

The Carillon

Newsletter of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
Dec. 2019/Jan. 2020

Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

8:30 Quiet Holy Eucharist

9:30 Christian Formation

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



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Rector's Reflections

Dear St. Andrew's,

Remembering that it happened once,
We cannot turn away the thought,
As we go out, cold, to our barns
Toward the long night's end, that we
Ourselves are living in the world
It happened in when it first happened,
That we ourselves, opening a stall
(A latch thrown open countless times
Before), might find them breathing there,
Foreknown: the Child bedded in straw,
The mother kneeling over Him,
The husband standing in belief
He scarcely can believe, in light
That lights them from no source we see,
An April morning's light, the air
Around them joyful as a choir.
We stand with one hand on the door,
Looking into another world
That is this world, the pale daylight
Coming just as before, our chores
To do, the cattle all awake,
Our own white frozen breath hanging
In front of us; and we are here
As we have never been before,
Sighted as not before, our place
Holy, although we knew it not.

+ Wendell Berry

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As Advent begins, let us remember, in the words of poet, Wendell Berry, that "...we ourselves are living in the world it happened in when it first happened." Watch... pay attention... be open... to God revealing Godself in the most unexpected places. May you have an ever deepening and heartfelt appreciation for God's merciful love, happening all around you, right where you are living.

Blessed Advent,
Mother June

Pastoral Care at St. Andrew's

The connections of the faith community are especially valuable in times of illness and infirmity. Knowing that one is not alone in a time of difficulty offers comfort and encouragement. One way that St. Andrew's strengthens these connections is through the Ministry of Pastoral Care. Eucharistic Visitors are the parish members especially trained to bring the love of God to people unable to attend church in the form of Home Communion and prayers. Other parishioners have taken on the ministry of sending cards and making compassionate phone calls. Nancy Plas is one of the Phone Call Ministers and she was recently interviewed about this ministry.

Question: How did you come to be a Phone Call Minister?

Answer: It began as an outgrowth of praying for people on the weekly prayer list and the realization that people for whom I was praying might like hearing that they were being prayed for and missed.

Question: Did you find it easy to move from praying for people to praying for them and then calling to say that you were praying for them?

Answer: It was easy to call the people I knew but some of the people on the prayer list were people I did not know and who did not know me. Several times I had to explain who I am and why I was calling. As time progressed, people came to know me through the Phone Call Ministry and now we have developed warm relationships.

Question: Was there anything that surprised you about this ministry?

Answer: I was surprised by how much I came to look forward to talking with those I call and how interested they were in the activities and people at St. Andrew's. I soon learned that I would be asked about this type of thing and made sure that I "did my homework" before I made the calls so that I could answer their questions.

Question: Have you learned anything else in this ministry?

Answer: I think I have learned how to listen better, not only to what people are saying in words, but in their tone of voice and the things they are not saying. I have learned what time of day works better for the people I call and try to make the calls at times that work well for them. I have learned how isolated people can feel, when they are separated from their community. The people I call tell me, and I believe them, that the phone calls mean a lot to them and that they are happy to be called.

Question: Has this ministry impacted your life of faith and if so, how has that happened?

Answer: This ministry has helped me grow spiritually as I listen to the people I call and try to show God's love and the care of our church for them. It is now a regular part of my weekly schedule and I am drawn to it and miss it if for some reason it can't happen. It has helped me feel more connected to God and to the people.

Question: What would you say to someone who would like to learn more about this ministry?

Answer: I would say that they can ask me more about it and that I am happy to talk with them. I would want them to know that they can "jump right in" to participate. It is a ministry that takes 45 min. to 1 hour each week, so it isn't too time consuming and it is quite rewarding.

The Curate's Corner

During these two months, the church offers many opportunities for fellowship, prayer, study, and celebration. Advent is a time of preparation for and meditation on the ends of things - the end of the year, each of our ends or purposes, and the end of all that goes against God's desire for creation as heaven and earth are made new. This Advent I want to especially invite you to our second annual Advent Adventure, 5:30-7:30pm on December 9th. We will share a meal, play games, have craft activities, and prepare our hearts for the Christ Child. On December 22, we will rehearse for the Christmas Eve Pageant, from 5-7pm, and all children who would like to participate are welcome to, just come to rehearsal and we will get you a costume and a meal! We will gather on Christmas Eve and tell the story once more of God becoming human and the joy of the Holy Family. In January, we are still putting together some of the details, but keep your calendars free for our first intergenerational Epiphany celebration, which will be some kind of soup swap or progressive dinner, and festive regardless! Finally, I invite all of you to pray for our youth ministry commission, as we take on the exciting work of strengthening and developing our youth ministry. Perhaps you feel called to prepare a meal, be a companion to our group, or be a mentor to our youth. These are just some of the ways we invite you to walk alongside our youth as they grow in faith.

I invite you to start your Advent with this poem by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, called "Advent Calendar"

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

Faithfully,
Greg+

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS.

Advent Worship

Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 – 8:30 am and 10:30 am with Opportunities for Faith Formation for all ages between services at 9:30 am.

Children's Music Makers

Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Service Music

During the 10:30 am Worship Service after the Children's Sermon

Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 - Each Sunday during Advent the children will learn and practice music for the Christmas Eve Service.

Approximately 11 am – 11:20 am Children will come back into the service at The Peace.

Advent Mid-week Worship and Study

Wednesdays in Advent

Holy Eucharist – Noon and 6 pm Dec. 4, 11, 18

Anti-Racism Books Study – Dec. 4, 11, 18 12:30 to 1:45 pm

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Dec. 11 and 18

Advent Adventure

An interactive event helping us prepare for Christmas.

For all ages.

Monday, December 9, 2019 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Dinner, Crafts, Stories, Songs

Blue Christmas Prayer Service

A contemplative service of comfort and prayer in a season that can be difficult and painful.

Especially recommended for those who have experienced loss.

December 17, 2019

7 pm

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

for children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors

If you want to be a part of telling the Christmas Story on Christmas Eve, come be in the pageant. All ages welcome (adults with ages 3 and under)

Costumes provided or wear your own.

December 22, 2019 5 – 7 pm

Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 2019

3:30 pm Pageant Final Rehearsal

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Pageant

10:30 pm Carol Sing

11 pm Festal Holy Eucharist with Music

Christmas Day – 10:30 am

“Come as You Are” Christmas Holy Eucharist

(Children are welcome to come in their pajamas! Adults too!)

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 29, 2019

10:30 am

Joint worship of The Episcopal Church of Lorain County (St. Andrew's, Church of the Redeemer, Lorain and Christ Church, Oberlin)

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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 before Friday, December 13. 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

UNDESIGN THE REDLINE

Undesign the Redline is a transformative interactive exhibit exploring the history of race, class and U.S. housing policy, and how this legacy of inequity and exclusion continues to shape our communities. The exhibit seeks to spark a public discourse on how discriminatory federal policies from the 1930s continue to impact Cleveland neighborhoods today.

Trinity Cathedral and the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio are hosting this exhibit from October 7 through December 20.

St Andrew's is taking a field trip on Sunday, December 8th with other Lorain County Churches to experience this exhibit at the Cathedral. Sign up on the table in the Gathering Space. We will carpool from St. Andrew's immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Join us for our second annual Advent Adventure on December 9th! Community meal is from 6-7, and there will be crafts and games from 5:30-7:30. Come and learn about the season of Advent, spend time in fellowship, and prepare to celebrate Christmas as a community. All are welcome!

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION will be at Wagner's in Westlake. Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$36 a piece. Contact Lee Kauffman for reservations. Deadline is today, December 1st.

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The 57th Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, Saturday, December 28th, 2019. 2 pm (ASL interpreted) & 4:30 pm. Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH. No ticketing, free will offering. www.boarsheadcleveland.org 216-771-3630 ext. 392

God willing and the people of God consenting, we will have three ordinations:

The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr. will ordain Rachel V. Harrison to the Sacred Order of Priests on Friday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's, Mount Vernon.

The Rt. Rev. William D. Persell will ordain Stephen Neel Ashby to the Sacred Order of Priests on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. will ordain Anna Sutterisch to the Sacred Order of Priests on Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland.

Save the Date. May 29, 2020 will be our next visit to Progressive Field. The Tribe will be playing the Kansas City Royals that night. If you're interested in reserving tickets, just let Amy Kellogg know (akellogg@bakerlaw.com or 440-937-1812).

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Share Campaign. The 2020 Share Campaign has so far raised \$178,900 and 46 pledgers have participated which is an increase of 1 pledgers over last year. We have not yet achieved our goal so if you would like to be a part of our Share Campaign there's still time to submit your Share Card and help St. Andrew's continue to be a light in our lives, as well as those of our neighbors. If possible, we would like to have all Share Cards submitted no later than December 15th. I want to take this opportunity to thank my stewardship team—Joan Van Wormer, Barb Prior, Hans Van Wormer, Lise Day, Doug Skladan, Rev. Greg Stark and Rev. June Hardy Dorsey. ~Amy Kellogg

Books, Books, Books. Did you know that every child in Lorain County under the age of 5 is eligible for a new book every month? Thanks to Dolly Parton and Imagination Library a child can have her very own collection of books by the age of 5. The link to sign up is <https://imaginationlibrary.com/USA/affiliate/OHLORAIN>

Save the Date

Annual Meeting – Jan. 19

Vestry Members, Mission Area Reps ,and Diocesan Convention Delegates will be elected.



December Birthdays

Jane McDonald	6
Phyllis DeMark	6
Jon Quisenberry	7
Lise Day	8
Cathy Heck	8
Russell Welsh	9
Shannon Von Gunten	13
Jeff Hahn	16
Claire Skladan	18
Jerry Welsh	20
Mohani Schuster-Little	25
Chris Todd	25
Kaitlyn Heck	26
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

January Birthdays

Karen Hahn	4
Colette Van Wormer	7
James Casselberry	13
Robert Lehman	15
Lee Kauffman	15
Russ Van Wormer	18
Pat Barns	19
Matthew Putzier	19
Cathy Whalen	20
Brittany Daley	25
Kim Reich	26
Carrie Hebble	31
Kathleen Kerber	31
Myki VanWormer	31

Happy Anniversary

January

Matthew & Amanda Van Wormer	15
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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

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)

11/2/2019 Paula Reeder (Amy Kellogg)

11/10/2019 Tom Smith, surgery 11/11 (Cathy Whalen)

11/10/2019 Richard Miller (Patty Peacock)

11/24/2019 Gary Brotherton (Dave Whalen)

11/24/2019 Joyce Rankin (Nancy Plas's mother)

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

11/24/2019 Pat Bolin (Jenna Frazier's grandmother)

11/24/2019 John J. P. Leek

