

The Carillon

Newsletter of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
"Sharing God's Love"
July 2021



Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Prayer

9:30 am [Zoom](#)

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8:30 am In-person (no music)

11:00 am In-person

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

***Protocols include socially distanced seating, masks for indoor worship (except for worship leaders when they are speaking) and singing indoors permitted with everyone masked.

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,

Many of the Epistles (books in the New Testament written to churches) begin with a statement of appreciation for the community to whom the letter is being written, observations about that community and encouragement to continue and expand its work and ministry. Often as I read these words, I am aware that they are words that ring true for St. Andrew's.

The letter to the church at Philippi begins, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

The first letter to the church at Corinth begins: "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."

The letter to the church at Colossae begins: "In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made

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strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.”

As we regather for weekly worship in three different places, my prayers for St. Andrew's echo these prayers. They are prayers of gratitude for your faithfulness in presence and practice. They are prayers for awareness that God provides that which is necessary for the work of St. Andrew's – through those in our community of faith. They are prayers of hope that spiritual wisdom as well as knowledge of God's will are being revealed in and through our church. They are prayers of faith that the strength and joy in the work to which we are being called will be abundant and sufficient for the coming days.

Blessings,
Mother June

A Prayer for the Nation (BCP 820)



Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

YOUTH COOKOUT SAVE THE DATE, JULY 22

All youth (rising sixth graders through high school) and their parents are invited to a cookout on **Thursday, July 22**, from 5pm onward. [Email](#), text, or call Greg for the location information and to RSVP. More details to follow."

Photos from Vacation Bible School



Notes from the Associate Rector

The Rev. Gregory Stark

A week ago to my writing this I was wrapping up my final VBS with St. Andrew's and Christ Church, packing up my books with my parents, and celebrating a successful and joyful VBS with some of the families and volunteers in our Parish Hall. As I sat with some parents and listened to the joyful shouts of children, I noticed one of our new youth group members, Ivan, rolling a basketball to one of the newest members of our parish, baby Evelyn. I don't think either fully knew that others were watching, but the joy and attention that they each showed one another was a perfect example of the simple graces of parish ministry. I love these moments, the times when we practice belonging, perhaps without realizing it.

I have been spoiled these past four years. Exhausted sometimes, yes, but so very spoiled. I've had the chance to see some of my youth graduate from high school and start off on their adult lives. I've given last rites, visited the sick and homebound, taken youth on pilgrimages, cooked many meals with parents and volunteers, and learned new dances (whether for VBS or for tiktok). There's a line from my favorite poem (and inspiration for one of my tattoos), "Snowdrops," that goes like this, "crying yes risk joy // in the raw wind of the new world." You as a parish were the risked-for joy in the new world of ordained ministry for me. You all taught me the rhythms of grace and attentiveness that constitute a faithful Christian life, and I will always be grateful.

2020 and the beginning of 2021 tested us in more ways than any of us could have anticipated. While we haven't yet fully emerged and many of us are still nursing wounds (physical, emotional, spiritual), my prayer is that we will offer one another the courage and strength of companionship so that we might not only heal but grow. What will it mean to carry on and continue the work that we all had started before or during the pandemic? What things have we set down that we might leave there? What things do we want to pick back up or restart? What new callings do we hear for our city and neighborhood? I leave knowing that you all are asking these and other questions, and trusting that God is at work in our midst. Hear the words we finish in each service, with the dismissal echoed by our children, "Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia!!" Don't be strangers as we all follow where the Spirit leads us, stay in touch, and take care.

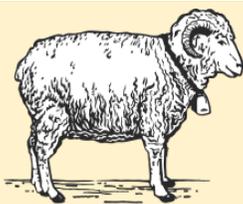
Faithfully,
Greg+



MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Amy Kellogg

Happy July 4th! I'll be spending the holiday in Mesa, AZ. You're probably wondering what idiot goes to Mesa, AZ at the hottest time of the year! Well, it's not my first choice of locations, but I'm not going for the location. I'm going because Paula, my life-long friend, is turning 60 (and just for the record I am **much** younger than she is!) Her family moved across the street from us when she was a year old and we have been friends ever since. When we were kids she always lorded it over me that she was older, and as a result wiser and more sophisticated. I remember telling her at the time that there would come a time where it would be better to be younger. Well, my time has finally come! She moved out to Arizona when I was a freshman in college and we would talk and visit each other whenever we could. However, due to life events (family and kids, law school and jobs) there were times that we went a couple of years without seeing each other. That didn't dim our friendship though. Whenever we see each other it's like no time has passed. Paula, is kind of like my relationship with God. She knows all about me, warts and all, and still loves me. She doesn't mind that sometimes I get busy and don't always stay in touch like I should because she knows that I will always get back in touch. Finally, she's always there to hold me and comfort me when life's disappointments and sorrows just overwhelm me. I am very blessed to have her in my life and I'm so grateful that her parents moved to Berkshire Road!



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Yoga Retreat at Bellwether Farm

Join Valerie Williams in a yoga retreat at Bellwether Farm on July 23-24. Participants will practice meditation, intention-setting, and yoga amidst the fields, forests, ponds, and livestock of Bellwether Farm. A farm-to-table lunch will be served on Saturday. While the bulk of programming is scheduled for Saturday, participants are encouraged to arrive Friday evening for dinner, a bonfire, and overnight respite. The cost is \$40 per person for Saturday only. A single retreat room is an additional \$110 and a double occupancy room is an additional \$150. [Registration](#) is required by July 19. More information is available on the [Bellwether Farm website](#).

Celtic Retreat at Bellwether Farm

Bellwether Farm will host a Celtic retreat, “Exploring our Anglican Roots through Celtic Spirituality,” on August 2-4. The retreat will venture into Celtic spirituality and the experience of God in all creation and how the life of the Celtic peoples became the roots of Anglican spirituality. We will explore Celtic prayer and Soul Friendship and close by looking for the next step of our journeys through the Celtic idea of Peregrinatio. The retreat will allow participants to take time to be out in nature and see God in farm activities or crafts. There will be times of prayer throughout the day, plus we will discover what goes into preparing farm-to-table meals and eating them, acknowledging that eating is also part of a life of prayer. Monday we will gather before dinner and we will end Wednesday morning after worshiping together. The retreat will be \$270 for one person or \$380 for two. [Registration](#) is required by July 23.

A Word about Sabbath

Intentional spaces of rest help quiet the mind, heart, spirit, and body. They restore and rejuvenate us. Most of all, they remind us that our humanity is a gift given to us by God.

A regular practice of Sabbath honors our limits and allows space for a deepening experience of trust in God. When we willingly release control, our inclination toward self-sufficiency is gently removed. With unclenched fists, our own striving and tending fades. As we open our hands, we entrust our lives and our world to God again each week.

—Jenn Giles Kemper

10 Things We Want White People to Do to Celebrate Juneteenth*

1. We want white people to deeply consider the wound of racism on the hearts of every Black American.
2. On Juneteenth we want white people to read, study Black history, Black poets, Black leaders, Black achievements.
3. We want white people to do things about racism as readily as they do things for their own children.
4. We want white people to make a list of resolutions, of promises, of vows about what will it take for them to use their power, their privilege, their platforms of power to give space to Black and Brown leaders.
5. We want them to find an accountability partner and make the list public of what actions they will take. They CAN do this on social media. A lot of those actions will be giving up privilege and making room for folks who they may not have noticed have no room at all.
6. We want white people to stop talking about how uncomfortable it is to talk about racism or police violence.
7. We want white people to stop being afraid of their own internalized white supremacy. We want them to search and look within at hard facts of thought and deed. Who cares about being comfortable? What about being true, brave and real instead?
8. Then we want white people to stop talking and listen to what needs to be done.
9. We want white people to plan on spending time in spaces with folks who are not like you.
10. We want white people to hold other white people accountable not on social media, instead with measured voices that call folks in to look and wrestle – to change. We are interested in courageous conversations, in hearing folks out and in allowing themselves to feel terrible and to let that feeling be a crucible for change.

(From Wayside Youth and Family Support Network)

*and in the days beyond in your commitment to anti-racism

July Birthdays

Kathy Dembek	3
Steve Higgins	3
Gary Pressnell	3
Pat Lehman	5
Tom Menzies	6
Emily Menzies	7
Celeste Brlas	10
Robert Sharkody	10
Phyllis Payne	12
Derek Menzies	13
Elizabeth Diedrick	19
Cheri Van Wormer	20
Matthew Van Wormer	20
Joe Hahn	21
Natalie Day-Howland	21
William G. Taylor	22
Debbie Panchak	23
Betsy Nickoloff	24
Joanne Presnell	26
Deborah Ray	28
Bob Daniels	30
Annamarie Pressnell	30
Ruth Smith	31



August Birthdays

Chris Putzier	1
Richard Wilbert	3
Ian Kerber	7
Keith Walker	11
Rhonda Mueller	13
Faith Pressnell	15
June Hardy Dorsey	15
Abby Snider	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

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

Those recently ordained in our Diocese: John Coventry and Megan Allen

Our Partner Dioceses: The Diocese of Tonga and The Diocese of Belize

Our Graduates: Ben Day Howland

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: Virginia Larson, Ruth Smith, Donna Quisenberry, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Linda Wilbert, Patty Pozwyck

Other concerns: Ann Derzis (Rev. June's brother-in-law's sister), Bob and Mavis Hardy, LaMar Harrell, Becky Hall and her family, Trevor Gosh, Kendra and Kendall, Charlotte Chotlos, Nick and Pam Pudar, Diana McKendree and her family

Those who have died: Arik Rogers, Fran McKendree

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.

Heather Reich



St. Andrew's volunteers serve on Wednesday, July 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. 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.
 Deadline for the August issue of the Carillon is July 26.
 (Inclusion in either publication is at the discretion of the rector.)