



Good News

FEBRUARY 2024

FROM THE RECTOR

Did you know that theologian C.S. Lewis, author of the Narnia Series, insisted, at the age of 4 that his family call him Jack (his given name was Clive)? Jack, the beloved family dog had just died, and Clive wanted to take his pet's name as a remembrance. From then on Lewis was known as Jack to his family and friends, and the name stuck throughout his life. You've got to love a person who loves a pet with such devotion!

On Sunday February 25th we'll begin our in-person Lenten Study on C.S Lewis' Screwtape Letters. The Screwtape Letters, for those of you who don't know, is a satirical sparring match of sorts between Wormwood, a demon in training, and his uncle and mentor Screwtape. We're focusing attention on the Screwtape Letters this Lent because it mirrors in many respects, the wilderness experience of Jesus, who verbally sparred with and was tested by the devil in the wilderness for 40 days. Lent is, in a sense, a 40-day wilderness experience for us too, as we examine our faith in light of Jesus' Passion, considering all the while those things that separate us from God.

Pick up your study guide after church (no cost) or call Sherrie in the office (440) 255-8842 if you would like it sent. Beginning on the 25th and continuing through Holy Week, we'll meet for an hour in-person directly after church in the Worman Room. Refreshments will be available and we can make it a potluck if folks are interested in breaking bread together. I hope to see you there. The wilderness is no place to travel alone!



ANNUAL MEETING

You are invited to attend St. Andrew's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28th. The meeting will cover current state of the church's finances and a recap of the previous year. New vestry members will be elected and the budget for 2024 will be approved.

Anyone willing to serve on Vestry can contact Rev. Lisa or the church office. Serving on vestry is a wonderful way to help and only requires one meeting a month.

The meeting will begin immediately following the service and include a potluck brunch.

All ministry leaders are encouraged to send a written report to the church office by Sunday, February 4th.

Important Dates in February

- 01 Food Bank Delivery 11 am
- 04 Sunday Service 10:30 am
- 04 Food Pantry 1 - 3 pm
- 07 Contemplative Prayer 10:30 am
- 11 Sunday Service 10:30 am
Bishop Jolly visit
- 13 Food Pantry 1-3 pm
- 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
6 - 7:30 pm
- 14 Contemplative Prayer 10:30 am
- 14 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
- 18 Annual Meeting:
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Potluck Brunch and Meeting
- 19 St. James Lunch 11:00 am
- 21 Contemplative Prayer 10:30 am
- 21 Vestry 6:30 pm
- 25 Sunday Service 10:30 am
- 25 Lenten Study 11:45 am
- 28 Contemplative Prayer 10:30 am
- 28 Fundraising Committee 6 pm



SHROVE TUESDAY

13 FEBRUARY

It's time for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Join us on Tuesday, February 13th for pancakes and more from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. A free will offering will be collected to support the ministries of St. Andrew.

Volunteers are needed to serve (contact the church office at standrewmentor@gmail.com.)

ST. JAMES LUNCH

Mark your calendar for Monday, February 19! St. Andrew will be making and serving lunch on at St. James, Painesville for President's Day. Everyone is welcome to join us for this fun and fulfilling ministry! For more information, contact the church office or Rev. Lisa.

BISHOP VISIT AND CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly is visiting St. Andrew on Feb. 11th. She will be confirming and receiving newer members of our St. Andrew family.

Please join us in welcoming our new confirmands at the 10:30 service and stay afterwards for a light lunch to celebrate.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7:00 pm on February 14th. Join us for the beginning of the Lenten season.

February Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

01 Sue Corbett
02 Chris Heim
14 Katie Clark
15 Bob Pattison
15 Wayne Heim
15 Adalyn Vernon
18 Eunice May
18 Linda Pietro
22 Nicholas Heim
25 Joe Gudel
26 Debbie Pulman
28 Susan Agnew

A graphic for an Election Day Bake Sale. It features a cupcake on the left and two heart-shaped cookies on the right. The text "ELECTION DAY" is in pink, "Bake Sale" is in a large, pink, cursive font, and "TUESDAY, MARCH 19" is in pink. Below the graphic, there is a paragraph of text in pink and a paragraph in black.

ELECTION DAY
Bake Sale
TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Attention St. Andrew bakers - the church will host another bake sale for the March 19th presidential primary election. Please mark your calendar and plan to bake. All types of baked goods are welcome including pies, cookies, cakes, dessert breads or anything that might tempt hungry voters! All baked goods should be labeled, and please note if your items contain nuts.

Proceeds from our bake sales benefit the St. Andrew General Fund. If you'd like to volunteer to work at the bake sale, contact Andy Spiesman at 440-413-6671. Bakers can drop off their tasty treats at the church on Election Day. The bake sale will start at 6:30 AM and run until all items are sold.

TOWN HALL

The vestry hosted a Town Hall meeting on January 28th. Rick Berlan, Sr. Warden, led us on a recap of the previous year and asked the parish about the upcoming year.

The members present said that Bocce, Choir (more members are welcome), and the Craft Fair were enjoyed the most during the past year.

When asked what changes should be made, the responses included the light bulbs, painting the front door and other repairs. Rick explained that the vestry is already looking into purchasing all LED bulbs and having an electrician install them.

The discussion moved on to financial affairs and a parishioner mentioned that the church is in dire straits and changes will need to be made for the church to last. Rick informed the meeting that all

bills are being paid except for the Diocesan assessment, we have rented out one classroom and a renter has committed to renting the outreach office. It was also mentioned that pledges are up and the "Operations" line item in the checking account has improved by \$18,000 over the past year. The full financial report will be presented at the annual meeting on February 18th. A grant for \$8000 for the Food Pantry has been applied for.

A suggestion was made that the church sign should be bigger. It was explained that the sign is as large as possible per the Kirtland Hills regulations. A spotlight can be installed.

The members present were asked to think on if we can continue to afford a full-time rector. Rick explained that the vestry is investigating a possible ministry sharing with Grace Episcopal Church in Willoughby.

Needed improvements to the physical building include replacing the floor in the Parish Hall, fixing the parking lot, painting the front of the church and the front door, replacing the railing at the front steps. Rick also said that Lisa has filed an insurance claim for fixing the steeple and the cross that were damaged in a storm almost 2 years ago.

For fundraising efforts, Junk in the Trunk, Bocce, the Craft Fair, Concerts and Election Day Bake

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Sale were noted as being successful in 2023. There will be another Bake Sale for the primary election on March 19th. A suggestion was made to have a Dinner Dance for a fundraiser in 2024.

Concerns regarding the future of St. Andrew were covered earlier in the meeting. People were encouraged to join the Finance Committee and the Fundraising Committee. Barb Sopko was thanked for all her hard work in preparing reports and paying bills.

A suggestion was made to send out the budget and financial reports prior to the Annual Meeting so people have time to review them.

JOIN A COMMITTEE

New members are welcome to join one of our three committees: Fundraising, Finance, and Marketing/Public Relations.

The Fundraising Committee is meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm. No RSVP necessary.

For information on the other committees, contact the Church Office.

PRAYER CALENDAR

Let's Pray for Each Other!

Introducing the Prayer Calendar, which will come to you each month in your newsletter. You'll note that there is a parish member designated for each day of the month on the calendar. Please take a moment to pray for that person on the day indicated, whether you know them or not! Prayer blesses the one who prays and the one who receives prayer, so incorporating this prayer calendar into your daily devotions is a win/win situation!

"Prayer is standing in the presence of God with the mind in the heart; that is, at that point of our being where there are no divisions or distinctions and where we are totally one. There God's Spirit dwells and there the great encounter takes place. There heart speaks to heart, because there we stand before the face of the Lord, all-seeing, with us."

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*

February 2024 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Tom & Sandy Van Horn Sue Corbett(B)	2 June Webb Chris Heim(B)	3 Christopher Whittaker
4 Griff & Margaret Wolf	5 Anthony WesleyIII & Alfred R. Cowger Jr.	6 Susan Zuber	7 Elaine Abrams	8 Barbara E. Ammons	9 Jim & Shirley Andersky	10 Billie Jean Anderson
11 Michal Bailey	12 Patty Barnes	13 Rick Berlan & Andrew Caruso	14 Jeries & Samia Bishara Katie Clark(B)	15 Jackie Bishop Bob Pattison(B) Wayne Heim(B) Adalyn(Addie) Vernon(Leitch)(B)	16 Kit & Karla Brandenburg (Nick,Samantha)	17 Edward Bridge
18 Beth Brown Eunice May(B) Linda Pietro(B)	19 Heather Catlett	20 Anthony & Linda Chrzanowski	21 Ted & Katie Clark (Jackson,Sarah)	22 Greg & Melissa Connel Nicholas Heim(B)	23 Dennis & Sue Corbett	24 Ken & Judy Cudnick
25 Wayne Dannels (Connor,Jesse) Joe Grudel(B)	26 Chris & Heather DiAlfredi Debbie Pulman(B)	27 Douglas & Deborah Ditterbrand (Amy,Shawn)	28 Eric Dubovecky ChristineHuggins Sue Agnew(B)	29 Richard & Marylou Ezzo		

LECTOR AND VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Volunteer Schedule for February 2024

	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Ushers/ Greeters</i>	<i>Counters</i>
February 4 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Mary Provins, Margaret Sinclair	TBD	TBD	Mary Provins	Randy Pengov, Dona Currutt, Barb Sopko, Kim Herczog	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman	Andy Spiesman, Kim Herczog
February 11 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Carol & Randy Pengov, Susan Zuber	TBD	TBD	Judy Cudnik	Judy Cudnik, , Ed Bridge, Brian Sandacz June Webb	C-	Andy Spiesman	Brian Sandacz, Andy Spiesman
February 14 Ash Wednesday	Carol & Randy Pengov, Susan Zuber	TBD	TBD	Mary Provins	Andy Spiesman, Dona Currutt, Barb Sopko. Debbie Pulman	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman	
February 18 The First Sunday of Lent	June Webb	TBD	TBD	Judy Cudnik	Andy Spiesman, Dona Currutt, Barb Sopko. Debbie Pulman	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman	June Webb, Brian Sandacz,
February 25 The Second Sunday of Lent	Mary Provins, Margaret Sinclair	TBD	TBD	Mary Provins	Micki Rotz, Ed Bridge, Mary Provins, Judy Cudnik	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman	Andy Spiesman, Kim Herczog

+ 10:30 am only lector order= 1st-OT, 2nd-Psalm, 3rd-Epistle, 4th-Prayers of the People

If you need to reschedule, please make arrangements with someone else and let the office know of the change.

Also, please check for your coffee hour Sunday.

PARISH CALENDAR

10:30 am 2nd & 4th Sunday Online
Worship with music
10:30 am Eucharist Service with Music

St. Andrew Episcopal Church

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If there is a pastoral emergency, contact
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Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday 9am to Noon
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Due to rain-Fit4Mom's will meet **8-9a Fit4Mom's	**9:30-10:30a Fit4Mom's **6-8:30p Fit4Mom's	**6:30-7:30p Fit4Mom's	**9:30-10:30a Fit4Mom's	**4:30 and 7p Fit4Mom's 1 <u>11a Food Bank Delivery-Need Help</u>	2 7p AA crafting	3 Ping Pong 10-12:30Thai Chi 1-4 Recovery Intl 2-4 Truth & Love
4 10:30a Eucharist w Music 1-3 Choice Pantry Need Help	5 6:00 3 Legged Beginners AA 7:30 12X12 Little Mountain AA	6 12:15 AA 7-8 Augustine Flwshp 6-Den Mtg	7 8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30 Contemplative Prayer 10:30-12:30 Thai Chi	8 10-11a Music Therapy 7p Choir	9 12:15 p AA 7p AA crafting	10 Ping Pong 10-12:30Thai Chi 1-4 Recovery Intl 2-4 Truth & Love
11 Visitation by the Bishop 10:30a Eucharist w Music Online service Reception to meet and greet our new Bishop	12 6:00 3 Legged Beginners AA 7:30 12X12 Little Mountain AA	13 12:15 AA 1-3 Choice Pantry Need Help 6-7:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7-8 Augustine Flwshp 6-Den Mtg	14 8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30 Contemplative Prayer 10:30-12:30 Thai Chi 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30p McD AA	15 8-5 Chris-W.R. 11a Food Bank Delivery 7p Choir	16 9-5 Thai Chi Retreat 12:15p AA 7p AA crafting	17 Ping Pong 9-5 Thai Chi Retreat 2-4 Truth & Love 1-4 Recovery Intl
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