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### Episcopal Church Celebrates Diverse Heritage

In honor of its patron saint's day, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will celebrate St. Andrew's Day on Sunday, October 28, at 10:00 a.m., by displaying its ties to other countries and other traditions. The liturgical celebration, which has been an annual parish event for more than 10 years, originally highlighted ties to Scotland because St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. In the last few years, the celebration has grown to incorporate the varied traditions of all parishioners.

This year's service will be especially festive with several bagpipers, including long-time parishioner Bud Koontz. They will pipe people into the church and play several pieces during the service, including "Amazing Grace." Fr. Lynn McCallum, Rector, notes that, "It is such a special day in the life of the parish that we are having only one service at 10:00 that morning. We look forward to enjoying our new Nigerian connection with Fr. Collins Asonye, our new Assistant Rector, and his family and friends. Some of our families are friends with international students from the University of Toledo, and we trust that those students, as well as our parishioners, will join us wearing their traditional attire."

People are asked to bring items, such as Bibles and photographs, that represent their families and traditions. These items will be blessed as families rededicate themselves to their faith life and ministries. A reception, featuring desserts from various countries and a concert by the bagpipers, will follow the service.

The community is welcome to participate in this celebration, which takes place at St. Andrew's, 2770 W. Central Ave. St. Andrew's entrance and parking are on Chollett Drive, three blocks west of Douglas Road. †