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God's Time

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**God's time,
that comes to mind
when
I am impatient,
waiting for something I want to happen.**

**I pray "...in God's time."
then
I tap my fingers.
I want to move; I want it to happen
now!**

**God's time,
I guess I'm learning, little by little.
Why does it take so long?
A lifetime! Amen.**

As we wait for the post-pandemic New Creation in Christ to reveal itself to us, (knowing that our Savior has already sown the seeds of Good News in our hearts), watch for news (via flocknote) of the new St. Andrew worship bags! These colorful plastic tote bags (re-usable and easily disinfected) will contain a prayer book, hymnal, and worship binder. We're putting these bags together for your personal/family use in worship at home and (in God's time) at church. Starting next week you can pick up your worship bag in the Narthex, or, at your request, we will deliver it to you.

We will continue to e-mail you the Sunday worship liturgy each week via flocknote. You can either choose to view the liturgy as an e-mail attachment or print it out and insert it in your worship binder. Once we do return to public worship, each person/family should bring his/her personal worship bag to church. You'll bring it, use it, then take it home again and maintain it for your personal use. We will not have worship resources available in the pews. This will help us minimize the danger of cross-contamination through the shared use of books binders for worship.

If you've not been receiving the St. Andrew weekly e-mails in your in-box please let the church office know (call Sherrie at 440-255-8842 or e-mail the church at standrewmentor@gmail.com). If you need us to mail you a hard-copy of the weekly liturgy, again, call the church office and we will accommodate. If you are new to St. Andrew and would like to share your contact information with us we will connect you to your neighbors at St. Andrew!

Until we meet again in person, may the peace of the Holy Trinity, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer protect you in whatever state you find yourself. Deep peace be with you, now and always. Amen. **Lisa+**

Returning to In-Person Worship

In May, Bishop Hollingsworth released the Diocese of Ohio's plan for our return to In-Person worship as we move forward in living life with the COVID-19 virus. The Phased Return to In-Person Parish Life for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio gives steps to follow for safe worship together. The plan does not define **when** we return to in-person worship, (that is decided on a parish-by-parish basis). The Plan does define the precautions we must take, and the procedures we must follow once the parish decides to return to in-person worship.

Requirements for in-person worship include:

- Masks are required to be worn by everyone including the celebrant and preacher.
- Both Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist are permitted liturgies for the principal service.
- It is impossible at this time to provide a safe method of distribution for consecrated elements in the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Therefore, at this time only the celebrant may receive the consecrated elements on behalf of the congregation, while all others say a prayer for spiritual communion.
- Singing carries a very high risk of transmission of the coronavirus, and therefore is not permitted by congregation or choir.
- Live-streaming may continue from inside the church building while maintaining appropriate physical distancing with any participants.
- There may be no physical touching during the passing of the peace and no leaving the pew to acknowledge others. It is permissible to omit the exchange of the peace.
- There is no passing of an offering plate through the pews. Encourage worshippers to offer financial gifts online or to a stationary plate as they enter.
- Households may sit together and at least six feet apart (i.e., 360°) from any others.
- To avoid crowding and bottlenecks, there should be no receiving line following any service.
- At the discretion of clergy and vestry, a brief fellowship time without coffee or food and with proper social distancing may be held, preferably out of doors.

You may read the full document outlining the return to worship and updates at www.dohio.org



What We're Doing At St. Andrew

After careful consideration of the risks involved for the congregation as well as analysis of the recommendations and requirements that must be met before we can meet together again, Rev. Lisa and the Vestry have unanimously decided that we will continue with online worship through the month of June.

The Vestry will discuss the possibility of in-person worship again at their next meeting. The decision was based on the average age/vulnerability of our congregation, along with the ability to provide proper cleaning to assure that areas are disinfected and carry minimal risk to participants.

While we all long to see each other and enter back into in-person worship, we must balance that with the ability to keep worshipers safe.





ZOOM with Us

While we stay apart due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the things that we miss most is the interaction with our church family. Catching up with friends, finding out how their week went, the challenges they are facing and fellowship is as much a part of our Sunday as is Holy Eucharist - and missed just as much! If you've not participated in the St. Andrew Zoom coffee hours, you are missing a chance to find this connection during these trying times. The virtual coffee hour takes place at 11:30 AM every Sunday and lasts for about 30 minutes. It's a chance to catch up with folks and check in with everyone. We've even had some old familiar faces drop by like Basil and Kay Wolfe and Priscilla and Wilmer Stowe. You can join with video from your computer or phone, or just dial in and be a part of the conversation. Each week Lisa sends a Flocknote email with all the details. If you are not receiving church emails, please call the office at 440-255-8842. A big thank you to Erin Garlock for sponsoring the Zoom meetings though his account. Join us and catch up!



THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Mentor Junior Women's Club for awarding a grant of \$750 to support the St. Andrew Food Pantry. The non-profit, volunteer organization has provided over 55 years of community service in the Mentor area. Each year they award grants to non-profit organizations based on their impact to families and residents of Lake County. We also thank Janna Penkowski, a St. Andrew and Mentor Junior Women's Club member for submitting the grant application!

And, thank you to the Lake County United Way for their \$900 contribution to the Food Pantry. We so appreciate the help in serving our neighbors. The Pantry has had an uptick in the number of first-time visitors needing food. These gifts/grants come at a critical time when the cost of food is increasing and some items are scarce. We, and our partners at Advent Lutheran, are grateful for the support. Truly, by working together we can help make sure no one goes hungry in Lake and Geauga Counties!

Dates to Remember - June

- 7 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 9 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 17 - Vestry Meeting (virtual), 6:30 PM
- 17 - Pantry Distribution
- 24 - Pantry Distribution

Virtual Services every Sunday at 10:30 AM on St Andrew Facebook and YouTube. Links are posted each week on our website: www.standrew-mentor.com.



Jubilee Garden

Things are growing at St. Andrew! Last year, as an addition to our feeding program, Lisa with the blessing of the Vestry put into motion a plan to use some of the land at St. Andrew to create a garden. Using raised beds, we would plant fruits and vegetables and then use the harvest to give away through our Food Pantry or as fresh ingredients for the St. James Lunch Program, or simply to distribute to members who may not have access to fresh vegetables. In the last month, many of the details for the garden have come together. We ordered and have received a few raised cedar beds, had soil delivered, and have vegetable seedlings (many from our St. Andrew Flower Sale). The plants have been planted and in a little while we should have fresh peppers, eggplant, kale and lots of tomatoes to give away. If you are interested in being part of the Jubilee Garden Care Team, contact Rev Lisa and join!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Louise Hassink 02
 Dona Currett 06
 Marybeth Primeau 12
 Elaine Abrams 13
 June Webb 14
 Rev. Dawson Moorer 21
 Katie Garlock 23
 Sherrie Sweet 24
 Susan Swain 26
 Violet Clements 28
 Melissa Connel 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Erin & Colleen Garlock 07
 Jeries & Samia Bishara 19

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



On Memorial Day, the St. Andrew Lunch Bunch cooked and served lunch for our neighbors in need who come to the St. James Lunch Program. As you can see, it was a bit different due to the pandemic. Meals were packaged and served through the doors of the church. Luckily it was a beautiful day for a picnic!

Special Prayer Request

Requesting special prayers for Marybeth Primeau and family. Marybeth has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and is recovering at home. Her son, who was giving her care, is also sick. Her brother is sick also. Prayer is powerful! Let's speed their recovery through our collective prayers!



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