



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

The Carillon

"Sharing God's Love"

March
2024

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

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

Mtg. ID: 766 598 8948

Call in number 646.558.8656

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

[ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR](#)

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday-Thursday: 9am-2pm

Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

On Ash Wednesday we gathered in-person and on Zoom to hear the invitation to a Holy Lent and to receive smudges of ashes on our foreheads as a visual reminder of our mortality and place in the eternal life with Christ. Lent gives us an opportunity to reset and reflect as we engage in prayers, study, fasting, and repentance. This year we are engaging with the disciple, Peter, as we explore, "Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter." There are multiple access points for this engagement including a Sunday morning faith formation group led by Harry Finkbone and Ben Holcomb, mid-week morning prayer on Zoom at 8am on Wednesdays, daily prayer cards, a devotional booklet and hand-on ministry opportunities with the new Community Meals Hospitality ministry. One way to ensure that a new practice actually becomes a practice is to determine a date, time and place when the new practice will happen. For example, if you would like to be engaged more with outreach ministry, to say, "On February 26 and/or February 28, I will help with the Community Meals Hospitality ministry by showing up in the Parish Hall at 5:30pm." Making specific the time, date and place increases the likelihood that the practice will take place.

Whatever Lenten practices you adopt for this season and however you observe them, they will bring you to Palm Sunday on March 24. This year Palm Sunday at St. Andrew's will be especially significant because we will welcome the Twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, the Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly. In addition to the Liturgy of the Palms and the Palms Processional (always a lively movement at St. Andrew's), Bishop Anne will offer baptism, confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation.

We have an adult candidate for baptism and an adult candidate for reception along with a group of youth and adults who have been preparing for confirmation since last year. I would like to offer an invitation to everyone else to consider offering yourselves for the rite of reaffirmation of faith.

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Rector's Reflections Continued

The rite of reaffirmation is celebrated with those who want to publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows in the presence of the bishop and the community. It is comparable to a married couple publicly reaffirming their vows at significant times in their marriage. In both reception and reaffirmation, we pray that the Holy Spirit continues to transform and deepen the candidates' faith.

Palm Sunday 2024 will mark 4 years and 2 weeks since St. Andrew's and the rest of the world was changed because of the pandemic. From that Sunday when we did the unthinkable and closed the doors of the church building until today and beyond, God continues to be faithful in nurturing and growing our church. Opportunities for ministry and resources by which to do ministry continue to be provided. We continue to ask the question, "How can we join God in God's ministry in, through and beyond St. Andrew's?"

The invitation to consider reaffirmation of faith is one that flows out of our continued "new beginnings." As a parish we have been "living into" our baptismal promises as we have been called to do new things in new ways. You have been amazingly resilient, faithful and willing. We periodically renew our baptismal promises at baptisms and other services. The Rite of Reaffirmation is similar but distinct in that it is a recommitment as well as a renewal.

I will be sharing more about the Rite of Reaffirmation as we travel through Lent. My prayer is that you will consider if perhaps you are being called into this rite, at this time.

Lenten Blessings,
Mother June

Help the Rector's Discretionary Fund

The existence and use of clergy discretionary funds in The Episcopal Church largely rest on Church Canon, originally adopted in 1814, as well as a long tradition implementing this canon in congregations nationally. Rev. June uses her fund for "pious and charitable purposes" and often includes assisting those in need with rent, gasoline, medication, personal products and more. Rev. June has sole discretion and is not required to get approval. Generally, the dollar amount of the assistance is small and not recurring. The discretionary fund is funded directly from church accounts by Vestry approval or from donations. Due to a recent increase in need, the balance in this account is very low. You are invited to consider donating directly to this fund as a way to help those in need in our church family and the wider community.

Treasurer's Memo

January was a very good month for contributions as we exceeded the budget. Thanks to everyone for your support of St. Andrew's! I hope the trend continues.

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

March 24, 10:30am: Bishop Jolly Visit (Palm Sunday)
March 28, at 7pm: Maundy Thursday Service
March 29, at noon: Good Friday Service (In-Person)
March 29, at 7pm: Good Friday Zoom Service
March 30: Holy Saturday Service at Christ Church
March 31, at 10:30am: Easter Sunday Service



Joins Us for Easter Brunch March 31, after Worship

All are invited to attend our annual Easter Brunch celebration. The brunch will take place directly after the 10:30am Worship service. Please come and enjoy a good meal and even better company!



“Happenings” with the Congregational Development Commission

URGENT NEED: Community Freedge

we only have enough funds in the account to shop for one more month! Please prayerfully consider donating to this ministry. We have three faithful and committed shoppers that have been shopping and stocking the “Freedge” on a weekly basis.

Monetary donations to help support the Freedge ministry are always needed and appreciated.

Help the Family of a Local Teen Battling Cancer

A great big thank you to the many St. Andrew's parishioners who have helped the Moore family as they deal with the struggles of their son battling cancer. The opportunity to help this family of 10 is still ongoing. The best way we can help is by donating gift cards the family can use for gas and groceries to help offset transportation costs to and from medical appointments in Cleveland and to help the family with day-to-day needs such as food.

Warming Shelter Donations

Another thank you to those that have been donating personal care items for the Warming Shelters. The third collections of products have been blessed by the congregation at the Annual Meeting and were picked up by Place to Recover who will be distributing them to Warming Shelter guests. However, the need for personal care products is ongoing. We are collecting donations of personal care products such as body wash, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair care products and feminine hygiene products. A collection container is in the rear of the sanctuary.

Community Meals

The Community Meals program continues. Take home meals are served by St. Andrew's on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We have continued hosting a time of hospitality beginning prior to the meal and lasting until the meal is done being served. Guests are invited into the Parish Hall to enjoy a beverage and connect in conversation. Volunteers to help serve the meals and to oversee the hospitality time are always needed and welcomed, contact Jesse V. at the office if you'd like to volunteer

-Greg Hebble

Music Memos: March 2024 Edition **By Music Director, Mark Skladan**

Organ Restoration

Installation has begun! New electrical wires and outlets are being installed in the console, chamber, and blower room. Once this is complete installation of the keyboards, stops, etc. will begin. We will have a good idea about the completion of the project in the next week. Stay tuned!

Our fundraising drive is about \$15,000 short of its goal. Vestry has approved a transfer of funds from the organ fund to cover the shortfall, but we would love to have the organ fund replenished for any organ needs of the future. If you would like to donate, checks can be made out to St. Andrew's with “Organ Fund” in the memo line.

Lent Service Music

We have added the Kyrie and a Fraction Anthem and are speaking the Sanctus and The Lord's Prayer. We are singing a variety of Lenten hymns from many sources including some new music.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

We look forward to a festive service with Bishop Jolly and invite ALL singers to join the choir that day at 9:30am! If you can't sing Palm Sunday, then consider singing on Easter Sunday! We will have music on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Looking ahead

April 28 will be our next Youth-Led Service. The St Andrew's Choristers will be singing that Sunday. Rehearsals will be April 7 & April 21 after church, and April 14 during Children's Sermon time, with a final rehearsal before the Youth Led Service on April 28 at 10:30am. Please note: There will be no adult choir on April 28.

- “Some of the greatest sermons that have ever been preached were preached by the singing of a song.”





MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN Kathy Kerber

The Stars of St. Andrews!

The star power of St. Andrew's young parishioners burned brightly during the youth led service held January 28, 2024. Both instrumental and choral music, oration, drama, and artistic design displayed the talents and dedication of our youngest parishioners. We are blessed to have them among us.

Music is an important tradition at St. Andrew's, Elyria, and the youth honor this history. Nandi began the service with a piano solo for the prelude, followed by Colette, Tyler, and Cole & Rylie singing the opening hymn. Parishioners appreciated the wonderful string arrangement performed by the St. Andrew Trio consisting of Michael, Zavion, and Johan. Cole, a rising star, played a solo on his cello. The St. Andrew's Choristers joined the adult choir singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand."

Words help share ideas, facilitate learning, and build a foundation of faith. Lessons were skillfully orated by Ivan and Michael. The message for the sermon was delivered by the presentation of two skits performed by the St. Andrew's Players. The Prayers of the People were composed by the youth.

Creativity is a gift that allows one the insight to look at a task, issue and even the world in a new or different way. Cybil N. designed the cover of the service bulletin. I have looked at her cover several times during the preparation of my message to you. Each time I see more in her work. My hope is Cybil will design more for St. Andrew's.

Many were involved in the preparation of this service. I would like to thank Ben Holcomb and Mark Skladan who coached and mentored the young people in preparation for this service, as well as Joan Van Wormer whose love of music grew the music ministry at this church. I am grateful for parents who provided support and encouragement as well adjusting family schedules to make practices. Finally, a big THANK YOU to the young people of St. Andrew's. You are STARS!

Please note another youth directed service is planned for April 28!

With Gratitude,
Kathy Kerber

Sci-Fi Summer (Ages 10-15) July 29-August 2; Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Cost: \$40.00

Where: St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 300 Third St., Elyria, OH 44035

Students receiving reduced lunch at school are eligible for 50% scholarship (\$20) and those receiving free lunch are eligible for full scholarship.

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks included in registration fee.

St. Andrew's is sponsoring and collaborating with Spark Theatre Company and LCCC's Theatre Department to produce an all-new Sci-Fi themed performing arts camp for students ages 10-15! Guaranteed to be an incredible 5-day "experiment!"

Students will work with professional teaching artists to create their own performance piece throughout the two week camp. Classes include drama, music, dance and science fiction themed crafts! Final performance will be held on Friday, August 2 at St. Andrew's.

To learn more, please visit the [Spark Theater Website](#).

To enroll, please [click here](#).

Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals

St. Andrew's volunteers next serve on Wednesday, **March 27**. Please contact Jesse V. by email at office@standrewselyria.org to make sure we have enough volunteers.

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

Hello Church Family,

I cannot believe February is almost over. Time is flying by and the world around us is starting (sometimes) to warm up. I pray you all had a great month, full of love and growth.

The youth certainly had a good month, with a lot of opportunities; see some snapshots below! First there has been an opportunity every week for teens to come and meet together every Thursday from 6pm-7pm. We are starting a new project soon that will be very important in our work together; stay tuned for more information!

There was also just recently a Sr. High retreat at Christ Church Oberlin for teens all over the diocese. It was a small but mighty group, and we did have some St. Andrew's representation, which was a blessing to see. This retreat was all about learning to be in the world and not of the world. During our time together, we made a mission statement for all of us to follow in the future, and I would like to share it with you! Here it is:

To create a world of kindness and peace, we will show everyone respect and grace so that we can grow together.

I think this something we can all take into our lives this next month (and beyond). I don't know about you all, but this time of year is the hardest for me. I am always trying to rush through the end of the winter and get back to warmer weather and sunshine! I never stop to appreciate what God has in front of me. In my own life, I am battling the urge to rush. In fact, if it were up to me I would currently be rushing through life with schooling, getting a house, making a family. Luckily, I'm not in charge. God is teaching me to slow down.

What is God teaching you? Is it to slow down, like me? Perhaps be more caring to those you'd care not to talk to, or could it be simply to love yourself? Stop and look around. Listen to God and see what God is telling you.



New Format for VBS – Save the Dates: “Sundays at 5pm: Changemaker’s Lab”

August 4, August 11, August 18,
August 25 and September 1 –
Sundays at 5pm



In the spirit of experimenting and trying new things, the VBS format for Summer 2024 will be “Sundays at 5: Changemakers Lab.” Beginning on August 4, and continuing through September 1, each week on Sunday evenings we will offer one module of Changemakers Lab. This format continues our intergenerational faith formation emphasis and is for all ages. Changemakers Lab will be a place where we will discover that everyone can make a difference in the world!

The five Bible stories in this curriculum explore examples of people who experienced and brought about change in the world around them. These people provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, caring for all people, and imagining a new world.

Through worship and drama, Bible study, STEAM activities (science, technology, engineering, art, math), and active games, we are invited to see and experience the transforming love of God. Grounded in God's love, we can use our unique gifts to make a difference wherever we go!

Come to all of the sessions or pick and choose what works best for you. Mark your calendars now for August 4, August 11, August 18, August 25, and September 1, and plan for “Sundays at 5: Changemakers Lab” VBS to be a part of your summer in 2024!

Gail Wassermann Gift Update

A task force (Wassermann Gift Committee) was organized in the fall of 2023 by Rev. June Hardy Dorsey to discern how St. Andrew's might best utilize the gift of \$975,560.21 from the late Gail Wassermann. Mike Von Gunten facilitated the committee comprised of Jean Hays, Greg Hebble, Amy Kellogg, Glynis Laing, Doug Skladan and Hans Van Wormer.

The committee met several times from late November 2023 through January 2024. The recommendations come from the input received through three town hall meetings led by Rev. June as well as a survey parish members could complete, and written suggestions submitted to a suggestion box.

Participants in the town hall meetings widely expressed a desire to fund projects in three areas:

- Outreach
- Capital improvements to parish facilities
- Reserve for future use

The recommendations of the committee are below. This was presented to the Vestry on February 18, and the Vestry voted to "approve the recommendations in concept" with the understanding that the details of the expenditures and projects would be forthcoming for approval.

Outreach: \$250,000

\$100,000 to be used for community outreach. The Congregational Development Commission will make recommendations for use of the funds for maximum impact.

\$150,000, only the interest of which may be used by the CDC for other outreach/in-reach projects (estimate of interest is \$7500 per year).

Capital Projects: \$340,000

Includes kitchen remodel, installation of 3 drinking fountain/bottle fillers, Middle Ave. building footer repair, 2nd floor restroom renovations, 3rd Street Labyrinth installation and rock wall repair, lighting upgrades (interior and exterior), churchwide AV/Internet upgrades, and Parish Hall remodel.

Reserve: \$400,000 (Total)

It is our hope that the principle remains intact; however, the interest may be used if necessary.

Gratitude is expressed to the late Gail Wassermann for her generosity and commitment to St. Andrew's, to all who shared their ideas for these funds and to the Wassermann Gift Committee for their prayerful and thoughtful discernment of how God is leading St. Andrew's in ministry and on mission. Updates on the projects and ministry funded by this gift will be provided as they become available.

The Poetry In Me

by Jay Snider

I am not the one percent
But I am abundantly wealthy
I am not on TV
But my life is poetry

I see what is more
I can feel myself wanting
Like chasing a shadow
In circles I am running

Stop, pause and look
Can the answer be that simple
Wanting, needing more, more
These are my callings

In quicksand I stand
I just keep on sinking
What sits over there
Must be something worth wanting

A lifeline is thrown
I stop my squirming
I pause and stop
Something inside me is calling

Inside your heart, inside your soul
Your great as you are
It's OK to be happy
It's OK to be you

Being human is imperfect
We are perfectly flawed
That is worth our celebration
That is worth our applause

Easter Flowers

Although Lent has just begun, it is never too early to think about Easter and decorating the Church in celebration. Lilies and other Spring flowers will be arranged at the Altar and throughout the Church and may be given in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for God's blessings. If you are interested in giving a commemoration, please contact Jesse V. at the office by email or phone or contact Ellen Otis at 440-284-1737. The price remains \$35.



March Ministry Highlight and Gratitude – St. Andrew's Vestry

The health of a church is dependent upon the participation of parish members, expressing their faith in God by committing their time, financial resources, and talents for ministry. St. Andrew's is blessed to be a community of faith where this commitment happens every day in visible and invisible ways. Beginning this month and for the coming months, we will feature one area of ministry to highlight and offering gratitude to those who serve in that ministry.

This month we are featuring the ministry of the Vestry. The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The number of vestry members and the term of office varies from parish to parish.

The St. Andrew's Vestry consists of nine members, Vestry members are usually elected at the Annual Parish Meeting. The presiding officer of the vestry is the Rector. There are usually two Wardens. The Senior (Sr.) Warden leads the parish between rectors and is a support person for the Rector. The Junior (Jr.) Warden often has responsibility for church property and buildings. A Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a Secretary or Clerk may be chosen. These officers may or may not be vestry members.

The basic responsibilities of the Vestry are:

- To help define and articulate the mission of the congregation
- To support the church's mission by word and deed
- To select the Rector
- To ensure effective organization and planning
- To manage resources and finances

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St. Andrew's current Vestry members are: Kathy Kerber (Senior Warden), Karen Hahn, Allison Harris, Judi Hudnutt, Amy Kellogg, Amanda Nagy, Jon Quisenberry, Lindsey Varga, and Hans Van Wormer (Jr. Warden.)

Doug Skladan (Treasurer), Jane McDonald (Assistant Treasurer) and Myki Van Wormer (Clerk) serve as the officers. Karen Ennes (Parish Bookkeeper) supports the Vestry and officers.

Gratitude is offered to each of these parishioners who serve in these leadership roles. Thank you for helping St. Andrew's be and become all God is calling us to be and become.

-Rev. June

Rima's Story: Follow Up Resources

In January, we hosted Deacon Jane Traeger's sister-in-law, Rima, as she shared her story as a Palestinian American, and of her family's expulsion from Israel in 1948. As a follow up to Rima's powerful story and the dialogue and interest it garnered, we are proud to be doing a short series featuring resources for those who wish to be better informed and learn more about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. These resources will range from essays, to videos, to podcasts and more.

Podcast

["Childhood Under Occupation"](#) produced by the Defense for Children International - Palestine.

Video

[Dr. Gabor Mate on Palestine/Israel and Healing](#)

Articles and Essays

["The Palestinian Double Standard"](#) by Dr. Hala Alyan

["Our Catastrophe"](#) photo essay introduced by Nadia Saah

Book

["Drinking the Sea at Gaza: Days and Nights in a Land Under Siege"](#) by Amira Haas

We would once again like to thank Rima, this time for providing these resources for us to share.

Intergenerational Game Night is Back!

Starting at 5pm on March 23! From deck builders to Dixit, everyone of all ages is welcome! Come play old favorites or discover a new game to love!



March Birthdays

Jerry MacBeth	1
Jason Quisenberry	1
Caren Quisenberry	5
John Hunt	8
Margo Reich	26
Dakota Squire	26
Amy Kellogg	28
Genevieve Barkhurst	28
Catherine Secaur	29
Nandi Badat	30



April Birthdays

Retta Reynolds	1
Britt Julio	3
Joan VanWormer	14
Peggy Casselberry	14
Ella Panchak	14
Corine Hahn	19
Cora Secaur	22
Megan Quisenberry	27
Evelyn VanWormer	28
Michael Taylor	29

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 April issue of the Carillon is **March 21**.

(Inclusion in either publication is at the discretion of the editor)

St. Andrew's Prayer List:

Our Spiritual Leaders

Michael, our Presiding Bishop
Anne, our Bishop
June, our Priest
Jane, our Deacon
Mark Skladan, our 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), Paul Tanner (partner of Jolene Adkins), Scott Holcomb, Garfield Johns, Shelly Perkins, Margaret Roach, Deshawn (and family), John Palermo

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

Those Who Have Died: Joyce Priest, Wayne Emmanuel, Rob Hutchins, Shirley Schmid, Ed Vaflor, Tom Adelsberg, Fred Beiswenger, Naaman Torres (husband of Marilyn Torres)

Other Concerns: Bob and Mavis Hardy, Trevor Gosh, Kendra and Kendall, Pam Pudar, Wesley Stewart, Tom Heinz, John Torres, Karen Blair, Kathy Hawkins Tobin, Rich and Messiah, Linda and Tom Pennington, Mary Ann Hursky (Amy Kellogg's aunt), Sean and Natalie Prior, Lee Kauffman, Julie Joy and the Joy Family, Terry Brady, Laurie Stephens, John Kellogg, Tommy Winton, Linda Wilbert, David Dorsey, Megan Kovacik (Emily Holcomb's sister), Rance and Elaine Hutchins, Marilyn Schmid and Molly Richeson, Katelyn (granddaughter of Harry and May Ann Finkbone), Steven Laing

We pray...

For racial equity and justice
For our nation and those who serve in city, state, and national government.
For the unemployed
For the Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals Ministry
For the Homeless in Lorain County
For those harmed by gun violence
For those who are travelling
For the renewal in the city of Elyria
For the LCCC Ministry Partnership
For those who are ill and those who care for them
For peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, other war-torn places