



St. Andrew

Episcopal Church Community

Good News

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

From the Rector

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

-1 Corinthians 13

Are there any more inspiring and affirming words than these for those who seek to live through times of trouble in Christ? I included the entire chapter here because I needed to hear these words today and expect that you do too. Although social isolation continues to be required of us in order to keep each other safe, community is what sustains us. It's a quandary that we meet as best we can with patience, prayer, and love.

This February 7-14 we at St. Andrew will have a wonderful opportunity join with our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese to learn and love together safely and in solidarity with all the people of God. Winter Convocation is going virtual! If you've never experienced the joys of Winter Convocation—the fellowship and inspiration that comes



Last year's Annual Meeting

Vestry Nominations

Nominations are now open for parishioners to serve on the 2021 Vestry. Nominees should be members of St. Andrew who are committed to serving the congregation in a leadership capacity. Vestry members commit to active participation for a three year term. Elected at the Annual Meeting, they work with the Rector to set goals and priorities to support the mission of St. Andrew. The Vestry is responsible for the church having the necessary funds and appropriate assets, to accomplish this mission. Nominations are being sought to fill two three year Vestry terms. You may nominate yourself or another parishioner (with their consent). If you have any questions or would like to discuss this process further, please contact Rev. Lisa O'Rear at revlisastandrew@gmail.com.

Dates to Remember: January

- 12 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 18 - St. James Lunch Service, 11 AM
- 20 - Food Pantry Distribution, 6:30-8:30 PM
- 27 - Food Pantry Distribution, 6:30-8:30 PM
- 31 - Annual Meeting, 11:30 AM
- 31 - Vestry Organizational Meeting, 12:30 PM

Virtual Services continue Sundays on St. Andrew Facebook (10:30 AM) and YouTube (10:45 AM).
Links are posted each week on our website:
www.standrew-mentor.com.

Annual Meeting January 31

On Sunday, January 31 at 11:30 AM, plan to attend the St. Andrew annual meeting (via Zoom) to celebrate the accomplishments of this past year and address important parish business. We will listen to reports from our Ministry and Vestry leaders, review the 2021 budget , and elect members to the Vestry.

While not meeting in person due to the pandemic, it is still very important that a majority of the parish community attend the meeting as we chart the course for the coming year. If 2020 proved one thing, the St. Andrew community is more than meeting together at a church building! We are a loving community able to adapt and worship in different ways. It's been quite a bumpy journey this year, but when you think about it I believe our faith has grown and we lived the command to love our neighbor.

The meeting should last approximately 30 -45 minutes. Please save the date and make plans to be a part of this all parish event. Instructions to access the meeting will be sent via Flocknote. If you have questions or are not registered to receive Flocknote notifications, please call the office at 440-255-8842.



2020 Vestry members

Thank you for your Pledges...

Thank you to all who have made a pledge of Time, Talent and Treasure to St. Andrew for 2021. Together we are the body of Christ and can make an impact on our community at this time. We so appreciate each and every member of St. Andrew and your support of the church's mission and ministries.

Please note: If you requested pledge envelopes they are on the way and should arrive very soon.

Special Thanks

St. Andrew is blessed with community partners that help us maintain and expand our ministries. These donations fill a gap allowing us to serve more of our neighbors or provide much needed maintenance to the church and grounds. This month we'd like to offer special thanks to:

- The **Elks USA** for their \$1750 grant to be used for the Choice Food Pantry.
- **Convenient Food Mart** for their generous donation of \$500 to the Food Pantry.
- **Julie Symonds** (Mary Provins' daughter) & friends for the donation of gently used toys to give away to our Food Pantry neighbors at Christmas.
- Members of the **Holiday Cookie Exchange Group** (Barb, Debbie, Kathy, Laura, Meg, Suzanne, Terri & Mary) who donated \$260 in memory of Reggi Kucera to be used for Scattering Garden expenses. Here is a portion of their letter:
"Our dear friend Regina Kucera was a member of our Holiday Cookie Exchange group. The group has once again chosen to forgo an ornament exchange and instead wants to make a donation to your church's Scattering Garden in Reggi's memory....The garden was near and dear to Reggi's heart."



A big thank you to everyone who gave personal care items and funds to purchase items for the St. Andrew Giving Tree. We will have soap, shampoo, lotions, paper products and other items to give away at our January Food Pantry distributions.

January Celebrations

Anniversaries

Joe & Kathy Gudel 31

Birthdays

Mary Ellen Fecser - 05

Megan Yoney - 05

Mary Provins - 14

Maryellen Sundstrom - 14

Sandy Mazelis - 15

Marilyn Pastor -16

Kit Brandenburg - 28

Brian Rotz - 28

Jack Semenik - 30

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary?

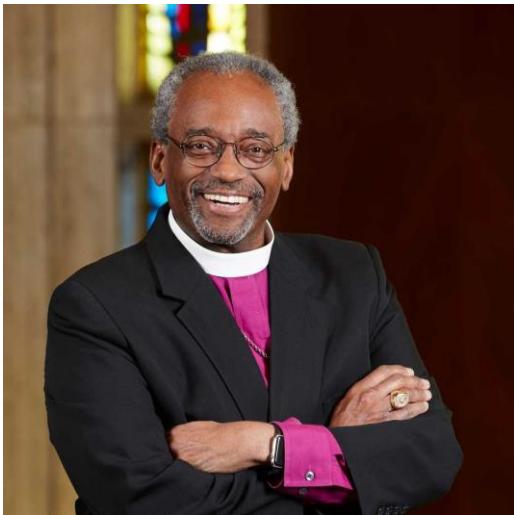
Contact the Office at
440-255-8842 and let us know!

St. James Lunch Bunch

Every Monday holiday throughout the year, a group of St. Andrew volunteers prepare a meal for St. James Lunch program. The program, at St. James in Painesville, feeds

feeds between 90-135 neighbors who are homeless, hungry or just need a little extra help to get by. New volunteers are always welcome. During the pandemic meals are cooked by volunteers and distributed "to go" through the front door of the church to minimize contact and provide social distancing. If you are interested, contact Conrad Galayda at 440-413- 8712. The next Monday holiday meal is on Martin Luther King, Jr., Monday, January 18th. Please call if you have a few hours to spare. Volunteers usually arrive at 11 AM and are finished by 2 PM.





Presiding Bishop Curry

Sacred Ground is coming to St. Andrew

Sacred Ground is an Episcopal Church created film-documentary and readings based dialogue series on race designed for small groups. It is a part of the “Becoming Beloved Community” initiative in our church. Through the series, participants take a walk through history and explore together how our personal family histories as largely European Americans intersect with the family histories of people of color-Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories. Through the series, which by all accounts is both challenging and engaging, we are invited to “peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.”

**From death to life, from lost to found
You've made our hearts
Your sacred ground
To sin and death, no longer bound
to worship you on sacred ground.**
Sacred Ground - Avalon

We'll begin the 10 part series together, watching the documentaries and pursuing the readings individually, then coming together weekly over the course of the spring (via zoom) to share our thoughts, impressions, questions, responses, and learning edges. There will be no judgment or shaming here-just an opportunity to learn from our past, gain insights together about our present, and move forward into a future defined by our faith, as manifested in our beloved community.

We will begin the series together during the week of Ash Wednesday (February 17) and continue for 10 weeks. Watch for information about series access and zoom meet-ups. Listen to the Introduction to the series and a get a good word from Presiding Bishop Curry here: <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>

Let's do this thing together! Looking forward to making the journey with you.

Pack 79 St. Andrew Food Pantry Donation

A big thank you to the Cub Scouts and their families for their generous donation to the Food Pantry. St. Andrew is the Charter Organization for the Scouts and supports the group by providing use of the building for meetings. Since the boys were unable to collect food/donations this year over Thanksgiving and during their annual Holiday Bake-Off, the Pack set up a donation website. The Scouts raised \$290 for the St. Andrew Food Pantry to help provide local Mentor families with food! Thanks Pack 79 for your care and support!



We are always looking for additional Lectors and Prayer Leaders to participate in the St. Andrew online worship. If you are interested in reading a scripture or leading the Prayers of the People in our Sunday video, please call the church office at 440-255-8842 or contact Lisa at revlisastandrew@gmail.com.

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learning together and inspiring one another with new ideas and best practices, this is the year to enter into Winter Convocation! The plan is this: Between Monday February 8 and Sunday February 14 you will have the opportunity to take part in up to 6 one-hour, online workshops. Each worship will have some pre-work required (watching a video or reading a chapter provided) so that the 1 hour zoom workshop-time together can be focused and substantive.

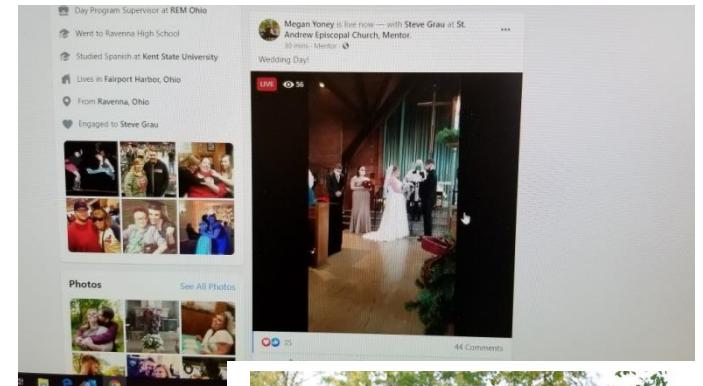
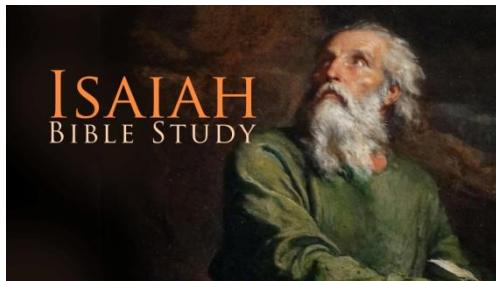
The worship topics look to be fun and fascinating! The keynote speaker, The Rev. Sean Steele, is Vicar and founding clergy of St. Isadore, a church “experiment” in Texas composed of small-batch, sacramental, prayer book rooted missional communities—a dispersed church with no walls that works! Look here for more information about St. Isadore: <http://faithandleadership.com/church-has-no-walls-many-doors-accessible-seekers-and-skeptics>.

Other workshops include a discussion about **Love, Loss, and Longing** with the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, writer of *A Family Like Mine: Biblical Stories of Love, Loss, and Longing*. Rosalind’s book is excellent and every participant gets a copy! Another workshop will focus on **Soul-tending at home and in Nature** led by the Rev. Anna Sutterisch. Youth will be treated to an interactive game night on Wednesday 2-10, and the farmer and chef of Bellwether Farm will join forces to share with us how they experience God in their respective vocations. Watch for news about registration, which will come shortly. **It's all free and all are welcome! Let's make this the year to experience Winter Convocation together!**

Join the St. Andrew Adult Formation Class Isaiah, Part One....

Beginning on January 31st, Dawson's bible study class will start a three-part series on the book of Isaiah. Perhaps the most influential prophetic book of the Old Testament, Isaiah covers three eras of Judah's history (hence, the three parts). It has much to say about God's relationship with the people of God, and has had a powerful impact on our understanding of Jesus and his ministry among us, all of which is as relevant now as it was 2800 years ago.

The class meets via Zoom every Sunday morning at 9 AM, and runs for about an hour (unless we get sidetracked, which happens pretty often). The first book costs \$23.00, but please don't let the cost be an issue; we can always help with that. There are nine people in the class right now, and there is always room for more. So join us – the conversations are great, and we all have a good time. If you do want to start participating, please call Dawson at 330-256-7554 as soon as you can, so he can order books. We'd love to have you become part of the class.



It's not
exactly
what they
had
planned...



What do you do when you've been planning a wedding for two years and then a pandemic happens? Adapt! That's what St. Andrew's Megan Yoney and Steve Grau had to do for their wedding on December 31st. When it became clear that a big wedding wasn't going to happen, they opted for small and intimate ceremony with just a few guests in person and the rest attending via Facebook! Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Grau. Wishing you many years of happiness!

