



Good News

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

From the Rector

This week I was blessed by the opportunity to spend a few days in Geneva on the Lake with the bishop, our assisting bishops and my clergy colleagues from the Diocese of Ohio for our annual clergy conference. The theme of our time together was *rest* and throughout the event we meditated, silently and aloud, on Matthew 11:29-30:

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Each day we heard brief reflections on aspects of this scripture from our brothers and sisters and had the opportunity to talk in small groups about their reflections, the scripture, and our own states of being in the aftermath of the pandemic. We prayed together, sang together, grieved and laughed together, and were treated to a concert by the wonderful Kate Campbell <http://www.katecampbell.com>. Our three days in community reminded me of how much we need rest, all of us, and the companionship of one another. These days gave us the opportunity to take a long view on the work we do as priests in our time, and on the eternal work of the church as a whole, lay and clergy alike.

Noah Sutterich, a young priest in charge at All Saints in Parma, offered a reflection during our time together, and included in it a prayer written by Fr. Ken Untener titled *Prophets of a Future Not Our Own*. It spoke to me about our mutual ministry as the parish of St. Andrew-faithful work we do together, in loving obedience to our Savior, who called us to take his yoke upon us (*even as he carries our burdens*) learn from him, and do our part to build the New Creation in Christ, for our time and all the times to come. Our rest comes in the knowledge that the work of love will continue eternally and that we are eternally a part of it.

I share the prayer here to inspire you to claim the rest you need even as you carry the yoke of Christ.

Ladies Bible Study



Join Peggy Sturm, EVERY Monday at 1:00 pm at St. Andrew for an hour of Bible study, prayer, and of course, fellowship!

On May 16th, when Peggy's sister Carol is home from Florida, we will begin a study of the Old Testament book of Daniel, based on "Spiritual Living in a Secular World," a Life Guide Bible Study from InterVarsity Press.

Bring a Bible if you have one, if not, we have extras! No book to purchase and NO HOMEWORK! Just come whenever you are able!

Hope you can join us! Any questions, please call Peggy at 440.226.6341.



Flower Sale Pickup

Don't forget your flowers!

Orders from the St. Andrew annual flower sale are to be picked up on Friday May, 20th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Summer Worship Schedule

Our Summer worship schedule will start Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 29) with just one Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM.

On that day, as well as every second and fourth summer Sunday, our Praise Band will lead us in song and we will be worshipping in the St. Francis outdoor chapel (weather permitting)

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket on outdoor service weeks.

We welcome Abigail Lee Papaleo who was committed to Christ in Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 24th. Abigail is the granddaughter of Joe Papaleo.



Mowers Needed

Welcome all! Mowing season is about to begin! The riding mower is being serviced this week. We also have a self-propelled walk behind mower, and a gas-powered line trimmer. Any help at all would be appreciated. The shed doors have been modified and are now easy to open.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Anyone interested, please speak to Joe Sturm (440.226.6341) to go over a few things.



BOCCE IS BACK

Gather a team of four and get ready for fun! Bocce registration forms will be sent via Flocknote or can be picked up in the Narthex. Register your team by Sunday, June 12th!

Game Nights: July 5, 12, 19 & 26
Super Bocce Bowl: August 2

Grill opens for food at 6:00pm
Games start at 6:30

May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 05 Emma Heim
- 05 Mark Lemieux
- 06 Todd Penkowski
- 10 Kevin Penkowski
- 11 Erin Garlock
- 19 Tim Herczog
- 25 Janna Penkowski
- 27 Evelyn Messmore
- 30 Randy Pengov

Anniversaries

- 01 Tony Wesley & Alfred Cowger
- 08 Wayne & Christine Heim
- 08 Vince & Alissa Sitkowski
- 12 Robert & Norma Pattison
- 15 Ken & Judy Cudnik
- 18 Doug & Maryellen Sundstrom
- 29 Chris & Sarah Peshek
- 30 Randy & Carol Pengov
- 31 William & Meg Nemeth



Vestry Notes

The Vestry wants your input! Every month, we will be sending out an email asking for your ideas on what we need to discuss in our meetings. If you notice something that needs to be repaired in the buildings or grounds or have ideas for new or improved ministries, we want to hear it! This column in the Good News will report back on both these ideas and our regular business.

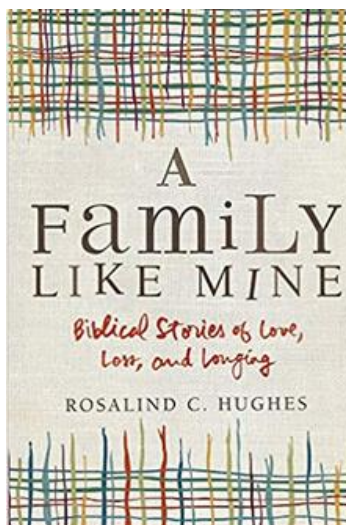


Our April meeting was full of ideas for improving our grounds and buildings as well as upcoming ministries. In the past month, the dehumidifier was replaced in the sacristy and a new snow thrower purchased so we can clear our sidewalks of winter snow. Our Junior Warden, Joe Papaleo, welcomed Joe Sturm as his assistant for Buildings and Grounds. They will be assessing the entire church building for needed repairs.

Our Senior Warden, Tony Wesley, is mapping out a large project regarding the roof. More information on that project will be coming soon.

Summer Book Club

Look to June for a Summer Book Club. We will be reading and discussing ***A Family Like Mine: Biblical Stories of Love, Loss and Longing*** by local author and Episcopal priest Rosalind Hughes.



If you're interested in joining, contact the office at standrewmentor@gmail.com or 440.255.8842 by May 15th.

A count is needed to make a bulk order of the book. Folks can pay the office for their book as they are able.

All are welcome - invite your friends and family

Church Life Profile Request

Church Life features a profile section where three parishioners from throughout the Diocese share their journey with their faith/The Episcopal Church. These are very short (150-175 words) and include a headshot. If you would like to submit a profile for consideration, please send your submission and headshot to Jessica Rocha at jrocha@dohio.org.

From the Rector (continued from page 1)

We are Prophets of a Future Not Our Own

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Important Dates in May

- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 Food Pantry 1 – 3 pm
- 16 Ladies Bible Study 1 – 2 pm
- 18 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 Flower Sale Pickup 1 – 6 pm
- 23 Ladies Bible Study 1 – 2 pm
- 29 First Summer Service 10:30 am
- 30 Ladies Bible Study 1 – 2 pm



A Lector reads the scripture at an outdoor service.

We Need You!

Looking for parishioners to serve as Lectors for in-person as well as online worship. We also need folks to lead the weekly Prayers of the People. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please contact Rev. Lisa or Sherrie in the St. Andrew office at 440.255.8842.

Thanks !

A big thank you to Andy Spiesman, who has been producing and writing the Good News for St. Andrew for many, many years.

Janna Penkowski is taking over this task and wants your input on good news to include. Please send articles and feedback to Janna at janna.penkowski@gmail.com.