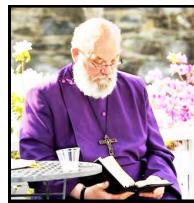


**October 2017**



**ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

# Scepter



## Reflections From the Rector's Desk

### By The Reverend Canon Stephen C. Casey

Dear friends:

If you take a look at the cover of the Gospel Book, from which the Gospel is read each Sunday, you will notice that each gospel has its own symbol. The symbol for the Gospel of Matthew, is a winged man or angel. The gospel of Mark is a winged lion, and that of the Gospel of Luke a winged ox. The symbol of the Gospel of John is an eagle, for John's gospel soars like an eagle.

But just as the gospels have symbols, so they have themes. Mark's gospel, the shortest of the gospels, roars like a lion, and Jesus seems to rush headlong from his baptism to his passion. Luke's gospel is known as the healing gospel for there are more healing stories of Jesus in Luke than any other gospel. And we learn from the Gospel of John that Christ

was in the beginning of creation.

Throughout the Sundays of this summer we have journeyed through the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew is placed first in the sequence of Gospels in the New Testament because from the earliest years it has been considered as the Book of the Church. There is a consensus of opinion that the Gospel of

***"Being community is at the heart of being church"***

Matthew reflects the history of Matthew's Christian community, because many of the teachings of Jesus included in Matthew address church discipline and matters of inclusion - essentially, how Christians should behave as the community of Christ.

I must confess, I have enjoyed getting to know the Gospel of Matthew this summer, and I hope you have too. Being community

is at the heart of being church - the word "church" - in Greek, ecclesia -literally means "the people of God." When I ask people about what coming to St. Edward's means to them, invariably somewhere in their reply they talk about community.

It is an axiom of church that during the summer the Sunday attendance drops. But as we leave the summer behind

and begin our journey into autumn the choir returns to Sunday worship and the Praise Band end their summer hiatus with the return of the contemporary service. There are

a number of occasions when we will celebrate community - the blessing of the Animals on the 7th October to celebrate St. Francis Day, for instance. Coming soon the gifts for the Silent Auction will be displayed in the narthex of the church, ending in the family supper at the end of October with some wonderful guests to entertain us. A major celebration coming up in October is that of our Patron Saint, St. Edward the Confessor. These and many other events represent St.

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

# Reflection

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Edward's coming together as community.

But most of all, the community of St. Edward's comes together each Sunday, when we gather round the Holy Table. Much has been written these days about the decline of the Church, witnessed by a drop in Sunday attendance. Much of the cause of this decline in Sunday attendance is attributed to the modern lifestyle, when "going to church" is but one thing in a long list of things to do on a weekend. There is nothing really new here; the history of the church shows that people tend to see going to church as an option, not a necessity. But all that being said, I look forward to seeing you all this autumn as we begin our journey towards the Feast of the Incarnation.

Blessings



Fr. Stephen+



# The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi occurs on Wednesday 4th October. St. Francis is revered for the special relationship he had with all of God's creation, but especially all of God's creatures. In honor of St. Francis, there will be a service of Blessing of the Animals at 4:30pm on Saturday 7th October in the parking lot of the church, or in the case of inclement weather, the parish hall. Bring your pets, or photographs of them, for a special blessing; including pets past and present.



# The Feast of St. Edward the Confessor



October  
13th

# Information

## Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:  
9 AM – 3 PM  
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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.

# Vestry

By Brian Newsome



In recent weeks, hurricanes have devastated Caribbean islands, Texas, and Florida. Many of us have friends and family who have been affected. Even if we do not, our hearts go out to the individuals whom news media bring to our attention. We want to help, yet we are often left wondering how we can make a measurable impact. As Father Stephen indicated the other week, the first thing we can do is to pray—and pray collectively. Jesus told his disciples, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 19:20). The second thing we can do is to provide material and emotional support to those in need. In Matthew 25, Jesus urged his followers to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner as if He were the one for whom they were caring. The St. Edward’s community has long acted on this injunction, through the food bank and the community aid box, for example. As individuals, we can take

lots of steps, as our resources enable us. One good option is giving through Episcopal Relief and Development. Flyers are available at the church. You can also visit [episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-Harvey-response](http://episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-Harvey-response). May the Lord continue to bless our community so that we may be a blessing to others.

Love in Christ,

Brian



[www.saintedds.org](http://www.saintedds.org)

“You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones.”

—St. Augustine

# Saturday Service



**Third Saturday of Each Month**  
5:30 PM  
Next Services  
**October 21st**  
Rite II

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.  
Due date for November will be:  
**October 20th.**  
Send articles and announcements to:  
[hj\\_miller@outlook.com](mailto:hj_miller@outlook.com)



## Military News

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

- ★Dustin Burleson
- ★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



# Reunion: Nicely

From time to time the office receives an intriguing phone call. Last week was no exception when we received a telephone call from a Ron Knisely asking if he and a group of family members could use the parking lot of the church for a gathering. It turns out that the gathering was made up with members of the Knisely "clan" - descendants of the first Knisely's who settled on the land that St. Edward's is built on way back in 1717. So, this September was the 300th anniversary. Ron Knisely is second from the left in the photo; he comes from Latrobe, PA, but there were family members from as far afield as Virginia, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, as well as locally in Mt. Joy, and Carlisle. The priest on the left is Fr. Harry Knisely, a retired priest from Carlisle who shared with us that he served as a Deacon at St. James in 1960, and was asked by the then priest to explore the area for the possibility of building a new church in the area...we are that "new church." God's grace works in the most wonderful ways. Fr. Stephen+



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## EAST HEMPFIELD TWP. Finding their ancestral home

*Genealogical search leads a family to the land their fore-bearer settled exactly 300 years earlier*

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Last Saturday, Ronald E. Nicely and 12 members of his extended family met in the parking lot of St. Edward's Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, to mark an anniversary no one could have imagined.

It was exactly 300 years earlier that their ancestor — Antonius Kristopher Knussli — settled in what is now East Hempfield Township. The group of Nicelys and Kniselys — ("There's about five different spellings," Nicely said) — was standing on the very ground Antonius received when he and his family came to America in September 1717.

"I just wanted the feeling that I was there 300 years later," Nicely said.

Nicely, 80, was born in Ligonier and now lives in Latrobe. He began his ancestral journey in 1998. He is Presbyterian, but through his research discovered that his ancestors were Mennonites who originally lived in the area around Zurich, Switzerland.

Mennonites immigrated to the New World in 1709, coming through ports in either Philadelphia or New Castle, Delaware.

Antonius Knussli — Nicely's fifth great-grandfather — and his family came to America in 1717. They were transported to Lancaster County by Hans Herr and Martin Kendig and settled on land that encompasses what is now the intersection of Sylvan Road and Harrisburg Pike. Knussli's daughter married Michael Miller, and the tracts were adjacent to each other.

Saturday's reunion included family members from Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Among them was the Rev. Harry Knisely, of Carlisle, who served as a deacon at St. James Episcopal Church in the 1960s, during which time he explored the possibility of building an Episcopal church in the township. That church eventually became St. Edward's. "He was not aware that the land he looked at is where the church now sits, or that it is sitting on his ancestor's land," Nicely said.

Another Knisely — the Right Rev. Nicholas Knisely, the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island — was unable to attend.

The Rev. Stephen C. Casey, rector at St. Edward's, met the group and offered a prayer. He also took a photo of the clan.

"I was delighted," Casey said. "It means something that these people came 300 years later to honor those who founded the place."

### Supernatural feelings

Long before he began researching his family genealogy, Nicely traveled to Switzerland on business. While visiting Zurich, he was drawn to a church. He said he would wander off in different directions only to find himself back at the church.

Years later, he asked a friend in Zurich about the church and was told it was a church that persecuted Mennonites.

"It must have been my relatives drawing me back to the church," he said. It would not be the last time he would feel supernatural forces tugging at him.

Although the patriarch's family settled in

Lancaster in 1717, other members moved around 1761 to the Fort Ligonier area, where they built a cabin in the woods. When Nicely began researching his family's history, he looked for the land where that cabin had been built.

He described walking through hilly woods when he came upon a flat area. He knew the general measurements of the cabin, and when he measured the flat spot, he realized he was standing on his family's foundation.

"I kind of got a chill," he explained. "It was like they told me it was here. I've had a lot of those feelings."

In 1775, Nicely's third great-granduncle — Jacob — was kidnapped by Indians and given the name Crow "because he cried like a crow," Nicely said.

He was discovered years later and eventually reunited with his parents. He had a son — Jacob — with his Indian wife. The child was given the name White Crow. The son became a successful businessman. When dealing with settlers, he was known as Jacob Kneisle. When dealing with Native Americans, he went by the name of Jacob White Crow.

Nicely said he has uncovered thousands of Nicely/Knisely families through the United States that are linked to his ancestors.

He also has done DNA testing that, he said, traces his family back to Aaron, the brother of Moses. Speaking by telephone from Latrobe on Wednesday, Nicely said the gathering at St. Edward's was special.

"It was kind of a magical and historic moment."

And one that was perhaps guided by unexplainable forces.



The Nicely/Knisely family, front row, from left: The Rev. Harry Knisely, Ronald Nicely, Milt Stoltzfus, Wanda Stoltzfus, Bonnie Fuller, Rita Knisely, DeWayne Knisely. Back row from left: Wilson Knisely, Warren Knisely, Don Gilmore, Robert Knisely, Chris Knisely and Larry Fuller.

## Kid's Corner

### Visit of Canadian Anglicans

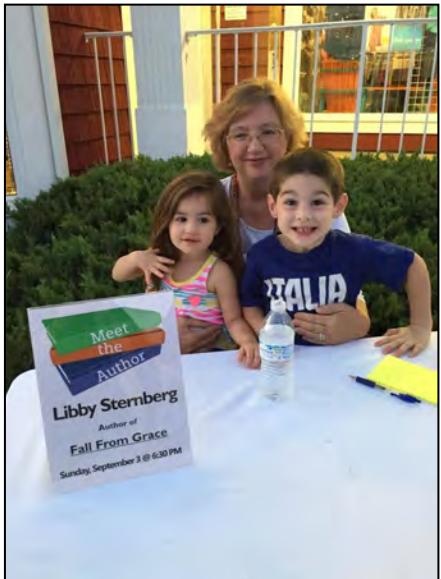


Coffee hour was a fun time for St. Edward's kids and the visitors from



See more pictures of the visit on page 9.

### Book Signing



Libby Sternberg says "My favorite book-signing photo ever. Me with grandchildren."



Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.



#### What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

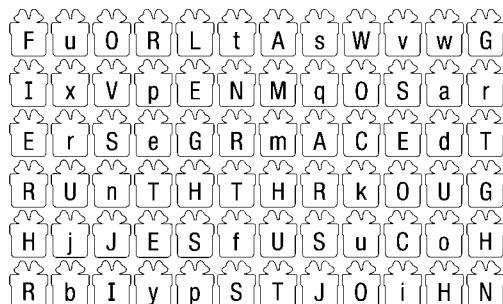
#### What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.*



"\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_  
through \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_."

1:17, NIV

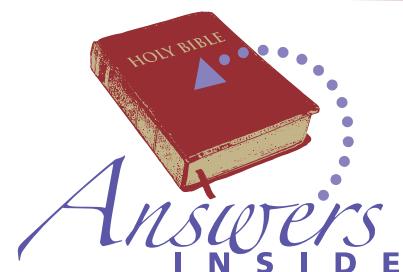
Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV



### Bible Quiz

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive others?

- A. 7  
B. 70  
C. 77  
D. 70 x 7  
E. C or D, depending on the translation



Answer: E (See Matthew 18:22.)

## Men's Group



By Mike Patrone

### Men's GROUP

Summer is over and back we come for a great Saturday breakfast.

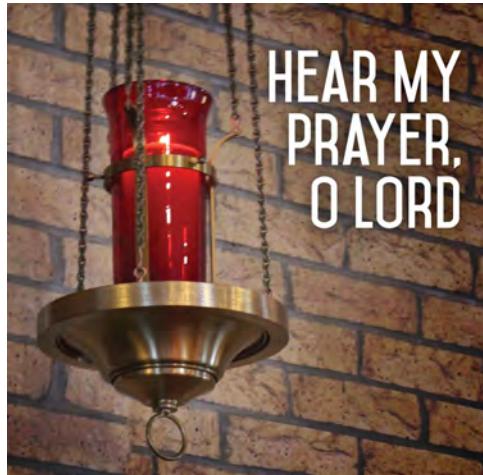
Friendships renewed, new friendships started, what more is needed?

Any male is invited. We start at 9am with a great breakfast and proceed from there. Please stop by, no RSVP needed. Any questions , please call me @717-872-8381 or e-mail m\_patrone@yahoo.com.



## Fall Fund Raisers

If your curiosity is piqued, read on!



Are you someone who has a prayer life? Are you familiar with the fulfillment and sense of well-being that daily prayer brings? Are you looking to establish the discipline of prayer? Perhaps you would like to deepen your prayer life.

If 'yes' is the answer to any of these questions, please join Father Stephen and me for coffee (or tea) and discussion of spirituality and prayer at St. Edward's on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-10:30AM.



### BASKET & SILENT AUCTIONS

TICKETS GO ON SALE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST  
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BASKET AND SILENT AUCTION  
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JOIN US FOR A LITTLE BIT OF NEW YORK STYLE & FUN!

# Coffee Hour



Thank you to all of the parishioners who hosted coffee hours during the month of September:

Tony and Sue Bianco

Geraldine Cosgrave

Janet Rumer

June Klemm

Hank and Linda Spire

Ray and Lucetta Kiefer

Ted Cardwell

The Milligan Family

Buddy and Liz Yeager

Mary Snyder

R.B. Mullineaux

# An Afternoon of Brass Music!

## By Libby Sternberg

Auscultation Brass will offer a free concert -- "Auscultation Brass Rocks" -- at St. Edward's on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3 p.m. Although the event is free, an offering will be taken.

In addition to a smattering of classical offerings, the well-known local brass ensemble will feature a few numbers that fit in the rock and pop genres. They will also offer several marches and a rousing Broadway number.

The Auscultation Brass is a group of Lancaster doctors who in 1985 decided it would be fun to practice their brass instruments in addition to medicine.

While developing a large repertoire of classical and popular music, they perform at various community functions, medical events, local churches and retirement com-

munities. They have even played outside of Carnegie Hall!

The group contributes to charitable causes from honoraria it receives.

Auscultation Brass members include:

Trumpets: Dr. Bob Belser, Sr. and Dr. Bob Belser, Jr., Dr. Dan Diehl, Dr. Andy Lutzkanin, Dr. Bill Roberts

French Horn: Dr. Bill Lovett

Euphonium: Dr. Joe Breslin

Trombone: Dr. Scott Paist, Dr. Jerry Rothacker

Tuba: Dr. Tom Andersen

This concert is part of the cultural events series at the church.



## Advice From a Pumpkin

### By Ilan Shamir

Be well-rounded.

Get plenty of sunshine.

Give thanks for life's bounty.

Have a thick skin.

Keep growing.

Be outstanding in your field.

Think big!



# Parish Picnic

Pictures by Sam Fleming



Sun Worshiper: Curt Franck



Mike Patrone, Mark Jakiel and Carl Cotnoir



Father Stephen, Rayelenn, and a couple of JakIELS enjoy a chat at the church picnic



## Bishop's Golf Outing



Monday – September 18<sup>th</sup> The St. Edward's golf team with the Bishop at Overlook Golf Course at the start of the Bishop's Open Golf Tournament. St. Edward's also sponsored a hole....



Fr. Stephen and Bishop Scanlan...Larry Hess, Bob Oliver, Matt Olcott, and Jerry Hoff...a Stellar team!!!

Matt Olcott said “A great day! We had fun on a perfect day for golf”

# Visitors From Ontario

## Pictures by RayeLenn Casey

We were honoured to host a group of tourists from Ontario during September. They are all Islanders by birth or descent, and worship in a variety of Anglican churches in Toronto. Every year they make a parish trip in a sleek white bus to Lancaster, where they enjoy a performance at Sight and Sound, visit an Episcopal church, and shop till they drop! Saint Edwards was so happy to be their church of choice this year. They almost doubled our congregation, and made coffee hour a very happy event with their traditional singing and clapping and dancing!



Our new Canadian friends came sliding in riding a sleek white bus.



View a short video of the traditional singing.

<https://youtu.be/UMZ-Mozil2E>

Father Stephen Receives  
thanks from the organizer of  
Canadian Anglicans.

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**The Rev. Hank  
Morrow, Jr., Deacon**

**The Rev Eugene F.  
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Associate Priest**

Michelle Bentley, Parish  
Administrative Assistant

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- ◊ Camille Horine (2018)  
Junior Warden
- ◊ Dina Ishler (2020)
- ◊ Herb Johnston(2018)
- ◊ Raymond H. Kiefer (2019)
- ◊ Susan Landin (2020)  
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)