



Good News

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

From the Rector

Stewardship is “our personal response to God's generosity in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and money. Stewardship reflects our commitment to making God's love known through the realities of human life and our use of all that God has given us. It is also our service to God's world and our care of creation.”

From: Dictionary of the Episcopal Church

Earlier this week, I sent you a music ministry survey and invited your response. The purpose of the survey was not to initiate any particular change in musical style or content, but rather, to respond faithfully and intentionally to the change that is already upon us.

Our beloved long-time organist and choirmaster Eunice May will retire from her position as organist during the fall season. We grieve this, knowing that qualified organists are hard to come by and that Eunice is irreplaceable. Thankfully, Eunice has agreed to continue to lead our gifted choir into another year of worship and praise in song. We are so grateful for her ministry among us.

Meanwhile, our organ, which has been a source of musical inspiration to the parish for 40+ years, is nearing the end of its useful life. While that end may still be some years away (we hope), the computer technology that powers the organ is outdated, parts are no longer made for this very fine instrument, and its functionality decreases with each passing year despite regular maintenance and repair. One recent and unexpected repair, undertaken less than a month ago, totaled over \$1,000, with another \$1,650 recommended by our organ repair professional. We do not have money in the budget to cover these expenses. *(continued on page 3)*

Dates to Remember - September

- 1 - Outdoor Eucharist, 10:30 AM
- 1 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 2 - St. James Lunch Service, 10:30 AM
- 8 - Adult Formation, 9 AM
- 8 - All Parish Picnic, 11:30 AM
- 10 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 14 - Building & Grounds Committee, 9 AM
- 15 - Sunday School Resumes
- 15 - Contemporary Service, 12 PM
- 18 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM

Adult Formation

Or, more affectionately referred to as "Dawson's Class" will resume for the fall season on September 8th at 9 AM. The group will study St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. This class will run for 14 weeks. Study books cost \$24. If you'd like a book, please put a check in the offering plate with "Adult Formation Book" written in the memo line. All adults are welcome to participate.

All Parish Picnic Sunday, September 8

Summer's over and Autumn is almost here! Join us on Sunday, September 8th for an old-fashioned picnic right after the 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish and a beverage to share. Hot Dogs and ice cream will be provided. We'll play games like corn hole, bocce and croquet. Kids will enjoy playing with bubbles and taking part in a scavenger hunt. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. Inside seating will be available for those unable to go outside. All are welcome!



St. Andrew Worship

On September 15th we will return to our regular weekly worship schedule. Join us Sundays at 10:30 AM for traditional Holy Eucharist or at Noon for contemporary Holy Eucharist with the St. Andrew Praise Band. A Healing Eucharist with anointing is offered at 11 AM each Wednesday.



Our Lake Catholic Scholar

Last week was Aniya's first "spirit week" at Lake Catholic and she purchased and wore her "spirit-wear" to school proudly thanks to the Holy Spirit at work in the generous hearts of her St. Andrew friends! There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and Aniya feels the love!

From the Rector (continued from page 1)

The poet Adrienne Rich once mused, “The moment of change is the only poem.” For those of us who have lived a life this statement rings true. It is our task and sacred obligation, as the beloved of God at inevitable moments of change, to discover the poetry in it and discern the workings of our ever-creative God in the midst of the change that is.

Because every voice at St. Andrew is precious and integral to the Body of Christ, your rector and vestry turn to you, through the medium of survey, to tell us what you want and need to feed your spirit in worship through music. Your responses will guide us in staffing the church musician position. The Episcopal Church also guides us in this process by defining “approved music” for use at our principal Sunday service. We will seek a church musician who can play and lead the music we need for worship.

Please complete the music survey if you’ve not already done so (call the office if you need a survey sent to you by regular mail). The survey takes 3 minutes to complete.

Think of it as an act of stewardship. Whenever you engage in the life of the parish by completing a survey, participating in outreach, or simply praying for your brothers and sisters you are sharing your gifts as Jesus taught. Whenever you participate in a church committee, serve as an acolyte, lector, or Eucharistic minister, join choir or play an instrument in church you are sharing your gifts as Christ taught. Whenever you pledge or make a financial gift to church, stand for vestry, or attend church on Sunday you share your gifts with the community of souls that is St. Andrew and help to build the Kingdom of God in our time for the good of all.

Please plan to complete the music ministry survey by September 6. We look forward to sharing the survey results with you and moving forward together to make a joyful noise to the Lord through our mutual ministry of music.



Project Dignity Continues

The women of St. Andrew are continuing to collect feminine hygiene products to donate to Project Hope for the Homeless. Lack of these products is a hidden consequence of homelessness and robs women of their dignity. Drop donations at the church office or in the Narthex. Won't you help?



Free Concert

The Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, England will perform a free concert on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral. No tickets or reservations required and free parking is available in the lot off Prospect Avenue.

A free-will offering will be collected.

Garden Update

Thanks to everyone who attend last month's garden brunch to learn about the plans to create the Jubilee Garden. The community garden would expand our feeding ministry by growing fresh fruits and vegetable to give away to our neighbors at the Choice Food Pantry and to others.

We shared the preliminary garden plan and the next step will be an effort to secure grant funding to construct the garden.



Please keep this project in your prayers as Rev. Lisa and Jubilee Garden volunteers work through the details with the hope of having a harvest next summer.. You can contribute to the project in many ways - volunteer to help maintain the plant and garden, offer your skills to help secure funding, or simply contribute monetarily. St. Andrew has long been known for feeding those who hunger, both physically and spiritually. This project will provide sustenance for both. If you are interested, please speak with Rev. Lisa about how you can help.



WINTER CSA

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a way for consumers to purchase local food directly from a farmer by purchasing a share of his harvest. St. Andrew is a pick-up location for the Geauga Family Farms CSA. The **winter program** runs for six-weeks beginning in late October. Shares are delivered to the church on a weekly basis. Many items in the shares will vary as the season progresses. Typical shares might include: Sweet potatoes, onions, carrots, parsnips, broccoli, radishes, lettuce, Swiss chard, eggs and whole-wheat bread.

Sign up starting this month at geaugafamilyfarms.org and you'll enjoy six weeks of farm fresh goodness!

Accessory Sale Donations Needed!

Ladies we need your help! St. Andrew is hosting an Accessory Sale on Saturday, October 12th from 10 AM to 2 PM. We are looking for donations of new or gently used jewelry, purses and scarves to sell. Drop off the items in the Church Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays between 9 AM & 1 PM, or on Sundays in the collection box in the Narthex. Proceeds will be used for repairs and maintenance at St. Andrew. *A committee of highly motivated and energetic women is planning this event, but they could use more help, and day of sale volunteers. Talk to Marybeth Primeau, Maryellen Sundstrom or call the church office to volunteer.*





Super Bocce Bowl was Super Exciting!

What an exciting end to the Bocce season! The Super Bocce Bowl proved that you just never know what will happen until the last roll of the Bocce Ball! The Bocce Balboas, without their team captain, and barely being able to fill their roster with last minute subs, miraculously claimed the 2019 title of Bocce Champions in a Cinderella run defeating the #4, #1, and #3 ranked teams. Thanks to Chris "The Commissioner," Peshek, Grill Master Conrad Galayda, volunteers and team members who participated! What a fun season and better yet, we raised over \$2,200 for the Food Pantry!



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!

Kudos to the 2019 St. Andrew Bocce Champions! Dana, George, Rosa, and Cindy turned the St. Andrew Bocce Empire on its ear with their stellar play in the Super Bocce Bowl!

August Celebrations

Birthdays

Anthony Chrzanowski 01
Kevin Koehler 02
Shirley Poitras 04
Judy Cudnik 05
Samia Bishara 05
Meg Nemeth 07
Frank Fecser 08
Jackson Frantisak 16
Dorothy Hickey 20
Heather Catlett 21
Richard Ezzo 23
Michael Bailey 23
Candace McCready 26
Debra Perse 27

Anniversaries

Brian & Micki Rotz 09
Ray & Marguerite Brunner 14
Tom & Joan Lally 27

*Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary?
Contact the Office at
440-255-8842 and let us know!*

Local Art Exhibit

The Columbus Crossing Borders Project Art Exhibit is a visual tribute to the resilience, strength and courage of refugees. The exhibit is on display at the Lakeland Community College Gallery. It features the works of 34 artists and a documentary film *Breathe Free*.

The film will be shown at:
9/11 - 3 PM & 7 PM
9/12 - 10 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM & 5 PM

Art will be on display in the Galley from 3 PM on September 11th to 5 PM September 12th.

A reception featuring the creators of the project will be 9/11 at 5 PM and 9/12 at 1 PM.

All are free and open to the public.



From Eunice May

Come Sing With Us

Choir rehearsals will be starting on Thursday September 5th. We will meet as usual in the choir room at 7:30. Since the new Fall season will be upon us, we will be back into our choir robes, looking forward to sharing an offertory Anthem with everyone, on Sunday, September 8th, at 10:30 AM.

For anyone reading this, who consider themselves to be musically inclined, this might be a good time to consider participating in choir as a possible ministry to your church. After all, we know that music speaks to us and moves us in many different ways. Who knows what you might discover!

Come! Sing a new song to the Lord!

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Gifts

We all love to get presents! It's love expressed in a tangible form. That new scarf for Mom or a book for Dad or Legos for a child are a way that we express our love. But have you ever thought about how our heavenly Father has expressed his love to us? We have received many gifts from God that are incomparable to a scarf or book or toy. Our abundant life is a gift from God. Our abilities, the time we have on earth, our jobs, our families, Jesus and the promise of eternal life! God gives us these gifts with the expectation that we will share them. Pass them on to those who don't know or can't see the presence of Jesus, the love of the Father, the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Each year we have a conversation about stewardship. What does it mean? Why are we called to be good stewards? How can we give back, share the gifts that God has so freely given us? Over the next several weeks we will be exploring how we can use and share our gifts from God. We invite you to unwrap those gifts and share them.

Save the Date!
Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 6 at 2 PM



St. Andrew front lawn
Light refreshments for both pets & owners!

Sue Corbett Exercise Classes

St. Andrew Parishioner Sue Corbett is a certified Yoga and Aerobics instructor. She offers Yoga and Zumba classes at St. Andrew on Mondays (Yoga) and Thursdays (Zumba & Yoga) in the St. Andrew Parish Hall. The classes are for all ages and abilities. As Sue says, "Even as we age and are aware of the changes that do occur, we can still give our bodies and minds a better quality of life, through aerobic exercise and yoga." So if you're a longtime attendee or just want to try something new, drop in on a class. Cost per Yoga Practice is \$10 (or a 10 class pass for \$80) and cost per Zumba class is \$5. You may pay at the class or through Sue's website www.breathmindbody.com. Thursday classes are in progress and Monday Yoga classes resume September 30th.

Windows Update

We've had a small setback in our Window Replacement Project. When our contractor returned to update the quote we received when the Choir Room windows were replaced, it was discovered that a mistake had been made in measuring the small Sunday School room windows, and the quote was off by several thousand dollars. The cost to replace those windows is actually \$8400, and we have collected just over \$5200. The Vestry has decided to take \$2400 of what has been collected and replace the window in the Worman Room kitchen. It too is falling apart, and is in desperate need of replacement. Please don't be discouraged! Together we will make this improvement happen! Thanks to all who have donated to the Window Replacement Project! This is a long-term project and we will continue to work on replacing windows as we are able. The new windows look great and will last for years to come.



Remembering Pam Cushman

Longtime member Pam Cushman passed away peacefully on Monday, August 19th after a battle with cancer. Pam attended our 8 AM quiet service for years, and actually started attending St. Andrew as a teenager (she had stories about occasionally babysitting the Worman children). Pam had a wry sense of humor, was often sarcastic, and as good friend Michele Miller says "she was a hoot!" You always knew just what Pam thought about an issue and she pulled no punches - even as she went through this last illness she could see the humor in her struggle. She also had a very deep faith and knew that whatever she was facing on earth was just a momentary bump in the road, as there were better things ahead. So goodbye dear Pam. We will miss you, but we celebrate your moving on to eternal life!

Funeral details will be forthcoming.