

Newsletter of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
February 2020

The Carillon

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 Good People of St. Andrew's,

It has been said that "a picture is worth a thousand words". That certainly was the case at St. Andrew's recent Annual Meeting where an "infographic" (see page ___) created by St. Andrew's member, Savannah Heck, told the story of St. Andrew's on mission and in ministry in 2019. From meals shared to services held; community groups and agencies connected to St. Andrew's to the number of children in the Christmas Pageant; the data and images gave testimony to the ways God was working in and through St. Andrew's.

The Anti-Racism initiatives we began in Advent through study and worship are continuing as we study and reach out into the community and collaborate with others committed to this work. "Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God" by Kelly Brown Douglas is enlightening those participating in the Anti-Racism Book Study. The Absalom Jones Commemorative Service is at Trinity Cathedral on Feb. 16 at 4 pm. "Unveiling Black History... Lost, Stolen or Strayed?" is a three-part educational collaborative event sponsored by St. Andrew's and Lorain County Urban League held at 3 pm on Sundays, Feb. 23, March 8 and March 15. St. Andrew's received a Diocesan grant to help fund a parish and community dialogue around race, designed for 25 – 45 year olds. These opportunities for learning and action seem especially fitting during this season of Epiphany when, in Sunday worship, we pay attention to the stories of Jesus' ministry.

In the work of anti-racism and in the other ways we seek to bring about "God's kingdom on earth" may God's love and light continue to shine in and through St. Andrew's. You, good people of St. Andrew's, are the bearers of that love and light. Borrowing the words of Jan Richardson, I invite you to consider:

If you could see the journey whole, you might never undertake it; might never dare the first step that propels you from the place you have known toward the place you know not.

Call it one of the mercies of the road: that we see it only by stages as it opens before us, as it comes into our keeping step by single step.

There is nothing for it but to go and by our going take the vows the pilgrim takes:

to be faithful to the next step; to rely on more than the map; to heed the signposts of intuition and dream; to follow the star that only you will recognize;

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to keep an open eye for the wonders that attend the path; to press on beyond distractions, beyond fatigue, beyond what would tempt you from the way.

There are vows that only you will know; the secret promises for your particular path and the new ones you will need to make when the road is revealed by turns you could not have foreseen.

Keep them, break them, make them again: each promise becomes part of the path; each choice creates the road that will take you to the place where at last you will kneel

to offer the gift most needed—the gift that only you can give—before turning to go home by another way.

***(For Those Who Have Far to Travel:
An Epiphany Blessing by Jan Richardson)***

Blessings on you all,
Mother June

Absalom Jones Service

On Sunday, February 16 at 4:00 p.m., the Wilma Ruth Combs Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Diocese of Ohio will host this year's Absalom Jones service at Trinity Cathedral. Bishop Williams will be the celebrant and the Rev. Ronald C. Byrd, Sr., The Episcopal Church Missioner for Black Ministries, will preach. Presiding Bishop Curry has invited contributions to be made from observances of Absalom Jones, whether in special diocesan services or in regular Sunday parish worship on February 16, to St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC and Voorhees College in Denmark, SC. Please send any contributions to Sue Leishman at 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44115, who will combine them with the designated offering from the service at the Cathedral, and forward them on to Bishop Curry's office. You may also contribute directly to the Absalom Jones Fund online. We will carpool from St. Andrew's leaving at 2:45 p.m.

Hello everyone, We are having a meeting of the welcoming committee. I have some ideas but I would like other people's input, also. The meeting will be February 10th at 7:00 p.m. in our lounge. Please come and help us. All are invited. Thank you, Lee Kauffman

Sunday, February 16, 2020—First Quarter Breakfast. Join your friends in the Parish Hall between services for fellowship and great food.

Lenten Fish Fries—Beginning Friday, February 28. 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers in the Gathering Place.

Unveiling Black History, Lost, Stolen, or Strayed. Join the Lorain County Urban League and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as we engage in a candid conversation about black history. Feb. 23rd, 3-5 p.m. at Henry's Barn in Oberlin; March 1, 3-5 p.m. at St. Andrew's; March 8, 3-5 p.m. at St. Andrew's.

Bowling—February 23, 2:00 p.m. Brunswick Lanes in North Ridgeville. See Joe Myers for more information.

Summer Camp at Bellwether Farm

Bellwether Farm summer camp is an opportunity for campers to immerse themselves in fun, engaging outdoor activities. These programs will seek to teach healthy social, nutritional, and environmental practices, while providing a safe context in which to encounter God's beautiful creation. Campers will have an opportunity to learn about organic gardening, animal care, and creative cooking. They will also participate in traditional camp activities, including swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing, and field games. The Bellwether Farm staff is invested in the life of every camper, seeking to inspire future generations to become passionate leaders in the world around them.

Registration is now open. Register by March 15 and enter promo code WORM to receive \$25 off.

Curate's Corner

February 2020

January 22nd-24th I had the opportunity to attend "Rooted in Jesus," a conference put on by the FORMA network of Christian Formation directors and ministers, the Episcopal Church Foundation, the Episcopal Evangelism Society, and many many other sponsors. I was certified to lead the Episcopal Church's Dismantling Racism for Youth Ministry curriculum, along with three other participants from our diocese. I attended workshops on intentional small groups, college ministry, evangelism for shy people, children's programming at home, and designing and leading a racial reconciliation pilgrimage. I spent time in conversation with colleagues and friends and former classmates from across the Episcopal Church, and I am excited to bring some of these materials and conversations back to our parish.

At the end of January, our youth ministry commission had its first meeting, and we will be meeting again at the end of February to kick off the spring program season with *These Are Our Bodies*. I have written about this curriculum in the past, but I look forward to our facilitated conversations with members of the youth ministry commission and our youth and parents as we learn how to care for our own and others bodies. The curriculum explores faith, sexuality, body image, and how God is present in and through our bodies. It is an 8-session program that we will be using from March to the beginning of May. We will have one special outing a month (like our climbing trip to On the Rocks in January) to balance out our time together.

On February 25th, we will continue our tradition of hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and intergenerational Lenten event. We will have arts and crafts stations, some games, and opportunities for fellowship and learning together. I will be sharing more details as we approach that date. During Lent, I want to invite folks to join me for a Lenten class on climate change and faith, a particular passion of mine, which will be (cleverly) titled "Climate Conversations with the Curate." I will be hosting this at the Rectory in Oberlin on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 with a simple soup and salad provided. If you are interested in this, please let me know. How do we respond to a world in crisis with faith that isn't just empty optimism? What resources do we have in our tradition to help with the reality of climate anxiety and despair? How can we make changes in our lifestyle without falling into a kind of fundamentalism or judgmentalism that keeps people from joining in? Our tradition has lots of tools we can draw on to help support one another in being faithful disciples in a fragmented world.

Lots is going on around here and it is such a privilege and honor to serve God's church here in Lorain County! Thank you for your being a part of this community!

Faithfully,
Greg+

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

How is your Spiritual Journey?

However much we may differ in any number of ways, we are still a people on a journey together in Christ, a people with a remarkable heritage and a glorious hope, a people of common prayer. So whether you are a lifelong member of St. Andrew's or a newcomer wanting to learn more, please consider joining others at 9:30 am in the lounge on Sunday mornings and find out who we are and what we're about. Join our conversation and bring your own questions with you. You'll be glad that you did. Come and see, come and experience the ongoing adventure with us.

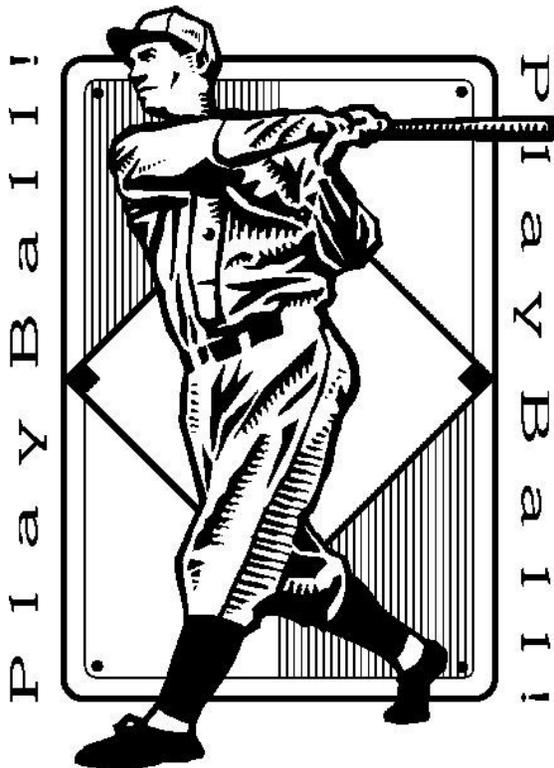
We are Episcopalians . . . and we welcome you!

Wednesdays at noon.

Noonday Prayer.

Followed by Anti-Racism Books Study at 12:30 p.m.

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).



Yoga Classes at St. Andrew's

Do you feel stiff and sore, anxious or stressed? Come join us on Thursday evenings for Yoga with Christin. The practice of yoga has both mental and physical benefits for people of all ages and skill levels. Each pose is shown in several levels of difficulty so that you can choose what fits for your body and your lifestyle goals. The key to an effective yoga practice is a marriage of the body and mind through a series of poses while consciously breathing. The class begins at 5 PM in the lounge and runs for approximately one hour with a 10 minute guided meditation at the end. All you need to start are comfortable clothes, a blanket or yoga mat and a desire to improve your mental and physical well being. The cost is \$10 per class or you can purchase 6 classes for \$50. The first class is free so you can give it a try to see if yoga is a good fit for you. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text me 440-364-7175 or you can e-mail me at christin_brandon@hotmail.com.

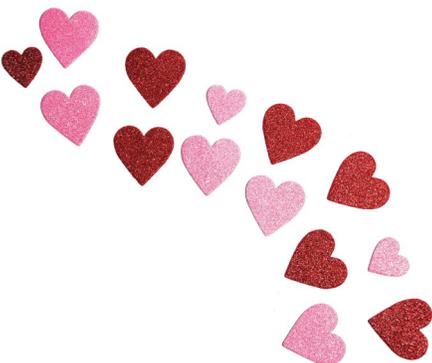


Next Restaurant Night. On February 9th we will be going to El Patron Mexican restaurant by Walmart in Elyria. Please contact Lee Kauffman to make a reservation.



- 1 Heather Denham
- 4 Quintin Wilkerson
- 5 Tilisha Frazier
- 6 James Austin
- 7 Zen Fitzgerald
- 11 Ellen Otis
- 12 Mark Skladan
- 14 Molly Ann Pace
- 16 Piper Varga
- 17 Ava Dukes
- 17 Barb Prior
- 22 Abigail Skladan
- 25 Gwen Frazier
- 28 Jazlyn Frazier

Happy Anniversary
February
16 Robert & Pat Lehman
26 Joe & Kathy Dembeck



ECLC Children's Choir

Episcopal Churches of Lorain County Children's Choir
for children in grades K - 5 and their friends!

The group will perform three times this spring, once at each church.

The experience will include a 45 minute rehearsal at 11am on Saturday morning, followed by lunch provided by the parish. Parents may stay and enjoy coffee and conversation while the children rehearse. The choir will provide an anthem for the church the next morning at the regular Sunday service.

February 22/23 Christ Church, Oberlin

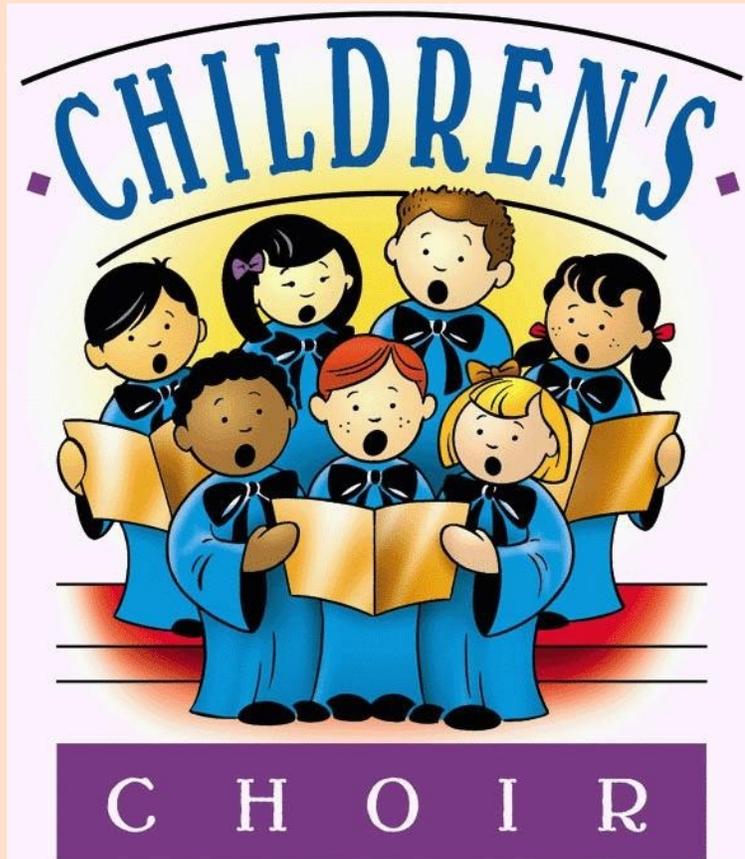
March 21/22 St. Andrew's, Elyria

April 25/26 Church of the Redeemer, Lorain

Katherine Plank will direct the choir. A bus will be provided that will pick up children (and parents, if desired) at their home church and take them to the Saturday rehearsal and Sunday service where the choir is performing.

Ms. Plank has over 40 years experience as an elementary school music teacher and choral conductor. She is the founder of Oberlin Choristers, a community choir for children and youth in northeast Ohio. Rehearsals will include musical games and activities.

The choir will be prepared to present a simple anthem for the Sunday service. Children are encouraged to invite friends to join us.



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 Bacskey, 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, Donna Quisenberry, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin,

Illness, surgery, challenges, concerns

8/4/2019 Norm Kummerlin
10/6/2019 Morgan Lehmkuhl 14 year-old cancer patient (Cathy Whalen)
11/2/2019 Paula Reeder (Amy Kellogg)
11/10/2019 Tom Smith, surgery 11/11 (Cathy Whalen)
11/24/2019 Gary Brotherton (Dave Whalen)
11/24/2019 Joyce Rankin (Nancy Plas' mother)
12/15/2019 Robert Smitley (brother of Joanne Pressnell)
12/22/2019 Mike Bier (brother-in-law of Bob Sharkody)
12/22/2019 Jim Bucher (Joanne Pressnell's brother-in-law)
12/22/2019 Joyce Priest (friend of Bob Sharkody)
1/5/2020 Gen Jereb (Amy Kellogg)
1/5/2020 Skip Bookbinder (Amy Kellogg)
1/26/2020 Carol Pierce (mother of Cheri Van Wormer)
2/2/2020 Joe Quisenberry
2/9/2020 Walter Smitley

Those who have died

12/8/2019 Doris McDonough
12/8/2019 Richard Miller (Patty Peacock)
12/22/2019 Pam Turchin
2?9/2020 Karen Lutz

