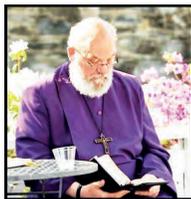




Scepter



Reflections From the Rector's Desk

By The Reverend Canon Stephen C. Casey

From the Rector's Desk:

Early in June the vestry of St. Edward's spent a day on retreat at Mt. Hope Church, Manheim. The vestry retreat at Mt. Hope Church has been an annual event almost since I was called to St. Edward's to be your Rector. The vestry retreat is in many ways a kind of day-long sabbatical; a time away

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from the routine of vestry meetings for each vestry person to get to know each other; a time of conversation and fellowship, with also a “little business” thrown in for good measure. We break bread together and have communion together in the beautiful surroundings of Mt. Hope Church. This year our retreat was guided by Bishop Bob Gepert, who, before his retirement served as bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan and Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of

Central Pennsylvania. Bishop Gepert is well known as a spiritual director and retreat leader. He guided the vestry through what could be best described as a directed mediation on leadership, and as the retreat drew to a close, Bishop Gepert asked each of us what we would take back to the parish from our day away. What emerged was a general feeling that many people in the congregation do not know what a vestry is, or what it does. In the gen-

eral discussion that followed, it was felt that this summer edition of the Scepter could help fill the void. The remainder of my article will therefore set the scene by offering a thumbnail sketch of the role and purpose of a vestry in the Episcopal Church. Then throughout this edition, each of the current vestry members will offer a personal insight into what it means for them to serve on the vestry and what they took from the retreat.

The role of the vestry of any

parish in the Episcopal Church is defined first and foremost by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, and secondly by any State or Diocesan laws. The vestry's responsibilities cover three basic areas. First, the vestry is responsible for the finances of the church, which includes budgetary responsibilities and the financial support of the ministry of the diocese, as well as ensuring that the finances of the parish are handled according to the best accepted business practices.

Secondly, the vestry is responsible for the property of the parish, especially the maintenance of the grounds and buildings. And thirdly, the vestry is responsible for the oversight of all parish ministries, including the choosing of individuals for various positions of parish leadership, such as delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Most importantly, the vestry elects the new rector and represents the parish in its relationship with the priest, and acting as a council of advice to the rector in all matters, especially for the mission of the church in the

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- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

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community, the diocese, and the world.

St. Edward's is blessed to have very faithful and talented parishioners serving on the vestry, and throughout my tenure as your rector I feel very blessed indeed to have been supported by people of wit, wisdom, and skill as I exercise my ministry among you. So, I encourage you to read the reflections offered by the members of the vestry in this edition of the Scepter. But more than that, next time you see them, thank them, and any others you know who have served on the vestry in times past, for a wonderful ministry so freely given.

Blessings

Fr. Stephen+



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Set apart in the community at St. Gregory's Abbey, my days are spent following the daily round of prayer with the monks, studying in the library, and resting. This is where I will be this Sunday, (June 25, 2017) at St. Gregory's Abbey. As you worship at St. Edward's with Fr. John Emmert, I will be praying for you in the Abbey chapel - two holy communities held together in prayer.



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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 Rayelenn Casey



Congratulations Jeffrey Packard and Stephen C. Casey on today's anniversary of your deaconal ordinations in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. It's easy to remember the date as the lovely calligraphy on your certificates proclaims: "June nineth"(Best wishes also to Tom Sramek Jr and Ed Tracy, pictured -- can't remember your actual ordination dates. Photo taken at VTS at their class's 20th reunion)

"May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right."
—Peter Marshall

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
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Third Saturday of Each Month

5:30 PM

Next Services

July 15th

August 19

Rite II

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for July/August will be:
August 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:
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Reverend Jennifer Mattson Installation

By Rayelenn Casey



On Tuesday June 6, 16 St. Edward's parishioners attended the wonderful service of the installation of the Reverend Jennifer Mattson at St. Thomas—including these hard-working choir members (Jamie Alton, Patrick Ishler and Dina Ishler.). Do you remember Anna Gail Fenn, Jennifer's daughter? She very beautifully read the first lesson. St Edward's loves Jennifer Mattson and her husband Bradley and the children, and we wish them well in their new ministry.



Children are So Honest !!

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My Mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

As I was nursing my baby, my cousin's six-year-old daughter, Krissy, came into the room. Never having seen anyone breast feed before, she was intrigued and full of all kinds of questions about what I was doing. After mulling over my answers, she remarked, "My mom has some of those, but I don't think she knows how to use them."

Out bicycling one day with my eight-year-old granddaughter, Carolyn, I got a little wistful. "In ten years," I said, "you'll want to be with your friends and you won't go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now. Carolyn shrugged. "In ten years you'll be too old to do all those

things anyway."*

Working as a pediatric nurse, I had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children. One day, I entered the examining room to give four-year-old Lizzie her injection. "No, no, no!" she screamed.* "Lizzie," scolded her mother, "that's not polite behavior." With that, the girl yelled even louder, "No, thank you! No, thank you!"

On the way back from a Cub Scout meeting, my grandson innocently said to my son, "Dad, I know babies come from mommie's tummies, but how do they get there in the first place?" After my son hemmed and hawed awhile, my grandson finally spoke up in disgust, "You don't have to make up something, Dad. It's okay if you don't know the answer."*

Just before I was deployed to Iraq, I sat my eight-year-old son down and broke the news to him. "I'm going to be away for a long time," I told him. "I'm going to Iraq." "Why?" he asked. "Don't you know there's a war going on over there?"

Paul Newman founded the "Hole in the

Wall Gang Camp" for children stricken with cancer, AIDS, and blood diseases. One afternoon, he and his wife, Joanne Woodward, stopped by to have lunch with the kids. A counselor at a nearby table, suspecting the young patients wouldn't know Newman was a famous movie star, explained, "That's the man who made this camp possible. Maybe you've seen his picture on his salad dressing bottle?" Blank stares. "Well, you've probably seen his face on his lemonade carton." An eight-year-old girl perked up. "How long was he missing?"





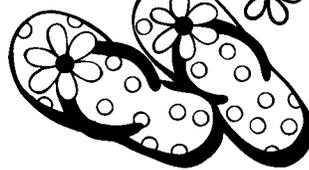
The Newsome boys – amused by Fr. Stephen's Children's Sermon

Ishlers

Faith and Carter Ishler have been busily training for the 2017 North American Irish Dance Championships to be held in New Orleans from July 4-9. This prestigious event draws top champion dancers from all over the world to compete by age group and with male and female dancers in different groups. In April, they traveled to Dublin, Ireland for the world championships where they both earned the very first world medals for our dance school, which is one of the flagship milestones of a dancer's career. Please wish them all the best for this exciting event and safe travels. Carter will then be representing St. Edward's at EYE, the Episcopal Church's national youth event to be held in Oklahoma directly after Nationals!



Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

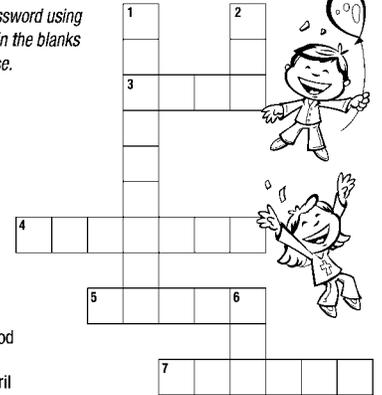
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and 4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

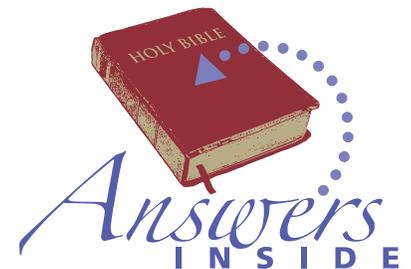
Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV



Bible Quiz

What is Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord appears to him with God's call to lead Israel's fight against the Midianites?

- Threshing wheat
- Harvesting grapes
- Keeping sheep
- Making a sacrifice to the Lord



Answer: A (See Judges 6:11.)

Vestry Retreat Reflections

VESTRY



Camille Horine— Junior Warden;

I arrived at St Ed's in the summer of 2013. It was the *only place* I found comfort for my breaking heart. I was rapidly losing my only sister to brain cancer and witnessed the cruelty of the disease. The words at the noon-day service soothed me in a way nothing else did. I began fervently praying for mercy and grace for my sister. Others prayed for me as a primary caregiver, asking for my stamina and calm. Those prayers were answered. As I look back, I can truly say my strength was not my own. I witnessed my vibrant sister lose her life, and the ironic gift in that painful time was she died and I got life, the Promise of eternal life and a set of fresh eyes to live out my remaining days on earth. I finally understood what it is to love Christ as Lord, Redeemer and Savior. And so, when I was asked to be on Vestry in 2014, it was time for me to give back.

My ah-ha moment at the retreat was the part about the importance of the state of being calm as it pertains to leadership. To have a calm presence requires a level of maturity and integrity. It emanates from knowing oneself. To know oneself is to have self-regulation. I hadn't heard the term, "self-regulation," though I understood completely what Bishop Gepert meant, someone who: has limits, creates margins in their life for self-care, is emotionally intelligent and lovingly mindful of those around him or her.

For this issue of the *Scepter*, Father Stephen asked each member of the vestry to write a brief reflection on the recent vestry retreat.

Deacon Hank:

Without a doubt we have been blessed with an excellent group of leaders who are called to serve Saint Edward's as Vestry. I wanted to share the nine things successful leaders won't do:

They won't let anyone limit their joy.

They won't forget.

They won't die in the fight.

They won't prioritize perfection.

They won't live in the past.

They won't dwell on problems.

They won't hang around negative people.

They won't hold grudges.

They won't say yes unless they really want to.

Every member of the vestry has said YES to God's call to serve and minister to the people of Saint Edward's. This Church is so blessed!

Brian Newsome Sr. Warden:

As Bishop Gepert led the vestry in a discussion of leadership, the group began to reflect on the best way for St. Edward's to be a servant leader in the community. Our church plays many such roles—as a provider to the Landisville food bank, as a host for the Community Aid receptacle, and as a venue for performances that enrich our neck of Lancaster County. But what *else* ought we to be doing? How can we best take advantage of our position on Harrisburg Pike to serve our neighbors, so that they can experience the Body of Christ at work in their lives? These are the questions with which we seek to grapple in the months to come, and we would appreciate your wisdom in this regard.

Also, inherent in the characteristics of leaders is motivation. They have "rigor in their thinking and courage in their head." They are not geared towards a quick fix but instead have uncommon persistence and the capacity for stamina. They don't need certainty nor rely on opinions of outside information. That doesn't mean they



From L. to R. Camille Horine, Herb Johnston, Dina Ishler, Ray Kiefer, Meredith Westgate, Deacon Hank, Bob Gepert, Susan Landin, Brian Newsome and Bill Swiernik. Fr. Stephen took the picture.

Bishop Bob Gepert was our guide as we explored various kinds of leadership and how to exercise it in the parish. Thank you to Bob Gepert for leading us, and to Brian Newsome, Senior Warden, Camille Horine, Junior Warden, Susan Landin, secretary to the vestry, Bill Swiernik, Dina Ishler, Herb Johnston Meredith Westgate, Ray Kiefer, and Deacon Hank for your service and your companionship in ministry. Fr. Stephen

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Vestry Retreat Reflections

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aren't in tune with the field. Instead they follow their own instincts. They are self-differentiated.

I like what he said next. Leaders who are calm "give anxiety back to its rightful owners". Millennials have a saying for this, "Not my monkey. Not my drama." So many times, we take on and get stuck in other people's stuff if we aren't aware of their noxious invasiveness. When an organization is led by anxiety, it is insecure, reactive, and blaming. It often sabotages itself, ambushes its members and ends up in gridlock. The forces are of self vs. forces of togetherness.

Conversely in a mature organization, most likely it's leaders are calm. In that environment, opinions can be expressed, and there's cooperation. With guidance and clarity, when an organization is unflustered, it begins to run itself and people are free. And here's the clincher, when an organization is in a state of not being anxious, it is a set up for growth.

St Edward's is calm. We are mature. We are wise. My sense is it's a common dominator throughout the members of the parish. Even new members exhibit these qualities. My gratitude goes to Father Casey and Deacon Hank. Their calm has dominated. I love that about St Ed's. It's what I needed when I arrived, and it's the stability and healthiness I still seek. God Bless.

Ray Kiefer

As a continuing member of the Vestry I realize how important it is for me to fully understand the leadership responsibility I have. Leadership has many different facets and I will prayerfully work to incorporate these as I help guide and grow St. Edward's in any way that I can be of service.

Bill Swiernik:

"I have searched out leadership roles where I can use my experience to guide decisions. At our Vestry retreat I learned that it is necessary to bring more than just my previous experience to my role as a member of Vestry. Vision for the future, persistence, stamina and self-regulation are attributes that will also need to be drawn on as a member of Vestry. For me, these attributes will require refinement. However, I found at the retreat that

other members of the Vestry possess these attributes and as a team, we can each bring something to help provide guidance to the Church."

Dina Ishler:

As I reflect on our vestry retreat, I am most grateful for our sense of community, with its foundation of joy and friendship and love for the God we serve. During the retreat, we were a community of learners as we absorbed new ways of thinking about healthy and effective leadership. Back home, it is our responsibility to live into this leadership role, even as we fully share with you all in the joys and sorrows of our church family. We can all look forward with great anticipation to the bright and blessed future as we strive to serve our God by loving and serving His people, both within our own congregation and in the wider community beyond our doors. Blessings Always.

Susan Landin:

The job of the Vestry is relatively simple – learn, listen and lead.

Learn about and from your congregation; know peoples' lives as well as their faith, and listen – not just to what others are saying, but how it is said.

Listen to their fears, their joys, their hopes, their sorrows and listen with compassion and patience.

Lead – know when to push, when to pull, when to stand firmly

Lead with steadiness, in faith and in the knowledge of God's enduring love and comforting guidance

Lead with a calm, steady hand, often hand in hand with the rest of the congregation.

Most importantly, the job of the Vestry is to be in communion with God, each other, and the rest of the congregation – namely, the true honor and privilege of serving.

Herb Johnston

"What Did I Learn from Attending the Vestry Retreat at Mt Hope Church?"

I was impressed by the leadership example shown to us by the actions and thoughts expressed by our retreat leader Bishop

Bob Gepert and Father Casey.

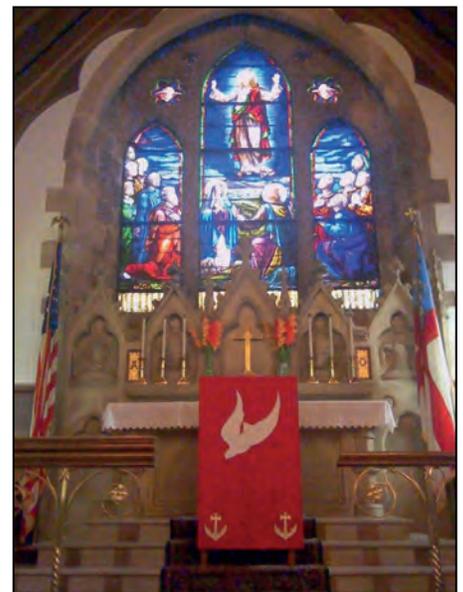
We were shown and discussed many leadership techniques via video and instruction of ways to improve our leadership style and substance.

Our church has many challenges coming at us in the next 12-18 months that we as the St. Edward's community will need to solve together with the Vestry to focus on solutions for those challenges.

As your Vestry, we must communicate with each other and the St. Edward's community at large in new and better ways for us to continue to be a successful and growing community of faith, prayer and missions.

Meredith Westgate:

"Leadership involves working to realize a vision of what the parish could be but is not." (Vestry Handbook). At the start of our retreat, most of us did not know each other well, but Bishop Gepert created a safe environment enabling us to share ideas, hopes, and dreams for St. Edward's. I learned that growing our church community requires faith, persistence, focus, stamina, and a willingness to take risks. This is no small challenge, but it was clear to me by day's end that your vestry shares a commitment to seeking ways to grow and strengthen our church and a deep desire to serve.



Interior of Mt. Hope Church.

Deaths in Our Church Family

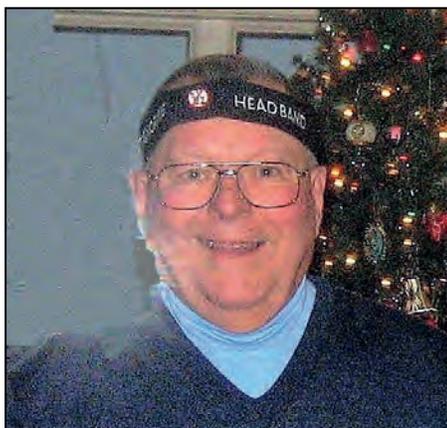
The rector writes:

Dear friends:

Bill Kline



It is with deep sadness that I have to inform you of the passing from this world into the next of two dear parishioners. Bill Kline died late in the afternoon of Tuesday 30th May 2017 of complications following heart surgery on Thursday 25th May. Bill was well known in the parish for serving on vestry, serving as a reader, usher and greeter at the 10:15 am service, and perhaps for his scintillating performances as a member of the St. Edward's players. His wife Ann died around Thanksgiving last year. Bill's remains will be interred in the memorial garden where Ann reposes, following a burial service at a date and time yet to be determined.



Carolyn Tryhall



It is with deep sadness that I have also to inform you of the passing from this world to the next of Carolyn Tryhall. Carolyn died at the end of the day of Thursday 15th June following a long illness. Carolyn is most well known in the Lancaster community for the Lancaster Ballet School, of



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which she was the founder, but Carolyn could often be seen singing in the St. Edward's choir, of which she was a faithful and much loved member. The Burial service for Carolyn will take place at St. Edward's on Saturday, 8th of July at 2pm with interment into the Memorial Garden to follow.



Luke Grubb



As this edition of the Scepter closed for press, I learnt of the death of Luke Grubb



on Tuesday, 20th June. Luke served as principle organist at St. Edward's for almost ten years, before having to retire because of illness, and with his wife Ann became much loved members of the St. Edward's community. An exceptionally accomplished musician and organist, Luke was possessed of a wonderfully gentle personality with a deep love and knowledge of church music. From a rector's perspective, he was a delight to work with.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servants depart in peace,

according to thy word;

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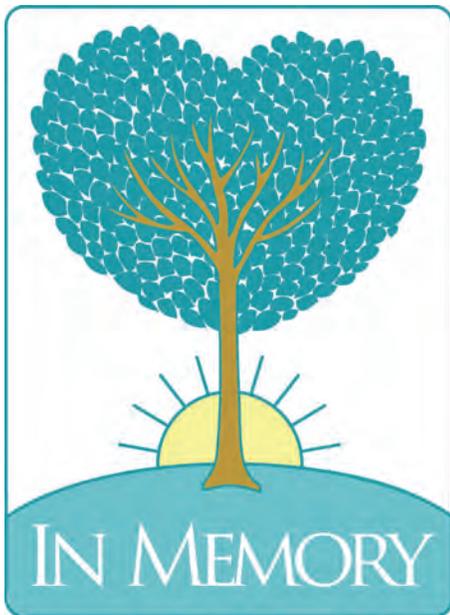
Deaths

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For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared for all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we
commend your servant Carolyn, and
Bill, and Luke. Acknowledge, we hum-
ble beseech you, sheep of your own
fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners
of your own redeeming. Receive them
into the arms of your mercy, into the
blessed rest of everlasting peace, and
into the glorious company of the saints
in light. Amen

Fr. Stephen+



October 28th



PENCIL IT IN

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28th as St. Edward's will be transformed into a "Supper Club" for our annual fund-raising event.

The mood will be fun, the entertainment, engaging, and the food will be flavorful!

We can't reveal all of the details now, but we know you will not want to miss this exciting event so SAVE THE DATE!

We will also be holding our basket and silent auction starting October 1st with the drawing for winners on Saturday, October 28th.

All good fun and to raise money for the ministries of St. Edward's so we look forward to seeing you there!



Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following parishioners for hosting and setting up coffee hour during the month of June:

- Buddy and Liz Yeager
- Rose Dixon
- Mary Snyder
- The Milligan Family
- Carl and Carol Cotnoir
- R.B. Mullineaux
- Mark and Barb Jakiel
- Sue Bianco
- Peggy Thomas
- Ray and Lucetta Kiefer
- Gloria Kacinko
- Kim Kline



Be Content

Nancy and Bob Oliver's Grandson



Clayton graduated and was commissioned as an Ensign at Texas A&M. He is headed to flight school in August.



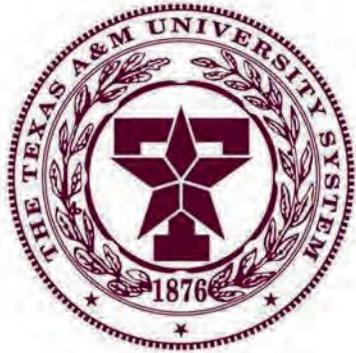
A path to the Navy.

Clayton Tennes, grandson of Nancy and Bob Oliver, who graduated from Texas A&M University, and was commissioned as an Ensign in the US Navy in May, was on a path leading to this destination before he was even born.

His father and mother were married in St. Edward's on December 22, 1990 in a full military wedding. I believe this was the first military wedding performed in the church. Khoi, Clayton's father and our son-in-law, was an Ensign having recently graduated from US Naval Academy. Polly, our daughter, was a schoolteacher in the Annapolis area. The ceremony was presided over by Reverend James Anderson, a priest at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and Reverend Aaron Zull, the vicar of St. Edward's. Reverend Anderson was the father of the best man, Kent Anderson, Khoi's roommate at the Naval Academy.

After Clayton was born in 1995, he was baptized in the ship's bell of the USS Barry DDG 52, a guided missile destroyer based out of Norfolk Naval Base. I was told that when England's fleet ruled the seas, it was customary for English people living abroad to baptize and record the birth of children in the ship's log to establish citizenship.

Clayton received lots of toy airplanes and ships from his grandparents as a young child. He participated in the JROTC at North Forsyth High School in Forsyth County, Georgia. Upon graduation, Clay was awarded a full four year Navy ROTC scholarship to Texas A&M.



Hempfield Commencement

Commencement Wednesday June 7th, 2017



Cole and Bill Swiernik



Rachel with brother Daniel Smith and mother Peg Reiley.



Details about Cole and Rachel's plans after graduation were in last month's Scepter. The actual ceremony was too late to be included in the June issue. .



Pentecost

By Rayelenn Casey



Pentecost



Members of the Praise Band joined the choir for the lovely anthem "Come Down, O Love Divine"



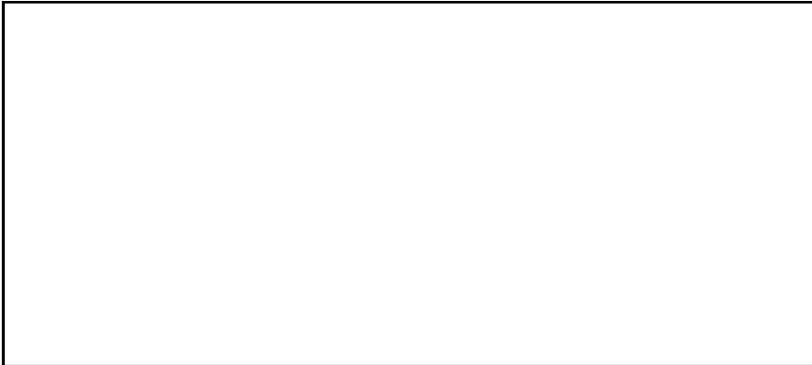
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Secretary**
- ✦ **Brian Newsome
(2018) Sr. Warden**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020)**

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)