



## Good News

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

### From the Rector

*In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment, celebrated every year on October 4, I share with you a story of one Christian family from Myanmar, and how the gift of a lowly cow changed their life for the better. Episcopalians are called on this day to remember St. Francis and to strive, throughout the year, to emulate his holy life of simplicity, compassion for all creatures, and service to others. At St. Andrew we will remember St. Francis through our annual blessing of the animals, which will take place on Sunday October 14, at 1 pm, on the front lawn of the church. Bring your pets, bring your friends and their pets, no animal (or neighbor) turned away. Celebrate God's good gifts of nature and creation through our blessed relationship with our pets. This story of Saw Moo Le, his family, and his cows, comes to us from Field Photographer Lar Thu, from Episcopal Relief and Development, <https://www.episcopalrelief.org>.*

“Earlier this year I accompanied the archbishop to St. Mary’s Church Day in Shwe Bon Village, 84 miles north of Yangon, the capital of the region. Being a photographer, I love capturing the beauty of village life and its natural surroundings. On a Sunday morning before communion service I was introduced to a family who were happy to show me around and talk about their start in [small-scale livestock farming](#).

Saw Moo Le, the father of the family, is a 40-year-old Baptist Christian who grew up in Shwe Bon, just like his wife Naw Dora, a 35-year-old Anglican housewife. When they were first married, they recall struggling while building their growing family.

Moo Le was earning his living as a seasonal farmer during dry season. During the rainy season from June to September, the water levels would be so high that farming would have to be suspended. People in the region could only travel by boat from village to village, so Moo Le worked as a boat driver shuttling people back and forth during this period of year.

Before this gift, Moo Le recalls a similar attempt with a single pig, but unfortunately it had died within a week. So he was skeptical at first, but by God’s grace, it not only survived but prospered and multiplied. After 10 years, the Saw family have four generations descended from that bovinely matriarch!

Nowadays, the Saw family are able to sell cows every year from their humble herd of cattle. Thanks to their husbandry income, the Saws are also able to invest in other types of livestock, like pigs and chickens.

“I will never sell the first cow I got from the development program,” Moo Le said. “Even if she is now old and past the age of being milked, I will look after her until the day she dies.”



# *Harvest of Blessings*

## **FALL FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, November 3**

**5 to 8 PM**

Mark your calendars for the St. Andrew Fall Festival! It's a evening of food, games, crafts and fun for all ages. Sign up in the Narthex to compete in the Chili Cook-off, Apple Dessert Contest, and Harvest Veggie Side Contest. Everyone attending will vote for their favorites and prizes will be awarded to the winners! This is a great opportunity to invite your extended family and friends to join you at St. Andrew. All are welcome!

## **Blessing of the Animals**

On Sunday, October 14th, bring your pet to St. Andrew for a blessing! Dogs, cats, fish, birds, turtles and pets of all sorts can receive a blessing on the front lawn starting at 1 PM.

Everyone is welcome, including all faithful companions, as we join together to celebrate the love we share for our animal family members.





## Acolyte Training

Rev. Dawson Moorer will meet with all Acolytes, and those who would like to serve as Acolytes, for a training session following the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist on Sunday, October 7th.

## Youth Formation Starts this Month

"Sunday School" begins on Sunday, October 7th for children ages 3 through Third Grade. Class will begin at 10:25 AM and include a bible lesson and activities. Children will then rejoin their families at the Holy Eucharist when the congregation passes the Peace. 2018-19 teacher Amy Dittebrand is looking forward to helping St. Andrew's youngest members learn about God and have fun every Sunday morning.



Youth Formation for teens (13+) will be on the first Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 PM. Adult leaders Reggi Kucera and Maryellen Sundstrom will lead an hour of fellowship and discussion, followed by an hour of service helping out in the St. Andrew Food Pantry. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th in the Narthex.

## ***Bake Sale! Bake Sale!***

Yes, October is the time to begin baking for the November 6<sup>th</sup> Election Day Bake Sale to be held by the Office entrance doors, just inside the Food Pantry of St. Andrew.

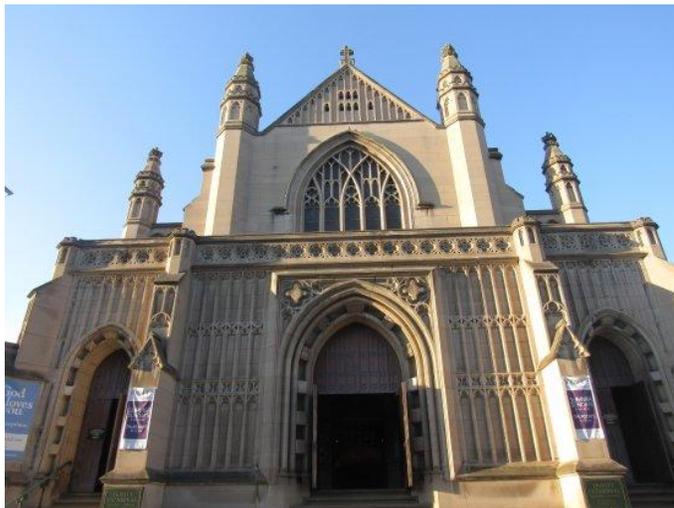
This has been a good promotion of our church and our mission to our community, and it helps to bring in some extra cash to the general fund.

We take all baked goods: cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies and tea breads. You can bake and freeze the items now, and then bring them to the church the Sunday before Election Day, or the morning of the sale. We will make room for storage in the refrigerators in the parish hall.

Thanks to all who have helped in the past and to all of you who will be baking for Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. And even if you don't vote at St. Andrew, stop by and satisfy your sweet tooth with a delicious treat from the Bake Sale!



# 202nd Convention



The Diocese of Ohio will hold its 202nd Annual Convention on November 9-10th. Each congregation that is current with payment of diocesan assessments and Church pension requirements, is entitled to be represented by three lay adult delegates in good standing in their respective congregations. St. Andrew will be represented by Senior Warden Andy Spiesman, Junior Warden Reggi Kucera, Vestry member Sandy Mazelis and our clergy Rev. Lisa O'Rear and Rev. Dawson Moor. Any youth or adult members of the diocese may attend the convention as guests. On Friday, November 9th the Convention Eucharist, followed by a reception, will be held at Trinity Cathedral. All convention business will take place on Saturday, November 10th at the Cleveland Marriott East. Preregistration to attend either is required. To find out more go to: [www.dohio.org](http://www.dohio.org). Deadline to register is October 19th.

## Donate a Gift Basket for the Fall Festival

This year, as part of the fun at the annual Fall Festival, we'll have a gift basket give away. Those attending can purchase tickets for a opportunity to take home a beautiful basket. If you are interested in donating a gift basket contact Rev. Lisa.



## *Ladies Tea*

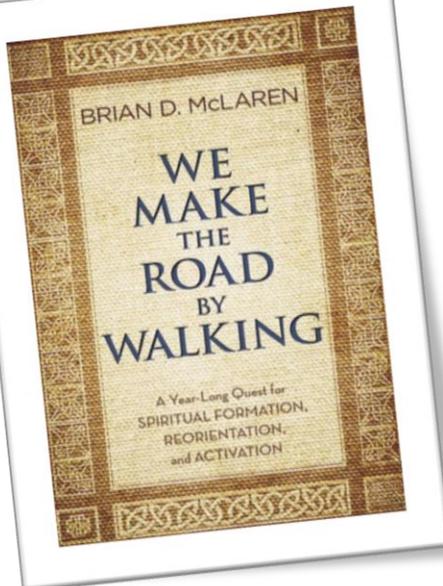
All women of St. Andrew are invited to attend a Ladies Tea on Sunday, October 28th in the parish hall.

RSVP to Maryellen Sundstrom at [maryellensundstrom@gmail.com](mailto:maryellensundstrom@gmail.com) or by calling 440-346-4920. Join us as we share a lovely afternoon getting to know each other better. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



## We Make the Road By Walking

Join the study group as we walk the road together! We'll delve into Brian McLaren's book described as "a brilliant retelling of the biblical story and a thrilling reintroduction to Christian faith." The group will read the weekly readings on their own and then meet once each month for discussion and a shared meal. Join us on **Tuesday, October 9th at 6 PM** in the Narthex for the first meeting. And, You can still join the group! The book is available to order online or as a digital download.



## Sanctuary Concert X

As we prepare to say goodbye to Laura, Jose and Joshua, proceeds from the St. Andrew Sanctuary concerts will continue to offer support to the family as they await work permits. Join us for an outstanding afternoon of music featuring the best Northeast Ohio singers and songwriters, coupled with authentic Mexican food.

On Sunday, October 21, join us at St. Andrew from 4 to 6 PM for an special concert.

Featured artists:

**Kim Kennedy, Hannah Stak,  
and Meg Stepka**

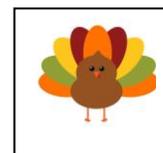
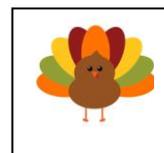
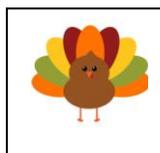


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***All Welcome! Come as you are, give what you can, your presence is gift!***

## Sign-Up for Service

St. Gabriel Catholic Church is once again sponsoring a day of service, when teams from their congregation assist the community by completing service projects. A team will be coming to St. Andrew to help wash our windows. Let's build community with the folks from St. Gabe's by volunteering to help on Saturday, November 3rd from 10 AM to Noon. We'll wash windows both inside and out, A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex.



## Thanksgiving is Coming!

Bakers Square pie gift cards will be on sale each Sunday following the 10:30 AM service. Cards cost for \$13 each and St. Andrew receives \$3 from each card sold! Who wants to bake a pie on Thanksgiving? Get a delicious Bakers Square pumpkin, or cherry, or apple, or French Silk and make it a Thanksgiving to remember!

## Fall CSA - Try It, You'll Like It



All summer long St. Andrew has served as a pick up location for Geauga Family Farms CSA (Community Shared Agriculture). Local Farmers partner with community members, who buy a share of the farm harvest. An upcoming Fall session, featuring hearty autumn veggies, runs from November 3rd - 17th. This three week session is the perfect time to give CSA a try. Imagine fresh sweet potatoes, acorn squash, carrots, just picked broccoli on your table each week. For more information and to register, go to [www.geaugafamilyfarms.org](http://www.geaugafamilyfarms.org)

## October Celebrations

### *Anniversaries*

Dennis & Sue Corbett 02  
Chris & Sherrie Sweet 14  
Jack & Bonnie Semenik 24  
Andrew & Minerva Sherman 26

### *Birthdays*

Reggi Kucera 02  
Wayne Dannels 02  
Peggy Sturm 05  
Sheree Sandacz 07  
Kathy Gudel 07  
Chase Rotz 08  
Benjamin Sherman 12  
Cathy Jo Kaiser 17  
Doris Silvaroli 23  
Lisa O'Rear 25  
Kate Wells 28  
Micki Rotz 28  
Evelyn Peshek 30  
Joe Gudel 30

## Stewardship Ingathering Sunday, October 14

On Sunday, October 14th we will join together as a congregation to offer God our best gifts as we conclude our fall Stewardship Campaign and gather our pledges of Time, Talent and Treasure for 2019. We encourage everyone to bring their completed pledge cards on that Sunday. When we expend Time, Talent and Treasure we get relationship in return. Deeper relationship with each other and with God. This year, offer service, volunteer your talents freely and pledge gratefully! All our gifts, all we have comes from God. He blesses us abundantly! If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, they are available in the Narthex.