



## Good News

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

### From the Rector

***“Christ alone, of all the philosophers, magicians, etc., has affirmed eternal life as the most important certainty, the infinity of time, the futility of death, the necessity and purpose of serenity and devotion. He lived serenely, as an artist greater than all other artists, scorning marble and clay and paint, working in the living flesh.***

***In other words, this peerless artist, scarcely conceivable with the blunt instrument of our modern, nervous and obtuse brains, made neither statues nor paintings nor books. He maintained in no uncertain terms that he made...living men, immortals.”***

-Letter from Vincent Van Gogh to artist Emil Bernard, June 26, 1888.  
found at: <https://www.davidpaulkirkpatrick.com>



***Pieta of Jesus and Mary  
Vincent Van Gogh. 1890***



### **A Note about Palm Sunday**

Our Palm Sunday Liturgy is on April 10th. We will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with just one Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM. Please gather in the Narthex for the Procession of the Palms. The service will end with the reading of the Passion, as we prepare for Holy Week.

### **Watch & Pray**

On Maundy Thursday (April 14) following the 7 PM service, we invite you to spend an hour watching and praying. The traditional Prayer Vigil will take place overnight at the church. You may either come to the church where the altar of repose will be located in the Narthex, or pray from home, as we commemorate Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane before his crucifixion, His plea to the disciples was "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." Can you watch and pray for an hour? A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

### **Update to Mask Policy**

After careful consideration, the Rector and Vestry of St. Andrew have decided that face masks are **optional** for worship and all parish functions. Anyone who wishes to continue to mask and/or distance for reasons of personal safety will be respected and will be supported.

***As always, our masking/distancing policy may be modified in future based upon CDC recommendations.***

# *Easter is Coming!*

Easter Sunday is April 17th and we will celebrate the Resurrection at 10:30 AM with a festive Holy Eucharist featuring Organ, Choir and our Praise Band.

There will be just one service that day, followed by a coffee hour and Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn. All are welcome!



*Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!*

## **Dates to Remember: April**

- 3 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 3 - Care Planning Coffee Hour, 11:30 AM
- 9 - Altar Guild All Clean, 9:30 AM
- 10 - Palm Sunday, 10:30 AM
- 12 - Food Pantry, 1 - 3 PM
- 13 - Healing Eucharist, 7 pm
- 14 - Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, 6:30 PM
- 14 - Maundy Thursday Eucharist, 7 PM
- 15 - Good Friday, 7 PM
- 16 - Flower Guild Easter Prep, 10:30 AM
- 17 - Easter Sunday, 10:30 AM
- 20 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 23 - Spring Clean Up, 9 - 11 AM

*There will be just one service at 10:30 AM on Palm Sunday and Easter. Our April online services are on April 10th and 24th.*



How do we discern the answers to these weighty questions? In prayer both silent and corporate, in the embrace of the sacraments and IN DIALOGUE.

Thus my appeal — please help to widen the dialogue. Kindly grab any of us and bend our elbow and ear — whether in person, by email or by phone. Please share your questions, answers and most of all your imaginations so that we all together as a parish might “witness to Christ in the world using the gifts the Spirit” gives to ALL of us.

*Tony Wesley, Senior Warden*

## **From Your Vestry: *Using the gifts the Spirit gives us***

In the Book of Common Prayer used by our siblings in New Zealand, the following question and answer stand out:

*What is the ministry of lay persons?*

From baptism, their vocation is to witness to Christ in the world using the gifts the Spirit gives them. Within the Church they share in the leadership of worship and in government.

With confidence, hope and faith, your kindred on vestry hope to find ways to fulfill this call.

Although we do spend time discussing leaky roofs and patchy finances, we also commit to you that as we set agendas, review financial results, talk about our physical plant - and most of all AS WE IMAGINE that we will ask ourselves and each other the following questions.

Does this witness the heart of God?  
Does this reconcile the people of God?  
Does this bring in the wonder of God?  
Does this build up our relationship with God and one another?  
Does this glorify God’s longing desires for us?

Together as a parish might “witness to Christ in the world using the gifts the Spirit” gives to ALL of us.

## **Flower Sale Orders Due April 6th**



The annual St. Andrew Flower Sale is in progress. This year we are using online ordering. Place your order at:

<https://www.farmraiser.com/campaigns/st-andrew-spring-flower-sale/market>

Plants will be available for pick up on Friday, May 20th between 1 and 6 PM - just in time for Memorial Day planting.

Flowers are available by preorder only. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew ministries.



# Jubilee Garden

Spring is here and work on planning this year's Jubilee Garden has begun. In just a few short weeks it will be time to plant our summer crops. 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!



## A Teaching Garden

Rev. Lisa would like to connect with young people in the community to share learning opportunities through the Jubilee Garden. If you have connections to youth organizations, home school co-opts or other youth based groups, please send the contact information to Lisa.



## 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

### 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!*



## Summer Camp at Bellwether Farm

Join friends for the best week of the summer! Bellwether Farm is a working farm with fields, forests, and facilities sure to transform lives. Overnight summer camp lets children immerse themselves in fun, engaging activities which seek to teach healthy social, nutritional, and environmental practices, while providing a safe context in which to encounter God's beautiful creation. For information or to register visit: [bellwetherfarm.com/register](http://bellwetherfarm.com/register)

*St. Andrew has funds available to help send youth to camp at Bellwether Farm. Contact Rev. Lisa for details.*



## Easter Flowers

Please join us on Saturday, April 16th at 10:30 to prepare St. Andrew Church for Easter services! All are welcome and no experience is necessary!

Due to the generosity of our parishioners over the past few years, the Flower Guild has a surplus that will be used to cover the cost of palms and Easter flowers this year. No donations are being solicited. The commendations in the bulletin for flowers will be the same as at Christmas. If you would like to alter or make additions, please contact Janna at:

[janna.penkowski@gmail.com](mailto:janna.penkowski@gmail.com).

Thank you!



## It's Almost Time for Bocce

After a two year hiatus, we are hoping to bring back the St. Andrew tradition of Bocce on the front lawn this summer!

Preliminary plans call for games on Tuesday evenings in July, followed by a Super Bocce Bowl Showdown in August. And while we have lost our grillmaster Conrad, we anticipate the popular Bocce Grill will back in business too. (He wouldn't have it any other way!).

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](mailto:revlisastandrew@gmail.com)

## From the Rector (continued from page 1)

Thank you to all who took the time to explore our Lenten Devotional "*Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent.*" A special thanks to those who attended our Lenten Soup Supper and Movie Night viewing of "*At Eternity's Gate.*" We can learn so much from exploring the lives and work of our fellow humans, and Van Gogh is no exception.

For some, the thought of seeking spiritual insight from an artist, particularly an artist who suffered from mental illness, may have seemed counterintuitive or perhaps even distasteful. But for those who have experienced his art, through the now popular *Van Gogh Immersive Exhibit*, or at other physical and virtual art venues throughout the world, the Divine Spark in his work is evident.

We are all artists in our own lives, whatever our gifts. When we live intentionally, seeking the light of Christ in the living of our day-to-day lives, we reflect that light and draw others to its warmth and healing grace.

As our Lenten pilgrimage comes to a close, seek the light of Christ in whatever state you find yourself, and you will surely find it, making your way clear. Share the Divine light that is in you with all you meet, not forgetting your St. Andrew community. Join us for Palm Sunday, Holy Week observances, and the Easter to come. Let your light shine!

**Seek the Light of Christ,  
Find the Light of Christ,  
Be the Light of Christ.**

## Altar Guild

Join us for the **All Clean** on Saturday April 9th at 9:30 AM

All Clean is done twice a year before Easter and Christmas.

At All Clean all team members, or anyone who would like to help, attend to do the following: polish all silver & brass, clean altar area furniture and floor, set up for upcoming services, change hangings, fill the candles with oil, change the linen on altar and credence tables.

All are welcome to join us!

# PINWHEEL COLORING SHEET



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## **Spring Clean-Up** **April 23, 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!

## **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Show your support to end child abuse and promote education for prevention by wearing blue to work on April 13th.

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call the Child Abuse Hotline at 440-350-4000, then press "1". Reporting child abuse is a way to stop child abuse.