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The Love of Christ in a Joyful Growing Community

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The mission of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

is to offer ourselves in worship to God as a loving, supportive community, to follow Jesus Christ and share his love with family, friend, and stranger, to serve others as Christ teaches and to deepen our understanding of and relationship with Christ.



Services

Holy Eucharist every Sunday

8am: Rite I

10am: Rite II with music and staffed nursery

Homebound Parishioners

Sue Beckert

Eleanor Partis

John & Vivian Gumpf

Geoff Probert

Wilbur Moore

Geri Yeager

Serving in the Military

Chris Edwards, Africa **Shirley Edwards'** grandson


J'Shon Moore, USMC, NC **Cynthia Mahaffey's** friend

Craig Overmeyer, Navy **MaryAlice Barnaby's** son

& Jane Fotoples' grandson

John Petcoff **Ann Petcoff's** nephew

John A. Zion **Bob & Tony Zion's** nephew



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From the Rector

The Rev. Bridget Coffey

Recently I came across an image while looking for something else online. While the other image has been used and mostly forgotten, this is an image that I cannot seem to get out of my mind. It is a mostly black and white photo covered in words such as bullying, fear, hunger, poverty, injustice and the like. At the center in vibrant red is one word, LOVE. Across the bottom is a simple tagline, “Focus on the solution.” Such a simple direction and yet so difficult at times for many of us.



We find ourselves more often than we would like battling the effects of those other words. We feel overwhelmed at times by the hunger, poverty, and injustice we see not only in our community but around the world, as people struggle for the most basic of needs – clean water, food, clothing. We hear stories in the news of incidents of bullying in schools and unfortunately sometimes the tragic events that follow. We live in fear of the ‘what ifs’. What if the restructuring of my company means I lose my job? What if I don’t get into the ‘right’ college? What if there isn’t enough money this month to pay all the bills? And then, just when we start to feel overwhelmed, we are somehow reminded just how strong that one word solution is.

Throughout this summer I have been reminded time and time again of the difference it makes to focus on love as the solution. From the many small moments during our *Who is My Neighbor?* Vacation Bible School that focused on loving God and loving neighbors to the where I’ve felt the Holy Spirit’s guidance in preaching, the power of God’s love in this world is undeniable. And possibly my favorite reminder this summer came from a friend’s third grade daughter and two of her friends. After hearing the stories of children who walk 12+ miles a day to get water for their families and in turn often do not get to attend school, these three young ladies decided they wanted to raise \$15,000 to dig a well for one community. From lemonade stands to a carnival they have begun to dream of ways to make a difference, to make a change. They know that it will take time, but they are committed to seeing it through.

In scripture we are taught and commanded to focus on the solution. To love one another as Christ loved us; with a love that goes beyond our wildest dreams and reaches us even in our darkest moments. God’s love for us is light and life for our journey and it is healing for this world. When we reach out to one another in loving service, even with the simplest of things like a smile, we are sharing the Good News of God’s love. It can be hard to see the goodness sometimes in our world. But my friends, take time this month to notice where you see the love of God active and moving. Find moments to ponder and pray how you can be a part of the solution. Where are you being called to love more fully, freely, and deeply? God’s desire for us is that we know God’s love to be the solution: the solution to our own fears, anxieties, and doubts and the solution we’ve been given to offer to the rest of the world. Thanks be to God! ✝

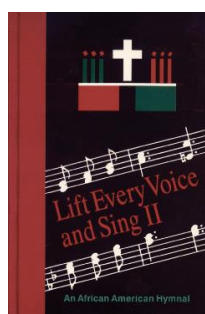
MUSIC AT SAINT ANDREW'S

From the Minister of Music

Daniel T. Catalano

'TIL VICTORY IS WON

Of the many musical resources used by the Episcopal Church, the hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (LEVAS) is one of the most iconic. Our red, black, and green hymnal was published in 1993, contains 234 songs and 36 selections of service music. The music is drawn from negro spirituals, traditional gospel songs, and contemporary hymns. The Episcopal Commission for Black Ministries developed the book with the Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr., Suffragan Bishop of Ohio. Bishop Williams served as chair of the editorial board.



The song *Lift Every Voice and Sing* is often referred to as the Black national anthem. It was premiered as part of a celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900, and was first performed by 500 children at the Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida. James Weldon Johnson was the principal of the school and wrote the words, while his brother Rosamond set it to music. Over the 20th century, the hymn spread like wildfire across the country and quickly made its way into the standards of African American culture. Since it is formally recognized as a national anthem, it is customary to stand and sing all three verses. It is the first song printed in the LEVAS hymnal, and is #599 in the Hymnal 1982.

The publication of the LEVAS II hymnal served as a call for representation in the Episcopal Church. Prior to 1993, several paperback hymnals were distributed but with little regulation. While the songs were well-known to people even before they were written down, dedicating an entire hymnal to the heritage of the African American community was a milestone for the church.

I have been truly blessed to be with you for these past 16 months and cannot express how much I have appreciated knowing you all. I know that music ministry will continue to thrive in this community. I encourage you all to take chances and leave the door open wide for the Spirit to move you.

Cheers,
Daniel



A History of Christianity

The First Three Thousand Years

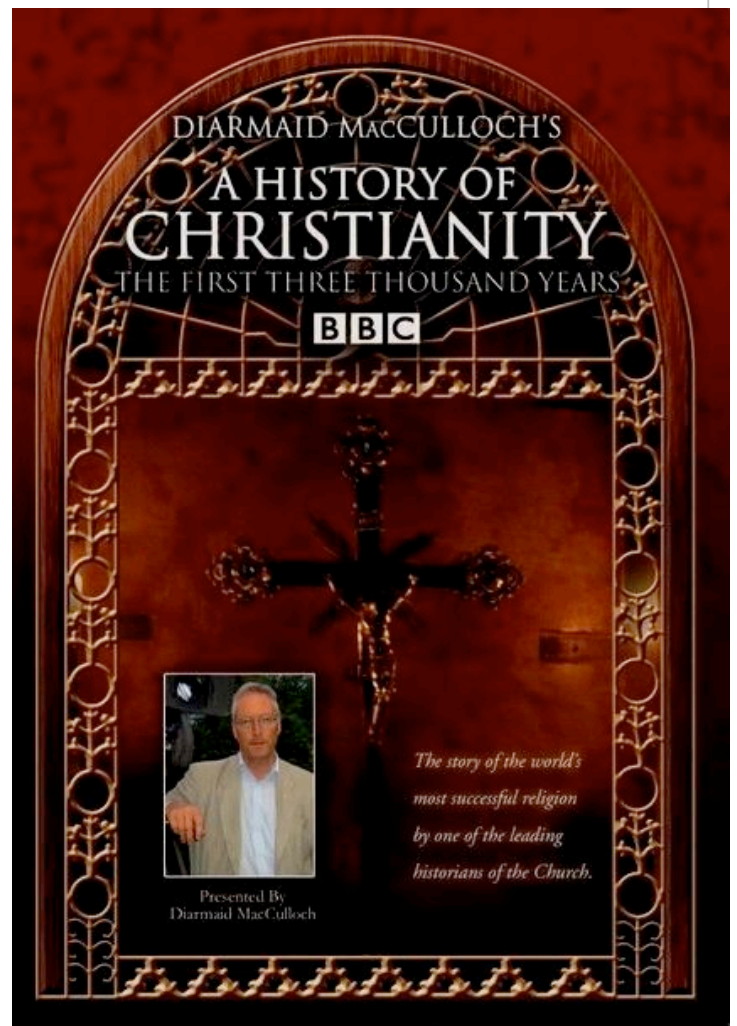
Mondays, September 9-October 14

5:30pm-7:00pm
Ending with Compline

Subtitled, “The story of the world’s most successful religion by one of the leading historians of the Church,” this six-part DVD series co-produced by the BBC, the Open University and Jerusalem Productions is hosted and narrated by Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor of the History of the Church at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of St. John Cross College in Oxford.

Professor MacCulloch takes viewers through ancient structures and landmarks around the world. Ever the explorer, he searches for meaning in places that hold clues to the past, interviewing local experts and people who provide a diversity of thought.

MacCulloch is not only a well-respected historian, but an excellent narrator and a likeable guide. Over the course of the six episodes shown below he gives equal coverage to each of the major branches of the church.



1. The First Christianity
2. Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome
3. Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire
4. Reformation: The Individual Before God
5. Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion
6. God in the Dock

News

Kick-Off Sunday

Kick-Off Sunday is on **September 8th**. The choir and the acolytes resume their service, and Formation will return at 9 am. A Fall Celebration Potluck Lunch will follow the 10 am service, with hamburgers and hot dogs provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

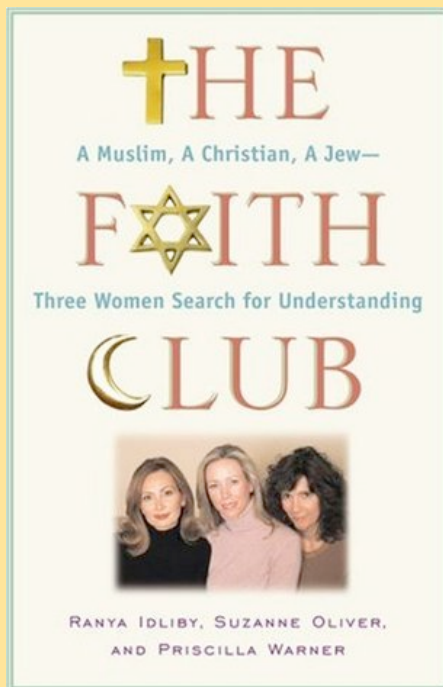
Commission of Racial Understanding

Join us at **St. Tim's in Perrysburg** as we kickoff our Fall 2019 Series of events with an overview and discussion on the current landscape of immigration. We have Patty Hernandez, a Senior Attorney at ABLE, and Helen Bare speaking. **September 15th from 4–6pm.**

St. Andrew's at Bellwether

On Sunday, September 29th, our Rite II service will be held at **Bellwether Farm** at **10:30am**. Come for Holy Eucharist, lunch, and fun activities. The cost of lunch is \$10/person; children under 5 are free. Please RSVP online or with the form in the Narthex by Sunday, September 8th. Bellwether is a 90 minute drive east on OH 60, in Wakeman Ohio, at exit 118 on the Ohio Turnpike. For those who can't travel to Wakeman, there will be the usual 8am service at St. Andrew's.

Multifaith Council (MFC) presents *Book Club Series*



King Road Library **3900 King Road**

Saturday, September 7th.....2:15–4:15pm

Saturday, September 14th.....2–4pm

Saturday, September 21st2:15–4:15pm

Saturday, October 5th.....11:15–1:15pm

Sanger Branch Library **3030 Central Avenue**

Sunday, October 13th2–4pm

Refreshments will be provided

To register, contact fmabaza@hotmail.com or text (419)461-1205.

Financial Report through July 2019

Andy Jorgensen, Treasurer

Income for the first 7 months of the year was less than the budgeted amount. Expenses were above the budget. This combination caused our deficit for the year to be \$28,698. This is much greater than what was expected, both in terms of lower income and higher expenses.

	Comparison		Budget	Actual
Income	\$2,468	below budget	\$101,063	\$98,595
Expenses	\$4,449	above budget	\$122,844	\$127,293
Deficit	\$6,917	worse than budget	\$(21,781)	\$(28,698)

As noted in the annual report, the Vestry has approved withdrawals from our Parish Endowment to cover losses as they occur. A total of \$27,500 has been withdrawn to cover this deficit. Our endowment has grown somewhat due to market conditions, but not as much as the withdrawals.

In last month's net report, a figure of \$500 was given for fundraising. This amount did not include all sources of fundraising. The total is presently just over \$900. The budget for the year included a hoped-for amount of \$3,000 from all fundraising. Look for a fall event to assist in reaching this goal.

The property stewards have been working diligently to keep up our facilities. The sewer problem has apparently been resolved. However, funds will be needed to return the Fr. Gruetter room to an acceptable level after flooding and there is a need for a major roof repair over Holy Rood. Bids are being solicited for the latter project.

Your questions are always welcome. ✝

Saint of the Month

Prudence Crandall

September 3rd



Born to a Quaker family in Rhode Island in 1803, Prudence Crandall was educated in arithmetic, the sciences, and Latin at the New England Friend's Boarding School in Rhode Island. The Quakers, or "Friends," believed that women should be educated, and it was in the environment of the Friend's Boarding School that Prudence Crandall's passion for teaching was first awakened.

In 1831, Crandall started a girls' school in Canterbury, Connecticut, where she educated the daughters of the town's wealthy families. In 1833 she admitted to her school a young African American girl named Sarah Harris. Harris wanted an education so that she could in turn teach other African American children. The parents of the white children at Crandall's school were outraged and demanded Harris's expulsion, but Crandall refused and decided to open a new school for African American girls.

Despite repeated attempts by town members to close the school, and even threats to destroy it, Crandall persevered in her labors. She enlisted the help of William Lloyd Garrison, editor of *The Liberator*, the nation's major antislavery newspaper. Through his paper and advocacy, Garrison spread awareness of her cause all over the nation.

However, later in 1833, the state legislature passed the so-called "Black Law," which made it a crime to open a school that taught black children from any state other than Connecticut. Crandall, who had received pupils from other states, was arrested, jailed, and tried. She was eventually convicted, but a higher court reversed the decision. Far from subsiding, the harassment she endured grew worse, and, fearing for the safety of her students, she closed her school in 1834.

After her husband died in 1874, Crandall moved to Elk Falls, Kansas. In 1886 the Connecticut state legislature awarded her a pension. In a petition signed by more than a hundred citizens of that state, many expressed their regret and shame over her treatment. Mark Twain attempted to persuade the state to buy back her original home in Canterbury. Prudence Crandall died in 1890, and today she is recognized as the official State Heroine of Connecticut. ✝ *Source: Holy Women, Holy Men*

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