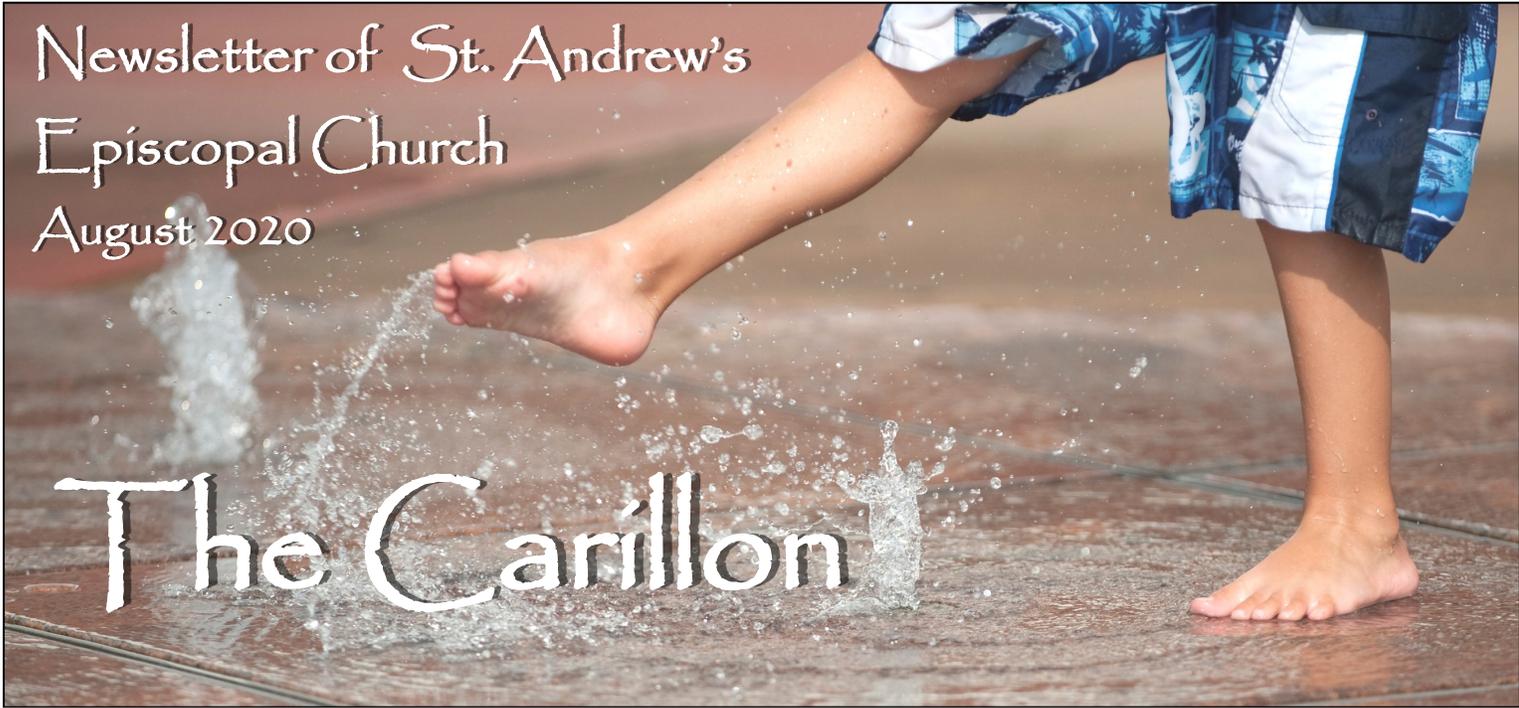


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Episcopal Church
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The Carillon

Summer Worship Schedule

Hymn Sing 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Prayer with
Children's Sermon and 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 Sunday
worship has been chosen to allow
people to "attend" the National
Cathedral service at 11:15 am af-
ter attending with
St. Andrew's .)

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Rector's Reflections

Dear St. Andrew's,

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
(1 Corinthians 1: 4 – 9)

These words, opening Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, so reflect my thinking and praying for you in these unusual days. I am grateful for you because of who you are – faithful, adaptable, courageous and diligent people – all grace gifts from God and all so apparent in you. I see Christ's testimony strengthened in you as you continue to follow Jesus, finding new ways to do so when the familiar and long-practiced ways are not an option. I see many of you becoming increasingly fluent in Zoom, increasingly committed to staying connected and making sure that no one is excluded. I see you authentically engaging conversations about racism and sticking around, even when the conversations become uncomfortable. I see the groups steadily working on the Strategic Plan as we live into our mission of "Sharing God's Love." I see you being surprised (or reminded) of the holiness of the ordinary – dawn through a sunroom window, surprise "distanced" visits from nieces, nephews and grandchildren,
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a peach, a hike in a new place, a call from or to a friend, the discovery of a lakeside café where the food is good, the view excellent and the crowd properly distanced. I also see and hear your troubles – lost jobs, precarious health, the loneliness of quarantine, family tensions escalating, the death of a loved one, the pain of separation from the community and fear of an uncertain future. Like the early church, we are watching and waiting for the revealing of Jesus. We are watching and waiting, in the midst of a pandemic, for the revelation of how we are to be church in a rapidly changing world. Like the early church, we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we wait and watch. And, like the early church, we are not sitting by idly, but are walking the road as it is being revealed, sometimes confident and sometimes course correcting when it is clear that we have gone the wrong way. Like for the early church, the directions we have are not on a roadmap or signpost but in the following of what Bishop Michael Curry calls, “The Way of Love” following Jesus in familiar and in new ways.

Blessings on you all,
Mother June

Sunday Morning Prayer Recorded Music

Have you been enjoying the recorded music used for Zoom Sunday Morning Prayer? All of the music used since we began Zoom worship has been curated in a Spotify playlist titled, “St. Andrew’s Virtual Worship Playlist 2020” and is available at the link here here. (If you do not have a Spotify account, you can create a free one at Spotify.com.) While we can’t yet sing together we can enjoy music and be brought together in that way.

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Re-gathering for In-person Worship at 300 Third Street

A word of gratitude to everyone who completed the Worship Survey. We had a robust response, providing ample material for hearing your ideas, thoughts and opinions. Several things were clearly communicated.

- 1) Everyone deeply misses being together in the church building for worship and fellowship
- 2) When we begin re-gathering for in-person worship, we must find a way to include those who cannot re-gather in-person.
- 3) Thorough preparations, training and practice of new health and safety protocols must be solidly in place before we begin re-gathering for in-person worship.

The Worship Task Group and Vestry have been assisting the Rector in this discernment process. Throughout this process, close attention has been and will continue to be given to the rates of infection in our county and region and will be a prominent factor in the timing of our re-gathering for in-person worship.

As we move toward that goal, volunteers are needed to:

- 1) be ushers with specific training in safety protocols
- 2) help with sanitizing the worship space
- 3) help with technology in providing virtual access
- 4) participate in “soft opening” trial runs to ensure the efficacy of the protocols.

If you are willing and able to help with these tasks, please email Rev. June at revjunehd@gmail.com. In the meantime, we will continue to gather virtually for Zoom worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, help with the hands-on aspects of Community Meals, formation and communication as we are able, support the ministries of St. Andrew’s with our tithes and offerings, pray for one another and our community and move forward in faith that God is guiding and providing in the midst of these times.

Striving for Justice and Peace through Advocacy

By Karen Wells,
St. Andrew's Parishioner
Member of the Strategic Planning Task Force

It warms the heart to learn about the extent of well-honed work that The Episcopal Church and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are doing with regard to Christian advocacy. In a recent Webinar, *Advocacy Tools for Loving Your Neighbor*, led by Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry and ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, participants were invited to become advocates for loving our neighbors as ourselves and were given access to the tools to do this important work. Bishop Curry talked about the second pandemic, the sociological pandemic of racism, and framed his remarks around the Parable of the Good Samaritan, calling Jesus Christ the great advocate. Bishop Eaton encouraged showing up at the public square bound to the neighbor. (See webinar [here](#).)

Various staff from both the Episcopal and Evangelical Lutheran churches presented the scope of their work, offering the tools and resources available to parishioners seeking to be trained to become advocates. For example, some parishioners may want to advocate at the local level with State Houses, City Councils, and/or School Boards of Trustees. Other parishioners may prefer advocating at the national level with their members of Congress and their Senators. Finally, they may prefer advocating on issues like hunger and poverty at the international level. Training is available for all levels of advocacy.

With regard to tools and resources, one tool is civil discourse which is used to navigate differences and suspend judgement while pursuing justice and reconciliation. Civil discourse enables advocates to turn goals and protests into legal and policy reality in a nonpartisan environment.

The Episcopal Policy Network (EPPN) is a grassroots network of Episcopalians across the country dedicated to carrying out the Baptismal Covenant call to "strive for justice and peace" through the active ministry of public policy advocacy. Most recently, EPPN produced educational series on criminal justice reform, the census, and global health. In addition, the EPPN's Office of Government Relations enlisted faith leaders to call on Congress to enact policing reforms and address the racial income and wealth gap.

Two additional tools were discussed during the Webinar:

- Depending upon their interests, advocates may learn to make virtual visits with legislators and learn how critical the voices of constituents are.
- They may also learn what can be done to fight climate change and how to address environmental racism.

Imagine how inspiring it was to learn that twenty-four hundred people participated in the *Advocacy Tools for Loving Your Neighbor* Webinar. This fall, St. Andrew's will be offering a five-week, online course on Civil Discourse designed by the EPPN. It is our hope that the skill of Civil Discourse will equip parishioners to engage in sustainable and effective Christian Advocacy. If your interest in Christian advocacy was enhanced by this article, subscribe to the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN), by clicking [here](#), sign up to take the online course when it is scheduled this fall and make the commitment to become an advocate. (Sample of course material [here](#).)

"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" "I will, with God's help." (From the Baptismal Covenant in the *Book of Common Prayer*)

Time to Shut My Window by Jay Snider

Though my window I see pain
I see heartache and disdain,
I see people demanding, now is the time for change.
I see people angry at all that has occurred
I see voices screaming at all the wrongs observed.
I see people demanding the end to all this wrong doing
I see the their reasons behind what they are pursuing.
I see the injustice and the blatant mistreatment
I see myself change, it is time to speak against it!
I see peaceful and honest protest, amongst the few doing wrong
I see the calls for justice and their beautiful song.
I see colors joining hands spreading the message of love
I see the songs for equality raising to the heavens above.
Through my window I see hope but also a call
It is time for me to shut my window and demand justice, peace and love for us all!



VBS Wrap-up 2020

We had a wonderful VBS at home and on zoom last week. 18 boxes were sent out to families around the county and we had 10 different logins to zoom throughout the week.

We planted lettuce and basil and tomatoes and marigolds and daisies. We learned about how all of creation sings God's praise and how God has called us to be caretakers and partners in creation.

How can you take steps to care for God's beloved earth and its creatures? How can our church live the prayer, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"?

Rural King Church Week

Church week is an opportunity for Rural King customers to support their local Christian churches, schools, and radio stations. From August 2nd-15th 2020, customers can upload their Rural King receipts to www.ruralking.com/churchweek and 10% of their receipt total after sales tax will go to the registered Christian organization of their choosing.

Why is Rural King hosting Church Week?

Organizations such as non-profit Christian Churches, schools, and radio stations were faced with an abundance of challenges when forced to close their doors due to COVID-19. At Rural King we feel these types of organizations not only align with our culture and beliefs but also greatly bless and are vital to the communities we serve. Hosting Church Week allows an easy way for our community members to bless and support these organizations in their time of need.



Vacation Bible School 2020



Associate Rector Article

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*In a very real sense not one of us is qualified, but it seems that God continually chooses the most unqualified to do his work, to bear his glory. If we are qualified, we tend to think that we have done the job ourselves. If we are forced to accept our evident lack of qualification, then there's no danger that we will confuse God's work with our own, or God's glory with our own. – Madeleine L'Engle in *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art**

I've been thinking about this passage from Madeleine L'Engle's extended essay on faith and art as we try new things in ministry during a pandemic. I didn't go to seminary to get a degree in epidemiology. I may be a millennial, but I'm not an expert on how to do digital programming or best practices of online pedagogy. Nevertheless, the vows of Baptism and the call to be a Christian are constant – to continue in the apostles' teaching, to continue in fellowship, to repent and turn to God in Christ, to proclaim the Good News by word and example, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to strive for justice and peace in all things. Our VBS at home program looked at the theme of God's Creation and God's call to us to be stewards and caretakers in Creation, the *Great Big Beautiful World*.

As we enter the fall, let us not let qualifications or lack of experience keep us from answering God's call to us. None of us has lived through a pandemic. The difficult conversations around race, violence, and centuries of oppression are new to many of us, or push us into new territory with family and friends. Take a breath. This is good, hard work. Trust in the grace and presence of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask for the wisdom and charity to respond in equal measure with courage and grace. However we proceed with in-person gatherings, we will have to adapt many of our usual programs to ensure the safety of our participants, especially those most vulnerable. For our families, I hope to build on the experience of VBS at home to put together *For All the Saints* boxes for each household. These won't be quite as thorough as the VBS boxes, but they will have some materials for prayer at home, stewardship conversations with kids, and activities to explore discipleship and a life of holiness. These will be ready by early September when we would traditionally have our opening day programs, and they will guide our formation from September until the Feast of All Saints.

To do these well, I want to know some things about your family's activities. What children's bibles do you have at home? What are some of your family's devotional or prayer practices? Have you set up, either in the past or currently, some kind of home altar? What kinds of resources would you like to have at home – prayer books for families? arts and crafts activities? icons and prayer beads? lectionary-based family formation materials? conversation cards for faith formation at home? These may seem like a lot. Don't worry. As Madeleine L'Engle reminds us, there's no qualification we need to earn in order to practice our faith and to practice love. God calls each of us, with all that we have and all that we are, with the stories we have to share and the gifts we can put to use, to help bring God's reign, "on earth as it is in heaven."

You are all in my prayers and if any of you want to have a zoom chat or a phone call, let me know. It's always good to catch up and spend time together, even digitally.

Faithfully,
Greg+

August Birthdays

Chris Putzier 1
Richard Wilbert 3
Ian Kerber 7
Keith Walker 11
Rhonda Mueller 13
Faith Pressnell 15
June Hardy Dorsey 15
Ben Day Howland 19
Kellie McGowen 20
Doug Skladan 22
Chuck Minnich 24
Eric Frazier 25
Fred Putzier 25
David Dorsey 27
Caroline Daniels 28
Ashley Augustine 29
Sally Ruth 29
Ruth Wulfoop 29
John Heck 30
Robert Anderson 31



August Anniversaries

Lise Day & Derek Howland
8/17
Gary & Joanne Pressnell
8/19
Celeste Brlas & Ken Frankel
8/20

New title for the Rev. Greg Stark

At the July Meeting of the Vestry, Rev. Greg Stark's title was changed from Curate to Assistant Rector for Youth, Children and Young Adults. Greg has faithfully served St. Andrew's and Christ Church as the Curate for Youth, Children and Young adults for 3+ years. It is customary for a curacy to last 2 - 3 years but Greg's letter of agreement stipulated a position with the two parishes for four years. As Greg prepares to move to the next place of ministry in the summer of 2021, the Vestry and Rector wanted to affirm Greg's experience, service and skills for ministry by changing his title to Assistant Rector for Youth, Children and Young Adults. This action will better position Greg for securing a post fitting of his level of experience and skill in his next call. It recognizes that his competence level matches that of the positions of Assistant Rector or its equivalent. As you will see from Greg's article in this publication, his contributions are significant and will continue to be so as he moves into his final year of ministry at St. Andrew's. Congratulations, Greg! We are grateful for your presence and leadership.



Picture This!

What have you been up to lately? How does your garden grow? Have you been on any socially distanced adventures? How tall are your children now? Have you been creating or building something? We miss you want to know and see what you have been doing lately. Email one digital picture of something you have been doing or seeing recently to Diane Linch, at office@standrewselyria.org or send a printed photo by mail to Diane Linch, Picture This Project St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 300 Third Street, Elyria, OH 44035.

How to participate in all St. Andrew's Zoom Virtual Worship Services

1. With computer, tablet, smart phone Join via internet connection. Use this link. No password is needed. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7665988948> (Meeting ID- 766598 8948)
2. With landline or mobile telephone for call in for audio only. +1 646 558 8656 (Meeting ID: 766 598 8948)

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)

Weekday Virtual Zoom Prayer Services Join the Rev. June Hardy Dorsey on Wed. at 8am

Financial Support for St. Andrew's

As you can see from this memo, the work of God through St. Andrew's continues during this time of suspended in-person worship and virtual meetings. Your pledges and offerings are important and appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support.

There are three ways to start or continue financial giving to St. Andrew's

1. On-line Giving through The Diocese of Ohio
The Diocese of Ohio has set up an on-line giving tool for you to give your pledges, offerings and designated gifts to St. Andrew's. You can go to the Give Online button on St. Andrew's website (www.standrewselyria.org) or use this link <https://dohio.org/designate-a-gift-to-your-parish>

You will be asked to enter an amount and frequency of gift and then select St. Andrew's, Elyria from a drop-down menu. Use the comments section to put your envelope number, specific designation or provide any other information. The Diocese will provide a list of contributors and designations when the check is sent to St. Andrew's each month. Thank you in advance for your monetary support of the God's work in the world through St. Andrew's.

2. Mailing your check to 300 Third Street. Elyria, OH 44035
3. Setting up St. Andrew's as a 'vendor' through the on-line bill pay function of your bank or credit union.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Our Spiritual Leaders Our Friends

Michael, our presiding Bishop	Christ Church, Oberlin
Mark, our Bishop	Church of the Redeemer, Lorain
Bill and Arthur, Assisting Bishops	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria
June, our Priest	Elyria First United Methodist Church
Greg, our Associate Rector	Avon United Methodist Church
Jane, our Deacon	The Original Glorious Apostolic Church
Joan, our Music Director 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, Barbara Tobin,

Those who have died

Joe Quisenberry



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