Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, May 30, 2021 *Trinity Sunday*

Dear friends:

The bishops of the four Episcopal dioceses in Michigan have issued a revision to the Covid-19 protocols for our churches and institutions. The bishops will continue to regularly confer and modify these protocols as the public health situation changes. You can find the entire directive at: **https://www.edomi.org/covid-19-guidelines/**. For now, the bishops are taking a more conservative approach than State authorities.

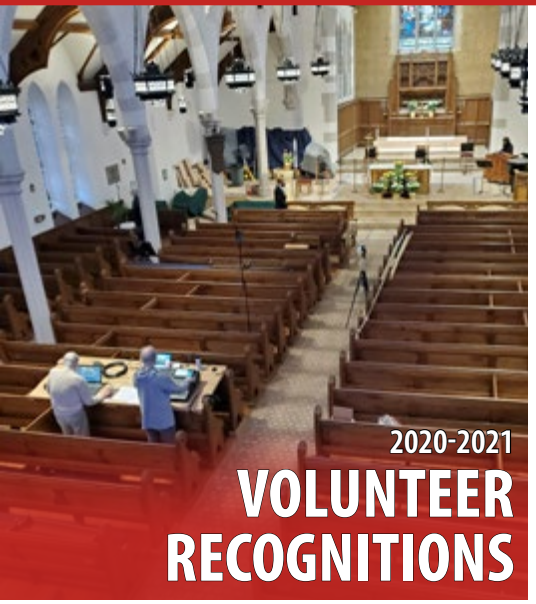
While some restrictions have been lifted, the limitations on the number of people who can gather for worship and other activities to allow for social distancing, and the requirements for sanitizing spaces after use, remain unchanged from previous directives. For St. Andrew's this means that most of how we do what we do will also remain unchanged. (Like I have said before, I never thought having too many people coming to church would be a problem).

- Worship and most meetings will remain online through YouTube and Zoom.
- The Breakfast will continue to serve in the take-out mode it switched to 15 months ago. With the help of wonderfully adaptive volunteers and the generosity of some local restaurants who provide hot breakfast sandwiches at a deep discount, we have been able to provide a balanced, nutritious meal to our guests every morning without missing a day.
- The members of the staff who can work from home will continue to do so, but someone will be in the office every weekday to process mail and care for the buildings and grounds.
- **A mask mandate remains in place for all church properties, regardless of an individual's vaccination status.** So, if you are coming to the church for any reason, bring and wear your mask.

Restrictions have been eased that will allow for our annual Marketplace Vacation Bible School, which will be offered on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church. (You will find registration information inside this bulletin). Our Children and Youth minister, Carol Andrews Ferguson, has planned for small gatherings of individual classes throughout the summer. We also hope to expand the musical offerings in our YouTube services by having small groups of masked singers join us to help lead the hymns. While the (virtual) choir takes a summer break, our Music Director, Deborah Friauff, has lined up several musicians to offer their talents in the weekly liturgies.

It has been a long time since we have been together, but the public health situation is getting better. We need to be patient and see this crisis through to a healthy conclusion. Thank you for your support and continued participation in our common life at St. Andrew's. I look forward to fully opening our doors and seeing you all in the not-too-distant future.

God bless, *Fr. Alan*



Virtual Worship Services

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM: Chris Bickley, Mark Hassett, Dave Hunsche, Norm Richert, Nathan Sten, Chris Watson

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Wednesday Worship

EVENSONG: Deborah Friauff, Donna Wessel Walker

HOMILY: Bob Westveer

Thank You!

Leaders in Liturgy

Thank you to those who have served faithfully over the years at our 8:00 and 10:00 am Sunday services, listed below.

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The Breakfast at St. Andrew's

The Breakfast at St. Andrew's would like to thank all its volunteers. We are grateful for all the time, talent, and treasure you give so freely. There are too many of you to name and we couldn't continue without every one of you!

Morgan Battle, *Director*
Susette Jaquette, *Volunteer Coordinator*

Sunday, May 30

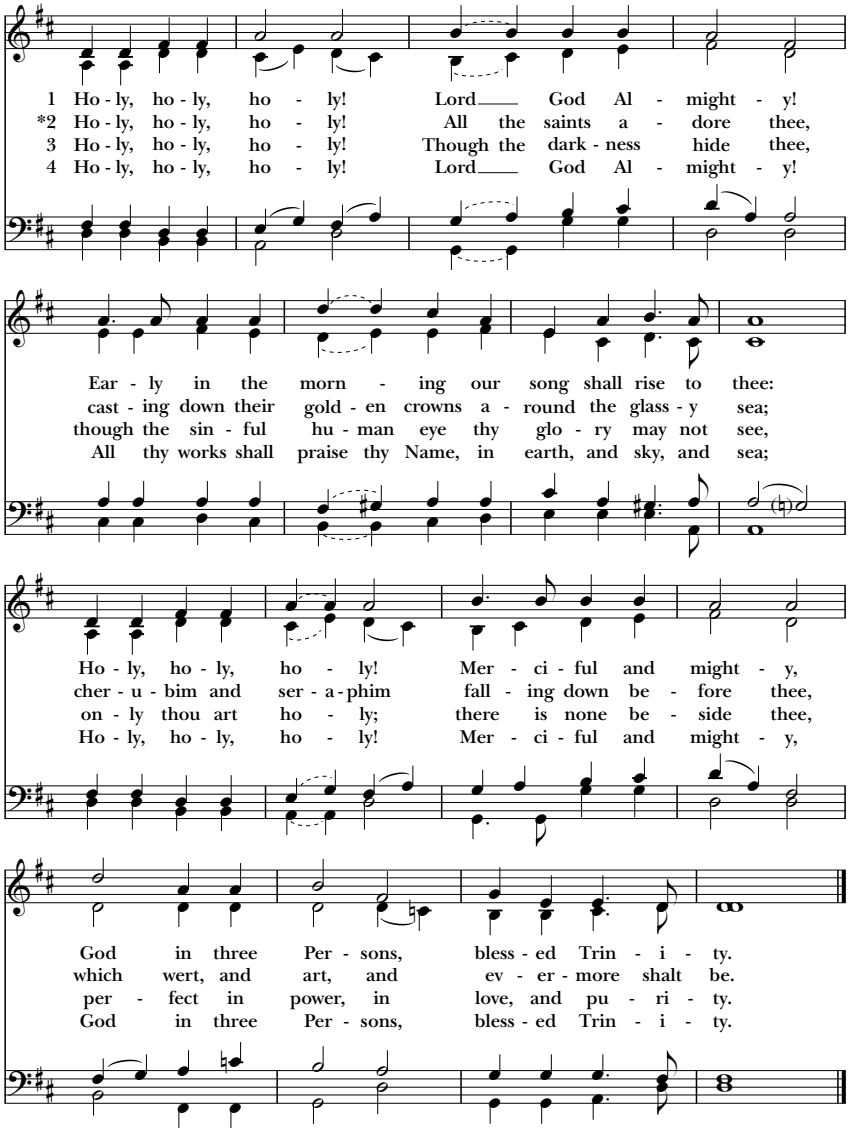
- WATCH THE SERVICE at 10:00 am
- **COFFEE HOUR** on Zoom at 10:45 am

Navigating this Service

Use our Morning Prayer text or follow the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 75.

Prelude: *Beach Spring* arr Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)
St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Hymnal, no. 362



Opening Sentences Book of Common Prayer, pg. 77

Grace and Peace

Preces Hymnal, no. S-33
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

Invitatory: *Jubilate* Hymnal, no. S-41
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 Rodger Piehl

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces,

and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Canticle 13: *A Song of Praise* Hymnal, no. S-236
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 90

The Gospel: John 3:1-17 Rodger Piehl

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Canticle 21: *You are God* Hymnal, no. S-282
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 95

Sermon Felicity Thompson

In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Jesus in his ministry is trying to impart his wisdom to those who seek him out. In today's gospel we listen in on a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Nicodemus is a Pharisee. He is a religious leader of the Jews. Pharisees were typically in opposition to the teachings of Jesus. They were "holy," righteous people. Nicodemus is one of the leaders challenged by what Jesus has been teaching, and he is different. He states that he knows Jesus is truly from God. He sees in Jesus what he has been looking for. Jesus is the embodiment of his hopes. Nicodemus has been watching what Jesus has been doing, watching the reaction of the crowds. He has heard about the miracles Jesus has performed and who can ignore the signs? Jesus is the real deal! Jesus had thousands of people following him. As he travels, Jesus is preaching and challenging the religious authority, especially the Pharisees. Jesus challenges what they are doing, saying and how they live.

Take note, Nicodemus came at night, probably because he didn't want to be seen visiting with Jesus. There may be another meaning to the Greek word for darkness, lost in translation here. When Nicodemus visited Jesus, Nicodemus was desperate for answers. He needed to talk, didn't want to be noticed and was probably confused. Night was a time of peril and danger. There were no street lights. There were no outdoor lights on houses and other buildings. The only light at night was the light from the stars and occasionally, the moon. A torch was typically all you could use as light. So you see, Nicodemus went to great lengths to visit with Jesus. He was willing to take the risk by visiting at night. For our purpose, let's go with both meanings. He visited with Jesus at night and he was eager to spend some time with Jesus. We can assume he needed clarification on an array of issues. He was eager to learn from Jesus. He was a scholar, a religious leader who needed the religious laws of the day, cleared up. As Jesus talks with Nicodemus, he presents Nicodemus with a new idea that is even more challenging, the idea of being born again. Jesus was the only person who could tell Nicodemus what it meant to be "born again." "How can anyone be born

after having grown old," he asks. This is a man used to certain privileges in society, so he couldn't imagine being denied entry from the kingdom of heaven by some impossible requirement.

Jesus gives Nicodemus the answer in verse sixteen. Remember this passage, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." For Nicodemus, so much emphasis was put on doing the right thing in the right way. His religious sect was good at checking boxes. And here Jesus was telling him, "that's not enough to get into heaven."

Attendance at church will not get us into heaven. Paying our tithes will keep our lights on in the building but won't get us into heaven. Singing in the choir, serving on the altar guild, doing good deeds, praying and fasting will not get us into heaven. These things that we do, by themselves, are not enough. What is missing?

Jesus says we have to be born by water and the spirit, the Holy Spirit A baptism by water is not enough. When you have had that encounter with Jesus. A power from above takes residency in your heart and you are never the same again. No one can take that experience from you. When you talk with him and know he walks with you everyday. You've been renewed. Others will see it in you, like the miracle of Spring.

The key to the change, the rebirth is this. It is believing that Jesus was not just a prophet. He is the Son of God. He has to be lifted up. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He died on the cross and rose again. He defeated death. He is not just a good man. If you recognize who he is, if you come to the realization of who he is, you will be born again.

We see the joy in believers, true believers when they talk about their relationship with God. They are the catalyst for change, the preservers of truth! Look at Jesus differently. We are called to tell the Good News and bring others to God. Lift Jesus up in your life. Don't care what anybody thinks. Let God have the audacity to save you. Only you can make the decision to be born again. We have been promised in verse 16, "Whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life". I don't know about you but that's all I need to know. Has God made himself real to you? Have you had an encounter with God that has changed your life? Do you have that conviction to love people who have different views from you, to go the extra mile for your neighbor? The eternal life that Jesus offers is our pathway to heaven, without hesitation, invite God into your life today.

Apostles Creed Book of Common Prayer, pg. 96

The Prayers

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Anthem: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Pieter Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
The St. Andrew's Virtual Adult Choir

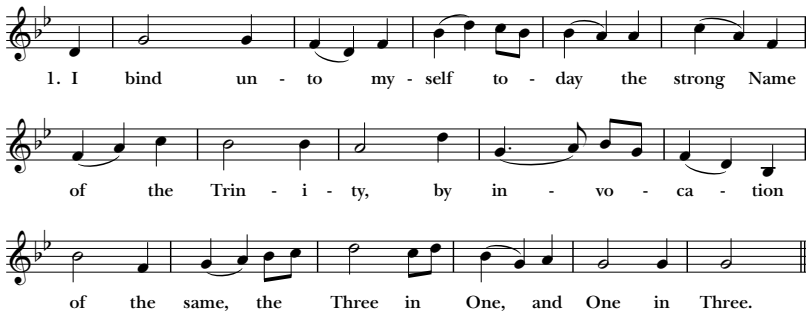
Holy. Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea. Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man they glory may not see, only thou art Holy, there is none beside thee perfect in power, in love, and purity. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea: Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, Hallelujah! Blessed Trinity.

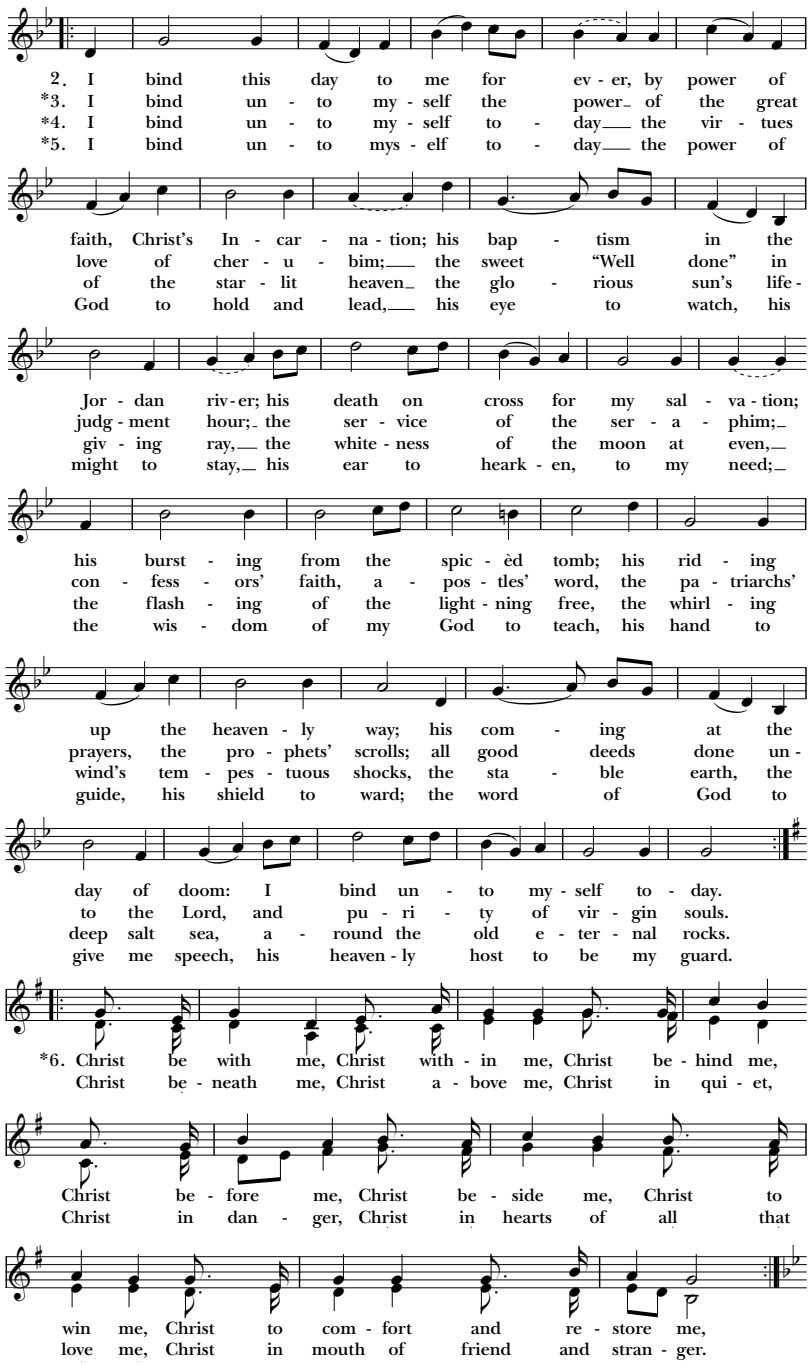
General Thanksgiving Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

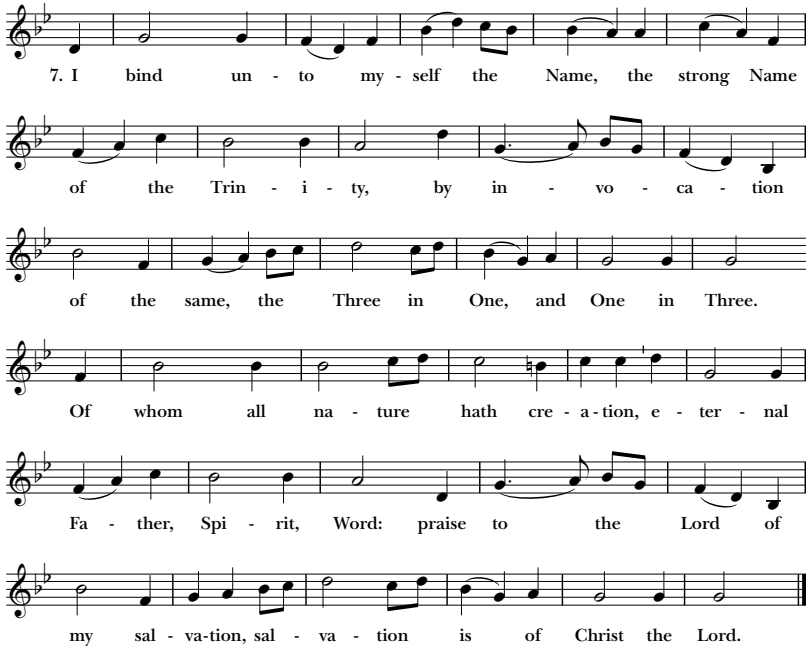
Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Concluding Versicle Hymnal, no. S-54

Closing Hymn: *I Bind unto Myself Today* Hymnal, no. 370







Postlude: *Komm Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 667*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Directory Updates Needed!

In the last year, did you or members of your household...

Move to a new house, apartment, or condo?

Disconnect your landline?

Switch your cell phone number?

Have a child?

Change your preferred email address?

If you need to update any part of your directory listing please email Kathy at kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org.

Calendar

Sunday, May 30
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITIONS

Morning Prayer
10:00 am on YouTube

Virtual Coffee Hour
10:45 am on Zoom

Wednesday, May 31
MEMORIAL DAY

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 2

Virtual Youth Groups
7pm MS / 8pm HS on Zoom

Sunday, June 6
MUSIC RECOGNITIONS

Last Day of Virtual Church School!
8:45 am on Zoom

Morning Prayer
10:00 am on YouTube

Virtual Coffee Hour
10:45 am on Zoom

Masks are required for all in-person events

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Upcoming Events

Recognizing Our St. Andrew's Community!

Join us in recognizing everyone who helps everyone who helps make our St. Andrew's community possible!

MAY 30: Volunteers
JUNE 6: Music at St. Andrew's
JUNE 13: The Church School High School Graduates

Register Now for Vacation Bible School!

Marketplace Vacation Bible School is back! Our "Travels with Paul" will be scaled back a bit, with new health and safety protocols, but we'll still be able to enjoy our favorite activities, including crafts in the marketplace, Olympic games, storytelling, music, and more as we learn about the early days of the Christian Church.

Register by June 7 for this free VBS for children Young 5 through Grade 5 complete! ***Volunteers are needed*** to help make this opportunity possible including, small group leaders and assistants, games, crafts, storytellers, set up/tear down, and more!

To learn more about this fun-filled formation activity, take a look at our EVENT FLYER! Be sure to register early as spaces are limited. Questions? Contact Carol at caferguson@standrewsaa.org.

Marketplace VBS: *Travels with Paul*
June 21 - 22 - 23: 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm
at First Presbyterian Church (1432 Washtenaw)
REGISTER A CAMPER or SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER