



Good News

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

From the Rector

Epiphany

Origin: Middle English from the Greek *epiphainein* meaning 'reveal' or 'manifest.'

Meaning: The manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)

The wise ones, those seekers who studied the connections of earth and heaven followed a star from the east. They were convinced that it would lead them to the King of the Jews whom they would worship. Prophecy foretold his coming (see: Micah 5:2). The wise ones, who observed, investigated, and believed things seen and unseen followed the star into unknown places. They avoided distractions along the way, and basked in the Light of Christ, a light for all people.

Jesus, once encountered, transformed the wise ones in ways they (and we) could not imagine. We know that their meeting with Jesus, processed through the medium of dream, prompted them to find their way home by a new way, so as to avoid a further encounter with King Herod. Herod, as we know from biblical account, hoped to discover Jesus' location from the wise ones so that Herod could kill Jesus. To Herod, Jesus was a political threat who might, by his very existence, usurp Herod's power base. To the wise ones, Jesus transcended the machinations of worldly kings. By their journey the wise ones discovered that Jesus was the Light of the World, one whose light shone across geographic, tribal, and religious divides to reconcile all things on heaven and on earth.

*“A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you so must you love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.”*

-John 13:34

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Annual Meeting January 26

On Sunday, January 26th, we will join together as a parish to celebrate the accomplishments of this past year. During the annual meeting, we will receive the reports of our various Ministry and Vestry leaders, review the 2020 budget, discuss important financial matters and elect new members to the Vestry.

There will be just one Eucharist at 10:30 AM, followed by a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to share. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided.

As soon as we finish our meal, the annual meeting will begin and 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. As Rev. Lisa says "We're all in it together." Don't miss this opportunity to join together as the community of Christ at St. Andrew.



The Holy Spirit was at work at St. Andrew in 2019! Some of the many highlights including Tetélestai, a partial roof replacement, Louise Hassink's birthday bash, The dedication of the Sherman Memorial Scattering Garden, the Great Vigil of Easter and our 10-year Pantry Celebration.

Special Thanks

A special thank you to our friend Sterling Coleman, a food pantry volunteer from Advent Lutheran Church, for generously fixing the St. Andrew sidewalk leading to the pantry. Over the years we have lost chunks of cement from several slabs, leaving the sidewalk uneven and hard to maneuver a grocery cart over. Sterling provided all the materials and labor to make the repair. Thanks!



Vestry Nominations

Nominations are now open for parishioners to serve on the 2020 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 two three 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.



January Celebrations

Anniversaries

Joe & Kathy Gudel 31

Birthdays

Mary Ellen Fecser 05

Mary Provins 14

Maryellen Sundstrom 14

Marilyn Pastor 16

Alice Johnson 20

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!*

Volunteer to Help

Tuesday, January 14th is St. Andrew's regularly scheduled Food Pantry distribution. With many of our Snow Birds on the road and in warmer locations this month, we anticipate being a bit short handed. If you can spare a few hours (1 - 3 PM) and would like to volunteer, please contact Food Pantry Ministry Leader Barb Sopko at 440-354-2844.



Worship Times

Sundays:

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist with music

12:00 PM

Contemporary Eucharist
with Celebration Band

Wednesdays:

11:00 AM

Healing & Eucharist

From the Rector (continued from page 1)

We, like the wise ones, live in turbulent times. The future is uncertain and the way forward unclear. Like the wise ones, we seek to discern the connection between earth and heaven by following the Light of the World, which is a light for all people. Where will it lead us in the year ahead? It will lead us into unknown places of risk and promise to be sure. Just as surely, if we follow the Light of Christ as the wise ones once did, without hesitation, equipped by faith, and with eyes and hearts wide open, it will lead us home.

*"Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world.
All things break. And all things can be mended.
Not with time, as they say, but with intention.
So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you."*

-L.R. Knost

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TOP SECRET (Almost!)

Our attempt at surprising retiring organist Eunice May, **almost** went off without a hitch! The elaborate scheme to surprise her with a brunch celebrating her many years of playing the organ at St. Andrew, included choir members, a former parishioner and a promise of a meal out!

Debbie Pulman was tasked with getting Eunice to church. She came up with the brilliant idea of inviting former parishioner Jean Davis (friend of Debbie and Eunice who now lives in Cortland) to visit and telling Eunice that they were all going to go to church and then out to lunch. Eunice was in - mission accomplished!

Everything was going along swimmingly leading to the big surprise. A menu was prepared (thanks Conrad), money was collected for a gift, and all was going as planned, until a wayward Flocknote message titled "*Lectors Needed this Sunday, December 29 for Eunice's Celebration/Lessons and Carols*" was accidentally sent by Rev. Lisa to the entire parish. The bible tells us to "speak the truth in love" and so the truth was spoken in love - well, mostly emailed in love! The jig was up, and the surprise happened, just a day early!

Eunice has been a big part of our music program, and while she will no longer play weekly, she will still lead our choir after recovering from hip surgery. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the "surprise" brunch and contributed to the gift. Eunice very much appreciates your kindness and love.



*"Oh come, let us sing to the
Lord; let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of our
salvation!"
Psalm 95:1*



Rev. Lorenzo Librija

Winter Convocation

The Diocese of Ohio is hosting a Winter Convocation for Episcopalians from the Diocese of Ohio to gather, learn, share ideas and worship together. The theme for this year's event is "We're Trying." It will take place at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky from 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7th through 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8th. The keynote speaker The Rev. Lorenzo Librija, Director of TryTank. TryTank is an experimental laboratory for church growth and innovation. Hear from Rev. Librija about experiments (even the ones that failed!) conducted and what we as a church are learning. Other workshops include sessions on *Discerning New Ministry through our Neighbor's Eyes, Stewardship and The Language of Prayer*. With 13 workshops, a children's program, and a youth program, the Winter Convocation offers something for everyone. Individual registration is just \$29 through January 17th. Additional information and registration is available at www.dohio.org

Dates to Remember:

January 14

Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM

January 26

Annual Meeting - One Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM, followed by Potluck & Meeting.

January 26

Vestry Organizational Meeting, 1 PM



We had a wonderful day celebrating Rev. Dawson Moorer's 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Thanks and Thanksgivings

Thank you—all of you—for a wonderful celebration on the 22nd . Thanks to those of you who helped put it together, for all who came, and for everyone who was there in spirit. I'm still enjoying all the cards!

Thank you also for the very generous gift from the whole parish. I received enough to pay for six months of membership at the Mandel JCC gym, allowing me to continue my journey toward health and wholeness that has evolved over the last several months. I honestly was wondering if I could afford to continue my membership there, but your gift is making that possible.

It's dawned on me that nearly half of my life as a priest has been spent at St. Andrew. I'm grateful for all of you, for all of your support and caring in tough times, and being there to celebrate the good. Like I said at the reception, being with you as friends and fellow believers has been a real gift over the past fourteen years, and being able to serve among you as priest has been pure grace.

God's blessings for all of you.

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