



Good News

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

From the Rector

Whatever is foreseen in joy
must be lived out from day to day.
Vision held open in the dark
by our ten thousand days of work.
Harvest will fill the barn; for that
the hand must ache, the face must sweat.
And yet no leaf or grain is filled
by work of ours; the field is tilled
and left to grace. That we may reap,
great work is done while we're asleep.
When we work well, a Sabbath mood
rests on our day, and finds it good.

-Wendell Berry

Sabbath Poems (1979)

Despite the lingering presence of the COVID virus and all the temporary and perhaps permanent changes to the way we live our lives, made in response to the virus, we have so much for which to be thankful. We are alive, here in this moment together, we are ever-loved by God, and we are simply embraced by the natural beauty God creates all around us through vibrant fall colors. Here at St. Andrew, we are about to dedicate a new outdoor cross and new walkway which will make the St. Francis Chapel and the Sherman Memorial Garden accessible to everyone. The window project, which was foreseen in joy years ago was moved forward precipitously by the recent installation of new windows in the double-Sunday School room, the outreach and copy rooms, and the church offices. These improvements were made possible by gifts given by beloved parish members, past and present, who believe in the future, our future, together.

Come to the Fall Festival on October 30th

Our Fall Festival will be a little different this year (but what isn't?). In an effort to minimize close contact inside, we will be hosting an outdoor version of our annual event. We will gather on Saturday, October 30th from 6 to 8 PM for an evening of fun. The evening's menu includes delicious grilled hamburgers and hotdogs which we will enjoy around a campfire. Treats will be available for both kids and adults!

The evening entertainment includes a sing-along led by our own Chris Peshek, a mini pumpkin decorating station and a corn hole competition. Instead of a Chili competition this year, we will be having a mask competition. Take home one of the white facemasks from the church and add some amazing decorations! Bedazzle, fabric paint, add feathers, make it scary, make it funny, make it yours. The only



stipulation is that the mask must be able to be worn (and modeled) by the artist! Judges will award prizes for the prettiest, scariest, funniest and most artistic mask. Everyone will get to vote for the top prize "Festival Favorite." Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join your friends from St. Andrew. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



Dates to Remember - October

- 3 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 3 - Blessing of Animals, 11:30 AM & Noon
- 10 - Dedication of Memorial Sidewalk/Cross (following the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist)*
- 11 - St. James Lunch Service, 10:30 AM
- 12 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 17 - Acolyte Training, after 10:30 service
- 20 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- 30 - Fall Festival Cookout/Campfire

** Reminder: There will be no Noon Contemporary service on October 10th.*

In-person services are Sundays at 10:30 AM and Noon. Virtual Services continue every other Sunday (October 10 & 24) on St. Andrew Facebook (10:30 AM) and YouTube (10:45 AM). Links are posted each week on our website: www.standrew-mentor.com.

All are welcome

to the dedication and blessing of the memorial walkway, cross and plaque in the St. Francis outdoor chapel on Sunday, October 10th right after the 10:30 AM church service (the contemporary service will be suspended that day).

The improvements are given in memory of Nadia Bishara Dorenkott, daughter of longtime parishioners Samia and Jeries Bishara.

Following the dedication, a reception will be held in the Narthex. Please join us!

Jubilee Garden Clean Up

We've completed the second growing season of the Jubilee Garden and we need to get the garden ready for the winter.

Join us on November 6th at 9:30 AM as we gather to harvest the last of the tomatoes, remove the spent plants and other garden debris.

We'll tidy up the area around the garden, put away stray tools and get the drip irrigation system ready for the upcoming freeze.

We may even plant a cover crop or two! Please come and give us a hand. Gardening experience is not required! Questions? Please contact Lisa by calling the church office at 440-255-8842



Acolyte Training ***Sunday, October 17*** ***immediately following the*** ***10:30 AM service***

Acolytes or servers can be any age. It is an important and meaningful way to serve the church.

If you are interested in serving or learning about what's involved, please attend.

Windows Update:

New windows have been installed in the large Sunday School/meeting room and office area. Thank you to all who have donated to the window fund!

Next steps: The Vestry estimates 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).

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.

All Saints Day

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 7th. The feast day commemorates all saints, known and unknown.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race set out for us.

The cloud of witnesses encourages our faith and includes all the saints that have gone before us - everyone from St. Andrew down to the many Sunday School teachers who helped form our Christian life.

On Sunday, November 7th bring in pictures of the saints who have inspired you to line the window sills of the church as a physical reminder of the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us still today.



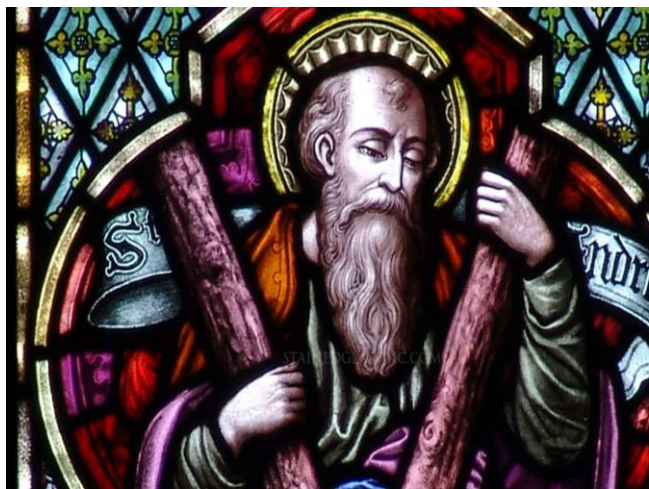
Voices Found

A hymnal of, by and for women

Our organist John Spiesman will be introducing music from "Voices Found" over the next several months.

The songbook is a unique compilation of contemporary and historical materials that represents the diversity of the gifts of women and seeks to affirm and expand the spirituality of all women and men as they find new voices in the church's song.

Learn more about it in the next Good News.



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
Micki Rotz 28
Evelyn Peshek 30
Joe Gudel 30

*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)

If you've not darkened the door of St. Andrew for a while, consider joining us for live worship at 10:30 or noon some Sunday this month. You are strongly encouraged to wear masks during worship, but in almost all other respects our liturgy has returned to pre-COVID practice -we pray together, sing together (including our recently returned choir), laugh together, and praise God together by our presence in the community of the beloved.

St. Andrew welcomes you back to church! Join us this month, to worship and to celebrate our harvest of love and fellowship in His Name.



St. Andrew

St. Andrew is a community of Episcopalians celebrating our tradition and diversity as we live out our faith in the world, raise up new generations of caring people, and gather for support, worship, activism, education, and fun.

How We Fund Our Budget

Like many communities of faith, we rely on pledges and gifts from our members to support our ministry. Pledges account for 85% of our annual income, with plate offerings and other special offerings comprising another 6%. **We are entirely self-funded.** We do not receive financial support from the diocese for our operations. As a matter of fact, we support the ministries of the Diocese of Ohio by contributing our "Parish Share" which comes to 12% of our total outlays.

How We Allocate Our Budget

Our budget reflects the **values** we shape and share with the world around us. Each of us in our varied ways, employing our many blessings and gifts, build a better world through our love of God, self, and neighbor. We align our budget with the work of our life together. As you pray and reflect about your annual giving for 2022, please celebrate this giving home we have created and consider how to help our gifts multiply.