

The Carillon

"Sharing God's Love"

2024

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 Rite I

10:30am In-person Rite II

*Children's Sermons will be offered at any service where there are children present.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.: Office Closed

Tues.-Thurs.: 8am-1pm

Rector's Letter

Dear Church,

"Welcome to St. Andrew's" is a greeting that is woven throughout the life of our parish. From the familiar "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" sign on Middle Avenue and at several other points in the city, to the statement of generous hospitality on the inside of our bulletin, to the extended hands for handshakes and warm smiles offered to guests and newcomers, St. Andrew's seeks to personify a warm welcome to all. The Congregational Development Commission, Vestry, Staff, Buildings and Grounds leaders and others often reflect on ways we can continue and improve our welcome. Recently our conversations reflected the connection between welcome and belonging, asking how and when a person experiences a sense of belonging in the community.

We now have another way to offer welcome in the form of the new Labyrinth and Meditation Garden, located on Third Street, in the heart of downtown Elyria. Our hope and prayer is that it will be a place of "solace and strength, rest and renewal"; a gift to be enjoyed by all who enter. We are working on a way to provide directions about how to walk a labyrinth and suggested prayers in a form that is accessible to all. We are dreaming about ways this beautiful space can be a place for small groups for worship throughout the liturgical seasons. We've even thought of the water feature as a place for an outdoor baptism!

However God's imagination leads us, it is primarily a place of generous welcome for all.

We are in a season of divisiveness in our nation, which is marked by intense polarization and wide ideological divides around a myriad of issues. As a result, common ground seems increasingly difficult to find, with political identity becoming a significant source of division. The quiet beauty of the labyrinth and meditation garden can be a place of common ground, where those of vastly different perspectives can sit and walk and be in silence, letting the sacredness of the space bridge the divide, giving a message of common humanity and common creation. The rocks, flowers, trees and water offer their beauty, presence and lessons of life to all who enter.

We prayed the prayer of dedication listed below. It is offered once again here for your reflection and consideration.

With Gratitude,
Mother June

Prayer of Dedication for the Labyrinth and Meditation Garden

Leader: Loving and Gracious God, Creator of all, we come before You today in thanksgiving for this sacred space—this labyrinth and meditation garden—nestled in the heart of downtown Elyria. We dedicate this place to You, that all who enter may find peace, renewal, and connection with Your divine presence.

People: Lord, bless this space with Your Spirit, that it may be a sanctuary for those seeking You and a refuge for the weary.

Leader: May this labyrinth, with its winding paths, reflect the journey of life—the times we feel lost, the moments of clarity, and the assurance that You are with us, guiding us, through every twist and turn.

People: May those who walk these paths experience Your presence, find moments of stillness in which to know You and encounter Your deep, abiding love.

Leader: We give thanks for the gift of water, a sign of Your grace and the promise of new life. As we see and hear the water feature in this garden, may it remind us of Christ, the Living Water, who quenches our deepest thirst. May its flowing sound be a constant call to rest in You, where we are refreshed and renewed.

People: May all who come near this water find Your life-giving Spirit.

Leader: We pray for this garden, that it may bloom with the beauty of Your creation, a symbol of new beginnings and hope. As the seasons change, may it remind us of Your faithfulness in all circumstances. May it be a place of nourishment and safety for all creatures great and small.

People: May this garden be a place of stillness in the city's noise, a space where Your peace can flourish and where hearts can rest in You.

Leader: We give thanks for the generosity of Gail Wassermann and other loved ones whose donations made this possible.

People: We give thanks for all the parish members who helped imagine, design and oversee the construction of this sacred space.

Leader: We give thanks for the gifted and dedicated laborers of Locke's Go Green who moved stone, laid the pathways, and planted the flowers, bushes and trees. O, Loving and Creative God, we dedicate this labyrinth and meditation garden to the service of Your kingdom. Let it be a place of prayer for all who seek You, whether they come in joy or in sorrow, in hope or in doubt.

People: May all who enter here feel welcomed, embraced by Your love, and leave transformed by Your grace.

Leader: As this garden thrives in the heart of our city, may it remind us of Your presence in our lives and our world and our call to serve those in our community. May we, too, become instruments of Your peace and love to those around us. Bless this space, O God, that it may be holy ground, and may all who walk its paths find themselves walking ever closer to You.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this space for Your glory and for the blessing of all who seek Your peace.

All: Amen.



Message from Kathy Kerber, Sr. Warden

“In God We Trust” has appeared on United States paper currency since 1955 when President Eisenhower signed legislation requiring its addition. God has blessed the United States of America with abundant natural and human resources to enable this country to become wealthy and powerful. It seems right to honor God for this abundance. Americans are generous by nature as evidenced by supporting other nations during disasters caused by nature and man with financial aid, medical assistance and manpower. The United States is a country that shares its blessings of abundance. St. Andrew’s Elyria is a parish that shares its time, treasure and talent to make the world a better place for its members and the community.

Money is neutral. It is a convenient medium of exchange. In 700 BC, the Lydians are believed to be the first western culture to make coins. Chinese archaeologists have discovered evidence of coin production around the same time period indicating eastern cultures were using coins as well. For thousands of years, civilizations have used money to facilitate trade and bring growth and prosperity to people, but the behaviors of individuals add risks and benefits. Money has a siren call that if answered can lead to a lifestyle of materialism. The social pressure to accumulate possessions or constantly upgrade to have better is great. Materialism is a powerful religion of our day.

Generosity is the antidote for materialism. The story is old but timeless. A woman was selling roses in a New York City subway. A bystander purchased the entire bucket and then asked her to pass them out to individuals who appeared stressed or unhappy. The woman cried because someone showed empathy and caring for others. Please consider the following:

1. Consciously increase the amount you tip for service in restaurants, hotels and airports.
2. Carry a small amount of cash specifically to give away to someone you feel is in urgent need or consider helping someone in the checkout line coming up short of cash when purchasing food or essentials.
3. Treat a neighbor or acquaintance who may be struggling to make ends meet to a coffee or meal out.
4. Make a commitment to support St. Andrew’s by sharing your time, treasure and talents.

In God We Trust.

Happenings with the Congregational Development Commission

Freedge Personal Care Product Donations

We wish to thank everyone who has been bringing in personal care items for the Freedge. Please continue your generous donations of personal care products as supply has been running low at the Freedge as need continues to rise.

Safari Msalaba 2024

The CDC voted in favor of donating \$1,000 of outreach funds to support several members of the Diocese of Ohio who will be participating in this annual pilgrimage in Tanzania. This 90-mile, 6-day walk through the Diocese of Tanga honors the memory of the Rt. Rev. Frank Weston, a beloved Anglo-Catholic Bishop who passed away a century ago. The pilgrimage begins at a miraculous pool of water in the East Usumbara Mountains, where Bishop Weston once prayed for water. The travelers then make their way to Holy Cross Church in Magila, the site of a convent founded in penance for slavery in the mid-1800s.

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

Friends and family of St. Andrew's,

Fall is here! Kinda! Well, at least the leaves are starting to change, even if it still feels like summer outside. Fall always makes me think of the things I enjoy, especially in the remainder of the year, and there is a lot to look forward to. I love this season, with holidays like Halloween and Christmas coming up sooner than we all think. I love the change in weather, the cooler climate, the cloudy and rainy weather.

I am also very excited for things coming up at St. Andrew's. The new youth formation program, "Sundays at St. Andrew's" is starting in October, and special days like All Souls and All Saints days are some of my favorite liturgical days. Even Advent is coming up relatively soon. This last month has been a month of preparation for these exciting times, and I think that is incredibly important.

Is there anything in your life you are preparing for? We speak so often of "seasons of doing," but not often on "seasons of preparing." So, what are you preparing for? Is there a big project at work or school? Are you preparing for a vacation in a few months? Are you preparing just to get out of bed every morning? Without planning or preparing, the things we do, the things we love, would never happen.

Love the preparation just as much as the final goal, my friends. It is the time when we learn the most, work the hardest, and do our best. This month, think about the things in the future, how you are preparing for them, and how God is giving you the things you need to prepare for them.



Music Memos: October 2024 Edition
by Music Director, Mark Skladan

Choristers Sing!

On Sunday, October 6, all Choristers should meet in the choir room at 10am for a final rehearsal before singing at the 10:30am service. Choristers will be singing "double duty" that morning. Choristers will sing the Song of Praise (which takes the place of the Gloria this morning). The song "Step by Step" will be taught to the congregation (led by the Choristers in place of an Offertory Anthem). We will use this song throughout all of October and November until Christ the King Sunday. This is another way to get the children more directly involved in the church service each week.

Coming up for Choristers.... Stay tuned for rehearsal schedule in November/December which will include rehearsals after church, in church during the Children's Sermon and during afternoon "Sundays at St Andrew's." We are looking to "tweak" the Christmas Eve pageant and add a bit more Chorister music to the liturgy of the word portion of the service. Ben and I are excited to develop this concept.

St. Andrew's Choir and Choral Scholars

All singers are requested to join in joyful song beginning October 13, at 9:30am in the choir room. Sing every week, or as little or as much as your schedules allow. Choir will sing and lead the music every week including Christmas Eve.

Upcoming Music in October

Favorite Hymns

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, All Things Bright and Beautiful, Jesus Loves the little children, Joyful, joyful....and many more!

New Hymns

Spirit of God Unseen from the Voices Found Hymnal

Special Guest Singer

Maren Jesko (Choral Scholar and Junior at Marion L. Steele High School) performed "Pie Jesu" and "God Help the Outcasts" at the 10:30am service on September 29. Thank you, Maren!

Organ Dedication Plaque

With grateful hearts we recognize our donors to the organ restoration project with a small brass plaque on the side of the organ. Take a look after the service!

"Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart". -Ephesians 5:19

Justice and Peace Taskforce: Voting and Election Information

With a general election coming up on November 5, the St. Andrew's task force forming to promote peace and justice in our community wanted to provide some helpful reminders about voting:

- The deadline for voter registration in Ohio is **October 7**. Voter registration can be completed online (<https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>), by mail, or in-person at the Lorain County Board of Elections (1985 N Ridge Rd East, Lorain, OH 44055). Multiple public institutions (including the BMV and public libraries) have voter registration forms. Registration forms sent by mail must be postmarked by **October 7 or earlier**.
- You can check your voter registration and polling location at the following website: <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>
- To request a vote-by-mail ballot, you should complete the form found on this website: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot/>. The form needs to be mailed to the Lorain County Board of Elections and must be received by **October 29**. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked by **November 4 or earlier**.
- In-person early voting will be available from **October 8** through **November 3**. Early voting occurs at the Lorain County Board of Elections. The hours for early voting can be found at this website: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/current-voting-schedule/2024-schedule/>
- The general election is scheduled for **November 5**. Polls will be open from 6:30am-7:30pm.
- A list of candidates and issues for the general election ballot can be found on the Lorain County Board of Elections website: <https://www.voteloraincountyohio.gov/>

"Civics and Soul": Civic Engagement and Prayer

Facilitated by Harry Finkbone, this will be an Adult Formation project from 9:30am to 10:20am, for three Sundays each in October, November, and December. We are also offering a few mid-week evening gatherings to reach a broader audience and go deeper into our topics. All gatherings will take place in Room C on the second floor.

Short Description: Most Christians are somewhat comfortable with the idea that their prayers and church participation should shape how we contribute to and function in our civic societies. However, have you ever considered turning this on its head to ask, "How can my civic involvement inform my prayers and church life?" Each month we will consider this from a different 'angle':

October - "Can Civics Inform My Prayer?"

- Sundays on October 13, October 20, and October 27, from 9:30am to 10:20am.
- Thursday evening at 6:30pm on October 24.

November - "Can I Love My Neighbor?"

- Sundays on November 10, November 17, and November 24, from 9:30am to 10:20am.
- Thursday evening at 6:30pm on November 21.

December - "Can I Begin Again?"

- Sundays on October 8, October 15, October 22 from 9:30am to 10:20am.
- Thursday evening at 6:30pm on December 19.

Watch this space and the weekly bulletin for more information. A 'sign-up' sheet will be on the gathering space table. You need not sign up in advance, but it will help us to know how many to expect each time.

How to Help our Haitian Neighbors

Fr. Andy McQuery, Rector of Christ Church, Oberlin has been in touch with the Rev. Michelle Boomgaard, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Springfield, Ohio, about the unwanted attention their community has received regarding vicious and offensive rumors intended to stoke fears about immigration. If you are concerned and wondering what you can do, Rev. Boomgaard suggests the following:

- Stop sharing social media memes about pets. One way to turn down the heat is to stop giving oxygen to the fire.
- If you wish to send messages of support in the form of cards or care packages, please send them to Christ Episcopal Church in Springfield. Haitian communities are nervous about receiving unexpected packages.
- Educate yourself on the issues. Episcopal Migration Ministries, the Episcopal Public Policy Network, and other reputable sites have many resources.
- If you wish to send money, consider www.haitiansupportcenterspringfield.org.
- Write to your elected officials and share your concerns.

Lastly, Fr. Andy commends the following prayer:

For Those Who Influence Public Opinion

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-BCP, p. 827

Labyrinth and Meditation Garden Dedication Pictures

On Sunday, September 22 as a part of the 10:30am Worship Service, all present gathered outside to celebrate the completion of our new Labyrinth and Meditation Garden. These projects are also connected to our theme for the fall Stewardship campaign, All Creatures Great and Small. For more information and a prayer to use while in this new space, see Rev. June's article and the prayer the congregation prayed at the dedication above on pages 1 and 2.

Check out some pictures of the Labyrinth and Meditation Garden below!



New Youth Programming: Sundays at St. Andrew's

I am incredibly excited to present St. Andrew's newest youth program:

Sundays at St. Andrew's!

This program is built to reach all youth from kindergarten through 12th grade! It will be every other Sunday starting on October 20 and will run from 4pm-5:30pm.

There will be group worship and games, small group activities, and special lessons based around our lectionary and liturgical calendar. Children younger than kindergarten age are also welcome with a parent present.

I look forward to seeing you all there and thank you for your support of this new program!

-Ben Holcomb



Send us your news!

If you have information you would like included, send to office@standrewselyria.org

Deadline for the November issue of the Carillon is **October 23**.

(Inclusion in either publication is at the discretion of the editor)

2024 Stewardship Campaign: All Creatures Great and Small



Dear Parish Community,

On behalf of St. Andrews Episcopal Church's "All Creatures Great and Small" stewardship team, we're writing to share the good news about this year's campaign, and to invite you to help with this important, joyful work.

Being a "steward" isn't just about giving a gift – it's about protecting a path, watching over a house, helping to take care of what matters most for the wider community.

In Psalm 104, an ancient song of celebration, the singer praises God as the creator and caretaker of every creature, from the biggest whale to the smallest sparrow, blessing all of us with breath, life, nourishment, and a bright and beautiful world. In fact, Psalm 104 is the first time in the Bible the word "Hallelujah!" (meaning, "Praise God!") is used, an exclamation inspired by the beauty of creation.

Hallelujah! For creating, redeeming, and sustaining the birds of the air and fish of the sea. *Hallelujah!* For creating human beings in the divine image, called to be stewards: protecting the most vulnerable, caring for those in need, speaking up for the unheard.

Hallelujah! For creating the gift of the church, a community called to this protecting, caring, and speaking up – not for our own benefit alone, but for the love of the world. Hallelujah for stewardship!

Pledge cards and a copy of the proposed 2025 budget are being mailed out to all parish members for your prayerful consideration and will also be available in the gathering space. Our hope is that our hearts are filled with gratitude for the gifts in our lives and the call to be good stewards, so all our neighbors might thrive.

In Joy and Hope,
The St. Andrews's Stewardship Committee



O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. + Psalm 104:24

October Birthdays

Eliot Prior	1
Kathy Taylor	2
Leah Welsh	2
Lindsey Hall	3
Jeremy Van Wormer	7
Lorelai Barkhurst	7
Donna Quisenberry	8
Janet Belcher	9
Judith Hudnutt	9
David Whalen	10
Sandy Menzies	14
Sarah Schuster	15
Jaxen Frazier	15
Jenna Frazier	17
Karl Kirk	18
Sean Prior	29
Karen Blair	24
Will Parsons	24
Linda Wilbert	24



November Birthdays

Barrett Kirchner	2
Hans Van Wormer	2
Aidan Von Gunten	6
Everly Varga	8
Mary Worcester	9
Lindsey Varga	14
John Kellogg	16
Greg Hebble	18
Matt Skladan	21
Elizabeth Thomas	21
Mya Frazier	22
William Hebble	22
Jeremiah Heck	24
Savannah Heck	24
Dori Mueller	25
Harry Finkbone	29
Jesse Varner	29

St. Andrew's Prayer List:

Our Spiritual Leaders

Michael, our Presiding Bishop
 Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect
 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
 The Original Glorious Apostolic
 Church

Our Community Partners

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

Active-Duty Military: John Able, Stephanie Bacskay, Rose Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, Dylan Donnelly, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Gavin Schwan, Ryan Sumner, Ashley Augustine

Churches in Our Mission Area: St. Paul's, Bellevue; St. Paul's, Fremont; Christ Church, Huron; Redeemer, Lorain; St. Paul's, Norwalk; St. Thomas, Port Clinton; St. Paul's, Put-in-Bay; Grace, Sandusky; Old Trinity, Tiffin; Christ Church, Oberlin

Long Term Illnesses/Injuries: Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Pauline McKenna (Karen Blair's daughter), Paul Tanner (partner of Jolene Adkins), Scott Holcomb, Shelly Perkins, Margaret Roach, Deshawn (and family), John Palermo, Judie Housel, Karen Wells, Bob Sharkody

At Home: Virginia Larson, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Patricia Pozywak, Taffy Valassis, Ruth Smith

Those Who Have Died: Wayne Emmanuel, Rob Hutchins, Shirley Schmid, Fred Beiswenger, Naaman Torres (husband of Marilyn Torres), The Rev. Janet Long, Garfield "Chip" Johns (Glynis Laing's brother), Alison Ricker, Bob Hardy, Tina Cassara, Leisa Napier, Bobbi Holliday, Mavis Hardy, Donna Quisenberry

Other Concerns: Trevor Gosh, Kendra and Kendall, Pam Pudar, Wesley Stewart, Tom Heinz, John Torres, Karen Blair, Kathy Hawkins Tobin, Rich and Messiah, Linda and Tom Pennington, Mary Ann Hursky (Amy Kellogg's aunt), Sean and Natalie Prior, Lee Kauffman, Julie Joy and the Joy Family, Terry Brady, John Kellogg, Tommy Winton, Linda Wilbert, Molly Richeson, Steven Laing, Russell Panchak, Karl Kirk, Brian Deagan, Carleen Hornack Simmons, Bruce Checefsky, Judy Beebe, Karen Francy, Marilyn Bennet, Christina Compher, Dakota Maloney (Claire Skladan's daughter), Dale Ann, Randy Lehman

We pray...

For racial equity and justice

For our nation and those who serve in city, state, and national government.

For the unemployed

For the Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals Ministry

For the Homeless in Lorain County

For those harmed by gun violence

For those who are travelling

For the renewal in the city of Elyria

For the LCCC Ministry Partnership

For those who are ill and those who care for them

For peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, other war-torn places