



The Carillon

Newsletter of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
Dec. 2017/Jan. 2018

Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

8:30 Quiet Holy Eucharist

9:30 Christian Formation

10:30 Holy Eucharist/
Music/Children's Sermon

SHARE Sunday Update

120 + Share Cards Distributed

34 Share Cards Returned

14 Increased their pledge from last year

10 had no change

Is yours missing? If so, please prayerfully consider your "share" in the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's and turn in your "share card". Your "share" is important and matters just like you are important and matter at St. Andrew's.

Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

The Diocesan Bicentennial Convention and Celebration was a magnificent occasion, showcasing the very best of who we are as described by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, "the Diocese of Ohio branch of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement."

Bishop Curry repeatedly affirmed us as being on the front end of this movement with our taglines, "God Loves You. No Exceptions." and "Love God. Love your neighbor. Change the world." From the call to order of the 201st Convention Session through the final shuttle bus leaving Bellwether Farm, the weekend was full of inspiration, energy and joy. At one point during the Convention Eucharist, I turned to my friend and colleague, The Rev. Jan Smith Wood (Grace Church, Sandusky) and whispered, "We need to bottle this so we can have some of this when we need it sometime in the future."

Forty parishioners and clergy from St. Andrew's participated in at least one part of the celebration. Senior Warden, Doug Skladan and I had the privilege of attending a luncheon with other Senior Wardens and clergy where Bishop Curry spoke/preached words of encouragement and then thoughtfully and with answers that continued to reveal his wisdom, courage and humility, responded to questions from the group.

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I was impressed by the depth and complexity of the questions as well as the broad range of topics which they addressed.

The Convention Session was filled with reports from Committees and Task Groups as well as mission endeavors like the Episcopal Youth Event and The Science Teaching Exchange with the Diocese of Belize. The Bishop of Tanga in Tanzania and the Bishop of Belize were both guests and brought greetings from our brothers and sisters in these companion dioceses.

A highlight for me was a motion made by St. Andrew's delegate, Matthew Van Wormer, (which was accepted by an affirmative vote of the Convention) calling for gender equality in the clergy benefit of parental leave. The soon to be launched new Diocesan Website was introduced as well as a new communication program, designed to enhance communications in, with and between parishes and the Diocesan Offices.

The Convention Eucharist began with a full procession (4 crucifers!!) of lay and clergy leaders from throughout the Diocese and was filled with music from the 150 member choir (including half a dozen or so from St. Andrew's) and prayers and Scripture led by youth and young adults, another rousing sermon from Bishop Curry and a very orderly and efficient Holy Communion with stations spread throughout the worship space. The site of the huge hall filled with people, singing, praying and sharing Communion is one that will inspire me for a long time. A favorite mental snapshot (I wasn't prepared to take photos in the service) is Bishop Curry bowing in gratitude to the Junior Acolytes who had been serving at the altar. His humility and love and their shyness, bewilderment and joy were visible for a fleeting moment, but represented the holy connection and companionship we share with one another.

Sunday morning brought the Bellwether Farm gathering where the youth and young adults met with Bishop Curry before the rest of the crowd assembled. The main worship space was a wooden barn and two large tents created enough space for the crowd. Bishop Hollingsworth revealed his musical ability in leading the congregational singing and playing with the Gospel band. St. Andrew's was well represented at this service in participation and preparation with Ellen Otis joining Alison Ricker (Christ Church, Oberlin) and Jeff Prokopf and Mae Dorn (Church of the Redeemer, Lorain) serving as the Altar Guild of the Episcopal Church of Lorain County. Bishop Curry preached another engaging sermon, focusing upon our connection to the earth and to one another and all of God's creation. It was one of the best sermons I have ever heard and one which I will quote many times.

After the Holy Eucharist a fried chicken lunch, complete with brownies, cookies, coffee and apple cider was served and the crowd was invited to explore the farm. A tour of the worship barn revealed space on the framework where prayers and signatures could be written, knowing that these would become a permanent part of the worship structure. This was just one of the many ways that everyone was invited to participate and "make their mark" on the work, ministry and place of Bellwether Farm.

As I have been reflecting on this meaningful weekend, I have realized once again the call of St. Andrew's as a part of the Diocese and the larger Episcopal Church to be one of commitment, connection and catalyst for change as we live and serve in this Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

Blessings, Mother June

Curate's Corner

Dear St. Andrew's Parish Family,

This is going to be a shorter letter than usual, as I prepare for my ordination and get together the last tasks in the week and a half before the big day. Most importantly, thank you. Thank you for walking with me so far and thank you for supporting me as I continue to make sense of this calling. All of us who are baptized "are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world" (BCP 531). We come together in fellowship for comfort and strength. Our church lifts up members to be preachers and evangelists, healers and prophets, and through our shared ministry and the power of the Holy Spirit we can bring real change and healing to the world. It is very exciting to be able to share not only this day and this change in my life with you, but to receive your abundant hospitality. I look forward to introducing you all to my family, to friends from near and far, and to many who have, with you, made this commitment possible.

I ask your prayers, not only in the service but continuing forward, for God to guide me in how to fulfil the tasks of the priesthood, "to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ...to love and serve the people with whom I work...to preach, to declare God's forgiveness...to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood" (BCP 531). These are some of the special responsibilities of the priesthood, and I look forward to your guidance and support as I continue to learn how I fit into this role.

As you may have noticed, we did not have the Cleveland Museum of Art retreat day that was planned for November 18. Because of the busyness of Convention, I decided that it would be best to postpone it to Lent. I hope to hear more from your experiences of the Advent contemplative practices so that we can build on that in planning this retreat. Youth fellowship continues on Sunday nights, and I would encourage anyone, youth or adult, who would like to learn more about confirmation to get in touch with me or with June. We would love to celebrate and support individuals in making this commitment, but, even more than that, we want to support ongoing learning about our own and one another's stories of faith and experiences of God working in our lives.

Thank you again for all of your faithfulness and support as we join in God's mission for us in Lorain County.

Faithfully,
Greg

ADVENT:

A Season for Waking, Waiting, and Watching

Sundays, December 3-17

8:30 a.m. Quiet Communion;
9:30 a.m. Activities and Classes for all Ages
10:30 a.m. Communion Service with Music and Children's Sermon
6:00 p.m. Episcopal Youth Community (Youth Group)
DEC.24—One Advent Service at 9:30 a.m. in Parish Lounge

Wednesdays (Dec 6, Dec.13, & Dec. 20)

6:00 p.m. Quiet Communion
6:30 p.m. Simple Supper
7—8:15 p.m. Listening to God:
Contemplative Practices for a Busy Season

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service
With Children's Pageant

10:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Festal Holy Communion

Christmas Day 10:30 a.m. Christmas Communion Service

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS - Please join us as we continue to share our thoughts and opinions on the Book - 'The Heartbeat of God'. You are welcome at any time whether you are reading the book or not.

Date	Topic
Dec. 3	Interrupting Business as Usual and Mission Possible
Dec. 10	Connecting with Creation - Science and Faith
Dec. 17	The Ecology of Faith and the Good Sheperd
Dec. 24	No Class - Christmas Eve
Dec. 31	No Class - New Years Eve
Jan. 7	Connecting with the Heart of God - Who is Jesus in the World
Today	
Jan. 14	Finding our way home and Stardust
Jan. 21	No Class - Annual Meeting



*By the grace of God and the people consenting
The Right Reverend William D. Persell
will ordain*

The Reverend Gregory Douglas Stark

*To the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and
Apostolic Church
on the Feast of the Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.*

at

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Elyria, Ohio and jointly sponsored by St. An-
drew's and Christ Church, Oberlin.*

Clergy, please vest in red stoles.

Reception to follow in the parish hall.

Christmas Poinsettias.

If you would like a poinsettia placed on our altar this Christmas in memory of, in thankfulness for, or in honor of a person or persons you care about, please notify the church office at 440-322-2126 or office@standrewselyria.org before Friday, December 15. Let us know for whom you wish the poinsettia; your name and whether you wish to do this only this year or on a continuing basis. If you have requested poinsettias in the past, we will of course, continue as you have instructed. The cost of the poinsettia is \$35.00. After Epiphany, if you wish to take your plant home with you, you certainly may. ~The St. Andrew's Altar Guild

St. Andrew's Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held within the Holy Eucharist Rite II service on Jan. 21, 2017. The Service will begin at 9:30 am and include the annual business meeting. New Vestry members, delegates to Diocesan Convention and representatives to the North Central Mission Area Council will be elected. The 2018 Budget will be presented and accepted. Reports on mission and ministry will be received. All are encouraged to attend and be a part of the decisions.



Are You Being Called to Serve on the Vestry?

Vestry Member Qualification

All baptized persons who are adherent to the Protestant Episcopal Church, age 16 or older who are members for the Parish, for at least six months preceding the Annual Meeting and shall have contributed to the support of the Parish through pledges, donations, gifts, time or talents.

Vestry Members Responsibilities

All vestry members should strive to the best of their abilities to:

- Have a love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ;
 - Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance;
 - Be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of the members of the congregation;
 - Be a team player and recognize and respect the gifts and ministries of others
 - Purposefully strive to be a servant of the people without the need to be the "most important person" in the congregation or the need to be the one with the right answers to everything;
- Have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry.

All vestry members should be able to make the following time commitments:

- Vestry meetings, committee work;
 - Vestry retreat(s);
 - Weekly worship services (rotating occasionally if more than one);
 - Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.;
 - Diocesan meetings, as necessary;
- Annual meeting.

All vestry members are responsible for:

- Offering talents to support the congregation's ministry;
 - Praying daily for the rector, leaders and members of the congregation;
 - Pledging financial support early in the stewardship campaign;
 - Being active ministers of the Gospel in daily life and work;
 - Bringing one's whole self to the table; being present – mind, body, and spirit;
- Risking openness with one's ideas, beliefs and desires.

Please contact Senior Warden, Doug Skladan or The Rev. June Hardy Dorsey to learn more.

Save the date for Winter Convocation.

February 2-3, 2017. Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky. For more information call: 216-774-0476.

Make a joyful noise this Christmas Eve

An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to sing with the Adult Choir at the 10:30 service on Christmas Eve. Please contact Joan Van Wormer for more information.

Trinity Cathedral - Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

The 55th year of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival in Cleveland will be celebrated on Saturday, December 30 with presentations at 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral. Dress rehearsal will be Thursday, December 28, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

A website is available to find out more information about attending the presentations, or about joining the cast (seeking people from around the diocese to take part in the event), <http://boarsheadcleveland.org>. Boar's Head also has a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/202947742920/>.

Save the Date!

Next year's St. Andrew's Night at Progressive Field will be Friday, June 15th. The Indians will be hosting the Minnesota Twins. For more information, feel free to contact Amy Kellogg. (akellogg@bakerlaw.com or [440-937-1812](tel:440-937-1812)).

Lorain County Community College — Holiday Choral Concert. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, Stoker Arts Center-Hoke Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Civic Chorale, Civic Orchestra, Nancy Davis, Conductor. Sold Brass Guest Ensemble. Program: Gloria by Poulenc, Messiah by Handel, many moods of Christmas Medley, and Traditional Holiday Favorites. General Admission \$9.00, discounts available. 800-995-5222 ext.4040. Online tickets: www.lorainccc.edu/stocker.

Hearts of Patriots--Adopt a Vet Spouse for the Holidays. The holiday season can be a critical time for spouses and families of PTSD veterans suffering from invisible wounds of war. Let them know they are not forgotten. Become a sponsor and send a gift to thank them for their service. Learn how. Visit www.vetspouse.org for details.

Confirmation Instruction. Youth and adults contemplating participation in Confirmation during the Bishop's visit to St. Andrew's on January 28, 2018 should contact Rev. Greg or Rev. June for information and instruction.

New Year's Eve Greetings everyone, This year St. Andrews will be going to Sorrento's for New Year's Eve. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. We will have a sign-up sheet so please get your reservation in. New Year's Eve will be here before you know it. Thank you, the Parish Life Committee

Dates for Third Sunday Breakfasts:
March 18th, May 20.

Flocknote Sign-up Sunday, Dec. 17.

We have a tremendous community here at St. Andrew's and we want to make sure it's as easy as possible for every one of you to be involved and connected to it all. So, we've adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called *Flocknote*. Like sending a "note" to your "flock". Flocknote.

This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner. Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from. You can sign up at any time, but on Sunday, December 17, we will take a few minutes to explain how Flocknote works, and how to sign up.

Advent Wreaths. After the 10:30 Service on December 3, Kathy Kerber will lead a workshop to refurbish the Advent wreaths that were crafted during last year's Advent season. Please bring your wreath to church next Sunday to get it ready for this year's Advent Season.

Basic Shelter. Basic shelter is available to the homeless this December at St. Andrews and our partners, First United Methodist Church next door and First Presbyterian Church across from the CT. The temp must be 20 degrees or below (including wind-chill). Overnight only, arrive 7-8pm, depart at 6am.

Advent Word. Advent Word begins Dec. 3. Be part of the #AdventWord Global Advent Calendar. It's an innovative way to engage in the season of Advent with people all over the world. Once you sign up, simply respond to the daily meditation emailed to you. To sign up go to www.adventword.org and follow the directions.



Sabrina Putzier	3
Destiny Reese	4
Erica Cardona	5
Jane McDonald	6
Phyllis DeMark	6
Jon Quisenberry	7
Lise Day	8
Cathy Heck	8
Russell Welsh	9
Lorraine Petitti Palazzolo	10
Adam Huffman	11
Shannon Von Gunten	13
Kathleen Huffman	14
Jeff Hahn	16
Claire Skladan	18
Jerry Welsh	20
Mohani Schuster-Little	25
Chris Todd	25
Kaitlyn Heck	26
Kelsey Milkovich	28
Michael Shaffer	28
Nick Shaffer	28
Hannah Skladan	28
Eric Barns	30
Nancy Lee Flynt	31

Happy Anniversary

DECEMBER

Sarah Schuster & Greg Little	17
Greg & Carrie Hebble	30
Dana & Charlene Watson	30

December 2017 Liturgist and Usher Schedule

12/3

8:30: Judi Hudnutt (ALL)
 10:30: Ellen Otis (1, Ps, EM), Bill Taylor (2), Michael Taylor (Pr),
 Patty Peacock (EM)
 Ushers: Doug Skladan, Todd Hartman

12/10

8:30 Jon Quisenberry (ALL)
 10:30: Sue Paine (1, Ps, EM), Barb Prior (2), Lee Kauffman (Pr.)
 Hans Van Wormer (EM)
 Ushers: Deb Panchak, Joe Myers

12/17

8:30: Gary Pressnerll (ALL)
 10:30: Doug Skladan (1, Ps.), Amy Kellogg (2), Doraine Toms
 (Pr., E,M), Karen Hahn (EM)
 Ushers: Amy Kellogg, Pam Hahn

12/24

9:30 am Todd Hartman (1, Pr., EM), Linda Wilbert (2), Karl Kirk
 (Pr.), Peggy Casselberry (EM)
 Ushers: Karl Kirk, Dave Whalen
 5:00 pm Judi Hudnutt (EM)
 Ushers: Doug Skladan, Jim Jablonski
 10:30 pm Cheri Van Wormer (1, Ps.), Patty Peacock (2, EM),
 Hans Van Wormer (EM)
 Ushers: Amy Kellogg

12/25

10:30 Kris Hebble (1, PS), Ellen Otis (EM)

12/31

10:30 Barb Prior (1, Ps), Karl Kirk (2), Karen Hahn (Pr.)
 Ushers: Doug Skladan, Bill Taylor

December 2017 Acolyte Schedule

12/3

8:30 Jon Quisenberry
 10:30 Karen Hahn, Cole Von Gunten, Aidan Von Gunten

12/10

8:30 Gary Pressnell
 10:30 Hannah Van Wormer. Erin Welsh, Cameron Taylor

12/17

8:30 Jon Quisenberry
 10:30 Jeremy Van Wormer, Michael Taylor, Cole Von Gunten



Please keep these people in your prayers:

Our Spiritual Leaders

Michael, our presiding Bishop
Mark, our Bishop
Bill and Arthur, Assisting Bishops
June, our Priest
Jane, our Deacon,
Greg, our Curate
Joan, our Music Director

Our Friends

Christ Church, Oberlin
Church of the Redeemer, Lorain
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria
Elyria First United Methodist Church
Avon United Methodist Church
The Original Glorious Apostolic Church
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria

Active duty military

John Able, Stephanie Bacskay, Rose Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, Trent Crofit, Dylan Donnelly, Cory Garretson, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Nicholas Schafer, Gavin Schwan, Ryan Sumner

Recently Ordained

Deacon Gregory Stark, curate at St. Andrew's and Christ Church, Oberlin; Deacon Alex Barton, Deacon in Charge, Church of the Redeemer; The Rev. Nathan Bourne.

Long term illnesses/injuries

Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Margaret Super

At home

Zen Fitzgerald, Virginia Larson, Lynn Mand, Pat Muntean, Verne Potter, Ruth Smith, Doris McDonough, Robert Wilson, Tom and Barbara Tobin

Illness, surgery, challenges, concerns

8/27/2017 Rev. Nancy Roth
11/5/2017 Sue Paine
11/5/2017 Sarah Boesger
11/5/2017 Dan Wirth (Dave and Cathy Whalen)
11/5/2017 Karen Blair
11/12/2017 Carole and Tim Holowecky (Amy Kellogg)
11/12/2017 Haylee Beavers; three year-old (Cheri Van Wormer)
12/3/2017 Joe and Julie Jones (Phyllis DeMark and Jean Hayes)
12/3/2017 Mary Adamson (Amy Kellogg)
12/3/2017 Molly Richards (Amy Kellogg)
12/3/2017 Ken Stone (Amy Kellogg)
12/3/2017 Retta Reynolds
12/3/2017 Kris Hebble
12/3/2017 Barbara and Tom Tobin
12/3/2017 Gary Yug

Those who have died

11/12/17 Bernice Kehl
12/3/2017 Denise Pierce (Bob Sharkody)

