

The Carillon

Newsletter of
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
July/August 2016

Summer Worship Schedule Begins:

Saturday Evening Service

June 4 – 5:00 pm

Sunday, One Service

June 5 - 9:30 am

Rector's Reflections

Dear Friends,

It is now summer and we are deep into what the liturgical calendar calls "Ordinary Time", the part of the church year that comes after Pentecost and before the whole cycle begins anew in Advent. Ordinary Time is that part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas.

In Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ with a wider perspective than in the specific seasonal emphases. The Scripture readings during the liturgies of Ordinary Time help to instruct us on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives. We celebrate the Holy Spirit and use the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives us in order to live as God has called us to live in our daily lives, the life of the church and the world.

"Bringing Christ to the World and the World to Christ" is St. Andrew's mission statement. It describes our spiritual connection to Jesus and our call to make that connection with our words and actions inside and outside of our church. During Ordinary Time, we have the opportunity to explore and live into that mission in broad and creative ways.

Last week, Deacon Lydia Bailey, was our visiting preacher. (You can read her full sermon in this newsletter.) She spoke of the ministry of presence and the importance of simply being with people, listening and making connections.

This summer St. Andrew's has a booth at the Elyria Farmers Market, which is held from 9 am – 1 pm on most Saturdays at 328 East Broad Street. We have a large banner declaring, "God Loves You. No Exceptions", healthy recipes for using produce from the market and bottles of cold water to share. We hope to be a helpful and friendly presence in the community,

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outside the walls of the church, and build relationships by getting to know the vendors and shoppers throughout the summer. (There is room for more volunteers so please let me know if you would like to be a part of this ministry opportunity.) This is one way that we are able to be the church outside of the walls of the church.

The words of dismissal pronounced at the end of each worship service call us to "Love and Serve the Lord". May this season of Ordinary Time and this season of summer, offer many opportunities for us to do so. I look forward to hearing the ways God's Spirit leads us as we step into these places of Loving and Serving God.

Blessings,
Rev. June

Prayers for Our Nation during the Republican and Democratic Political Conventions

St. Andrew's is joining several Elyria churches to hold special prayer services during the weeks of the political conventions in July. Watch the church bulletin and e-news for dates and times so that you can participate in this important gathering of prayer.



St. Andrew's at the Elyria Farmer's Market

This summer, St. Andrew's will have a presence at the Elyria Farmer's Market. Our goal is to show up and communicate God's love, No Exceptions as well as our support for the city of Elyria. We will meet vendors and shoppers, offer prayers and blessings, bottles of cold water and more.

The next FM is on Saturday, July 9. We need some dedicated help for set up and take down. It only takes about 15 minutes, but the tent and sandbags are quite heavy. If you can help, please let Rev. June know or call or email the office. If you are interested in staffing our booth, that would be great too.

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE WILL NOT BE A MARKET ON SATURDAY, JULY 2, DUE TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
invites you to Vacation Bible School

"Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus" FREE!!

August 8-12 9:00 am – NOON

VBS is for ages 4 (by August 1) to Grade 4
(completed in 2016)

Youth grades 5 (completed in 2016) and above are
invited to be Assistant Leaders.

Be a part of this EXCELLENT adventure. Sign up
to be a volunteer today on the Gathering Place
Bulletin Board.

St. Andrew's to host Family Promise

August 28

through September 4

You are invited to be a part of offering St. Andrew's famous hospitality (which is actually Jesus' hospitality) to homeless families who will make St. Andrew's their home for one week in March.

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals, greet guests, lead games and activities, offer services (haircuts, manicures, resume assistance), stay overnight with another St. Andrew's volunteer and to set up and take down before and after the event. Sign up by contacting Sarah Boesger 216-858-9234 or sboesger16@gmail.com

There will be a planning meeting after church on August 7.



Cuyahoga Valley
Scenic Railway
Sunday, August 7.

Watch for more information in future bulletins, e-news, and facebook postings.



10th Annual Family Promise Golf Outing to be held on Friday, July 22, 2016 at Bob-O-Link in Avon.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. \$85.00 per golfer and \$340.00 per foursome which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, lunch and a barbecue dinner! Business package is \$575.00 which includes all of the above plus

hole sponsorship and recognition.

Don't be left out!!! Deadline to register is July 15, 2016. Can't golf but want to come out for the barbecue? Cost is only \$25.00! Other ways to help – you can be a hole sponsor for \$275.00 or donate a basket for our raffle!

Contact Nancy at 440-774-6743 or e-mail to golf@familypromiselorainco.org with questions or to request your registration form.

We are hoping to field a St. Andrew's foursome. See Rev. June if you would like to be included.

Thank you for helping homeless children and their parents receive shelter and service to regain stable housing!



8th Annual St. Andrew's — George (sax-man) Frazier Memorial Music Festival

September 4, 2016

We are currently seeking volunteers, donations, and musical talent. To get involved, contact Gwen Frazier or Russ Van Wormer

Restaurant night

Sunday, July 10, 5:00 p.m., Dragon Ranch, 9488 Leavitt Road, SR 58, South of 311

Sunday, August 14, 5:00 p.m., The Woods, 21919 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River.

Contact Leanne Taylor to RSVP, 440-610-2921 or tkach-taylor@juno.com

Thank You

St. Andrew's would like to thank the Elyria Applebee's for their generous donation of 150 pounds of sirloin beef for our Community Meals program. Their donation will go a long way in feeding the hungry in Elyria.

Happy Anniversary

July

Jerry & Leah Welsh	1
Matt & Carolyn Garrott	8
Howard & Kathy Kerber	21
Jim & Sue Paine	22
Hans & Myki Van Wormer	24
Ken & Carol Schleger	31

August

Jonathan & Jenna Frazier	13
Lise Day & Derek Howland	17
Gary & Joanne Pressnell	19
Celeste Brlas	20

St. Andrew's Youth Minister Search Process Update

All generous donors who are contributing to the Planting for Tomorrow Capital Campaign are making it possible for St. Andrew's to call a Youth Minister to lead and serve in our parish. In order to broaden the scope of this ministry, St. Andrew's and Christ Church, Oberlin are working on calling a person who would serve both parishes in collaboration.

A Joint Youth Ministry Search Task Force has been meeting since late winter. St. Andrew's participants are Hannah Barkhurst, Judi Hudnutt, Robert Sharkody, David Dorsey, Amanda Van Wormer and Rev. June Hardy Dorsey. Through discussion, prayer, discernment and visioning, an initial job description for a full time clergy person, specializing in Youth Ministry, has been created. The Treasurers from both parishes met with the clergy to formulate the details of the financial compensation for this position. Rev. Percy Grant, Diocesan Transition Officer has also been contacted to facilitate communications with the larger church and pool of ordained clergy who might be called to serve.

St. Andrew's is doubly blessed because Hannah Barkhurst has been serving as our Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator and will continue to do so until the permanent position is filled. This summer the youth of St. Andrew's will be involved in Vacation Bible School and a Cedar Point Trip is also being planned.

Updates on the Youth Minister Search Process will continue to be provided through St. Andrew's communication avenues.



"Let there be light." Thanks Doug Skladan for overseeing this project. The doors look great!

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Our Spiritual Leaders

Michael, our presiding Bishop
Mark, our Bishop
Bill and Arthur, Assisting Bishops
June, our Priest
Jane, our Deacon,
Joan, our Music Director
Hannah, Interim Youth Ministry
Coordinator

Our Friends

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

Active Duty Military

John Able, Rose Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Gavin Schwan, Jeremiah Heck, Trent Crofit, Dylan Donnelly, Cory Garretson, Nicholas Schafer

Long Term Illnesses/Injuries

Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Phyllis Keisler, Margaret Super, Sylvia Taylor

At Home

Zen Fitzgerald, Virginia Larson, Lynn Mand, Pat Muntean, Verne Potter, Ruth Smith

Illness, Surgery, Challenges, Concerns

5/8/16 Charlene Watson
5/8/16 Joy Kidd (Charlene Watson)
5/17/16 Jim Elmer (Amy Kellogg's uncle)
5/17/16 Therese Trapp (Amy Kellogg)
6/5/16 Janette (Natel) Belcher (daughter-in-law of Janet Belcher)
6/5/16 Holly (Margo Reich)
6/26/16 The Kellogg family for comfort and peace in this time of loss
6/26/16 John Holomuzki (Chuck Minnich)
6/26/16 The Reich family for comfort and peace in this time of loss
7/3/16 Amy Kellogg
7/3/16 Ashley Godles

Those Who Have Died

5/29/16 Rev. Spencer Records Quick (father of Barb Prior)
6/9/16 Katie Kellogg
6/26/16 Jim Reich (brother of Chuck Reich)

Deacon Lydia Bailey

Deacon Lydia is one of the Deacons in the Diocese of Ohio. She joins Deacon Jane Trager and other deacons in her ministry. She has been on fulltime staff at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter for the last 10 years as the Volunteer Coordinator, at 2100 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland. This is the state's largest homeless shelter with over 3,800 different men passing through in 2015. Over 2,000 volunteers serve at the shelter. Lydia would welcome having you stop by for a walk-through, to learn more about the people and programs. Her work number is 216-649-7723, or email Lbailey@lutheranmetro.org

Here is the text of her sermon when she visited St. Andrew's recently.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62 St. Andrew's Episcopal, Elyria, 6/ 2016

"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

One night, years ago, I was at a church, part of Interfaith Hospitality in Summit County, before it became known as Family Promise. A van had pulled up to the church, delivering those who would stay for the night. I remember this particular November night – how dark it was, because I made the trip on back roads to get there. When I went out to greet the van, I could barely see the outlines of people unloading their luggage; bags upon bags emerging and set on the ground. Then - from the midst - I heard the cry of a baby. This must have been a newborn, so tiny a voice in a baby carrier, set on the ground with the rest of the belongings. I was startled awake to this moment - to the reality of these families, this dark night, in the middle of nowhere, for temporary shelter.

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All around us today, at every turn, are people- seeking- shelter.

-Driving down Carnegie Avenue in Cleveland the other day, a wide grassy lot, left to itself; beyond the reach of the Cleveland Clinic and not yet in the poverty of the Superior/St. Clair district. In the distance, I saw a small figure sitting on the ground, facing the sun slanting toward him through blades of grass. Had he found a reprieve from the surrounding cement? -Or was he-- simply-- too exhausted to move? I realized, in a flash, this was Latif, a man I had known 10 years ago at the shelter where I work. Latif! -who struck me as ancient, even then. There he was with his worn, fine features; bags at his side. "I am alive," seemed to be Latif's statement, with everything else gone. I paused to talk. His eyes were weary. But his dignity was not undone. "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

This is one of 3 stern lessons of discipleship in today's Gospel. While followers are surrounding Jesus at this point, His face is set on Jerusalem. It appears the Samaritan village up ahead will not receive them with a longstanding tension between Samaritans and Judeans over the Temple. They must find another place for shelter. We can almost picture them skirting around the village, like refugees of today.

This is one of many instances that progressively build to the outcast status of Jesus. When an enthused follower approaches, offering his complete devotion. Jesus, knowing better, gives him this stunningly sober check: "You want to follow me? Then look at this path I am taking...I will not even have a place to lay my head." This Jesus, Lord of all, will know intimately the suffering of those who are outcast, who are homeless.

In today's terminology, Jesus is pointing us to a "downwardly mobile" path of discipleship. - Downwardly mobile. That is...

Becoming a servant

Divesting ourselves of security & success in the world's terms

Identifying with (not serving from a place above) those who are least.

Seeing the small, UN-spectacular moments of our everyday lives as the place we're most likely to meet Christ

It is like a quote painted on a wall of the shelter - from the Rev. Richard Sering who started Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry back in the 1960's. There over the bunk beds where the men who are homeless sleep each night we read, "In the Kingdom of God nobodies are somebodies, and somebodies are called upon to be nobodies in order to be somebodies in the Kingdom of God."

Making ourselves lesser and others greater -- how at odds this is with our own culture of individualism. Yet Christ draws us to just this, relentlessly. Galatians brings this point home today with Paul warning that freedom is not opportunity for self-indulgence. Be guided by the Spirit, he implores. That is, be converted more & more into love every day, as a friend of mine says. -Our focus, our priorities and energies being changed into selfless acts of giving; an effect that can be so subtle -- so much a part of our everyday lives - that we may not even notice it, until the downwardly mobile path has become our way of life.

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What are ways we can put this path into ACTION? It's good to consider -- here in this season of Pentecost -- where the focus is on our Christian life.

There are three ways I have found so helpful in laying the groundwork of service on the downwardly mobile path --whether at Elyria's Farmer's Market, or in a nursing home...with Family Promise or St. Andrew's Community meal.

-Three ways among many which Christians have developed & written about for centuries. While they are ancient, in doing them they feel as fresh & newly sprung as when the 1st Christians were learning what it means to follow Christ in their communities. (Ways, I suspect, many of you have discovered):

The 1st way: identifying with those we serve: "Deep sensitivity to the suffering of those in need comes from our ability to put ourselves in their position, and from remembering our own experiences of vulnerability and dependence." (-from Making Room, Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition...a great focus for book discussions!) We best serve not from a place "above" but in identification with. One may say, "I can't imagine what it feels like to be homeless!" One might reply, "But do you know what it feels like to experience loss?"

A case in point: a group from American Greeting Card Corporation was volunteering at the shelter, working in the vegetable garden with shelter residents. One person had just lost her Dad and here she was in the garden quietly talking with residents who had all kinds of afflictions of their own. One man, I remember, had a pigment disease that may as well been leprosy. Afterwards, she made a point of telling me how much this meant. It was not only comforting for her, but she was able to understand in a subtly new way what these men were going through. We know what it feels like to be sad, or to be rejected...or scared...or to make big-time mistakes in our own lives. Such humility serves us well as a crucial first ingredient for doing service.

A 2nd way of service: creating community as we go. Jesus did not have a home but He created community on the move- have you noticed this? We see him stopping for a man with unclean spirits "whose name is Legion" in last week's Gospel of Luke. Jesus could have ignored Him. But He engaged this man's need with recognition, opening the door for healing. Elsewhere, Jesus befriends supposed enemies. Or finds affinity with the most marginalized such as the woman at the well, offering the gift of living water.

On our downwardly mobile path, here is one of the best kept secrets of service: creating community as we go. It's as the poet Wendell Berry says, "A community is not something that you have, like a camcorder or a breakfast nook. No, it is something you do. And you have to do it all the time."

Even someone as wise as Wendell Berry says he's overlooked this: "Community, I am beginning to understand, is made through a skill I have never learned or valued: the ability to pass time with people you do not and will not know well, talking about nothing in particular, with no end in mind, just to build trust, just to be sure of each other, just to be neighborly."

For those of us who have so honed our skills of efficiency, of getting things done, we may actually have to notch it back a little when doing service with others. It is not efficient to sit and shoot the breeze while the dishes need to be done. -Or to have no other "task" than to enjoy food that's been prepared - alongside a guest. And then, not whisking away the food from the table the moment we are done, stifling any of that in between time for being together.

Taking time to be with a person (or an animal...or the natural world) is one of the most real ways possible of stating, "You are worth my time and attention." It doesn't have to be a huge amount of time, but enough to know one is acknowledged/recognized. It's an attitude to cultivate: seeing the living Christ present in all things.

Again, I refer to the shelter where I work. There are volunteers who do nothing more than play board games with shelter residents! This began with St. Ignatius High School students, but now two volunteers in their early 80's bring their chess sets on Friday afternoons. Church groups do this too - and even nursing students who see the importance of getting to know individuals they will later encounter where they work- beyond the stereotypes. Mutually, the language spoken is: you are worth my time and attention. Those who are street-tough take you in like a sister, and it feels so welcoming and you are grateful to be accepted. I have heard shelter residents reflect, "You don't have to be here, but you are here." Something genuine has been shared - call it our common humanity -or a glimmer of the Holy One.

In our service, where might we add a little more breathing room? Ways to create conversation that feels natural, not strained...Maybe a sewing circle? Or bringing a newspaper to talk sports? How about bringing a game of chess? If we are already feeling the pressure of too much to do/ too few volunteers to help, consider further ways to partner with groups in the wider community- everything from boy scouts to ecumenical alliances.

While we may not have wonderful extended families - or we live in a city that is splintered, WE can be the cohesive factor - right here, right now.

Finally, a third way of doing service: A person is not defined by their condition. HOW helpful it is to see the strengths & gifts of those we serve, not just their needs. If we come with the attitude that everyone has something to teach us -out of the richness of their experiences- different from our own - what groundwork we will have for sharing.

Seeing the strength in others...I think of Nate and Bob, two men who were once homeless now working at the front desk of the shelter. You'd hardly notice them, so low-key they are. Bob, who is 2nd shift supervisor, begins each shift with a prayer circle. How's that for setting a tone of respect amongst staff? At the desk he greets people by name in a quiet, dignified tone. I've found

Bob off-shift in the break room, teaching a man to read; someone too sheepish to admit to anyone else he needs help reading. Nate's gift is the ability to listen. Being on the front line of those coming off the street, tempers can flair. He could choose to put himself in a position of power and shut people down. But Nate answers with even-keeled listening; with patience and disciplined effort. Nate is one of my role models.

Our service doesn't flow in a one-way direction only, as Wanda, a friend of mine experienced. She visited the shelter often with her big Golden Retriever therapy dog. When her beloved dog died, I witnessed a man with mental disabilities provide the most insightful pastoral care. How enriched our congregations will be by the strengths and gifts of everyone, across the board.

I don't want to romanticize all these encounters. Like ourselves, those we serve are fallible and partially broken human beings. Contemporary writers of Christian hospitality have written much about the challenges. Likewise, shelter volunteers are oriented towards these challenges at the outset of their service.

But the fact remains, Christ was outcast, was homeless, choosing to take the downwardly mobile path. This is the path we are asked to take. We are well on our way when we too can serve:

Not from a place above, but in identification with
Create community as we go
See the strengths & gifts of others; not just their needs

This downwardly mobile path can be unsettling, but at other times it can shine out – as fresh & newly sprung - as for the 1st Christians.

As we go into our week ahead, let's be "guided by the Spirit," as Paul says. Aligned with this powerful presence of love. Christ will be our guide, pulling us in, progressively, to this path of discipleship.

-The Rev. Lydia Bailey



July Birthdays	
Kathy Dembek	3
Steve Higgins	3
Gary Pressnell	3
Pat Lehman	5
Tom Menzies	6
Emily Menzies	7
Celeste Brias	10
Robert Sharkody	10
Jeremy Nielsen	11
Kristi Nielsen	12
Phyllis Payne	12
Derek Menzies	13
Elizabeth Diedrick	19
Cheri Van Wormer	20
Matt Van Wormer	20
Joe Hahn	21
Natalie Day-Howland	21
Debbie Panchak	23
Betsy Nickoloff	24
Joanne Pressnell	26
Deborah Ray	28
Annamarie Pressnell	30
Ruth Smith	31
Cory Taylor	31

August Birthdays

Chris Putzier	1
Lisa Squire	2
Richard Wilbert	3
Ian Kerber	7
Keith Walker	11
Rhonda Mueller	13
Faith Pressnell	15
June Hardy Dorsey	15
Verne Potter	17
Dale Harris	18
Ben Day Howland	19
Kellie McGowen	20
Irene Ufholz	20
Carol Schleger	21
Doug Skladan	22
Katherine McGarvey	23
Nolan McGarvey	23
Chuck Minnich	24
Eric Frazier	25
Fred Putzier	25
David Dorsey	27
Caroline Daniels	28
Ashley Shannon	29
Sally Ruth	29
Ruth Wulfhoop	29
John Heck	30
Robert Anderson	31

July & August 2016 Liturgist and Usher Schedule

Saturday, July 2

5:00 pm Linda Wilbert (Psalm, 2, P)

Sunday, July 3

9:30 am Bill Taylor (Psalm, 2,), Ellen Otis (P, EM)

Ushers: Dave Whalen,

Saturday, July 9

5:00 pm

Sunday, June 12

9:30 am Sue Paine (Psalm, 2, EM), Karl Kirk (P),

Usher: Sarah Boesger

Saturday, July 16

5:00 pm Ruth Skladan (Psalm), Doug Skladan (2) Peggy Casselberry (P, EM)

Sunday, July 17

9:30 am Barb Prior (1, 20, Karen Hahn (P, EM)

Ushers: Jim Paine, Karl Kirk

Saturday, July 30

5:00 pm Judy Hudnutt (All)

Sunday, July 30

9:30 am Sue Paine (1, 2, EM), Bill Taylor (P)

Usher: Jim Paine

Saturday, August, 6

5:00 pm Gary Pressnell (All)

Sunday, August 7

9:30 am Karen Hahn (All)

Usher: Dave Whalen

Saturday, August 13

5:00 pm Peggy Casselberry (All)

Sunday, August 14

9:30 am Patty Peacock (All)

Usher: Sarah Boesger

Saturday, August 20

5:00 pm Judi Hudnutt (All)

Sunday, August 21

9:30 am Sue Paine (All)

Usher Jim Paine

Saturday, August 27

5:00 pm Ruth Skladan (2), Doug Skladan (P), Gary Pressnell (EM)

Sunday, August 28

9:30 am William Taylor (2, P), Ellen Otis (EM)

Usher: Sarah Boesger