



Good News

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

From the Rector

*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.
- Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NRSV)*

August is upon us and with it comes the need to review and organize our parish worship, Christian education, and building maintenance schedules for the upcoming program year. Worship and Christian Education plans are underway. After much time away from in-person worship in our sacred space, some of us are noticing maintenance and repair issues in the building and around the grounds that need attention. Our goal, always, in worship, education, and outreach is to serve each other in love, serve our neighbors in love, and create community together. How do our church building and grounds contribute to our worship, sharing, and community-building? What should our funding priorities be in pursuing the preservation and improvement of our church building and parish grounds? What funds are available to us as a parish to do this work?

These are all critical questions for us to ask and answer together as we seek to preserve our beloved church building and prepare for our future in all spheres of ministry.

In this issue of our newsletter we will share updated information about outstanding parish projects and current resources. We will give you an update on some ongoing maintenance needs, and we will provide information about the current status of our endowment fund, which has grown significantly in the last year and a half, to such an extent that we'll be able to access interest from the fund for current needs.

Sunday School is Back in September

St. Andrew's Sunday School program will resume for children ages 3 through third grade on Sunday, September 12th. Amy Dittebrand will once again lead the class. Each week children will learn lessons, make crafts, color and continue to learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Sunday school class begin each Sunday at 10:25 AM. Children will rejoin their families at Holy Eucharist when the congregation passes the peace.

For the safety of our children, both teachers and children will wear masks for indoor classes. Cloth Masks will be made available for the use of our children in class and may be taken home after class for future use.

Children younger than 3 are welcome to visit the St. Andrew Nursery. Brianna Rotz will once again be shepherding our youngest members and leading them in free play.



Zoom to Adult Formation

On *Saturday*, September 11th at 11 AM the Adult Formation Class - or as it is better known "Dawson's Class" - will resume study. Throughout the pandemic, the group has met via Zoom. The group has decided to continue to meet virtually on Saturday mornings to allow choir members to continue to participate and accommodate Dawson's new Sunday schedule. They will be beginning a twelve week study of the book of Revelation. Now is the perfect time to join the class. New members are always welcome! For information or to purchase a study book contact Dawson at 330-256-7554.



Dates to Remember - August

- 8 - Outdoor Eucharist, 10:30 AM
- 10- Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 18 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 21 - Jubilee Garden Praise & Potluck, 4 PM
- 22 - Outdoor Eucharist, 10:30 AM

Sundays in-person at 10:30 AM. On the second and fourth Sunday we will offer an online service on Facebook (10:30 AM) and YouTube (10:45 AM).

Recycle Your Grocery Bags

The St. Andrew Choice Food Pantry will gladly take and reuse your plastic grocery bags. The pantry is four times per month and we use multiple bags per shopper. So, if you have a drawer or box or cubby where you stuff your plastic bags after shopping, clean it out and bring the bags to St. Andrew where they will be put to good (re)use. You may leave the bags in the bench in the hall by the Pantry door if you are unable to access the Parish Hall. We're all in it together - right down to the grocery bags!

August Garden Prayers & Potluck

Join us Saturday, August 21st at 4 pm for Prayers and Potluck in the Jubilee Garden! We had a great time in July doing a bit of weeding and harvesting produce followed by prayers and dinner.

Even if you don't garden, you are welcome to attend and help us build community. The Jubilee Garden is a partnership between church members, community members and Pantry neighbors.



By working together to grow a garden and then give it all away, we get to know each other better, build bonds and foster community. It's a win/win for all involved. So non-gardeners, please come and share conversation and a meal to help grow our harvest of community!

Bring a dish to share if you are able.



Helping Our Neighbor through Chocolates

Laura and her family were guests at Saint Andrew as we helped facilitate their U-visa application. They continue to await the issuance of their U-visa filed in April 2018.

While they lived at St. Andrew Mary Provins taught Laura to make chocolates. Over the past several years she has become quite skilled at creating scrumptious treats.

If you would like to continue to help the family, simply order chocolates to make a donation! Donations made through these orders will help Laura maintain housing for her family while she continues to await her U-visa and work permit. Laura needs approximately \$675 per month to pay for her lot rent and utilities.



Order forms are available in the Narthex. The chocolates are perfect for special events like wedding showers or birthdays, to give as a gift or as a delicious treat for yourself! Please make checks payable to Laura Martinez and return your order form to St. Andrew Episcopal Church, or email orders to standrewmentor@gmail.com. Orders require two weeks' notice and can be picked up at St. Andrew or delivered to you.



St. Andrew Endowment Fund

The St. Andrew Endowment Fund was created in 2010 with generous donations from members of the congregation who either made a one-time gift or included the church in their legacy plans. The fund was established to provide a permanent source of income through earnings from the investment. To that end, the St. Andrew Endowment Board (established by the Vestry to manage the fund), invested those donations in the Diocese of Ohio Joint Investment Fund.

Over the years, memorial gifts and interest have gradually added to the fund which now totals \$200,726. The fund has grown significantly this year due to a generous gift left by Jeane Beardsley at her passing.

While much of the interest is being reinvested back into the fund to help make the future of St. Andrew more secure, the Vestry can now access some of the interest income to help fund projects and maintain the church while adhering to protocols established at the fund's inception.

Most recently Memorial gifts made in memory of Sandy Sandacz were added to the fund at the family's request. Our thanks to the Sandacz/ Herczog family and those who donated in Sandy's memory.

August Celebrations

Birthdays

Cory King 02
Bernadette Sandacz 05
Michele Miller 13
Marylou Ezzo 13
Greg Connel 17
Tom Lally 18
Erin Koehler 20
Rosa Peshek 22
Pete Sherman 25
Kathy King 27

Anniversaries

Don & Sharon Koehler 05
Jim & Beth Brown 09
Joe & Peggy Sturm 10
Frank & Mary Ellen Fecser 16
Greg & Melissa Connel 20
Steven & Diane Smith 26

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

While memorial gifts are most common, donations to the Endowment Fund can be given to commemorate any special event. Honor a birthday, anniversary or birth with a gift that will secure St. Andrew's future.

For more information or questions contact Rev. Lisa or Senior Warden, Doug Sundstrom.



A Note from June...

Thank you to all the helpers that made the 90th Birthday Bash a success. Thanks so much to the following:

Andy for setting up the tables and chairs on the lawn and putting many of them away.

Ed Bridge for buying the new grill and Conrad for transporting the grill. Thanks Conrad for all your grilling of the hamburgers, hotdogs and turkey burgers.

Kim for helping clean up. Ted, Tim and Ben for putting chairs and tables away.

Thanks to all who brought side dishes or desserts.

Happy 90th to Marilyn Pastor, Tom Lally, Pete Sherman, and Margaret Sinclair.

I am most thankful to the Lord who provided a rain free day.

June Webb

Editor's note: A big THANKS to June Webb for planning, organizing, and making the Birthday Bash a success!



Church Directory Update

Sherrie Miller, our ambitious church secretary, is working on updating the church directory. If you have a new address/phone number/email please send her the information. You may also submit a new picture or have a new photo taken August 29th after the 10:30 AM service! A photo sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

From the Rector (continued from page 1)

We are blessed with great abundance here at St. Andrew and our greatest blessing is our loving community of souls which meets together in our sacred space and nourishes us abundantly by love. I am grateful to be among you and look forward to all the seasons to come.

Maintenance and Repair Priorities From the Senior Warden

The following major projects are likely necessary soon.

- Replace the two remaining roof sections
- Replace the remaining windows excluding the sanctuary.
- Repave and restripe the entire parking lot
- Install A/C in classroom wing and Worman Room
- Remove, strip, refinish, and rehang front entry doors
- Repair front entry steps and handrail

In addition, lots of minor work is needed including replacing the carpeting in the Worman Room, and replacing the exterior door in that room. The lighting in the hallway from the Worman Room to the assembly room needs upgrading. Sanctuary lighting needs upgrading to LED. Ventilation in the Sacristy needs upgrading (there currently isn't any).

We should be spending about \$40-\$60K per year on recurring maintenance in order to proactively address our ongoing repair and maintenance needs.* *For reference, Our 2021 parish budget line for building and grounds is \$15,000, \$7,700 of which was spent as of June 2021.



St. Andrew Choir Notes

by Eunice May, Choir Director

Believe it or not, in what seems a long time ago, our church had a choir, which faithfully sang every Sunday at the 10:30 service. They sang their final anthem on March 20, 2020. God's presence of love and support was noticeable to all.

Some of you in our congregation will remember, that Sunday was the beginning of the season of mask wearing and virtual services.

I know that many of us were so glad when we were finally able to meet together, and pour our hearts out in song and prayer. The singing on that Sunday was awesome. I'm sure that those final "Alleluias" of "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" made our steeple rock! The Spirit was actively moving among us that Sunday.

Now we are moving into a new season and trying to settle upon a workable schedule, in hopes that our choir will once again be able to sing. I am tentatively planning on choir rehearsals for the usual time on Thursdays at 7:30 PM, starting September 2nd (Choir members please take note of that). I was hoping that maybe a few more folks would have been so inspired by the music on that exciting Sunday, that they might enjoy singing with us.

Just let me know or speak to any of the choir members for details. We would joyfully welcome new singers among us.

Looking forward to once again singing together!
!Cantate Domino!



Office windows will be replaced soon! Hallelujah!

Window Replacement Update

History: The St. Andrew Window Project began in 2018 with the goal of replacing all the windows in the Education/Office wing. Many of the windows are over 50 years-old dating back to when the church was originally constructed. Due to the considerable expense, the project was expected to continue for several years.

With generous donations from church members, we raised \$15,513 by the end of 2018 and started replacing windows the next year, starting with windows in the rear assembly room and choir vesting rooms. This room was considered most critical due to broken latches allowing windows to blow open in all seasons! The improvement due to the new windows has been amazing! Not only are they beautiful, but they are energy efficient!

Later in the fall of 2019, additional funds were spent to replace the Worman Room kitchen window at cost of \$2,366. Due to non-standard sizes, all replacement windows must be custom made.

Happening Now: After a very generous donation by a St. Andrew parishioner, the Vestry authorized spending another \$37,470 on the project. Soon work will begin to replace all the office wing windows PLUS the large classroom windows on the north side of the building.

What's Left?: Vestry members estimate the need for an additional \$22,000 to replace the remaining classroom windows on the south side of the Education Wing, plus the Worman Room windows. The Worman Room windows will cost approximately \$14,000 (2020 estimate). We thank all who have generously donated, and look forward to completing the project soon. Can you help? Make a donation via online giving (noting window donation), by mail or by placing a check in the collection plate with "window project" noted in the memo line.

