



# The Carillon

"Sharing God's  
Unconditional  
Love"

February  
2025

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Morning Zoom Worship

9:30am - [Zoom Link](#)

Mtg. ID: 766 598 8948

Call in number 646.558.8656

### Sunday Holy Eucharist

8:30am In-Person Worship

10:30am In-Person Worship

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

## ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

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### NEW OFFICE HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.: Office Closed

Tues.-Thurs.: 9:30am-2:30pm

## Rector's Letter

Dear Church,

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*-Jeremiah 29: 11*

The wisdom, encouragement and faith inspired by this Scripture text is one that has been in my life for a very long time. In separate treasured conversations with each of my parents last year, I learned that this text was also significant in their lives of faith. I offer it as the guiding text for my reflection as your Rector at the beginning of 2025.

It is with gratitude and grace that I greet you, Beloved St. Andrew's. As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for God's abundant blessings in, with and through you and for your faithful commitment to our mission and ministry together.

This [Annual Parish Meeting Report](#) is full of testimonies of meaningful growth and ministry milestones in our parish. Each word, paragraph, photograph, chart and page represent God's good work through you. I encourage you to take the time to read it carefully and thoughtfully to see how God is at work and how St. Andrew's is actively participating with God in Sharing God's Love. Beloved St. Andrew's, you are being the hands, feet, heart and voice of God in so many ways and so many places as each one of you share your gifts on mission and in ministry.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on January 19, the updated [Strategic Plan](#) was presented to the parish. This document shows that St. Andrew's mission statement has been expanded to "Sharing God's Unconditional Love with Our Neighbors, Community and the World." The letter of introduction at the beginning of the plan tells how the Strategic Plan came to be and how it will be used to guide our ministry together. This document will be a roadmap for our parish in the coming years. We will live into its call and, when needed, pivot and adapt it. In the February and March Vestry Meetings, I will ask the Vestry to make priorities for the year and we will work in accordance with those priorities, always making space for the Holy Spirit to speak, guide and direct. I invite each one of you to consider how you will engage in the work set before us.

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## Rector's Letter Continued

As Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, God is making a way for St. Andrew's future and hope. Your commitment, work, presence and engagement is bringing God's plan, kingdom, and reign into being. I am so very grateful to be on mission and in ministry with you. 2025 will bring opportunities, challenges, joys, sorrows and so much more. Let us, with our hope firmly grounded in God's love, move forward together.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, I offered gratitude to the Vestry and recognized the outgoing Vestry members, two who offered themselves for a second term of service.

The work we do together is holy and sacred work, but it sometimes involves many moving details and some seemingly tedious discussions and pathways that seem circuitous. Kathy Kerber, Karen Hahn and Judi Hudnutt all served so faithfully and offered their many gifts so generously.

Here is what I said to each of these Vestry members who completed their terms in January.

### To Karen Hahn

Karen, you live your life of faith with such a strong witness in and out of the church. Your willingness to minister with your students way beyond the scope of your job description as a teacher is such a wonderful example of an integrated Christian life of strong lay ministry. You are equally generous in sharing your gifts in the church through Acolyte ministry, on Vestry service, in community meals and faith formation. My prayer for you as you conclude your Vestry service is that God will reveal to you where your ongoing ministry in the church is to be and that you will eagerly follow that call.

### To Judi Hudnutt

Judi, you call St. Andrew's "your happy place" and your presence here helps make it so for others as well. You bring your depth of experience in civic and professional leadership into the ministries you engage at St. Andrew's as 8:30 am lector and Eucharistic minister, on the Youth Commission, as a delegate to Diocesan Convention and in the ongoing pastoral care and companionship you provide to some of our homebound members. I am so very grateful that you have chosen to continue in Vestry ministry, stepping into a space that we did not know was going to be open and continuing to offer your gifts of leadership and service. I am especially eager to see how your interest in the College of Congregational Development, a leadership and ministry initiative offered by our Diocese, will come to fruition. It seems as though God has been preparing you for this next step and I am so grateful for your willingness to follow this call. My prayer for you is that your continued leadership and ministry will be a source of encouragement and joy.

### To Kathy Kerber

Kathy, before you retired from your nursing career, you were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for Top Nurses and the superlative nature of your ability to see the bird's eye view, your excellent problem solving skills, your intelligence, your compassion and your community-minded spirit were all named as reasons for this distinction. You brought all those skills to your Vestry ministry three years ago and have generously shared them as well as your strong life of faith throughout your Vestry service but especially in the last year that you served as Senior Warden. I know that some days it seems like you have not retired but are now working full time for the church. Your willingness to continue for another term of Vestry service shows that you see the work that there is to be done and the gifts you have to lead that work and your willingness to share those gifts with such generosity. Before you were on Vestry and before you were Senior Warden, you invested many years in the faith formation ministries of St. Andrew's. So many of our young people who are now young adults chose you to be their Confirmation sponsor, showing that they trusted you to walk with them in this important step of faith formation.

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## Rector's Letter Continued

Though your plate is full with Senior Warden (and now money counter) duties, you still make time and space for investing in the faith development of the youth of our parish, most recently in planning and leading the Epiphany Intergenerational event. Know of my gratitude and the gratitude of our parish for your continuing faithful ministry. My prayer for you is that as you give so generously of your many gifts, that you will be blessed and filled with the deep sense of meaning and purpose and know that you are participating with God in bringing about God's kingdom on earth. On behalf of St. Andrew's and myself as your Rector, thank you so very much.

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A challenging side-effect of singling out these outgoing Vestry members for special recognition is that it does not recognize or name the many, many acts of generosity, courage and service that take place every week with everyone involved in ministry at St. Andrew's – the work of the Senior and Junior wardens, the rest of the Vestry, the members of the Altar Guild, the Commission and Committee Chairs and members, the Money Counters, the representatives to Mission area and Diocesan groups, specific worship and ministry leaders. ... and to you who show up, step up and speak up.

Maybe one day we will have an Accolade Party and in-depth gratitude can be expressed to each one of you who serve so faithfully. It could be a lot of fun! Even if your name was not called out in the Annual Parish Meeting in specific recognition, know that your ministry is seen, important and appreciated. I know you don't do it for the "thanks" but celebrating and seeing you is a part of honoring God's work in and through you.

The reason I take the time when Vestry members end their term of service (even if they are renewing the terms) is that I want to mark a time to ensure that appreciation is expressed. I

want to make sure that their unique work in the polity of the Episcopal church is named and recognized for what it is.

So... thank you for understanding and let's think about how we might do that Accolade Party.

Having said that, there is one more group of people that I named at the Annual Parish Meeting – the church staff and the officers of the Vestry and parish. Mark Skladan, Joanie Van Wormer, Ben Holcomb, Jesse Palermo-Varner, Bill Taylor, Karen Ennes, Kathy Kerber, Hans Van Wormer, Doug Skladan, Jane McDonald and Myki Van Wormer. Each one of these people are an integral part of the fabric of leadership at St. Andrew's and each one of these bring unique gifts, perspectives, presence and engagement. The seriousness with which they take their work is inspiring and encouraging to me. On behalf of St. Andrew's and as Rector, I said "thank you."

I closed my remarks at the Annual Parish Meeting with the opening lines of the Epistle to the Philippians, Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV): "I thank my God every time I think of you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Amen and Thank You,  
**Mother June**

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

Hello Siblings in Christ,

I truly have trouble comprehending it is already the end of January. This month has felt like a week, but at the same time it has felt like a year. January didn't hold a lot of things in the area of youth ministry, at least not in the foreground. However, in the background, the Youth Commission and I have been hard at work innovating and planning for the year to come. We have some exciting news coming soon, so be on the lookout for that.

Now, I am sure many of you have felt, like me, that this month has held a lot of troubling signs in the world around us. From extreme inflation to mass deportations, to extreme cold and inclemently warm weather, it seems all around us the world is falling apart, God's people are suffering, and we are forced to sit and watch. I know I feel this way. What can one man do to a world that seems to be falling away and crumbling? Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ if you feel like I do, turn to Christ.

The core teachings of Jesus was to care for the poor. Jesus says that if we do this, then we do the same to God. St. Andrew's has so many wonderful opportunities to help the world around us. Community meals, donating to the Freedge, even recycling. Our family of faith *can* do something, and it is my own personal goal that I delve deeper into the ministries that help our world, and I hope to invite the children and youth along with me. I ask that you join me in finding what you can do to help our neighbors, to help creation, and to be co-conspirators of the grace-filled, love-imbued will of God.

God Bless,  
Ben Holcomb

## St. Andrew's Night at Progressive Field

Join us for the Guardians game on Friday, May 30 against the Los Angeles Angels. We will once again have seats in the Family Deck, so those of you with a fear of heights or very narrow stairs don't need to worry. We will be in Section 311 again which is in right field near the visiting team's bullpen. There will be fireworks and it's Dollar Dog night and "Free Shirt Friday"! Ticket prices are \$25 each. Please submit your ticket orders to Amy Kellogg on or before April 21, 2025. You can reach her at [akellogg@bakerlaw.com](mailto:akellogg@bakerlaw.com) or 440-821-2458.



## Music Memos February 2025 Edition by Music Director, Mark Skladan

February continues the 8 Sundays of Epiphany

The choir will be singing a good variety of anthems.

### February 2

"O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ" is found in the 1982 hymnal and we will be singing it A Cappella the 10:30 service.

### February 9

"O Give Thanks" is based on Psalm 138

### February 16

"Prayer of Julian of Norwich" a short anthem in three parts

Julian was an English anchoress of the Middle Ages and her writings are amongst the earliest surviving English language works attributed to a woman.

### February 23

"Let all Mortal Flesh keep Silence" from the Liturgy of St James. This hymn is listed in the Epiphany liturgy all most every week and we will sing it as a hymn February 2nd (Candlemas or The Purification)

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Choir rehearsal is at 9:30am and ALL are welcome!



## Message from Kathy Kerber, Sr. Warden

**Presence.** This was the Epiphany star word I received at the annual meeting January 19, 2025. According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, presence is the fact or condition of being somewhere. However, presence is also used to describe being fully engaged and connected. The people of St. Andrew's have presence. This was evident from the reports of outreach from the Congregational Development Commission and Heather Campbell-Reich Community Meal Program, the many Christian Formation activities for children, youth, and adults, the improvements to the building and grounds as well as the dedicated ministries of music, worship and finance. From the Justice and Peacemakers Task Force, Altar Guild and Mid-Week Coffee Hour Group, the members of St. Andrew's have presence.

I would like to express my gratitude to Vestry members. Amanda Nagy and Karen Hahn are rotating off. Thank you for balancing parent and work responsibilities to serve on Vestry. Your contributions were appreciated. I am grateful for the Vestry members returning for another year. Allison Harris and Lindsey Varga also balance parent and work obligations to serve and I appreciate your willingness to continue on Vestry. Judi Hudnutt has graciously accepted another term. Amy Kellogg has been a mentor to me during this past year and I cannot thank her enough for her guidance. Hans Van Wormer is again the Junior Warden. The time and energy he devotes to maintaining the church building and property is invaluable. Thank you to the late Jon Quisenberry. His quiet deliberation and direct questions were instructive. Welcome new members, Harry Finkbone, Deb Schwan, and Bill Hebble.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank those individuals that participate and serve as resources during Vestry meetings. I am grateful for the clerk, Myki Van Wormer who records minutes and handles correspondence. I appreciate your attention to detail and timeliness. Doug Skladan has an incredible amount of knowledge about investments, and the patience of Job explaining JIF account transfers. Your expertise is invaluable. Thank you Jane McDonald for your input on financial issues and filling in for the clerk when needed.

Thank you Reverend June for coaching and supporting me through my first year as Senior Warden. You are a situational leader: patient, kind and effective.

Thank you members of St. Andrew's. It is an honor to serve as Senior Warden.

### **Happenings with the Congregational Development Commission**

#### **Personal Care Products**

The collection of personal care products continues for the warming shelter and Freedge. Donations can be left in the basket at the front of the church. Thank you.

#### **Community Meal Volunteers Needed!**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meals once a month on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We are also in need of volunteers to offer hospitality and drinks for guests that wait indoors prior to each of the meals served here on the first, second, and third Mondays; first Tuesday; and first and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please contact Jesse Palermo-Varner in the Church Office for details.

## February Birthdays

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



## March Birthdays

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

## Send us your news!

If you have information, you would like included, send to [office@standrewselyria.org](mailto:office@standrewselyria.org). Deadline for the March issue of the Carillon is **February 21**. Thank you.

## Sundays at St. Andrew's Resumes February 2!

Please join us as we resume Sundays at St. Andrew's, our new children and youth program. The program meets on the first and third Sunday of each month.

## 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  
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

**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, Karen Wells, Bob Sharkody, Ben Schuster, Russ Panchak, Karen Blair, Amy Kellogg, Sally Miyara

**At Home:** Virginia Larson, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Patricia Pozywak, Ruth Smith, Linda Wilbert

**Those Who Have Died:** Donna Quisenberry, DeShawn Moore, Bob Hardy, Mavis Hardy, Taffy Valassis, Jon Quisenberry, Rev. Francis "Francie" Hill (formerly Rev. Francis "Francie" McNutt, Rector of St. Andrew's from 1996-2007), Cindy McClymonds

**Other Concerns:** Dale Ann, Randy Lehman, Fred McClymonds, Scott McClymonds, Tim McClymonds

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: March 4, from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Join us on March 4, from 5:30pm-7:00pm for a special, dine in Mardi Gras pancake supper to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, otherwise known as Fat Tuesday, which marks the last day before Lent. This is the Christian tradition of celebrating and eating up all the sugar and butter before Lent, the time of reflection, repentance, and fasting leading to the ultimate celebration of Easter when Jesus was resurrected. This year's celebration will include Community Meal guests and Cub Scouts Pack 110, in an opportunity for the wider St. Andrew's Community to come together.

