

# The Carillon

"Sharing God's Love"

July

2024

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Morning

#### Zoom Worship

9:30am - [Zoom Link](#)

Mtg. ID: 766 598 8948

Call in number

646.558.8656

### 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.

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.: Office Closed

Tues.-Thurs.: 9am-1pm  
(Summer Hours)

## Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

This letter comes to you as a window, offering glimpses from the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church where I served as co-leader of the Diocese of Ohio Intergenerational Pilgrimage and the fourth clergy alternate deputy. It was my first experience of General Convention, and these are just a few observations. More details, impressions and testimonies will come in the days ahead.

Blessings,  
Mother June

1. **The Episcopal Church is both very large and very small.** The vastness of the geography covered, worldwide, representing around 1.8 million members across 108 dioceses and three mission areas in 22 countries or territories is balanced by the sense of common identity as being Episcopalian. Everywhere we went we ran into people we knew or people who saw that we were from the Diocese of Ohio and knew people that we knew. It felt a bit like a very large family reunion with aunts, uncles, first, second and third cousins we had heard about but were meeting for the first time.
2. **The Episcopal Church looks a lot like the world.** Attendees reflected a wide range of ethnicity, first language, age, ability and gender – meaning that most everyone there saw and heard from someone who looked like them, thought like them, and spoke like them. A question before the GC about appropriate dress for the occasion was answered by “whatever you decide you are comfortable wearing, there will be others who will be dressed like you.” That observation was spot on with people wearing purple bishop shirts in the coffee line next to those in hiking gear with sandals, business suits, t-shirts and leggings, habits of religious orders, and “business casual” attire. Everyone could feel equally comfortable or uncomfortable depending on the scope of their comfort with diversity. The diversity of outward appearance was also mirrored by the diversity of perspective as was evidenced in legislative proceedings as well as hallway conversations.

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## Rector's Reflections Continued

3. **The Episcopal Church takes itself both seriously and lightly.** The sixth months of preparation and study about the legislative process and content of the General Convention served only to offer a cursory understanding of the depth and breadth of its very, very detailed legislative work. Fortunately, there were many generous and experienced people who were willing to explain the multi-stage, multi-level proceedings. Formal decorum and process was the rule of the legislative sessions. (One day, early in the convention, there was a four-hour meeting about "how to meet.") This extreme seriousness was balanced by many opportunities for play and levity including party favors distributed for the extended evening sessions and a "Diocesan stanchion" decorating contest with the highly sought stanchion prize for the best decorated. Deputations brought diocesan specific "giveaways" and the Ohio buckeyes (candy) were a big hit. The playfulness and seriousness in the same space, often in a very short period of time, was refreshing and enlightening.
4. **The Episcopal Church is grounded in the loving, liberating, life-giving love of Jesus.** Every day began with beautiful, inclusive and dynamic worship. The music included familiar hymns from the 1982 hymnal as well as music of indigenous peoples, gospel and world music. All kinds of people shared worship leadership. Periods of prayer and listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit were woven around bold actions for racial justice, standing against gun violence and calling for advocacy for the marginalized. Even in times of great disagreement and difference of perspective, compassion and the respect for one another's dignity was evident.
5. **The Episcopal Church is moving into the future, committed to adaptive change in order to be a sustainable church, living into and bearing witness to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in an everchanging world.** Bishop Sean Rowe was elected to be the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. His proven track record of leading dioceses in adaptive change was named as one of his main qualifying characteristics. Throughout the convention, the steady message of the need for adaptive change in areas like finance, mission, worship and justice work to engage the needs of a changing world was profound. In words and actions, legislation and prayers, the Episcopal Church demonstrated that it is moving into the future and is intentionally adapting to do so.

### Report on St. Andrew's Investments for 2024

We are truly blessed with our investments, and I am pleased to report that they are doing quite well.

For the first six months, the Rauh fund at Key Bank, has generated \$6,914 of interest income at 4.65%. We receive the money quarterly and it is dedicated for the use of Formation, Music, Rector's Housing Allowance, and Building Maintenance.

The JIF Mutual Funds, are dedicated for capital projects, building maintenance, youth ministry, and a savings account. The income is reinvested, and the Fund has generated \$11,687 through May 31st at an average interest rate of 4.6%.

The Gail Wassermann Money Market Fund made \$21,641 at an average interest rate of 5%. The income was reinvested and allocated to the four accounts that make up the fund, Outreach Community, Outreach/In-reach, Capital Projects and the Reserve Fund.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Skladan - Treasurer



## MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN Kathy Kerber

New parents quickly learn that taking a fussing baby outside often soothes the child. Going outside to “blow off steam” is a common expression used to describe when a person leaves a tense situation to reset and reframe an issue or conflict. An evening walk around the neighborhood calms the mind in preparation for rest. Outside changes everything.

Nature is a balancing agent. As we spend more time inside with screens and technology, the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of being outside with nature become more evident. Outside demands physical activity especially with walking and recreational activities. Movement activates chemical transmitters that enhance sense of wellbeing. Sunshine is a natural mood lifter as it boosts the body’s serotonin levels. Serotonin helps stabilize moods and helps people stay calm and focused. Biblical faith affirms that nature is the “handiwork” of God. In Genesis, we learn that God created and set order to the world, so people could survive and thrive. Nature reminds us we are not alone. God is with us.

During the June 12, 2024, Vestry meeting, members approved the motion to move forward with the construction of a labyrinth and memorial garden in the space across from the Lorain County Courthouse. This project will be funded by the generous gift of the late Gail Wassermann. With nature in mind, the garden will have native plants to attract pollinators. The labyrinth will provide an opportunity for parishioners and public to walk or sit to reflect, refocus and refresh in God’s nature. Many who are visiting the Lorain County Courthouse and Lorain County Administration building are not experiencing their best days. The labyrinth memorial garden provides an opportunity for visitors to learn they are not alone. God is with them.

Time spent outdoors is good for the body and the soul. The community of St. Andrew’s is sharing the gift of God’s love with the residents of Lorain County through the labyrinth and memorial garden. I believe Gail Wassermann would be pleased. Outside really does change everything.

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

Hello church family!

It was an inordinately hot month, even for June! I pray everyone has been staying cool and away from that harsh sun. It is times like these that make me appreciate modern inventions like fans and air conditioners.

This June, we saw five of our youth graduate from high school! We had a moment earlier in the month to honor them and pray with them as they transition into the next chapters of their lives. Please keep all of our graduates in your prayers this summer, as they go off to new and exciting adventures.

I also had the privilege of acting as chaplain for Bellwether Farm’s Summer Camp. While it was the hottest week we’ve seen in years, it was still a pleasure being there with the campers, having fun and learning more about God’s creation in the world and in ourselves. While I was there, I had the opportunity to meet kids and teens from all over our Diocese and our state. It was a pleasure to work with everyone and a blessing to be there.

One of the lessons I went over at Bellwether was that every living thing needs shelter. From the smallest fly to the largest mammal, all living things need shelter from the elements. The week I was there gave me a good example to use, that the worship barn, dining pavilion, and even the pond were all forms of shelter from the heat. We also need shelter from life.

Where do you find shelter from life? Is it with your family, or your friends? Is it with your church, or maybe even your vocation? God gives us so many ways to take refuge in their love from the hardships of life. Some shelters are better than others, like an umbrella compared to a roof to keep rain off. Wherever you find shelter, I pray that it is firm and safe, and keeps you all secure from anything life can throw at you.

## Music Memos: July 2024 Edition by Music Director, Mark Skladan

### Skinner Organ Restoration

The commemorative plaque recognizing donors to the organ restoration has been ordered and will be displayed on the organ sometime this month. We are eternally grateful for those that have contributed to the success of this project. We will be scheduling a formal dedication of the restored Skinner Organ in the near future.

### Jazz Mass

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 and we will sing along with the band some great hymns from LEVAS! This promises to be an energy filled service and we hope you will attend along with family and friends!

### Guitar Prayer Service

On Sunday, July 28, at the 10:30am service, Ben Holcomb will lead songs with his guitar and there will be a specially designed service of morning prayer. This is another opportunity to attend the 10:30am service and participate in something a little different as we make our way through the long "ordinary season" after Pentecost.

### Hymn Sing

Be on the lookout for a date in August or September for a hymn sing in which we will incorporate suggested hymns into our worship. It will be a day of singing and rejoicing! Request forms will be available in August or by texting me at 440-570-3622 with your request. Please suggest one favorite hymn!

### What hymns did I sing (or miss) in June?

- Hymn 48 "O Day Of Radiant Gladness"
- Hymn 530 "Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word"
- WLP 773 "Heal Me, Hands Of Jesus"
- Hymn 533 "How Wondrous And Great Thy Works"
- Hymn 524 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
- Hymn 615 "Thy Kingdom Come, On Bended Knee"
- Hymn 525 "The Church's One Foundation"
- Hymn 379 "God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"
- LEVAS 200 "When The Storms Of Life Are Raging"
- Hymn 707 "Take My Life, And Let It Be"

....and many others, we sang over 30 hymns in the month of June!

### Chorister Rehearsals For Fall Of 2024

- September 8, September 15, September 22, September 29: 10am in the choir room
- October 6: Sing at 10:30am service
- December 1 and December 15: After 10:30am service
- December 8: During Children's Sermon at 10:30am service
- December 21: At 10am rehearsal for Christmas Eve Pageant
- December 22: After 10:30am service. Make-up rehearsal for Christmas Eve Pageant
- December 24: Christmas Eve Pageant Performance

Put these dates on the calendar now, please!

### Adult Choir

Begins October 13!

Could it be possible that we form some ensembles to sing in September? Stay tuned!

We are ALWAYS looking for anyone to get involved in church music of any type.

## “Happenings” with the Congregational Development Commission

### Andy’s Players Premiere Event!

With the blessings and full support from the CDC, several passionate theater enthusiasts from St. Andrew’s have formed a theatrical group named Andy’s Players.

We are seeking to encourage participation from parishioners and the public alike and grow into a thriving community theater group.

The first production of Andy’s Players will be July 27 at 6pm in the Parish Hall and will be a murder mystery dinner production of “The Glenville Scholarship Show”.

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 will be sign-up sheets 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.

Please watch your Sunday bulletin for more information.

### Community Involvement – Volunteer Opportunity

The Annual Kerstetter 5K run will be held Saturday, July 13. The group is asking for volunteers to pass out cups of water along the race route. They are seeking 4 to 6 volunteers.

Please watch for e-news and the Sunday bulletin for more information.

-Greg Hebble

## “The Glenville Scholarship Show” Murder Myster 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!

The show features around selected high school seniors (all from a different “clique”) competing for the “Glenville Scholarship”, a highly coveted college scholarship. It’s finally the night of the big award ceremony, but this big night turns into a big night *mare* when someone ends up dead! Audience members are encouraged to dress up as a member of one of the “cliques” (nerd, jock, goth, etc.) to root on their own team in this fun, interactive high school themed murder mystery show.

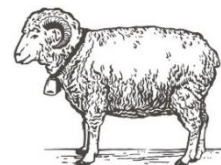
Watch the mystery unfold around you as you enjoy a spaghetti dinner and interact with the characters of them play. Will you be able to figure out who wants the “Glenville Scholarship” so bad that they would kill for it? Come and find out!

Admission to the show is a suggested \$15 donation. If interested, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space or use the online submission form [here](#).



## 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. More information to come!



## **Changemaker's Lab VBS—Sundays at 5pm August 4, 11, 18, 25, and September 1**

In the spirit of experimenting and trying new things, beginning August 4, and continuing each Sunday at 5pm through September 1, 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! 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. Come to all of the sessions or pick and choose what works best for you.

### **July Ministry Highlight and Gratitude – Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals**

Launched in 2003, the Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals Program at St. Andrew's has been an active food ministry for over 20 years and counting. It currently hosts several meals per month and serves over 80 people per meal. Last year, in 2023, our Community Meals program served a total of 4909 meals to those in our local community; the number this year looks to be even greater. And so, for the month of July, we are highlighting those who volunteer their time and talents as a part of the Community Meals program, providing hot meals for all those in need in our community.

The Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals program is led by Bill Hebble, who puts in an enormous amount of work to make sure the program continues to run successfully and without issue. Bill manages everything from ordering groceries from Second Harvest Food Bank, to maintaining communication with our Community Meal Partners, to prepping the food carts for those preparing the meals.

Each Community Meal served by St. Andrew's on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month is staffed by a pool of volunteers that have a true passion and calling for this ministry. They are the people on the front line who prep and serve meals to anyone and everyone that comes to our door in need. The Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals program now also includes a Hospitality Coffee Hour at each of the six meals hosted here every month. This is a time of fellowship for all community meal guests to come, enjoy a beverage, and talk with their neighbors before the meal is served. This Hospitality Hour was developed and launched by Myki Van Wormer and is staffed fully by St. Andrew's volunteers.

Deep gratitude and thanks goes out to all of our Community Meals volunteers, both kitchen volunteers and hospitality volunteers that make our Community Meals program an invaluable resources for the Elyria community: Jolene Adkins and Family, Celeste Brlas, Harry Finkbone, June Hardy Dorsey, Greg Hebble, Catherine and John Heck, Ben and Emily Holcomb, Jim Jablonski (and Archie), Karl Kirk, Jane McDonald, Amanda and Ben Nagy, Cybil Nagy, Chuck and Margo Reich, Elizabeth Striegl, Deacon Jane Trager, Cheri Van Wormer, Myki and Hans Van Wormer, Lindsey and Aaron Varga, and Mary Worcester. Additionally, thank you to Gwen and Alison Frazier, and Jean Hays, our cooks for the St. Andrew's Community Meals each month. Without you we wouldn't have any food to serve at all. Extra thanks for always making something delicious for our guests (and volunteers) to enjoy!

Finally, thank you to our partner churches: Emmanuel Lutheran, First United Methodist, Avon Methodist, and Redeemer Lutheran. Volunteers from these churches prep and serve five of the six meals hosted here at St. Andrew's each month as a part of the Heather Community Reich Community Meals program.

Helping to feed as many people as many people as the Heather Campbell Reich Community Meal program does requires many hands and much effort. We are so blessed to have such an amazing group of people who continually and faithfully show up to keep this program running and feeding our community.

## July Birthdays

Kathy Dembek	3
Gary Pressnell	3
Pat Lehman	5
Celeste Brlas	10
Robert Sharkody	10
Phyllis Payne	12
Jemel Harris	14
Allison Harris	14
Cheri Van wormer	20
Matthew Van Wormer	20
Joe Hahn	21
Natalie Day Howland	21
Bill Taylor	22
Debbie Panchak	23
Joanne Pressnell	26
Bob Daniels	30
Annamarie Pressnell	30
Ruth Smith	31

## August Birthdays

Richard Wilbert	3
Ian Kerber	7
Faith Pressnell	15
June Hardy Dorsey	15
Abby Snider	15
Ben Day Howland	19
Doug Skladan	22
Eric Frazier	25
David Dorsey	27
Caroline Daniels	28
Sally Ruth	29
Ruth Wulfooop	29
John Heck	30

### Send us your news!

If you have information you would like included in our publications, send to [office@standrewselyria.org](mailto:office@standrewselyria.org)  
Deadline for the August issue of the Carillon is **July 21**.

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

### St. Andrew's Prayer List:

#### Our Spiritual Leaders

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

#### Our Friends

Christ Church, Oberlin  
Church of the Redeemer, Lorain  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria  
Elyria First United Methodist Church  
Avon United Methodist Church  
The Original Glorious Apostolic 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

**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, Tom Adelsberg, 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

**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

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