

Newsletter of St. Andrew's  
Episcopal Church  
November 2019

# The Carillon

## Worship Schedule

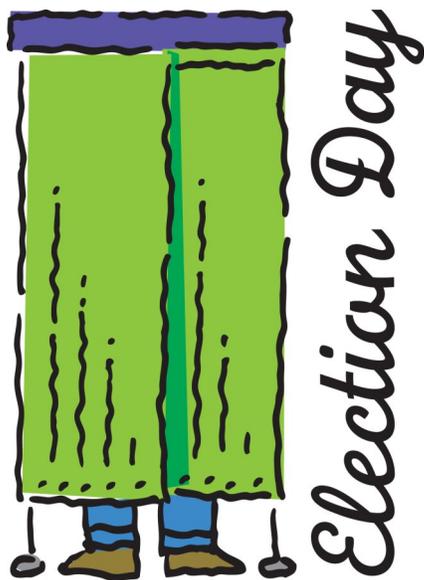
Sunday mornings:

8:30—Quiet Communion  
Service

9:30—Christian Formation

10:30—Communion Service/  
Music / Children's Sermon

11:45—Fellowship



Vote —Nov. 5

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## Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

"Come to the table, it's time to return thanks and eat!" was the way my paternal grandmother called the extended family to mealtimes whenever we gathered at her home in southwestern Kentucky. She would call us to meals like Southern-style fried chicken or country-style steak with twice baked potatoes, green beans cooked with small pieces of beets, "congealed salad" which was usually lime jello with celery and pears, "make from scratch" biscuits and my grandfather's famous "End of the Garden" relish. Dessert was homemade coconut cake or chocolate pie. That I can remember the details of meals around her table twenty-five years after her death gives testimony to her excellent cooking. It is not lost on me that the order of her invitation was come, return thanks and eat.

"Returning thanks" is a colloquial phrase with British roots, which, like many colloquial phrases, carries wisdom and insight. It describes responding to the many gifts of God with gratitude, receiving the gifts God gives and in return, giving thanks.

Since the first Sunday in October, St. Andrew's Share Campaign has been taking place. The Share Campaign is St. Andrew's annual emphasis on the ways we "return thanks" through commitments of money, ministry involvement and spiritual practices. A copy of St. Andrew's Strategic Plan of Mission and Ministry accompanied this year's Share Cards, providing a detailed vision of St. Andrew's response to God's love and grace.

November 3 is the Share Card In-gathering. It also is All Saints Day, the day the church remembers the saints who have gone before us, living their lives in memorable ways, joining God's work in the world. The two being marked together seems a fitting juxtaposition of these two observances – both being times of paying attention to participation in God's work in the world. The Saints participating in ways that are memorable for years after their death and the St. Andrew's saints (that is you, dear reader) participating by pledging money, ministry involvement and spiritual practice to join God's work in the world.

So friends, come to the table, return thanks and enjoy the feast!

Blessings,  
Mother June

## Strategic Plan Implementation Meeting -

Nov. 17, 2019 12 - 1:30 pm

St. Andrew's Strategic Plan is a prayerfully created instrument which will serve as a guide for the direction, ministry and initiatives through St. Andrew's in the coming years.

Several Commissions, task groups or committees have a specific role in implementing a part of the Strategic Plan.

There is a very important meeting at noon on Nov. 17 which will begin the implementation of the Strategic Plan, specifically looking at the responsibilities of the groups charged with specific areas of the plan.

All Vestry members and leaders of the Parish Life, Inviting and Welcoming, Pastoral Care, Finance and Building and Grounds Commissions, the Connecting Communities Guiding Team and the soon to be formed Youth Ministry Commission, Communications Task Group and Worship Service Task Group are invited to attend. Your involvement will help put the plan into action.

## New Opportunities for Ministry

As a part of the Strategic Plan three new ministry groups are being formed. Members of these groups are being recruited by discerning interest in and skills needed for the tasks. Please prayerfully consider if you might be being called to serve on one of these groups and reach out to Rev. June Hardy Dorsey ([revjunehd@gmail.com](mailto:revjunehd@gmail.com)) to let your interest be known. Groups will be formed in time for the Nov. 17 Strategic Plan Implementation Meeting.

**The Worship Service Task Group** will study about worship, particularly in the Episcopal Church, explore what worship looks like in other parishes and focus on St. Andrew's worship services with the goal of looking at St. Andrew's worship services "with a fresh eye". This group will consist of intergenerational and diversified representatives from the parish.

**The Communication Task Group** will work with the Rector and Parish Administrator to publicize the services and ministries available through St. Andrew's and the larger community.

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**The Youth Ministry Commission** will be one of the on-going Commissions of the parish, tasked with supporting youth ministry at St. Andrew's. This includes working with the Youth Minister in creating and sustaining programs of study, fellowship, service and worship; encouraging youth and their families from our parish and the wider community in their participation.

## Disturb Us, Lord

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;

Having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, To venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes; And to push us into the future In strength, courage, hope, and love.

*(attributed to Sir Francis Drake -1577)*

## Looking Ahead...

### **An Anti-racism Advent**

Advent begins on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019. This season, which marks the beginning of the church's liturgical year, has a two-fold emphasis. One emphasis is the preparation for Christmas with watching, waiting, being aware and taking actions that lead up to the Celebration of the Incarnation (Christmas). The other purpose is to watch, wait, be aware and take actions to bring about the Reign of Christ on earth as we anticipate Christ's return in the second coming. The Reign of Christ (sometimes called The Kingdom of God) is taking place now and will be completed in the future.

It is easy to pay attention to the culturally supported preparation for Christmas, evidenced by the recent appearance of Christmas decorations in the stores. It is harder to pay attention to the second coming of Christ and take actions to bring about Christ's Reign on earth, here and now. One way that St. Andrew's will be focusing upon the second purpose of Advent is to be intentional in learning more about how to be anti-racist.

Racism permeates all sectors of our society and world, in visible and invisible ways. It is a part of our own national history that requires recognition, repentance and reconciliation.

Our Baptismal Covenant leads us to condemn racism in all forms, and stand against all rhetoric and actions that perpetuate unjust systems and erode the fabric of a civil, just and peaceful society. It calls us to embrace our siblings of all races, creeds, and origins as members of the human family of God, all whose dignity is to be respected and all who are integral parts of the creation of a civil, just and peaceful society.

While differences among us may be challenging, it is these same differences that can enrich and strengthen us as we "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves." In the heart of Christ there is room for all and we, too, must work to create this same loving space in our homes, parish, community and world. Advent's preparation for the first and second coming of Christ is a fitting time to do this work.

## So this Advent, watch for...

- An Advent Calendar with opportunities to learn about and practice anti-racism, for adults and for children and families.
- A book study discussion group and mid-week Eucharist focusing on anti-racism to be held at noon and 6 pm on three Wednesdays in December.
- The Advent Candle prayers, prayed when the Advent Candle is lit each week of Advent and on Christmas, including a call to God to help us become and grow as anti-racists.
- Sermons, prayers and songs with Advent and anti-racism messages.
- Other ways the Holy Spirit may surprise us. Initiatives and opportunities as Advent plans continue to be made.





# *Fresh Ideas*

## Gift Fair



**Saturday,**

**November 2, 9 am-3 pm**

**St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Elyria**

Proceeds to benefit the Heather Campbell Reich Community Meal Program. There will be a variety of different vendors for your shopping enjoyment including favorites like Tupperware, Thirty-One, Norwex, Tastefully Simple, Rodan+Fields, Avon, Pampered Chef, Cawley's Confection Connection, Mary Kay Cosmetics, plus local vendors with holiday wreaths, jewelry, artwork, crafts, baby items, treats and more.

Refreshments will also be available. No admission or tickets required.

\*Vendors subject to change.

### **November 3rd (All Saints Sunday) is Share Sunday.**

Please bring your completed Share Cards for the ingathering. Together we can be the church God is calling us to be. Your financial share (pledge) will help make it so.

(Children bring their Share Cards and Halloween Candy Tithe). We Share God's Love.

### **Looking Ahead**

**St. Andrew's  
Annual Meeting  
Jan. 19, 2020**

# Curate's Corner

November 2019

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, / Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun," so begins John Keats' poem, "Ode to Autumn," a classic of English poetry. While we do get our fall storms, there is a gentleness to this changing season as the leaves go from green to yellow and red and orange. It's also the time when we have to start preparing for the intensity of the holiday season – Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and a new year. Budgets are assembled, stewardship campaigns proceed, and we even start having to prepare for some of next Summer's activities. Changes are made as we learn from past years and new programs are started.

In children and youth ministry, we are preparing several intergenerational activities for this fall. On November 24<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will have a family game night from 4-7 (or anytime in between). Come and play board games and share food before gathering with other family and friends for Thanksgiving. There will be activities for all ages and all are welcome! We ask that those who can bring a side dish or dessert to share.

This year we will be having our Advent Adventure on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon. We will have some morning snacks available, there will be stations for children, youth, and adults of all ages to rotate through and learn more about how we can prepare for the Nativity and Incarnation of Jesus.

Altogether, it continues to be an exciting year, and I am so privileged to serve and learn with these two parishes in Lorain County. May we be good stewards of all that God continues to provide, giving ourselves in service to God and one another, and building up the community of faith. I look forward to carrying on this good work with you all, and, as always, welcome your feedback, concern, and participation in any of our activities.

Faithfully,  
Greg+

## November Youth Meetings and Events

November 3 will be the Feast of All Saints, and I am hoping that we can get a couple drivers to take our youth to the Cathedral for a special service. Once a month they do a Solemn High Mass, which is quite a service to participate in in that space. The service is at 5pm, so we would need to leave Elyria by 4, and I expect we would be back sometime around 7 at the latest.

The following weekend (Nov. 8-9) is Convention and I am still setting up what I hope will be an outing that Sunday (the 10th) where we go rock climbing at "On The Rocks" in Amherst. I will need a headcount for who would be available around 4pm.

Let me know if you or your youth will be attending either of these and if you are interested in helping to chaperone any of these gatherings.

The 17th will be back to the new 5-7pm program time.

Faithfully,  
Greg+

# Share Campaign Witness

As part of the Share Campaign this year we asked 4 parishioners to talk about why they support St. Andrew's. First of all, I'm grateful that Karen Wells, Greg Hebble, Amanda Nagy and Jeremy Secaur didn't say "no" when I asked them! Second, I found each of their stories touching and powerful. As a result, I want to "share" their stories with those of you that didn't have the opportunity to hear them in person.

## **Amanda Nagy Share Campaign Statement:**

A few months ago, a coworker came to me at the end of the day and asked me if I consider Elyria my home. This stemmed from a conversation she'd had with another person, and she told me outright that she never thought of her residence in Lorain as "home." I knew she'd lived in several different states before settling in Lorain, so her feelings didn't surprise me much.

Yet, when she asked me this question, I must admit it gave me pause. I, too, have lived in different parts of the country. Unlike my husband Ben, I'm not an Elyria native. Some of you may know that we just moved into a new home in Elyria Township. This happens to be the home that Ben's parents built, the home Ben grew up in. So I might be in trouble if at this point I still don't consider Elyria my home.

What I do know for certain is that my church community has always felt like home. Some of my best childhood memories are being let loose during the holiday parties and potluck dinners at the Germam Reformed church in our little Pennsylvania town, and participating in youth group activities in the Methodist church. Those spaces nurtured me, guided me, and accepted me.

When Ben and I started our own family, we found it difficult to get up early on Sunday mornings with our late-night newspaper copy editor schedules. As our kids grew older, we became familiar with St. Andrew's through Ivan's Cub Scout pack. We agreed it was time to stop making excuses and take the first step toward becoming a part of the parish community. Even though we were a little late to the game, Ivan and Cybil have been enthusiastic from the start. I'm happy to say that we all feel at home in St. Andrew's.

Something that has really resonated with me lately is when Rev. June says that being a Christian is not easy. We have to go out and do the hard work to do what's right and not be complacent in our faith. Ivan has expressed an interest in helping with the community meals, one of the programs that initially drew us to St. Andrew's, because we recognized right away that this was a church committed to serving our neighbors in need. With competing schedules and commitments, the act of showing up can be difficult. But the reward of sharing in God's work to help those in need far outweighs the effort that goes into it.

That's why our family has pledged to serve the church with our time and energy through outreach programs such as community meals. In addition to monetary contributions and regular worship, we hope our commitment will carry out the mission of St. Andrew's.

## **Jeremy Secaur Share Campaign Statement:**

Hi, I'm Jeremy Secaur and I've been a member of St Andrews for 15 years since Cathy and I moved to Elyria to be closer to my job. Since then we've had two children, Cora and Violet. And when I think about what's most important to me about St Andrews I think of my children growing up, so far for their entire lives, in this church. St Andrews has been a wonderfully supportive environment for my children to grow up in, and so many people and programs here have helped shape them into who they are.

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## Share Campaign Witness , Jeremy Secaur (continued from previous page)

All four of us find comfort and support in the church allowing us to be ourselves, each of us interacting with the church in our own ways, and our children growing together with others. The youth ministry here has grown so much in the years that Rev June has been at St Andrews, and we have so many more children here in the church than just a few years ago. Cora is too shy to come up for the children's sermon, but I can see her listening. And over the past several years, our financial commitment along with many others has enabled St Andrews to bring in Father Greg.

Our girls adore Greg and he brings so much energy to the kids of the church. The amount of opportunities for youth have really expanded in the time we've had Greg in the church. Greg's presence and the programs for kids are very important to our family and I feel very important for the growth and future of our church.

I ask that you prayerfully consider your contributions to these vital missions of the church, with both finances and your time. Thank you.

### **Greg Hebble Share Campaign Statement:**

I have been a member of Saint Andrew's for over 40 years. My wife and I were married in the Church by Dr. Pierce in 1978. I was confirmed at St. Andrew's and all 4 of my children were baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew's. They have attended Sunday School, participated in children's choir, and have acolyted. I have served on the vestry and in many other capacities as lay reader, usher, and lay Eucharistic Minister. I have participated in many outreach programs such as hot meals and other various committees. I took advantage of what St. Andrew's had to offer and was very active for many years.

For more years than I would like to admit, I became complacent and was not an active member here. It was easy to stay home and sleep in on Sunday mornings after working a 6 day work week. I became wrapped up in my own life and was not part of a congregation or being of service to others. I watched my son Kristopher, who struggled with congestive heart failure for over 10 years model Christian behavior. He was very comfortable with his faith and very involved with this Church. Despite his physical limitations, because of his health issues, he served the Church and the larger community with enthusiasm, humor, and passion.

Unfortunately, it took the loss of his earthly presence to remind me of the need to be a part of a larger community and the need to have a better spiritual relationship with God.

As I look back now I realize how important St. Andrew's has been in my family's life and how important it is now in my life. I recently had the privilege to serve on the Strategic Planning Task Force. Some of the discussions we had were about the future of St. Andrew's. I started thinking about the future of St. Andrew's and the hopes and visions for the Church in years to come. As I reflect back and think about all the services and opportunities the Church has provided for my family and I over the years, my hopes and prayers are that many more families will be able to share their lives with Christ in this community right here at St. Andrew's for decades to come. In order for this to happen, I would like you to prayerfully consider your pledge to the church this year. I speak of your monetary pledge, of course, as I have personally made a commitment to increase my own pledge, but also to take advantage of the services and opportunities that St. Andrew's offers to enrich your spiritual life and to be of service to others. Let us endeavor to share God's love with one another and the larger community.

### **Karen Wells Share Campaign Statement:**

I was an active member of St. Andrew's from 2001 through 2008. I sang in the choir under Joan Van Wormer's inspirational directing, and I was a lay reader as well. Then in 2008, I married a good Lutheran man, and we began to search together for a new church home. Ultimately, that search brought us back to St. Andrew's.

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

## Restaurant Night:

November 10th, 5:00 pm,  
Timber Lodge 2809 Pearl Rd, Medina.

Please contact Lee Kauffman to place your reservation.

## All Soul's

**Service of Remembrance,  
November 2, 2019 5:00 p.m.**

### For Those Who Walked With Us

For those who walked with us, this is a prayer.

For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.

For those who touched and tended us, who lingered with us while they lived, this is a thanksgiving.

For those who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams, this is a benediction.

— Jan Richardson from "On the Eve of All Hallows" at her Devotion Café blog.

**Please write names of those who have died in the book at back of the church.**

# Harvest Altar



Harvest time—During the month of November, the Altar Guild will be gathering non-perishable items for our Food Pantry. Specific items requested are: cooking oil, ranch dressing, cream of chicken soup, canned tuna, baked beans, coffee (small cans), canned ravioli, canned spaghetti, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard. These items will be continuously added to our Harvest Altar as we thank God for his bountiful creation.

Thank you. St. Andrew's Altar Guild.

## Looking ahead...Fish Fry De-briefing Meeting – Nov. 18 at 7 pm in Conference Room C

Fish Fry Cooking Team leaders will be discussing and evaluating last year's Fish Fry. Others who served are welcome to attend and help make next year's Fish Fry even better!! (If you can't attend but have some ideas, please put them in writing and give to one of the team leaders – Chuck Reich, Greg Stark, Anne Yug.)

## New Year's Eve

Celebrate with us at Wagners in Westlake. Cost is \$36 each. Dinner starts at 5:00.

Reservations and checks must be in to Lee Kauffman by December 1st



### November Birthdays

Barrett Kirchner	2
Hans Van Wormer	2
Aiden Von Gunten	6
Everly Varga	8
Jane Cameron	11
Patty Peacock	12
Lindsey Varga	14
Dennis Wilkerson	15
John Kellogg	16
Greg Hebble	18
Matt Skladan	21
Elizabeth Thomas	21
Mya Frazier	22
William Hebble	22
Jeremiah Heck	24
Savannah Heck	24
Dori Mueller	25
Jakub Mueller	28
Madison Mueller	28



### Big Brothers/Big Sisters Giving Tree.

Watch for the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Giving Tree in the Gathering Place in the next few weeks. The tree will be filled with tags containing the names of children involved in the program. If you wish, you may take a tag and provide a gift for the child whose name appears on it. Each tag has the child's first name, age, size and gift suggestions.



**FALL BACK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
 Don't forget to turn your clocks back on November 2nd.

### Thank You

Hospitality is one of St. Andrew's spiritual gifts. Throughout the community and Diocese, St. Andrew's is known to have generous practices of hospitality. This hospitality was especially meaningful in the funerals of the past few weeks. Guests and visiting family members noticed and spoke of the warmth, comfort and hospitality they experienced. Great gratitude is expressed for the Altar Guild, Parish Staff, Funeral Reception Team and those who offered their ministry to serve in the funeral services. Your ministry helped to share God's love at what can be a time of sadness and grief.

**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

**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.

**New Babies** Trevor, son of Jim and Kristi Yug, DOB Oct. 11, 2019  
Matthew, son of Claire Skladan and Chris Woolf, DOB Oct. 22, 2019

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

**At home** Zen Fitzgerald, Virginia Larson, Lynn Mand, Ruth Smith, Doris McDonough, Donna Quisenberry, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin.

**Illness, surgery, challenges, concerns**

8/4/2019 Norm Kummerlin  
8/18/2019 Bob Smitley (Joanne Pressnell)  
9/1/2019 George R. Wright (Rev. Barbara Maxwell)  
9/22/2019 Jonathan Sedor (Amy Kellogg)  
9/29/2019 Lynn Harrell (Amy Kellogg)  
10/6/2019 Morgan Lehmkuhl 14 year-old cancer patient (Cathy Whalen)  
10/6/2019 Skip Bookbinder (Amy Kellogg)  
10/20/2019 Carol Pierce (Cheri Van Wormer's mother)  
10/27 2019 Peggy Casselberry  
10/27/2019 Robert Anderson  
10/27/2019 Retta Reynolds  
10/27/2019 Deb Schwan  
11/2/2019 Paula Reeder (Amy Kellogg)

**Those who have died**

9/15/2019 Scott Radosevich  
9/22/2019 William Taylor, Sr. (Bill Taylor's father)  
10/6/2019 Verne Potter  
10/6/2019 Robert Wilson





## St. Andrew's Hymnal Drive

**August 4 – November 3, 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. 3. *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

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Total Attached/Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of donor \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hymnal Drive ends November 3!**

**A huge "thank you" to those who have purchased hymnals in the hymnal drive. There is one more week to participate so if you have been thinking about this, now is the time to act. Name plates with the specific attribution will be placed inside the hymnals and we will bless them in Advent.**