



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 Worship

10:30am In-Person Worship

*A children's sermon will be offered at all Sunday worship services where children are present.

Church Office Staff

Interim Staff

Leanne Taylor

Cheri Van Wormer

Tues. – Fri.

10 am – 2 pm

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

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[St. Andrew's Zoom Link](#)

Rector's Letter

"I believe that a God, born into empire, carries the message that hope is enough—a little brave candle against growing shadows. Fearful or not, we show up."

—from "Show Up" by Britt Kusserow

Dear Church,

As I shared with you in my report at the Annual Meeting, when the new liturgical year began just after Christmas, this refrain from our Advent study became woven into my prayers. Again and again, it drew my attention to two truths that feel especially important right now: hope rooted in the Incarnation of Jesus—born into a world marked by power and uncertainty—and our call, as people of faith, to show up even when we feel afraid. As I look back on St. Andrew's life and ministry in 2025, these themes shine clearly. In countless ways, our parish embodied showing up and *Sharing God's Unconditional Love* through worship, service, generosity, learning, and community.

In just a few weeks Lent begins and this year we are framing our Lenten worship and practices with the theme "Tell Me Something Good." During Advent we honestly and authentically named fears and grounded ourselves in the Incarnational hope in Jesus. During Lent we lift our hearts and minds and walk with Jesus in the New Testament stories of good news. The word "gospel" means "good news" and my hope is that the good news of Jesus Christ will be renewed in us in this season through worship, study, fellowship and service. In this newsletter is an overview of all of the Lenten offerings. I invite you to prayerfully look over the list and commit anew to engaging with the Good News of Jesus in this season through these offerings. Every day the news we hear, watch and read is not full of good news. Events that are reported often speak of brokenness and tragedy. As our grounding in hope during Advent prepared us to be honest about that which we fear, our grounding in the good news of Jesus during Lent can sustain us when we are faced with bad news in the world. The separation is not clear or tidy and life is often complicated. In the midst of this complication, may our engaging with "Tell Me Something Good" serve a source of strength and encouragement.

Thank you for who you are and for all the ways you offer yourselves to this community and to God's work in the world. I hope to see you on Ash Wednesday, February 18, (in person at noon or on Zoom at 7 pm) for us to begin a Holy Lent together. I am grateful to serve alongside you, and I look forward to how we will continue to show up together in 2026, as God calls, equips, and leads us.

With gratitude,
Mother June

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
5:30 – 7 pm St. Andrew's Parish Hall - All are welcome!
(See below to offer a helping hand.)



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer – 8 am on Zoom

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes – 12:00 Noon (in person at St. Andrew's)

Zoom Ash Wednesday Prayer Service – 7 pm on Zoom

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

My dear St. Andrew's,

I cannot believe this year is over. I feel like 2025 started a month ago! I wonder if it feels that way for you all, too. Did this year go by too fast, or too slow? So much has happened this month alone, forgetting about the rest of the year. As far as this season goes, the youth and children had so many opportunities for fellowship, formation, and integration into our body of Christ. We had an Advent-themed evening at Sundays at St. Andrew's on December 7th, where we learned about what Advent means and made our own advent lanterns. We have also been rehearsing all month for the pageant, which as of writing this will happen soon, and I'm sure the kids are going to do amazing.

We also were able to go caroling at Wesleyan Village for the residents there during our Caroling and Cocoa event. Afterward, a group of us came back to the church to have cocoa, cookies, and make some fun ornaments! December is always a busy time for the church, and I'm so glad that events like this—showing the love of God to our kids and others—that makes it busy.

Since this is a January and February newsletter, I will also say that our youth, this January, had a cozy winter day on January 24th, where we played games, ate snacks, and listened to music, all while wearing comfy clothes!

I said above that so much had happened this year, and I mean it. Not all of it has been good. In the world around us, people have been oppressed throughout the entire year, families have been ripped apart, people have suffered from poverty, racism, and xenophobia. People have been detained and imprisoned that didn't deserve it, people have died that still had so much of their lives left to live. In my own life, I lost a cousin to suicide, and other things have happened as well. It's so easy to be completely overwhelmed by the bad in this world.

But that's not what God calls us to do. God calls us to love in spite of the hate, to be a light among darkness. Part of that is seeing the good in this world too. Among the trials of this year, we have seen light appear, even in the darkest places. People protesting injustice, families brought back together thanks to the love of complete strangers. In my own life, Emily brought a new little life into this world. Avi is nothing but joy and love, and while I write this, he's asleep beside me. I look at him, and I know regardless of the darkness in the world, even in me, that there is light to be seen. So find the light, this new year, even if you have to light a fire. Be the light, and bring God with you, because God is with you, with all of us, wherever we go.

Ben

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Tuesday February 17, 2026

We are seeking helpers for the meal!

Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering space or call/email the church office.

We are looking for help-
Decorating
In the kitchen
Serving the meal
Clearing tables
Clean-up
Running the dishwasher

We would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the meal from our newly remodeled kitchen and participate in fun activities and fellowship together.

Please sign up to help make the meal as seamless as possible



Message from Kathy Kerber, Sr. Warden

As Senior Warden, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who share their time, treasure, and talent at St. Andrew's.

You are stars—and like the night sky, there are many.

To our Commission Chairs and members: thank you for all you do.

To St. Andrew's staff—Leanne, Cheri, Bill, Beth, and Karen—your flexibility, patience, and willingness to help are deeply appreciated.

To Ben Holcomb and the children and youth of St. Andrew's: thank you. Your presence brings joy and energy to our worship.

To Mark Skladan, choir members, and choristers: St. Andrew's would not be St. Andrew's without music.

To Treasurer Doug Skladan and Assistant Treasurer Jane McDonald: your financial guidance has been invaluable.

To Vestry Clerk Myki Van Wormer: your organization and attention to detail keep our Vestry meetings on point—thank you.

To the Rev. June: you are our North Star, and I am grateful for your leadership.

I would also like to recognize the members of the 2025 Vestry: Allison Harris, Judi Hudnutt, Amy Kellogg, Deb Schwan, Lindsey Varga, Harry Finkbone, Bill Hebble, and Hans Van Wormer. Thank you for your flexibility through agenda changes, one emergency meeting, and multiple e-votes. I am grateful that Allison has agreed to another term. Amy and Hans are rotating off Vestry; both have been vital to our work—thank you for your service.

Finally, please join me in welcoming Megan Quisenberry and Mike Von Gunten as new members of the 2026 Vestry.

Well done, people of St. Andrew's. Our parish is well positioned to move forward in 2026.

With gratitude,
Kathy Kerber

Music Memos January/February 2026 Edition

Thank You to choir members, choristers, musicians and scholars who provided music for Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Lessons and Carols. We appreciate you rehearsing and adding to our worship!!

Who is that outstanding musician who plays and sometimes sings at St Andrews when Mark is out of town or we need a soloist? Lisa Miragliotta is a friend of Marks's and a fellow graduate of Bowling Green. She currently serves as an adjunct professor at BW directing the Women's Chorus and teaching voice lessons. Lisa also serves as the accompanist for the North Ridgeville HS choirs. We are very thankful that Lisa can serve as one of our supply musicians. Lisa will next be with us in February when Mark travels to Florida for Noah's wedding.

The choir has returned from winter break and will be leading the congregation in service music from the 82 hymnal and the hymns of the Epiphany season. The last week of February will include the Great Litany with cantors and soloists as the solemn Lenten season unfolds. The Ash Wednesday noon service will also include music but no choir.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10

Hopefully you have experienced the great joy that the birth of Jesus provided us all.

-Mark



Lent at St. Andrew's - *"Tell Me Something Good"*

Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. As we crafted this series, we asked: what are the core, foundational concepts of Jesus' life and ministry? What makes each of these good news? Can we trust that the good news is truly good, even when it challenges us? If we're being honest, we can easily distort or sanitize Jesus' teachings. Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it's not necessarily comfortable. We often describe Jesus' ministry as "radical" which comes from the Latin word "radicalis," meaning "root" or "ground."¹ Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots, back to what grounds us: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God's unending grace. The good news is extravagant, untamed, illogical, and persistent. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed that flourishes rapidly into a tree to shelter the birds. It smells like expensive perfume poured from an alabaster jar and like crumbling bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like children laughing and like stones dropped to the ground instead of violently thrown. It feels like feet washed with tender care. The good news is alive in the world. We hope this series will provide fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. This Lent, may the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. Let the good news ground us. And let that good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

¹ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/wordplay/radical-word-history> © a sanctified art | sanctifiedart.org

What is offered for Lent at St. Andrew's This Year

"Tell Me Something Good" Prayers and Art in Worship

Visio Divina (Praying with Art) on Facebook Live – Tuesdays at Noon (Feb. 24-March 24)

Lenten Morning Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays at 8 am (Feb. 18 – March 25)

"Tell Me Something Good" Lenten Bible Study – Thursdays at 7 pm

(in person in the Parish Lounge) (Feb. 26-March 26)

Justice and Peacemakers weekly gathering to write postcards (dates TBA)

"Tell Me Something Good" Lenten Devotional Booklets (available Feb. 15)

Lent Prayer Cards (available Feb. 15)



THE EPISCOPAL
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January 15, 2026

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
300 3rd Street
Elyria, Ohio 44035-5693

Dear St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,

As we move into the season after Epiphany — a season of revelation and calling — I want to pause and offer my deep gratitude for your generosity to the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio over the past year.

Epiphany reminds us that God is revealed not only in extraordinary moments, but in faithful presence — in communities that choose love over fear, connection over isolation, and hope over despair. Because of your giving, you are part of that witness. You are part of what it means to be connected in beloved community, a people who belong to one another in Christ.

Throughout the past year, our shared diocesan vision has guided our life together:

Connected in Beloved Community, we seek to be faithful, healthy, effective, and sustainable sharers of the transformative love of Jesus.

In a world marked by division and loneliness, your generosity has helped our diocese and faith communities live into that vision with courage and joy. Your support has strengthened ministries that form disciples, equip lay and ordained leaders, deepen worship and learning, and help our churches become hubs of transformation in their neighborhoods.

Your gift has also supported the careful, prayerful work of stewarding our shared resources — including reimagining how we use property, finances, and systems so that people, time, and dollars are freed for mission rather than maintenance. These are faithful choices rooted not in fear, but in trust that God is always bringing new life.

As we look ahead to the year unfolding before us, I pray that our prayers will open us more and more to God's guidance, as we are sent out to join God's work already happening in the world.

God's Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anne B. Jolly".

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

A handwritten note in blue ink that reads: "Thank you all for your witness & leadership".

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly • Trinity Commons: 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115 • 216.771.4815 • dohio.org

Happening At Bellwether Farm

Valentine's Dinner & Optional Overnight Stay Celebrate Valentine's Day with a peaceful, down-to-earth dinner at Bellwether Farm on February 14 at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a thoughtfully prepared meal in a quiet, comfortable setting. Overnight lodging is available but not required. After parking, guests will be transported by lighted golf cart to The Grange, where staff will offer a warm welcome with flowers and chocolates before escorting couples to their private table for two. The evening begins with farm-inspired charcuterie boards served at the table, followed by entrées crafted by the chef using high-quality, seasonal ingredients. Reserve at the Bellwether Farm website : <https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/>

Community Day of Service at Bellwether Farm—March 14 - 10 am—3 pm

People of all ages are invited to join students from Lorain County Urban League and their families and St. Andrew's youth and children and their families for a day of service and learning at Bellwether Farm. We will learn together about what the farm is preparing this season, enjoy lunch together and offer our hands and energy for helping Bellwether Farm in preparation or the upcoming growing season. This event is free but reservations are required. Sign up sheet in the gathering space or email Rev. June or Ben Holcomb to learn more. (revjunehd@gmail.com or benholcomb37@gmail.com)

January Birthdays

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| Karen Hahn | 4 |
| Colette Van Wormer | 7 |
| James Casselberry | 13 |
| Robert Lehman | 15 |
| Lee Kauffman | 15 |
| Russ Van Wormer | 18 |
| Pat Barns | 19 |
| Sylvia Taylor | 20 |
| Cathy Whalen | 20 |
| Kim Reich | 26 |
| Carrie Hebble | 31 |
| Kathy Kerber | 31 |
| Myki Van Wormer | 31 |
| Judith Beebe | 31 |

February Birthdays

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

March Birthdays

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| Jason Quisenberry | 1 |
| Caren Quisenberry | 5 |
| John Hunt | 8 |
| Ben Holcomb | 11 |
| Ryan Palermo-Varner | 11 |
| Margo Reich | 26 |
| Dakota Squire | 26 |
| Amy Kellogg | 28 |
| Genevieve Barkhurst | 28 |
| Catherine Secaur | 29 |
| Nandi Badat | 30 |

St. Andrew's Prayer List

Our Spiritual Leaders

Sean, 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
Avon United Methodist
Redeemer Lutheran, Elyria
Emmanual Lutheran, Elyria
Elyria First United Methodist
The Original Glorious Apostolic Church
Bellwether Farm

Our Community Partners

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

Active-Duty Military: John Able, Stephanie Bacskay, Rose Buttelle, 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, 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, Sarah Schuster, Scott Pennington, Doug Elmer, Cooley Derzis, Marion King, Gwen Frazier, Lee Kauffman, Linda Wilbert, Dan Burnett, Emily Holcomb, The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert, Gale Hillbery (friend of Retta Reynolds), Heather Gatchell (June Hardy Dorsey's niece), Mariah Bowen (Gabby and Maya Frazier's cousin), Bob Sharkody, Mark Burnett, Sue Tkach (Leanne Taylor's sister)

At Home: Virginia Larson, Patricia Pozywak, Linda Wilbert, Judith Beebe, Bob Thomas, Karen Wells

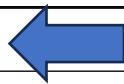
Those Who Have Died: Jim Toth, Phillip Wagner, Stephen Secaur (Jeremy Secaur's father), Archie Jablonski, Mary Ann Hursky (Aunt of Amy Kellogg), Mitchell Osborne, Ruth Smith, Jane Cameron, Mary Lou Jolly (Bp. Anne's mother-in-law), Sally Ruth, John Grehn (Uncle of Ryan Palermo-Varner), William Holt, III (Cedric Holt's father)

For the Newly Baptized: Avi Holcomb

For the Newly Ordained: The Rev. Barb Reszko

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), Dee Knaack, Mark & Laura Burnett, Joyce Toth, Lonnie, Gail Peyton and Linda Dembroski, (daughters of Mary Ann Hursky), the Holcomb and Osborne Families, the Palermo family, the Holt family.

We offer a warm welcome to Brantley John Biere, (second son of Hannah and Drew Biere, brother of Hudson, second grandson of Mark Skladan and great-grandson of Doug Skladan.)



Is your birthday missing? Please contact the church office to update.

Save the Date for St. Andrew's Guardians Baseball Night

May 29 vs. Boston Red Sox (Game time TBA)

Tickets are \$25 and scholarships are available. Reserve now by contacting Amy Kellogg and pay later. Contact Rev. June regarding scholarships. Let's go out to the ball game!

YOUTH EVENT 2026 SCHEDULE

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FEB, 2026

SERVICE PROJECT @ ST. ANDREW'S

2:00-4:00PM 300 3RD ST. ELYRIA OH

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MAR, 2026

SERVICE PROJECT @ BELLWETHER

10:00AM-4:00PM 4655 OH-60 WAKEMAN OH

23

MAY, 2026

MOVIE NIGHT

6:00-8:00PM 300 3RD ST. ELYRIA OH

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JUN 2026

SWINGS N' THINGS

ALL DAY 8501 STEARNS RD, OLMSTED FALLS

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JUL 2026

POOL PARTY

3:00PM-6:00PM

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YOUTH EVENT SCHEDULE CONT.

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AUG 2026

GAME NIGHT

5:00-7:00PM 300 3RD ST. ELYRIA OH

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SEP 2026

FALL FUN DAY @ BRASEE'S CORN MAZE

3:00-6:00PM 18421 OH-58, WELLINGTON OH

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OCT 2026

HALLOWEEN PARTY

5:00-7:00PM 300 3RD ST. ELYRIA OH

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NOV 2026

FRIENDSGIVING

4:00-5:30PM 300 3RD ST. ELYRIA OH

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DEC 2026

CAROLING & COCOA

2:00-4:00PM 807 WEST AVE ELYRIA OH

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