



Good News

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

Jesus of Nazareth on one occasion was asked by a lawyer, to sum up the essence of the teachings of Moses, and he went back and he reached back into the Hebrew scriptures, to Deuteronomy and Leviticus, and Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord **your** God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." And then in Matthew's version, he added, he said: "On these two, love of God and love of neighbor, hang all the law, all the prophets, everything that Moses wrote, everything in the holy prophets, everything in the scriptures, everything that God has been trying to tell the world love God, love your neighbors, and while you're at it, love yourself."

-excerpt from the homily preached by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The homily is entitled "The Redemptive Power of Love."

I have a set of hand-painted wooden Thanksgiving figures that were given to me years ago by a friend and co-worker. The figures depict a Native American boy and girl wearing buckskin and holding corn and blueberries, and a European boy and girl, dressed in Pilgrim-wear, with a berry bucket in the crooks of their arms, hands wide open. I love to display these figures during in the days between Halloween and Thanksgiving. They remind me of the elementary school Thanksgiving art projects that I so loved as a child, and of past Thanksgiving celebrations with along with all the celebrations to come. These days they also serve to remind me of the unequal power balance between those first European settlers and the Native Peoples whose land they chose to settle upon. Just as my figurines depict, the Native people shared freely, and the Pilgrims freely took what was given to them while counting themselves entitled to all they received, and more.

In my years of living and learning since childhood I've come to view the story of that first Thanksgiving in 1621 as aspirational rather than literally true. It is certainly true that the Wampanoag People, led first by Squanto, a Wampanoag man, came to the aid of the European immigrants who settled on their land, enabling the Pilgrims to survive their first harsh winters in North America by sharing Native expertise in crop cultivation, hunting, and native plant medicine lore. It is also historically accurate that the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag People shared a peaceful meal at harvest time in 1621. What isn't true is that the Pilgrims reciprocated Wampanoag generosity in a significant way in the short or long term, treating the Wampanoag People with the respect which their humanity and their proven generosity should have entitled them.



Thanksgiving Donations

Turkey Day is just a few weeks away and once again St. Andrew will be collecting Thanksgiving food items to distribute to our Pantry neighbors.

We are joining with Advent Lutheran Church to distribute 50 holiday meals, at the Wednesday, November 17th Food Pantry.

You can help by providing food items or making a monetary donation to purchase the items necessary for a wonderful holiday meal.

Thanksgiving is a time when we are reminded of how much we are blessed. Let's share those blessings!



Fall Clean Up

We need your help to get the church building and grounds ready for winter. Join us on Saturday, November 6th at 9:30 AM for the St. Andrew Fall Work Day. Folks from St. Gabriel Catholic Church will be on hand to join us in washing windows in the church and Parish Hall. We're also hoping to tidy up

Thanksgiving Donations Shopping List

- 1 box pancake mix
- 1 pancake syrup
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can yams
- 1 carton chicken broth
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 can onion rings
- 2 jars turkey gravy
- 2 cans fruit cocktail
- 1 cherry Jello
- 1 foil
- 1 package rice
- 1 package Stuffing mix
- 1 package marshmallows
- 1 bag noodles
- 1 package dinner rolls



the church grounds. If you have a rake or blower please bring them. Some extra rakes will be available. Please make plans to spare a few hours to build community and accomplish tasks that will make our church look loved and inviting, See you at the Fall Clean Up!

This & That

All Saints' Day - On Sunday, November 7th bring in pictures or mementos of the saints who have inspired you to line the window sills of the church as a physical reminder of the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us with love and hope still today.

Fall Back - Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th. Please remember to set your clock **BACK** by one hour at 2 AM that day (do it before you go to bed the night before to make it easier!).

Dates to Remember: November

- 6 - Fall Clean Up, 9:30 AM
- 7 - All Saints' Sunday
- 7 - Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 7 - Stewardship Ingathering
- Please mail or bring your Pledge Card
- 9 - Pantry Distribution, 1 -3 PM
- 12 & 13 - Diocesan Convention (virtual)
- 14 - Drop off Thanksgiving donations
- 17 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 17 - Pantry Distribution, 6:30 -8:30 PM
- 24 - Pantry Distribution, 6:30 -8:30 PM
- 25 - Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed



Ingathering The Perfect Gift

Please mail or drop off your 2021 Pledge Cards by Sunday, November 14th. Help us continue the good work at St. Andrew with your pledge of treasure, time and talent.

*In Giving we are
Transformed!*

St. Andrew Wish List

From time to time there is maintenance or improvements needed at the church which our stretched budget will not cover. If you'd like to make a donation toward a project, please do!

- Removing old pine hedge in front of church and parish hall and replacing with new foundation plantings.
- Landscaping and lighting St. Andrew sign.



Volunteers Needed

Consider volunteering for a few hours once or twice a month at the Food Pantry distributions staffed by St. Andrew volunteers (first Sunday and second Tuesday each month 1 - 3 PM).

We could also use help on Cleveland Food Bank delivery days (usually the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM).

If you can help please contact Barb Sopko at 440-354-2844

Voices Found: A hymnal from Church Publishing

Music has been such an important part of our worship at St. Andrew since our beginning, and, along with the homily message, and communion with one another and God, it is what we take home each week. Music feeds our souls. Our music comes in many forms and genres, contemporary Christian, traditional hymnody, beautiful choral anthems and instrumental pieces too.

On October 3, we were sang together a hymn (*We bring our children*) from *Voices Found*, a collection of hymns, chants and spiritual songs published by Church Publishing, an affiliate of The Church Pension Group, which centers its publishing program around *The Book of Common Prayer*, and *The Hymnal 1982*, and many resources to support the liturgy, faith formation, and life of the Episcopal Church. This is *our* publisher!

In historic tradition, singing and dancing marked key events. In Exodus 15 we hear of Miriam and Moses leading their people in singing praise to God for a miraculous deliverance. Deborah and Barak (Judges 5) rejoiced in song of their victory, women sang joyfully at David's triumphant return (1 Samuel), and Judith (Judith 16) led her people in singing praise to God. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), a composer, scientist, and respected preacher and advisor to clergy of her day, was the first woman who wrote music for Western liturgy.

The nineteenth century brought us many women writing and translating sacred text for congregational singing. **The Hymnal 1982** includes hymns by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) -- #102, *Once in roval David's citv*: #180. *He is risen. he is*



risen!; #370, I bind unto myself today. **Lift Every Voice and Sing** includes favorites by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) - - #184 *Blessed assurance*; #29, *Jesus, keep me near the cross*. The twentieth and twenty-first centuries brought us the work of Alice Parker, Natalie Sleeth, Emma Lou Diemer, Bernadette Farrell, Susan Palo Cherwien and Sylvia Dunstan, some of whose music we have seen on weekly bulletin inserts. On All Saints Sunday, we will sing together a wonderful hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b.1961) who honors many of the women – Sarah, Hannah, Ruth, Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and Phoebe – known to us through scripture, as well as those whose names remain unknown, unrecognized, and marginalized through time -- the tremendous *Saints of God* today, as well as in times past. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, author of *God of the women*, is a Co-Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, New Jersey, as well as a hospital chaplain.

Voices Found is unique in that it is a collection of hymns and spiritual songs *of, for, and about women*. May we continue with the Choir of all the Angels and Saints, past and present, to sing with much joy as we worship God in all times and places.

John Spiesman, Organist

From the Rector (continued from page 1)

The Pilgrims were a people of their time who sadly believed that their particular interpretation of the Way of Christ gave them license to ignore the humanity of others whose beliefs, cultural practices, and skin color differed from their own-ironic given that the Pilgrims immigrated to the New World to escape religious persecution in their countries of origin.

Within 50 years of the 1621 Thanksgiving celebration shared by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag People, the Wampanoag People were decimated-through encroachment on their ancestral lands by the Pilgrims and those who followed, by broken treaties, enslavement, and diseases brought to the New World by the Europeans. As a result, and given the long-term negative effects of European colonization on Native Peoples, some Indigenous communities around the United States consider Thanksgiving Day to be a day of mourning and not of celebration.

Where does that leave us, as followers of the Way of Christ in our time and place-beneficiaries of the knowledge of how the persecution of those throughout history deemed different by the dominant culture has devastated us all, spiritually, morally, educationally, culturally, and threatened our very survival as humankind on this earth?

It leaves us in a place of remembrance, repentance, and rejoicing. Rejoicing that our Savior Jesus Christ has led us by faith to a place where we finally understand that the daily practice of neighborly love, extended equally to all people, is the only way forward to justice, freedom, and peace for all who breathe-all of whom are our neighbors, regardless of perceived difference.

In the end, perhaps our Thanksgiving celebrations should be grounded in remembrance. Remembrance not only of our blessings of family, friends, and material prosperity, but also remembrance of the ways in which we, individually, historically, corporately, have fallen short of the grace of God in the ordering of our lives and relationships, and resolution to do better in the seasons ahead.

"O God, true source of wholeness and peace, in a world bearing fresh wounds of suffering and grief, you call us to be a people of healing. Help us to reach out to neighbors in need, to bear one another's burdens, to weep with those who weep. Give us the grace to share the comfort of Christ with all those who long for his healing touch. Help us to hold in our hearts and show in our lives what we proclaim with our lips: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; hope is stronger than despair." Amen.

- From: *A Prayer to Uplift Human Dignity*.
Dominican Sisters of Peace.



November Celebrations

Anniversaries

Ryan & Julie Symonds 01

Birthdays

Jeries Bishara 01

Alissa Sitkowski 01

Susan Zuber 04

Ben Herczog 05

Don Koehler 10

Teagan Koehler 12

Amy Dittebrand 12

Ann Russell 16

Bryson Koehler 18

Joseph Sturm 19

Ted Herczog 24

Leo Poitras 28