



The Carillon

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Newsletter of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church



Sunday Morning Prayer with
Children's Sermon and Easter
Music. 10 am Sundays
Service followed by
Virtual Coffee Hour

Sunday Holy Eucharist at the
National Cathedral 11:15 am
Sunday (www.cathedral.org)
(The time for St. Andrew's Sun-
day worship has been chosen to
allow people to "attend" the Na-
tional Cathedral service at 11:15
am after attending with
St. Andrew's.)

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Rector's Reflections

Dear St. Andrew's,

Greetings in the name of the Lord in these uncertain and unprece-
dented times. I hope this newsletter finds you well and in the
words of Wendell Berry, "being joyful though you have considered
the facts." In these days where much is changing, may your an-
chor be in the faithfulness of the Lord.

In a recent sermon I asked the congregation to consider two
things in these days when we long for restoration... for things to
be back to "normal."

One, that loss is real. We need to acknowledge and mourn that.
Some days, the loss is what fills my thoughts and heart and the
magnitude of what is no more is great. When will David and I get
to visit my 91 and 94 year old parents (it has been so long) or
when will we get to meet our new great-niece? When will our
home will be filled with students again and how long before we
can be in the church building and sing and pass the peace, share
communion and have important conversations in person? When
can I sit at the hospital bedside or hold hands in prayerful pastoral
care? How do we mourn the death of 100,000 in our nation and
335,000 worldwide? How do we celebrate the graduates? How
much longer can those with no margin in health or finance or
mental stability carry on? Mind you, those are the losses of my
privileged, salaried, sheltered and safe life. How much more for
so many others? How much more? Friends, loss is real.

Two, normal, like it was pre-covid 19, was not all good for every-
one.

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Poet activist Sonya Renee Taylor puts it this way. "We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalized greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate and lack. We should not long to return, my friends. We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment, one that fits all of humanity and nature."

Admittedly, the realities listed by Ms. Taylor are not all immediate realities for many of us at St. Andrew's. But if we look closely at the list, some, maybe more than we would like to admit, ring true. And as Christians, we know we are called to care about and serve those for whom these realities ARE real and to work against systems that promote and sustain these realities. And certainly, if we look beyond ourselves, at our community, nation and world, the truth of which she speaks is boldly apparent.

For the brokenness of the healthcare system in our country and the global financial system worldwide is more obvious with each passing day. The pandemic has exacerbated racism and domestic violence, fanned the flames of rampant nationalism and further revealed the pervasiveness of patriarchy. Our pre-corona existence was not normal.

So we acknowledge the reality of loss and the "not so great for everyone reality of pre-covid 19", and we realize we can't live there or spend our energy returning there. What if the energy we are now spending to get back to normal is precisely the energy called for in creating anew?

We must resist the forces of evil, standing steadfast in our faith, knowing that many of our siblings in our nation and around the world are also suffering. We can't place our confidence or hope in systems that don't work for everyone.

Our hope is in the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the one who refreshed the land when it was weary and has made provisions for the poor. Our hope is in the One who gives us strength and the vision to participate in change. Our hope is in the One who shows us the opportunity to stitch a new garment, one that fits all of humanity and nature and through the Holy Spirit, provides the power for us to help make it happen. *(continued)*

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And it is not the kind of power that we might think. For it is through the power of God's spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Way of God's Love that we can and are called to be witnesses to Jesus. The disciples, and we, are called to tell about the risen Christ and the strength of Christ's love and the perspective of Christ's ministry. Look for those who are not being seen or cared for. Reach out to those who are isolated and lonely. Confront and confess our own racism, turning to follow Jesus. Look honestly at our own greed and instead, invest in that which is ultimate. Encourage those who are giving and serving on the front lines of this battle.

Let our prayers be "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done..." and let us join God's work in the world around us.

Blessings,
Mother June

Coming this Summer St. Andrew's Care Groups

Care groups are small groups of 8 – 10 people in a parish that commit to reach out to support, pray for, and as able, engage in ministry with and enjoy fellowship together. This summer St. Andrew's Care Groups will be formed with everyone in the parish assigned to a group with a leader. Since this is a new ministry of caring, everyone is automatically included. In this season of social distancing, the groups not necessarily meet in person but will gather virtually or through correspondence. These initial groups will continue until Advent when new groups will be formed with those choosing to continue participating. So watch for your group assignment, get to know fellow parishioners better and know that you have a place of belonging with a small group that knows you and cares about you.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost is May 31! We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Wear red and come to Zoom Church at 10 am.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

| | June |
|--------------------|------|
| Clay Barns | 2 |
| Joe Quisenberry | 2 |
| Aliyana Frazier | 4 |
| Jim Paine | 4 |
| Justin Quisenberry | 11 |
| Ian Shaffer | 11 |
| Debbie Schwan | 14 |
| Cole Von Gunten | 16 |
| Erin Welsh | 24 |

Happy Anniversary

| | June |
|---------------------------|------|
| Chuck & Margo Reich | 10 |
| Mike & Shannon Von Gunten | 17 |
| Russ & Cheri VanWormer | 23 |
| James & Peggy Casselberry | 26 |

Weekday Virtual Zoom Prayer Services

Join the Rev. June Hardy Dorsey on Wednesdays at 8am and DeSales Harrison on Thursdays at 8am for Morning Prayer, and join the Rev. Gregory Stark on Thursdays at 8pm for Compline.



VBS Update:

This summer we are doing a new thing. Though camps and VBS across the country cannot meet in person, we are adapting our program for your household. During the week of July 12th, we will share a VBS in a Box, which will be a hybrid of activities to do at home and online activities (over Zoom and Youtube) that we can do together. Are you a parent who is exhausted by homeschooling already? We want to make this *as simple as possible*. Think Mr. Rogers meets Dora the Explorer meets VBS meets Zoom Church meets Blue Apron (or some other home cooking kit). Engage with it as much as works for your family. We will be sending out a letter with more details as well as registration (so we know how many kits to assemble) in the next two weeks. If you have any questions or concerns or have an exciting idea for how to make it even better or would like to volunteer to help in any way, please let me know at curate@standrewselyria.org.



Message to the Parish from Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, Rev. Gregory Stark, and Joan Van Wormer

Dear Good People of St. Andrew's,

I hope this letter finds you well and working to stay that way. Pentecost Sunday is May 31 and, on the day that we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church and the "birthday of the Church", I am keenly aware of Pentecost celebrations in recent years in our beautiful church building at 300 Third Street.

Red balloons and babies being baptized... The Bishop's visit with confirmations and reaffirmations... The unofficial parish portrait with almost everyone decked out in their best red outfits... Yummy Pentecost Cake with red, red roses... Singing "spirit songs" with red and yellow streamers... All these are heartfelt reminders of the Spirit-filled, engaging and joyful nature of our parish. I have asked Father Greg and Joan "Joanie" Van Wormer to join me in this Pentecost greeting. You will find their messages on the second page of this letter.

As you have read in Bishop Hollingsworth's letter included in this mailing, we are moving into Phase 2 of

The Phased Return to In-Person Parish Life for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. The Vestry, The Rev. Greg Stark and I met via Zoom on Sunday afternoon to prayerfully discern how St. Andrew's will move forward in re-gathering, compliant to the Bishops' requirements and in ways that consider the nature and context of our parish.

A simple outline of next steps is presented here:

St. Andrew's Zoom Sunday Morning Prayer with Music and Children's Sermon (or a similar virtual worship service) will continue until further notice, including after in-person worship begins again.

A parish-wide survey will be distributed in the month of June to learn the thoughts and opinions regarding the timing and conditions for re-gathering in-person worship inside our beautiful church building at 300 Third Street.

Decisions about timing and conditions for re-gathering will be made based on the survey results and the completion of responsible preparations for safe re-gathering, as well as ongoing guidance from Bishop Hollingsworth.

Options for outdoor worship and small group worship in driveways and/or homes will be considered, possibly before we re-gather for in-person indoor worship at 300 Third Street.

Continued priority will be placed on providing ways for everyone to participate in worship and formation, regardless of access to computers and technology.

Provide transparent and timely parish-wide communication about new developments and decisions.

As we move toward Pentecost, I am reminded of the courage, faith, patience and perseverance that the early church, born on that first Pentecost, had in order to develop and eventually become the wider church of 2020. It is that same courage, faith, patience and perseverance that I pray for St. Andrew's (and all of the wider church) today as we move forward in new ways. Watch for the survey and share your thoughts about how God is calling us in this time to continue to Share God's Love together.

Blessings on you all,
Mother June

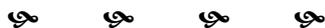
Message to the Parish, continued

Dear St. Andrew's,

At Pentecost we celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit into the Church to do a new thing: to proclaim the Good News, to bring healing and comfort, to bring people together in ways that before had seemed impossible. This did not replace or negate all of the ways God's Spirit had been with the people before, but it is something new. Every Pentecost we celebrate this and remember that God continues to commission (or send) us out. We may be in our homes, we may be slowly going back into public places, and no matter where we are, we know that God is with us. So, what in this story stands out to you? How do you hear God calling us to return to Pentecost today? Though we are many, we are one body. Though we are spread out and, in our homes, we are one Church.

In this packet we have included some art, some ribbon, and various ways to celebrate God's Spirit among us. If you've received this before Sunday, we hope you will join us on Zoom to share your art and your presence and celebrate the feast. Throughout the week, use the art to reflect on where the Spirit of God calls you today; remember the other names for the Holy Spirit - the Comforter, the Advocate, the Teacher. Let us rejoice in the power of the Spirit who breaks the yoke of oppression and brings true freedom in Christ!

Faithfully,
Father Greg



Dear St. Andrew's,

“When in our music God is glorified.” (Hymn 420)

Music is an integral part of our worship at St. Andrew's, one we continue to enjoy with creative methods in this time of suspended in-person worship. In the upcoming season of Pentecost, we will explore and experiment with ways to worship through the “spirit songs” that are so familiar.

Music has been a part of worshipping God since early times. Many of the Psalms begin with reference to “song” or “sing.” Congregational singing has its roots in the monastic tradition where vocal music, usually in poetic form, was sung by a gathered community. Some of the music we use today has been used for many centuries, including, “the Venite” based on Psalm 95, sung regularly since the of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549.

Do you wonder about the recent background about the use of music in the Episcopal Church? According to the 2006 the Constitution and Canons, the clergy were instructed to “see that music is used as an offering for the glory of God and as a help to the people in their worship in accordance to the Book of Common Prayer.” Clergy were given the authority in matters pertaining to music and instructed to “seek assistance from persons skilled in music” so that “together they shall see that music is appropriate to the context in which it is used.” I am very thankful that our Rector, June, and I have a very special and often educational time in preparing for the various worship services. Our planning is enriched by our Curate, Greg, whenever he joins us, often introducing new musical resources or settings of familiar songs.

While music is an integral part of our worship, there are some who find singing difficult. I am reminded of St. Augustine who wrote, “Ye who sing, pray twice.” So, if singing aloud is hard for you, I invite you to speak the words or pray them silently, joining in the singing in that way.

“How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Hallelujah!” (stanza 2)

With a song in my heart,
Joan Van Wormer, Music Director

Letter from the Episcopal Bishops

To the Episcopal congregations in the state of Ohio, greetings.

Our two dioceses, Ohio and Southern Ohio, have long valued the spirit of collaboration and consultation that reflects our collective histories and our shared commitment to the common good. The COVID19 pandemic has once again brought that spirit to the fore, now evidenced by our working together to develop guidelines and directives for a physically regathered church.

Such conversation and consultation have been significantly enriched by renewed attention to our dependence on one another across the Episcopal church and beyond. As your bishops, we have benefitted during this crisis from meeting weekly with the other bishops of Province V, learning from our ecumenical partners in the Ohio Council of Churches, and collaborating with our Evangelical Lutheran Church of America counterparts, with whom we enjoy a formal relationship beginning to bear fruit in blended congregations rooted in both traditions. We give thanks for all these reminders that we are one body in Christ. We also wish to express our gratitude to Governor DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton for their leadership in guiding the people of Ohio as we try to bring this pandemic under control, and to the Center for Disease Control for its scientifically informed recommendations, which greatly benefit our governmental and ecclesial decision making.

We are writing to you at this time to let you know that we take very seriously our responsibility to support and protect the spiritual health and physical safety of every congregation that is in communion with our respective diocesan conventions. This is not our responsibility alone, of course. It is a responsibility that is conferred on every Christian in Baptism, the exercise of which falls in particular ways on the elected lay leaders, deacons, and priests we choose to lead us in what it means to be the body of Christ. There are times, however, when our tradition, with its sometimes challenging and fruitful dispersion of authority, expects its bishops to offer clear directives. This is one of those times.

To that end, we seek to speak with one voice as we approach regathering physically in our places of worship. Our respective staffs have reviewed the current regulations of our Governor and the recommendations of CDC, understanding that such directives remain fluid and are changing almost daily. We respect and appreciate the authority of the state in all matters of public wellbeing, and acknowledge its responsibility to restrict our actions where wellness and safety are concerned. We also affirm that the church sometimes has the responsibility to surpass government expectations for resisting behaviors that jeopardize and harm the public, especially those who are most vulnerable. We envision the possibility that, as Episcopalians in Ohio, we may choose to restrict our physical presence to one another in worship, not only for the sake of our own safety, but for the safety of the neighbors who surround us. We view this as a moral imperative.

On that basis, we are expecting and requesting the following as required practices for worship, direct group church work (e.g., community meals, homeless support ministries), and independent but congregation-related ministries on-site (e.g., 12-Step groups, Scout Troops, pre-schools):

- Social distancing
- Facial covering
- No singing
- Disinfection of all high-touch surfaces (including restrooms) after gatherings

The implementation of these basic requirements may be extended, or perhaps returned to in the future, at the discretion of each diocese, even if the state lifts certain restrictions.

Here it is important to note that differences of opinion are part of the Episcopal ethos, just as is the deep intention to be one body. That is one of the creative tensions at the heart of our tradition. Even now, as with regard to Eucharistic practice, there are theological and emotional issues to be acknowledged and worked out, which may be specific to our distinct and particular contexts.

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(Letter from the Episcopal Bishops, continued)

With that in mind, each diocese will provide an individual document outlining specific policies regarding regathering for worship and ministry in its congregations, with this cover letter attached. These protocols will be very similar in both structure and content, with likely only a few variances regarding liturgical practice and timing of implementation. Please know that you are all in our prayers, as we trust we are in yours.

Faithfully in Christ, The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop Ohio

(The Rt. Rev.) Thomas E. Breidenthal, D. Phil.
Bishop Southern Ohio

The Rt. Rev. William D. Persell
Bishop of Chicago, Retired

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price
Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio, Retired

The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr.
Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, Retired

The Rt. Rev. Bavi Rivera
Bishop of Eastern Oregon, Retired

Reflection on Life in the Time of the Coronavirus

“Solitude and silence can never be separated from the call to unceasing prayer”
(Henry Nouwen).

For me the call to prayer has been loud and clear. Busyness – gone! Noise – gone!
Others in close proximity – gone!

I have never felt this close to God or myself!

Anne Yug



Prayers to Pray at Home

For Daily Use

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand gravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

– “Ministration to the Sick,” *BCP*, 461

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep [*this night*], and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. Amen

– From “Compline,” *BCP*, 134

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*. – “For the Human Family,” *BCP*, 815

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,

that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BCP, 832

Grace at Meals

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all *thy* mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Bless, O Lord, *thy* gifts to our use and us to *thy* service; for Christ’s sake. *Amen*.

Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

For the Sick, Their Families and Caregivers

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

– *Enriching Our Worship 2 (EOW 2)*, 54

God of all comfort, our very present help in trouble, be near to me. Look on me with the eyes of your mercy; comfort me with a sense of your presence; preserve me from the enemy; and give me patience in my affliction. Restore me to health, and lead me to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– *EOW*, 72

Compassionate God, support and strengthen all those who reach out in love, concern, and prayer for the sick and distressed. In their acts of compassion, may they know that they are your instruments. In their concerns and fears may they know your peace. In their prayer may they know your steadfast love. May they not grow weary or faint-hearted, for your mercy’s sake. Amen. – *EOW 2*, 93

An Anti-Racism Prayer

Dear God,

As we fight racism, we understand that we struggle not merely against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities – those institutions and systems that keep racism alive by perpetuating the lie that some members of the family are inferior and others superior. By your Spirit, create in us a new mind and heart that will enable us to see siblings in the faces of those divided by racial categories. Give us the grace and strength to rid ourselves of actions and attitudes that oppress some while providing entitlements to others. We confess that knowing or unknowing, we help perpetuate racist systems and ask for your forgiveness. Give us your eyes to see racism in our words, actions and attitudes and then, change us, we pray. Help us to create a church and a nation that embraces the hopes and fears of oppressed people of color where we live, as well as those around the world. Heal your family God, and make us one with you, in union with our brother Jesus, and empowered by your Holy Spirit. Amen

Adapted from Pax Christi

Together we Pray to God

Prayer is the language of the Christian community. In prayer the nature of the community becomes visible because in prayer we direct ourselves to the One who forms the community. We do not pray to each other, but together we pray to God, who calls us and makes us into a new people.

Praying is not one of the many things the community does. Rather, it is its very being. Many discussions about prayer do not take this very seriously. Sometimes it seems as if the Christian community is “so busy” with its projects and plans that there is neither the time nor the mood to pray. But when prayer is no longer its primary concern, and when its many activities are no longer seen and experienced as part of prayer itself, the community quickly degenerates into a club with a common cause but no common vocation.

By prayer, community is created as well as expressed. Prayer is first of all the realization of the community itself. Most clear and most noticeable are the words, the gestures, and the silence through which the community is formed.

When we listen to the word, we not only receive insight into God’s saving work, but we also experience a new mutual bond. When we stand around the altar, eat bread and drink wine, kneel in meditation, or walk in procession, we not only remember God’s work in human history, but we also become aware of God’s creative presence here and now.

When we sit together in silent prayer, we create a space where we sense that the One we are waiting for is already touching us, as he touched Elijah in front of the cave. 1 Kings 19:13).

Henri Nowen

CELEBRATE



Congratulations to our 2020 graduates. Their accomplishments are particularly impressive in light of the difficulties of finishing their senior year in the midst of a quarantine. We wish them the best in their future studies.

1. Cameron Taylor - LCCC
2. Erin Welsh- Baldwin Wallace
3. Destiny Reese- Baldwin Wallace
4. Ian Kerber- Otterbein University



Graduate Cameron Taylor with parents Leanne and Bill Taylor

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.

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

At home Zen Fitzgerald, Virginia Larson, Nancy Myers, Phyllis Payne, Ruth Smith, Donna Quisenberry, Joe Quisenberry, Barbara Tobin,

Illness, surgery, challenges, concerns

Norm Kummerlin

Those who have died

The Rev. Nancy Roth



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