



## Good News

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

### From the Rector

Even now, when most of us are far removed from field and harvest, we live by the seasons. The words of Ecclesiastes speak truth to us.

**“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 (ASV)**

The liturgical seasons ground our time together as Christians in the presence of the One we serve. Marking the church seasons keeps us mindful our Savior’s earthly life, and reminds us of how the church was born. As heirs of Christ by adoption, we know that the church is re-born in us every time we come together in love to share the bread and the wine with one another. We are the church, and the Body of Christ lives in us, together.

While the church is us, together, wherever we are, we choose to gather in a sacred space that is physical as well as spiritual. Our beautiful church building and grounds enfold us in beauty. Gathering in this particular church building evokes for us memories of the saints that have come before us to build this place-and who still, a great cloud of witnesses, draw us here in love and hope. In this place we are set to dreaming about those who will come after us and “be church” for future generations of seekers in all the times to come. (continued on page 7)

# Accessory Sale Saturday, October 12 10 AM to 2 PM

Gently used purses, scarfs, jewelry and even vintage hats will be available for sale at this unique event! If you love to shop and have an eye for a bargain, come and see the beautiful items offered at the St. Andrew Accessory Sale. Better than a rummage sale because we're only selling the fun stuff! Grab your BFF and stop in to pick up a purse (even a few designer bags), a vintage necklace, or a funky hat. And, if you make your own jewelry, we have plenty of items that can be refreshed and repurposed into a masterpiece of your own. You can't miss this fabulous event! Arrive at 10 AM for the best selection! See you at the sale.



## Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 6th, bring your pet to St. Andrew for a blessing! Dogs, cats, fish, birds, turtles and pets of all sorts can receive a blessing on the front lawn starting at 2 PM.

Everyone is welcome, including all faithful companions, as we join together to celebrate the love we share for our animal family members.







# Harvest of Blessings

## FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 2  
5 to 8 PM

All are invited to come to the Harvest of Blessings Fall Festival! We will have a Chili Cook-off, Harvest Veggie Side and Apple Dessert Contest, along with lots of fun activities for kids and adults! Enjoy a scavenger hunt, crafts, cornhole, candy bar bingo, piñata and our popular basket ticket raffle. If you'd like to participate in any of the cooking contests, sign up in the Narthex. If you're not a cook, don't worry, Tasters are needed! There is no cost (except basket tickets!) It's going to be an amazingly fun evening! Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

## Sign-Up for Service

St. Gabriel Catholic Church will be visiting St. Andrew again this year to wash our windows during their day of service. Teams from St. Gabe's travel to churches, community organizations and neighborhoods to spread the love of Jesus through service projects. Let's build community with the folks from St.

Gabe's by volunteering to help on Saturday, November 9th from 10 AM to 1 PM. We'll wash windows both inside and out! A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex.



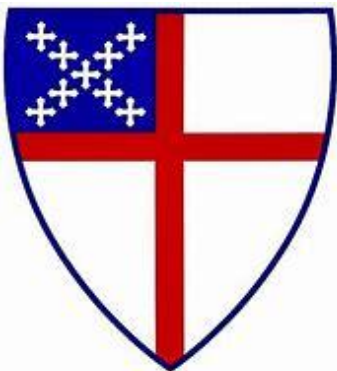
*St. Gabriel & St. Andrew Window Washers from 2018.  
Note the bright shiny windows behind them!*

## Sunday School Back in Session

Sunday School for kids ages 3 through Third grade started last month and will continue each Sunday till May. Our teacher once again is Amy Dittebrand long-time member of St. Andrew and college student at Kent State. This year, children will be learning about "Weaving God's Promises." The curriculum was developed for the Episcopal Church and helps children experience how God's promises of salvation are woven into our lives. Sunday school class begins each Sunday at 10:25 AM. Children will rejoin their families at Holy Eucharist when the congregation passes the peace.

# 203rd Annual Convention

The Diocese of Ohio will hold its 203rd Annual Convention on November 8 - 9th in Sandusky. The Annual Convention is the legislative body that approves the diocesan program and budget, elects persons to various groups, which serve the diocese, adopts resolutions on various issues, and approves changes in the Constitution and Canons of the diocese. St. Andrew will be represented Vestry members Judy Cudnik, Michele Miller and Andy Spiesman, and our clergy Rev. Lisa O'Rear and Rev. Dawson Moorer. Any youth or adult members of the diocese may attend the convention as guests, but need to register by October 11th to attend. On Friday, November 8th the Convention Eucharist will be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Sandusky, followed by a dinner. All convention business will take place on Saturday, November 9th at the Lyman Harbor Entertainment Complex. To find out more, including business to be addressed, go to: [www.dohio.org](http://www.dohio.org).



## Donate a Gift Basket for the Fall Festival

We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again! Plans for the Fall Festival, include a gift basket give away. Purchase tickets for a opportunity to take home a beautiful basket. You can preview the baskets starting Sunday, October 20th. Tickets will be on sale before and after church. If you are interested in donating a gift basket contact Rev. Lisa.



*Bonnie was one of the lucky winners last year!*

## Project Dignity Drive Ends

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Project Dignity collection to benefit homeless women. The endeavor is sponsored by the women of St. Andrew, and collected feminine hygiene products for Project Hope for the Homeless to distribute. Being a homeless woman has many challenges, including not having necessary hygiene products. The St. Andrew women sought to change that, with the help of those who donated items. The last day to donate feminine hygiene products is Sunday, October 6th. Thanks again for making a difference!



## ***Election Day Bake Sale!***

It's time to begin baking for the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day Bake Sale, The sale will be held by the church Office entrance doors from 7 AM until we sell out. The sale not only helps raise funds for the church, but gives us a chance to connect with people coming in to vote and demonstrate the warm and welcoming community St. Andrew offers.

All baked goods are needed: cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies and tea breads. You can bake and freeze the items now, and then bring them to the church the Sunday before Election Day, or the morning of the sale. We will make room for storage in the refrigerators in the parish hall.

Thanks to all who will be baking for Nov. 5th sale. Even if you don't vote at St. Andrew, stop by and satisfy your sweet tooth with a delicious treat from the Bake Sale! Check with Michele Miller if you have any questions or would like to help on Election Day.



## ***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  
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

## **Rake & Cake**

St. Andrew is blessed to be surrounded by the beauty of nature - especially in Autumn. The sweet Gum trees turn brilliant shades of red and gold. But with an abundance of trees comes lots of leaves to rake. Volunteer for the first Rake & Cake. On Saturday, October 19th. We will meet at St. Andrew from 10 AM to Noon to rake leaves. Raking will be followed by a yummy piece of cake (after all that raking you deserve it!) A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. If you have a rake please bring it. Some extra rakes will be available that day.



# VOICES OF EXPERIENCE ON THE DEATH PENALTY

As the Ohio Legislature grapples with the question of how the state conducts executions—or perhaps if they should occur at all—come for the latest updates and hear stories of those who have experienced the issue first-hand.

Featuring: murder victim family member Melinda Dawson, Death Row family member Charles Keith, and Death Row Exonoree Kwame Ajamu.

October 16th, 7pm  
St. Andrew Episcopal Church  
7989 Little Mountain Rd  
Mentor, OH 44060

More info at: [bit.ly/ohio-journey](http://bit.ly/ohio-journey)  
for updates, text **JOURNEY** to 33777

## Volunteer Days at Bellwether Farm

Learn about Bellwether! Volunteer Days are Wednesday, **October 2**; Saturday, **October 19**; or Wednesday, **October 30** from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Spend the morning discussing regenerative farming while harvesting, processing, weeding and building community in the process. No experience is required and all ages are welcome. Please wear close-toed shoes and bring a water bottle. At the end of the day, you'll go home with some farm produce as a thank you. [Register through Eventbrite.](#)



### Dates to Remember - October

- 6 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 6 - Blessing of Animals, 2 PM
- 6 - Last day to donate to Project Dignity
- 8 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 12 - Accessory Sale, 10 AM - 2 PM**
- 14 - St. James Lunch Service, 11 AM
- 16 - Journey of Hope, 7 PM
- 19 - Rake & Cake, 10 AM - 12 PM
- 20 - Gift Basket Ticket Sale, following Eucharist



Bellwether Greenhouse



## From the Rector (continued from page 1)

Now, sixty years into the life of this parish, we find ourselves in the season of building up. Our church building and grounds need repair. While this work has begun it is not finished because we can't now fund completion of this work. You've supported your church in making a great start to the flat roof and windows projects. These repairs/improvements preserve the building and increase our enjoyment of it. These construction projects give our neighbors a safe and comfortable space in which to meet together and change their lives for the better. Building together is what church is all about.

We're building dreams at St. Andrew too. Right now we are dreaming about our music and our worship services and how we might bring all our community together in worship through music that feeds our spirits and welcomes our neighbors. We have dreams about creating a Food Sharing Ministry that builds on our choice food pantry, invites new neighbors in, and saves lives (physically and spiritually) through the growing, cooking, and sharing of food. We dream of all the ways that we might align our personal dreams with Christ's dream of abundant life for us together—a dream that leaves no one behind and preserves our sacred earth for the enjoyment of all creation. Dreaming together is what church is all about.

Our church is alive in love and in mission. With your God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure we can continue to do the work of the Savior in our time and place by dreaming and building the New Creation in Christ.

This is the season to share your gifts with St. Andrew; to show up, to build up, to dream, to pray, to love and receive love, to sing and to accept Christ's gift of eternal life in this moment and forever; a gift that our Savior freely offers us by his body and blood, and which we receive together with open hearts. We receive it together at St. Andrew, and we send it out together, by living lives of sacrificial love to the Glory of God and for the healing of the world.

Gratefully,  
Lisa+



## For All the Saints

All Saints' Day commemorates all saints, known and unknown, each year on November 1st. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. All Saints' Day may also be celebrated on the Sunday following November 1st. (from *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*).

At St. Andrew, on Sunday, November 3rd, we encourage you to bring in photos of your loved ones who have passed and now are part of the *Great Cloud of Witnesses*. Place the photos on the window sills as we remember all those who have gone before us and still inspire us by their faith.



*Thanks to the good friends of Reggi Kucera who donated a bench in her memory for the Scattering Garden.*

# What a Great Summer!

Summer is special at St. Andrew. Along with moving our Holy Eucharist out to the St. Francis Chapel once a month, there are several fun events that help us build relationship and community! We hope you enjoyed the annual summer Bocce Competition, Ice Cream Sundays, the Pantry 10-year Anniversary celebration and our end of the season Parish Picnic! There is love and joy present in this place.



## Stewardship Ingathering Sunday, November 3

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. Sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure can often be inconvenient, but it is how we grow as Christians. This year in particular we need to come together as community to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world. No one can do it alone! There are many mountains facing the members of St. Andrew. We are an aging congregation, with an aging building, but we are still on the road to what God wants us to become! Just remember God provides for us abundantly. Make time to volunteer and do the work of Jesus. Share the talents you have to aid the St. Andrew community and God in the world. Skip that latte or movie to increase your giving, so we can maintain the building and increase our ministry efforts. On Sunday, November 3rd, we will join together as a congregation to offer God our best gifts as we conclude our fall Stewardship Campaign. Please bring your pledge cards that Sunday.