Deeper Connections Bible study series on "The Life of Jesus."

A sign-up sheet for those interested in attending or learning more is available in the Gathering Area. You may also contact **Judy Baird** at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 614-423-4250, ext. 103, to sign up.

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for **Archbishop Daniel Bul Yak** and the bishops, clergy and people of The Episcopal Church of the Sudan and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Juba, Sudan. The church has experienced rapid growth, despite major civil strife, and has grown from four dioceses in 1976 to 24 dioceses today, including 4-5 million members. Sudan is the largest country in Africa and is very predominantly Muslim in the North, and predominantly Christian in the south. Last month, the Archbishop said that the government of The Sudan had declared jihad against Sudanese Christians in 1983 and that about 2.5 million people died as a result between then and 2005. The Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) was signed in 2005 but is in danger of failing now. The Anglican bishops of northern Sudan last month issued an appeal for prayer and fasting for a peaceful transition and that full fledged civil war not resume.

Please pray for the bishop, clergy and people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes.

THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Many people have asked us to recommend a pattern for daily Bible reading, and while there are many good methods for reading the Bible, we commend to you the Daily Lectionary from the *Book of Common Prayer*. We include in the weekly newsletter the readings from the Daily Lectionary. Reading suggestions are found on page 934 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Week of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18) • September 5-11

Sunday, Sept. 5 — Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98/103; Job 25:1-6,27:1-6; Revelation 14:1-7,13; Matthew 5:13-20

Monday, Sept. 6 — Psalms 41, 52/44; Job 32:1-10,19-33:1,19-28; Acts 13:44-52; John 10:19-30

Tuesday, Sept. 7 — Psalms 45/47, 48; Job 29:1-20; Acts 14:1-18; John 10:31-42

Wednesday, Sept. 8 — Psalms 119:49-72/49,[53]; Job 29:1,30:1-2,16-31; Acts 14:19-28; John 11:1-16

Thursday, Sept. 9 — Psalms 50/[59,60] or 93, 96; Job 29:1,31:1-23; Acts 15:1-11; John 11:17-29

Friday, Sept. 10 — Psalms 40,54/51; Job 29:1,31:24-40; Acts 15:12-21; John 11:30-44

Saturday, Sept. 11 — Psalms 55/138,139:1-17(18-23); Job 38:1-17; Acts 15:22-35; John 11:45-54

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

Welcome Jonathan Weyer at today's guest preacher

We are pleased to welcome **the Rev. Jonathan Weyer** as our guest preacher at today's morning services. Jonathan and his wife **Wendy** minister on The Ohio State University campus with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), a nationwide ministry that partners with churches, colleges and other organizations to develop men and women who live out their Christian faith in every area of life.

With a population of more than 50,000 students every year, the OSU campus is the largest mission field in the country in terms of college ministry. The CCO staff at OSU focuses on providing one-on-one discipleship, mentoring and small-group Bible studies. They also encourage students to attend church weekly and be involved with church activities and in service to the community. This introduces students to Christian ministries outside of the campus context, with the hope that when they graduate, they won't feel so lost as they search for Christian fellowship and teaching.

St. Andrew's to serve at Common Ground Sept. 18

St. Andrew's will be serving at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware on Saturday, Sept. 18. We need six people to help with this. Volunteers need to arrive by 9:30 a.m., and we serve from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please consider helping with this wonderful ministry! For more information, or to volunteer, contact **Ginny Ribbans**, 614-330-5304 or vrubbans@sbcglobal.net.

Georgiana Pearson invites visits

Georgiana Pearson, a long-time member of our parish, is moving to The Village of Westerville Retirement Center this weekend, and welcomes visitors to her new residence, as well as phone calls from parishioners. Her address at The Village is Apt. 227B, 215 Huber Village Blvd., Westerville 43081. Her phone number remains 614-882-2897.

9:30 a.m. ushers needed

The Usher Ministry is recruiting new volunteers to serve as ushers at the 9:30 a.m. service. If you're interested in serving as an usher, please contact **Mike Schroeder** at mschroeder9658@wowway.com or 614-837-8948.