

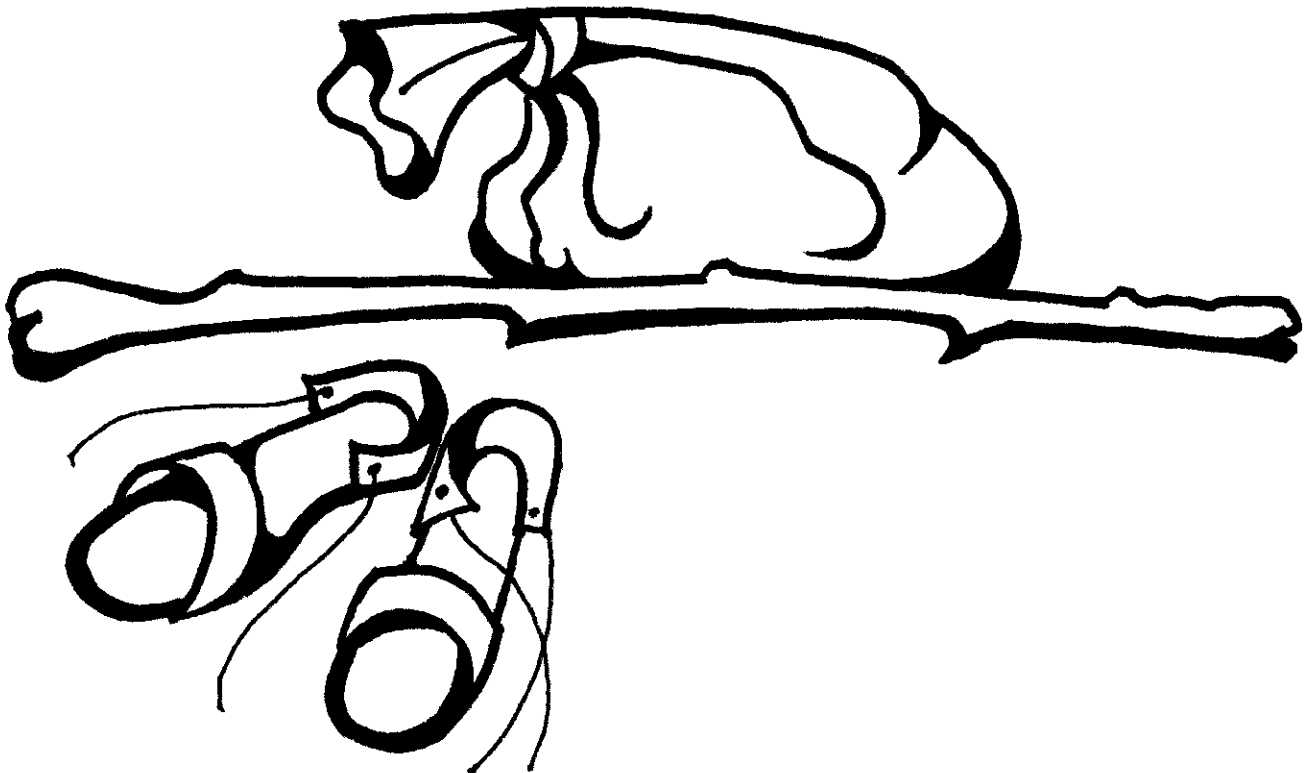


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"Sharing God's Unconditional Love"



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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 Unconditional 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!

Acolytes for September 7

Bill Hebble

Lectors for September 7

8:30am: Judi Hudnutt

10:30am: Bill Taylor

Ushers for September 7

Amy Kellogg

Eucharistic Ministers for September 7

8:30am: Greg Hebble/Judi Hudnutt

10:30am: Ellen Otis

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY, at 4pm: Sundays at St. Andrew's
September 10, at 8am: Midweek Worship on Zoom
September 17, at 8am: Midweek Worship on Zoom
September 21, at 4pm: Sundays at St. Andrew's
September 29, from 6pm-8pm: Game Night with I'm Possible Games (Parish Hall)
October 1, at 8am: Midweek Worship on Zoom
October 2, at 9am: First Thursday Breakfast at Rubins
October 5, at 4pm: Sundays at St. Andrew's
October 5, at 5:30pm: Blessing of the Animals
October 8, at 8am: Midweek Worship on Zoom
October 19, at 4pm: Sundays at St. Andrew's

Holy Eucharist

8:30am 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)

Prelude*

"Reflection"
Kerry J. Beaumont

Processional Hymn*

Hymn 512 "Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"
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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Gloria

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please sit for the Lessons)

A Reading from Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading from Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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(Please stand as able)

Sequence Hymn*

Hymn 654 "Day By Day"
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Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Sermon (*Please sit.*)

Sermons

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Nicene Creed

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

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: Most loving and gracious God, hear what we implore you and act speedily to answer our prayers as we say: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: You have blessed your church across time with leaders of true faith, grant your church today wisdom and discernment that we might effectively share the good news of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us wisdom to choose leaders of integrity, and also the courage and resolve to hold them accountable to their responsibility to build a nation where all people might thrive and know their dignity as God's created children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: All our truest needs are provided by you. Open our minds and hearts to see the abundance of your creation and to boldly embrace policies that ensure no basic human needs go unmet. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Fill our hearts with the love of one another as siblings in Christ and to see and be inspired by the Christ which dwells in each of us, so that together we might boldly be Christ's loving body in a hurting world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We ask healing for all who suffer, and we ask that we might be people of healing and reconciliation to those in need in our lives. Especially we pray for....*(please add your own prayers aloud or in silence)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We are surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses who have been the lights of the world in their time. Grant us to follow in their example and welcome us into your eternal loving presence when it is our time to leave this earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Most gracious Father, from the beginning you have sought to lead us into the joy possible to us through life in You. Aid us and be present with us that we might walk in the path of Jesus and live into his example. All these we offer through Christ, our Lord and highest allegiance, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reign always and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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)*

Christ's Welcome

All: No matter where you come from or where you're going. No matter what you believe or what you doubt. No matter what you feel or just don't feel today. No matter whom you love... You are welcome at St. Andrew's to be met by God who loves you, who knows your mind and heart, and who wants to have a relationship with you.

Offertory Sentence

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

(Please stand as able.)

Offertory Music*

Presentation Hymn*

Hymn 9 "Not Here For High And Holy Things"
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The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B With Expansive Language)

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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***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: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

***We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;***

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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*

(WLP is the green hymnal)

WLP 757 "Will You Come And Follow Me"

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LEVAS 144 "I Can Hear My Savior Calling"

Text: E. W. Blandy Music: John S. Norris

Post Communion Prayer (*Please stand 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

Recessional Hymn*

Hymn 372 "Praise To The Living God!"

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude*

"Choral From Fifth Sonata" Alex. Guilmant

Announcements

Sundays At St. Andrew's TODAY, September 7!

Sundays at St. Andrew's begins again TODAY, September 7. Rev. June, the Youth Commission, and parish volunteers will lead this ministry while Ben Holcomb, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is away on parental leave. Upcoming dates: September 21, October 5, October 19 from 4pm-5:30pm

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 5, at 5:30pm

All are welcome to bring their pets/critters (or pictures of them) to the St. Andrew's courtyard off 3rd street for a blessing inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi. We look forward to seeing you and all your cute animals there! (Bonus: Sundays at St. Andrew's at 4pm will involve creating goodies to share with our animal friends)

New Bookkeeper

We welcome Beth Gray as St. Andrew's new bookkeeper effective August 26. Retiring bookkeeper Karen Ennis will continue at St. Andrew's in leading Beth's onboarding until it is complete. How grateful we are for financial accuracy, transparency and, accessibility and the work of the Treasurer and finance team in ensuring this.

Game Night with "I'm Possible Games": Monday, September 29 from 6pm-8pm

Come and join in on the fun! St. Andrew's is proud to be hosting another game night in collaboration with I'm Possible Games on Monday, September 29 from 6pm-8pm. All are invited to an evening of fun, games, puzzles, art, and more! These events are free and open to the public. Snacks and water provided.

St. Andrew's Prayer List:

Our Spiritual Leaders

Sean, our Presiding Bishop
 Anne, our Bishop
 June, our Priest
 Jane, our Deacon
 Mark, 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
 Avon United Methodist Church
 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria
 The Original Glorious Apostolic Church
 Elyria First United Methodist Church
 Bellwether Farm

Our Community Partners

The Freedge
 A Place to Recover (P2R)
 Neighborhood Alliance
 Pet Pantry of Lorain County
 Second Harvest
 Urban League

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

Health Concerns: Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Pauline McKenna (Karen Blair's daughter), Paul Tanner (partner of Jolene Adkins), Scott Holcomb, Shelly Perkins, John Palermo, Judie Housel, Karen Wells, Bob Sharkody, Ben Schuster, Russ Panchak, Karen Blair, Sally Miyara, Badger King, Mya Wissinger, Dakota Maloney (Daughter of Claire Skladan & Jeff Maloney), Roja Schuster Little, Joe Dembek; Diana, Mike and Maya (Bill Hebble's co-worker's family as infant daughter undergoes heart surgery), Deb Schwan, Ryan Palermo-Varner, Ryan (friend of June Hardy Dorsey), Sarah Schuster, Scott Pennington, Doug Elmer, Cooley Derzis, Marion King, Gwen Frazier, Lee Kauffman, Linda Wilbert, Stephen Secaur (Jeremy Secaur's father)

At Home: Virginia Larson, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Patricia Pozywak, Ruth Smith, Linda Wilbert, Judith Beebe

Those Who Have Died: Cindy McClymonds, Robert Powell, Kathy Plank, Emma Fischer, Chuck Farlow (Margo Reich's Brother-in-Law), Shirley Zeh (Cousin of Badger King), David George, Karen Ramirez, Jim Toth, Phillip Wagner, Debbie Kasik

Other Concerns: Dale Ann, Randy Lehman, Nancy Farlow and Family, the Family of Shirley Zeh, Eliot Prior, Maddie Smith, Scott Pennington, Jessica and Corey (friends of June Hardy Dorsey), Dan Burnett, Dee Knaack, Mark & Laura Burnett, Joyce Toth, Brent Payne and Family, Peter Gale and Family, Family of Phillip Wagner, Janet May (sister of Debbie Kasik), Lonnie