



Good News

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

From the Rector

Friends, in his letter to the diocese sent yesterday March 1, Bishop Hollingsworth notified St. Andrew and all diocesan parishes that he will return parochial discretion regarding in-person gathering to parishes on Sunday March 21, the 5th Sunday in Lent. This means that we will be able to decide for ourselves (within previously articulated diocesan distancing guidelines) whether and when to begin worshipping indoors and sharing communion together again in person.

How does this news make you feel? Are you elated at the prospect of worshipping together in church again, or are you worried that such in-person gathering is simply unsafe, even with the recent decreases in COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths? Keep in mind that even if we were to elect to begin worshipping together indoors, we would do so masked and distanced, with no live singing, in accordance with current diocesan guidelines.

Speaking for myself, I believe that we should err on the side of caution and refrain from worshipping together indoors for the near future. That said the lifting of restrictions on the sharing of Holy Eucharist opens up the possibility of offering a drive-up Eucharistic Service for Palm Sunday and Easter, with the blessing and sharing of palms and perhaps a distanced egg hunt for kids on the front lawn. I want to know what you think about these possible plans before finalizing our worship schedule for Holy Week and Easter.

Spring is in the Air

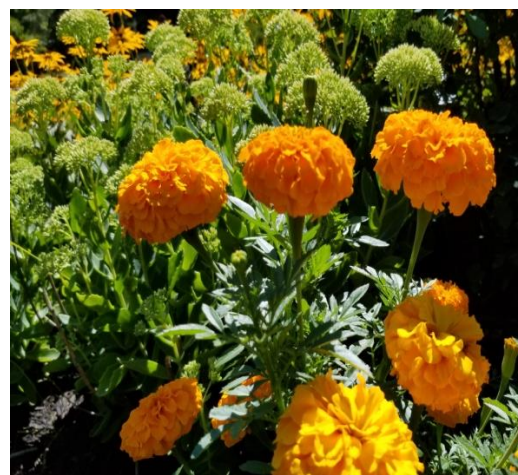
St. Andrew Spring Flower Sale

It's that time of year again - when we turn our thoughts to warm weather and making our homes and gardens beautiful. Get ready for spring planting by ordering flowers from the St. Andrew Spring Flower Sale. Not only are we selling beautiful flats of hearty annuals and hanging baskets, but the sale includes a wide variety of vegetable plants and herbs. Order forms for the sale are available in the Narthex or online at www.standrew-mentor.com.

If you ordered last year, a form will be mailed to you! Return flower orders between March 15th and April 15th and plants will be available for pick up on Friday, May 21st - just in time for Memorial Day planting.

Not only are these flowers beautiful, they are a great deal! Please share order forms with you family, friends and neighbors! Pick up your flowers on Friday, May 21st between 1 and 7 PM. Due to the pandemic, flowers will be available by preorder only, flowers will be loaded into vehicles for contactless pick up.

Proceeds support St. Andrew ministries.



Flowers from the sale are used in the St. Andrew flower gardens and bloom all summer long!



Eggplant purchased from the sale for the church's Jubilee Garden yielded a bountiful harvest!



On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week a special meditation and prayer will be offered on Facebook Live at 7 PM

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 28 - 10:30 AM Facebook/10:45 AM YouTube

Maundy Thursday

April 1
7 PM Facebook & YouTube

Good Friday

April 2 - 7 PM Facebook & YouTube

Easter Sunday

April 4 - 10:30 AM Facebook /10:45 AM YouTube

March Celebrations

Birthdays

Connie Schultz 10
Pat Grisdale 13
Dennis Corbett 15
Colleen Garlock 16
Ryan Symonds 16
Nancy Benes 20
Grant Provins 28
Stephanie Clements 29

Anniversaries

Jerry & Kathy King 3
Brian & Sheree Sandacz 17
Todd & Janna Penkowski 23

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

From the Rector (continued from page 1)

Your vestry and I will be making a decision regarding the resumption of in-person worship within the next week. I would be grateful if you would share your opinion with me about this by next Sunday March 7. Contact me by phone, e-mail (revlisastandrew@gmail.com) or text (216-402-9860). Look for updated information about our Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter worship schedule early next week.

We need you for our Virtual Good Friday Stations of the Cross!

This Good Friday we will offer an on-line Stations of the Cross that will include readings and art depicting Christ's passion. There are 14 stations so 14 readers are needed. Please contact Lisa+ if you would like to participate. Video readings will be due March 19. If you need someone to record your reading Lisa+ can arrange to video you at church. Please contact the office if interested!

Recycle Your Grocery Bags



Help the St. Andrew Food Pantry and the environment by recycling your plastic grocery bags for reuse at the Pantry. Drop off the plastic bags on the bench in the hall by the Pantry entrance. We use multiple bags to package food for each pantry neighbor, so please consider dropping off a few (or a lot). Thank you!

Dates to Remember: March

7 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
9 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
15 - Spring Flower Sale starts
17 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
28 - Palm Sunday

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.standrewmentor.com.



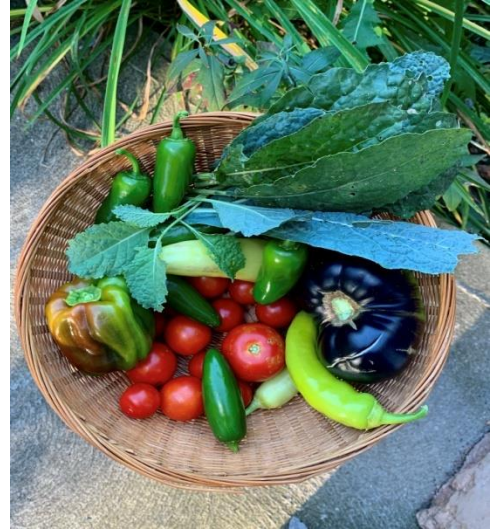
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Planning & Planting for Growth!

Jubilee Garden enthusiasts (which Lisa defines as just about anyone who has had a positive thing to say about our garden project) will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, March 9, beginning at 6:30 pm. Spring is right around the corner and we need to organize for the 2021 growing season! Our ground is plowed, our raised beds are ready, and our deer fencing is hopefully going up soon. Our Creator calls us into the sacred space of nature to grow a garden then give it all away!



Please join us for our first spring garden meeting, which will last no more than an hour. The goal for the meeting is to establish next steps and facilitate the creation of small groups or point persons who will work on:

- an ongoing soil amendment plan;
- a garden planting plan;
- a garden watering/irrigation plan;
- recruiting volunteers;
- a gardening timeline for the 2021 season.

We're all in this together, and with the help of our Master Gardener the God of all Creation, we'll get it done!



VINI, VIDI, BOCCE!

Plans are underway to safely bring back a long-time St. Andrew tradition - Bocce on the front lawn.

After the disappointment of not playing in 2020 due to the pandemic, hopes are high that we will be able to return to the front lawn to play this year. While we still may be masked and keeping our social distance, we are in the beginning stages of making a safety plan for summer play. As in years past, games will be played Tuesday evenings in July followed by a Super Bocce Bowl Showdown in August, to determine the 2021 season winner.

So start to gather a team, maybe break out the home Bocce set and throw a few practice balls in your living room. 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

"We need to find ways of being reminded that our religious sanctuaries are, at best, side chapels into the great cathedral of creation." J. Philip Newell



Hot Topics

One of the hot topics from recent a St. Andrew Zoom Coffee Hour has been food! Go figure, around noon on Sunday we're all a little hungry! Tony Wesley is passing on the recipe for the TikTok-Inspired Baked Feta Pasta

INGREDIENTS:

2 pints cherry tomatoes
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
One 8-ounce block feta cheese,
Drained 10 ounces Mezze Rigatoni
1 garlic clove, finely grated
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves
Thinly sliced Flaky sea salt, for serving

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
Toss the cherry tomatoes and olive oil with 1/4 teaspoon of salt and several grinds of black pepper in a medium bowl until combined. Pour into a 2 1/2 to 3-quart baking dish. Place the feta in the center of the tomatoes, then season with a pinch of black pepper. Bake until the tomatoes have burst and the feta has softened (about 30 minutes).
Increase the heat to 450 degrees, then continue to cook until the tomatoes and feta are golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes more.
Meanwhile, cook the pasta to al dente. Reserve 1/2 cup of cooking water, then drain well.
Right as the tomatoes and feta come out of the oven, stir in the garlic. Use the back of a spoon to smash the tomatoes and feta into a smooth and creamy sauce (it's OK if some of the oil isn't fully integrated and combined). Toss in the pasta and half of the basil until evenly coated.
Add some pasta water, a couple tablespoons at a time, if the sauce becomes too thick. Taste and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper.
Top with the remaining basil and a pinch of flaky sea salt for serving.

Every Sunday St. Andrew hosts a Zoom Coffee hour at 11:30 AM. Details to join are sent in the weekly Flocknote email with the service bulletin. Join us! We miss you and would love to see you

A Note from Stephen Wells

*Dear Lisa,
I would like to take this moment to express my thanks, and the thanks of my family in regards to the funeral of Mother, Wilma Wells. It would be impossible for me to state the importance of church in my Mother's life. Not only church in general, but specifically, St. Andrew.*

St. Andrew had been her spiritual home for over 5 decades. Throughout many changes in life, both good and bad, St. Andrew was a constant for her.

All of your work through the entire process was tremendous. You made the preparation simple and efficient. The execution was flawless. The sermon was spot on. You certainly understood and articulated Mom's spirit. Again thank you for everything. Good luck and God bless through the rest of the pandemic.

*Sincerely,
Stephen Wells*

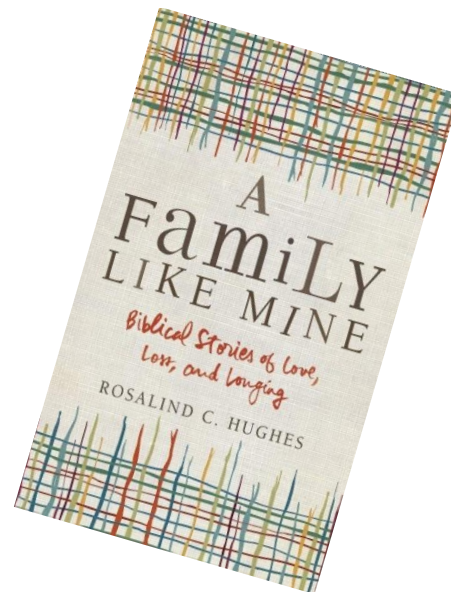
A Family Like Mine

Friend of St. Andrew and fellow area Episcopalian, Rev. Rosalind Hughes, Rector of Church of the Epiphany in Euclid, has recently published a wonderful new book ***A Family Like Mine: Biblical Stories of Love, Loss, and Longing***.

A featured presenter at this year's Winter Convocation, she read excerpts from her book and led a discussion on the assumptions about traditional families and how the Bible challenges us in those assumptions.

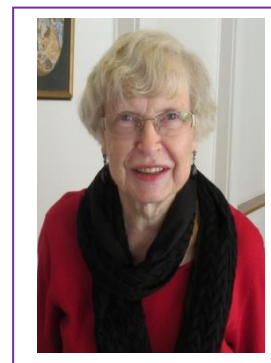
The book is "both broadly biblical and deeply personal," exploring Rosalind's faith journey and the wide varieties of families described in the Bible. The stories of the Bible cover all kinds of families, from traditional to faith families

It's a fascinating read that details Hughes' (who is adopted) personal journey to reconnect with her birth family, along with the core question of where we fit into God's family. The book is available to purchase on Amazon and may be used for an upcoming book study here at St. Andrew.



The Legacy of Our Members - The Future of Our Church

We've lost some of our amazing church members over the last several months. Jeane Beardsley, Kate Wells and Wilma Wells all loved and supported St. Andrew and that continues even now,



Jeane, Kate and Wilma - a legacy for the church.

Jeane Beardsley was a *Steward of St. Andrew* who left provisions for a substantial contribution to our Endowment Fund. Money donated to St. Andrew in memory of Kate is also supporting the fund as is some memorial contributions for Wilma (donations for Wilma have also been made to the Music Ministry). Why is supporting the endowment so important?

An endowment fund is established to provide a permanent source of income through earnings from the investment. The St. Andrew Endowment Fund was created in 2010 with generous donations from members and friends of the parish, who either made memorial or tribute gifts, or included the church in their legacy plans. Through the St. Andrew Endowment Board, funds were invested in the Diocese of Ohio Joint Investment Fund. Over the years, our investment has steadily grown. Currently all income is being reinvested back into the fund to help make the future of St. Andrew more secure. Eventually, the hope is to be able to draw from the interest of the fund to help support the church.

Remembering members with a memorial gift is a tribute to their legacy and contributes to the future of the church. And, any gift to the Endowment Fund is a wonderful way to honor someone. You may honor birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms and other special occasions by contributing to the St. Andrew Endowment Fund and the future. We will miss Jeane, Kate and Wilma and remember them always for their love of the church. To make a memorial contribution or donate in honor of a loved one, send a check or donate online and note that it is for the "Endowment Fund" - supporting the future of our church.