



Good News

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

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

-from The Baptismal Covenant, BCP 305

One fundamental way that we can demonstrate our commitment to justice and to the dignity of every human being is by voting in the upcoming general election. Our vote demonstrates our recognition that we live in community together, for good or ill, that we are responsible, as Christians, for ourselves and one another, and that we all belong to God.

You should have received a letter from Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, below, via e-mail, but I've asked that it be re-printed, here, as added inspiration, if inspiration is needed, to vote. I dropped off my mail-in ballot at the Board of Elections earlier this week and it felt mighty fine! Peace to each of you as you exercise your sacred right to vote.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we enter the final two weeks of this election season, the responsibility of governing turns to each of us. As American citizens and as Christians, voting is not just a privilege and a right, it is an obligation and a duty. True democracy depends upon every citizen doing her part, each of us fulfilling our shared governance role as an informed voter.

In our Baptismal vows we commit that, with God's help, we will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. These are among the values that inform and guide us in all that we do, and no less in carrying out our democratic responsibility to elect.

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Thanksgiving Donations

Help feed our neighbors who are less fortunate by donating food for our Thanksgiving food pantry distribution. Share your bounty with others beyond your table. This year, when you do your Thanksgiving shopping, put a few duplicate items in your cart to donate.

Once again St. Andrew is partnering with Advent Lutheran Church to distribute 50 bags of food items during the Thanksgiving week Food Pantry.

Please help our neighbors have a Happy Thanksgiving by dropping off your donation in the box in the Narthex by Sunday, November 15th. If you are unable to shop, please consider giving a donation so we can purchase the needed items. Just write Thanksgiving meal donation on your check memo line.

Thanksgiving Donations Shopping List

- 1) boxed stuffing mix
 - 2) can of cranberry sauce
 - 3) instant potatoes
 - 4) jar of gravy
 - 5) can of corn
 - 6) dinner rolls
- Monetary donations to purchase butter and frozen pie crust.

Dates to Remember: November

- 1 - All Saints' Sunday - virtual celebration
- 1 - Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 3 - Election Day Voting at Church
- 10 - Pantry Distribution, 1 -3 PM
- 13 & 14 - Diocesan Convention (virtual)
- 15 - Drop off Thanksgiving donations
- 15 - Stewardship Ingathering
Please mail your Pledge Card
- 18 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 18 - Pantry Distribution, 6:30 -8:30 PM
- 25 - Pantry Distribution, 6:30 -8:30 PM
- 26 - Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed

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.



In Person Worship Update

As fall bows gracefully to the coming winter Rev. Lisa+ and the vestry have necessarily considered the health and safety implications of moving indoors for our in-person Holy Eucharist, now offered on our front lawn every Saturday at 4 pm. While we will continue with our online worship indefinitely in order to serve those who cannot attend in-person worship, we will soon begin to offer a simple Holy Eucharist indoors in our sanctuary, pursuant to diocesan safety guidelines, in lieu of our outdoor worship. New cleaning and seating protocols are being established and will be implemented shortly so that live worshippers can remain as safe as possible during indoor worship. Our first Holy Eucharist in our sanctuary since March will take place **on Saturday November 21 at 4 pm. Bring your worship bag, your mask, and join us as you are able!**

Watch for more detailed information on our safety protocols and what to expect when we begin indoor worship on November 21!



Election Day

Tuesday, **November 3rd**, is the Election Day. St. Andrew will once again serve as a polling location. Due to the pandemic, we will not have a bake sale this year.



Do You Wanna Build A Tree house?

The Peshek family didn't waste any of time while remaining social distanced this summer. In fact, they were quite productive, building the ultimate kid-friendly tree house complete with a zip line. Chris, Sarah, Rosa, Evelyn and maybe even little Marcus swung hammers, welded power tools and grabbed a saw to create the house perched between the backyard trees. And the best part is you can come along on the adventure (and learn how to build and awesome tree house), because while doing the project, they also created a nine part DIY YouTube series chronicling the process. Watch and learn on Chris' YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ChrisMavik>



Fall Clean Up

One of the most beautiful aspects of St. Andrew are all the trees the surrounding the church. While they are beautiful in the autumn, they also have quite a few leaves that fall and must be raked. Join us on Sunday, November 15th at 11:30 AM to rake leaves. If you have a rake or blower please bring them. Some extra rakes will be available. Please makes plans to spare an hour to help maintain the church grounds.

November Celebrations

Anniversaries

Ryan & Julie Symonds 01

Birthdays

Jeries Bishara 01
Alissa Sitkowski 01
Susan Zuber 04
Ben Herczog 05
Don Koehler 10
Teagan Koehler 12
Amy Dittebrand 12
Ann Russell 16
Bryson Koehler 18
Joseph Sturm 19
Ted Herczog 24
Jeanne Griffith 27
Leo Poitras 28



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Looking Ahead

The Advent and Christmas seasons are right around the corner, and the only thing that's certain is this year will be very different from most years.

With COVID numbers raising in Ohio and around the country, it is unlikely that any of the Diocese of Ohio protocols will change - so we will remain wearing masks, social distancing, avoiding singing, and continue to receive Communion in one kind.

What St. Andrew traditions Advent and Christmas traditions can we translate to this new normal? Please share your ideas with Lisa.

While Advent and Christmas will be different, let's joyfully prepare for and celebrate the birth of Christ. When Jesus was born the angels sang - maybe we don't really need to sing, maybe we need to listen this year!

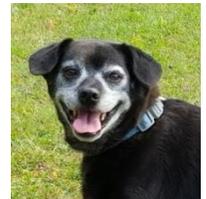


WE NEED YOUR HELP!

At the October St. Andrew Tuesday food pantry distribution we only had four volunteers. Please consider volunteering and lending a hand for a few hours once a month (second Tuesday each month 1 - 3 PM). Everyone wears a mask. Shoppers only come into contact with other volunteers. Pantry neighbors stay in their cars. If you can help please contact Barb Sopko at 440-354-2844

Hot Dog! Blessing of the Animals

It was a Holy Eucharist on the front lawn filled with happy barks and tail wagging! The Blessing of the Animals took place on October 9th with nine dogs (and a picture of a cat!) joining us for blessings.



The St. Andrew Vestry is looking for contractors for two upcoming projects. A cement contractor to construct a walkway between the church and the Sherman Memorial Scattering Garden, and a contractor to install a deer fence to enclose the Jubilee Garden. If you have a recommendation, please call Rev. Lisa or Junior Warden Kim Herczog.

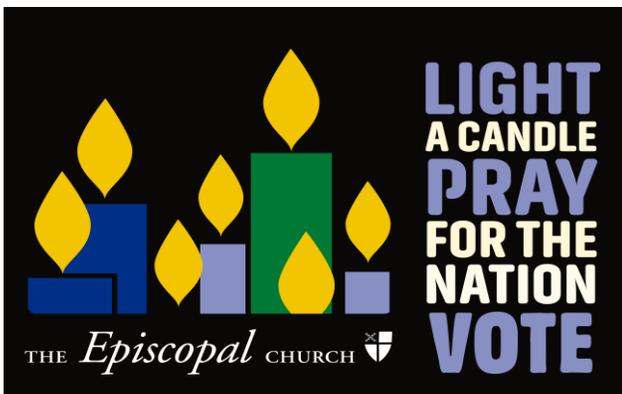
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The Episcopal Church provides helpful information to assist each of us in carrying out our part in the election process, in particular voting and helping others to vote with confidence in the system and assurance of safety. To access resources for worship and action, click on this link. As well, Province V, which comprises of the 14 Episcopal dioceses of the Midwest, is offering an on-going series on "The Basics of Faith-based Public Advocacy." A full description is on the registration page.

On Wednesday of this week, we will distribute to each Mission Area five yard signs for each congregation, to be placed where parish leadership feels it might be most effective. They are an adaption of those designed by the Diocese of Indianapolis and shared with the wider church. Attached is the .pdf graphic for you to use to print signs for your own use.

Voting is not only a civic duty, it is sacred duty. It is an act of faith. Cast your ballot, and in doing so, be guided by the model of Jesus and the promises we make to God.

As the sign directs, "Light a candle. Pray for the nation. Vote."



The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio

Life Continues - Full of Faith!

Please mail or drop off your 2021 Pledge Cards by Sunday, November 22th. Help us continue the good work at St. Andrew with your pledge of money, time and talent.
This is how we proclaim Jesus!



Cub Scouts from Pack 79 call St. Andrew home
The group meets at St. Andrew on Tuesday evenings. If you've ever been at St. Andrew on a Cub Scout meeting night, you know that this group has lots of fun! If you have a son or daughter interested in Scouting we recommend our Pack 79 Cub Scout group.

A collage of four promotional panels for Cub Scouts. The top panel shows a group of six Cub Scouts in blue uniforms holding trophies and prizes, with a yellow banner that says "PINWOOD DERBY" and text describing the activity. The middle-left panel shows a boy fishing, with a yellow banner that says "FISH ON" and text about fishing derbies. The middle-right panel shows a boy holding a red arrow, with a yellow banner that says "SCOUTING IS FOR EVERYONE" and text about age range and registration. The bottom panel shows a family (a woman, a man, and a child) sitting outdoors, with a yellow banner that says "CUB SCOUT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE PART OF THE TEAM" and text about parental support. At the bottom of the collage is a blue banner with the Cub Scout logo, a QR code, and the text "VISIT CLESCOUTING.ORG TO JOIN" and "Packs in your area are now accepting new members."