

Newsletter of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
February 2021



The Carillon

Worship Schedule

**Sunday Morning Zoom
Prayer** is held at 9:30am

Due to the rapid spread of the Covid-19 virus, in January, Bishop Hollingsworth directed parishes throughout the diocese to suspend in person worship until further notice.

Click here for our [Zoom](#) link.
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If you have information you would like included in the weekly e-news or in the monthly Carillon, please send by email to office@standrewselyria.org. Deadline for the March issue of the Carillon is February 24. (Inclusion in either publication is at the discretion of the rector.)

Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

Lent is soon upon us with Ash Wednesday occurring on Feb. 17, 2021. In the season of Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time lives are taken unjustly, every time the powerful choose corruption and violence, every time individuals forget how to love. This past year has not brought anything new but has exacerbated... brought into focus, that which has been with us for a long time. We are seeing more clearly, that which has come around, again and again.

With exasperation we exclaim, "Again?! How long, O God?" And yet, in the midst of the motion blur chaos of our lives, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward. In this season, we need rituals—both old and new—to remember and be transformed. Embodied practice builds muscle memory. Repetition helps retrain our neural pathways. * We begin this Lenten season in the manner that interrupted last year's Lent. We gather – not in our church building, but online, on Zoom, via phone calls. If we happen to meet in person, we are distanced by the 6 feet required for safety and the masks we wear. Ordinary occurrences before -- going out to dinner with groups of friends, going to the movies or concerts, dashing out to the store without a second thought – we now approach with caution and weigh the risks.

This Lenten season, we have been almost a year, masked, socially distanced, aware of the continued threat of the virus. Racial and economic inequity has been magnified, racial and economic injustice, brought front and center in these days. That which we thought could never happen in our nation's capital, did happen, as we watched in disbelief, the events of Jan. 6, in Washington, DC.

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Rector's Reflections – continued

There is more uncertainty and hesitation. And... again, it is the season of Lent.

A “Lent at Home” Packet containing a devotional guide and some tools for the journey thorough Lent is being mailed to your home. There will be opportunities for focused study and fellowship in Zoom small groups. Midweek worship opportunities will be provided. We will attempt some unconventional ways to keep familiar rituals, with a How to Make Ashes for Ash Wednesday at Home Tutorial on Zoom, a Virtual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Zoom and Ash Wednesday services accessible via several platforms. We will stretch our reach into the community with Facebook Live Noonday Prayer and messages in print and social media. There will be opportunities to give and serve as well as to be still and reflect.

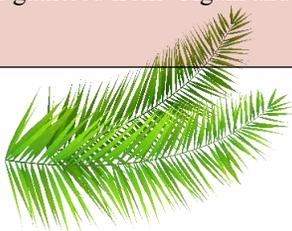
When your Lenten devotional guide arrives in your home, I encourage you to walk through the weekly readings and prompts at your own pace throughout the season, following the rhythm that works best for you. May the art, reflections, and poetry strengthen and stretch you, shaping you into a more faithful disciple. This Lent, may God’s steadfast love cradle our laments. May God’s grace wash over our weariness. And may we bring all of who we are to God—trusting that God will meet us, time and again, along the way. *

As we did during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, we will rely upon The Sanctified Art Creative Team, Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Sarah Are, Hannah Garrity, and Lauren Wright Pittman, for many of the resources we will use to build the Lenten experience with St. Andrew’s. I am grateful for the depth of reflection, the creativity and generosity with which they share their gifts. Let us notice, with intention, that which comes around, “Again and Again” as we enter into Lent 2021.

Blessings,

Mother June

* Text adapted and gathered from “Again and Again” resources by A Sanctified Art.



**Virtual Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Feb. 16, 2021
6:00 pm on Zoom**

Bring your pancakes and jump on Zoom for St. Andrew’s first ever Virtual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Showcasing pancakes made by you (extra credit if it is a special recipe).

Activities include; Shrove Tuesday Trivia, Pancake Madlibs, Shrove Tuesday Group Haiku. The fun night closes with Compline at 7 pm. Join us at any time that works with your schedule. Hop on Zoom whenever you can, bring your pancakes and join in the fun.

We are not going to let a little something like no in-person gathering dampen THE St. Andrew’s Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper tradition. Phone-in callers welcome!



How to Make Ashes for Ash Wednesday

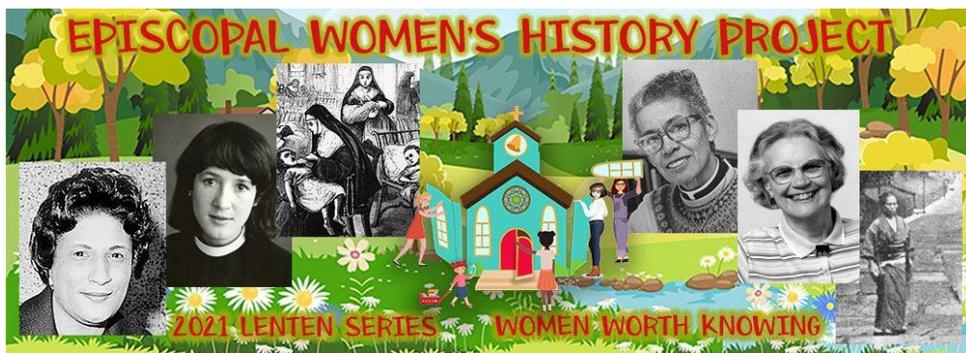
Tutorial, February 14, 2021, 3 pm, on [Zoom](#). Blessed palms are being sent to every home in the “Lent at Home” packet. It is a tradition to use blessed palms from the previous Palm Sunday (2020) to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Come and learn how this happens!



Ash Wednesday Worship February 17, 2021

7 am, Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Christ Church, Oberlin, Recorded on YouTube (accessible after 7 am).

8 am, Ash Wednesday Morning Prayers and
7 pm, Ash Wednesday Liturgy on [Zoom](#)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCES WITH ST. ANDREW'S

Union of Black Episcopalians Episcopal Women's History Project 2021 Lenten Series "Women Worth Knowing" February 18 – March 25

There are hundreds of remarkable stories of women who have served the Episcopal Church with love, with persistence, with energy and with creativity. EWHP is presenting a series telling the stories of six women who have made an impact on the Episcopal Church. There will be time for discussion and questions. **The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker**, President of EWHP will be emcee. The Rev. Yein Esther Kim is the administrator for the series. The sessions will be presented as a Zoom experience where there is room for all who wish to participate. The sessions will also be recorded and can be accessed on the EWHP YouTube Channel. The series will begin on Thursday February 18, 2021, and continued on February 25, and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Registration is required, [Click here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meetings. Click the title above which is linked to the website with more detailed information and mark your calendars!

Here are the topics that will be presented:

February 18, Presenter: Dr. Joan Gundersen, Title: Constance Baker Motley: Doing Justice. Meet the Episcopalian who became the face of NAACP in courtrooms across the South during the Civil Rights movement.

February 25, Presenter: Pan Adams McCaslin, Title: The Rev. Peggy Bosmeyer Campbell. The first woman ordained in Arkansas; priest, an organizer, a teacher.

March 4, Presenter: Sister Hannah Aloysius, Title: Sister Constance and her Companions. Known as the "Martyrs of Memphis," as they cared for the sick and dying during the yellow fever epidemic of 1878.

March 11, Presenter: Dr. Marty Wheeler Burnett, Title: Hope, Joy, and Wonder. The Hymns of Rae E. Whitney, a celebration of the life and work of the Nebraska hymn poet, the prolific author of over 500 hymns.

March 18, Presenters: The Rt. Rev. Kim Jackson and The Rev. Nan Peete. Title: The Rev. Pauli Murray, an American civil rights activist who became a lawyer, a women's rights activist, Episcopal priest, and author.

March 25, Presenter: Dr. Robin Woods Sumners, Title: The Remarkable Life of Gertrude Sumners, Missionary Teacher in Kyoto, Japan 1931-1967, worker in World War II, and life-long Episcopalian.

Absalom Jones Service

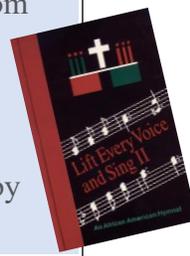
The Wilma Combs Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Diocese of Ohio invite you to the Virtual Absalom Jones Service of Evening Prayer on Sunday, February 7, at 4:00 p.m., hosted by St. Luke's, Cleveland. The service is based on the 1789 Book of Common Prayer, a constant in the life of Absalom Jones, our first African American Episcopal priest. The service will be livestreamed on the Diocesan [Facebook](#) page and the St. Luke's, Cleveland [YouTube](#) page.

The [offering](#) for this service will be given to the Presiding Bishop's Absalom Jones Fund for the Historically Black Episcopal Colleges.

Anti-Racism Book Study # 3 Begins

How to Be an Anti-Racist by Xendi Ibraham. February discussion on Chapters 1-3 on [Zoom](#) Tuesdays, 1-2 pm, February 16, March 2, 16, 30, April 13, 27 Thursdays, 7-8 pm, Feb. 18, March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29 Watch for Sign Up Genius or call the Rev. June Hardy Dorsey at 804-370-2989 to sign up.

Throughout February, Zoom Sunday Morning Prayer with Hymns will feature music from the *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* Hymnal and readings and prayers by African American writers.



Notes from the Associate Rector

The Rev. Gregory Stark

In preparing for this Lent, I am feeling a genuine mix of emotions. I am excited for all of the things that we have prepared. I am sad that we will not be able to share in one of my favorite services (Ash Wednesday) in person and remind each other of our earthiness and creatureliness. I am angry that we are still in this pandemic. I am grateful that I am here with you all and get to see the signs of your faithfulness and care. It's a complicated time, and that is okay. What traditions are you adapting? How are you thinking about "giving up" or "taking on" things differently this year? I am looking forward to our pancake supper on zoom together (I'm going to try a new recipe with cinnamon swirl pancakes!), and I hope to check in with many of you then. If not, I always love to hear from you all and would love to have check ins over zoom during the Lenten season.

- For children: there will be materials sent out for some age-appropriate reflections and activities at home.
- For middle school youth: we will be hosting occasional game nights on zoom with time for check ins and reflection. We have a copy of JackBox to do game nights over zoom that are age appropriate and will be hosted by the middle school youth for other families. Sign ups will be sent out for each one so check your inboxes throughout Lent for a time to play and rest together.
- For high school youth: we will have weekly small group together on Thursday at 7pm on zoom. We will be reflecting on Sabbath – what does it mean to dwell in God's grace? to rest? how does this relate to the work of justice to which God calls us?
- For the 20s and 30s group, we have not settled on a book or topic, but we will be meeting on Tuesday nights at 8pm on zoom.
- Finally, I will be offering a small group on Monday nights at 7pm where we will meditate on poetry and faith, engaging poetry from all sorts of backgrounds and forms. If you are interested in this group, contact me at gregory.d.stark@gmail.com.

As always, know that you all are in my prayers and that I am so grateful for your prayers and ministry in this place. May God draw us all deeper in fellowship with God and with the company of the faithful during this season.

Peace,
Greg+



community
meal

HEATHER CAMPBELL REICH COMMUNITY MEAL

Served at St. Andrew's with the generous support of area churches. Please consider volunteering to help serve our neighbors at the February community meal on Wednesday, February 24.

We would like volunteers for two shifts; meal preparation and meal set up/distribution/clean up. Meal prep includes the main cooking of the entrée and side dishes. This usually requires about an hour and begins about 3 pm. The second shift asks volunteers to come about 5 pm and stay until everything is cleaned up which is usually between 7-7:30. Please contact Bill Hebble to let him know you are coming so we can keep our total number of volunteers between 6-8 for the second shift to limit exposure.

As always, thank you to all who give generously of their time to help with this important ministry. Bill Hebble can be reached at 440-731-7088 to RSVP and to ask any questions.

Reconciliation of a Penitent – A Shrove Tuesday Ritual
Offered by Zoom or phone call
on Sunday, February 14, and Tuesday, February 16, by appointment

Do Episcopalians practice confession? Yes, we do! In addition to confession in daily prayers and the Holy Eucharist, the Episcopal Church has a sacramental ritual, traditionally offered on Shrove Tuesday, but also upon request, called “Reconciliation of a Penitent.” In this rite a person who repents may confess their sins to God in the presence of a priest and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution (BCP, p. 861). It is also called penance and confession.

The church’s ministry of reconciliation is from God, “who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor 5:18). The ministry of reconciliation has been committed by Christ to the church. It is exercised through the care each Christian has for others, through the common prayer of Christians assembled for public worship, and through the priesthood of the church and its ministers declaring absolution (BCP, p. 446). The Reconciliation of a Penitent is not limited to times of sickness. Confessions may be heard at any time and any place. After the penitent has confessed all serious sins troubling the conscience and given evidence of contrition, the priest offers counsel and encouragement before pronouncing absolution. Before pronouncing absolution, the priest may assign a psalm, prayer, or hymn to be said, or something to be done, as a sign or penitence and act of thanksgiving. The secrecy of the confession is morally absolute for the confessor and must not be broken (BCP, p. 446). If you would like to know more or make an appointment for this ritual, contact The Rev. June Hardy Dorsey (revjunehd@gmail.com) or The Rev. Gregory D. Stark (gregory.d.stark@gmail.com).

United Thank Offering
Gratitude in Lent – Ingathering on Easter Day

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box or other container. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. UTO information will be included in the Lent at Home Packet.



A warm welcome to **Karen Ennes**, our new bookkeeper and **William (Bill) Taylor**, our Interim Sexton. We are grateful for your skills and gifts and for your generosity with them at St. Andrew’s.

MESSAGES OF THANKS

Dear friends at St. Andrew's,
Thank you so much for the thoughtful and generous farewell gift. It was a pleasure to work with and for you in the office at St. Andrew's. I will miss you. Sincerely, Diane Linch

It has been a pleasure to serve as St. Andrew’s sexton for the past 22 years. I have enjoyed working with the Altar Guild and parishioners, who have become dear and valued friends. Although I will no longer be on staff, St. Andrews will remain my church home. Thank you for the thoughtful retirement gift, I was surprised and grateful.

~Joanne Pressnell

“Gifts and Calling”

Small group to begin, Thursday, February 25 (10-11:30 am) and Sunday, February 28 (3-5 pm). A seven-week small group virtual gathering for community, Bible study and fellowship. Exploring your gifts and calling, targeting your passion and identifying seven key strategies to a way of living, energized by the gifts God has given you.
(Watch for a Sign-Up Genius to register.)

February Birthdays

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



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, Ruth Smith, Donna Quisenberry, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin.

Illness, surgery, challenges, concerns: Linda Wilbert, Ann Derzis (Rev. June's brother-in-law's sister)

Those who have died:

All are invited to email, call or voice your request on Sunday to add family and friends to our prayer list! office@standewselyria.org or call 440-322-2126 and leave a message.

March Birthdays

Jerry MacBeth	1
Jason Quisenberry	1
Joe Dembek	3
Freya Hughes	3
Juliann Walker	4
Caren Quisenberry	5
John Hunt	8
Todd Hartmen	9
Derek Howland	17
Alexis Knapp	17
Isabella Shaffer	23
Anne Yug	23
Abigail Knapp	25
Margo Reich	26
Dakota Squire	26
Amy Kellogg	28
Genevieve Barkhurst	28
Catherine Secaur	29
Nandi Badat Hahn	30

