

Food Pantry collections continue

The Daughters of the King is continuing to collect food for local food pantries to help those in our community in need during these uncertain economic times.

The schedule is as follows:

- 1st Sundays — Baby food: Cereal, formula, diapers, etc.
- 2nd Sundays — Canned goods: Meat, fish, vegetables, fruit and soups.
- 3rd Sundays — Paper products: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins and tissues.
- 4th Sundays — Cereal, boxed dinners, mac 'n cheese, pasta, etc.
- 5th Sundays — Cleaning supplies: Hand soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener.

St. Andrew's mugs now available

Mugs bearing the St. Andrew's logo and the slogan, "Come & See" are now available at the Information Desk in the Narthex. The mugs, which are a welcome gift to our guests on their first Sunday at St. Andrew's, may be purchased by parishioners for a donation of \$5 each, or two for \$8. Proceeds will go back into the budget to allow us to continue to "mug" our visitors. A basket is available at the desk with envelopes in which you may place a cash donation, or you may write a check, with "Mugs" in the memo section.



Do you love to cuddle babies?

If so, the Nursery Ministry is for you!

St. Andrew's nursery serves babies from birth to 18-months-old at the 9:30 a.m. service, and children through 3½ at the 11 a.m. service. The nursery is in need of volunteers to love and nurture the youngest members of St. Andrew's. If you love babies and want to cuddle, please consider serving these little ones. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the nursery. If you would like to be a helping hand, please sign-up and you will be placed where the greatest need is for that Sunday.

If you need more information or would like to help, please contact **Laurie** or **Steve Darke**, our new nursery ministry coordinators, at 740-879-3220, lauriedarke@gmail.com or stephen.m.darke@gmail.com.

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 *Messenger* the readings from the Daily Lectionary. Reading suggestions are found on page 934 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21 • Sept. 27-Oct. 3)

Sunday, Sept. 27 — Psalms 66, 67/19, 46; 2 Kings 17:1-18; Acts 9:36-43; Luke 5:1-11

Monday, Sept. 28 — Psalms 89:1-18/89:19-52; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Matthew 6:25-34

Tuesday, Sept. 29 — Psalms 97, 99, [100]/94, [95]; 2 Chronicles 29:1-3,30:1(2-9)10-27; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40; Matthew 7:1-12 **Feast of St. Michael & All Angels** — A.M.: Psalm 8 & 148, Job 38:1-7, Hebrews 1:1-14; P.M.: Psalm 14 & 150 or 104, Daniel 12:1-3 or 2 Kings 6:8-17, Mark 13:21-27 or Revelation 5:1-14

Wednesday, Sept. 30 — Psalms 101, 109:1-4(5-19)20-30/119:121-144; 2 Kings 18:9-25; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Matt. 7:13-21

Thursday, Oct. 1 — Psalms 105:1-22/105:23-45; 2 Kings 18:28-37; 1 Corinthians 9:1-15; Matthew 7:22-29

Friday, Oct. 2 — Psalms 102/107:1-32; 2 Kings 19:1-20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday, Sept. 5 — Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13)/33; 2 Kings 19:21-36; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Matthew 8:18-27

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

October Birthdays

Michelle Sattler
Wendy Emery
Alex Seyerle
Sue Bell
Leah Padolik
Ron Baird
Jim Thomas
Judy Carlos
Jennifer Patton
Patrick Bultema
Jackie Menke
Cathy Stockdale
Mandy Dunn
Kiri Johnston
Ana Hill
Lauren Haines
Corkeé Miller
Bob Wilson
George Brothers
Julia Smith
Robin Field
Amber Zak
Carol Neague
Bob Wachalec
Debby Wilson
Mike Schroeder

October Anniversaries

Eric & Wendy Emery
Tom & Theresa Gilligan
John & Daniele Marsh
Bob & Debby Wilson
Patrick & Kelle Giese
Matt & Joanna Spanos
Don & Brenda Bender
Charlie & Lori Hause
George & Pat Carpenter

Because our newsletter is posted to our public web site, we no longer include actual birthday and anniversary dates in the monthly list. For members and regular attenders of St. Andrew's, that information is available on our secure Member Connection. To view an individual's profile, sign in with your login and password, click on the "People" tab on your home page, and type the person's name into the search box. If the name of the person you are looking for does not pop up, they have chosen to be unlisted in the directory.

Greeters needed

The Greeters Ministry is in need of greeters for the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. If you'd like to become a part of this vital Sunday morning ministry, please see **George Girard**, or e-mail him at girardg@sbcglobal.net. Please join us in giving a warm St. Andrew's welcome to our guests and newcomers!

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Small group's ministry: To serve other parents

Four couples with young children gathered together on Friday evenings for six weeks last spring to study the relationship principles of Jesus in Rick Warren's Bible study, *40 Days of Love*.

This fall, they're putting love into action, by reaching out to other families at St. Andrew's with young children. On Oct. 17, the Small Group that meets at the home of **Wes and Nicole Whitaker** — which also includes parishioners **Jack and Suzy Christopher** and **Steve and Michelle Sattler**, along with friends **Paul and Diana Dyer** — will offer their first Parents Night Out for families with children up to 10-years-old.

The Whitaker Small Group is formed of parents with children ranging from 18-months- to 9-years-old who face the same spiritual and life challenges confronting many families today. "As parents of small children we all experience the struggles to just get through the day, and the tremendous adjustment that you go through as a couple when you have your first (second, third...) child," says Nicole Whitaker. "Children, although a gift from God and a true blessing, are also very hard on a marriage, not to mention your individual and joint spirituality! It is difficult at best to balance time to nurture and foster our relationship with our spouse while managing a household with children, and most often what suffers is our individual *and* combined marital and parental relationship with Christ.

"As we see it, in a nutshell, if a marriage is based in Christ and the parents are loving and happy, then the child will be loving and happy and grow into a healthy relationship with Christ."

The group hopes their Parents Night Out ministry will bring relief for parents who experience the frustration of being so exhausted at the end of the day that there is no time to put quality energy into their relationship, let alone their relationship with Christ. They also recognize that many struggle with the current economic and social time, and want to offer parents an opportunity to spend some quality time together without the worries of the high cost of baby-sitting, or wondering if they can trust those caring for their children.

Parish Meeting Sunday, Oct. 25

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. for a Parish Meeting. Fr. Ron and the Vestry will be discussing the parish family budget and sharing with us our future building plans.

The Parents Night Out on Oct. 17 will be held from 5 to 10 p.m., with light snacks and a variety of activities for the children. For planning purposes, and until they get a sense for how many parents would like



Pictured: The inspiration for Parents Night Out.

Web upgrade: Choosing your privacy settings

Church Community Builder (CCB), which serves the Member Connection of our web site, has made a number of adjustments to the recent communications upgrade, based on feedback from our church and others. Last week, we looked at how you can control the kind of communications you receive from the parish by choosing your communications settings. This week, we look at how you can set your privacy settings to determine who sees information in your personal profile.

First, let's take a look at who sees what type of information on the Member Connection. Anyone with an e-mail address in our online database can sign up for a login and password to the Member Connection by clicking on "Request New/ Forgotten Login and Password" on the home page of our public web site, www.standrewspolaris.org. First-time visitors and others are added to our database as unlisted, limited access users, which means they see only general church information and the church-wide calendar of events. They don't have access to the People tab, and cannot see church member profiles. Likewise, members don't see them. When an individual joins the church, or establishes a regular pattern of attendance and agrees to be listed in our online directory, the limited access designation is removed and they can then view member profiles.

Beyond this restriction, you have the opportunity to define your privacy settings to control who views your profile information. Let's look at the various options by clicking on My Settings (A), and then Privacy Settings (B) to bring up your Privacy Settings screen (C).

If you are an active member of St. Andrew's, you are currently "Listed", with your birthday, gender, contact phone number and mailing address, and your anniversary if you are married, shared with all other listed members and regular attenders. All other profile information is currently shared with church leadership only (i.e., people who have been given additional administrative privileges for the system, such as staff or church leaders with particular administrative duties).

In addition to contact information, you can choose to allow people to see information about where you are current serving in ministry and your spiritual gifts. You can also allow people to view social information such as activities you're involved in, your favorite music and a favorite quote.

Here's how the various settings affect who sees your profile information:

- **Church Leadership Only:** Fields with this setting can only be viewed by appropriate church leadership (*see above*).
- **Friends Only:** Fields with this setting can only be viewed by appropriate church leadership and other people with a login who are on your My Friends list. You designate someone a friend by selecting their name in the search field under the People tab, or from the participants list of a group you are in, and choosing "Add to my friends list" under Actions beneath their contact information.
- **Friends & My Groups Members:** Fields with this setting can be viewed by appropriate church leadership, people with a login who are on your My Friends list and members of "Members Interact" type groups you are involved in
- **Everybody:** Fields with this setting can be viewed by anyone who has a login and password to use the system, with the

exception of limited access users.

If you choose to be "Unlisted", your name will not be revealed in a People search by fellow church members. Members of church groups you belong to will be able to see your name in the participants list if the group type is Members Interact, and will be able to send you e-mail. They won't, however, be able to view other contact information, such as your phone number and address, nor will they see your birthday or anniversary dates.

Remember that the primary purpose of the Member Connection is to facilitate communications from member-to-member and between staff, group leaders and members. Therefore, in order to make our online community as vibrant and helpful as possible, we encourage you to strongly consider sharing most items with "Everybody", or at the highest level you are comfortable sharing.

If you have any questions about Privacy Settings, please contact **Judy Baird**, jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 614-423-4250, ext. 103.

Small group's ministry

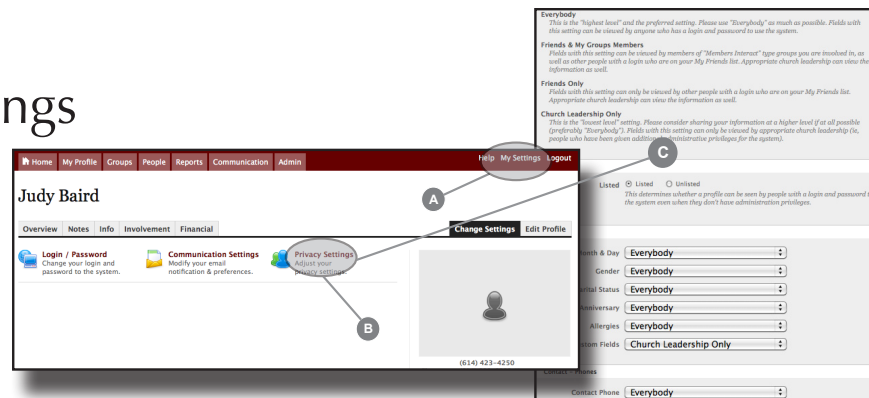
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to take this time to foster their relationships, the group will be limiting the number of children in each age group. They will have openings for five children between the ages of newborn to 2-years-old (with two adult caregivers) and 10 children between the ages of 3- and 10-years-old, or 5th grade (with two adults and three youth aides). Parents of children who are not potty trained will be asked to sign a release to allow for diaper changing.

A sign-up sheet with available openings will be posted in the Gathering Area, and sign-up will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Once openings are filled, you may place your name on a waiting list, which will allow the group to fill any spots if they have last minute cancellations, as well as gauge what the demand really is so they can adjust their plans to fit the congregation's needs in the future if necessary.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children and children's friends, if desired, so they can have a "couples night", even if their friends are not members of St. Andrew's. Please, however, be respectful and allow those who need it most (typically the parents with the youngest children) opportunity to sign up before filling all the slots. If the need is much greater than the group originally anticipated, they will gladly expand the number of adult supervisors so that they can expand the number of children attending.

Parents Nights Out will also be held on Saturday, Nov. 28 and Saturday, Dec. 19. A freewill offering will be collected at the end of each evening for those who are able to contribute, with proceeds used to sponsor a family less fortunate during the Holidays.



Fall Festival, Animal Blessing Oct. 3

This coming Saturday is our annual celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, and our 2nd Annual Fall Festival. Fur will be flying, and fun will be had all around! Clear your calendar for the day, and plan to spend it with your St. Andrew's family.

We'll begin the afternoon with our annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m. on the front lawn. The Festival will follow, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Animal Blessing is a wonderful event to invite friends and family to. In past years, we've blessed an assortment of animals, from dogs and cats to rabbits and ferrets, and — yes — even a snake! So bring your pets (on leashes or in kennels or crates for their safety, please!) and join in the festivities.

After you've had a chance to return your furry friends home, the Kitchen Ministry invites you to return for our 2nd Annual Fall Festival. There will be a social hour from 4 to 5 p.m., with appetizers and games. Dinner will be served between 5 and 5:30 p.m., and you'll have plenty of time to get home by kickoff for the OSU-Indiana game.

Call goes out for Christmas 'Voices'

Advent is a penitential season for preparing the way of the Lord in our very personal lives. A wonderful opportunity exists at St. Andrew's to share in the birth of Christ by witnessing the firsthand experiences of those who were actually there... *The Twelve Voices of Christmas*.

The Twelve Voices of Christmas was written by Woodrow Knoll, and is published by Back to the Bible, in Lincoln, Nebraska. It is a series of 12 soliloquies, each from the perspective an active participant in the birth of Christ, and based upon scripture.

This year, we will hear from Joseph, the Voice of Reason (Matthew 1:16-25); the Wise Men, the Voices of Adoration (Matthew 2:1-12); and Herod, the Voice of Deception (Matthew 2:1-12).

Please consider thoughtfully if you should walk a mile in the shoes of one of this year's voices, sharing this walk with our St. Andrew's family during the 9:30 a.m. service. These voices will be heard in place of a sermon on Sunday, Dec. 20. There will be only the one presentation on the 20th. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday the 19th, beginning at 9 a.m., and over when everyone is comfortable with their presentations (hopefully well before noon.)

What a wonderful opportunity for exercising your faith by walking in the footsteps of a firsthand account of the birth of our Lord. We are looking for five men. Please check your calendars and volunteer as quickly as you can — the more time you have to empathize with your voice and memorize your part, the more comfortable you will be and the more blest we will be by your efforts.

Copies of the voices are available if you would like to look at them before making your prayerful decision. Additional opportunities exist for props and costumes. If you are interested in participating or desire more information, please contact **Nanci James** at 614-895-0144 or nanci@otterbein.edu.

Since last year's menu was such a big hit, the Kitchen Ministry is going to do it again: Grilled pork loin, hot dogs (for the kids), corn on the cob, salt potatoes, mac 'n cheese, apple sauce, watermelon and tossed salad. To round out the meal, we're asking folks with last names beginning with A through O to please bring an appetizer, and folks with last names beginning with P through Z to bring a dessert. Please also bring your own beverage.

For kids big and small we'll have hay rides to the "pumpkin patch" out back, face painting, a couple of bouncy houses, water slides (weather permitting), corn hole, badminton, kick ball and lots of great fellowship.

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Gathering Area and a sign-up form on the Member Connection. Please sign-up so we know how many to plan for. Also, if you have a cabana that we could use please note on the sign-up sheet.

If you have any questions, or would like to help, please contact Ann Collins, 614-895-8819 or ccolli37@wowway.com.

We know the Fall Festival is going to be a lot of fun, and hope to see you there!

Who is St. Francis?

The annual Blessing of the Animals commemorates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, celebrated worldwide on Oct. 4. St. Francis, who was born into a wealthy Italian family around 1181, gave up his worldly possessions to follow Jesus and serve the poor, eventually founding the Franciscan Order of friars and monks. His love for nature is legendary, and he is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. St.

Francis is said to have preached to the birds, who sat spellbound at his message of God's care for them before flying off with his blessing, and to have talked with wolves. One famous legend involves a wolf that had been killing animals and people in a village in Italy. When the townspeople wanted to kill the wolf, Francis intervened and talked the wolf into never killing again. The wolf became a pet of the townspeople, who made sure that he always had plenty to eat.

For more information about St. Francis of Assisi, log on to <http://www.franciscanfriarstor.com/archive/stfrancis/index.htm>. Good books for children about the saint include *Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi* by Tomie De Paola, and *Saint Francis* by Brian Wildsmith.

