



Good News

MAY 2023

From the Rector

O Love

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depth its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.*

-George Matheson, text (1842-1906)

-Elaine Hagenberg, music (b. 1979)

<https://youtu.be/U2cqbITDR8w>

Yesterday was challenging. I spent the entire day in my office at church trying to place online ads for available space-sharing opportunities at St. Andrew while the phone rang and so much remained undone. As is always the case when an end user like me tries to create new things online, there were complications galore, and before I knew it, an entire day was gone and I had little to show for it. I reminded myself that this work is important to the future of our church, but I went home discouraged.

Leafing, this morning, through the booklet I received at now- Bishop Coadjutor Anne Jolly's consecration on Saturday, my eyes were drawn to the text above, written by the 19th century Scottish poet and minister George Matheson.

FROM THE RECTOR (CONT.)

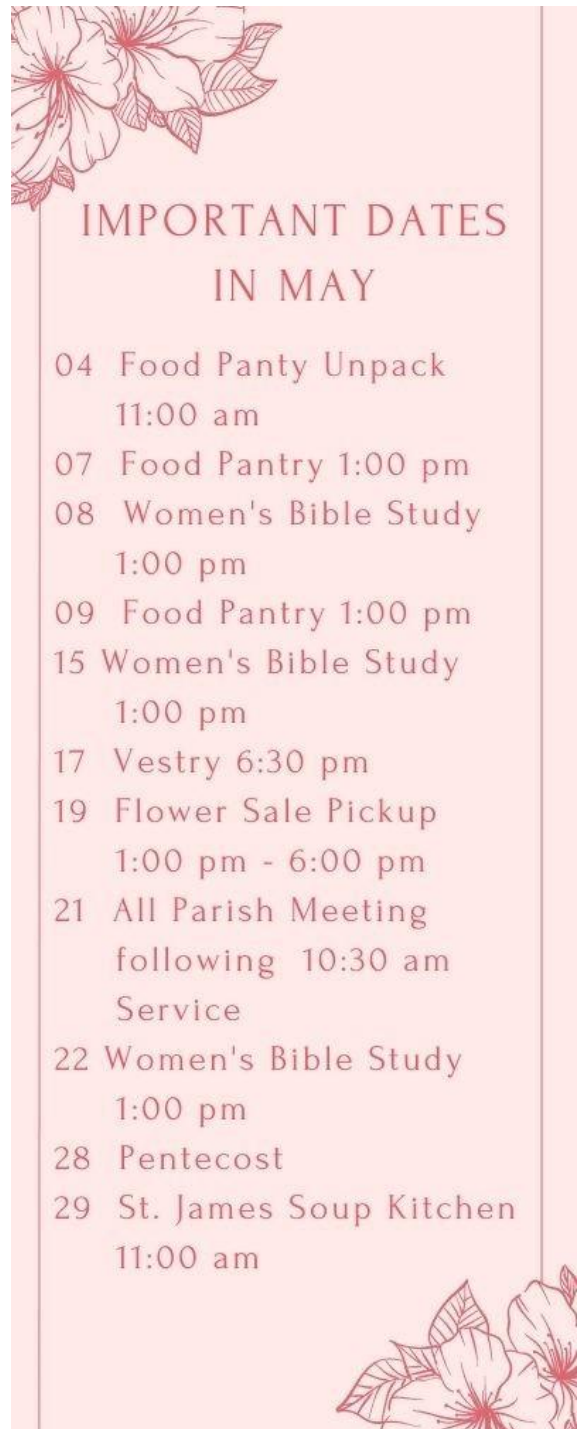
Matheson, a brilliant scholar and pastor, began losing his sight at age 17. Engaged when his sight began to fade, Matheson suffered through his vision loss alone, his fiancé having decided that she could not marry a blind man. Continuing his studies despite this challenge, Matheson received numerous degrees with honors, and served the body of Christ, and God's people, throughout his life.

About this text, which was set to music as a hymn, first in 1941, and again, in 2016 by Elaine Hagenberg, Matheson said that the words just flowed out of him on the eve of his sister's wedding, the text complete in 5 minutes. I first heard the words, set to Elaine Hagenberg's glorious music, at The Rt. Rev. Anne Jolly's consecration service, performed by a combined choir from churches all over the diocese which convened for the consecration.

Finding the piece on Youtube this morning (see the URL above so you can listen too) I was transported to sacred space in the blink of an eye, remembering why we do this work of church together, for the glory of God and love of one another. Matheson expressed my open heart at that moment perfectly: "O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depth its flow may richer, fuller be.

My wish for each of you, the beloved of God and the parish of St. Andrew, Mentor, is that you take a moment today to breathe deep, hear this glorious piece, written by George Matheson and Elaine Hagenberg, be renewed in your God-given purpose, your reason to be, and prosper!

In Christ,
Lisa+



IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

- 04 Food Panty Unpack
11:00 am
- 07 Food Pantry 1:00 pm
- 08 Women's Bible Study
1:00 pm
- 09 Food Pantry 1:00 pm
- 15 Women's Bible Study
1:00 pm
- 17 Vestry 6:30 pm
- 19 Flower Sale Pickup
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 21 All Parish Meeting
following 10:30 am
Service
- 22 Women's Bible Study
1:00 pm
- 28 Pentecost
- 29 St. James Soup Kitchen
11:00 am

APPLE TREES

Hello Parish Family, I am the new Guru-in-Training for the Apple Trees. I am on a steep learning curve, using materials from the Orchard People website, including a short course for beginners. The 3 secrets for getting fruit trees off to a good start are pruning, watering, and removing the baby fruit for the first two years! The reason for not collecting the fruit right away is to let the tree develop its root system.

We have 7 trees, a gift from our fellow parishioner Conrad Galayda. All of them are in full sun, survived the winter, and are putting out little green leaves. Please pray for successful growth for our orchard and for guidance for our care.

Judy



FLOWER SALE

For all people who placed an order for the St. Andrew Flower Sale: Pick up your flowers at St. Andrew on Friday, May 19th between 1 and 6 pm.

A vertical graphic with a light pink background and floral illustrations at the top and bottom. It lists birthdays and anniversaries for the month of May.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Emma Heim
- 05 Mark Lemieux
- 06 Todd Penkowski
- 10 Kevin Penkowski
- 10 Barbara Ammons
- 11 Erin Garlock
- 17 Paula Kahl
- 19 Tim Herczog
- 25 Janna Penkowski
- 27 Evelyn Messmore
- 30 Randy Pengov

ANNIVERSARIES

- 08 Wayne & Christine Heim
- 08 Vince & Alyssa Sitkowski
- 12 Robert & Norma Pattison
- 15 Ken & Judy Cudnik
- 18 Doug & Maryellen Sundstrom
- 29 Chris & Sarah Peshek
- 30 Randy & Carol Pengov
- 31 William & Meg Nemeth



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mary Ellen Fecser! Mary Ellen was inducted into the Mentor High School Alumni Associations Hall of Fame on April 27th!



ALL PARISH MEETING

We will meet together as a parish after the 10:30am Holy Eucharist on Sunday May 21. At this meeting your vestry will provide an update on parish finances, and answer any questions that arise.

We will all then discuss the steps we need to take, together, to insure the financial health of St. Andrew for the remainder of this year and into the future. Please pray for the parish of St. Andrew, Mentor, and plan to attend and actively participate in our May 21 parish meeting.

In Christ,
Lisa+

A Prayer for Guidance

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*

May 2023 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Susan Zuber	2 Elaine Abrams	3 Barbara Ammons	4 Jim & Shirley Andersky	5 Billie Jean Anderson <i>Emma Heim(B)</i> <i>Mark Lemieux(B)</i>	6 Michael Bailey <i>Todd Penkowski(B)</i>
7 Richard & Madelin Bair	8 Patty Barnes	9 Nancy Benes	10 Rick Berlan & Andrew Caruso <i>Kevin Penkowski(B)</i> <i>Barbara Ammons(B)</i>	11 Jeries & Samia Bishara <i>Erin Garlock(B)</i>	12 Jackie Bishop	13 Kit & Karla Brandenburg (Nick, Samantha)
14 Edward Bridge	15 Beth Brown	16 Heather Catlett	17 Anthony & Linda Chrzanowski	18 Ted & Katie Clark (Jackson, Sarah)	19 Greg & Melissa Connel	20 Dennis & Sue Corbett
21 Ken & Judy Cudnik	22 Wayne Daniels (Connor, Jesse)	23 Chris & Hether DiAlfredi	24 Douglas & Deborah Ditterbrand (Amy, Shawn)	25 Eric Dubovecky Christine Huggins	26 Richard & Marlou Ezzo	27 Frank & Mary Ellen Fescer
28 Erin & Collen Garlock (Jason, Katie)	29 Steve & Megan Grau	30 Patricia Grisdale	31 Joe & Kathy Gudel			

LECTOR AND VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Volunteer Schedule for May 2023

	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>	<i>Counters</i>
May 7 The 5 th Sunday of Easter	Mary Provins, Margaret Sinclair, Brianna Rotz	TBD	TBD	Mary Provins	Eunice May, Dona Currutt, Barb Sopko, Brian Sandacz	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman	Andy Spiesman, Kim Herczog
May 14 The 6 th Sunday of Easter	Carol & Randy Pengov Susan Zuber	TBD	TBD	Judy Cudnik	Peggy Sturm, Bonnie Eminek, Mary Provins, Ed Bridge	C-	Andy Spiesman	Brian Sandacz, Andy Spiesman
May 21 The 7 th Sunday of Easter	Mary Provins, Margaret Sinclair, Brianna Rotz	TBD	TBD	Mary Provins	Randy Pengov, Dona Currutt, Eunice May, Andy Spiesman	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman	Kim Herczog, Jack Semenik
May 28 The Day of Pentecost	June	TBD	TBD	Judy Cudnik	Judy Cudnik, Mary Provins, Debbie Pulman, Brian Sandacz	C-	Andy Spiesman	June Webb, Brian Sandacz,
								Andy Spiesman, Kim Herczog

+ 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
& 12 noon Contemporary service every
Sunday

St. Andrew Episcopal Church

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 Mentor, OH 44060
 (440) 255-8842
 standrewmentor@gmail.com

If there is a pastoral emergency, contact The Rev. Lisa O'Rear
Cell: 216-402-9860
Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday
9am to Noon
(440) 255-8842

May 2023 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 8-5 Chris-W.R. 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 10:30-12 Thai Chi 6:30p Vestry 7:30 p McD AA	4 11a Food Bank Delivery-Need help	5 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 12:15 p AA 7-8:30p Fit4Mom's	6 Ping Pong 10-12 Thai Chi 1-4 Recovery Intnl 2-4 Truth & Love 7:30 Sat Nite Live AA
7 6:30-8a Fit4Mom's 10:30a Eucharist w Music 12 noon Contemp. Service 1-3 Choice Pantry-Need Help 6-8 Joe & Charlie AA	8 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 6:30 Women in Recovery 7:30 12X12 Little Mountain AA 6-8:30p Fit4Mom's	9 5-6a Fit4Mom's 12:15 AA 1-3 Choice Pantry-Need Help 6p Den Mtg 7-8 Augustine Flwshp	10 8-5 Chris-W.R. 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 10:30-12 Thai Chi 5 th Grade Arrow of Light 6-7:30p Fit4Mom's 7:30p McD AA	11 5-6a Fit4Mom's 8-5 Chris-W.R. 7p Choir	12 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 12:15 p AA 7-8:30p Fit4Mom's	13 Ping Pong 10-12Thai Chi 1-4 Recovery Intnl 2-4 Truth & Love 7:30 Sat Nite Live AA
14 Mother's Day 6:30-8a Fit4Mom's 10:30a Eucharist w Music Online service 12 noon Contemp. Service 6-8 Joe & Charlie AA	15 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 6:30 Women in Recovery 7:30 12X12 Little Mountain AA 6-8:30p Fit4Mom's	16 5-6a Fit4Mom's 12:15 AA 6p Den Mtg 7-8 Augustine Flwshp	17 8-5 Chris-W.R. 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 10:30-12 Thai Chi 6-8 Choice Pantry 6:30p Vestry 7:30p McD AA	18 5-6a Fit4Mom's 8-5 Chris-W.R. 11a Food Bank Delivery 7p Choir	19 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 12:15p AA 7-8:30p Fit4Mom's	20 Ping Pong 10-12Thai Chi 1-4 Recovery Intnl 2-4 Truth & Love 7:30 Sat Nite Live AA
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28 Pentecost 6:30-8a Fit4Mom's 10:30a Eucharist w Music Online service 12 noon Contemp. Service 6-8 Joe & Charlie AA	29 Memorial Day 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 11:00 a St. James Lunch 6:30 Women in Recovery 7:30 12X12 Little Mountain AA 6-8:30p Fit4Mom's	30 5-6a Fit4Mom's 12:15 AA 6p Den Mtg 7-8 Augustine Flwshp	31 8-5 Chris-W.R. 8:30-9:30a Fit4Mom's 10:30-12Thai Chi 7:30p McD AA			