



Good News

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

From the Rector

“The Peace of Wild Things”

Wendell Berry

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

I don’t know about you, but I am finding the natural world an enormous source of comfort and consolation during this time of social distancing. I miss our church family, our worship and our fellowship, together. I miss seeing your faces and hearing your voices on Sunday. I miss celebrating holy Eucharist and experiencing the presence of Christ in the midst of us.

I feel anxious about my friends, family, and loved-ones and pray that my beloved ones will escape the virus. I worry about my neighbors who have suffered job loss and are facing prolonged unemployment, hunger, and even homelessness. I find myself worried as well for the heroes among us, those health care workers, public safety personnel, shipping and transit professionals, and service industry workers who continue to get us every day and put themselves in harms way so that we have our best chance of staying alive, safe, healthy, and well-fed.

Somehow time spent in nature, walking, praying, listening, helps me feel close to God in a tangible way. God created the natural world and we are a part of God and of all creation, so it makes sense that time spent in nature is indeed time spent with God. I hope you step outside and commune with nature as the weather becomes more temperate. I think you’ll find, as I have found, that God is immediately present to us in the midst of it.

New Ways to Worship

Very few of us jump for joy when is change is mentioned. Usually our reaction is quite the opposite. Change takes us out of our comfort zone and prompts us to hold tight to what we know. Perhaps one of the blessings of this time, when we are isolated and forced to stay away from our faith community, is that we have to adapt. We must change and worship in different ways, which may not be such a bad thing. New ways of worship opens our eyes to new ideas, new prayers, new ways of seeing Jesus.

At St. Andrew, we invite you to join us online for worship. On Sundays we are offering a Facebook Live service at 10:30 AM. Just visit the St. Andrew facebook page to join us on Sunday. If you can't tune in live, a link to the worship video is on the homepage of our church website. We recently have started a YouTube channel as well, where we post the Sunday Worship service and a Wednesday Meditation.

On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday we'll mix it up a bit. St. Andrew will not offer live worship online on either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Instead, we encourage you to attend another internet-based Eucharist (such as our Diocese of Ohio Easter Eucharist at <http://trinitycleveland.org> or the Festive Eucharist offered by our National Cathedral, <http://cathedral.org>), then join us for a Zoom Coffee Hour!

Zoom is an internet-based meeting platform. Those who do not have internet can still call in and participate. Our Palm Sunday Zoom Coffee Hour starts at 5 pm (because it's a pantry day), and on Easter Sunday we'll gather virtually at noon.

During the week, look for Flocknote emails with up-to-date information and words of encouragement to help us get through this difficult time.

If you've not done so already, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, subscribe to the St. Andrew YouTube Channel or send us your email address to be included in our weekly Flocknote emails. It's a way we can be together without physically being together! Of course we can still send a card, write a letter, call, send texts or Zoom to stay connected.

If you need information about our upcoming Zoom coffee hours contact Lisa+ by phone, text, or e-mail at revlisastandrew@gmail.com or 216-402-9860.



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Send a Card

With so many of our members (especially those in care facilities) isolated, please consider brightening their day with a card. Even if you don't have a personal relationship with these loved members of our St. Andrew community, a card will be so very much appreciated! You only need write a simple message such as "Missing you at St. Andrew," and sign your name. This is the way we build community! Jesus commands us to love one another and believe it or not, a simple greeting card can express that love. Easter is the time when we celebrate the love of God - he loved us so much that he sent his Son to die on the cross for us! Let's spread that love to every member of the St. Andrew family! Here are a few addresses of parishioners who would love an Easter greeting:

Many of our parishioners are at The Enclave of Newell Creek. Send a card to each of them!

Wilma Wells
Jim Wells
Pat Foerst
Pete Sherman
c/o The Enclave at Newell Creek
7900 Center Street
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Elaine Abrams
7650 Fairview
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Margaret Sinclair
38460 Oakhill Ln.
Bldg. 8 Apt. 202
Willoughby, Oh. 44094

Doris Silvaroli
35100 Chardin Rd. #227
Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44077

We'll share more addresses soon.



*Signs of Spring at St. Andrew. Did you know the spice saffron is obtained from the stigmas of *Crocus sativus*, an autumn-blooming species?*

Our St. Andrew geese have arrived back at the church! A pair (we've named them Mary and Joseph) have taken up residence by the side office doors. They may have a nest nearby. Joseph likes to spend his days starring in the door, but I think he knows we have no room at the inn!



April Celebrations

Birthdays

Chris Sweet 05
Jim Brown 07
Jeane Beardsley 11
Julie Symonds 21
Karla Brandenburg 23
Debra Van Horn 24
Sandy Sandacz 25

Anniversaries

Kit & Karla Brandenburg 23
Ted & Kim Herczog 26

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

Flower Guild News

Thank you to all who donated for Easter Flowers and Palms. The palm crosses have arrived and I am expecting the fresh palms as well and they will be used for Palm Sunday service. Due to the current conditions, the traditional Easter flowers will take a different look for this year. In lieu of the Easter insert, the donations are listed below:

In thanksgiving for our family by Sandy and Bernadette Sandacz.

In thanksgiving for Ken's health by Ken and Judy Cudnik.

In memory of Dave Wells, and Chet and Janet Doubleday by Kate Wells.

In memory of her daughter, Beth, by Louise Hassink.

In memory of Judge Richard A. Swain by Susan E. Swain.

In memory of Richard and Elizabeth Heyworth by Susan Heyworth Swain and Jane Heyworth Reed.

In memory of Wayne and Louise Durkee by Diane Smith.

In memory of Dave Pulman, Robert and Thelma Shutt, William and Lillian Shutt, Lundy and Louise Lawrence, Clifford and Iris Pulman, and Glyn and Nina Williams by Debbie Pulman.

In memory of Wanda, Mason, Jack, Ada, Ann and Claude by June Williams Webb.



In Memory of Loved Ones by:

The Spiesman Family

The Penkowski Family

Tom and Joan Lally

Randy and Carol Pengov

Doug and Maryellen Sundstrom



*Alleluia.
Christ is
risen!
The Lord is
risen
indeed.
Alleluia!*

Dates to Remember: April

1 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM

5 - Palm Sunday Online Holy Eucharist

Parish Zoom Coffee Hour at 5 pm

10 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM

12 - Easter Sunday Online Holy Eucharist

Parish Zoom Coffee Hour at Noon

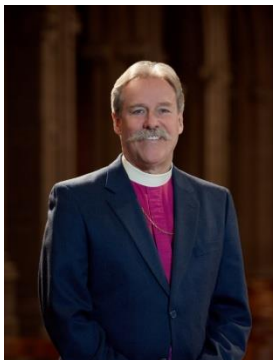
18 - Online Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM



Your Pledge

Dealing with COVID-19 has been difficult for everyone. Many people are newly unemployed and struggling to make ends meet. At St. Andrew we ask if you are able to honor your pledge, either weekly or monthly, to do so. While we are not meeting, we still have expenses that we must pay like heat, electric and salaries. We so appreciate everyone's support of St. Andrew and I know that we will all get through this together.

God Bless,
Andy Spiesman
Stewardship Chair



Message from Bishop Hollingsworth

"Living in a desolate moment does not necessarily lead to desolation of the spirit and soul. It may increase our vulnerability to it, but need not leave us in despair. In this uncertain time, surely St. Paul's words to the church in Rome speak with all the certainty we need:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we

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Through all the challenges and uncertainties of this present time our Savior Jesus Christ remains our most powerful and immediate source of comfort, consolation, and inspiration. Jesus' suffering was profound, beyond anything we can imagine, yet he suffered willingly, for love of us, so that all of humanity could be free to live in love, and learn in love, and ultimately become perfect in love as he is perfect.

As we enter into the emotional arc of Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Week we are challenged, now more than ever, to apply Jesus' example of self-sacrifice and love to our current reality. In this moment of worry, grief, and fear, our gracious Lord, Jesus Christ, invites us to pick up our cross and follow him. Jesus will help us bear our burdens even as he carries his own burden, our sins, to Calvary.

To practice the presence of Jesus Christ this Holy Week, think on his suffering, his grace, and his self-sacrificing love for you and all that is. Step outside, breathe the free air and open your heart to God's eternal presence in bird-song, and daffodil, and the promise of a new day. Remember Jesus, experience Christ, and be at peace.



are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

An excerpt from the Bishop's March 24th letter **Reflections on Ambiguity and Isolation.**

To read the entire letter visit <https://dohio.org>

