



Good News

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

From the Rector

After sitting on this newsletter, beautifully prepared by Andy, for several days, meaning to add my article but not doing it, I've concluded that I am incapable of rational thought at present. My daughter Alena is marrying her college sweetheart Ty this Sunday and I am a happy mess! For that reason, I will defer to greater minds than mine, and share with you a poem by Dr. Fady Joudah. In it, Dr. Joudah reflects on the effects of a summer storm on his father's garden and yard in Houston, Texas. No storm is just a storm however, as Dr. Joudah so poignantly reflects upon, and the storms of our lives, be they pandemic or deeply personal often give rise to new perspectives and a thankfulness born or survival. Dr. Joudah's poem lifts up relationship as an ultimate source of pandemic blue skies, and as we who follow Jesus know, relationship is the ground of God present with us in this (almost) post-pandemic moment, and forever. Enjoy the poem friends! I am grateful for each one of you! To hear Dr. Joudah read his poem aloud, visit <https://youtu.be/5MrNfeebNs>.

House of Mercury

By: Fady Joudah

The storm funneled through town with destructive intent.
Fractured tree limbs, toppled fences, ripped shingles
like tufts of hair. Dad woke to snaps and creaks,
the two live oaks in the front yard,
but in the backyard the nearly uprooted fig tree
brought him to tears. In the morning
two neighbors, one Black, one White
came over to bandage the oaks after debridement.
A third, an Indian, stabilized the fig tree,
pitched it like a tent with rope and stake.
On the second day, I cut up the rest of the branches,
deepened the earth for the fig, enjoyed a long lazy
lunch with my parents, and on the way home heard
a radio report on whether the sky is bluer
during a pandemic. The third day
I took my son and daughter back,
we bundled up the heaps, nursed the flower beds,
delighted in another languid lunch,
hummus, falafel, shakshuka
followed by tea and stories about fear
that comes to nothing. The kids said it was the best falafel
they'd ever had. And Mom said that going forward
her morning glories will get the light they deserve.

-From *Tethered to Stars: Poems by Fady Joudah*
(Minneapolis: Milkweed Editions, 2021).

Sundays at St. Andrew

Our return to in-person worship was such a blessing! Everything in its imperfection (let's face it, we are a little rusty after not being in the building, in-person for over a year!) was perfect! The heartfelt stories from the congregation about our time during the pandemic and the joy of being together again in our sacred space was uplifting. The Holy Spirit was certainly in our midst.

Moving forward, our worship schedule will be the first and third Sundays in the sanctuary.

The second and fourth Sundays we will worship in the St. Francis outdoor chapel. To better social distance, the benches will be moved to the side and we ask those attending to bring their own lawn chair or blanket. During the summer we will have just one service at 10:30 AM

On the weeks we have an outdoor service, we will also offer an online service on Facebook and YouTube at 10:30 AM or anytime after.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! Psalm 34:3

Dates to Remember - June

- 6 - Holy Eucharist, 10:30 AM
- 6 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 8 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 13 - Outdoor Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM
- 16 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 19 - Worship in the Garden/Potluck, 4 PM
- 20 - Holy Eucharist, 10:30 AM
- 27 - Outdoor Holy Eucharist, 10:30 AM



Work is continuing to replace the cross in the St. Francis chapel this summer. It's a big job!



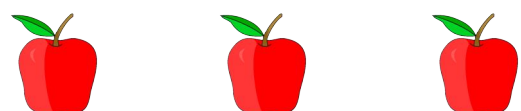
Bringing "Choice" Back to Our Food Pantry

During the pandemic, neighbors visiting the pantry did not enter the building, but were given paper sheets to select their food choices and had to wait in their cars for pantry workers to box their order. While the process accomplished delivering food to those who were hungry and kept us all safe, it diminished our community of care.

Delivering food is just one element of the St. Andrew pantry - the other is building relationships. "Neighbors" help each other out, they care about each other and they offer a warm hello, a smile and maybe a hug. We build friendships with those who regularly visit the pantry, as they do with us.

With more people vaccinated and in less danger of getting sick, we are reopening the Pantry to our neighbors - cautiously. While they will still wait outside (for now), instead of filling out a sheet, we will invite a few at a time to come in and walk through the pantry to shop choosing what they'd like. More importantly we get to reconnect with our neighbors and continue to build community.

The Choice Food Pantry is offered four times per month, The first Sunday and second Tuesday from 1- 3 PM and the third and fourth Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, The pantry is open to Lake and Geauga County residents.



Thank You!

Dorothy Hickey, a devoted a faithful Altar Guild member, has retired after some 40 plus years

-serving our Lord. Thank you so much for all your dedicated years. I will miss you and Bernie Sandacz on Team I.

Faithfully Yours,
June Williams Webb

Help the St. Andrew Orchard Grow

Volunteers are needed to help water the St . Andrew Orchard. Thirteen young apple trees have been planted between the church and the St. Francis outdoor chapel. Young apple trees need lots of water. and should be watered deeply (about 3 1/2 gallons) about three times per week until their roots are established.

It's an opportunity to connect with God's creation and enjoy the beauty of our sacred space.

Contact Rev. Lisa if you are able to help. Call the office at 440-255-8842 or email revlisastandrew@gmail.com

Tai Chi is Back!

The gentle form of exercise combines slow focused movements and stretches accompanied by deep breathing. The ancient Chinese discipline helps reduce stress and anxiety while increasing flexibility and balance.

The class at St. Andrew is offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. If the weather is nice, the class may be held outside. Beginners are welcome. Instructor Libby Hill has taught Tai Chi since 2003. Stop by a class and check it out!



Libby Hill, Tai Chi Instructor

Saturdays in the Garden

God's handiwork is all around us! How amazing is it to plant a seed and watch it grow and bear fruit?

We invite the congregation, friends, Pantry neighbors and garden volunteers to join us and experience God's creation on the third Saturday of June, July and August (June 19, July 17 and August 21).

We will gather near the Jubilee Garden at 4 PM and spend time in prayer, praise and community followed by a potluck or grilled dinner.

Watch your email for a reminder and further details.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Louise Hassink 02
Dona Currett 06
Marybeth Primeau 12
Elaine Abrams 13
Michael Clements 13
June Webb 14
Rev. Dawson Moorer 21
Katie Garlock 23
Sherrie Sweet 24
Susan Swain 26
Violet Clements 28
Melissa Connel 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Erin & Colleen Garlock 07
Jeries & Samia Bishara 19

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

Mowing Sign Up

Summer is here and the grass is growing! We're looking for volunteers to help maintain the lawn over the next several months.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering once or twice during the mowing season.

We ask that all volunteers be 14 or older to operate the riding mower. The job takes about 90 minutes. If you need training on how to operate the mower just ask! Having our lawn mowed makes the church look attractive and cared for - and that is often the first impression we make for those visiting the church. So pick a week and mow!



Support St. Andrew... Play Bocce

It's Bocce time at St. Andrew! Now is the time to register for the fun. Gather a team of four, pick a team name and get ready to play! Cost per Team is \$150 or \$40 per individual. Proceeds support St. Andrew ministries.

The popular Bocce Grill will be fired up and back in business, cooking delicious hamburgers and hot dogs Even if you're not playing, stop by for dinner. The Grill opens at 6 PM and games start at 6:30 PM. A team registration form is available to download at standrew-mentor.com (under the Bocce tab). Registration cost increases after July 1st.



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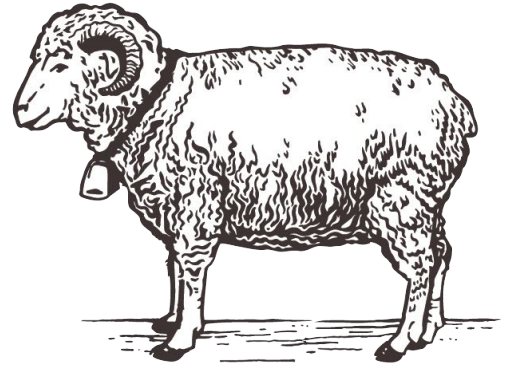


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Intergenerational Camp at Bellwether Farm

Bring your family or “pod” to Bellwether Farm for a weekend of camp on **July 2-4** or **July 16-18!** Following an Olympics theme, pods will participate in team-building activities, friendly competition, and traditional camp activities including arts and crafts, fishing, swimming, hiking, and canoeing. Participants will also work on the farm with Farmer Kyle, caring for both plants and animals, and in the kitchen helping Chef Lonny prepare delicious farm-to-table meals. Evenings will include bonfires and s’mores, movies, stargazing, and large group games. Mornings and evenings will also include family-friendly prayer and reflection.

Pods are responsible for supervising themselves and abiding by Bellwether Farm rules, with staff members organizing and coordinating activities. Pods can choose to stay in a retreat room with a private bath, or a cabin (sleeps up to 10).



Can You Help?

Our friend and fellow Parishioner, Pete Sherman is looking for a ride to church on Sundays.

Pete is a resident of The Enclave at Newell Creek, located on Center Street in Mentor.

Pete has attended St. Andrew for many years and would like to continue.

If you are able to give Pete a ride, contact Rev. Lisa.

