

Newsletter of
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
September 2019



The Carillon

September Worship Schedule

Sat., 8-31 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 9-1 9:30 a.m.

Sat., 9-7 5:00 p.m.

Sun., 9-8 9:30 a.m.

Sat., 9-14 No Service

Sun., 9-15 Opening Day

8:30 a.m. Quiet Service

9:30 a.m. Opening Day
Activities

10:30 a.m. Service w. Music

Sun., 9-22 & 2-29

8:30 a.m. Quiet Service

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation

10:30 a.m. Service w. Music

11:45 a.m. Fellowship

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth,
In which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;

You who have been here often and you who have not been for a
while

You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.

This is an invitation to communion adapted from the Iona Community and used on occasion at St. Andrew's. It communicates in clear terms what I believe we are to be and be about as a church. The inclusive, redemptive, Jesus-focused, outward-looking and vulnerable nature of this invitation mirrors much of who strive to be as St. Andrew's.

Since late 2017, first in small groups and later in multiple parishwide conversations, St. Andrew's has been asking the question of who God is calling us to be, where God is leading and what God is calling us to do. These questions have been further explored thoughtfully, intentionally and specifically by two distinct groups of parishioners.

The Connecting Communities Guiding Team has been working alongside more than a dozen parishes in our diocese to look at the communities near our parishes. It is practicing an ongoing exercise of listening, observing, praying, studying Scripture to see where God is already at work all around the community with the goal of joining God where God is at work outside of our church building.

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The Strategic Planning Task Group has been working with over 100 responses from parishioners to questions about St. Andrew's Mission and Vision. Through regular meetings of discernment, discussion, listening and prayer, the work of the Strategic Planning Task Group has come to the point where it is ready to be shared first with the Vestry and upon approval with the whole parish, in the form of a time based Strategic Plan for St. Andrew's.

As your Rector, I am deeply grateful for the commitment and work of both of these groups. I am encouraged and excited about what is being revealed, often in parallel, and am curious to learn and experiment how to implement the direction set forth. The Spirit of the Lord is among us!

Blessings,

The Rev. June Hardy Dorsey



Sunday, September 15th is Opening Day at St. Andrew's.

Be there as we return to our regular Sunday Worship Schedule and kick off our 2019-2020 program year.

Opening Day activities for all between services in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

8:30 am—Quiet Service

10:30 am—Rite II Eucharist/Music/
Children's Sermon in the Parish Hall

Starting on Sunday, September 22 (the Sunday after Opening Day) we will return to our regular Sunday Worship Schedule.

8:30 am-Quiet Eucharist

9:30 am-Christian Formation (Sunday School) for all ages

10:30 am Rite II Eucharist/Music/Children's Sermon

11:45 am-Fellowship

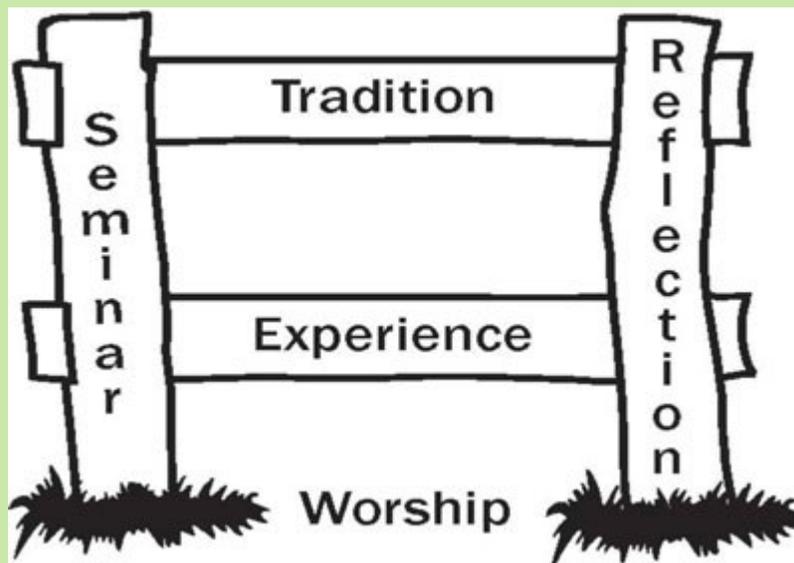
There will be no Saturday evening worship services on or after September 14th.

Education for Ministry

Our Call to Minister in the World

Lay persons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education which supports their faith and also teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, Education for Ministry, (EfM) has come to play an important role by providing a program that develops an informed and knowledgeable laity.

The EfM program does not evaluate or recommend individuals for ordination. Many people think that one must be ordained in order to be "a minister." The fact is that all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church's total ministry. This TOTAL MINISTRY is nothing less than the exercise of the church's vocation to continue the ministry of Jesus. He reconciled the world to God. We are called to incarnate that reconciliation in our own time and in our own place through worship, service to others, and by proclamation of God's Word to all people.



The EfM program is preparation for the ministry to which we all are called. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the Eucharist: "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

St. Andrew's will be hosting an EfM group beginning in January 2020. The format, date of meetings etc. is still being determined. Invitations to join the EfM will be made later in the fall. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. June Hardy Dorsey.

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Curate's Corner

September 2019

A few weeks ago I was having a conversation with a hospital chaplain about “the times we are living in,” and how we help walk with and pastor those in our care. She shared with me a poem by Adam Zagajewski, “Try to Praise the Mutilated World.” The poem insists on a rebellious joy, on rejoicing and praising that we get to *be*, that there are ecosystems that support life, even as the world might be on fire or in disarray. The refrain of the poem alters the title each time, but the essential message is the same – “praise the mutilated world.” This poem reminds me of God’s response to Job in the whirlwind, presenting him with the history of creation, with all of the creatures that preceded humans, a reminder that God is much larger than all of this, *and yet* God is intimately involved in all of it. As Christians, we proclaim this truth each time we gather to give thanks in the Eucharist – celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In that worship we invite God into the whirlwinds of our lives, trusting that God loves this world, that God loves each of us, and that God works to restore it to wholeness.

This year we are going to be focusing on two themes in our youth formation: our bodies and the land where we live. Through these two themes we will explore how we offer ourselves to God in prayer and in service; we will consider what it means to live a good life. We will be integrating the curriculum for *These Are Our Bodies*, an age-appropriate, evidence-based curriculum about bodies, sexuality, and faith into our regular programming. We will also be developing programs that empower our children and youth to faithfully care for our watershed. While we were unable to do our Mini Mission Day Camp (MMDC) this Summer, we will be spending this year to lay the groundwork for both VBS and next summer’s MMDC. How can we ground all of our work as a parish and a community in the larger ecosystem of Elyria and Lorain County? How do we deepen our relationships with our neighbors, human and nonhuman?

Finally, this year marks the beginning of transitioning the leadership of our youth ministry towards a more lay-led team of a facilitator and volunteers. I will be assembling folks who are passionate about serving with our youth, learning from them, helping to form them, and growing together in faith. We will need folks helping at all levels – providing food, hosting dinners and gatherings (both at homes and at the parish), teaching and facilitating conversations and contemplative practices, and being willing to share stories of faith. I trust that you will hold this process in your prayers as we continue to discern the shape that this will take. I am so grateful to be able to worship and serve with you all. Thank you! May we praise the mutilated world together, and restore it to wholeness in the power of the Spirit!

Faithfully,
Greg+

Youth Calendar for 2019 – 2020

*Note: some dates are subject to change as programming evolves through the year.
Any questions can and should be directed to the curate, curate@standrewselyria.org*

September

- 9/8 – *Opening Cookout* – 4-7pm – Join us for our opening cookout the week before Opening Day as we celebrate the end of summer, the start of school, and the beginning of a new program year at the Whalen's.
9/15 – *Opening Day and Kayaking at Put-in-Bay* – 12-5pm – The annual Mission Area youth group trip to Put-in-Bay to go kayaking together and share in some time of fellowship
9/22 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8 pm
9/29 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8 pm

October

- 10/4-6 – *Diocesan Youth Event* - Friday at 5(ish) until Sunday at noon – A weekend at Bellwether Farm for youth in the diocese – “Science Fair: Faith and Fun through Farm and Forest”
10/13 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8 pm
10/20 – *Zoom Call with the Mission Area Youth* – Noon (by phone)
Youth Group at St. Andrew's – 6-8 pm
10/27 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8 pm

November

- 11/3 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8 pm
11/8-9 – *Diocesan Convention* – No Youth Group this weekend, but opportunity for youth to attend and participate will be advertised shortly.
11/17 – *Zoom Call with the Mission Area Youth* – Noon (by phone)
Youth Group at St. Andrew's – 6-8 pm
11/24 – *Thanksgiving Service Project* – Info TBA

December

- 12/1 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8 pm
12/8 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8 pm
12/14 – *Advent Adventures* – 10am-12pm at St. Andrew's
12/15 – *Zoom Call with the Mission Area Youth* – Noon (by phone)
Lessons and Carols at Christ Church – 4-6 pm
12/22 – *Nativity Play Rehearsal* – 5:30-7:30 pm
12/24 – *Christmas Eve Pageant*

January

- 1/12 – *Epiphany Party* – Location TBD 5-7pm
1/19-20 – *Mission Area Youth Retreat for MLK Day* – Location and Times TBD
1/26 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm

February

- 2/2 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm
2/7-8 – *Winter Convocation* – Kalahari and Grace Episcopal Church, Sandusky – Friday and Saturday (done by 4 or 5pm).
2/16 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm
2/23 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm
2/28-3/1 – *Provincial Youth Gathering* – Bellwether Farm

March

- 3/8 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm
3/13-15 – *Happening* – Bellwether Farm (for youth in 9th-12th grades)
3/15 – *Junior High Youth Gathering* – St. Andrew's 6-8pm
3/22 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm
3/29 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm

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April

4/5 – *Palm Sunday Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday* – Time TBD

4/12 – Easter – No Youth Group

4/19 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm

4/24-26 – *Spring Youth Gathering* – Location TBD

May

5/3 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm

5/10 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm

5/15-16 – *Cathedral Pilgrimage*

5/24 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm

5/31 – *Youth Group at St. Andrew's* – 6-8pm

June

6/7 – *End of the Year Cookout* – Location and Time TBD

Save the dates for VBS, June 22nd-26th, and for Mini Mission Day Camp, July 28th – 30th.

Be sure to sign up for Bellwether Camp next summer, and remember that both the camp and our parishes have scholarships to make sure all youth can attend.

Christian Formation for Children

Christian Formation classes return September 22, 2019. Classes for children start at 9:45 am. The Growing with God classroom will be open for both groups at 9:30 to allow adults with children the opportunity to join the adult discussion group at 9:30 am. The following programs are available for children.

Godly Play- Children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend Godly Play. This program, led by Karen Hahn, introduces young children to the Bible and prayer. Story-telling, art, music and of course play are used to build a strong foundation of faith. The fall curriculum focuses on the great stories found in the Books of Genesis and Exodus. Godly Play is located on the second floor in the "Upper Room."

Growing with God- Children in second grade and beyond are welcome to join the *Growing with God* group. A Christian formation curriculum created for small groups of mixed ages is used. This autumn, the focus will be on the book of Genesis learning about beginnings, ancestors and blessings. During Advent, the group will study the book "The Gift of the Nutcracker." Lent is the exploration of prayer and the Nicene Creed. After Easter, the group will learn of the struggles of the early Christians. This group meets in the children's classroom on the second floor. Kathy Kerber is the group leader.

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



Stewardship/Holy Currencies Committee

Amy Kellogg, Holy Currencies Chair

You may think that the Stewardship/Holy Currencies Committee only comes to life each fall, but that couldn't be further from the truth. This dedicated group of individuals (Barb Prior, Joanie Van Wormer, Lise Day, Hans Van Wormer, Doug Skladan, Amy Kellogg, Rev. Greg Stark and Rev. June Hardy Dorsey) meet monthly. We are tasked with being good stewards of our resources and that means **all of our** resources and not just financial. In addition to our financial resources, we must also consider our relationships, our health and wellness, our building, developing and supporting our leadership, speaking the truth and sharing God's Love.

To that end, this committee helped facilitate the Casting the Light meeting on February 9th. We also convened the Committee/Commission Chair Meeting on June 23rd to bring our Commission/Committee chairs together to discuss their challenges and successes and the upcoming budget process. On September 15th we will be hosting Opening Day and we cordially invite each and every one of you to come to the "game" and learn about all the opportunities you have to participate in the life of St. Andrew's and the larger community. On October 6th we will kick off this year's Share Campaign. We have worked closely with the Finance Commission and the Commission/Committee chairs to ensure that you have sufficient information to assist you when you are filling out your Share Card. We are here to be a resource for you, so if you have any questions, let us know. If you have ideas, let us know and if you would like to join us as we undertake this important mission, let us know. Dinner and Pepperidge Farm Milano cookies are included at the meetings!

Money Matters

Barb Prior, Chair, Finance Commission

Money does matter if you chair a Commission. Feedback, data and support are important as well. From taking Holy Communion to our elderly to teaching our youngest, Commissions turn plans into real ministries.

Under the leadership of Holy Currencies (part of Stewardship), Commission Chairs have been meeting and discussing ways to support each other. To this end the Finance Commission is clarifying and simplifying the budget process and considering ways to provide more timely feedback to the Commissions during the annual budget process.

The Finance Commission is currently preparing St. Andrew's 2020 budget for the congregation to approve at our annual meeting in January 2020. This year Commissions were given data on their spending in 2018 and 2019 (through June) to help them plan their 2020 budget requests. Likewise the Finance Commission gave our decisions to the Commissions in time for them to plan for Opening Day (Sept. 15th). We also provided feedback and suggestions, including a recommendation that two Commissions' work together to address an important need.

Commissions are the heart of our most essential ministries; by providing them with more data and timely feedback we hope to make it clear that their work is important and supported.

St. Andrew's Hymnal Drive

August 4 – November 4, 2019

You are invited to help grow the number of St. Andrew's

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" (LEVAS) and Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) Hymnals by paying for a hymnal and dedicating it in honor, memory, celebration or thanksgiving of a loved one or special occasion.



LEVAS Hymnals - \$20 each, WLP Hymnals - \$25 each

To participate, complete the form below and submit with payment by placing it in the offering plate or delivering to the church office by Nov. 4. *Please indicate Hymnal Drive on the subject line of your check.* We hope to have all three hymnals in all the pews by Advent 2019! (You are welcome to purchase more than one hymnal but please provide separate bookplate information for each one.)

I would like to purchase:

1 2 3 4 5 ____ (Circle one or insert number in space)

Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal(s) \$20 each

1 2 3 4 5 ____ (Circle one or insert number in space)

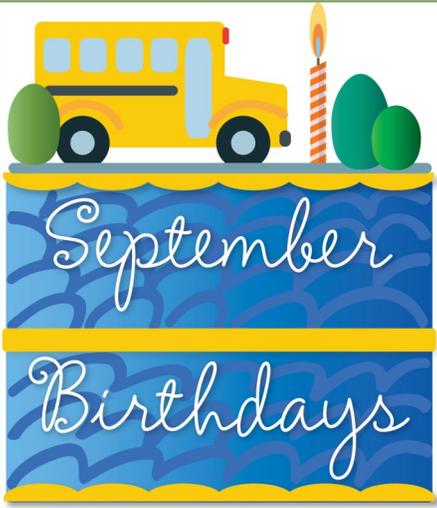
Wonder Love and Praise Hymnal (s) \$25 each

in **honor** **memory** **celebration** **thanksgiving** (Circle one) of/for

(Please print and use back of form if needed)

Total Attached/Enclosed \$ _____

Name of donor



September Birthdays

Lydia Van Wormer	1
Barbara Maxwell	7
Gabryella Frazier	13
Amanda Hebble	14
Hannah Gritman	14
Jeannine Kirk	17
Pam Hahn	20
Russ Panchak	24
Noah Skladan	26
Debbie Putzier	29

(Do you have a September birthday and aren't on the list above? We are always updating and sometimes something we meant to keep gets deleted. Please call or email the church office, 322-2126 or office@standrewselyria.org, to share or correct that information.)

Happy Anniversary

September

Jon & Caren Quisenberry 28

**Opening Day at
St. Andrew's
Sept. 15**

Date to remember: Flu shots at St. Andrew's for 2019 are scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 3:00 -- 5:00 pm.

Free Narcan Training. Wednesday, October 2, 2019 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at St. Andrew's. Narcan is a medicine that is used to treat the effects of opioids. Clergy, staff, parishioners, community members and anyone who interacts with people who may use narcotics are urged to take this training. To register, call the church office at 440-322-2126 or email office@standrewselyria.org. Please leave your name and the number of people attending. Register by Monday, September 30, 2019.

After completing training, participants will receive a free Narcan kit to take home.

Women's Spirituality Retreat; "The ART of Daily Living" featuring Rev. Suzanne Vinson. September 27-28. Bellwether Farm. Starts at 5:00 pm on Friday thru 3:00 pm on Saturday. Cost is \$75.00 which includes overnight stay and three meals. You may request financial aid. Please contact Rev. June with financial aid request. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Place. Deadline for turning in registration forms is Sept. 6.

September Restaurant Night is Sunday, September 8th at 5:00 pm. We are going to Berardi's in Huron. Please contact Lee Kauffman to make your reservation. Thank you.

Feeding Ministries totals for July: Community Meals: 901 meals served; Food Pantry: 687 people served

Help plan our Community Meals Program

Right now, we have zero meals scheduled for our church starting next year. Chuck Reich needs help with the planning of meals, buying food, Second Harvest orders etc. If you are able to help with any part of the planning of the meals, please contact Chuck.

Please consider volunteering for the free monthly dinner that St. Andrew's provides in conjunction with our Community Meal program. One evening a month can make a difference in so many lives. Call the church office, or see Chuck or Margo Reich for more information.

Convention nominations

Are you called to go deeper? Nominations are open for a variety of positions in the governance of our diocese. If you are interested in fulfilling one of these important roles, please consider making yourself available by completing a nomination form on the [Diocesan website](#).

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
 Greg, our Curate
 Jane, our Deacon
 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, Dylan Donnelly, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Gavin Schwan, Ryan Sumner, Ashley Augustine

Those recently ordained in our Diocese Sally Goodall, Stephen N. Ashby, Brian M. Bechtel, Rachel V. Harrison, Daniel L. Hinde, Marie Moore, Anna Sutterisch, and Barbara J. Telfer

Our Partner Dioceses The Diocese of Tonga and The Diocese of Belize

Churches in our Mission Area St. Paul's, Bellevue; St. Paul's, Fremont; Christ Church, Huron; Redeemer, Lorain; St. Paul's, Norwalk; Christ Church, Oberlin; St. Thomas, Port Clinton; St. Paul's, Put-in-Bay; Grace, Sandusky; Old Trinity, Tiffin.

Long term illnesses/injuries Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter)

At home Zen Fitzgerald, Virginia Larson, Lynn Mand, Verne Potter, Ruth Smith, Doris McDonough, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Robert Wilson

Illness, surgery, challenges, concerns

3/24/2019 Donna Quisenberry
 5/26/2019 Verne Potter
 6/2/2019 Mike Bird (Margo & Chuck Reich)
 6/2/2019 Bill Bird (Margo & Chuck Reich)
 6/2/2019 Jeff Cremeans (Margo & Chuck Reich)
 6/16/2019 John Kellogg
 6/30/2019 Lynn Gatchell
 7/7/2019 Marjorie Celoso (Chuck Minnich)
 7/28/2019 Tom Smith (Cathy and Dave Whalen)
 8/4/2019 Norm Kummerlin
 8/18/2019 Bob Smitley (Joanne Pressnell)
 9/1/2019 Geoprge R. Wright

Those who have died

5/19/2019 Pablo Valencia
 6/30/2019 Robert "Bobby" Sherer

The 203rd Annual Diocesan Convention will meet November 8-9, 2019 in Sandusky, Ohio. All details and documents will be posted on the website at www.dohio.org/convention when available.

Friday Evening: Convention Eucharist at Grace Church, Sandusky
 Dinner at Lyman Harbor Entertainment Complex (after the Eucharist)

Saturday: All business will be conducted at Lyman Harbor Entertainment Complex.

REGISTRATION - Closes on October 11

The 2019 registration process will open by September 1. This year's registration fee is \$38 per person. Everyone attending any portion of Friday or Saturday must register in advance, which includes clergy, lay delegates, lay alternates, visitors, guests, and children.