

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

The Carillon

"Sharing God's Love"

January

2023



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

Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

Happy New Year 2.0! On the first Sunday of Advent (November 27), I wished you all a Happy New Year as the new liturgical year began. That greeting comes again today with the launch of 2023! As I often remind us, the liturgical calendar serves to hold us to a rhythm guided by our Christian story of God's love and can keep us grounded in the movement of that love. It can emphasize for us the presence of God in joy and in sorrow, in ease and in challenge and site our place in that story.

The Japanese New Year's greeting of my childhood is "akemashite omedetou gozaimasu," is literally translated as "may you have more of an opening celebration." I love the idea of an "opening celebration" because it suggests that the celebration can continue. As I look back at 2022, there are several continuing celebrations...

- the growing in person connections and continuation of "virtual connections" in worship, study and fellowship – reconnecting as we have in the past and finding some additional new ways to connect as we move into the future
- your faithfulness in showing up for and giving generously to God's work through St. Andrew's
- re-engagement of children and youth (and their families) in the worship and ministry of St. Andrew's
- the compassionate care shown to members of our parish and community through calls, gifts and prayers
- the collaborations with Neighborhood Alliance, Lorain County Community College, Eastern Heights Middle School Drama Club, Lorain County Pet Pantry, Second Harvest Food Bank, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts
- continuing study and action in combatting racism
- the smooth transition in Music Ministry with the movement of Joan Van Wormer to Music Director, Emerita and Mark Skladan as Interim Music Director
- the continued care and maintenance of our buildings and grounds

[ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR](#)

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Rector's Reflections Continued

As I look into 2023 I see some new celebrations...

- the second Hybrid Annual Parish Meeting (offered in-person and via Zoom)
- the first in-person Winter Convocation since 2019
- the possible restart of the Lenten Fish Fry
- the restoration of the Deagan Chime Carillon
- growing in-person faith formation and ministry opportunities for all ages
- discernment about the direction of Music Ministry at St. Andrew's
- a period of Parish and Clergy Renewal this summer (including a parish-wide retreat)
- the ordination and consecration of our new Bishop Co-adjutor, Anne B. Jolly
- bidding farewell to Bishop Mark Hollingsworth
- welcoming a new Music Director at the beginning of Advent 2023

Beloved St. Andrew', what continuing celebrations do you see as you look back and look ahead? I look forward to our living into those 2023 celebrations together. As always, know of my deep gratitude for you and the privilege it is to be your Rector.

New Year's Blessings,
Mother June

St. Andrew's Faith Genealogy Project

We will continue and personalize the "Generation to Generation" theme we have been exploring during Advent and Christmas with the creation of a St. Andrew's faith genealogy.

The idea is to gather in one place an array of names of those who have contributed to the faith life of our parish. Another way of thinking about this could be "Who told you about or helped you know Jesus?"

A large poster is displayed on a table in the "Gathering Space" where we enjoy Coffee Hour. Please write in the names of those people who have contributed to your faith. They can be relatives, friends, teachers, authors, musicians, and artists. They can be living today or living in times past. Let's fill the page with the names of those who have helped us grow in faith and practice of being Christian. Crayons and colored pencils are provided, and the completed work will be shared in the days to come.

St. Andrew's Annual Meeting 2023

The Annual Meeting for 2023 will be held on January 15 at the 10am service. This will be the only service on this day but will be livestreamed from the St. Andrew's Facebook page. The Annual Meeting will take place during this service, which will conclude once the meeting has closed.



A MESSAGE FROM AMY KELLOGG, SENIOR WARDEN

Well, my Christmas didn't go exactly as planned. My friend, Kathy Martin, needed a ride to the Christmas Eve service so I picked her up. The walkway from her apartment building was snow covered and appeared to be level ("appeared" being the operative word!) Unbeknownst to me, there was a step underneath the snowpack, so my right foot just kept sinking until I hit the concrete. I was in pain, but figured I just sprained my ankle. Everyone knows I have done that before! I ushered at the Christmas Eve service, took Kathy back home and then headed home myself. I pulled out my crutches, wrapped my foot and ankle, iced and elevated. This is not my first rodeo! As a precaution I checked in with my favorite orthopedic doctor and had x-rays taken. Turns out I broke my foot. I now have a beautiful red cast on my right leg and have to be non-weight bearing for the next 6-8 weeks. Not the way I planned to usher in 2023.

As you can imagine I was a little overwhelmed by all of this, but then I felt God's love. My neighbor Stefanie found a "knee scooter" for me which makes getting around a lot easier. She also brought over a shower chair and a plastic sheath I can put over my cast when I take a shower. My friend, Mark is going to attach a hand-held shower for me. My friend, Charlotte brought me dinner and my friends Molly and Barb have offered to get groceries for me. While each friend would probably tell you that what they are doing is "nothing" that really isn't true. They are sharing God's love and as a result I am not quite so overwhelmed. I know sometimes we think we have to make grand gestures to make a difference, but we really don't. It's the small things that we do every day for each other that shares God's love. So, know that today and every day you make a difference in someone's life because of your faith and your willingness to share God's love with the world around you.

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

Blessing of the Warming Shelter

On January 8, immediately following the 10:30am Holy Eucharist service, we will gather in Andy's Place to pray and bless the space to welcome guests later in January. St. Andrew's will be partnering with the Neighborhood Alliance of Lorain County again and upon completion of the inspections and assembly of staff, the Warming Shelter will be opened. Let us continue to hold in prayer those who will make St. Andrew's their home during this time and for those who will care for them.

Volunteers and Donations Needed for the St. Andrew's "Freedge"

The Congregational Development Commission would like to begin an ambitious new Outreach mission in partnership with Horizon Education Centers Community Engagement division starting in January 2023.

This new mission will depend on participation from as many of the St. Andrew's congregation as possible and will be a weekly in-gathering of dairy products and produce to help keep the Community "Freedge" (free refrigerator for those in need) stocked at the south branch of the Elyria Public Library. The Community refrigerator is open during Library Hours to service anyone in need.

St. Andrews will publicize the needs each week and ask you to bring those with you to Sunday services of that same week. We ask you to purchase an item from the weekly list whenever you are grocery shopping.

If you prefer to give a monetary gift, the money will be used to purchase items for the freedge. We will also seek other sources of funding to help supplement St. Andrew's contributions. We also have our own funds that can be used to offset the cost.

We are seeking volunteers that would be interested in shopping and keeping the freedge stocked with St. Andrew's donations.

Contact Greg Hebble for questions or to volunteer: greg@elyriafence.com or 216-276-3417.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this wonderful opportunity for Outreach to our larger community.



Music Memos January (Epiphany) Edition
By Interim Music Director, Mark Skladan

Happy New Year! 2023 promises to be an eventful time in the music ministry here at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! We hope that many of you will contribute by singing, playing your instrument, or expressing your opinion on the direction of the ministry in this interim period.

Be on the lookout! We will be discussing all aspects of the music ministry in the coming months and are interested in ALL opinions whether you are a musician or just enjoy music in the church. Virtual and live sessions will be convened (dates and times TBA), and we invite all to participate.

I thank everyone for the kind words of encouragement as we traveled through the Advent and Christmas season. Many of you enjoyed the mix of traditional music and a bit of "new" sprinkled in. Our adult choir sang enthusiastically introducing an Introit processional in Advent and an A Cappella Christmas Eve selection! Our young choristers numbered in the double digits and sang loud and proud with great spirit on Christmas Eve before the Christmas pageant. We also featured a string trio and a guitar soloist on Christmas Day! So wonderful!

Adult Choir Schedule for January

January 8 - Choir at 9:30am (Epiphany 1)

January 15 - No choir; annual meeting

January 22 - Choir resumes at 9:30am

Choristers are not scheduled to sing in January, but parents we are looking to sing in Lent and/or Palm Sunday. Be on the lookout for a survey from me to parents as we move forward with this ministry.

Thank you for your continued support and those of you that are musicians, please lend us your aid!!!

Diocesan Observance Remembering Bishop Barbara Harris
and the Reverend Absalom Jones

The Wilma Ruth Combs/Northern Ohio Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, the Diocese of Ohio and Trinity Cathedral are co-hosting the Diocesan Celebration of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris and the Commemoration of the Reverend Absalom Jones. This Eucharist will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral. The preacher will be the Right Reverend Gayle E. Harris, Retired Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts, who succeeded Bishop Barbara as Suffragan. Celebrant Bishop Hollingsworth will be joined by diocesan co-celebrants on the occasion of the first observance of this feast day following the passage of the General Convention resolution honoring Bishop Barbara. The music director for the service will be T. Buckley McDaniel, Director of Chapel Music at General Theological Seminary. The Offering will be sent to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for the Episcopal Historically Black Colleges. A reception will follow in the Trinity Piazza. This service is to be a wonderful tribute to the life and ministry of Bishop Barbara Harris and will also honor Reverend Absalom Jones, whose feast day is February 13. We hope that we will be joined by members from around the diocese for this celebration on Saturday, February 11. If you have any questions please contact Dianne Audrick Smith, President, Wilma Ruth Combs Chapter, UBE das.srvtldr@gmail.com.

Contact Reverend June to arrange for carpooling by calling the church office 440-322-2126 or emailing revjunehd@gmail.com

Epiphany Star Words

For this season of Epiphany, we are promoting a new spiritual practice using “star words.” In the Epiphany story we are told that Magi followed a star as they were seeking Jesus. As we enter Epiphany, we too seek to be closer to Christ. Our journey isn’t physical travel, but a spiritual seeking of new ways and new aspects to see in our relationship with God.

“Star Words” are decorated cards with a single word printed on it. Each week you will be invited to take a star word when you come to worship. (Virtual words will be provided for Zoom worship. You can also email the office (office@standrewselyria.org) and Jesse will send you a “star word.”)

The concept is simple: the Magi followed a star and went with it on a journey to a place unknown. We will do the same, following the word and allowing it to take our minds and prayers to an unknown place. Ponder what significance this word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you about the idea or concept it carries in a simple one-word message.

Whatever word you select, let it be in your mind for the week. You might put it on your mirror to see in the morning, maybe in your bible or devotion book if that is your practice. You could put it on the edge of your computer monitor or prop it up on your kitchen table.

Let us enter into the light of Epiphany with expectation, curiosity and wonder as we seek Christ in this season.

Heather Campbell Reich



St. Andrew’s volunteers serve on Wednesday, **January 25**. 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 January 2023

January 8

Cole Von Gunten and
Ivan Nagy

January 15

Matt Van Wormer and
Ashley Snider

January 22

Bill and Aiden Hebble

January 29

Karen Hahn and
Hans Van Wormer

Attention Acolytes: Please notify the church office if you are unable to serve any dates in February and March.

If you cannot serve on your assigned date in January, 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 February issue of the Carillon is **January 25**.

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

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), Pauline McKenna (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, Gail Wasserman, Juanita Golden

Other Concerns: Bob and Mavis Hardy, LaMar Harrell, Trevor Gosh, Kendra and Kendall, Pam Pudar, Wesley Stewart, 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, Ginny Larson, Linda and Tom Pennington, Brett Sharkody, Scott Gunn, Mary Ann Hursky (Amy Kellogg's aunt), Gary Pressnell, Sean and Natalie Prior, 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, John Novotny (brother-in-law of Jeanne and Nancy Plas), Amy Kellogg, Earl Kloster (brother-in-law of Sharon Schwenk)



February Birthdays

Tilisha Frazier	5
Jeanne Plas	9
Ellen Otis	11
Mark Skladan	12
Piper Varga	16
Barb Prior	17
Abigail Skladan	22
Barbara Tobin	23
Gwen Frazier	25
Rylie Harris	27
Jazlyn Frazier	28

A Thought Regarding Happiness

"...the three factors that seem to have the greatest influence on increasing our happiness are our ability to reframe our situation more positively, our ability to experience gratitude, and our choice to be kind and generous."

— Dalai Lama XIV, *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*