

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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FEBRUARY
2015



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Rector

The Rt. Reverend
Franklin H. Sellers, D.D.
Rector Emeritus

Rev. Derrick Hassert,
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THE HEART OF THE PRAYER BOOK

(The following is taken from The Heart of the Prayer Book by The Rev. William E. Cox, pub. 1944)

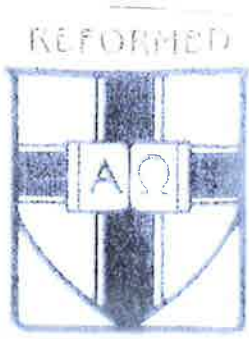
Christianity is Christ – what He did and said, and was – working in the lives of men; the Church witnesses to Him.

The Holy Bible is The Book of all books. It is the Word of God, the message of God to men, the supreme communication in all history of the Will of God, made known to us in its *fullness* in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. It is our one authentic record of what Christ did & said & was.

But the same Bible, the life and teaching of the same Lord, are differently interpreted by each of two hundred or more different denominations and

organizations calling themselves Churches. In the midst of this Babel of voices, the question naturally arises: Where can we learn, accurately and authoritatively, what our Church teaches, and how she interprets the religion of our Lord? And the answer is: *In The Book of Common Prayer.*

The Book of Common Prayer is the Church's Official Book of Worship and Instruction, set forth with Authority, and the only book so set forth. All other books having to do with the teaching of the Church are but the efforts of some member of the Church to explain her teaching. This may be done well or ill, but it is at best the writer's understanding of the teaching, and the writer's point of view. *The Prayer Book is the Voice of the Church.*



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The Holy Bible is generally conceded to be the greatest book in the world. It is acknowledged to be the most valued possession of the human race.

The next greatest book in the world many think is The Book of Common Prayer. In 1939 the Committee on Religious Drama, at the request of the Presiding Bishop, prepared a pageant to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the American Prayer Book and the title given that pageant was "The Great Book." What reason is there for thus referring to the Prayer Book, - putting it in a class with "the greatest book in the world"?

There *is* a reason, a satisfying and convincing reason. The Bible and the Prayer Book are substantially the same book. The Prayer Book is the

Bible in devotional form. More than two thirds of the Prayer Book is Scripture quoted word for word, and the remaining one third is the Scripture in essence just paraphrased enough to put it in devotional form. If you were to take out of the Prayer Book everything that is Scripture, or a paraphrase of Scripture, you would have little left but the covers. The compilers of the Prayer Book, says Dr. Dyson Hague, "secured to the Church a human composition so richly saturated with Scripture that it stand in its matchless beauty second only to the Word of God."

IN LOVING MEMORY

Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers go to Prince and Gertrude Ajaere and Family at the passing of Prince's father followed by the loss of Gertrude's brother.

PARISH NEWS

The annual collection for the Tinley Park Food Pantry during Advent and Christmas was very successful. We thank those who made generous contributions for those in need.

All Saints', the REC mission church in Chicago Heights, is now meeting for Sunday worship with St. Andrew's. This was necessitated by the resignation of their vicar, the Rev. Shola Falodun, along with the loss of their meeting location at Marian High School. We welcome the members of All Saints' to our fellowship and pray that the Lord will direct the future of the mission.

COMING EVENTS

YOUTH MEETINGS

Sundays, February 1 & March 1, 2015 after church with lunch provided.

ROCK-A-THON

Lock-In: March 13-14

GUILD BAKE SALE

Sunday, Feb. 8, after church

LENTEN SERVICES

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18th. During the Wednesdays of Lent we will have a Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed by a service in the chapel at 7:30 p.m. A Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex for volunteers to prepare soup, bring salad and/or bread, plus, a sheet for those attending the supper and/or service. Please plan to be with us as we observe Lent.

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF MID-AMERICA Feb. 26 & 27, 2015 at the Cathedral of St. Matthias in Katy, TX. Do be in prayer for this important gathering.



2015 CHURCH

CLEANING A pool of volunteers is needed to draw from to clean the church the middle of each month. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

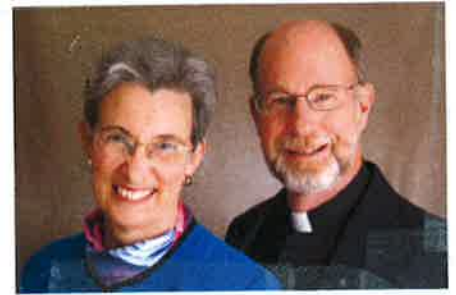
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

March 22, 2015

ST. ANDREW'S JANUARY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**Budgeted monthly
Need: \$3,568.52
Total Offerings
Received: \$4,195.80**

Thank you to those who have made pledges and generously contributed in January. Keep up the good work!



MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

Please pray for The Rev. Canon Bill Jerdan, Executive Secretary of the REC World Missions, and his wife, Diane, Language Translator, as they work with missionaries around the world!



February Birthdays

Adele O'Brien, Dan Cote, Mike Acke, Sr., Uchenna Mochu, Sara Hassert, Jason Casper, Edwina Greco, Crystal Wilkerson, Lawrence Klingen, Jerry Bailey, Chief Robinson Nwosu, Lorie Stultz, Barb Rozanski, Dorothy Novak

FEBRUARY 2015 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Septuagesima MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Youth Meeting after church-lunch provided	2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple	3	4 Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Studying book by Dr. Curtis Crenshaw Not Ten Suggestions	5	6 Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.	7
8 Sexagesima MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Guild Bake Sale	9	10	11 Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Studying book by Dr. Curtis Crenshaw Not Ten Suggestions	12	13 Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.	14
15 Quinquagesima MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Special SS Offering Vestry Meeting	16	17	18 Ash Wed. Supper 6:30 Service 7:30	19	20 Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.	21
22 1st Sunday in Lent MP & SS 9:30 a.m. HC 10:30 a.m. Women's Guild	23	24 St. Matthias the Apostle	25 Lenten Supper 6:30 p.m. Lent Service 7:30 Ember Day	26 Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America at St. Matthias Katy, TX	27 Choir Practice 9:00 a.m. Synod at Cathedral of St. Matthias Ember Day	28 Ember Day