



Good News

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

From the Rector

"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed."

-1 John 3:2

We are dwelling in an in-between time at St. Andrew right now-the sacred space between what is and what will be. We've held together as a community of faith throughout the pandemic. We've suffered losses as a church and as individuals, and we feel those losses keenly. Now it is spring again, literally and metaphorically, and isn't it a glorious spring?! Has there ever been a more glorious spring than this?! Our Lord is risen, blossoms abound, and anything is possible in this season of new growth. We are changed, yet our sacred circle of love and faith remains unbroken.

Soon we will gather in-person, at long last, to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, that momentous day when the Holy Spirit came to dwell with the disciples as Jesus had promised. She dwells with us today, among us and within us, and the Holy Spirit will surely attend our upcoming Pentecost celebration as comforter, advocate, and eternal source of inspiration.

The coming of the Holy Spirit guided the disciples and the early church as they negotiated the changes engendered by our Lord's death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit will guide us too as we negotiate the changes that will necessarily come as we reconfigure our pattern of doing church together, of being church together in the post-pandemic age.

Let your creativity flow as you dream about our church to come. Then share your dream with us! Look for a brief parish survey in your in-box before months end. We look forward your input-your hopes and dreams for St. Andrew in the days to come.

One thing that we've learned about worship during the pandemic is that we can do anything together through Christ who strengthens us. Our online worship nourishes many each Sunday and has extended our outreach via the world-wide web in delightful and unexpected ways.

Back to Church!

Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and is considered the "birthday" of the church. This year's celebration on May 23rd will take on new meaning as it is the date when we will return to in-person worship following over a year apart due to the pandemic.

At the end of March, Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, who has with great care guided all parishes through the pandemic, returned decision making regarding in-person gathering to parish leadership. While the Diocese guidelines remain in place, the final decision to return to in-person worship has been made by Rev. Lisa and the St. Andrew Vestry. It is not a decision made lightly, trends in new cases, hospitalizations and other data was analyzed for Lake County, in conjunction the roll out and accessibility of the Covid-19 vaccine. With safety of parish members as a top priority, it was decided that Sunday, May 23rd (Pentecost) would be the first in-person, Holy Eucharist back in the church building.

As mentioned, Diocesan safety guidelines remain in effect for all gatherings. these include:

- Masks are required to be worn by everyone including the celebrant and preacher.
- There may be no physical touching during the passing of the peace and no leaving the pew to acknowledge others.
- Congregations must follow all physical distancing guidelines,
- No live singing

A complete list of guidelines is available at dohio.org.

On May 23rd one in-person service will be offered at 10:30 AM. Please remember to bring your mask and worship bag containing your hymnal and prayer book.



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Acts2:1

April Celebrations

Birthdays

05	Chris Sweet
07	Jim Brown
17	Marcus Peshek
18	Tony Wesley
21	Julie Symonds
23	Karla Brandenburg
24	Debra Van Horn
25	Sandy Sandacz

Anniversaries

23	Kit & Karla Brandenburg
26	Ted & Kim Herczog

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

Flower Sale Orders Due April 15th

Our annual St. Andrew Flower sale is in progress. Order forms for the sale are available in the Narthex or online at www.standrew-mentor.com, under the home tab.

Return flower orders with your payment to the St. Andrew office by April 15th and plants will be available for pick up on Friday, May 21st between 1 and 7 PM - just in time for Memorial Day planting.

Due to the pandemic, flowers will be available by preorder only, and will be loaded into vehicles for contactless pick up.



Dates to Remember: April

- 13 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 18 - Front Porch Eucharist*, 12 PM
- 21 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 24 - Spring Clean Up, 9 - 11 AM
- 25 - Front Porch Eucharist*, 12 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.

*weather dependent



A Note from Joe and Peggy

Immediately after arriving in Punta Gorda, Fl. in January, I was hospitalized for a couple of days with Covid. With good medical care, and an infusion, I was released to go home to fully recover, which I did.

The first week in March we received the heartbreaking news that my younger sister Judy, had very unexpectedly went into the arms of Jesus.

We flew home for the funeral, and then back to Florida.

Joe and I cannot put into words how we felt and are still feeling, when all the prayers, cards, and calls, came to encourage and helped to give us strength and peace from the very beginning when we first arrived,

Without the Lord, our family and friends, and our very special St. Andrew family, we can't even imagine, nor do we want to, how we would have even been to this place of peace and yes, even joy.

God bless each and every one of you, and we are looking forward to returning home on April 8th.

Joe & Peggy Sturm



Jubilee Garden

Spring is here and work on planning this year's Jubilee Garden is continuing. Over the last month, the Jubilee Garden committee (a group of nine or ten, parishioners, community members and friends) has been working on:

- Finalizing the installation of a garden fence.
- Having the soil tested.
- Crop selection and creating a garden plan.
- Gathering materials to amend the soil.
- Researching install of a drip irrigation system.

It seems hard to believe but in just a few short weeks it will be time to plant our garden.

Anyone with an interest in gardening or food sharing is welcome to join the Jubilee Garden committee or volunteer to help plant/weed/water.

None of us are expert gardeners, but we share

a passion for sharing God's love through the growing and giving away of church-grown produce. If you are interested, or have gardening knowledge to share, contact Rev. Lisa and join us in the garden!



Prayer List

Greg Bailey
Jane Layne
Arthur
Kathy Heim
Judy
Pete Sherman
Jerry King
Anne Ericson
Jim Brown
Ken Cudnik
Sandy Sandacz
Marilyn Pastor
Conrad Galayda



Spring Clean-Up Saturday, April 24 9 AM to 11 AM

Join us as we get the Church grounds ready for spring. Make St. Andrew inviting and welcoming by helping to rake up the dead leaves, gumballs and getting the beds ready for planting.

Please bring gardening tools (rake, blower, tarp) and gloves. Come dressed for the weather!

Please stop by and help, even if you can't stay for the whole time.





Nadia Bishara Dorenkott **Memorial Walkway**

How is someone remembered? Outgoing, beautiful, happy, caring, mother, daughter, and friend are just some of the words that could be used to describe Nadia Bishara Dorenkott, daughter of longtime parishioners Samia and Jeries Bishara.

Nadia passed away in October 2018 after battling cancer, leaving behind husband Eric and two young children Sammie and Lucy.

When Samia & Jeries heard that the St. Francis outdoor chapel at St. Andrew was in need of some upgrades, they decided to fund the walkway project in memory of Nadia. The walkway will provide much-needed access to the chapel as well as the Sherman Memorial Scattering Garden.

A beautiful gift to remember such a beautiful person. Thank you Samia & Jeries. Look for the addition of perennials near the start and end of the walkway later this summer.

Summer is for Bocce... and We Need Your Help!

The longtime St. Andrew tradition of Bocce on the front lawn is set to return this summer!

After our Covid break, we are all anxious to toss the pallino and compete. Games will be played Tuesday evenings in July, followed by a Super Bocce Bowl Showdown in August. The popular Bocce Grill will also be back in business offering delicious dinner options sure to tempt your taste buds.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with Bocce should call the office at 440-255-8842 or contact Rev. Lisa at: revlisastandrew@gmail.com

From the Rector (continued from page 1)

During the pandemic our weekly worship numbers have doubled most Sundays. How might we continue to extend our reach post-pandemic through online worship?

And when we come together for live services on Sunday, what time should that be? Is 10:30 am still the preferred time or do you have other thoughts? How might we make good use of our outdoor St. Francis Chapel this summer and beyond in light of continuing social distancing needs? When and where should we gather for our contemporary worship service which has proven to be a primary conduit to new growth?

In light of all we have learned as individuals and as a faith community during the pandemic, where, when, and how would you like to see us to gather together as church in the days to come? How can St. Andrew best serve your needs and the needs of all who seek the good news in the post-pandemic age? With the Book of Common Prayer to ground us, bonds of love and affection to connect us, the Word made flesh to lead us, and the Holy Spirit to guide us onward what riches we can share together going forward!

Thank you for your love and dedication to this faith community we share. May the circle be unbroken!

