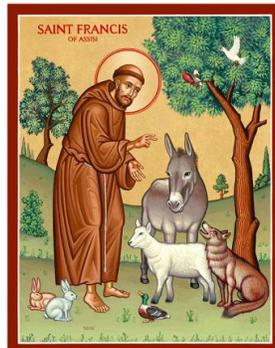




Good News

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

From the Rector

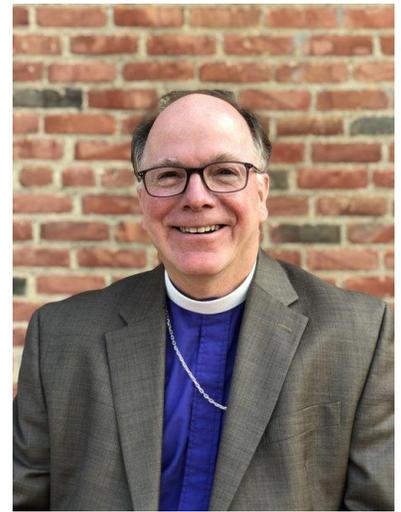


For many of us, our most faithful friends are our pets. Be they dogs, cats, birds, fish, gerbils, horses, bunnies, goats, snakes, frogs, or ferrets (*the list goes on*), our pets have been a lifeline during the pandemic—a conduit to and a reminder of the unconditional love of Christ which expresses itself in all creation. This year, in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day was October 4, we will offer a live pet blessing and simple Holy Eucharist outdoors this Saturday October 10 at 4pm.

You can participate in the pet blessing and Holy Eucharist on the front lawn or directly from the security of your car. If you would like to receive communion and a pet blessing from your cars just pull into the circle drive in front of the church and roll down a window. If you don't have a pet to be blessed or would like to receive communion and/or pet blessing from the ground, just gather under the sweet gum trees as we normally do for our outdoor Eucharist. I will come to you to offer Holy Eucharist and bless your pet. If you would like a pet blessing but are uncomfortable bringing your pet with you, I would be happy to bless a photo of your pet, or say a prayer of thanksgiving for the pets who have enriched your life along the way but have passed on to their sure reward for a life lived in love and loyalty.

What Can I Do?

With all that's going on in the world, "What can I do?" is perhaps a question we all ask at one point or another. How can we contribute to change, help our neighbors, or express our faith in turbulent times? You can learn by taking **The Basics of Faith-Based Public Advocacy**. The free series of classes is offered by the Public Theology Network sponsored by Province V of The Episcopal Church, a network of fourteen mid-western dioceses including the Diocese of Ohio. The series will be held on **October 6, 13, 20, and 27** from 6 -7:15 PM on Zoom. Topics include: How to be an Advocate (October 6); Moses and Jesus as Public Theologians (October 13); "Can I say that?": Religious Speech, the First Amendment and your 501(c)3 Status (October 20); and What does the world really think about the U.S.? (October 27). Register for just one or all of the events. For more information, visit www.provincev.org



*The Rt. Rev. Doug Sparks, Bishop of Northern Indiana, shares how the U.S. is perceived from other places around the world in **The Basics of Faith-Based Public Advocacy**.*



It's great to see old friends at the Front Lawn Holy Eucharist!

Saturday Holy Eucharist

Our simple Holy Eucharist will continue every Saturday on the front lawn at 4 PM.

All are asked to bring a lawn chair, wear a mask and social distance when attending. Parish Hall chairs with arms (disinfected with Lysol) are available on the pavement for those who have no lawn chair, or find maneuvering on grass difficult. The service is canceled if it is raining! Lisa and the Vestry are working on a plan to safely move inside when the weather gets too cold.

Rev. Lisa will be out of the office October 24th through October 31st.

Rev. Dawson Moorer will be celebrating Holy Eucharist at the 10/24 and 10/31 4 PM service and hosting the church's Zoom coffee hour on 10/25 and 11/1. Please join us and say hello!

Dates to Remember - October

- 4 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 10- Blessing of the Animals 4pm
- 12 - St. James Lunch Service, 11 AM
- 13 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 21 - Pantry Distribution, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- 28 - Pantry Distribution, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Holy Eucharist on the lawn every Saturday at 4 PM (weather permitting). 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.

Jubilee Garden

We've completed the first growing season of the Jubilee Garden and are thankful for all who helped, all that we learned during the year, and most importantly the blessings received by giving away lots of fresh produce to our Choice Food Pantry neighbors!

The Jubilee Garden Committee met via Zoom in the beginning of September to review the project and discuss plans for the garden in 2021. One item that was discussed and decided on, you probably have noticed! The decision was made to incorporate both in the soil crops as well as utilizing the raised beds we purchased this year. The hope is to expand the amount of crops we can grow, with the goal of feeding more people!

In preparation for next year, a tractor was brought in and the soil where the garden is located was tilled. Deer fencing options are being explored and the area will be fenced in this fall or early next spring.

Additionally, a survey was created for Pantry guests to ask their opinion on what crops they would like to see us grow (and that they will eventually eat!). As winter approaches we will continue to plan the layout of the 2021 garden and develop a planting schedule.

As the project grows we continue to look for volunteers and community partners. If you are interested in volunteering, want to learn about gardening, know someone in the community who loves gardening, or maybe just want to make a donation to the project, please contact Lisa by calling the church office at 440-255-8842



Genesis 1:12

The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

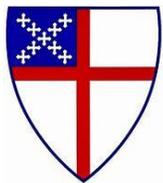
For All the Saints

All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1st, commemorates all saints, known and unknown.

In a normal year at St. Andrew, we ask folks to bring pictures of those saints who have gone before us to display during the service. This year, being virtual due to COVID -19, we are asking parishioners to email digital photos to the office, or share a brief video comment on an important saint in your life. They will be used in a special montage that will air during the virtual service on All Saints' Day.

Don't have a digital photo? Take a picture of the photo with your smart phone and then attach it to an email to send.

Who are the special saints in your life? Let's recognize them and share our stories of love and hope on November 1st. Please have your photo (s) emailed to the office by October 27th. The office email is standrewmentor@gmail.com



204th Annual Convention

The Diocese of Ohio will hold its 204th Annual Convention virtually on November 13 - 14th. The Annual Convention includes representatives from all parishes who gather to approve the diocesan program and budget, elect persons to various leadership committees, adopt resolutions on issues, and approve changes in the Constitution and Canons of the diocese. St. Andrew will be represented by Vestry members Janna Penkowski, Brian Sandacz, St. Andrew Treasurer Barb Sopko, and our clergy Rev. Lisa O'Rear and Rev. Dawson Moorer. To find out more, including business to be addressed, go to <https://dohio.org/our-diocese/about/convention-2020>



St. Andrew

October Celebrations

Anniversaries

Dennis & Sue Corbett 02
Chris & Sherrie Sweet 14
Jack & Bonnie Semenik 24

Birthdays

Peggy Sturm 05
Sheree Sandacz 07
Kathy Gudel 07
Chase Rotz 08
Steve Grau 11
Cathy Jo Kaiser 17
Doug Sundstrom 21
Doris Silvaroli 23
Lisa O'Rear 25
Kate Wells 28
Micki Rotz 28
Evelyn Peshek 30
Joe Gudel 30

*Very soon a pledge card will be coming to you in the mail. Please prayerfully consider how you will share your gifts here at St. Andrew. We must remain strong and good stewards of what we have - money, talent, time - so that the important work of the Church, **our church**, can continue.*

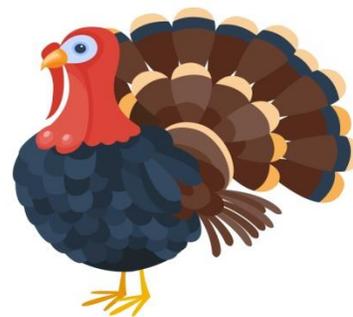
Why St. Francis?

Born in 1181, Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, known to us as St. Francis, was the son of a wealthy silk merchant from Assisi, Italy. Raised in great privilege, Francis embraced poverty as a young man after a spiritual encounter with a leper while on pilgrimage. Francis embraced poverty, penance, and self-giving as a means to grow closer to God in Christ and to do Christ's work in the world. The religious order Francis founded, the Franciscans, are known to this day for their simplicity of life and care for the poor.

Once Francis found Christ, he shared Christ's love with the world through his ministry of hands-on service and by preaching peace and sacrificial love. One story associated with Francis is that he loved all creatures, held them as sacred, and even preached to the birds! What better way to honor Francis' Christian witness than by blessing our pet companions in thanksgiving for the love and community we share together with our pets, each other, and all of creation. Join us on Saturday October 10 and give thanks for the pet companions who have enriched your life.

Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that
we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life. Amen.**



Bellwether's Buy 1 Give 1 Turkey Project ***Thanksgiving with the emphasis on giving!***

The Diocese of Ohio's Bellwether Farm is a real working farm - and this year in addition to sheep, pigs and chickens, they raised turkeys - which is where Thanksgiving come in! They have a limited number of farm-fresh turkeys available for the November holiday, and will be selling them as part of the 2020 farm-to-parish COVID-19 response initiative, ***Feeding the Beloved Community***. Since May, Bellwether has donated produce and pork to five parochial hot meal programs.

So let's talk turkey! Here's how it works: A contribution of \$100 (\$50 of which is tax-deductible) will cover two turkeys - one to enjoy with your family and one to be enjoyed in the hot meal programs we are supporting. There are 45 partnerships available on a first-come, first-serve basis.. Pick-up days will be Saturday, **November 21**; Monday, **November 23**; and Tuesday, **November 24**. Your turkey can either be fresh or freshly frozen.

Order yours at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bellwether-buy-1-give-1-thanksgiving-turkey-project-tickets-120394975613>.





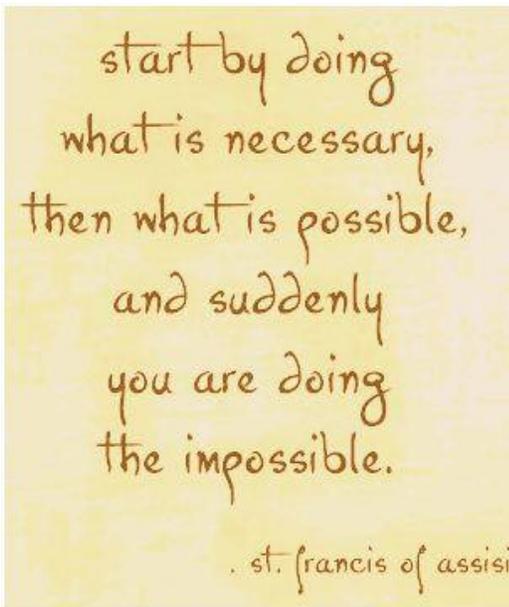
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Shoppers, Cooks and Lectors, Oh My!

While COVID-19 has curtailed some opportunities to volunteer, St. Andrew is still operating the Choice Food Pantry with minimal contact and masks required. We also serve Monday holiday meals at the St. James Lunch Program. The Lunch Bunch team prepares the meal and serves them "to go" from the porch. For a contactless volunteer opportunity that requires minimal time, consider becoming a video Lector for our weekly online church service. You'll tape yourself reading a scripture for an assigned Sunday and then email the video to the editor. Anyone with a smart phone or webcam can easily accomplish the task! Volunteering is good for the heart and the soul! Call the church office at 440-255-8842 to get started as a volunteer!



Church Finances Update



Budget Snapshot - September 30

Budgeted: \$101, 417.00

Actual: \$96,365.45

Deficit: \$5, 050.55

Pledges received: 95%

**Thank you for your faithful giving
in these troubling times!**

Contribute Your Story

There is still time to contribute a story that reflects on how racism has affected your life. Responses can be shared via letter, note, video, e-mail, and text. You may respond anonymously by leaving your response in the message box in the narthex. Responses will be compiled and shared to help us start a conversation about race and how we, together as the community of St. Andrew and followers of Jesus Christ, can help end racism in this time and place.

"Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope... the piece of ground from which you see the world both as it is and as it could be, as it will be; the place from which you glimpse not only struggle, but joy in the struggle."

Excerpt from Hope, by Victoria Safford

