

The Carillon

Newsletter of St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

April 2021

Worship Schedule

Services will take place in the church building if the Covid Threat Level in Lorain County is Level 1 (Yellow) or Level 2 (Orange). If the threat level is Level 3 (Red) or Level 4 (Purple), services will be online only. Fridays at approximately 2 pm, the Health department advises the weekly threat level.

Sunday Morning Prayer

9:30 am Zoom

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8:30 am In-person

10:30 am In-person

Mid-Week Worship

Opportunities Continuing in Eastertide

Wednesdays, 8 am

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Thursdays, 8:30 pm

Compline on Zoom

Click here for our [Zoom](#) link.

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. John 20:1

"While it was still dark. While it was still night. While she could not see. While she thought death held sway. While she grieved. While she wept. While it was still dark, resurrection began."

"While it was still dark." By Jan Richardson, A Circle of Grace

Many years ago, in a family-friendly Good Friday Christian Education event, the children of the parish I was serving, "walked-through" Holy Week. They entered into the story of Holy Week in costumes and lived into and acted out the stories of this week, simulating the context with experiences fitting their age and with an amazingly deep understanding. The event concluded with a simple worship service where in the Children's Sermon, I had planned to recap the story and end with Jesus being placed in the tomb and the stone rolled to seal it. The plan was for the lights in the church to slowly dim and the children and their parents leave in silence to return on Easter Day to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. As I sat on the floor with the children in the slowly darkening church and watched their faces while they heard the story they had just re-enacted, I couldn't do it. I couldn't let the Good Friday story end for these children because I know (and many of them knew) the Easter Story. So in the dark, when the plan was for the parents to quietly come get their children and take them home, I was compelled to change the plan and go on with the story.

Watching their serious faces in the dimming light and knowing the sincerity with which they had acted out the Holy Week story... knowing that Friday night to Sunday morning is a long time for children... knowing their trust in and love for their church, I had to tell them the rest of the story.

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Rector's Reflections ~ continued

So... asking the parents to wait (and confusing the volunteer charged with dimming the lights), I told them the rest of the story... from the events remembered on Good Friday, all the way to Easter morning. Of the women going to the tomb and finding it empty... Of the disbelief of Mary until Jesus called her by name.... Of the fear that overtook the disciples until they saw the Risen Christ. We were still sitting on the floor in a darkened church building, Easter was not yet here, and it was still Good Friday, but I couldn't let the night end without pointing to the Resurrection... without directing the children toward the love of God, celebrated on Easter Day. I couldn't let them go even one night and even pretending or imagining, that they were separated from the love of God.

Those children are now young adults, and some have young children of their own. I do not know if they remember that night and I had not thought about it in a long time. But, as I began to plan for and reflect upon Good Friday of 2021, I remembered that event and realized that the need to tell and hear the Easter Story was just as compelling as that night.

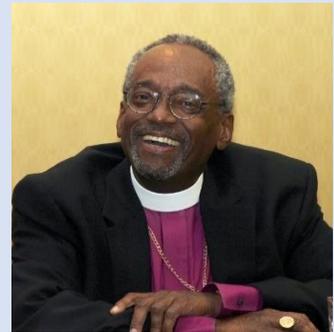
For in the dimming light of Good Friday 2021 we sit in the shadow of the 2.7 million people we've lost worldwide to Covid-19. The now tragically frequent news of two mass shootings; turmoil at the southern border; the many in our country who face unemployment and food insecurity; increasing loneliness, depression, and anxiety brought on by the pandemic; and the continuing plague of racial inequity, violence, and injustice in our streets and institutions, all threaten to overwhelm us. But let us not despair and let us not lose hope. Let us acknowledge how hard it is, how hard it has been. Let us with eyes and hearts wide open, be present with one another and allow God to be present with us. Let us not rush through Good Friday but remember, in the words of poet and artist, Jan Richardson, that Christ's resurrection began in the night, before the dawn.

The Love of God, manifest in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is as real on Good Friday as on Easter Day. Let us look for it, let us embody it, let us proclaim it, remind each other of it and believe it.

Blessings,
Mother June



Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry: Easter 2021 Message



"Our work goes on. Our labor for love continues. We will not cease, and we will not give up until this world reflects less our nightmare and more God's dream where there's plenty good room for all God's children. Hallelujah anyhow."

[Read his full message here.](#)



Notes from the Associate Rector

The Rev. Gregory Stark

A year ago, Gerard Smyth penned a poem called "Isolation," which was published in The Irish Times. Smyth wrote of daffodils reminding us of spring, of books and bread, of kites and letters, little glimpses of new life pushing through the dreary isolation of the lockdown. That was just the start of what would be a very long year (decade?). It is not only hard, it is incredibly exhausting, despite the progress with vaccines and more knowledge about the virus, to carry on. This Holy Week and this Easter, I am wondering what signs of Resurrection have broken through the cracks of this otherwise gloomy year. We recognize the pain, suffering, and death of the past year (and at other points). We attend to and care for one another through these experiences. The Christian imagination is not a refusal or denial of them, it is standing with one foot in the midst of this world and its many vulnerabilities, with another planted in the hope of the Resurrection, where Christ offers his risen and ascended body to us.

It's a paradox and it requires practice. It doesn't fix it all nice and neat. But it is meant as a challenge and an invitation. I think of the poem by Wendell Berry, "The Peace of Wild Things," where in the middle of the night his own worries and fears catch hold of him and he goes out to "rest in the grace of the world" and he is free. The tension between the therapeutic acceptance of what is beyond one's control and the push to change what must be otherwise. The tension between the Already of the Resurrection and the Not-Yet of the Second Coming. We wait. We remember. We proclaim. As we enter the Easter season, may our lives be filled with the hope and witness of new life, sustained by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit working in and through us. I am grateful for how you all have offered signs of God's healing love in the year that has been.

Upcoming:

- April 8th and 15th at 7pm on Zoom - Diocesan Youth Workshops on Mental Health (the 8th) and LGBTQ+ in the Church (the 15th). Contact Greg for more information.
- If you have volunteered for VBS (whether virtually, in preparation, or during the week) in the past, and are interested in being part of what we may be doing this Summer, let Greg know. The dates for VBS are June 21st-25th, the exact schedule is still in the works.

Peace,
Greg+



MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Amy Kellogg

I know Lent is only 40 day and 40 nights, but I have to admit sometimes I felt like this past year has just been one really l-o-o-o-ng Lent. When I left my office on March 16, 2020, I never thought that a year later I would still be working from home. I certainly didn't think I would lose a cherished uncle or a childhood friend to the virus. And yet, again and again, God was there and I knew I wasn't alone. I knew that no matter what was going on in the world or in my life there is always hope because we are children of God and that is a love that never goes away. I see the hope all around me as I watch the trees bud and the daffodils bloom from the window of my home office. It is the rebirth of the earth and in this Easter season it is a chance for our rebirth, as well. I wish all of you a very Happy Easter and I hope that we continue to share God's love because by doing that we can make a difference in our communities and in the lives of the people around us.

Coming to St. Andrew's

Sacred Ground: A Film Based Study Series on Racial Equity and Social Justice

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

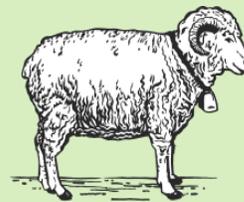
The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. We are hoping to collaborate with neighborhood partners as we engage in this course. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

Watch for dates and registration information.

United Thank Offering Gratitude in Lent – Please send your offering to St. Andrew's by April 12

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 another 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.



Bellwether
— FARM —

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Seeding Saturdays at Bellwether Farm

It's spring again and time to start our veggie seeds at Bellwether Farm. Each year we plant thousands of seeds that grow into the veggies we all love to eat and we need your help to get them started. Sign up to volunteer for a 1.5 hour planting slot. Seeding dates are Saturday, April 10 and Saturday, April 17. Only 1 slot is required for an individual, household, or pod.

Bellwether Farm Fishing Derby and Fish Fry

Join us at Bellwether Farm for a Fishing Derby and Fish Fry on April 24. Bring your own fishing gear and barbless hooks for a day of catch and release fishing fun featuring prizes. Enjoy a fish fry of Swai and a farm-to-table salad. Please note this event is outdoors, weather dependent, and subject to being rescheduled. Tickets are required and are \$5.

Heather Reich Community Meal

St. Andrew's volunteers serve on Wednesday, April 28. Please contact Bill Hebble by calling or texting 440-731-7088 to make sure we have enough volunteers but also to keep our number between 6-8 to limit exposure. Thank you!

April Birthdays

Rhetta Reynolds	1
Sara Heginbotham	3
Chip Heginbotham	4
Joan VanWormer	14
Peggy Casselberry	14
Ella Pancheck	14
Tim Knapp	18
Cora Secaur	22
Michelle Wilson	22
Megan Quisenberry	27
Michael Taylor	29



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 Associate
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), Cheri VanWormer

Those who have died: Nancy Myers

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.

May Birthdays

Tyler Heck	1
Fr. Brian Wilbert	2
Hannah Barkhurst	3
Jonathan Frazier	6
Flossie Muller	7
Violet Secaur	7
Howard Kerber	10
Amanda VanWormer	13
Chuck Reich	14
Leanne Taylor	14
Tris Von Gunten	15
Walter Warner	17
Jeremy Secaur	20
Tom Norfleet	23
Jonathan Frazier, Jr.	24
Naviya Schuster-Little	25
Jacob Hebble	29
Cameron Taylor	29
Mike Von Gunten	29

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 May issue of the Carillon is April 26.

(Inclusion in either publication is at the discretion of the rector.)

