

Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Elyria, Ohio

The Carillon

"Sharing God's Love"

December
2022



Fall Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Prayer or Ante Communion

9:30am Worship on [Zoom](#)

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8:30am In-Person Rite I

10:30am In-person Rite II

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

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

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

Happy New Year! Last Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent and began the new church year. The word "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming." It points us toward the coming of Christ, both at Christmas, and in the future. It calls our attention to Jesus in our lives every day; God at work in the world around us.

This year at St. Andrew's, we have adopted the theme, "From Generation to Generation" for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Curated and created by the amazing team at Sanctified Art, this theme takes its inspiration a passage in the Gospel of Luke known as "Mary's Song," a text of praise and protest.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. -(Luke 1: 48b-50)

We will be exploring the Christian story – our story – through the eyes, words and experiences of people, the generations, whose stories preceded the birth of Christ. We will hear their words, watch how God showed up in their lives and make connections with God's presence today, in our lives and world.

"From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. In the midst of narratives, policies, and rhetoric designed to divide us, what does it look like to practice belonging to one another? The work of God is always unfolding— in us and through us. This Advent season, how will we carry it forth?" -A Sanctified Art

This Advent also marks a time of transition for St. Andrew's as we welcome Mark Skladan to be our Interim Music Director and Joan Van Wormer as our Music Director Emerita. Mark will join me in planning worship and directing the music ministry of St. Andrew's as we spend the next year discerning the scope and direction this important area of our life as a parish. As I shared last month, a Music Ministry Discernment Committee is being formed to pray, listen, learn, and

[ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR](#)

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Rector's Reflections Continued

explore where God is leading St. Andrew's to minister through and with music for the coming generations

So... Happy New Year! Let us enter this time with intention, expectation, and hope as we remember God's faithfulness from "generation to generation" and participate with God in God's faithfulness today.

Advent Blessings,
Mother June

PS - An Advent Devotional Guide "Generation to Generation" is available in print or digital format. Using original art, poetry, music this guide leads the reader thorough Advent and beyond. Pick up a copy from the Gathering Space on the second floor. You may also contact Jesse Varner, Communications and Outreach Assistant at (440-322-2126), email her at office@standrewselyria.org, or [click here](#) to fill out the advent devotional request form.



A MESSAGE FROM AMY KELLOGG, SENIOR WARDEN

The weekend of November 19-20 was a memorable one for me. As my role of Vice Chancellor of the Diocese I had the opportunity to attend and cast a vote at the 206th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. I had the privilege of attending the Convention with the other St. Andrew's delegates, Jean Hays, Lee Kauffman, and Doug Skladan. As you know at this Convention, our new Bishop Coadjutor, Anne B. Jolly, was elected. It was an honor to witness this history-making moment in our Diocese. You see, growing up as a young girl in the Episcopal Church, I was aware that there were certain things that women were not allowed to do—they couldn't be acolytes, they couldn't be on Vestry, and they couldn't be priests. Things slowly began to change during my lifetime and now women can participate fully in the church. It took longer than I would have liked, but I'm grateful to see the change. I'm looking forward to seeing the gifts that Bishop Coadjutor Jolly will bring to our Diocese. Oh, and for future reference, if you ever attend a Diocesan Convention you'll want to go with Lee—he brings snacks!

On Sunday, November 20, we celebrated the legacy of Joan Van Wormer, who has retired from her role as Director of Music after seven decades of serving St. Andrew's. The 10:30 am service was wonderful, and it was so nice to see both sides of the choir stalls filled with old friends. The party in the Parish Hall that afternoon was even more fun. By the time we started the formal program the Parish Hall was packed. It shows the impact that one amazing woman can have not only on her own family, but on her church family and her community. After the sing-along I had several people comment that they couldn't believe what beautiful voices our church had, and they joked that if they had tried that at their churches it would not have sounded like that! It made me realize how lucky we are that Joanie shared her gift of music with us. I want to thank everyone who helped in making this party so special. It was everything that Joanie deserved. I also want to thank Mark Skladan for stepping in as Interim Director of Music and sharing his gift of music with us.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a quiet and contemplative Advent and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

P.S. - Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting on January 15. Also, let me, Bill Hebble, or Hans Van Wormer know if you are interested in running for Vestry.

Farewell for Now by Anne Yug

As a disciple of Christ, I am always discerning what God wants me to do and where God wants me to be. This discernment is not just in the realm of a particular parish but looks at God's Church as a whole. When the need for a move in my trajectory becomes clear, it is less painful to follow it than to remain where I think I am comfortable.

After my sabbatical in early 2020, it was beginning to become clear that God wasn't done with me, yet, and a new direction was in my future. As many of you know, I am leaving St. Andrew's at the end of this year and will be returning to The Church of the Redeemer in Lorain full time. I have been asked by our Rector to relay to you the reason and the process by which I came to this decision.

I came to you seven years ago after several years of discerning where God was leading me. I had begun the first hands-on outreach Redeemer had done in decades by starting a community meal and getting us involved in Family Promise. We had changed the church culture from one that held cliques and church groups that locked up their belongings, so no one else could use them, to one that realized we are all made in the image of God and all that we have was given to us by God for God's work. Even though this work was carried out by many people, many parishioners were sure that none of it could happen without me leading. I was getting tired, and I realized that it was not healthy for me or the church to be seen as the only leader. If new leaders were to emerge, I had to remove myself from the mix.

I came to St. Andrew's for two reasons. It is home and St. Andrew's has so much more to offer my grandson, Tyler. When I say St. Andrew's is home, I mean it; my parents were married here, I came here by myself as an elementary student, my kids were baptized here, and I survived the most turbulent part of my healing process here. I have always gotten exactly what I needed at this church.

When I came to you this time, I had no idea what was in store for me in the next couple of years. My youngest son died of his addictions and my husband died after a long hard illness. The support I received here told me I was exactly where I was supposed to be at that time in my life. The next five years were about discovering who I am without being a non-stop caregiver. What do I like? What do I want to do? What do I need to learn?

Shortly after the deaths, it became clear to me that I was to take on the pantry at St. Andrews. I got to use the leadership skills I had learned at St Andrew's and honed at Redeemer, and I got to do what I call hands-on outreach, which to me is PURE JOY. My favorite thing is creating community and doing that with a pantry is a real challenge! With the help of all our great volunteers, who understood the vision, we managed to make our pantry a place to gather, not just a place to get food. Closing the pantry for the Covid-19 lockdowns was one of the hardest things I have done, as I was getting more from the endeavor than those we were serving. Was my work done? Had I gotten too old to be a help in this work? After a couple of years of going back and forth on these questions, I realized I still have more to offer, although it will not look the same as before. I have been searching for the next thing since.

Through the Congregational Development Commission, we have been searching for the next thing for St. Andrew's. We tried doing a short-term personal products give-away to those living in motels, due to the shutdown of the shelters. That went well until the shelters opened back up with their access to personal products already in place. We, also, worked on getting the warming shelter housed at St. Andrew's. This is a wonderful ministry, but it requires very little from us and I am a firm believer that the more we can put into a project, the more we and others will get out of it. I started realizing I need hands-on outreach!

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When I left Redeemer, they were sure the meal would flounder and die, but it has not. It has been through changes, especially through Covid-19, but it still exists. New leaders did rise up and a change in priests has brought in a new, younger population. I have been working the meal with these young people and am totally impressed with their ability to get the work done. I can't figure out how they get it done, because from my perspective there is no organization to it at all. But it works and one shouldn't change what isn't broken. I see these young people as the future of the Church as a whole.

As we were working the meal, I asked when they might open back up to people eating in the community hall. Everyone jumped on the idea and agreed it was time, but they realized that none of them had ever experienced a sit-down community meal. Hmm! The following questions began emerging in my ongoing discernment: Might I be receiving a call to be the person to guide them through this? Might I have more to offer? Might I have more to learn?

Because I can be a coward, I didn't want to just jump churches until I was sure this is what I was supposed to do. To facilitate this discernment, I decided to try going to both churches for a year. As the year went on, I became more and more involved in the outreach at Redeemer and by August it became clear that is where God is calling me to be.

Each of the three times I have been at St. Andrew's has been filled with healing, challenge, and fun. When I told Joanie I was leaving, she asked, "You will be back?" The more I thought about that question, the more I realized I probably will be. So, until then...

-Anne Yug

A Message from Ben Holcomb, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Hello parents!

Can you believe it's already December? This year has really flown by! I pray you all are having a great beginning to your holiday season.

The youth group had a Friendsgiving meal together on November 19, where there was food, fun, and conversation. We had a good turnout, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

This month, the Youth Group is having a Christmas Party on December 17, from 6pm-8pm here at St. Andrew's. There will be a Yankee swap gift exchange, food, and games. I am asking each teen to bring a gift with a value of \$5 or less for the Yankee swap.

As another reminder, I have started working with the youth and young adults at Christ Church in Oberlin. As far as youth meetings with St. Andrew's goes, the only thing that will change is that I will be spending the second Sunday of every month at Christ Church, so there will be no Youth Group that day. Everything can be seen in the Youth Group calendar which you can access by clicking [here](#).

If you want more communication and to stay easily up to date, please join the Youth Group parent Remind group chat. Reminders will be sent through this so you can more easily stay up to date with Youth Group news. To join, send the text, "@e9edkc" to the number 81010.

“Music Memos” by Interim Music Director Mark Skladan

Advent is the anticipatory season of the birth of Christ. It is with great anticipation and some trepidation that I begin my journey as interim music director. I am humbled to try and carry on for Joan but am comforted knowing she will be here to guide me down the path!

Adult Choir

We begin every Sunday morning at 9:30am and invite anyone with a song in their heart to join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! We will sing familiar tunes but also some new music throughout the Advent and Christmas season.

Advent

The choir will use a special processional “Prepare Ye the Way” each Sunday before the advent wreath is lit. We will also be adding the Gloria, Fraction Hymn, and the Sanctus on a weekly basis.

Instrumentalists

We are always looking for parishioners and youth who want to share their talents. Contact me at 440-570-3622 and we can add you to any service with a little advance notice.

Christmas

The adult choir will sing at 5pm Christmas Eve and meet at 4:15pm to rehearse. Christmas Eve will feature the pageant and lots of great music. We will also have music (no choir) on Christmas Day in a service of Carols and Eucharist.

St. Andrew’s Choristers

School age children are invited to practice at 10am on December 17, to learn a song and take part in the Christmas pageant. Older more experienced singers are invited to learn the verses of our song and the younger choristers will learn the chorus.

PARENTS!!!

Please text me at 440-570-3622 for a digital copy of the music and a link to the song on YouTube!! A make-up rehearsal will be held on Thursday, December 22, at 6:30pm. All children *must* attend one of the rehearsals to sing on Christmas Eve.

St. Andrew’s Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24)

4:00pm – Pageant Rehearsal

5:00pm – Christmas Eve Festival, Holy Eucharist, and Children’s Christmas Pageant

10:30pm – Contemplative Christmas Eve Zoom Service

Christmas Day (December 25)

10:00am – Christmas Day Service (only service on this day; will be livestreamed)

New Year’s Day (January 1)

10:00am – Feast of the Holy Name (only service on this day; will be livestreamed)

A Word of Gratitude from Joan Van Wormer

“When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried ‘Alleluia!’” -Hymn 420

November 20, Christ the King Sunday, was a glorious day. Our morning worship service was wonderful, and with a large choir, including some members who had sung with us in the past that joined us once again! The offertory anthem “With a Voice of Singing” was most appropriate. Trumpet and violin accompaniment enhanced the worship experience.

The Legacy Celebration was so special. I would like to thank all who served on the various committees that helped plan such an extraordinary event. Many of those who attended commented on how organized it was and it ran so smoothly.

I was amazed at the turnout and tried to greet everyone. How special that our Bishop Mark Hollingsworth was able to attend, as well as our long-time friends, Bishop Arthur Williams and his wife, Lynette.

There was singing – June wrote new words to “My Favorite Things”, cherished pictures on the screen, and recognitions and speeches, and we were nourished by delicious food served on beautifully decorated tables.

I am overwhelmed and grateful for the beautiful celebration. And then to be named Music Director, Emerita! What an honor!

It has been a privilege to serve all these years. We are a wonderful parish with many gifts. God bless us as we move forward.

Sincerely,
Joan Van Wormer,
Music Director, Emerita

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals! Mark Your Calendars!

The children's choir rehearsal and Christmas Eve pageant practice will be on **December 17, at 10am**. A makeup rehearsal will be held on **December 22, at 6:30pm**. All children who wish to participate in the pageant are required to come to at least one rehearsal.

“Grace in Action” Financial Stewardship Pledge Update

We are both proud and grateful to announce that as of now, we have received 35 pledges for a total amount of \$216,620. We thank this parish for your generous and giving hearts.

If you have not yet turned in your 2023 pledge, we request that you do so as soon as you are able. Thank you!

From Generation to Generation Advent Workshop

Saturday, December 3

10am - 1pm

Parish Hall

Food - Advent Themed Crafts - Fun

/ad-vent/: the arrival of a notable person, thing or event; the first season of the Christian church year, leading up to Christmas.



What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? What about this season will you pass on to the next generation?

Acolyte Service Schedule For December 2022

December 4

Karen Hahn and
Nandi Badat

December 11

Matt Van Wormer and
Ivan Nagy

December 18

Hans Van Wormer and
Ashley Snider

December 24

Bill and Aidan Hebble

December 25

Jon Quisenberry

Attention Acolytes: Please notify Mark Skladan (440-570-3622 or themaestro64@gmail.com) if unable to serve any dates in December and January.

If you cannot serve on your assigned date in December, please find a replacement and notify the church office.

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 January issue of the Carillon is **December 20**.

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

Heather Campbell Reich



community
— meal —

St. Andrew's volunteers serve on Wednesday, **December 28**. Please contact office@standrewselyria.org to make sure we have enough volunteers, but also to keep our number between 6-8.

St. Andrew's Giving Tree

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WE ARE ONCE AGAIN PARTNERING WITH BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS OF LORAIN COUNTY TO SPONSOR GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A GIFT THIS YEAR, PLEASE PICK A TAG FROM THE GIVING TREE, THEN FILL OUT THE SIGN UP FORM IN THE GATHERING AREA. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CONTACT DETAILS BLANK. WRAPPED GIFTS ARE DUE BACK NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9. THANK YOU!



St. Andrew's Christmas Basket Project



WE ARE ONCE AGAIN LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS FOR OUR AT-HOME PARISH MEMBERS. WE ARE HOPING TO MAKE TWELVE BASKETS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, SIGN UP FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GATHERING AREA.

December Birthdays

Jane McDonald	6
Phyllis DeMark	6
Jon Quisenberry	7
Lise Day	8
Cathy Heck	8
Russell Welsh	9
Lorraine Petitti Palazolo	10
Gail Wasserman	11
Shannon Von Gunten	13
Jeff Hahn	16
Claire Skladan	18
Jerry Welsh	20
Roja Schuster-Little	25
Kaitlyn Heck	26
Hannah Skladan	28
Eric Barns	30
Nancy Lee Flynt	31



January Birthdays

Karen Hahn	4
Colette Van Wormer	7
James Casselberry	13
Robert Lehman	15
Lee Kauffman	15
Russ Van Wormer	18
Pat Barns	19
Sylvia Taylor	20
Cathy Whalen	20
Kim Reich	26
Carrie Hebble	31
Kathy Kerber	31
Myki Van Wormer	31
Judith Beebe	31

St. Andrew's Prayer List:

Our Spiritual Leaders

Michael, our Presiding Bishop
 Mark, our Bishop
 Bill and Arthur, Assisting Bishops
 June, our Priest
 Jane, our Deacon
 Mark, Our Interim Music Director
 Joan, our Music Director, Emerita
 Ben, Our Director of Youth
 and Children's Ministry

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

Churches in Our Mission Area: St. Paul's, Bellevue; St. Paul's, Fremont; Christ Church, Huron; Redeemer, Lorain; St. Paul's, Norwalk; St. Thomas, Port Clinton; St. Paul's, Put-in-Bay; Grace, Sandusky; Old Trinity, Tiffin; Christ Church, Oberlin

Long Term Illnesses/Injuries: Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Angie Griffore, Paul Tanner (partner of Jolene Adkins), Sherry Holcomb, Garfield Jones

At Home: Virginia Larson, Donna Quisenberry, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Linda Wilbert, Patricia Pozywak, Bobbi Holliday, Taffy Valassis, Robert Anderson

Those Who Have Died: William Griffore, Philip Hahn (Jeff Hahn's father), Jennifer Atkins (Leanne Taylor's cousin), Jean Bindernagel Sharkody (Robert Sharkody's aunt), Charles (Chuck) Minnick, Gerri Wearsch, Robin Kaminski, Shayne Edwards, Jeannine Kirk, the Steadman Family, Walter Spencer, Maura Olivero

Other Concerns: Bob and Mavis Hardy, LaMar Harrell, Trevor Gosh, Kendra and Kendall, Pam Pudar, Wesley Stewart, Doug Gatchell, Chuck Reich, the Van Keuren Family, Tom Heinz, John Kellogg, John Torres, Kim Rhodes, Karen Blair, Kathy Hawkins Tobin, Emily (niece of Becky Hall), Rich and Messiah, Deb Schwan, Ginny Larson, Linda and Tom Pennington, Kathy Guin, Brett Sharkody, Scott Gunn, Mary Ann Hursky (Amy Kellogg's aunt), Gary Pressnell, Sean and Natalie Prior, Glynis Laing, Ron Wearsch and the Wearsch Family, the Family of Shayne Edwards, the Kirk Family, Barbara and Tom Lowen (Jean Spark's daughter and son-in-law), Shahla Holcomb (relative of Ben Holcomb), Peggy Casselberry

