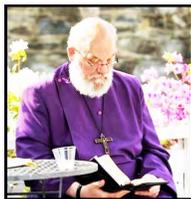




Scepter



Reflections From the Rector's Desk

By The Reverend Canon Stephen C. Casey

...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... (Hebrews 12:1)

For all the saints, who from their labours rest... (Hymn 287)

Dear friends:

At the Wednesday noon-day service of healing, it has become a tradition to commemorate a saint of the church. Saints lives have been a part of the landscape of the Church from its earliest beginnings. These days we are apt to think that saints are made, but that is to misunderstand their purpose. Saints are not so much made as recognized for their piety and way of life. In that sense we could all be considered saints, as the text at the head of my piece from the Letter to the Hebrews implies, we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." But the writer of Hebrews also eludes to

those saints who have been especially remembered for their Godly lives. Thus the tradition of the church is that saints are venerated for their exceptional degrees of holiness through which they are considered models for us to emulate, and granted ecclesiastical recognition for what they have done. A familiar example might be St. Francis of Assisi, a saint remembered each October by many churches, including St. Edward's, in the service of the Blessing of the Animals. It has long been the tradition for Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Orthodox, and some Protestant churches to be named after Apostles and Saints, our own St. Edward the Confessor being a good example.

An 18th century English priest, Alban Butler, compiled a four volume work he titled *The Lives of the Fathers, Martyrs and other Principle Saints*, which soon became abbreviated to "Butler's Lives of the Saints. In this work, Butler lists over 1400 saints, and in a recently revised edition this has been expanded to over 2500 saints lives. In the in the book *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* of Episco-

pal Church there are over 400 saints lives mentioned, and even more in its successor: *Holy Women, Holy Men*.

Between this edition of the Scepter and the end of the year the Episcopal Church will remember nearly one hundred memorable people of the church including major saints such as St. Matthew, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Luke, St. James, St. Simon and St. Jude, St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Thomas, St. Stephen, and St. John the Apostle. And of course, at the beginning of November we shall celebrate the Festival of All Saints and on All Hallows Eve, commemorate all the faithful departed.

If you want to find a list of the saints we recognize in the Episcopal Church, you can look them up on the web at www.lectionarypage.net.

There you will find not only the lectionary readings for all the Sundays in the church, but also a list by month and date of all the saints mentioned in Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

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- • *Worship services and Parish hours are on the back cover of the Scepter*
- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

Reflection

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It has long been a belief in the church that the saints intercede for us. Whether this is so or not, they are worthy of our remembrance for their examples to us of a faith in Christ lived out, and a holiness we would do well to follow. So, I encourage you to look up the saints, and if you can, come to the service each Wednesday noon-day and learn more.

Blessings

Fr. Stephen+

...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... (Hebrews 12:1)

For all the saints, who from their labours rest... (Hymn 287)



Website



www.sainteds.org

Elaine Thomas in Charlottesville



The Reverend Elaine E. Thomas, who was St. Edward's Assistant Priest for about a year, is now serving a Parish in Charlottesville VA. A priest with a deep social conscience, she was deeply involved in the Charlottesville clergy collective who planned and led the prayer vigils, silent prayer march, and memorial for Heather Heyer in Charlottesville in August.



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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 Brian Newsome



Recent events in Charlottesville have exposed many old wounds—gashes in our national fabric that never quite healed in the first place. Like Father John, who substituted for Father Stephen while the latter was on vacation, I will eschew political reflections and focus instead on our response as Christians. Last Sunday, Father John drew our attention to a passage in Matthew 15. Setting aside ancient animosities between Canaanites and Jews, Jesus healed a Canaanite woman’s daughter. As Father John was speaking, my mind turned to another passage, somewhat later in the book of Matthew: chapter 22, versus 36-40.

“Teacher, [asked a lawyer], which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Here Jesus explicitly links love of God and love of neighbor. As indicated by Jesus’s experience with the Canaanite woman and by the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus calls on us to love not just those right around us but everyone. Jesus’s definition of “neighbor” is expansive, global. May we as members of the Body of Christ keep this vision of neighborly love in mind as we go about our lives and take actions—big and small—that shape our community’s future and our nation’s future.

Love in Christ,
Brian Newsome

“I teach Sunday school. What’s your superpower?”
—Unknown

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

September 16th

Rite II

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for October will be:
September 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:
hj_miller@outlook.com



Mennonite Children's Choir Lancaster

By Meredith Aul



A few details from my fb page about tour: Home Sweet Home after our 5 day tour singing in 5 concerts - 5 towns in Ohio and Michigan, a fantastic day on Mackinac Island, 3 host families, 1 college dorm, 1 master class, 32.25 hours on a bus, 70 wonderful kids, 16 chaperones, 1 low ropes course, numerous games, joyous songs, community building activities and games, personal growth, many genres and time periods of music, relationships formed with host families, and a journey of faith shared with others. I am: sad tour has come to an end, glad to be home, honored to be invited to participate, exhausted, exhilarated... I am: in awe of the directors and choir manager for all their detailed planning and for their ability to musically stretch, grow, and unify the choir. I am: so proud of the singers who gave it their all and touched many lives in the process..

From MCCL tour to Ohio and Michigan. Rosie Westgate and Seth Hake These were taken on Mackinac Island where they performed a concert.



Editor's Note: If you'd like to watch great kids performing a "Feel Good" concert I'd recommend this video:

Link to choir video:

This was taken by The Church in Aurora (Ohio). They were a wonderful, receptive audience.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe1tb6F6TgU&feature=youtu.be>

Back To School Backpack Drive from the Social Outreach Ministry



We had a great response to the school supplies drive Church members donated:
25 backpacks
21 3-ring binders
\$120 in monetary donations
and a total of 259 (!) pencils, crayons, highlighters, notebooks, folders, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, etc.



These items will be distributed to Hempfield students through the Landisville Food Pantry.

Thank you for helping our local students get off to a great start this school year!



"Who do people say that I am?"

Fr. Stephen showed the children many pictures of how many artists have viewed Jesus.

Piper



Piper Brugmann seems to have apprenticed herself to the Altar Guild! It's so wonderful to see the young people of the church choosing ministries in which they enjoy serving. Choir members, acolytes and servers, ushers, lectors, nursery attendants, praise band musicians, and now -- the first member of a Junior Altar Guild? Do any other young people feel called to learn how to carry out this important ministry? You'd be welcome!

APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

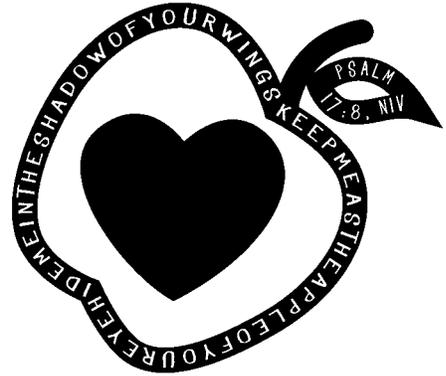
1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



“ _____

 _____”

PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of our wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV



SEPTEMBER

Bible Quiz

In memorable language in Revelation, God tells the church in Laodicea, "I am about to spit you out of my mouth," because it is metaphorically _____ (fill in the blank).

- A. too hot
- B. too cold
- C. tasteless
- D. lukewarm



Answers INSIDE

Answer: D (See Revelation 3:16)

Off to College and Beyond

Pictures from Facebook

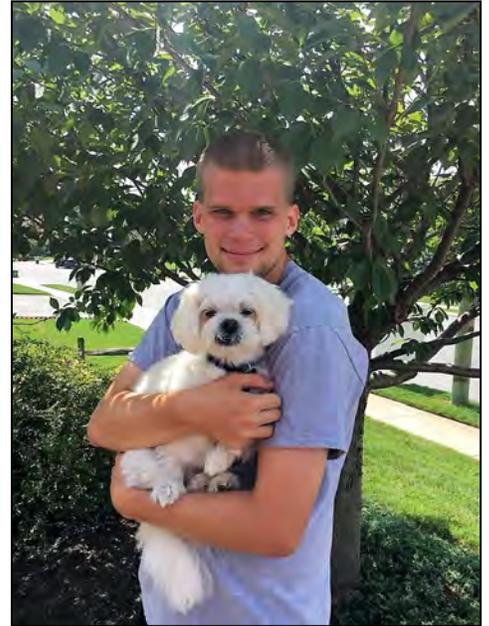
Cole Swiernik Off to RIT



"Rachael and Daniel Smith off to Florida and Germany"



Cole says goodbye to his Dad and his dog. Amy says, "Look how sweet, a little pack of tissues in the parent's bag."



On train to Florida

Harrison Kline returns to the University of Pittsburgh. The family took advantage of being in Pittsburgh to go to a Steelers game.



Peg says, "Rachael started her Freshman year at Florida Southern College, majoring in Dance Performance and Choreography. We just returned from Florida today! Daniel is a junior at McDaniel College. He is leaving Sept. 3 to study in Germany for the fall semester then will return to campus for the spring semester. I am now officially an empty nester - one of those bittersweet life events."



All moved in to dorm.

Kim reports, "Harrison was recently invited to join a lab in Pitt's Department of Pathology by Dr. Charleen Chu PhD, where he will be conducting research in the area of neurodegenerative diseases, primarily Parkinson's. He is honored to be the first undergraduate researcher to be invited to work on Dr. Chu's team. "

At the end of moving day, Kim was just thankful it had not rained.



Off to College and Beyond

Faith Ishler off to LVC



Dina reports, "Off to LVC for her sophomore year... it's so easy to organize the room the second year! She has a lovely roommate and it's a great little room, with the living/studying area kind of separate from the sleeping area. Wishing you a wonderful year of learning and friendship and memories-can't wait to hear all about it! "



Homemade chocolate chip cookies for Faith and her room mate.



Emily Casey



Rayelenn reports:

Dr. Emily C. Casey strolls the shady walks of St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City, Maryland where she is Assistant Professor in the Department of Art and Art History. Here is a message she recently sent:

"The time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things. my PhD pilgrimage took me all over—Delaware, Philadelphia, London, D.C, and New York. I've learned so much from the journey, and have loved encountering so many beautiful and brilliant humans along the way. I'm filled with joy that all my moving in recent years means that I have friends everywhere. Now my New York sojourn is coming to a close and I, my bags, my books, and my cats are wending our way to southern Maryland, where I'll be starting a job as assistant professor of art history at St. Mary's College of Maryland (look it up on a map; it will not be where you expect it is!). it's a time for new ventures—in teaching, in driving, in country living. I'm filled with gratitude and curiosity for this next step. and while I'll be tending the home fires for the next little while, I still expect to be a wandering spirit, so I hope to meet you—wherever you are—soon."

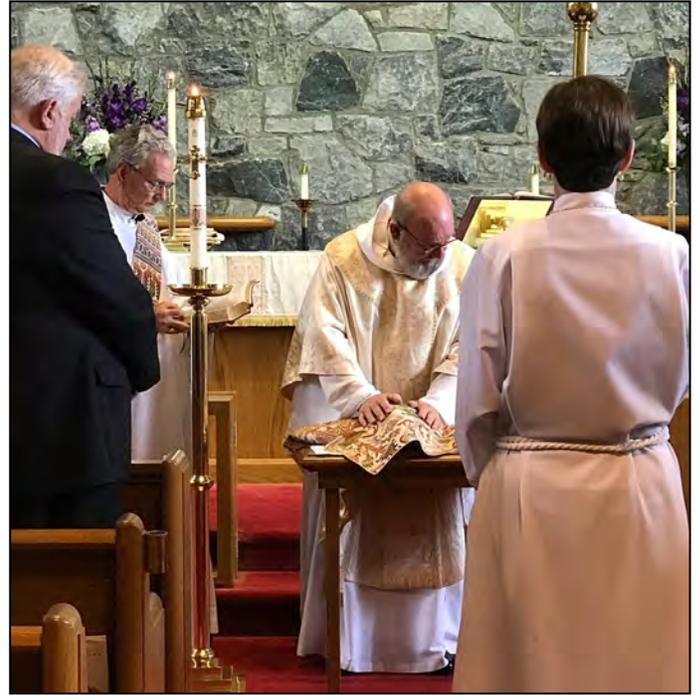
Catherine Donohue reports: Marielle and Eliza are both starting their senior year of college this month. Marielle is at Penn State and took last year to work as a wine making intern in Erie in the fall and study food systems in Italy in the spring. Eliza is at Carnegie Mellon and just finished an internship in the marketing department at the National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C.



Mike Patrone reports his grandson will be attending the University of Tampa pictured here.

Scenes from Carolyn Trythall's Funeral

Pictures by Rayelenn Casey



Peg Custer

By Dottie Gschwend

You might want to know...

Reverend Margaret "Peg" Custer, an interim priest at St. Edward's for one year (1989-1990), transitioned to her eternal life on August 8, 2017 at the age of 87, as reported in the Washington Post earlier this month. She was predeceased in 2015 by Lee, her husband of 64 years. Five children, 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren survive them.

Peg joined the Episcopal Denomination in 1983 and was trained as an Interim Ministry Specialist at Virginia Theological Seminary. She served in that capacity in several parishes including our own. She went on to be Rector of St. Andrew in the Valley, in Tamworth, N. H. for many years, and served in other parishes and capacities before her final retirement a few years ago. She was living near family in Maryland at the time of her death. A Celebration of Life service will be held in Gaithersburg, Maryland on September 9, 2017 at 1 pm. in the Chapel at Church of the Ascension,

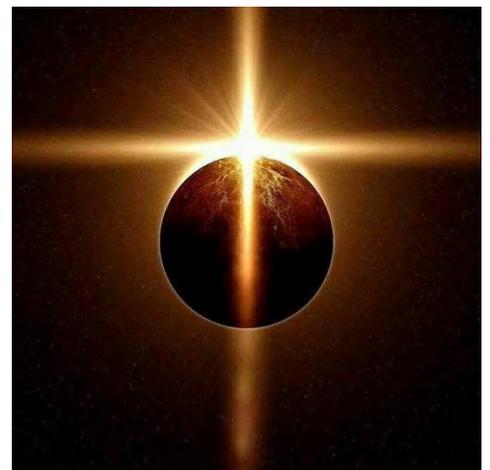
205 South Summit Avenue.

Peg was our priest when St. Edward's was very young, when we were just building the church in which we now worship. She was not here long, as interim priests are not meant to be, but for those of us who worked with her, she left a lasting impression and helped us move forward as a young parish. I believe she would be quite proud of us as we are living into our ministries all these 25 years later!

May she rest in peace.



Eclipse Photos



Brass, Bells, and a Band!

By Libby Sternberg

The cultural events committee is pleased to announce the following schedule for the coming 2017-18 season:

Sunday, October 22, 2017: Auscultation Brass (3 p.m.)

Sunday, December 3, 2017: Hershey Handbell Ensemble (3 p.m.)

Saturday, April 14, 2018: Rizzetta's Tones (7:30 p.m.)

Auscultation Brass is an ensemble composed of physicians in the area who enjoy performing a variety of brass compositions.

The Hershey Handbell Ensemble is now an annual popular event at St. Edward's -- come early for good seating!

The Rizzetta's Tones is a delightful Celtic and Folk band which performs music from Ireland, Scotland, Finland, Macedonia and other lands. They are a charming group of performers, much in demand in the region.

So, mark your calendars now, and look for more information in the Scepter as the performance dates approach!



UTO Boxes

By Amy Swiernik

The amount collected for the UTO Ingathering was \$498.67! Thank you to all who participate and share your thanksgivings with women and children around the world. We will have another ingathering near All Saints Day, so get yourself a box and start being 'Thankful' for your blessings from God.



Praise Band

By Randy Westgate



The St. Edwards Praise Band will resume practicing and singing at our contemporary services this month. We practice at 7 PM on the two Wednesdays prior to the contemporary service, held at 9:10 AM on the second Sunday of each month. This October we hope to participate in the diocesan convention at Hershey, and of course, at the Christmas Eve early service as well. Come join us! Singers and instrumentalists are all invited. Call Randy Westgate 717-940-6779 with any questions.



More Than Just Notes

By Patrick Ishler



Dear Friends of St. Edward's, I am writing this to you as we are about to begin another church year. At St. Ed's we are blessed to have so many families with children. I would like to invite any children who love to sing to join the choir beginning at our first rehearsal Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This invitation is open to the parents as well as any others in our parish family who would like to join our merry, musical bunch! If you or your child(ren) like to sing, this would be a great opportunity to be involved in the church music ministry. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at stedsmusicdirector@gmail.com or 717-683-6886.



SAVE THE DATES!!

ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCES OUR

**ANNUAL SILENT &
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DINNER EVENT**

SILENT/BASKET AUCTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR EVENING FUNDRAISING SUPPER CLUB
THEMED EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

FANTASTIC DINNER MENU, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT,
AUCTION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

STAY TUNED FOR EVENT DETAILS AND TICKET INFORMATION!!

Reverend Pinder

By Rayelenn Casey



The Very Reverend Churchill Pinder who has served the diocesan Cathedral congregation in Harrisburg faithfully for many years was given a retirement party recently that was filled with laughter and tears. Rayelenn Casey was asked to interpret the event, as Churchill's sister GayLloyd, who came all the way from Washington state for the event, is Deaf.

Young Family



It just does our hearts good to see young families who call St. Edward's their church home. Colin and Gina McEvoy are raising their children to know and love God and to know that they are part of a loving and active church family.



Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following parishioners, during the summer months of July and August, for hosting our fellowship coffee hours. They are so important to our faith community.

There is a NEW sign up board in the parish hall, for the 9:15 and 10:15 services, that is calling for YOU to sign up! The 8 AM coffee hours are scheduled by Bev Hess. If you would like to host a coffee hour, please contact Bev to participate in the 8 AM service or sign up on the board for the later services.

- The Milligan Family
- Buddy and Liz Yeager
- Mary Snyder
- Rose Dixon
- The Lynch Family
- Susan Niggel
- Carl and Carol Cotnoir
- Dorris Smith
- R.B. Mullineaux
- Larry and Bev Hess
- Geraldine Cosgrave
- June Klemm
- Janet Rumer
- Roger and Ginny Kloopping
- Jerry and Julie Hoff
- Stephen and Catherine Donohue
- Mark and Barb Jakiel
- Leslie Arnold
- Gloria Kacinko
- Richard and Gail Irons

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EVERYONE BRING PLACE SETTING, DESSERT
AND/OR SIDE DISH TO SHARE!

TRIVIA GAMES, LAWN GAMES, BOARD GAMES,
AND A RELAXING AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP!

The table is set...

Kate Peterson

By Rayelenn Casey



Honoring of Kate Petersen for her military work



Former Members Visit



It was wonderful to see Rob and Ann Ravenscroft at church recently. The Ravenscrofts were members of Saint Ed's for many many years, and then moved back to their native Rhode Island. It was lovely to have them back in the pew.

Men's Group



Hello everyone. It seems like a short summer. We are back the last Saturday of the month with chef Mark rambling to get the stove lighted.

Men's GROUP

We are looking for speakers from the parish to talk about their life experiences. Contact Mike Patrone so we can plan when you will be able to talk.

We meet the last Saturday of the month at 9am. See you then.



Casey's Vacation on Cape Cod



Beach time



Whale watching off Provincetown



Full English Breakfast



Father Casey using his binoculars to view the eclipse.



Cape Cod sunset

Raye-lenn's beach bubbles.



Scenes from E.Y.E. (Episcopal Youth Event)



By Carter Ishler

During the month of July there was a large, nationwide gathering of Episcopal Youth, called EYE. I was lucky enough to be able to attend this event for the first time in Oklahoma City, and it was definitely worth it. We were busy most of the four days that we were there, doing small or large worships, listening to speakers that specialized in certain subjects (including the presiding Bishop!), and taking a field trip to many different places around the city. Overall it was a great experience.. I am very grateful for the support of St. Edward's and to have had the opportunity to be a part of it!



Parishioners Summer Activities

Pictures from FaceBook

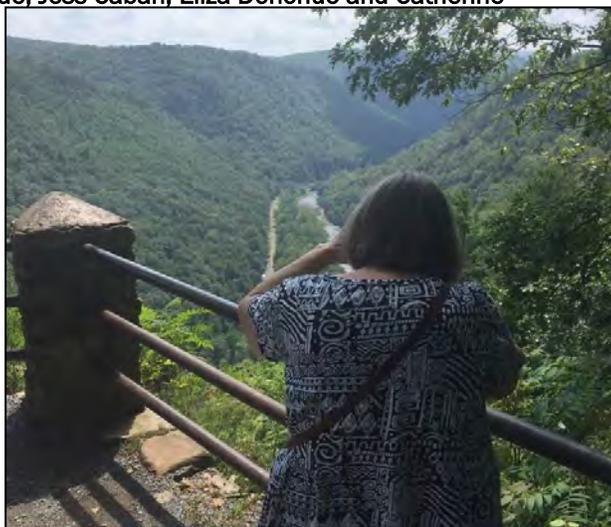


Amy Swiernik – “Still 20’ of snow at Crater Lake, Oregon at the beginning of June, it was beautiful!”



The Donohues took a raft ride in Haines, Alaska as an excursion on our cruise with Steve's family in July. Safety first – with Marielle Donohue, Paige Griffiths, Luke Donohue, Jess Caban, Eliza Donohue and Catherine

Reenie Cardwell looking over Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon.



Barb O'Brien's garden



Matthew Sternberg, experimenting with a new camera, caught a visit by a hummingbird

Lesie Arnold survived a biking accident. She added:

”prior to this event, I had completed 18 different rides with each averaging 21 miles. The accompaniment earned me a specially designed jersey awarded to members of the Lancaster Bike Club.



Parishioners Summer Activities



Jakiel's family reunion



Jill Bell's first experience tent camping at the coast with grandson, Gavin.



Meredith Aul took an exciting trip to eastern Europe. She wanted to visit Lithuania where her Jewish great grandparents were born. The trip expanded to Latvia, Estonia and Poland. Here, Meredith, Rosie, Randy Westgate and Dr. Suzanne Root, who traveled with them, are in Tallin, Estonia.. Meredith says, "It was a once in a lifetime adventure."



Randy Westgate fishing on the lake.



Carter, Faith and Thomas Ishler spent family time at the beach and Dina and Patrick visited St. Phillip's church in New Hope and made some wonderful new friends!



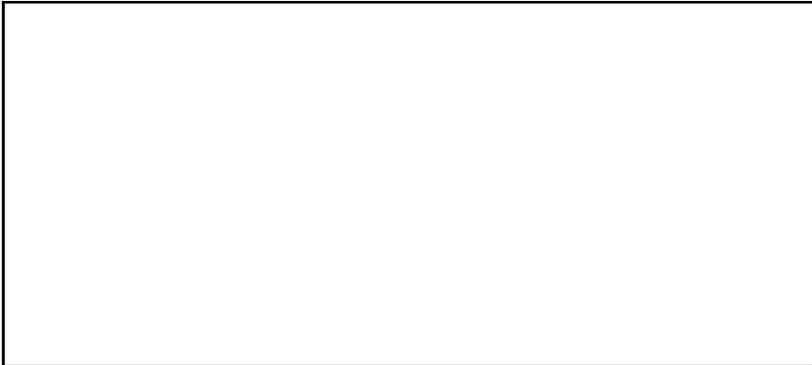
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- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020)**

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)