



# Scepter



## Reflections From the Rector's Desk

My dear friends in Christ:

There are many ways one might describe the congregation of St. Edward's, but during this particular Lenten Season, it has increasingly seemed to me that St. Edward's is an "Alleluia" community.

We love to say or sing the "Alleluias" in the service, particularly when it comes to the dismissal. During the season of Lent, both Deacon Hank and myself have noticed the muted responses as folks in the pew long to let the "Alleluias"

loose, but are constrained to do so.

Of course, we all know the reason. The season of Lent, as to a lesser degree the season of Advent, is the time in the church year when we are asked to reflect not just on who Jesus is, but what Jesus does for us. This Lenten season at Adult Forum, we have been exploring the subject of Atonement - how in and through Jesus, God continues to reconcile all of humanity

to God's self. At the Wednesday evening Lenten Bible study, we have considered our own life's story as possibly reflected in the Bible stories themselves, seeing God in Christ at work in our own lives as well as in the world around us.

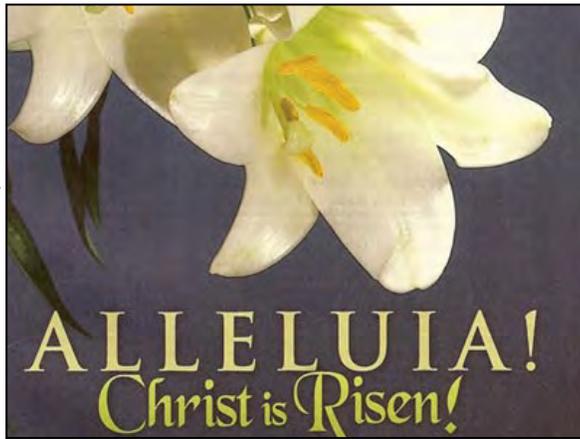
shadowing the Easter story and the resurrection of Christ.

All of this points to the fact that the underlying theme of Lent is "repentance" - which literally means turning around, looking at our lives and deciding to do things differently. But Lent is also about trust, trusting that God in Christ is truly involved in our story - in conversation with us - a divine dialogue as we write our own story of faith.

Which brings me back to the Alleluias. Just as repentance is reflecting on our lives and being

willing to die to the old self, so the theme of Easter is Resurrection - being born anew in Christ. Every moment of our lives is a resurrection moment, filled with the grace notes of God in Christ assuring us that whatever we might think of our selves, God loves us for who we are, made in the image of God, and capable of, and often doing the most amazing things in God in Christ's name. This is why I think St.

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Each Sunday in Lent the Gospel narratives have been in the form of dialogues, where increasingly human frailties have been exposed for all to see. When we get to Holy Week, the Passion Narratives will remind us how Jesus suffered on the Cross at the hands of human folly. But before we get to Holy Week, on the Fifth Sunday in Lent, the Sunday before Palm Sunday, the Lenten mood softens with the story of Jesus and the Raising of Lazarus, fore-

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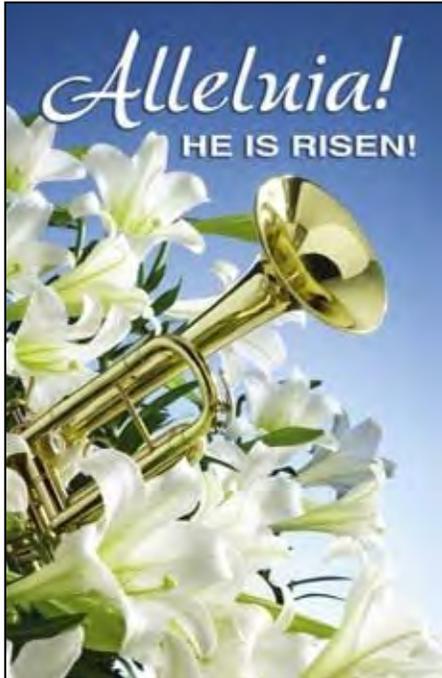
# Reflection

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Edward's is an "Alleluia" congregation, and why, like you, I look forward to Easter morning when we can all say together: The Lord is Risen; He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.

Blessings and Peace to you all.

Fr. Stephen+



# Landisville Food Pantry



The March ingathering of food for the Landisville Food Pantry.



So many wonderfully helpful and kind things happen at St Edward's!



A Saturday evening service during Lent.

# Information

## Parish Office Hours

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**If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) and the doors are locked.**

By Amy Swiernik

UTO Ingathering will be held June 4, 2017 at all services. Boxes are in the narthex for those that would like to take one and collect their change over the course of the next few weeks. Every penny offered in thankfulness is made available as grants.



Those little blue boxes continue to help us to be prayerful, to be thankful for our blessings and to serve as a reminder that God is constantly with us through thick and thin. The steadfast "prayer and thankfulness" of all of us has improved the lives of many women and children throughout the world and in our own backyard (Diocese) through UTO grants, which

show the tangible results of our offerings for our many blessings.

Did I mention? All contributions and the investment income earned on them are made available as grants around the world.

UTO website: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering>



St. Edward's is looking for a UTO Coordinator - would you consider? This person coordinates the ingatherings and funnels information from the Diocesan Coordinator to the people in the parish. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry.

Amy Swiernik [amyecwcpa@comcast.net](mailto:amyecwcpa@comcast.net)



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**Third Saturday of Each Month**

**7:30 PM  
Next Service**

**April 15th  
The Great Vigil**

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.  
Due date for May will be:  
**April 20th.**  
Send articles and announcements to:  
[mac.miller@verizon.net](mailto:mac.miller@verizon.net)



## Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burluson
- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Adam and Christina Grim
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis
- ★Richard Mutari



- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Whitesel



# Youth News

**By Leslie Arnold**

The youth of St. Edward's have been busy by engaging in both lessons and programs of Christian education. Highlights include an organized dinner and show at Dutch Apple Theater to view the musical, "Jesus Christ, Superstar," and preparing for our annual volunteer work with the Feed My Starving Children program.



Youth and teachers met in a group lesson to learn about the Feed My Starving Children program, as explained by teacher, Peg Reiley.



Food blessing: Barret Newsome and Fenn Milligan lead the cart of blessed food back to the Narthex for



**picture by Brian Newsome**

Group at "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Dutch Apple, with some youth on March 18th. from back row to front: Brian Newsome, Bill Swiernik, Carter Ishler, Cole Swiernik, Thomas Ishler and Seth Hake; Braden Newsome, James Lynch, Anna Rosenberg, Beth Hake, Rosie Westgate and (looming large) Patrick Ishler; Barrett Newsome and Maeve Milligan; Susan Newsome and Dina Ishler; Beth Lynch.



Students in the fourth through sixth grade class led by Brian Newsome and Dottie Gschwend enjoyed a hands-on lesson to learn of a religious group in Africa.

## Children's Sermon



Inquiring minds of our youth listen and respond to questions posed by Father Stephen in a recent children's homily.

## Cole Swiernik in Spring Musical



Hempfield High School presented "The Little Mermaid" March 3 and 4. Ariel's father, King Triton, was played by senior Cole Swiernik..



Reed's critique of his brother's performance

## JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

### What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



### What you do:

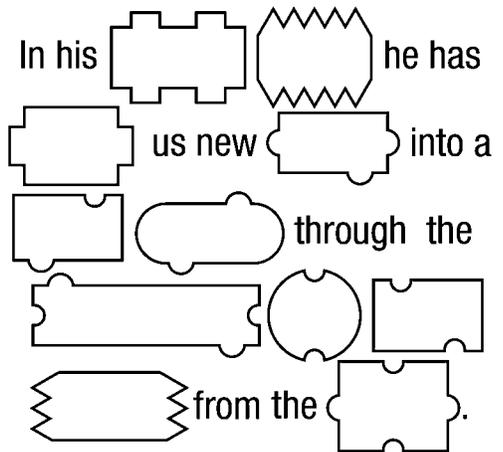
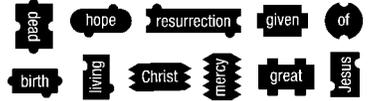
1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



## > NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



1 PETER 1:3, NIV

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV



## Bible Quiz

By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- Didymus
- The Skeptic
- The Twin
- A and B
- A and C



Answers  
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Answer: E (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)

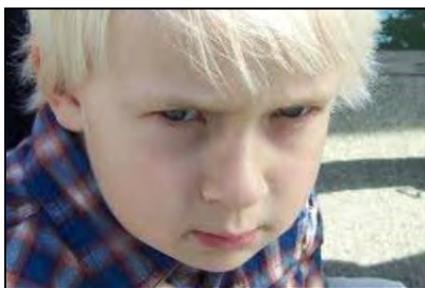
# You Can't Make Me:

## Should kids be forced to go to church?

By Miriam McKenney

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It's time to be completely honest: my family hasn't been attending church regularly. After thirteen years, we decided we needed a break from our church, and our church needed a break from us. Over a year later, I'm ready for us to return. Will my family want to come with me?



Back in my day, there were no choices about going to church. My dad is an Episcopal priest. You went, or... actually, there was no or. We went. The end. Being forced to go to church caused me to rebel and not go anywhere regularly for many years, until we found our parish fourteen years ago. We were drawn in by the focus on outreach, and the large quantities of kids and families. Finally, I thought. A church I want to attend, and no one is making me go.

It didn't take long for our priest to get me involved in church life. Within a couple of years, I was regularly working in the nursery, joined the choir. Then I was elected to the vestry, followed my girls through ten years of Godly Play as an instructor, helped with VBS, edited the church's newsletter, and read lessons in church. My husband David was Treasurer, Finance Committee chair or member, you get the idea. And don't get me started on how involved our oldest daughter Nia was in the church and diocesan youth programs. She ended up being a diocesan camp counselor.

Now, you may be thinking. What's the problem? This all sounds great, and it's what God would want for you: a solid faith community full of great people, a good priest, and excellent music. (Did I

mention [Howard Helvey](#)?) What could go wrong? What did go wrong?

For one thing, after Godly Play, the youth program... wasn't. There was "youth group," but it was random, and poorly attended. It often felt both lacking and forced. My oldest suffered through, because she was highly involved on a diocesan level. But for my younger two, they wanted a solid youth group at our church. So, I did what I usually do – I volunteered to create and run a program. That didn't work out.

After thirteen years, I felt over-involved and also strangely disconnected. The girls began grumbling on Sunday mornings. They felt displaced. It seemed to them like only the little kids mattered. I had to agree with them. All of us felt tired and used. I wanted a separation, and my family agreed.

Then, the unthinkable happened. Our priest announced he was leaving. Great, I thought. Now people are going to think we left because he's leaving. Oh well, whatever. We went ahead and became those folks who only attend church on Christmas and Easter, with a random Sunday thrown in now and again.



The last few weeks on the couch with my injuries led me to an incredible realization. Ignoring the fact that we all decided not to go to church regularly, I had deprived my girls of a faith community. David and I are adults, and Nia is too, and we can make our own decisions, no matter how smart or stupid. But the girls are still young enough to need guidance, and I started to feel that I had failed them. Perhaps the strong-arm tactics of my parents, who gave us no opportunity to say no, was the right way to go after all. I can't imagine my mom wanting to go to church every week, EVERY week, and yet she did it. I can't help but ponder what I should have learned from that experience, and what I should learn from my more recent choices.

Perhaps I should learn that as parents, and as people, we're all here doing the best we can with what we've been given. Our parents before us did the best they could. We all have to carry the cross of the generation before us. How we do that impacts the choices we make as parents, and those choices will cause our children to face similar choices. What will they do when they have kids of their own? That's what I can't stop thinking about.



Maybe I should learn to trust in my chosen faith community. What would be different about me if we had stayed? What would have stayed the same? I'll never know. I do still feel good about my decision to take a break, but somewhere in the back of my mind, I hear a voice calling me back to church. Could it be my Facebook churchgoers, gently urging me to return? Is it my non-Facebook parishioners who sent me cards while I was recovering, saying that they missed me? Maybe. Or maybe it's God in all of those voices. Maybe this whole process has been spirit led, and the spirit is now leading me back to church.

Should you make your kids go to church? I know what my mom would say: she'd say yes. As for me, I'm not so sure. I will say that you find joy at church, take your kids. If the joy begins to fade, explore that as a family. Work through it. Consider their feelings and opinions, but remember – you're the adult. Trust that you'll make the best decision for them, and for you, that you can.

Pray and meditate about your decision. Talk to God, and take time to listen to what God has to say to you. Remember that God's voice may come from the mouths of your children, your friends, your colleagues, and your enemies. Read your favorite scripture. I pray that wherever you are in your relationship with God in community, that you are at peace. I'm not, and I plan to fix that.



## Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following parishioners who faithfully host our Sunday coffee hours.

March 2017

The Cardwell and Troop Families

Austin and Debbie Morrow

Dorris Smith

Mary Snyder

Ellen Milligan and Family

Linda Bender

Bev and Larry Hess

Gloria Kacinko

Kim Kline

Roger and Ginny Kloopping

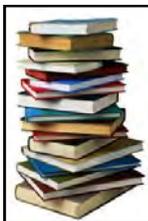
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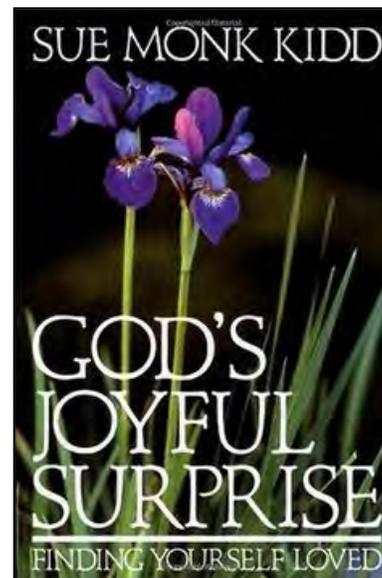


## Book Club News

By **Linda Frankenfield**  
contemplative Spiritual Director



St Edward's Book Club will meet May 25 at 1:00 to discuss God's Joyful Surprise, Finding Yourself Loved by Sue Monk Kidd. ALL ARE WELCOME !!



## Men's Group

By **Mike Patrone and John Meyer**



The speaker for the March men's breakfast was Fr. Casey talking about how a sermon comes to be.

Our April speaker will be talking about the WW2 Doolittle raid. Don't miss it. We meet the last Saturday of the month at 9am. Breakfast then the speaker.

Please make it a point to come and join us.



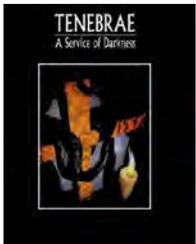


# Holy Week Calendar



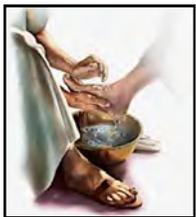
## PALM SUNDAY – April 9

8:00 AM	Blessing of Palms Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
10:15 AM	Blessing of Palms Holy Eucharist (Rite II)



## WEDNESDAY – April 12

Noon	Holy Eucharist Rite II (said) & Sacrament of Healing
7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service



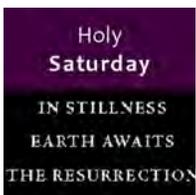
## MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 13

7:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II & Sacrament of Foot Washing
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## GOOD FRIDAY - April 14

Noon – 1 PM	Good Friday Meditations
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	Good Friday Liturgy With Holy Eucharist Rite II (from reserved sacrament)



## HOLY SATURDAY – April 15

7:30 PM	The Great Vigil
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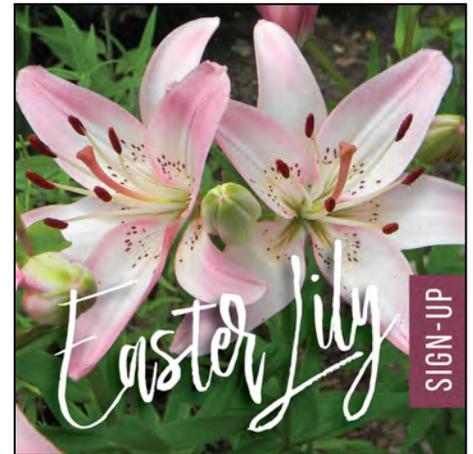
## EASTER SUNDAY - April 16

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 AM	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II



# Holy Week Calendar

## Easter Flowers



Please remember to sign up for Easter Flowers in the narthex by April 14th. This is a lovely way to help St. Edward's decorate the church for Easter Sunday and to remember loved ones, friends, and family. Flowers are \$10 per remembrance and will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Attention all children of St. Edward's! Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:15 AM service on Easter Sunday. Fun is always had by all!

For those of you interested in donating eggs and goodies, please contact Leslie Arnold at [larnold897@aol.com](mailto:larnold897@aol.com) or 285-2783.



# A Movie Review: Kedi

by Glen Bentley.

If you love cats this is a documentary for you.

Director Ceyda Torun's camera spends an awful lot of time in the air filming cats. That's probably because "Kedi" — named for the Turkish word for cat — uses its feline subject as a means to an end. "Kedi" is a portrait of the street cats who roam Istanbul, the people who take them in and the city they all call home.



"Kedi's" opening titles inform us that stray cats have lived among the people of Istanbul for thousands of years, eyeing history and never allowing themselves to be

to get a daily serving of fish guts. They're more hosts, even servants, rather than owners, and "Kedi" is as much about the humans as it is about the cats.

That being the case, "Kedi" allows the majority of its subjects, both feline and



human, to pass by almost anonymously. Viewers rarely hear anyone or anything named, yet to hear people talk about the relationships they have with these non-committal animals, they can learn plenty about them.

One woman, a painter, talks about how she admires the feminine qualities of the cats, and laments that human beings are losing sight of that particular grace. Another man relates a story about how after losing his boat — which at the time represented the entirety of his earthly possessions — a stray cat went out of its way to direct him to a lost wallet containing the exact amount of money he needed to survive.



fully domesticated. Torun follows dozens of these cats over the course of 80 minutes, taking viewers into their back alley homes and daily routines and, surprisingly, the cats are more than happy to cooperate.

Whenever Torun zeros in on a particular cat, there is always a human attached to its story — someone who happened to work at a shop and found a litter of kittens, or who got to know a cat as it began to make a routine of stopping by a dock

There's a definite spiritual tone to "Kedi," both in subject matter and Torun's tone, which is often ponderous and peaceful. In fact, one Istanbul native suggests that the difference between cats and dogs — the thing that makes cats indifferent to humans while dogs show unconditional devotion — is that cats believe in God. They know who's really in charge.

While dogs think that humans are God.

# Agnus Dei



This image is known as the Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God." When pictured standing and with a banner, it represents the risen Christ, victorious over death. John the Baptist, seeing Jesus approach, famously declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NIV). In Revelation, too, Jesus is portrayed as a lamb who was slain but now reigns triumphant



"The soul would have no rainbows if the eyes had no tears."  
—Native American proverb

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Pictures by Rayelenn Casey



Kate Peterson and her daughter, Susan Niggel, enjoy the Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras theme!

What better way to usher in the season of Lent with Shrove Tuesday pancakes and the parish hall was transformed to Mardi Gras style



Chef Mark Jakiel made some awesome pancakes!



Great conversation was had all night. Bob and Nancy Oliver and their family, Rose Dixon, Andrew Campbell and Bonnie Miller enjoyed the food and fellowship.



Nothing happens without a great kitchen crew. We can't thank John Meyer and Larry Hess enough for all they did behind the scenes!



Anne and Tom Fessenden (left) and Jackie and Eric Sandblade (right) enjoyed the food and hospitality of the evening.

# Feed My Starving Children

**Pictures from Facebook, Rayelenn Casey, Bill Swiernik and Peg Reiley**

All volunteers at our shift packed 188 cases!! It's 200 or so bags! Each bag held a scoop of vitamin powder, dried vegetables, rice and soy. There are about 150 -200 packers/ 2 hour shift. Our St Ed's group included: Bill Swiernik, Ellen and Finn Milligan, Beth Lynch (and her brother and niece), Carol and Carl Cotnoir, Thomas Ishler, Dottie Gschwend and her 2 grandsons (Jed and Jamie), Meredith Westgate and Peg Reiley. Our table packed 15 boxes - total 3240 meals. The whole group/ 2 hour shift packed 278 boxes - or 28,000 meals. This will feed 78 children for 1 year. Over the 2 day / 7 session event, 217,728 meals were packed - enough to feed 596 children for a year!



We thank these members of St Edward's – plus Peg Reiley – who worked with the Feed My Children group to pack food for children all over the world



A packed box.



Saturday's crew. Plus Bill Swiernik who took this picture



Friday's Crew



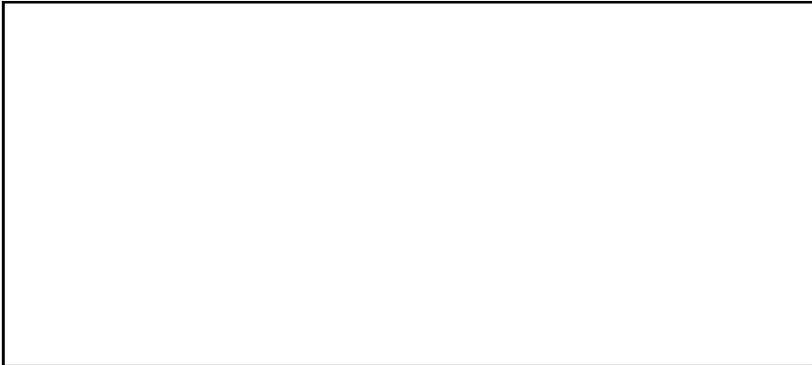
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- ✦ **Meredith Westgate  
(2020)**

## Worship Services

### Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary Service (2nd Sunday, Sept – May).

### Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Eucharist with healing

### Saturday

5:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II (Third Saturday)