



Good News

AUGUST 2023

From the Rector

Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for your prayers as I entered into, and emerged from, my first surgery (right quadricep repair). I know many of you are surgery veterans, sometimes many times over. The grace and bravery you have shared with me in the midst of your troubles and witnessed to our whole community as you faced your physical and emotional vulnerabilities head on, inspired and comforted me as I grappled with my own uncertainties in facing surgery.

As I woke in the recovery room, the very first thing I saw was a large wooden crucifix hanging on the wall across from my bed. Gratefully alert, I felt Jesus' presence in that space and remembered how often I've experienced the palpable presence of God in Jesus at the bedside of those who are suffering and in conversation with those troubled in Spirit. Jesus is an ever-present source of strength, comfort, healing, and rest for each of us, all of us, whatever our challenges, in every season of our lives.

It's ironic though that while pain is a conduit to the holy, it can also be a block to experiencing the presence of God in the midst of our suffering. Seeing the crucifix in my room upon waking was the reminder I needed to open my heart to God's presence, and to find God in my very heartbeat.

I ran across a writing from lawyer, social justice activist, and author Bryan Stevenson, that resonates with me as I reflect on my own injury and our collective vulnerability as humankind together. Stevenson, the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, wrote a book *Just Mercy* about his experiences in standing with the most vulnerable among us, in court and in life. He is truly doing the work of Christ. I hope his words resonate with you too, in whatever state you find yourself this day. I am grateful for you and for our journey, together in Jesus, and for the life we share

FROM THE RECTOR (CONT.)

Thomas Merton said: "We are bodies of broken bones." I guess I'd always known but never fully considered that being broken is what makes us human. We all have our reasons. Sometimes we're fractured by the choices we make; sometimes we're shattered by things we would never have chosen. But our brokenness is also the source of our common humanity, the basis for our shared search for comfort, meaning, and healing. Our shared vulnerability and imperfection nurtures and sustains our capacity for compassion."

(From *Just Mercy*, by Bryon Stevenson, p. 289).

Thanks be to God!

ELECTION DAY

Bake Sale

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8



Baked Goods and Volunteers needed! We are holding our Election Day Bake Sale on August 8th. Please consider donating baked goods (drop off at Church between Sunday, August 6th and Tuesday morning.) Volunteers are needed to sell the goodies on August 8th. Contact the office to volunteer or for questions.



Important Dates In August

- 01 Bocce 6:30 pm
- 03 Food Pantry - unpack 11 am
- 06 Worship Indoors 10:30 am
- 06 Food Pantry 1 pm - 3 pm
- 08 Election Day and Bake Sale
- 08 Super Bocce Bowl 6:30 pm
- 09 Fundraising Committee 6 pm
- 09 Finance Committee 6:30 pm
- 13 Worship Outdoors 10:30 am
- 16 Vestry 6:30 pm
- 20 Worship Indoors 10:30 am
- 20 Inquirers Learning Circle noon
- 27 Worship Outdoors 10:30 am



GIFTS FOR LAURA

Please consider donating Walmart gift cards for our sanctuary neighbor, Laura Martinez. She is in need of school clothes, shoes, and a coat for her son, Joshua, who keeps on growing. Cards can be given to Lisa or the office.

GOD MOMENTS

By Mary Provins

I am writing this because an idea has been on my mind for a couple of months now. There are moments in our lives when God shows His presents pretty clearly and often, we don't notice it, or we don't acknowledge them for what they truly are. I call them "God Moments". We all have them but do we really recognize them? Have you ever been waiting at a traffic light; the light turns green but you hesitate to go for some unknown reason and a car races through? That car would have hit you if you had gone when you normally would. I call that a God Moment. I want to tell you about one that I had a couple of months ago that really hit home to me. I think it's important to share these moments and acknowledge God's presence in our lives.

As most of you know my beloved husband Grant passed away in December last year. I had chosen Ohio Living for our Hospice care when he qualified for it. They were amazing throughout the whole process and still are as I move forward now with him always in my heart. Sometime around early April Megan contacted me to ask if Ohio Living could sponsor a Hometown Heroes banner for Grant with the city of Mentor. I was thrilled to honor his service and said yes. Megan called me around Memorial Day to say that the banner was up somewhere on Civic Center Blvd so I set out in the car to find it. As I drove, I was hoping it would be somewhere near a place where I could stop and take a picture. I found it by the driveway leading out of the ice rink parking lot! How perfect was that! I pulled into the lot and got out of the car and went over to take a good look and get a picture. As I approached it, I noticed an older man slowly jogging along the sidewalk heading in my

direction. As I looked up at the banner, I had tears running down my face as I focused the camera on my phone. The man said "Hi" to me as he passed and I said "Hi" back. A few seconds later I noticed the man had come back. He asked if that was my husband and I said yes. He asked when he had passed. When I told him he walked over and gave me a big hug. Then he said that he jogged there every day and from that day on when he got to that spot he would stop and say a prayer for both of us. I was so very moved by his actions! To me that was a God Moment.

I know that many of you have had things happen that, when you think back on it, you may realize that God was there protecting you, loving you, comforting you, maybe guiding you on a path that was best for you. Maybe by sharing these moments we can help ourselves and others to notice them more and acknowledge them as examples of His presence in our lives every day..... God Moments.





JUNK IN THE TRUNK

Our first ever Junk In the Trunk/Jumble Sale was held on July 22nd. We had a total of 23 vendors for the event and it was great fun!



August Celebrations

Birthdays

- 02 Cory King
- 05 Bernadette Sandacz
- 13 Marylou Ezzo
- 14 Tina Hall
- 15 Jacob Leitch
- 17 Greg Connel
- 18 Tom Lally
- 20 Erin Koehler
- 22 Rosa Peshek
- 27 Kathy King

Anniversaries

- 02 John & Jill Sankal
- 05 Don & Sharon Koehler
- 10 Joe & Peggy Sturm
- 16 Frank & Mary Ellen Fecser
- 20 Greg & Melissa Connel
- 26 Steven & Diane Smith



BOCCE

Our Bocce season is quickly drawing to a close. One more regular play tonight and Super Bocce Bowl on August 8th! Come cheer your favorite team on and have dinner at the St. Andrew Grill!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

This fall St. Andrew will offer an *Inquirers Learning Circle*, for those who are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal church when Bishop Jolly comes to visit St. Andrew in late 2023-early 2024. Long-time members are welcome to join the group too, to learn more about our faith and the workings of the Episcopal Church today. As part of our time together, the Learning Circle will read the book *Unabashedly Episcopalian: Proclaiming the Good News of the Episcopal Church*, by the Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle.

The Inquirers group will meet in August for a kick-off brunch after the 10:30 service on August 20. If you'd like to join the group, contact Rev. Lisa or the St. Andrew office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming this fall is our first ever Candy Apple Craft Show in October. In September we are hosting a concert by Sarah McQuaid in conjunction with Folknet, a local arts organization. This event is on September 24th at 7:30. We will be serving (and selling) refreshments.

PHOTO STREAM



Figure 1: Kids and their phones these days!



Figure 2: Joan Lally gets a birthday kiss!

PRAYER CALENDAR

Let's Pray for Each Other!

Introducing the Prayer Calendar, which will come to you each month in your newsletter. You'll note that there is a parish member designated for each day of the month on the calendar. Please take a moment to pray for that person on the day indicated, whether you know them or not! Prayer blesses the one who prays and the one who receives prayer, so incorporating this prayer calendar into your daily devotions is a win/win situation!

“Prayer is standing in the presence of God with the mind in the heart; that is, at that point of our being where there are no divisions or distinctions and where we are totally one. There God's Spirit dwells and there the great encounter takes place. There heart speaks to heart, because there we stand before the face of the Lord, all-seeing, with us.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*

August 2023 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Susan Zuber	2 Elaine Abrams <i>Cory King(B)</i> <i>John & Jill Sankal(A)</i>	3 Jim & Shirley Andersky	4 Billie Jean Anderson	5 Michael Bailey <i>Bernadette Sandacz(B)</i> <i>Don & Sharon Koehler(A)</i>
6 Richard & Madelin Bair	7 Patty Barnes	8 Nancy Benes	9 Jeries & Samia Bishara	10 Jackie Bishop <i>Joe & Peggy Sturm(A)</i>	11 Rick Berlan & Andrew Caruso	12 Kit & Karla Brandenburg (Nick, Samantha)
13 Edward Bridge <i>Marylou Ezzo(B)</i>	14 Beth Brown <i>Tina Hall (B)</i>	15 Heather Catlett <i>Jacob Leitch (B)</i>	16 Anthony & Linda Chrzanowski <i>Frank & Mary Ellen Fecser(A)</i>	17 Ted & Katie Clark (Jackson, Sarah) <i>Greg Connel(B)</i>	18 Greg & Melissa Connel <i>Tom Lally(B)</i>	19 Dennis & Sue Corbett
20 Ken & Judy Cudnik <i>Erin Koehler(B)</i> <i>Greg & Melissa Connel(A)</i>	21 Wayne Daniels (Connor, Jesse)	22 Chris & Heather DiAlfredi <i>Rosa Reshek(B)</i>	23 Douglas & Deborah Ditterband (Amy, Shawn)	24 Eric Dubovecky, Christine Huggins	25 Richard & Marylou Ezzo	26 Frank & Mary Ellen Fecser <i>Steven & Diane Smith(A)</i>
27 Erin & Colleen Garlock (Jason, Katie) <i>Kathy King(B)</i>	28 Steve & Magan Grau	29 Patricia Grisdale	30 Joe & Kathy Gudel			

LECTOR AND VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Volunteer Schedule for August 2023

	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Sunday School	Chalice Bearers	Lectors	Acolytes	Ushers/ Greeters	Counters
August 6 The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ	June Webb	TBD	TBD	Judy Cudnik	Randy Pengov, Dona Currutt, Barb Sopko, Peggy Sturm	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman	Andy Spiesman, Kim Herczog
August 13 The 11 th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14	June Webb	TBD	TBD	Judy Cudnik	Judy Cudnik, Bonnie Seminek, Ed Bridge, Brian Sandacz	C-	Andy Spiesman	Brian Sandacz, Andy Spiesman
August 20 The 12 th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15	Mary Provins, Margaret Sinclair, Brianna Rotz	TBD	TBD	Mary Provins	Andy Spiesman, Dona Currutt, Barb Sopko, Debbie Pullman	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman	Kim Herczog, Jack Semenik
August 27 The 13 th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16	Carol & Randy Pengov Susan Zuber	TBD	TBD	Judy Cudnik	Peggy Sturm, Micki Rotz, Ed Bridge, Chris Peshek	C-	Andy Spiesman	June Webb, Brian Sandacz,

+ 10:30 am only lector order= 1st-OT, 2nd-Psalm, 3rd-Epistle, 4th-Prayers of the People
If you need to reschedule, please make arrangements with someone else and let the office know of the change.
Also, please check for your coffee hour Sunday.

PARISH CALENDAR

**10:30 am 2nd & 4th Sunday Online
Worship with music**
10:30 am Eucharist Service with Music

St. Andrew Episcopal Church

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**If there is a pastoral
emergency, contact
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Cell: 216-402-9860
Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday
9am to Noon
(440) 255-8842**

August 2023 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Due to rain-Fit4Mom's will meet **6:30-8a Fit4Mom's	**8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's **6-8:30p Fit4Mom's	**5-6a Fit4Mom's	**8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's **6-7:30p Fit4Mom's	**5-6a Fit4Mom's	**8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's **7-8:30p Fit4Mom's	
		1 12:15 AA 7-8 Augustine Flwshp 6:30 Bocce	2 8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30-12:30 Thai Chi 7:30p McD AA	3 8-5 Chris-W.R. 11a Food Bank Delivery Need Help 7p Choir	4 12:15 p AA	5 Ping Pong 10-12:30Thai Chi 1-4 Recovery Intl 2-4 Truth & Love 7:30 Sat Nite Live AA
6 10:30a Eucharist w Music 1-3 Choice Pantry-Need Help 6-8 Joe & Charlie AA	7 6:30 Women in Recovery 7:30 12X12 Little Mountain AA	8 Election Day Bake Sale 12:15 AA 6:30 Bocce	9 8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30-12:30 Thai Chi 6:00 p Fundraising 6:30 p Finance 7:30p McD AA	10 8-5 Chris-W.R.	11 12:15p AA	12 Ping Pong 10-12:30Thai Chi 1-4 Recovery Intl 2-4 Truth & Love 7:30 Sat Nite Live AA
13 10:30a Eucharist w Music 10:30a Online service 6-8 Joe & Charlie AA	14 6:30 Women in Recovery 7:30 12X12 Little Mountain AA	15 12:15 AA 7-8 Augustine Flwshp 6:30 Bocce (rain date)	16 8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30-12:30Thai Chi 6-8p Choice Pantry 6:30p Vestry 7:30p McD AA	17 8-5 Chris-W.R. 11a Food Bank Delivery	18 12:15p AA	19 Ping Pong 10-12:30Thai Chi 1-4 Recovery Intl 2-4 Truth & Love 7:30 Sat Nite Live AA
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