



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

The Carillon

"Sharing God's
Unconditional
Love"

April
2026

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
(Livestreamed on [YouTube](#))

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

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.: Office Closed

Tues.-Fri.: 10 am – 2 pm

Rector's Letter

Dear Church,

Your presence matters at St. Andrew's this Holy Week. We won't cancel if you can't be there but if you are, the experience is more complete for everyone. So come and gather at the table on Maundy Thursday, where love is made visible in bread broken and feet washed. Come and linger at the cross on Good Friday, where the depth of God's solidarity with human suffering is laid bare. Come and keep watch in the quiet stillness of the Easter Vigil where hope waits in the dark and reveals itself in the glorious Light of Love.

For it is by entering fully into these moments—by praying them, singing them, and carrying them in our hearts and being together as a community of faith—that Easter morning becomes more than a celebration; it becomes a resurrection we have lived. Then the Hosannas of Palm Sunday will be transformed into the Word we may not yet proclaim, and that Word will rise not just from our lips, but from lives transformed by the journey we have dared to take together. I truly hope to see you there.

Mother June

The Lord Jesus Christ requests your presence on the sacred journey
of Holy Week at St. Andrew's

Maundy Thursday – April 2 7:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Foot-Washing, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday – April 3

Liturgy with Hymns Noon (In-Person) | 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Holy Saturday – April 4

Altar Guild Prayer Service – 10:30 am

Easter Vigil – at Christ Church in Oberlin with Rev. Alex Barton, preacher

7:30 pm (Please note updated start time)

Easter Sunday – April 5 10:30 am

Festival Holy Eucharist (One Service – In-Person & Livestreamed)

A festive Coffee Hour will follow in the Parish Hall

All are invited to walk this holy journey together

(8:30 am Service and Zoom Service resume April 12)



Message from Kathy Kerber, Sr. Warden

“Tell me something good. Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent.” When I first learned this was our theme for Lent, I paused. This contradicted my ideas of Lent. Introspection, correction, suffering, and penance are the themes of Lent. Good news and joy comes Easter morning. Over the past few weeks, my understanding of Lent has deepened. Lent can be the joyful journey to Easter.

Reading the Lenten devotional each day helped to redirect my focus from introspection to acknowledging the good in myself, others, and the world. The daily request to “tell me something good” retrained my brain to find joy or make joy possible in a complicated world. I also have been reading Dante Alighieri’s *The Divine Comedy*. The three volumes, Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso, are allegories for Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. I find Purgatorio most relatable to our Lenten devotional content. Dante describes purgatory as “the mountain ascent that straightens souls whom the world made crooked.” In Purgatorio, the ascent is difficult, but it is possible with God’s help. Dante’s eyes are opened as to what truly matters in the world as he overcomes the seven deadly sins. The joy at the end of the journey is great. Dante meets again his beloved Beatrice. Easter morning, we celebrate the risen Lord.

“Tell me something good. Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent.” I see the good in the people of St. Andrew’s. There are many examples. Here are a few. Deb Schwan visits the home bound to let them know they are valued members of our faith community. Lee Kauffman coordinates restaurant night guaranteeing a great night of food, stories and laughter. Ellen Otis shares her vast knowledge of maintaining the altar with the newest Altar Guild volunteer Barbara Eden. The children and youth of St. Andrews give their energy and enthusiasm to help with the spring clean up at Bellwether Farm. Leanne Taylor and Cheri Van Wormer shepherd the office and patiently answer the frequent calls for the availability of free meals. Bill Hebble, Myki Van Wormer and all the volunteers who help cook, set up, take down and provide hospitality are reducing the food insecurity in Lorain County. Greg Hebble and the dedicated FREEDGE shoppers help the citizens of the south side of Elyria have access to fresh produce, dairy and meat. Bill Taylor hosts “Game Night” offering members of the community the opportunity to enjoy a board game and a slice of pizza. Cameron Taylor shares his gifts of patience, humor and energy (Underground Church tag) with the children during Sundays at St. Andrews. The people of St. Andrew’s are grounded in the good news this Lent. Thank you for opening my eyes.

Kathy

Heather Campbell Reich Community Meal Volunteer Opportunities

“Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?”

St. Andrew’s Meal Dates

(Fourth Wednesdays)

April 22, May 27, June 24 and July 22

Partner Church Host Dates

April 1, April 6, April 13, April 20, May 4, May 6, May 11, May 18

Call or email the church office 440-322-2126 (office@standrewselyria.org)
to volunteer. (See article on page 5 for more details.)

Office Schedule

The Church Office will be closed on April 6 and April 7 in observance Easter.

Great gratitude is expressed to Leanne Taylor and Cheri Van Wormer for their dedication and work during Holy Week.

Music Memos March/April 2026 Edition
by Music Director, Mark Skladan

March Music

We began the holy season of lent with the Great Litany which featured several members of the choir serving as cantors: Hans, Will, Mark and choral scholars Isaac and Corynn. Christine also served as our hand chime instrumentalist.

We continued into lent using a choral introit, silent procession and service music from. Wonder, Love and Praise (green hymnal .)

Lent three featured Michael Taylor on the cello and soloist (choral scholar) Kaitlin

Lent four features flutist Cathy Heck as the choir sang the anthem My Shepherd will supply my need

Palm Sunday featured the standard anthem "The Palms" with Hans Van Wormer offering the solo.

Easter Sunday rehearsal will be before the service. And all interested singers are invited to sing "Crown Him. With Many Crowns" as our anthem.

Calling instrumentalists!! If you or. Someone you know plays a musical instrument please let me know. There are numerous opportunities for instrumentalists every Sunday morning.

Choristers Schedule!

Choristers will sing on Trinity Sunday, May 31st which will be a youth led service.

Rehearsals for the chorister anthem are as follows

April 12 : during sermon

April 19, 26: after church

May 3: after church

May 10: during sermon

May 17: after church

May 24: **Pentecost Sunday** BEFORE church at 10am

May 31: BEFORE church

Solos will be selected at each rehearsal (first come, first serve for best choice!)



**There is still time....barely...
To sponsor flowers for Easter!**

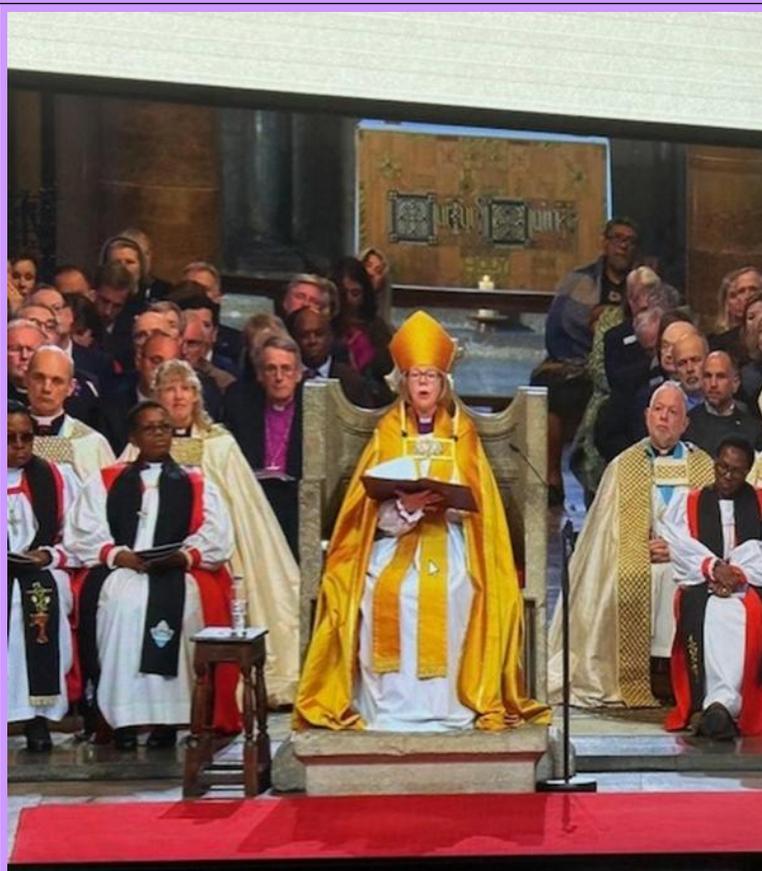
Lilies and other Spring flowers will be arranged at the Altar and throughout the church and may be given in memory, honor or celebration of loved ones or thanksgiving for God's blessings.

If you are interested in giving a commemoration, please contact Cheri or Leanne in the church office by email or telephone, or Ellen Otis at (440) 284-1747. The price is \$40.

Deadline is April 1, 2026 at 5 pm.

The world now is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament.
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.

A Blessing Proclaimed by the Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio
and the Rt. Rev. Kristen Uffelman White, Bishop of Southern Ohio at the
Holy Monday Joint Prayer Service – March 30, 2026



New Archbishop of Canterbury

St. Andrew's is one of the 76 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.

On March 25, Dame Sarah Mullally was installed as Archbishop of Canterbury and as such is the first woman to serve in this role.

Click [HERE](#) for the link to the order of the service and [HERE](#) for the recorded livestream of the service.

We ask for God's blessings on Archbishop Mullally as she leads and serves.

Photo credit: Episcopal News Service

Care Packages for St. Andrew's College Students

The Congregational Development Commission is coordinating Care Packages for college students from St. Andrew's to receive a box of goodies as they prepare for finals this Spring Semester. We are now accepting financial contributions to help offset the cost of these Care Packages. You are invited to make a contribution by cash or check, noting "College Student Care Package" on the memo line or envelope. (**Parents of college students**, please send Leanne Taylor and Cheri Van Wormer office@standrewselyria.org - the correct mailing address for your college students to ensure accuracy in delivery.) Let's remind our college students away from home that we are thinking about them and praying for them.

St. Andrew's Night at Progressive Field

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!

Please submit your ticket orders to Amy Kellogg on or before May 3, 2026. You can reach her at akellogg@bakerlaw.com or 440-821-2458.

Heather Campbell Reich Community Meal Program Update

Did you know that St. Andrew's has had a feeding ministry for so long, we're not sure when the first meal was served? We do know that in 2003, Heather Campbell Reich wanted the program to expand to serve more people and in September of that year, the meal program model we have today was implemented. To read more, [see this information](#) on our website.

Now we are we are seeking to rebuild our Meal Program which has been one of the major ways that we bring the love of Christ to the world. Since Covid and all its disruptions, we have been trying to organize volunteers ad hoc, but now have resolved to do it in a way that makes things run smoother. We will be signing up volunteers through the office; this should help with communication. We are asking every member to consider how you might like to get involved with the program. We recognize that not everyone is able to help on our meal night, but there are so many more ways to help including:

- **Recruiting volunteers; friends, family, civic organizations, co-workers**
- **Organizing a baking day/evening**
- **Organize a cooking day/evening of canning, freezing, etc.**
- **Making reminder/recruiting phone calls**
- **Volunteer for hospitality during a meal**

We also have a goal to recruit "Meal Captains" that will be the point person at one of the meals where the kitchen crew are volunteers from another church. It's important we have a trained point person to offer hospitality to our guests and be a resource for the volunteer church if they have questions/concerns. The "Captain" may also find they need to gently remind the volunteer church of basic routines such as unlocking doors, turning on lights, serving time, etc. They also will need to confirm all "after meal" tasks are complete. Anyone who would like to be a Meal Captain will need to complete an orientation and will not be expected to manage a meal until they have experience. The first four meals of the month have kitchen crews from our partner churches. We would like to have a Meal Captain and 1 or 2 other St. Andrew's volunteers at the meal to provide hospitality. They need to arrive no later than 5:15 pm, and leave when the kitchen volunteers leave, double checking that all tasks have been completed. There is a checklist which each serving church completes at the end of the meal service before leaving the building.

Of course, we also need volunteers on St. Andrew's Meal Nights. (The 4th Wednesday of the month) We have a cooking team that arrives early in the day, prepares the meal and departs. We need about 7-10 St. Andrew's volunteers to come at 5pm, get everything set up to serve and clean-up after the meal. We can be done as early as 7:05 pm, but on busy nights it might be longer.

Many of you know have recently completed a full kitchen remodel. Anyone who is interested, whether you plan to help with our Meal Program or not, are encouraged to attend a kitchen orientation after the 10:30 am Sunday service from now through the end of April.

Anyone who would like to get involved, the office is working on a calendar for volunteers.

Please let us know if you are available to serve with St. Andrew's meal on April 22, or to help with hospitality for our partner churches meals on April 6, April 13, April 20. (See more dates on Page 2) Having 6-7 captains will help us rotate people and allow for emergencies. Email the office at office@standrewselyria.org or call 440-322-2126 to confirm your availability.

Thank you,
Bill Hebble, ,Leanne Taylor, Myki Van Wormer, Mother June Hardy Dorsey

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

Beloved siblings in faith,

What a Lent this is turning out to be. So many people see Lent as a season of repentance, and that is true, but I see Lent as a season of renewal. These two words tend to go hand-in-hand. To repent means to turn around, and when one turns, new things happen. That has been true in our children's ministry as well as in my own life.

In the past couple of months, there has been renewal in our kids' ministry in many ways. There are of course the semi-weekly Sundays at St. Andrew's which always brings formation to our children, and in talking of Lent that has been no different. We have had some amazing conversations, and the depth of children's wisdom surprises me at every turn.

There has also been physical renewal, because the kids went in on February 21st and cleaned the tables and chairs in the parish hall. In taking care of our parish, we renew ourselves. This was a great project for them to do, because with all of us working together we did it incredibly fast and effectively. The tables and chairs look great now! Also, we did a new type of service in March when we went to Bellwether to help out during the volunteer day on the 14th. We laid compost, weeded the garlic, and even broke down boxes to create a compostable weed barrier for the gardens. I'm very excited with all the new things we are doing!

In my own life, Lent has been an incredibly renewing journey. Through the Sacred Art curriculum and all the extra things going on, I have been able to look at our world, as damaged as it is, and see the good in it. I was really struggling with the world, with people being detained, wars being fought, and oppression abounding, but through this season I have found that to see something good, you need to be someone good.

Also, I have a new job! I am officially a homeless outreach professional with Neighborhood Alliance, and my job is to go around Lorain County, connecting people to housing, therapy, and other needed resources. I am very excited for this new adventure. Don't worry, it's part time so I'm not going anywhere, but I am very excited for this new form of ministry.

What is renewing in your life? Where do you see the good? If you're like me, it might be hard to answer these questions, but I challenge you to look anyway. You'd be surprised with what you find.

Ben



St. Andrew's Children, Youth and Adults @ Bellwether Farm for "Volunteer on the Farm Day" .

St. Andrew's Serves as a Hub for Gathering Community Agencies and Ministries

In keeping with our Lenten practice, let me tell you something good. The Justice and Peace Makers Task Force has held two of a series of Community Networking Happy Hours at St. Andrew's. The purpose of these is to gather the organizations and churches we have partnered with and to gradually add representatives from other groups who are engaged in serving those in need. The first was in early November and the second was on February 16th. We hope to develop our relationship with these individuals and groups to determine how we can best serve Lorain County. We were pleasantly surprised by how well received and attended they were. We continue to learn how important it is to build community and have seen in those who attended, how appreciative they have been to have a space where others showed genuine interest in what each person and organization is doing. For now, we are offering an opportunity, with no formal work agenda, for people to get to know each other, relax, share the resources they offer and to support each other.

There is a high burn-out rate for everyone who does a lot of caring for others and these meetings have reinforced what we know, those who care for others can forget to give equal care to themselves. So far we have hosted representatives from Place to Recover: P2R, Second Harvest Food Bank, Families First Health Service, A.G.A.P.E., the oldest gospel youth choir in this area, Urban League, Lorain County Free Clinic, YWCA, First Church, Oberlin, Church of the Redeemer, Lorain, Christ Church, Oberlin, and The First United Methodist Church in Elyria. We will have one more meeting this spring and continue to reach out to other organizations and churches as we learn about them. Next year we will have four more between late August and May. In the last couple of meetings we will determine together if we would like to continue and if the majority would like to, we will decide what form we will take.

The Task force is a mighty but small group, and we could not have pulled off this effort without the help of Bill Taylor, Leeann Taylor, Myki van Wormer, Harry Finkbone, and Rev. June. None of these people officially serve on the committee but have been willing to help us fund, set up, meet, greet, make signs, and advise us. We often hear that people feel disconnected and isolated, that they are less likely to care for their neighbors, and that our culture is more focused on competition than connection. Engaging with the people of Lorain County we see a very different kind of community. The good news is Lorain County is a very special place. Here we are surrounded by unsung heroes devoted to caring for others and to this area, expecting little or nothing in return. In Lorain County we can continue to build a very different world because there is nothing we can't do if we work together.

Peace be with all of us,
The Justice and Peace Makers Task Force

Contributing to this article: Sarah Schuster with Will Parsons, Jolene Adkins, Amy Kellogg, Stephanie Miller, Deb Schwann

Prayers for those who suffer for the sake of Conscience
(BCP 823)

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. *Amen.*

Email Scam Alert

Fraudulent emails from people impersonating Rev. June are being circulated again. Rev. June will never ask for your assistance in purchasing gift cards or other financial aid via email or text. Please carefully check the source email address, report and delete the fraudulent emails. We apologize for the inconvenience.

April Birthdays

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



May Birthdays

Tyler Heck	1
Hannah Barkhurst	3
Jonathan Frazier	6
Violet Secaur	7
Howard Kerber	10
Amanda Van Wormer	13
Leanne Taylor	14
Chuck Reich	14
Asher Hahn	15
Jonari Julio-Skeels	16
Cole Harris	19
Jeremy Secaur	20
Jonathan Frazier, Jr.	24
Naviya Schuster-Little	25
Jacob Hebble	29
Mike Von Gunten	29
Cameron Taylor	29



A Great Reason to Celebrate!!!

The kitchen renovation passed all the building inspections!
Stay tuned for news of a grand event!

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
Emmanuel Lutheran, Elyria
Elyria First United Methodist
Bellwether Farm

Our Community Partners

The Freedged
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 Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, 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, Marion King, Gwen Frazier, Lee Kauffman, Linda Wilbert, Dan Burnett, Emily Holcomb, The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert, Gale Hillberry (friend of Retta Reynolds), Heather Gatchell (June Hardy Dorsey's niece), Mariah Bowen (Gabby and Maya Frazier's cousin), Bob Sharkody, Sue Tkach (Leanne Taylor's sister)

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

Those Who Have Died: William Holt, III (Cedric Holt's father), Mark Burnett, Mark Bursley, Phyllis Payne, Constance Fay Seink (In-Law of the Taylor family)

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, Laura Burnett, Lonnie, 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.)

Seeking accurate birthdays...

If your birthday was omitted from the April/May Birthday list, we are so sorry. We are in the midst of updating the church database and some data may have escaped our capture. Please email the church office with the missing birthday and we will make the corrections. Please put "Birthday Update" in the email heading. Thank you for your patience and understanding.