

Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Elyria, Ohio

The Carillon

"Sharing God's Love"

November

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.
Mtg. ID: 766 598 8948
Call in number 646.558.8656

[ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR](#)

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Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

On October 26, I began my tenth year as your Rector. Every year as the October skies reveal their beauty, the trees show off their changing leaves, and the cool air hints of the cold to come, I recall our family's arrival in Ohio. From the moment I first met the Rector Search Committee via video chat, not ever imagining that Zoom-fluency would one day become a job requirement, God filled my heart with love for St. Andrew's: the people who are the church and the mission to which God has called us. The parish profile said that this parish would be a good fit for a "first time Rector", and it was not wrong. Though I came to you with a solid theological education and over 20 years of ministry experience, it is here, with you, that I have learned (and am learning) to be a Rector. When I met with Bishop Hollingsworth as a part of the interview process, he said, "Don't come to St. Andrew's if you aren't planning to stay." It was with the plan to stay that I accepted the call to be your Rector and it is through staying that we continue to be on mission and in ministry together.

You welcomed me warmly, showed up faithfully, continued in your already strong ministries and demonstrated that you were willing to try new things. Many of the events of the past nine years have been predictable in the life of a downtown parish with a storied history. There have been births and deaths, weddings and renewal of vows, heartbreaks, and joyous celebrations. You have invited me to walk with you in these life journeys and it continues to be my privilege to serve as your Rector.

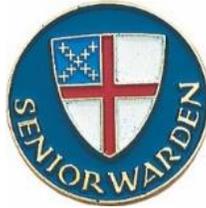
In the ordination vows to the priesthood, the call to be "pastor, priest and teacher" is articulated as a specific call for the ones being ordained. As your pastor, you have allowed me the honor of walking with you in times of grief and in times of joy, in times of uncertainty and in times of great clarity. As your priest, you have offered me your trust in matters of liturgy and sacrament; Word and Table, even at times when "we never did it like this before" or "I don't really like it this way." As your teacher, you have compelled me to study and strengthen my knowledge base while bolstering my belief that teachers learn much from and with those whom they teach. I would not be truthful if I said the past nine years of being your Rector have been without difficulty. On the other side of conflict, disagreement, and mistrust, I can see God's hand at work and can see how "iron sharpens stone."

Rector's Reflections Continued

Today we find ourselves in the midst of a rapidly changing landscape as a result of the covid pandemic, political polarization, racial inequity, and social and economic challenges. It has been three years since we went through a yearlong process to create a Strategic Plan for mission and ministry, sought help with financial resource management from the Bishop's Staff and simplified the ministry organizational structure. Since March of 2020, we have had to pivot, trust, risk and imagine new ways to "Share God's Love." Through it all, God has been faithful, and you, beloved St. Andrew's, have been faithful in hearing and responding to God's call.

In the summer of 2023, I will be taking a clergy renewal leave, sometimes called a "sabbatical." (see Senior Warden Amy Kellogg's article for more information about this.) One of the main purposes of this time is to equip me for the next stage of ministry as your Rector. Today I look back over the past nine years and look ahead toward the years to come. May we trust that the Lord who has given us the call to be together on mission and in ministry as St. Andrew's will give us the grace and power to live into that call.

In gratitude,
Mother June



A MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN AMY KELLOGG

As you know from one of my previous columns thanks to the work of Celeste Brlas, Sarah Schuster, Matthew Van Wormer, Glynis Laing, Will Parsons and myself, we submitted a grant application to The National Clergy Renewal Program funded by the Lilly Endowment and administered by the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana We submitted the grant application to help fund Reverend June's sabbatical and to cover some of the parish's costs while she is away on sabbatical this summer. I am proud to announce that St. Andrew's was awarded this grant. We are one of only 168 churches across the US, and the only Episcopal church in the Diocese of Ohio to receive this grant. We have received a check in the amount of \$50,000. Up to \$15,000 can be used by St. Andrew's to cover the costs of the interim rector, as well as to provide some "renewal activities" for the parish while Reverend June is away. The rest of the grant will be used for Rev. June's sabbatical. As a result of this grant, she will be able to spend part of her sabbatical in Japan visiting places from her youth and connecting with old friends. In the coming months we will be providing more details of Rev. June's plans, and ours, for this sabbatical. I am so proud of the committee that worked on this grant application. We had no idea when we started if we would be successful, but we had faith and we put forth the best application we could (and we said a lot of prayers!) I have no doubt that this will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us. As I said last month, we may be a small parish, but we are mighty!

Music Ministry Transition Frequently Asked Questions

With Joan Van Wormer's retirement on November 20, 2022 (Christ the King Sunday), St. Andrew's will enter into a time of music ministry transition. It will be a time of adjustment and discernment as we seek God's guidance and next steps in this important ministry at St. Andrew's. Joan has provided superb music ministry leadership for many decades. An intentional adjustment period will allow for us to become accustomed to other music leadership and prepare for the direction God is calling us.

Who will provide music leadership for worship services at St. Andrew's after Nov. 20?

St. Andrew's member, retired music educator and frequent supply musician, Mark Skladan will serve our interim Music Director, from November 27, 2022 – April 30, 2023. (Easter is April 9, 2023.) Working with Reverend June, Mark will select, provide and lead music for the in-person Sunday worship services and periodic weekday services, funerals and other occasions. He will lead the children's choir and adult choir according to the liturgical year and parish worship schedule. Mark will also serve as the convener/facilitator for the Music Ministry Discernment Committee (see below.) As we begin to look ahead, Mark will also explore how to strengthen/build music ministry with parish and community youth and children. (i.e., Summer Music and Arts Camp, seasonal choirs/instrumental groups etc.) Mark will continue to serve on the Vestry and as Worship Commission Chair at this time and will resign from both positions effective the last meetings in December 2022 so that he may fully devote his efforts to music ministry.

What happens in May 2023?

A) Mark Skladan's Interim Music Director role will be extended OR B) Other musicians will provide music leadership with Mark Skladan as the "coordinator/overseer".

When will the permanent Music Director position be filled?

The goal is to have a permanent staff position and the direction for music ministry in place by Advent 2023.

Why are we taking almost a year to fill the position?

To facilitate a healthy transition, St. Andrew's will take some time to pause and discern the direction for music ministry for now and the future.

How will the direction be determined?

The Reverend June will appoint a committee (Music Ministry Discernment Committee) to listen, pray, discern, research, investigate and make a recommendation about the music ministry position configurations and the scope and direction of music ministry for St. Andrew's. We have learned through Zoom worship that many in the congregation find it meaningful to add a variety of musical genres to the solid body of Episcopal hymnody. We have musicians in the church whose abilities have not been able to find a sustainable place of ministry. Part of the committee's work will be to study music ministry models like the National Cathedral and other vital Episcopal churches around the country. St. Andrew's has a unique opportunity to build upon the solid legacy of music ministry with an eye toward the future.

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Will the Music Ministry Discernment Committee select the new Music Director?

As a part of its work, the Music Ministry Discernment Committee may learn of suitable candidates for the position, but their work will be focused upon the scope and direction of Music Ministry. The Committee will not make the selection of the new Music Director because that is outside the purpose of the committee. In the Episcopal Church, the Rector, with consultation with the Vestry, selects people to fill staff positions, including the position of Music Director.

How will Joan Van Wormer be involved in Music Ministry at St. Andrew's after her retirement?

As Music Director Emerita, Joan will continue to share her gifts in music and ministry in a variety of ways including singing in the choir and periodically serving as substitute accompanist or by playing a prelude or a postlude. Just as St. Andrew's will be discerning the direction of music ministry, Joanie will be discerning and living into her new role as Music Director, Emerita. (Joan will also continue in her role as a Pastoral Visitor and Visiting Eucharistic Minister.)

Other Questions?

Contact Reverend June, Mark Skladan or members of the Vestry. We want this time of transition to be one of hopeful imagination and trust in God's guidance. Let us pray together that this will be so.

Joan Van Wormer Legacy Celebration

November 20, 2022

Worship Service - 10:30am

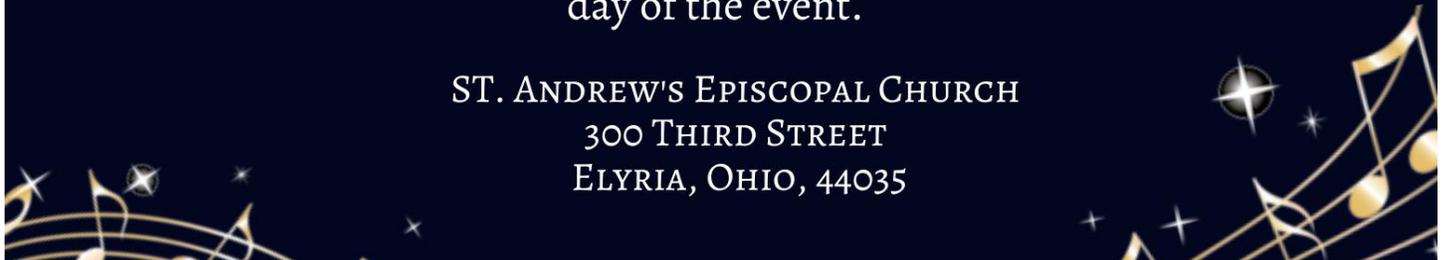
Open House - 3-6pm

Presentations and Recognitions - 4:30pm

Joan Van Wormer is retiring as the Music Director and Organist at St. Andrew's where she has served faithfully for several decades. All are welcome to celebrate both Joan's talent and dedication, as well as her new position here at St. Andrew's as our Music Director, Emerita.

A gift request of letters, cards, photos, and/or remembrances to add to a memory album for Joan would be most appreciated. Send in advance to the address below or bring with you. A memory station will be available on the day of the event.

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

Hello parents!

The weather is getting colder, and the leaves are falling! It is my personal favorite season, and it is a beautiful autumn this year. I pray everyone is staying cozy while the weather cools down. Just this last week, the youth group had the Halloween party. There was a costume contest, video games, and some spooky, Halloween, themed games as well. It was a lot of fun, and the teens had a great time. See the end of this article for a picture!

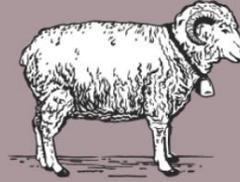
This month, there are a couple new and exciting things happening. First, the next youth group event is Friendsgiving! This will be held at the church on November 19 from 6pm-8pm. I will be asking all teens to bring a side dish or a desert, and we will have a meal together and spend some time in fellowship.

Also, starting this month, I will also start working part-time with Christ Episcopal Church in Oberlin. As far as youth group 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 that day. Everything can be seen in the youth calendar which you can access by [clicking here](#).

I am very excited to start working with this church and to see where God takes it. Other than the second Sunday, my attendance in church and for youth group events will not change.

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 news. To join, send the text, "@e9edkc" to the number 81010.





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Silent Advent Retreat

Friday, Dec 2nd - Saturday, Dec 3rd



A 24-hour semi-silent retreat to reflect on the Gospel of Matthew to prepare for the advent of the Child during this busy season.

Silence, prayer, & intentional mealtime conversations.

For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

November Restaurant Night

The next restaurant night will be at Las Cazueles Mexican Restaurant in Avon Lake on November 13 at 5pm. Please arrive on time as orders will be placed 5-10 minutes after we are seated.

Contact Lee Kauffman for reservations at kauffman@yahoo.com or at 440-665-7379 by November 9.

Check out the [menu](#), and we hope to see you there!

Attention Parents! Mark Your Calendars!

The children's choir rehearsal and Christmas Eve pageant practice will be on **December 17 at 10:00am**

More info to come as we get closer to the date. Thank you!

Remember To "Fall" Back On November 6!

This is a reminder that Sunday, November 6 at 2am, is the end of Daylight Savings time. Please remember to set all your clocks back an hour and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

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 October issue of the Carillon is **November 25**.

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

Heather Campbell Reich



St. Andrew's volunteers serve on Wednesday, **November 23rd**. Please contact office@standrewselyria.org to make sure we have enough volunteers, but also to keep our number between 6-8.

Acolyte Service Schedule For November 2022

November 6

Ashley Snider and Bill Hebble

November 13

Cole Von Gunten and Matt Van Wormer

November 20

Hans Van Wormer and Ivan Nagy

November 27

Bill and Aidan Hebble

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 November, please find a replacement and notify the church office.



November Birthdays

Barrett Kirchner	2
Hans Van Wormer	2
Aidan Von Gunten	6
Everly Varga	8
Jane Cameron	11
Patty Peacock	12
Lindsey Varga	14
Dennis Wilkerson	15
John Kellogg	16
Greg Hebble	18
Matt Skladan	21
Elizabeth Thomas	21
Mya Frazier	22
William Hebble	22
Jeremiah Heck	24
Savannah Heck	24
Dori Mueller	25
Jakub Mueller	28
Madison Mueller	28
Jesse Varner	29

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

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
 Joan, our Music Director
 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)

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

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

