

# The Carillon

"Sharing God's Unconditional Love"

## 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.

### Wednesday

#### Morning Prayer

on Zoom 8 am [Zoom Link](#)

### Sunday Night Bible School

(In person worship and formation)

Aug. 2 and Aug. 9

5-7 pm

St. Andrew's Parish Hall

## A Letter from the Rector

Dear Church,

It is not my practice to title sermons or my letters to you but if it was, I would title this letter, *"Four Ways to Gather, One Community in Christ"* because reflecting upon a recent Sunday reminded me just how many ways there are to be the Church. Sunday, July 26 offered four distinct opportunities for worship, fellowship, learning, and service. Though each gathering took place in a different location and with many different people, together they gave a glimpse, for me, of the Kingdom of Heaven, expressed as a church connecting with God, with one another, with the community and with creation. You have heard me say many times, "the Kingdom of Heaven is both right now and yet to come." On this Sunday, it seemed very much "right now" for St. Andrew's.

The day began in the nave of our church building on the corner of Third Street and Middle Ave., with a quiet, reverent Rite I service from the Book of Common Prayer. Familiar words and ancient prayers grounded worshippers in the rich traditions of our faith, reminding us that generations of Christians have prayed these same prayers and found strength in God's enduring presence.

Later that morning, members of St. Andrew's joined Episcopalians from across Lorain County on W. 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Lorain, for a joyful outdoor communion service. On a tree lined lot (newly mown thanks to a St. Andrew's parishioner), sitting in camp chairs and on picnic blankets, voices were lifted in prayer and song as the "Front Porch Swatters" led spirited music that had people smiling, clapping, and singing along. Worship leaders were from all three Lorain County Episcopal Churches and Jenna Smith, Outreach Coordinator for Solidarity Urban Farms, preached an authentic and inspiring sermon based on the story of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel of Matthew. Her knowledge of seeds, growth, seasons and land added depth and meaning to the sermon. She called us to faith and hope and to focus on what God is doing, even in times that are challenging. Her words were especially moving as we sat across from one of the eleven garden plots that make up Solidarity Urban Farm in Lorain. These once blighted plots of land now flourish with fresh, healthy food and feed the community.



Thanks to technology, those unable to attend the outdoor service in person were able to participate through the livestream (taken “on the road” ), extending the circle of worship beyond those gathered – making the offering available in a “fourth location.”

Following the service, everyone enjoyed a BBQ potluck picnic featuring BBQ ( made by a new Church of the Redeemer parish member) and an incredible array of summer favorites—fresh salads, garden vegetables, fruit, homemade desserts, and all the delicious dishes that seem to taste even better when shared outdoors with friends old and new. Several folks remarked that you can only have an assorted menu like this at a true church potluck.

Later that afternoon, Sunday Night Bible School (Session #3) was held in St. Andrew’s Parish Hall. The smell of burgers welcomed people as conversations flowed, music filled the air, and children, youth, and adults explored the story of God calling Samuel. Together they wondered what it means to hear God’s voice and how each of us learns to say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” The Bible Story was told “in readers’ theater style” including voices and reading abilities of all ages.

In the middle of this lively gathering, something quietly beautiful happened.

A man stopped by the church looking for something to eat. He was quietly welcomed and invited to have a freshly grilled burger. No announcements were made. No attention was drawn to the moment. He simply became another guest at the table. After eating, he stepped away and later returned for a cold drink before continuing on his way.

That simple encounter reminded me that ministry often happens in ordinary moments. As Episcopalians, we are committed both to caring for our neighbors and following Safe Church policies, which help ensure that our ministries are welcoming, healthy, and appropriately bounded. Compassion and good training go hand in hand. Whether we are serving in worship, hosting community meals, teaching children, livestreaming services, or offering hospitality at an outdoor potluck, we seek to create spaces where people are treated with dignity, respect, and genuine care.

There was no single “main event” that Sunday. There were four different ways to participate, four different gatherings, and countless opportunities for connection. Some people worshipped with ancient liturgy. Others sang bluegrass hymns beneath the trees. Some gathered around burgers and Bible stories. Some joined online from home. One hungry neighbor found a meal and a moment of kindness.

### ***It was all Church.***

Just one Sunday in July—a reminder that the Body of Christ is wonderfully diverse, meeting people in different places, through different styles of worship, and in different moments of life. Wherever people gathered, Christ was present: in bread and wine, in music and fellowship, in Scripture and conversation, and in the simple act of feeding someone who was hungry.

***This is what it looks like to be a church committed “Sharing God’s Unconditional Love.”***

With gratitude to be your Rector,  
Mother June



## **Message from Kathy Kerber, Senior Warden**

"#We Connect" is the theme for this year's Summer Night Bible School. This inter-generational program is currently held on Sundays 5- 7 pm and runs through August 9. Participants are exploring connections with friends, family, community and Jesus. Connection is also the focus of St. Andrew's 4th Annual Parish Retreat at Bellwether Farm August 14- 15. Social connection impacts all dimensions of our well-being and St. Andrew's offers opportunities for connection through worship, Christian formation programs, outreach ministries and commissions.

Humans are wired to connect and staying connected online and by phone makes everyday tasks easier. It also creates opportunities for scammers. Fraudsters are becoming more sophisticated using "connection" to commit crimes. This June, St. Andrew's parish directory was emailed to an individual posing as a member of St. Andrew's community. Names, email addresses and phone numbers were breached. Fraudsters may contact you by phone, texts or emails pretending to represent St. Andrew's, a parish member or another trusted organization. Be on guard if the communication:

- Creates urgency, saying you must act immediately
  - Requests sensitive information such as your social security number or banking details
  - Asks for payments or reimbursement using methods such as gift cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency or person to person payment app such as Venmo
  - Offers prizes, refunds or special refunds or benefits that require you to pay a fee
- Protect yourself:
- Avoid clicking on links, opening attached files or sharing personal information through unexpected emails, texts or phone calls
  - Don't trust a sender or caller just because they know details about you
  - Never share one-time pass codes, PINs, passwords or your social security number
  - Be cautious when using public WiFi, especially when shopping or signing into accounts
  - Monitor your accounts and enable security alerts and two-step authentication when available

Social connection is a pillar of lifestyle and online communication is an important tool for maintaining connection. Stay alert for scams and protect yourself from fraudsters by practicing online safety.

### **Message from Ben Holcomb, Director of Children and Youth Ministry**

Family in faith,

Hello! I can't believe August is already here. This summer has been flying by! I've been so busy with St. Andrew's, Christ Church, Neighborhood Alliance, and parenting that I feel like the month of June was just a few days ago. I should be spending more time looking back on the summer.

Speaking of looking back on the summer, the youth and children of St. Andrew's have been doing some amazing things! First, Sunday Night Bible School began on July 12th, and we are having such a great time. We get together to connect with food, worship, and formation. With our theme this year being #WeConnect, the idea of coming together has been even more obviously important. We have two more weeks of SNBS as of writing this, so I am very excited to see how the rest of the program goes!

Also, the youth and children and some of their family members all spent a day at Swings 'N' Things in Olmsted Falls on July 25th. This was so much fun! We played Putt-Putt, drove Go-Carts, played in the arcade, went head-to-head in outdoor laser tag, and everyone decided to gang up on me and get me soaked with bumper boats. We all had such a great time, and we had an amazing turnout with 25 people total!

As I said before, I need to be reflecting on the past several months, and writing this is a great way to do that. Without looking back on experiences, I feel as if I let life pass me by without being an active participant. Do any of you feel like that? Like life is so busy it doesn't even feel like you're living it anymore? If that feels like you, then join me as August starts, summer begins to cool, and things once again begin to change, and look back on this summer and all we did, accomplished, and enjoyed.

God Bless,  
Ben

### ***Save the Date***

October 17, 2026 from 6pm-midnight

God's work through St. Andrew's is being recognized at P2R's "Sneaker Ball" at the Emerald Event Center in Avon. More information coming soon.

**Music Memos**  
**August 2026 Edition**  
**by Music Director, Mark Skladan**

**Thank you!**

A very generous amount of donations will now make it possible to refurbish the carillon in the near future. It is always great to hear the carillon on the quarter hour when I'm in the city. I also look forward to playing the "call to worship" every Sunday at 10:25am.

**Organ**

The semi-annual organ tuning and adjustment was completed in June. We are thankful to have an organ fund and organ maintenance account to fund this agreement with Leek organ. These twice-a-year checkups help prevent more costly repairs before they occur. Leek technicians spent over 5 hours with this task in June.

**Summer Music**

We were pleased to welcome strings and vocalists on three Sundays at the 10:30 service. We will welcome a vocal duet on August 2. We continue to use familiar service music from the 1982 Hymnal and the sung Lord's Prayer. Starting in September we will be halfway through the loooonnnggg season after Pentecost at which time our service music will be from the Green Wonder, Love and Praise Hymnal. We continue to sing hymns both new and old from all four approved hymnals. As always, if there is a hymn you'd like to sing, let me know!

**Choral Scholars**

With the graduation of two of our scholars, we are actively recruiting new singers for 26/27. Please consider donating to the choral scholar fund to keep this fund solvent for next year.

**Choir Robes**

We went through the vestments and phased out old, discolored cottas and cassocks. We have purchased a few replacements from the choir fund.

*Looking ahead in Music Ministry*

**September**

Chorister rehearsals resume with a plan to sing the first Sunday in October.

**October**

Adult Choir will begin the second Sunday of October

## St. Andrew's at the College of Congregational Development

This week a team from St. Andrew's will join Episcopalians from across the Diocese of Ohio and other dioceses for a five day training event called the College of Congregational Development (CCD.)

The CCD is an experiential learning experience that equips clergy and lay leaders to cultivate healthy, thriving congregations

Congregational Development is the development of congregations of all sizes, locations, and conditions into more faithful, healthy, and effective communities of faith that are:

- Focused on and faithful to their unique reason for being—their primary task—as congregations. Congregations are local expressions of the Body of Christ.
- Connected to and expressive of their unique ecclesial tradition, ethos, and character.
- Self-renewing and responsive to the challenges and opportunities before them.
- Sustainable or working toward greater sustainability in terms of a fit between the elements of their organizational life: vision for ministry, leadership, culture, size, property, finances, etc.
- Fostering a culture of transparency, courage, flexibility, collaboration, and forgiveness in which the congregation and its leaders have a greater sense of choice.

Representing St. Andrew's this year are Ben Holcomb, Judi Hudnutt, Barb Prior, Leanne Taylor and the Rev. June Hardy Dorsey. Together they will spend several days learning practical skills for strengthening congregational life, building healthy relationships in the church and the community, discerning God's direction, and engaging more deeply with the communities we serve.

The experience supports the theme **#We Connect**, in which we are engaging this summer. As we seek to connect more deeply with God, one another, our neighbors, the land, and ourselves, the CCD offers new ways to nurture those connections and to help our congregation continue growing in faith and mission.

Please keep our CCD team in your prayers as they learn, listen, and share with others from around the Diocese. We look forward to welcoming them back to St. Andrew's next week and learning in the coming weeks about what they learned and will share.

Learn more at this [link](https://www.cdcollege.org/)  
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## Celebrating the A.G.A.P.E. Youth Choir

For many years, the A.G.A.P.E. Youth Choir has been a treasured part of the Elyria community, bringing together young people through the power of music, faith, and fellowship. More than a choir, A.G.A.P.E. provides a place where children and youth can grow in confidence, develop their musical gifts, and experience the joy of belonging to a caring community.

In 2025, the A.G.A.P.E. Youth Choir celebrated its **25th anniversary**, marking a quarter century of inspiring young people and sharing messages of hope through music. St. Andrew's was honored to help sponsor this milestone annual conference, celebrating the choir's remarkable ministry and its lasting impact on generations of youth and families throughout our region.

Since that time, our relationship has continued to grow. Adult leaders from A.G.A.P.E. have become regular volunteers with the HCR Community Meals Ministry, and through serving side by side we have come to know one another more deeply. These shared experiences remind us that meaningful relationships are often built not only through worship and music, but also through acts of compassion and service.

As our partnership continues to develop, St. Andrew's is being explored as a possible home for the choir's weekly rehearsals and as a potential host site for the A.G.A.P.E. Youth Choir's 2026 Annual Conference in October. We are excited by the possibilities these conversations represent and the opportunity to welcome even more young people, families, and leaders into our church community.

We give thanks for the ministry of the A.G.A.P.E. Youth Choir and for the ways God continues to bring our communities together. Through collaboration, hospitality, and shared service, we discover new opportunities to connect with one another and to share God's unconditional love.

## New Worship Leaders

Congratulations to **Sarah Schuster** for entering the Diocese of Ohio School of Lay Preacher Training Program. For one year Sarah will meet with other lay preachers in training from across the Diocese and engage in a course of study, practice, fellowship and prayer. We look forward to hearing Sarah preach as a part of her training and upon graduation, to include her in a regular preaching rotation at St. Andrew's.

Congratulations to **Harry Finkbone** for completing the training and certification for Worship Leader, enabling him to continue as a leader for Morning Prayer and other services at St. Andrew's. Congratulations to **Ben Holcomb** and **Hans Van Wormer** for attending the Worship Leader Training at the Diocesan Regional Gathering in May and preparing for upcoming full certification. St. Andrew's is blessed by all of these who are strengthening their gifts in worship leadership as they share them so generously.

## **United Thank Offering** **Sharing God's Unconditional Love Through Gratitude**

At Sunday Night Bible School (#WECONNECT), UTO 2026 was launched on opening night. The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry that invites us to recognize God's blessings each day and respond with gratitude. Through the simple practice of placing coins or bills into a UTO Blue Box whenever we notice God's gifts, our daily thanksgiving is transformed into grants that support life-giving ministries across The Episcopal Church and around the world.

As we continue living into St. Andrew's mission of **Sharing God's Unconditional Love**, we invite the whole congregation to join in this joyful practice. Pick up a UTO Blue Box from the round table in the Gathering Space, take it home, and let gratitude become part of your daily prayer. (If you are unable to come to the church building, please call or email the church office (440) 322-2126 email: [office@standrewselyria.org](mailto:office@standrewselyria.org), to request that a UTO box be mailed to you.

Together, our thankful hearts and generous gifts become tangible expressions of God's unconditional love, blessing communities both near and far.

***Watch future announcements for the UTO Ingathering Day to bring the filled UTO Offering Boxes back to church.***

### **A Renewed Ministry of Healing Prayer**

One of the ministries being renewed at St. Andrew's is way we offer the ministry of healing prayer. St. Andrew's has a long history of offering healing prayer in a variety of contexts and we are exploring ways to offer opportunities for healing prayer and, in time, healing prayer services as part of our shared life together. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' ministry of healing was deeply connected to prayer, compassion, and the restoration of wholeness in body, mind, and spirit. It is connection with this part of Jesus' ministry that is motivating this exploration.

This conversation is in its early stages, and we are seeking people who feel called to pray with and for others. If you have an interest in this ministry—or if you are simply curious and would like to be part of a conversation about what healing prayer might look like at St. Andrew's—we invite you to reach out by contacting Rev. June ([revjunehd@gmail.com](mailto:revjunehd@gmail.com)) and putting "Healing Ministry" in the subject line. Together, we will prayerfully discern how God is calling us to offer Christ's healing presence within our congregation and beyond.

## **Episcopal Church Public Policy and Witness Weekly Prayers**

These prayers are not a replacement for action; they offer grounding and space to discern what actions each of us feel compelled to take. We may feel called to meet with or contact our elected officials, participate in community organizing, provide services to those in our communities, or join in protests or acts of civil disobedience.

One of St. Andrew's Strategic Plan goals is to participate in God's work in our community and the world by continuing to support groups focusing on advocacy. The Episcopal Public Policy Network is such a group and as our work of advocacy continues, we invite you to join.

The Episcopal Public Policy Network has weekly action alerts, resources, webinars, and trainings. Learn more here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/>

*If the Lord had not been my help,  
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.  
When I thought, "My foot is slipping,"  
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.  
When the cares of my heart are many,  
your consolations cheer my soul. (Psalm 94:17-19)*

### **For the Preservation of Indigenous Histories**

God of truth, who remembers every name and calls us to remember the stories of your people, we grieve the planned closure of the National Archives at Chicago, whose collections bear witness to the lives, lands, families, and history of Native American peoples throughout the Midwest and Great Lakes region. You have given us the gift of memory. Let us never forget the history of the government and church separating Tribal children from their families, the young lives lost, the criminalization of sacred practices, forced displacement, and withholding resources. Let no truth be hidden or placed beyond the reach of the communities whose histories these records preserve. Guide those entrusted with our public archives to preserve these records, to retain the wisdom needed to understand them, and to consult with Tribal Nations most affected by archiving decisions. Strengthen your church in the work of truth-telling and repair, that truth may come to light through Jesus Christ, the head of your Church and our Savior. Amen.

### **For the Children of Gaza and the West Bank**

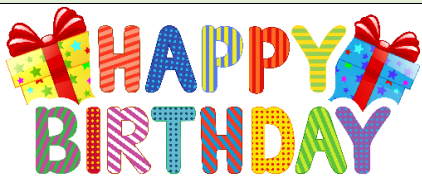
God of mercy, who in Jesus Christ welcomed children and warned us not to despise even one of these little ones, look with compassion on the children of Palestine, especially in Gaza and the West Bank, whose childhoods have been shattered by war, occupation, bombardment, hunger, detention, displacement, and fear. Receive the children who have been killed into your eternal care; heal the wounded, the orphaned, and the traumatized; and shelter those who wake each day without safety, school, medicine, family, or rest. Turn the hearts of all who govern, command, arm, or profit from this violence, that children may never be treated as enemies, shields, acceptable losses, or a people's future to be erased. Give courage to all nations to uphold international law, protect civilians, release the captives, feed the hungry, end this violence, and seek a just peace rooted in truth and accountability. Make us faithful to the way of your Son, who came among us as a child and reigns as the Prince of Peace. Amen.

### **For Love Over the Spirit of Hatred**

God of reconciling love, who created every person in your image and calls us to love one another, we mourn every act of violence born of hatred, especially when people are targeted because of who they are. We grieve especially the fear and suffering left in the wake of violence against the LGBTQ+ community. We pray for those who were harmed in the attack at the Pride event in Berlin. Comfort the grieving, heal the injured, and give your angels charge over those who live in fear. O Lord, turn all hearts from hatred and break the cycle of any type of radicalization. Give your holy wisdom to leaders, faith communities, and families as they seek to recognize and interrupt violence before they take root in their homes and communities. May your peace, through the power of your Holy Spirit, take root wherever fear seeks to divide your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## August Birthdays

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|-------------------|----|
| 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 |
| Ruth Wulfooop     | 29 |
| John Heck         | 30 |



## September Birthdays

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|-------------------|----|
| Lydia Van Wormer  | 1  |
| Ashley Snider     | 4  |
| Barbara Maxwell   | 7  |
| Jay Snider        | 8  |
| Anthony Corrieri  | 9  |
| Avi Holcomb       | 11 |
| Gabryella Frazier | 13 |
| Amanda Hebble     | 14 |
| Pam Hahn          | 20 |
| Russ Panchak      | 24 |
| Noah Skladan      | 26 |

### *Please Help!*

If you are aware of missing or incorrect birthdays, please notify the church office by calling or emailing us with the correct information.

## Send us your news!

If you have information, you would like included, send to [office@standrewselyria.org](mailto:office@standrewselyria.org)

Deadline for the October issue of the Carillon is **September 25**. Thank you.

## 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  
Hope Community Church  
Bellwether Farm

### Our Community Partners

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

**Active-Duty Military:** John Able, Stephanie Bacskey, Rose Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Col. 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:** Doug Elmer, Dan Burnett, Ron Wynne (Amy Kellogg), Heather Gatchell (David and June Hardy Dorsey's niece), Russ Panchack, Jean Hays, Linda Adkins (Jolene Adkins mother), Thomas Biery, Paul Dorsey, Jr.

**At Home:** Virginia Larson, Patricia Pozywak, Linda Wilbert, Judith Beebe, Bob Thomas, Karen Wells, Phyllis DeMark (Kendal at Oberlin).

**Those Who Have Died:** Mark Burnett, Ralph Wearsch, Bob Sharkody, Robert Skladan

**Other Concerns:** Diane Wynn, Dee Knaack, Laura Burnett, Tom Burnett, and Joyce Toth, Rev. Ron Wearsch and the Wearsch family, Michael Worcester.

### **St. Andrew's Prayer List:**

The St. Andrew's Prayer List was cleared on July 1 to be renewed every six months. Please send your prayer list names to the church office with the memo – St. Andrew's Prayer List. You are welcome to submit the names of those who have been on the prayer list and add new names, as well.

### **A Prayer Commemorating our Patron Saint, Saint Andrew**

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*