



## **Good News...*from St. Andrew Episcopal Church***

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

### **The Road not Taken**

***Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
and sorry I could not travel both  
and be one traveler, long I stood  
and looked down one as far as I could  
to where it bent in the undergrowth;***

***Then took the other, as just as fair,  
and having perhaps the better claim,  
because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
though as for that the passing there  
had worn them really about the same,***

***and both that morning equally lay  
in leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.***

***I shall be telling this with a sigh  
somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
and that has made all the difference.***

**-Robert Frost**

# Ash Wednesday - March 2

*Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is an opportunity for Christians to renew their repentance and faith. The imposition of ashes reminds us that God created us out of the dust of the earth and that we will return to that dust. The ashes are a sign of our mortality and penitence. It is only through the gift of Jesus that we have everlasting life.*

Mark your calendars to join us as we begin our observance of a Holy Lent on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 PM.



*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

## **Ashes2Go**

Reverend Lisa will be going out into the community, on March 2nd and taking Ash Wednesday to the streets of Mentor. Ashes2Go offers citizens the opportunity to mark the solemn day and receive ashes. She is looking for one or two volunteers to stand with her and assist in this outreach to the community. Contact Rev. Lisa if you are able to volunteer.



## *Blessing the Dust*

All those days  
you felt like dust,  
like dirt,  
as if all you had to do  
was turn your face  
toward the wind  
and be scattered  
to the four corners

or swept away  
by the smallest breath  
as insubstantial –

did you not know  
what the Holy One  
can do with dust?

This is the day  
we freely say  
we are scorched.

This is the hour  
we are marked  
by what has made it  
through the burning.

This is the moment  
we ask for the blessing  
that lives within  
the ancient ashes,  
that makes its home  
inside the soil of  
this sacred earth.

So let us be marked  
not for sorrow.  
And let us be marked  
not for shame.  
Let us be marked  
not for false humility  
or for thinking  
we are less  
than we are

but for claiming what  
God can do  
within the dust, within  
the dirt,  
within the stuff  
of which the world  
is made  
and the stars that  
blaze  
in our bones  
and the galaxies that  
spiral  
inside the smudge  
we bear.

*Jan Richardson from  
Circle of Grace*



## From the Rector

Following the Way of Christ and maintaining connection to Christian community in 2022 is proving as difficult as it was in 2021, isn't it? The ever-evolving pandemic keeps us all off-balance, uncertain of our safety, afraid to venture out whatever our vaccination status. Our significant snowfall as of late has made it tough to gather even when we most want to do so.

Despite this, the work of church, the good work of loving each other and building community with each other and the world continues unabated. Christ's path became our path upon our baptism, and his path of sacrificial love beckons us still, each of us, despite the drifting snow of our present circumstances.

As we travel through the month of February along the snowy path that leads to Lent, I invite you to embrace the community we share through in-person Holy Communion every Sunday at 10:30 am or noon. We distance, we mask, but we continue to transform each other through song and corporate prayer, even as we are transformed by sharing Holy Eucharist together. Additional virtual worship is available to you every other Sunday beginning at 10:30 am or anytime after.

Friends, never discount the blessing you share with us by the gift of your physical presence in worship. We long for your presence, and you minister to your siblings in Christ every time you choose to come among us. Your presence makes all the difference.

## Dates to Remember: February

- 6 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 8 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 16 - Food Pantry Distribution, 6-8 PM
- 21 - St. James Lunch Service, 11 AM
- 23 - Food Pantry Distribution, 6-8 PM

In-person worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM & Noon.  
Virtual Services continue every other Sunday (Feb 13 & 27) on St. Andrew Facebook (10:30 AM) and YouTube (10:45 AM). Links are posted each week on our website: [www.standrew-mentor.com](http://www.standrew-mentor.com).

## New Members Class

A class is forming for those wanting to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. The class will meet a few times over the next several months. If you are interested, please talk to Rev. Lisa or send her an email at [revlisastandrew@gmail.com](mailto:revlisastandrew@gmail.com).



## Join the Lunch Bunch

Volunteers from St. Andrew will be preparing a Presidents Day holiday meal for the St. James Lunch program on February 21st.

New volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested contact Conrad Galayda at 440-413-8712. Volunteers usually arrive at 10:30 AM and are finished by around 1:30 PM.



Episcopal priest & author Rhonda Lee

*Forward Movement, the publisher that partners with the Episcopal Church, is spotlighting a new book by Episcopal priest, writer, and spiritual director Rhonda Lee*

## **Seek and You Will Find Discovering a Practice of Prayer**

"How do you pray?"

I don't mean, how does one pray, or how should, or might, some hypothetical Christian pray. I mean, how do you pray?

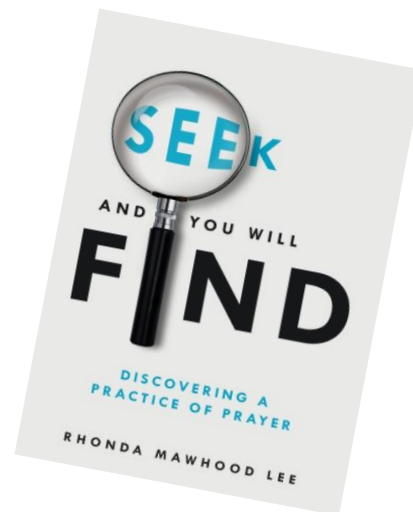
If you're like many disciples of Jesus, you may think you don't pray enough. You may fear you're not doing it right. You may not know where to start. You may wonder what "counts" as prayer, whether you need to use words, and if so, which words to use."

*Excerpt from the introduction to Seek and You Will Find*

The author explores practices of prayer from praying the Lord's Prayer, prayer through song, movement and other aspects of daily life.

If you have every struggled to pray or wondered if prayer matters, Lee's book will lead you on a path to answering those questions.

*Seek and You Will Find* is described as " a comforting, challenging, and instructive companion in your quest to develop the relationship God deeply desires with you." The book is available from Forward Movement and other major booksellers.



## *February Celebrations*

### **Birthdays**

- Sue Corbett 01
- Chris Heim 02
- Katie Clark 14
- Bob Pattison 15
- Wayne Heim 15
- Eunice May 18
- Linda Pietro 18
- Nicholas Heim 22
- Joseph Gudel 25
- Debbie Pulman 26
- Susan Agnew 28

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

*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:10*



*Annual Meeting was held in the Sanctuary to encourage social distancing.*

## Annual Meeting

The St. Andrew Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 30th. The meeting is held each year to update parishioners on the state of the church, review and celebrate accomplishments of the year past, look to the year ahead, and elect new Vestry members.

This year, the congregation elected Rick Berlan, Joe Papaleo and Richard Bair to serve vestry three year terms. Congratulations to our new Vestry members. They join current members Mary Ellen Fecser, Betsy Lee, Sandy Mazelis, Janna Penkowski, and Tony Wesley. We appreciate all who serve on the Vestry and in other ministries at St. Andrew!

*A special thanks to outgoing Vestry members Ed Bridge, Michele Miller and Doug Sundstrom for their dedication and leadership at St. Andrew.*



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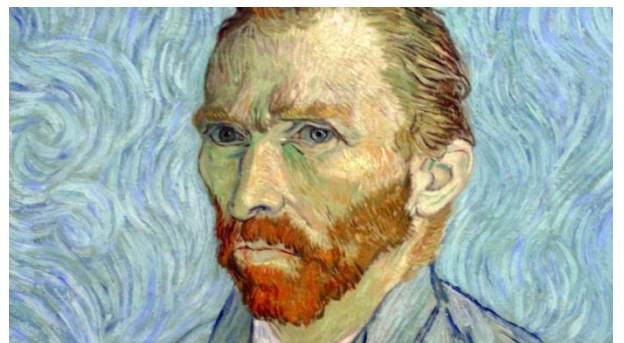
## St. Andrew Lenten Devotional Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent

Join us for a Lenten devotional pairing scripture with the artistry of Vincent Van Gogh.

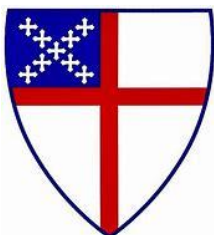
Van Gogh was the son of a Christian pastor, and intended to be a preacher and missionary himself, but found that he best expressed himself through art. His art has gone on to inspire the world with its beauty and light. We will use that light, expressed in paintings and letters, with the words of Scripture, to explore the light of Lent as we move toward the resurrection of Christ.

The devotion begins on Ash Wednesday and continues each Sunday of Lent. Participants will do the devotion individually and will meet as a group once during the Lenten journey to watch a film and discuss the devotional.

All you will need is a bible and an internet connection to view artwork - a devotional booklet will be provided. If you're interested, a sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex.



## Listening Sessions with the Bishop Search Committee



As you probably know, Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, after more than 40 years of ordained ministry and nearly 18 years of serving in the Diocese of Ohio, will be retiring. A Search Committee has been formed to call a new Bishop to serve in the Diocese of Ohio. They would like your opinion as to what you feel are important qualifications for our next Bishop.

The listening process will provide an important opportunity for every member of the diocese to share in the Search Committee's work. Sessions will be offered virtually and in-person throughout the Diocese.

Please register for the listening session that you would like to attend. Register **no later than 24 hours** before the session you are attending.

Listening Sessions continue through February 17th. For a list of dates and to register visit:  
<https://form.jotform.com/220204336912142>

### ***You're invited to join the Intercontinental Bible Study***

Sundays at Noon, via Zoom  
February 13 - April 3.

The Church of the Epiphany, Euclid, together with The Benefice of Tilehurst St George and St Mary Magdalen, Reading, UK, present "An Intercontinental Bible Study on God and Climate Change: Creation and Re-Creation."

Email the Rev. Rosalind C Hughes to join:  
[epiphanyeuclid23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:epiphanyeuclid23@sbcglobal.net)

### **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

Help the St. Andrew Food Pantry and the environment by recycling your plastic grocery bags for reuse at the Pantry. Drop off the plastic bags on the bench in the hall by the Pantry entrance. Thank you!

## *Join the Adult Formation Class*



The Adult Formation Class, or as it's better known "Dawson's Class" recently began a study focused on Second Corinthians.

The class meets via Zoom every Saturday at 11 AM for about an hour. While the study has begun, new members are always welcome! Study books are available to order.

So if you'd like to deepen your Christian knowledge with a friendly group and stimulating discussion, please join! To participate, call Dawson at 330-256-7554



It's with great sadness that we report that long-time member Jerry King has passed away. Many will remember Jerry as a smiling usher at St. Andrew.

For the last several years he and wife Kathy have been living with their daughter Cory here in Mentor. A funeral service will be held in June (Father's Day weekend) at St. Andrew. More details will be shared at a later date. Jerry will be missed!