



Good News

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

From the Rector

**Faith is
nothing else but
a right understanding
of our being-
trusting
and allowing things to be;**

**A right understanding
that we are in God
and God
whom we do not see
Is in us.**

-Julian of Norwich

14th century anchoress and theologian

It's awfully hard, isn't it, to enter into another period of Covid-induced distancing and semi-isolation? We were just beginning to enjoy being together again as extended family and friends, sharing food, making-merry, and worshipping together, sharing communion in two kinds no less! Then came the omicron variant requiring us to once again acknowledge our connectedness by standing apart from one another. Talk about counter-intuitive! The fact is that whether we stand elbow to elbow, six feet apart, or around the world from one another, we are never truly separated. As members of the household of God we are always in God,

Annual Meeting January 30

On Sunday, January 30 at 11:30 AM, plan to attend the St. Andrew annual meeting 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 2022 budget, and elect members to the Vestry.

There will be just one Eucharist at 10:30 AM. Box lunches will be available to purchase. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided.

The annual meeting should last approximately 30 - 45 minutes. Nursery care will be provided during the meeting. Please save the date and make plans to be a part of this all-parish event.

If you have questions, please call the office at 440-255-8842.



Last year's Annual Meeting was via Zoom!

Vestry Nominations

Nominations are now open for parishioners to serve on the 2022 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 a 1-year unexpired term and three 3-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.



2021 Vestry members (not pictured: Tony Wesley)

Dates to Remember: January

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

In-person worship Sundays at 10:30 AM & Noon.
Online Services are every other Sunday (January 2, 16 & 30) on St. Andrew Facebook (10:30 AM) and YouTube (10:45 AM). Links are posted on our website: www.standrew-mentor.com.

A Message from June Webb

Thanks so much to all who helped polish the silver and brass plus scrub and clean altar area and window sills at the Altar Guild All Clean.



Thanks to Carol and Randy Pengov, Mary Provins, Margaret Sinclair, Susan Swain, and Susan Zuber.

Special Thanks



A big thank you to everyone who took a star from the St. Andrew Giving Tree and purchased gifts for our adopted families. You all helped make Christmas very special and demonstrated the love of Christ through your care in selecting just the right gifts and gift cards! Our families thank you so very much!



St. James Lunch Bunch

On Monday holidays throughout the year, a group of St. Andrew volunteers prepare a meal for St. James Episcopal Church Lunch program. The meal, feeds neighbors who are homeless, hungry and need hot meal. 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.

The next Monday holiday meal is on Martin Luther King, Jr., Monday, January 17th. Please volunteer if you have a few hours to spare. Volunteers usually arrive at 11 AM and are finished by 2 PM. For details call the Church Office at 440-255-8842.



Order Valentine Chocolates

Thank you all for supporting our Sanctuary family by ordering Christmas Chocolates! Continue to help by placing an order for Valentine's treats. The donations help support Laura and family as they continue to await the issuance of their U-visa

Order forms are available in the Narthex. Make checks payable to Laura Martinez and return your order form to St. Andrew Episcopal Church, or email orders to standrewmentor@gmail.com. Order for Valentine's Day by January 30th and pick up your yummy chocolates at St. Andrew on Sunday February 13th.

January Celebrations

Anniversaries

Joe & Kathy Gudel 31

Birthdays

Mary Ellen Fecser - 05

Megan Grau - 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!



Summer Camp at Bellwether Farm

Save the Dates: Camp for incoming 2nd through 12th graders will be offered each camp week beginning Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon. Camp will be offered the weeks of June 19 and 26 and July 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Registration will be live early 2022 at www.bellwetherfarm.com.

A note to Parish members: At the end of her service at St. Andrew, former Rector Kelly Kirby and family provided a monetary gift to the parish to be used to help send St. Andrew youth to camp at Bellwether Farm. Funds are still available. Please contact Rev. Lisa for more information if your child is interested in attending camp.

Prayers

Please keep our homebound members in your prayers. Winter months can seem especially long for those who no longer drive or limit travel due to weather. Prayers, cards and even phone calls are all appreciated. Check your directory for addresses or give the office a call at 440-255-8842.

Please keep in Prayer:

Marguerite Brunner

Ken Cudnik

Pat Grisdale

Dorothy Hickey

Jerry & Kathy King

Marilyn Pastor

Bob & Norma Pattison

Pete Sherman

Doris Silvaroli

Margaret Sinclair



Food Pantry News

St. Andrew teamed with our partners Advent Lutheran Church to provide 50 Thanksgiving food baskets and 50 Christmas food baskets to help our neighbors in Lake, Geauga and Cuyahoga Counties have happy holidays.

Thanks to all who donated money, time or food items (including shopping for frozen turkeys!) to make it possible. This is a community effort and we can't do this good work without YOU!

Online Lectors Needed

If you are interested in reading a scripture or leading the Prayers of the People in our Sunday online service, please call the church office at 440-255-8842 or contact Lisa at revlisastandrew@gmail.com.



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and God, who is no less “in” us, is as close as a heartbeat.

Dame Julian of Norwich, who shared her mystical visions of the passion of Jesus in her *Revelations of Divine Love* (the first book written by a woman in the English language), knew a thing or two about self-imposed isolation. She grew up during a time when the plague of Black Death raged across Europe and inexplicably killed millions. As a young woman of 30 Julian suffered a life-threatening illness that brought her to the brink of death. It was then, when she hovered between this life and the next, that Julian experienced the presence of Christ so immediately, so completely, that she could not help but share these visions, which she called her “showings,” with others. As Julian and so many of our ancestors in the faith have taught us, isolation, self-imposed or otherwise, can bear the fruit of spiritual blessing when we choose to give ourselves over to God.

Yesterday I met with a beloved parish member who is isolated due to the effects of cancer. I spoke to him about how much he is loved by his brothers and sisters at St. Andrew, and he mentioned to me that he sometimes visualizes our parish family gathered under the sweetgum tress in the summertime sharing food and conversation with love and laughter, much as we did during bocce games in years past. This vision gives him comfort and a sense of companionship just as it did me when he shared this vision with me.

As we await the day when we can safely come together again as a parish family (a day that is not far off given the ever-increasing number of people who are vaccinated/boosted) let's visualize one another, each beloved face, under the summer shade of the sweet gum trees, laughing, talking, and loving one another in Christ. Say of prayer, send a text, make a call, and remember that the love we share which is grounded in God, is eternal, never changing, spanning time, space, and generation. All will be well.