



Good News

Together, we seek to know Christ and make him known.

From the Rector

Jubilee Life

“But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed the invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms.”

Romans 8:9-11 The Message

What does it mean to experience life on God's terms? For those who follow Christ experiencing life on God's terms means living life in the sacred space of Jubilee. For ancient Jews Jubilee meant a time of freedom and celebration, where debts were forgiven, lands and other property seized for debt payment were returned to their original owners, and slaves were freed. Jubilee was a time where the fruits of the earth were freely shared and justice reigned. Leviticus 25:8-13.

For African people enslaved by wealthy landowners in the antebellum South, the concept of Jubilee, learned through scripture and shared by word of mouth, became a reality on the day that Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. As Episcopalians, the outline for living a Jubilee life is set forth in the words of our baptismal covenant. BCP 304-5. In it we notably promise to “proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ,” and to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” BCP 305 (continued page 5)



Food Pantry Turns 10!

Let's Celebrate!

Our Food Pantry partnership with Advent Lutheran Church which provides food to families in Lake and Geauga Counties is turning 10 years old this July, and we're going to celebrate the occasion with a party! On Wednesday, July 17th everyone's invited to gather before (and during) the Wednesday Food Distribution for a Potluck Cook-Out. This is a ministry about feeding the hungry, and what better way to celebrate than by gathering with our Advent partners and Neighbors for food and fellowship. The party starts at 5 PM and will continue through 8:30 PM. The event will feature hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. St. Andrew and Advent members attending are asked to bring a side dish, salad or drinks to share. Cake will be provided. Even if you are not a pantry volunteer, please come and celebrate! We're all in it together and this is a huge milestone for our important ministry. Last year alone we served over 2000 families providing a total of 63, 891 meals. 43 volunteers from St. Andrew, Advent and the community staff the four food distributions each month. In fact, many volunteers are neighbors and friends of parish members and some have come to us after calling the church looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity. We sincerely thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make the ministry a success.

All are welcome to come celebrate on Wednesday, July 17th starting at 5 PM. Bring your family, friends and neighbors, or if you know someone looking for a volunteer opportunity, bring them too! It's going to be a fun evening!

Choice Food Pantry Hours

1st Sunday of the month: 1 - 3 PM

2nd Tuesday of the month: 1 - 3 PM

3rd Wednesday of the month: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

4th Wednesday of the month: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

If you are a resident of Lake or Geauga County and need food, you are welcome at the Choice Food Pantry at St. Andrew. Families, those on disability, senior citizens or those needing help to make ends meet are encouraged to come and shop. Please bring a photo ID/Driver's License to register.

July Celebrations

Birthdays

Kim Herczog 02
Ivy Heim 03
Brianna Rotz 03
Diane Smith 08
Samantha Brandenburg 19
Margaret Sinclair 22
William Nemeth 22
Joan Lally 23
Vince Sitkowski 24
Ken Cudnik 25
Douglas Dittebrand 27
Norma Pattison 29
Sarah Peshek 31

Anniversaries

Leo & Shirley Poitras 09
Grant & Mary Provins 22
Douglas & Deborah Dittebrand 26

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary? Contact the Office at 440-255-8842 and let us know!



Save Me!

The garden that borders the church office windows is full of weeds and needs some loving care. David Pulman worked hard to establish the flower beds surrounding St. Andrew, let's honor his memory by doing our best to maintain what he planted. We are looking for an individual or group to volunteer to adopt this beautiful garden.

The perennial garden does not need additional plantings. Several well established flowering shrubs, as well as smaller perennials grace the space - but are slowly losing the battle to weeds. If you'd like to volunteer, please talk to Rev. Lisa or Junior Warden Kim Herczog. Or just start weeding!

Bishop Hollingsworth Visit

We had a wonderful celebration of Trinity Sunday combined with a visit from Bishop Hollingsworth and the reception/confirmation of three new members to the St. Andrew family! Our newest members are Christine Higgins, Megan Yoney, and Stephen Grau. Welcome!



Register for Bocce NOW!

The place to be on Tuesday nights is the St. Andrew front lawn for the annual summertime Bocce league. The 2019 Bocce season starts on July 9th and continues through July until the winning team is crowned at the Super Bocce Bowl on August 6th. Who will win and (most importantly) claim bragging rights as 2019 Bocce Champs? You've got to play to win, and team registration forms are due now. Gather a team of four and get ready for fun! Proceeds from the Bocce League benefit the St. Andrew Food Pantry. Games start at 6:30 PM, and the Bocce grill opens at 6 PM. Chef Conrad Galayda will be tempting both players, and those just there to watch, with his delicious grill skills. How about a cheeseburger with all the fixings or maybe a hot dog cooked to perfection hot off the grill. He says there will also be some surprise offerings again this year. All are welcome to play, cheer on the teams and purchase a delicious dinner from the grill. See you on Tuesdays! Register online at: standrew-mentor.com/bocce-sign-up



Dates to Remember - July

- 4 - St. James Lunch Bunch, 10:30 AM
- 7 - Outdoor Eucharist, 10:30 AM
- 7- Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 9 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 9 - Bocce, 6 PM
- 13 - Building & Grounds Committee, 9 AM
- 16 - Bocce, 6 PM
- 17 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 17 - Food Pantry Celebration, 5 PM
- 23 - Bocce, 6 PM
- 30 - Bocce, 6 PM



Seeking Board Members

Rev. Lisa and the St. Andrew Vestry are looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of the Sherman Memorial Scattering Garden. The Board will consist of three St. Andrew members, appointed by the Vestry, who will serve for three year terms. The Rector is an ex officio member of the Board. The Board is responsible for the continuing care of the Memorial Garden, which includes maintenance and repairs. They are also responsible for keeping accurate records of those whose ashes are scattered in the Memorial Garden. If you are interested in serving, please speak with Rev. Lisa or Senior Warden Doug Sundstrom.

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How do we manifest Jubilee life at St. Andrew? Certainly through our weekly Eucharistic celebrations, our mutual pastoral ministries, and through the loving life of our community which we enjoy together as we learn, work, and pray God's kingdom into being. But what about the folks who do not join us for worship or other spiritual learning within the community? Isn't Jubilee life something we must strive to share with others?

One particular way that we begin to fulfill our baptismal covenant and manifest Jubilee life as a parish for the benefit of others is by maintaining our Choice Food Pantry, which serves some 7,000 men, women, and children per year, most of whom are not members of the parish. This summer we celebrate the 10 year anniversary of our Choice Pantry Feeding Ministry and our partnership with Advent Lutheran in this sacred work. Through the pantry we truly "seek and serve Christ in all persons, and respect the dignity of every human being." But what if we could do more?

St. Andrew has an abundance of land - land on which a garden could thrive. Such a garden, once developed, could greatly extend our ability to share fresh, healthy food with our neighbors in the spirit of Jubilee. It could also serve as a collaborative learning tool, on issues of the environment/creation care, nutrition, healthy food preparation, resource management, collaborative living-the list goes on.

The creation of a Jubilee garden at St. Andrew would draw volunteers together from our parish, our pantry partner Advent Lutheran, mission-area churches, our food pantry guests, and friends we haven't even met yet who want to garden and are looking for a way to learn or share their learning, and help others. As these groups converge to plan, create, maintain, and harvest the Jubilee garden, relationships are nurtured, stories are shared, people are fed, and together, through our mutual efforts, the new creation our Savior Christ dreamed for us becomes real in our midst by our mutual labor of love. This is Jubilee life, shared!

The creation of a Jubilee garden at St. Andrew is a big dream. It will require us to gather gardening expertise, develop grant funding, recruit volunteers/volunteer coordinators, and work collaboratively with people inside and outside our church. At our recent vestry retreat the dream of a Jubilee garden was born. Shortly thereafter during a meeting with our pantry partners about our upcoming 10th Anniversary Food Pantry Celebration the folks from Advent Lutheran started dreaming with us about a Jubilee garden and creating abundant life together.

How about you? Are you ready to share in this particular dream of Jubilee life at St. Andrew? Do you have gardening expertise (planning, building raised beds, labor skills, plant knowledge) you'd like to share? Would you join with others to write/administer grants for the garden? Do you know how to recruit, coordinate, or support volunteers? Even if you don't have these skills or any interest in gardening, we need your prayers as we discern how best to build a Jubilee garden to expand the reach of our feeding ministry, and include more people in the realization of our Lord's dream of abundant life for all.

Watch for our first Jubilee Garden informational meeting coming in August. It's the beginning of a great adventure, and we're all a part of it!

