

Newsletter of
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
September 20120



The Carillon

September Worship Schedule

September 6

**Sunday Morning Zoom
Prayer** with Children's
Sermon —10 am Sundays

Beginning Sept 13,
Sunday Morning Zoom
Prayer will be held at 9:30am

When the CTL update on
Fridays indicates level orange
or below, **in-person Holy
Eucharist fwill be offered at
11 am on Sunday in the
church building** . See page
3 for further information and
guidance about re-gathering

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A Message from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Since March, when in-person worship and most building-based St. Andrew's ministries were suspended or adapted to take place outside of the building, my prayers, thoughts and imagination have repeatedly been drawn to these questions.

So how is St. Andrew's to be the church now? How are we to live into our call to "Share God's Love" in these days? What is it that God will teach us? During this time of many challenges, what are the gifts? How will we see the world in different ways from this point forward?

I imagine that questions like these have been yours as well, in the various contexts of your life. Six months in, to what likely will be a long season, some answers have begun to emerge and like most important questions, it has become clear that a) some of the wisdom is in the question itself and b) answers to questions are often revealed in layers. Here is what I know today.

1. So how are we to be the church now? The church truly is the community of believers and can be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live, serve and grow outside of a building. The beautiful and well-shared building at 300 Third Street in downtown Elyria has been a place of meaning and ministry and will one day be that again. "Sharing God's Love" will now include the experience of doing so without the building. We have long said that we want to minister "beyond the building." Now we know some of how we can do that "without the building." I believe we are to continue to develop that skill and practice with courage and imagination.

2. How are we to live into our call to "Share God's Love" in these days? We live into our call to "Share God's Love" whenever we practice generosity of words, actions, prayers and attention. I have seen St. Andrew's be mobilized to continue to care for the poor, lonely and grieving. I have seen you turn to Jesus, speak up and work for justice, seek God's truth, forgive and accept forgiveness.

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(Message from the Rector, cont'd)

You have braved new technology, used imagination and ingenuity to overcome new barriers and repeatedly put your own preferences on hold for the good of the church. I have seen newly formed commissions and task groups work steadily without interruption and with the ability to pivot, towards goals set before these times. A sign in our community reads "The church has left the building." This well describes the ways St. Andrew's is "Sharing God's Love" in these days.

3. What is it that God will teach us? God is teaching us that life is precious and fragile. We are learning that God's love, grace and mercy are not bound by circumstances or conditions. We are learning that we are more resilient than we knew and that our lives are more interconnected than we imagined. We are learning that slowing down can give us a perspective we cannot have while we are moving full speed ahead. God is teaching us that God is continually "makes things new."

4. During this time of challenge, what are the gifts? The gifts of these days include a clarity about what is truly important, meaningful and true. Different rhythms have caused us to take a pause, look around and see the blessings, large and small, that show up in our lives every day. We have learned new ways to connect with loved ones and have come to appreciate the value of these connections. We move toward a "new normal" asking how it can be better for more people and all of creation. We see that we can live without some of what we thought was essential.

5. How will we see the world in different ways from this point forward? From this point forward it will be hard to unsee that the world is broken in more ways than perhaps we knew. We cannot unhear the voices which have been loud in these days, calling for the world to be just, safe and inclusive. As Christians we will see how we must care, repent, speak and act boldly in the face of this brokenness. We will consider how "the things we have done and the things we have left undone" have greater impact than we know and be aware that we are so very dependent on God to guide and save us from contributing to the brokenness. We also will see allies in new places and forge new collaborations as we see God working all around.

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(Message from the Rector, cont'd)

Where do your prayers and thoughts go these days? What are your questions? How are answers being revealed to you? I would love to know. God reveals Godself to the whole community of faith. Your sharing will help us see how God is calling. Send me your thoughts in email (revjunehd@gmail.com) or snail mail (The Rev. June Hardy Dorsey St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 300 Third Street, Elyria, OH 44035.) Let us continue to discover together God's will and call for St. Andrew's.

Blessings,
Mother June



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MESSAGES FROM THE BISHOP AND GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON REGATHERING

Click here for message from the Bishop
<https://www.dohio.org/blog/may-2020/a-message-from-the-bishop-regarding-in-person-rega>

St. Andrew's Re-gathering for In-person Worship

With Bishop Hollingsworth's permission to distribute communion and the successful recruitment of a sufficient number of volunteers to begin and sustain safe practices for in-person worship, a plan is now in place for St. Andrew's to **re-gather in person for worship as soon as the Covid Threat Level (CTL) in Lorain County is orange or below, on or after Sept. 13. The service will be a Holy Eucharist following the guidelines required by Bishop Hollingsworth.**

We will continue to gather for in-person worship whenever the CTL is orange or below and other contagion factors are not at play. If the level rises to red or above, in-person worship will once again be suspended until the CTL is lowered again. According to the Lorain County Department of Public Health, the CTL in Lorain County will likely fluctuate between orange and red over the coming months.

Lorain County Covid statistics are updated for the weekend at 2 pm on Fridays of each week. **The determination about in person worship will be made each week when that updated information is available and** will be communicated via Flocknote and enews as well as updated on the church office voicemail. You can check the Lorain County Health Department website (www.loraincountyhealth.com) after 2 pm on Fridays to learn the CTL.

Admittedly, it will be cumbersome to make the determination weekly, but I believe that it is the only way to ensure that we are gathering for in-person worship when it is safer to do so. **Zoom Morning Prayer will continue to be offered every Sunday, including the Sundays when in-person worship is offered.**

Beginning Sept. 13, Sunday Zoom Morning Prayer will be held at 9:30 am instead of 10 am. When the CTL update on Fridays indicates level orange or below, in-person Holy Eucharist following the guidelines required by Bishop Hollingsworth will be offered at 11 am on Sunday in the church building at 300 Third Street. The in-person service of Holy Eucharist will eventually be livestreamed and recorded to be available through the St. Andrew's website.

Questions I continue to ask are:

What percentage of Co-vid positive exposure can our parish tolerate to continue gathering in person? Several of the parishes in our mission area which have opened for in-person worship reported attendance to include people who were later determined to be Covid positive or were exposed to people who were Co-vid positive. Having guidelines for the percentage we can tolerate will help determine next steps when we learn of Co-vid positive status among those who have attended in person worship. Recommended levels for school and travel range from 3% to 15% while the WHO recommends 5%.

How will those who test positive be cleared to return to worship? How do we care for and respect the dignity and privacy of those who test positive or are exposed to those who have tested positive?

Gratitude is expressed to the Worship Task Group and Vestry and each one of you for your support, participation, input and patience in these days. The Rector is especially grateful for Glynnis Laing (PhD, RN) and Kathy Kerber (Clinical Nurse Specialist with 30+ years of experience) who have provided counsel for making the plan for return to in-person worship. Their professional expertise along with their knowledge and love of St. Andrew's has been invaluable. The Questions and Answers below provide further details.

What are the "guidelines required by Bishop Hollingsworth?"

All participants including clergy and worship leaders must wear masks at all times they are in the building. (Masks are not required for children under age 10 but are strongly recommended. Plastic shields or plexi-glass partitions may not be substituted for masks.) Seating is to be spaced with at least 6 ft. apart. People living in the same house are permitted to sit together, distanced 6 ft. from others outside of their households. All involved in any aspect of preparation and celebration will wear masks and thoroughly wash hands before handling elements and vessels.

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(Re-gathering, continued)

- 2) The Celebrant alone will set the table and be the only person to stand at it for the Great Thanksgiving.
- 3) Distribution will be “in one kind” (host only) and will take place at a station at the front of the chancel. The altar rail will not be used.
- 4) Communicants will come forward individually, wearing masks, and practicing safe distancing of at least 6 feet.
- 5) The Celebrant will drop the consecrated wafer into the open hands of the communicant without touching them.
- 6) The communicant will lift the mask, consume the sacrament, replace the mask, and return to the pew, providing as much safe distancing as possible.
- 7) These requirements apply equally to outdoor services.

What else can I expect when we regather for in person worship?

Many aspects of worship will be different, but the Holy Spirit will be present, prayers will be prayed, God will be glorified and the community of faith will be gathered and then sent out to “love and serve the Lord.”

Entrance and exit will be through specified doors on 3rd Street with exceptions made for those who require the elevator for access.

All attendees will be asked to sign in each week and provide a phone number. (This is for contact tracing.)

Everyone is encouraged to bring their own Book of Common Prayer or “check out” a Book of Common Prayer to take home and bring back each week.

Special Prayers and the Children’s Sermon will be offered with participants remaining in their seats.

When there is music, it will be recorded or instrumental. (There will be no singing.)

The Peace will be exchanged in a “no contact” format with everyone remaining in their pews.

Everyone age 10 and over will be required to wear masks for the whole service. Children under age 10 are not required to wear masks but it is recommended that they do so if they are able.

There will be no procession or acolytes serving.

Movement will be directed by ushers according to newly established procedures.

Coffee Hour is suspended.

What if I have a condition that prevents me from wearing a mask?

You will be able to worship via Zoom worship using a computer, mobile device or telephone and return to in person worship when masks are no longer required. Clergy is available for individual pastoral care and prayers.

How will I learn the schedule for each week?

Communication will take place via text message, email and updates on the church office telephone voicemail message.

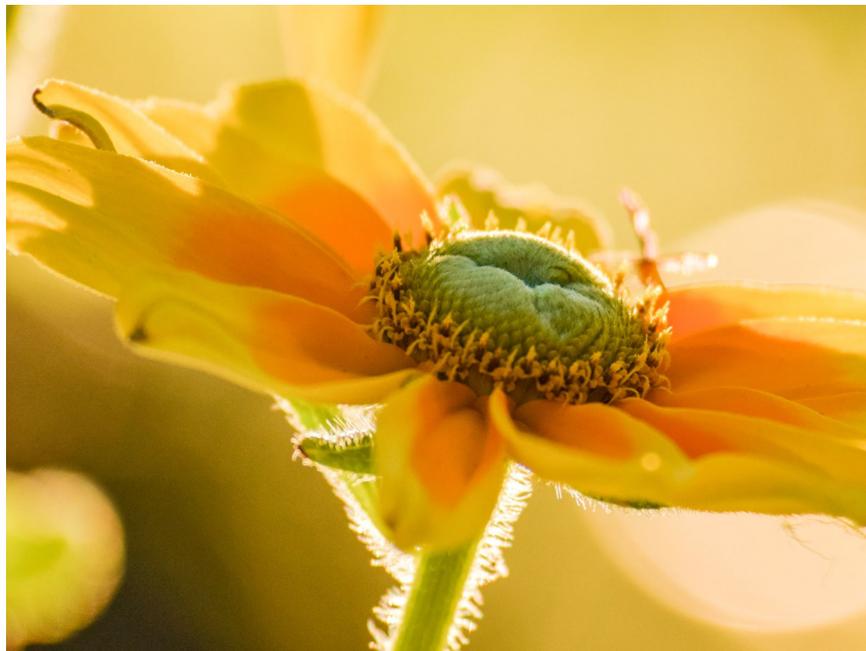
What if I do not feel safe coming back for in person worship? Opportunities for worship, fellowship, service and study will continue to be made available in ways that can be accessed from a distance.

I heard something about “signing up” for in person worship. Do I need to do that? There is seating for 30 + households to attend and be appropriately distanced. (A household is one or more people living in the same house.) Given the response from the Worship Survey, this will accommodate parishioners and visitors who choose to attend in person worship.

I enjoy serving in worship (lector, acolyte, Eucharistic Minister etc.) When and how can I sign up to serve? We are using Sign Up Genius as a tool for scheduling and inviting volunteers to serve. At first the worship leaders will be minimal for in-person worship but there are now and will continue to be opportunities for serving in Zoom worship.

Life in the time of Coronavirus, August by Jay Snider

How do you wake, to face another day
When we are all isolated and kept away
Shut in our homes we are scared to leave
A pandemic is here and it makes us greave
Don't touch, don't hug, don't look around
Does he have it, does she have it, don't make a sound
Now the virus is political as most things go
Live your life, no stay in, whose to know
How then to rise, awake and say
I am happy and glad to face another day
Maybe outside I will find the cure
As inside myself there is much to endure
Opening the window I see birds outside
Their world has not stopped, they still sing and glide
The sun still smiles as it starts to rise
Colors still paint the clouds on the morning sky
Flowers still grow and give off their smell
Squirrels still run by with morning adventures to tell
Inside my home there are my daughters and wife
Yes we are trapped, but this is not strife
This is laughter and love as far as can go
This is not isolation or being alone
I then realize inspiration starts with me
I will make the most of this opportunity
The world needs love and people to stand
I will not let despair take over this land
So to all those who are feeling this isolation
Look to me for a smile and warm salutation



Associate Rector's Letter

*Maybe madness too has meaning here.
Maybe conscience, knotted like a cyst,
Knowing and being known by sun and air —
Maybe life unties and we exist.*
from Osip Mandelstam's "Maybe Madness," t
ranslated by Christian Wiman and Ilya Kaminsky

As summer activities transition into the winding up of this chaotic fall, questions of schools, churches, universities, businesses, and youth activities occupy many of our minds. The shape of 2020 is yet unknown, and yet the cicadas still chirp their morning song. Last month I shared our plan for this fall to prepare boxes for each household with children (and grandchildren), and that plan is still underway. Books are ordered, activities are being organized, and craft supplies gathered. I'll share more about that in the weekly news. There are plenty of technical things to address around reopening, youth and family formation, and young adult engagement, but I'm going to save that.

The poet, Osip Mandelstam, writing in the 1920s before his death in internal exile, wondered in his poem "Maybe madness" about the chaos of his own time and how to attend to our own existence. Maybe madness, maybe chaos, maybe a certain absurdity to all existence, is all part of what life holds. Maybe the work of finding our foundation comes not by "figuring it all out," but comes from "knowing and being known by sun and air." I don't want to spin our present crisis into an opportunity for innovation. Frankly, I don't have energy for innovation or new and exciting programs. As many therapists and social workers have been reminding folks online, none of us alive has lived through a pandemic before. None of us has experienced this kind of mass social distancing and isolation. None of us has had to navigate these questions together for the duration of months.

Given that the end is not in sight, what do we do? This is the appeal of Mandelstam's wondering to me, and, I hope, for you too. What ways can you and your family incorporate knowing and being known by creation? How can we breathe, sit with our bodies in all the stress and frustration we may be feeling, and say, I am here? It doesn't solve the problems. It doesn't make any of it go away, but it can be a helpful reminder. Our faith teaches us that God's Spirit is with us and that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8). May our present unraveling deepen our trust in God's love, may it inspire us to love one another, and know and be known by sun and air. Please don't hesitate to reach out – let's check in with one another and care for one another as Christ cares for us.

Update on Care Groups

Earlier publicity advertised that Care Groups would be formed during the summer and would include all parishioners. This approach for Care Groups is being amended to be an "opt in" approach where Care Groups are formed from the parishioners who chose to participate in this ministry and not automatically include everyone on the church roll. The hope is that this modified approach will result in Care Groups which will be effective in gathering (virtually or in real life) for fellowship, support, prayer and service. Assigned groups will be formed for the Advent season, continue for one year and will be determined with intention towards people getting to know people in the parish whom they might not easily have the chance to know. People who live in the same household will be assigned to the same group unless requested otherwise. Watch for Care Group invitations which will be sent in October via Flocknote, enews, newsletter and Sign Up Genius.

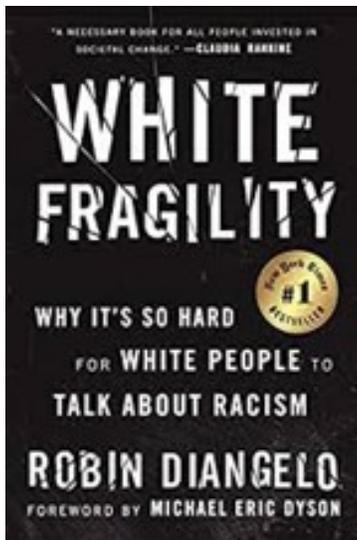
A Money Story Prayer

Giving and loving God,
I am made of stories—
stories of heartbreak and triumph,
stories of love and tragedy,
stories of families who belong and families who break,
stories of loose ends and new beginnings.
I have absorbed stories that live in me like an internal compass,
and many that I do not wish to carry at all.

But your story remains steadfast:
I am loved. I am enough. There is enough for all.
Enough. Enough. Enough.
May this become my constant refrain.
May I believe this is who I am.
May I live trusting your holy design.
Enough. Enough. Enough.
Amen.



Fall Anti-racism Book Study



During a St. Andrew's Lenten Study on "Hard Topics," participants were asked, "Why is it hard to talk about racism?" Responses included, "I don't want to accidentally offend anyone" and "I don't know how to enter the conversation in a personal way."

The book, **White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism** by Robin DiAngelo, addresses these and other questions. **"White fragility is the secret ingredient that makes racial conversations so difficult and achieving racial equity even harder. But by exposing it and showing us all—including white folks—how it operates and how it hurts us, individually and collectively, Robin DiAngelo has performed an invaluable service. An indispensable volume for understanding one of the most important (and yet rarely appreciated) barriers to achieving racial justice."**

—Tim Wise, author of *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*

This fall, St. Andrew's is offering bi-weekly book discussions on this book via Zoom and in-person groups. Both opportunities are open to the public and will be advertised as such. Sign up and invite a friend to participate in this important conversation.

In-person Book Study in the Parish Lounge (Pre-registration required, group size limited to 9 people) 1-2:30 pm Tuesdays Sept. 15, 29, Oct. 13, 27, Nov. 10

Virtual Book Study On Zoom 7 – 8:30 pm Thursdays Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12

Sign up via Sign Up Genius Invitation the first week of Sept. or by calling (440-322-2126) or emailing the church office. (office@standrewselyria.org) Participants purchase their own books if able. Contact Rev. June if you would like to purchase a book to share or if you need help purchasing one.

Donors and Dedications for our new hymnals

Jean Hays and Phyllis DeMark *In memory of Harry and Ina Hays and Eugene and Jean DeMark*

Marilyn Glor *In memory of George Frazier*

Greg and Carrie Hebble *In memory of OSF Kristopher Marc Hebble*

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Jay Snider *In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, especially Kim, Ashley, and Abigail Snider*

The Reverends David F. and June Hardy Dorsey *In honor of The Rev. Robert and Mavis Hardy (1 of each hymnal)*

The Reverends David F. and June Hardy Dorsey *In memory of Paul and Viola Dorsey (1 of each hymnal)*

Darla Williams *In memory of Rhonda Hughes 1956-2018*

Kathy Taylor; Lindsey, Aaron, Everly, and Piper Varga *In celebration of the life of Cory Thomas Taylor*

Amy B. Kellogg *In memory of Katherine and 'Elmer Kellogg*

Amy B Kellogg *In memory of Mary Chucko*

Amy B. Kellogg *In celebration of Joan Van Wormer*

Ken and Carol Schleger *In honor of the marriage of Ken and Carol Schleger, officiated at St. Andrew's Elyria, July 31, 1976*

Love, Allison *In memory of Dad: I hear babies cry, I watch them grow, They'll learn much more Than I'll ever know. And I think to myself, What a wonderful world. Yes, I think to myself, What a wonderful world.*

Love, Jemel, Allison, Cedric, Cole, Rylie *In memory of George "Saxman" Frazier. Loving Father and Grandfather. Friend to all.*

Gwendolyn Frazier *In memory of George Frazier, loving husband.*

Jonathan and Jenna Frazier and Children *In memory of George Frazier*

Jim Jablonski *In memory of Kathryn McGee Jablonski 1951-2018*

Karl and Jeanine Kirk *In celebration of our 60 years of marriage*

Karl and Jeanine Kirk *In thanksgiving of our 60 years together.*

Robert Sharkody *In memory of Verne E. Potter*

Robert Sharkody *In memory of Scott Radosevich*

Mrs. Carol E. Langer *In loving memory of my loving husband, Edward L. Langer*

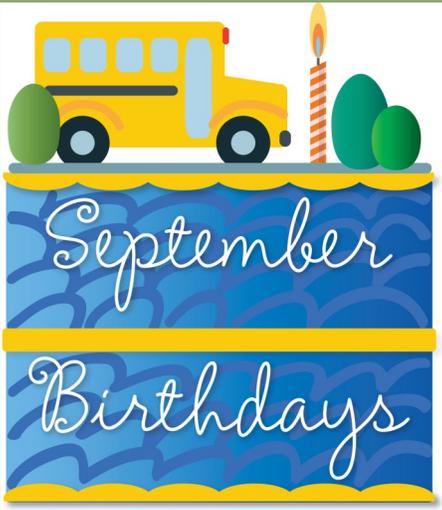
Hans and Myki Van Wormer *In memory of loved ones*

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Matthew and Amanda Van Wormer *In memory of loved ones*

Jeremy and Hannah Barkhurst *In memory of loved ones*





September Birthdays

Lydia Van Wormer	1
Barbara Maxwell	7
Gabryella Frazier	13
Amanda Hebble	14
Hannah Gritman	14
Jeannine Kirk	17
Pam Hahn	20
Russ Panchak	24
Noah Skladan	26
Debbie Putzier	29

Happy Anniversary

September

Jon & Caren Quisenberry	28
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Thank You!

THANK YOU!
 from Carol Walker (Joan Van Wormer's sister) for the prayers and good wishes from her St. Andrew's friends. Carol is doing well.

We Need Your Help!

Dear Urban League Members, Partners, Supporters, Friends, and Those We Serve:

The Community Foundation of Lorain County is hosting its first-ever Connect to a Cause Day, a Crowdfunding Campaign, celebrating their 40th-anniversary of service to this community. Residents throughout the county will have the chance to support non-profit organizations that are significant to YOU!

On Thursday, September 17, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm funds will be raised to impact our community directly. On this day, the Urban League will have the opportunity to receive additional dollars based on the amount raised. We know over the years you have supported the Urban League, and we appreciate your generosity. We ask that you consider donating to the Urban League on September 17 through peoplewhocare.org to help us leverage additional potential dollars.

Here at the Urban League, we take a stand for equality and ensure that all Americans have access to the resources they need to succeed. Our programs give underserved African Americans and other marginalized minorities the support they need to overcome the unfair obstacles presented to them in employment, entrepreneurship, housing, and education.

Giving is the perfect way to assist the Urban League's plan for today and make sure we continue to serve our community tomorrow.

For more information, visit peoplewhocare.org or give us a call at 440-323-3364

Yours In The Movement,
 Parris M. Smith, President and CEO

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 Ass. Rector
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, Donna Quisenberry, Barbara Tobin

Illness, surgery, challenges, concerns

Carol Walker (Joan Van Wormer)
Rebecca Gale/ Gale family (Amy Kellogg)

Those who have died

Mike Gale

"Learning with St. Andrew's" Adult Faith Formation Online



Online Christian Learning from expert teachers in scripture, liturgy, prayer, family, self-care, church history, theology, and more

St. Andrew's is embarking on a wonderful new journey in Christian formation. Through Diocesan support, we are opening our own "**online school**" called "Learning with St. Andrew's." This means we'll be able to take courses together on a variety of topics including scripture, liturgy, and many other areas of personal and spiritual growth. Courses are taught by experts and allow us to learn what we want, when we want, and at our own pace. We'll be able to learn anywhere there's an Internet connection on a PC, laptop, or tablet. Our school will allow us to take courses by ourselves, in small groups, or even as a congregation. And there's a discussion room in each class, with access to a moderator, so we don't have to go it alone.

If you'd like to see what it's like to learn about faith online, you may first want to take a free class called How to Take an Online Class. Here is a link to learn more <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/how-to-take-an-online-class/5283/about/>.

Contact Rev. June (revjunehd@gmail.com or 804-370-2989) with questions.



Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 4, 5:00 pm Patio Garden

Since everyone cannot come in person with their pets, please send a picture of your pet(s) to be included in the Sunday morning Zoom service prayers. Pictures to be sent to revjunehd@gmail.com by Sept. 30.

"U Pick" Day at Bellwether Farm

Looking for Labor Day plans? Come visit Bellwether Farm on September 5 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to participate in this year's third "U-Pick" day. The current harvest includes: Swiss chard, kale, collard greens, tomatoes, peppers, ground cherries, garlic, carrots, squash, sweet corn, onions, beans, and basil. Some vegetables are more limited than others. We will only be offering sixteen (16) time slots to ensure the safety of both the family and Bellwether staff. Each slot will be limited to 45 minutes and each new family will arrive every twenty minutes to ensure we can socially distance families for the duration of their visit.

We ask that participants consider making a donation in exchange for the produce and bring their own reusable bags. We will also have Bellwether pork, chicken, eggs, and 2020 Maple Syrup available for purchase, as well as Bellwether merchandise. Claim your spot today!

Please note: We do not have the inventory available for bulk purchase on tomatoes or other produce for canning and freezing purposes*



ST. ANDREW'S
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Wednesday Zoom Morning Prayer

8:00 am

See page 1 for Zoom address

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