

# July 14, 2024 Proper 10

"Sharing God's Love"



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### Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

We are one of the parishes that make up The Diocese of Ohio and are part of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. We are also part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and at the head of the Anglican Communion is the Archbishop of Canterbury.

St. Andrew's is made up of diverse people who find meaning and experience community through relationships – with God, with ourselves as we seek to know God, with each other and with the world in which we live. We are old and young, female and male, gay and straight, cis-gender and non-binary in gender identification. We are single, married, divorced, widowed, black and white across a wide socio-economic range. In fact we are like everybody. We work in our communities and invest in work around the world. We study and we ask questions as we move deeper into the mystery of God. We support one another in good times and bad, and we try to see Christ in everyone we meet.

St. Andrew's mission statement is, "Sharing God's Love. "We believe that we are participating with God in God's work in the world. We are an open and affirming, inclusive community of faith, believing that God loves everyone, no exceptions.

Since December of 2019, we have made the work of anti-racism a priority by confessing, studying, praying, advocating and in activism for racial equity and social justice. We have been described as "Traditional in pews and kneelers, ornate altar and vestments. Modern in energy, ordination of women, and respect for all people regardless of the many ways God makes us different. Common in the humble, simple way these people, place and time come together to be extraordinary."

#### **Commitment to Racial Justice**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Elyria, Ohio recognizes that the church, as a body of Christ, has a responsibility to act on behalf of others, especially the marginalized and the oppressed. We vow in our Baptismal Covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." We believe that this includes directly confronting the legacy and reality of racism, both individually and that which is systemic and institutionalized in our society. We must work to end economic, educational, employment, healthcare, housing and other injustices in our own lives, institutions, communities, and the world. To that end, we must be aware and well informed, and thereby better able to determine the actions our faith requires of us – actions that help us to practice justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

#### **Visitors**

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. We want to know more about who you are and so we ask that you please complete the visitor's card (in pews or ask usher) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

<u>Acolytes for July 14</u> 8:30am—Jon Quisenberry 10:30am—Karen Hahn/Nandi Badat <u>Lectors for July 14</u> 8:30am—Greg Hebble 10:30am—Jane McDonald/Matthew Van Wormer

<u>Ushers for July 14</u> 10:30am—Myki Van Wormer/Karl Kirk Eucharistic Ministers for July 14 8:30am—Jon Quisenberry/Greg Hebble 10:30am—Karen Hahn/Hans Van Wormer

### LOOKING AHEAD

July 21, after both services: Blood Pressure Clinic (Room B) July 21, at 10:30am: Jazz Mass July 27, at 6pm: Murder Mystery Dinner July 28, at 10:30am service: Morning Prayer Service with Guitar Music August 1, at 9am: Midweek Coffee Hour Breakfast (Rubin's Restaurant in Chestnut Commons) August 4, at 5pm: Sundays at 5 VBS: Changemaker's Lab

# 8:30 am Rite Holy Eucharist

### THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentence Gloria BCP 323 BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The LessonsFirst Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19(see 10:30am service, pg. 4)Psalm: Psalm 24(see 10:30am service, pg. 5)The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14(see 10:30am service, pg. 5)The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29(see 10:30am service, pg. 6)Before the Gospel the people say: "Glory be to thee, O Lord."After the Gospel the people say: "Praise be to thee, O Christ."

The Sermon	The Rev. Christopher Hofer
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	(see 10:30am service, pg. 8)
Call to Confession	BCP 330
Confession and Absolution	BCP 331
The Peace	BCP 332
THE HOLY COMMUNION	
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II*	BCP 340
The Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy)	BCP 341
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Communion of the People (All are welcome to receive from (	God's Table)
Post Communion Prayer (Please sit, kneel, or stand as able)	BCP 339
The Blessing	(see 10:30am service, pg.12)
Dismissal and " <i>Thanks be to God</i> ."	

# Enriching Our Worship 10:30 am

BCP = Red Book of Common Prayer, Blue Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (LEVAS), Wonder, Love and Praise Hymnal (WLP) \*Music at 10:30am am only

Call to Worship\*

Voluntary\*

"Adagio" by Vivaldi/Bach

(Please stand as able.)

**Processional Hymn\*** 

WLP 767 "Baptized In Water" © Church Publishing Inc

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. *People: Glory to God for ever and ever.* 

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Song of Praise\*

LEVAS 245 "We Have Come Into His House" (verse 1) © Sound III, Inc.

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated for the Lessons.)

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well -being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. *People: Thanks be to God.* 

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it. \* the world and all who dwell therein. 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \* and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \* and who can stand in his holy place?" 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \* who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \* and a just reward from the God of their salvation." 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \* of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. 7 Lift up your heads. O gates: lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in. 8 "Who is this King of glory?" \* "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle." 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in. 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \* "The Lord of hosts. he is the King of glory."

### The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. *People: Thanks be to God.* 

(Please stand as able for the Sequence.)

Sequence Hymn\*

WLP 766 "You're Called By Name, Forever Loved" © Celebration

Mark 6:14-29

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. *People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.* 

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.* 

(Please be seated for the Sermon.)

Children's Sermon The Sermon Mark Skladan The Rev. Christopher Hofer

Nicene Creed (Please stand as able.) We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets.

### We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

You are invited to read the role of the intercessor as you are led. If more than one voice reads the same lines, please listen to one another and read simultaneously. The People's response is the text in bold.

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *People: That we all may be one.* 

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.* 

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.* 

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *People: That our works may find favor in your sight.* 

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *People: That they may be delivered from their distress.* 

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest. *People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.* 

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.* 

Celebrant: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*Please add your own prayers aloud or in silence.*)

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Confession of Sin and Absolution (*Please kneel, sit, or stand as able.*) Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God. (*Silence may be kept*) All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

The Peace Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. **People: And also with you.** (Please greet one another with the Peace of the Lord.)

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Prayers (Please be seated.)

Offertory Sentence Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Music\*** 

"Offertorio Pastorale" anon.

(Please stand as able for the Presentation of Gifts)

The Presentation of Gifts\*

Hymn 495 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" © OneLicense

The Great Thanksgiving (Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2) Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them to the Lord.** Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

### *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:



"The Lord's Prayer" by David Haas

Breaking of the Bread Fraction

LEVAS 270

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the suns of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the suns of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

All: It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Celebrant: Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Holy Communion (All are welcome to receive from God's Table)

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: Eucharistic Minister: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.* Eucharistic Minister: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.* 

Communion Hymns\* Hymn 601 "O Day Of God, Draw Nigh" © William Monk Hymn 686 "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" © OneLicense

Post Communion Prayer (*Please stand, sit, or kneel as able.*) Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God almighty, the holy and undivided Trinity be with you and those you love this day, and always. Amen. -Adapted from — Henri-Frédéric Amiel

(Please stand as able.)

Recessional Hymn\*

Hymn 436 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" © Winkworth and Mason

Dismissal (The children are help with the dismissal)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People: Thanks be to God.* 

Voluntary\*

"Fugue in C" by Pachelbel

Today we welcome the Rev. Christopher Hofer. He continues to offer regular supply for us when Rev. June is away and we are grateful for his ministry.

#### **St. Andrew's Prayer List:** <u>Our Spiritual Leaders</u> Michael, our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect 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

<u>Our Friends</u> Christ Church, Oberlin Church of the Redeemer, Lorain Avon United Methodist Church Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria The Original Glorious Apostolic Church Elyria First United Methodist Church

**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, Shelly Perkins, Margaret Roach, Deshawn (and family), John Palermo, Judie Housel

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

**Those Who Have Died:** Wayne Emmanuel, Rob Hutchins, Shirley Schmid, Fred Beiswenger, Naaman Torres (husband of Marilyn Torres), The Rev. Janet Long, Garfield "Chip" Johns (Glynis Laing's brother), Alison Ricker, Bob Hardy, Tina Cassara, Leisa Napier

**Other Concerns:** 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, John Kellogg, Tommy Winton, Linda Wilbert, Molly Richeson, Steven Laing, Russell Panchak, Karl Kirk, Brian Deagan, Carleen Hornack Simmons, Bob Sharkody, Ryan Palermo, Bruce Checefsky

# **Announcements**

# Lorain County Urban League School Supplies Drive

We are collecting donations of bookbags and/or boxes of pencils to donate to the Lorain County Urban League who will pass them out to local children in need at their annual block party. Donation tags are on the round table in the gathering space; take a tag with the picture of the item you will be purchasing. You are welcome to take more than one tag, but please note that we are only collecting backpacks and pencils.

All donations must be brought back to the church no later than July 28, where we will bless them as a congregation at the 10:30am service. The donation box will be on a pew next to the red doors to the sanctuary.

# <u>Jazz Mass - July 21 at 10:30am</u>

Please mark Sunday, July 21 at 10:30am for our annual Jazz Mass. We will again feature the Jeff Meyers Quartet playing some jazz tunes! We will sing along with the band to some great hymns from LEVAS! This promises to be an energy filled service and we hope you will attend along with family and friends!

# "The Glenville Scholarship Show" Murder Mystery Dinner: July 27, at 6pm

Join us at 6pm on July 27 for "The Glenville Scholarship Show," a murder mystery dinner presented by Andy's Players, St. Andrew's new theater group!

It's finally the night of the big award ceremony where one of our lucky high school seniors will be awarded the coveted Glenville Scholarship. But this big night turns into a big night*mare* when someone ends up dead! Dress up as a member of one of the "cliques" (nerd, jock, goth, etc.) and root them on in this fun, interactive high school themed murder mystery show. Admission to the show is a suggested \$15 donation. If interested, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Admission to the show is a suggested \$15 donation. If you're interested in attending, please put your name on the signup sheet in the gathering space; we are trying to get an approximate headcount.

# Murder Mystery Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers that would like to help us make our first production a success. We will need help in the kitchen with meal preparation (spaghetti and meatballs), serving the meal, and cleanup. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space where you can sign up to help. Please note that this show is a fund-raising event that will help the group purchase theatrical equipment (lighting, props, etc.) and help to refinish the stage for future performances.

# Christmas In July Special! St. Andrew's Christmas Ornaments

It's never too early to get into the Christmas spirit by purchasing one of these beautiful St. Andrew's Christmas ornaments, especially at such a great price! These pewter ornaments are being sold for \$14.80 each (\$5 off the original price) and measure 2" wide and 2.5" tall. There is a limited supply, so if you would like to purchase one, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

# Volunteers Needed to Help with Breakfast and Lunch for Sci-Fi Summer Camp

We need volunteers to help with shopping, food preparation, and cleanup. The camp is from Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 2. Breakfast is from 8:30am-9am and lunch is 11:30am-12:30pm. Volunteers will need to arrive around 30mins before to prep and make the meal, and then around 15mins after to help clean up. To sign up please use the sign up sheet in the gathering space.

### Parish Retreat 2024 - Save the Date: August 23-24

Save the date for the 2024 Parish Retreat at Bellwether Farm! From Friday, August 23 to Saturday, August 24, all of St. Andrew's is invited to come and spend time in nature, spiritual reflection, and fellowship.

# Changemaker's Lab VBS—Sundays at 5pm on Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Sept. 1

In the spirit of experimenting and trying new things, beginning 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.

## A Word of Gratitude

Thank you, beloved St. Andrew's, for the many notes, cards, and message of condolence in the recent death of my father, Robert D. Hardy. Your kindness and compassion has made this difficult time easier to manage. I am so blessed to be your Rector. –June Hardy Dorsey

