

# The Carillon

Newsletter of St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

May 2021

## Worship Schedule

### In-person worship returns Beginning May 16

Services will take place in the church building if the Covid Threat Level in Lorain County is Level 3 (Red) or below. If Level 4 (Purple), services will be online only.

### Sunday Morning Prayer

9:30 am [Zoom](#)

### Sunday Holy Eucharist (beginning May 16)

8:30 am In-person (no music)

11:00 am In-person

\*Please see additional information on page 3 for special Sundays and for required safety protocols.

\*\*Children's Sermons will be offered at any service where there are children present.

### Mid-Week Worship Opportunities Continuing in Eastertide

Wednesdays, 8 am

Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#)

Thursdays, 8:30 pm

Compline on [Zoom](#)

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## Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

St. Andrew's mission statement is "Sharing God's Love." A seemingly simple statement that calls us to know God's love, know our neighbor and know ourselves as we seek to live into that mission. It was created by a team of parishioners from a series of parish-wide meetings where on Post-It notes, you named what you saw as priorities for St. Andrew's. It is not lost on me that this new mission statement was adopted by the Vestry in 2019 and presented to the wider parish 8 weeks before everything changed in March of 2020.

In the subsequent months, "Sharing God's Love" has been the lens through which we have tried to see and discern how to continue on that mission with many limitations. It was the motivation for continuing the community meals in a safe manner and for selecting Zoom as the platform for our virtual worship. It was the incentive for studying, praying and acting against racism. It was and continues to be the inspiration for the devotional mailings, the Easter basket project and the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Now it provides guidance for the decision to change the St. Andrew's policy about re-gathering for in person worship. With the permission of the Bishop and the good council of the Worship Task Group and the Vestry, I have made the decision that we will regather for in person worship, even if the Covid Threat Level is red, beginning May 16. (See the details in the announcement in this newsletter.) This decision is not a perfect one and it will not fit every person and though it is a decision about our common worship together, I invite you to prayerfully discern what is best for your household. Zoom worship will continue to be offered so there will be an option if your household is uncomfortable gathering in person. The Covid 19 protocols set in place by Bishop Hollingsworth last fall will continue to be required. Worship in person will look very different from the way we gathered for worship in January and February of 2020.

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## Rector's Reflections – continued

The way this decision came to be further demonstrates the spirit of the mission statement in the work of the Worship Task Group and the Vestry as they shared, listened and prayed. I am deeply grateful for their leadership and trust.

My invitation to each of us is to look for ways to “Share God’s Love” as we re-gather for in person worship. If this is exactly what you wanted to happen and you can’t wait to “be back in church,” look for ways you can support and connect with those who don’t find this to be good news. If you are not ready to re-gather for in person church, look for ways you can support and connect with those who are. If you feel comfortable to engage in hands on ministry, look for ways to collaborate with those who are not comfortable with in person engagement. We are together on mission in ministry at St. Andrew’s and let us continue to live into the mission of “Sharing God’s Love.”

Eastertide Blessings,  
Mother June

## The Church Office is Reopening

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm

Friday, 9 am – Noon

Please call (440-322-2126) before you come so that safe access can be ensured.



[St. Andrew's Website](#) is full of helpful information. The home page is updated regularly to include updates on our services, outreach, Covid-19 restrictions, monthly Vestry meeting minutes, other news, our calendar and more.

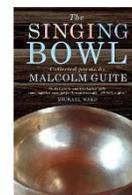
## COMMITMENT TO RACIAL JUSTICE

**On Wednesday, April 14, the Vestry of St. Andrew’s unanimously approved the following statement:**

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Elyria, Ohio recognizes that the church, as a body of Christ, has a responsibility to act on behalf of others, especially the marginalized and the oppressed. We vow in our Baptismal Covenant to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” and to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We believe that this includes directly con-fronting the legacy and reality of racism, both individually and that which is systemic and institutionalized in our society. We must work to end economic, educational, employment, healthcare, housing and other injustices in our own lives, institutions, communities, and the world. To that end, we must be aware and well informed, and thereby better able to determine the actions our faith requires of us – actions that help us to practice justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

## Monday Poetry and Faith Discussion Group

The group is starting back up this May (7-8:15) with a collection of poems by the Anglican priest and poet, Malcolm Guite. We will be reading *The Singing Bowl: Collected Poems*. You are welcome to join whether or not you get a copy of the book. Contact Fr. Greg at [gregory.d.stark@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.d.stark@gmail.com) for the zoom link.



## Protocols for In-Person Worship

- Masks are required to be worn by everyone including the celebrant and preacher. We will have a supply of extra masks for those who arrive without masks.
- Communion will be distributed in one kind, which means the bread only. It is to be distributed “journey style” in a pattern that minimizes contact.
- Singing carries a very high risk of transmission of the coronavirus, and therefore is not permitted by congregation or choir. **A letter from Bishop Hollingsworth received the week of April 18, permits a choir of no more than 4 persons in outdoor services, but only if all 4 choir persons are masked.**
- There may be no physical touching during the passing of the peace and no leaving the pew to acknowledge others. It is permissible to omit the exchange of the peace.
- There is no passing of an offering plate through the pews. Worshippers are encouraged to offer financial gifts online or to a stationary plate as they enter.
- Safe seating will be designated by signs and directed by ushers. Households may sit together and at least six feet apart (i.e., 360°) from any others. (If a household is larger than the designated space, arrangements can be made for the household to sit together as indicated above.) We are aware that this practice is not followed in all churches but after careful consideration with the Task Group, we have included it in the protocols for St. Andrew’s.
- To avoid crowding and bottlenecks, there will be no receiving line following any service. Entrance and exit will be through doors designated for such purposes.

## Special Sundays Mark your calendars

### May 23 – Pentecost

- 8:30 am In-person service
- 9:30 am Zoom service
- 11 am Outdoor Service – If space not available, or if inclement weather, we’ll gather indoors



### July

**(Date, time and location TBD)**

11 am, Outdoor Service



### August 22

8:30 am In-person service  
(at St. Andrew’s)

- 9:30 am Zoom service
- 11 am Episcopal Lutheran Joint Outdoor Service, High Meadows MetroPark. (The Rev. Anna Sutterisch to celebrate the Eucharist, Lutheran Bishop to preach, and potluck picnic.

### September 19

- 9:30 am Zoom Service
- 11 am Joint Worship Service in the Parish Hall (followed by Parish wide lunch if permitted)

### New in the Amazon app

Sign up to generate donations while you shop, at no extra cost

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## Help St. Andrew’s while you shop!

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select **"St Andrews Episcopal Church"** as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select **"St Andrews Episcopal Church"** as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

## Notes from the Associate Rector

*The Rev. Gregory Stark*

Why? Why is *x* ministry important? During our last youth ministry transitions task force meeting, the Rev. Anna Sutterisch led us in an exercise of asking why to get to the core values for youth ministry in our parishes. As we kept asking “why” for each of our answers, we came to realize that compassionate action was at the root of how we hope to form and be formed in ministry. This reminded me of a poem by the 13<sup>th</sup> century mystic, poet, and theologian, Hadewijch of Brabant,

“Anyone who has waded  
Through Love’s turbulent waters,  
Now feeling hunger and now satiety,  
Is untouched by the seasons  
Of withering or blooming,  
For in the deepest  
And most dangerous waters,  
On the highest peaks,  
Love is always the same.” (in *Beguine Spirituality*, pg 118).

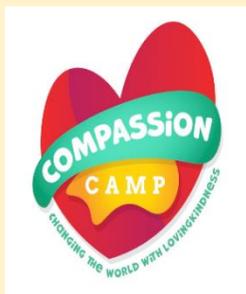
Two things stand out to me in this poem: Love is both the constant ground of existence that sustains us through the turbulence of life, and Love is a discipline that requires regular attention and persistence. Love takes practice, but Love is also the thing which grounds us so that practice is even possible.

As we conclude this long, long year, where have we felt Love’s enduring presence through the ups and downs of what has been? How do we prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies to persist in loving our neighbor, ourselves, and our God? How do we support each other through the withering and the blooming, trusting in the sameness of God’s eternal love?

In 2017, when I first got here, one of my first responsibilities was preparing for Vacation Bible School. Hero Central was the theme, and I have kept the picture of June, Brian, and myself in our masks and superhero capes as a reminder of the beginning of my call. Four years (!) later and I am excited to conclude my time here with another VBS – Compassion Camp, from June 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

This has been an incredibly joyful, enriching, and life-giving curacy and associate ministry. I have learned more than I could have imagined, and I have known the regularity and persistence of God’s love among you all. The poem from Hadewijch is a gesture towards what is next for me. In late September I will be starting a second master’s program at KU Leuven, in Belgium, where I will be studying theology and literature for the next two years. I have been in conversation with the bishop, the rectors, and the vestries of both parishes, and I have discerned that it is the right next step for me. My research for this degree will focus on the poetry of beguines like Hadewijch, liberation theology, and literature from the early years of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Love keeps showing up and our call as the church is to respond, reveal, and share God’s love in all our deeds. I am so grateful for how you all have done that in my first years of ordained ministry. As I approach the end of my call here, I look forward to spending time with you all and re-gathering in person. As always, feel free to reach out and be in touch!

Faithfully,  
Greg+



### **SAVE THE DATES: VBS 2021 Update!** June 21<sup>st</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, times to be announced.

We are excited to announce that this year’s theme is “Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness” from Illustrated Ministries. We are working to make it COVID safe and to provide the best VBS experience that we can for our children, youth, and volunteers. If you would like to help before or during that week, please be in touch with Fr. Greg at [gregory.d.stark@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.d.stark@gmail.com) or call the office and leave a message.



## **MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN**

**Amy Kellogg**

As you have read in this issue of the Carillon, we are going to start having services again in our church (Yea!) I want to thank the members of the Worship Task Force and the Vestry who took the time to put together the protocols for our regathering. Please know that we will continue to have the Zoom service every Sunday so you can pick the service that best fits your life. Being able to open during Easter season, seems like a sign from God that we are going to get through all of this. We will never go back to the way it was in March of 2020, but whatever the future brings we will be together.

I was listening to a webinar last week and the speaker said “Do the thing that makes you come alive to impact the issues that break your heart”. Lately there seems to be no shortage of issues that break my heart, but that’s what God is for. We are not alone. By sharing God’s love and taking action, no matter how small, we can make a difference. I hope we all find the thing that makes us come alive so we can make an impact in other’s lives and our community.

## **Congregational Development Commission**

### **Advocating on Behalf of Renters**

**CDC Member, Karen Wells**

Several months ago, the Congregational Development Commission (CDC) became concerned about what would happen when Ohio's moratorium on evictions expired on December 31, 2020. One of the roles of the CDC is advocacy, and members discerned that advocacy on behalf of renters was needed. Subsequently, the CDC developed a statement to encourage Ohio's members of Congress to take action. The CDC is pleased to announce Senators Stephanie Kunze, R-Hillard, and Hearcel Craig, D-Columbus, recently introduced a Senate Bill which has yet to be assigned to a committee. If the Bill becomes law, it will allow renters to have an eviction record expunged as long as their landlords have an opportunity to provide information to the court. That's significant because evocation records often lead to homelessness and, during the pandemic, may cause a health crisis. The Ohio Poverty Law Center and the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio support the Bill.

For those who advocated for Ohio to address evictions by contacting Ohio's members of Congress, I'm writing on behalf of the CDC to let you know you're making a positive difference in the lives of several thousand renters and to thank you for living the way of love.

### **Helping the Homeless**

**CDC Chair, Greg Hebble**

During Covid, the homeless shelters in Lorain County closed to prevent contagion. The Neighborhood Alliance is housing those who were staying in the shelters and others who have become newly homeless in two motels in Lorain County. St. Andrew's has begun collecting and delivering personal products as a way to share God's love. At Easter, baskets were made for the children and delivered to them at the motels. If you would like to make a donation of items or funds to assist with this ministry, please email Greg Hebble at [greg@elyriafence.com](mailto:greg@elyriafence.com) or send your donation to St. Andrew's and note the funds are for Outreach/personal products.



### Summer clothing drive



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF AMERICA**

Jeanne Plas, sister-in-law of Nancy Plas, is a new member of St. Andrews. She is working with Boys and Girls Clubs to provide summer clothing for kids in need. If you would like to help by making a donation, buying items, transporting, or to offer suggestions or support, please call her at (440) 458-8361 or text (440) 787-3262 before May 10. Thank you!

### Carillon - - Make a Hymn Suggestion

The St. Andrew's Carillon has been dismantled for repair and we will have pictures in the announcements on Zoom worship on Sunday. When it is reassembled, we want to have some new hymns for it to play. Help select the hymns by suggesting hymns at this link. (It is a 12 note instrument so not all hymns can be arranged to play on it but we want your input for the ones that can.) Email your suggestion to [office@standrewselyria.org](mailto:office@standrewselyria.org)

### Call for Technology Team members

Looking for volunteers to serve on a small technology team which will work on learning about and possibly doing the work of upgrading technology access in the church. Please contact Rev. June if interested at [revjunehd@gmail.com](mailto:revjunehd@gmail.com) or call the church office.



**Big Brothers Big Sisters  
of Lorain County**

Be a Big: Give a little something back  
YOU have a BIG opportunity right in front of you – not only to positively impact a child's life today, but to transform their potential for tomorrow. Moreover, your volunteer investment today will improve our entire community now and into the future.

All across Lorain County, children are in need of caring adult mentors. Male mentors "Big Brothers" are in especially high demand. Right now, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County (BBBSLC) has over 50 children on our waiting list. If you have a passion to help children, consider becoming a BIG today! Just a few hours a month can make an impact on the life of a child – and the experience will make an impact on you, as a volunteer as well. Call 440-277-6541. [www.bigloraincounty.com](http://www.bigloraincounty.com)

### Calling all Mothers of Addicted Children



Do you need a place to vent? To be yourself? To tell your story without judgements? To gain support of those with like experiences? With no Finger-pointing? Join us at St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tuesdays 7 pm, beginning June 1. Call 440-328-5132



**Hospice of the Western Reserve  
Call for Volunteers**

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? We also have a new program to help our patients care for their pets. Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. We are holding two virtual training series for new volunteers on May 4, 6, 11, 13 from 1-4 pm and May 10, 12, 17, and 19 from 5:30-8:30 pm. For more information contact us at 216-255-9090 or fill out an online application at [hospicewr.org/volunteer](http://hospicewr.org/volunteer). Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits when it is deemed safe.

## 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



## June Birthdays

Clay Barns	2
Aliyana Frazier	4
Rebecca Hall	11
Justin Quisenberry	11
Ian Shaffer	11
Kim Snider	12
Joe Myer	14
Debbie Schwan	14
Cole Von Gunten	16
Erin Welsh	24

### 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, Zen Fitzgerald

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

## Heather Reich Community Meal

St. Andrew's volunteers serve on Wednesday, May 26. 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!

## Send us your news!

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](mailto:office@standrewselyria.org).

Deadline for the June issue of the Carillon is May 24. (Inclusion in either publication is at the discretion of the rector.)