

October 2018



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter



Reflections From the Rector's Desk

By The Reverend Canon

Stephen C. Casey

Dear members of St. Edward's:

For as long as I have lived in Lancaster, I look forward to the middle of September. This is the time when the temperature drops, the days get noticeably cooler and shorter and we begin the steady slide into autumn and winter. I love the seasons, but somehow summer and winter seem static to me - hot in summer, cold in winter. In contrast, autumn and spring are seasons in constant movement. In autumn, as the leaves change colour, the landscape is in constant change as nature begins to slow down. So too in spring, as new birth springs forth from the long months of winter, nature picks up again.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. So says the "teacher," Ecclesiastes in the Bible.

We are apt to talk of the seasons of our lives - spring-time, when our lives are filled with promise and anticipation of things new as we step out into the world. We talk of the autumn of our lives, a season when we begin to set things down and the rhythm of our lives slows down as we reflect on the years that have passed.

It was winter when I first heard of St. Edward's. I was

come a busy parish, over the years the landscape of St. Edward's has changed greatly; much that is good has happened over the past twenty years.

I think it is God's grace at work that as my first Sunday occurred in the spring, so my last Sunday in the parish will be in the middle of autumn. I have entered the autumn of my years, it is time for me to set some things and retire

from full-time parish ministry. Accepting the changing seasons of life is never easy; we each have our own way of negotiating change. I know

that Rayelenn and my leaving is an occasion of great sadness for many of you; please know we are sad also. Yet so it must be; it is time for Rayelenn and I to move on to new things; it is time for St. Edward's also.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Always, with the changing of the seasons comes new birth, new opportunities. In the weeks that remain before my

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attending a winter clergy conference at Precious Blood, the retreat centre near Columbia, when Bishop Creighton asked me to take a look at the parish. I remember driving by on a cold, wet, Wednesday afternoon in February. The church was in darkness; there were fields all around - nothing was moving. My first Sunday was in late spring; it was a day of joy and celebration as we looked forward to the seasons that lay ahead. Since then St. Edward's has be-

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Reflection

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last service I pray we can celebrate the many wonderful things that we have shared in our ministry together. And as we both enter a time of transition, to do so in the certain knowledge that God in Christ is in the midst of us. In times such as these, my late mother-in-law used to say: "God did not bring us this far to dump us". She was right. God in Christ did not bring St. Edward's or me this far to "dump us." I believe God in Christ has wonderful things in store for us, each in our own season. So, remain faithful to the parish that nurtures you; to the God in Christ who loves you, and support your wardens and vestry as they work with the Diocese to plant for the next season of your life. Know you are in our prayers, as I hope you hold Rayelenn and me in yours.

Sincerely yours in
Christ

Fr. Stephen+



The Annual Picnic

By Gail Irons



Father Casey playing badminton. If he gives up badminton he looks as if he could take up fencing. Fine form!

Contemporary Service

By Rayelenn Casey



A favorite part of the Contemporary Service — when so many people chose a percussion instrument and join in with the Band.

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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.



5:30 PM
Rite II

No Saturday Service on
Saturday, October 20th due
to Diocesan Convention.

Saturday Service
will be, October 27th.

Include your news and announce-
ments in the next Scepter.

Due date for November will be:

October 20th.

Send articles and announcements to:



By Brian Newsome



19 Sept. 2018

The Apostle Paul served churches throughout the Eastern Mediterranean. As recounted in the Acts of the Apostles, he said goodbye many times. And he reiterated his farewells when he wrote back to the communities he knew so well. After many years of service at St. Edward's, Father Stephen is nearing retirement. His final Sunday services will be on November 4, and his leave-taking will be at an Evensong on Friday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. You recently received a save-the-date letter at your home address, but I wanted to take advantage of this month's Scepter column to remind you of these events. In the coming weeks, please be on the lookout for formal invitations and RSVP cards for the reception to be held after the Evensong on November 9. While saddened by the departure of Stephen and Rayelenn, may we enter this time rejoicing in their service

among us and comforted by the knowledge that both they and we have been strengthened by our years together. Paul's closing to the church in Corinth is thus fitting: "Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you" (II Corinthians 13:11).



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"A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure."
—Henry Kissinger

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
- ★Benjamin Jenkins
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis



- ★Richard Mutari
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennies
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Baptism of Torin James & Liam John Irons

Pictures from Gail Irons



We welcomed into the household of faith Liam and Torin Irons, children of Josh and Dana Irons and grandchildren to Gail and Dick Irons. The twins were baptized at the 5:30 pm Saturday evening service September 15th.



Children's Sermon

By Rayelenn Casey



Huge thanks to Braden Newsome, Piper Brugmann and Maeve Milligan, from our Sunday school, for taking over the children's sermon by offering their own thoughts on The Lord's Prayer. Their skit was funny but meaningful, and oh so true. They urged us not just to say the words, but to know what they mean, and to act on.

By Rayelenn Casey



It's so good to see children being raised in the church by loving families. Braden and Barrett Newsome add so much to our worship by demonstrating Brotherly Love.....God's Love.

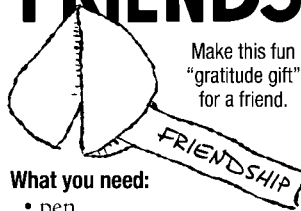
Harrison Kline



Harrison Kline is back at Pitt for his Senior year. His mother reports that the university took this photo because Harrison was elected president of AMSA (American Medical Student Assoc.) He's also a TA for two freshman bio classes with office hours and everything .



Fortunate FRIENDS



What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.



From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

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| to | bring | Perfume | incense | and | joy |
| Perfume | | | | | |
| of | the | the | and | heart, | pleasantness |
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| advice. | their | a friend | from | springs | heartfelt |
| A friend | | | | | |

answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV



Bible Quiz

Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor — and it was done! Who were these women?

- A. Mary and Martha
- B. The daughters of Zelophehad
- C. Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia
- D. Joanna, Susanna and Salome



Answers
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Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)

Trip to Indonesia

By Rayelenn Casey



Rosie Westgate and Seth Hake did a three week tour of Indonesia with the LMH Chamber Choir. Randy Westgate and Beth Hake were chaperones for the trip.

Rosie, Seth, Beth, and Randy gave a presentation about their experiences in Indonesia at the adult forum on September 16, and at the Men's Group meeting on September 29.

Ask Seth what was red, and why, and tell him how glad we are that he remembered in time and is still with us!



Rosie described the profound ways that this adventure has affected her.

Lots of batik shirts and straw hats and snacks and carved wooden objects!



The Squatty Potty — it's the only way to go.



Indonesian stamps from a postcard Beth sent to St. Edward's.

What a privilege it is for St. Edward's to be the church home of four people who embarked on a musical mission trip to Indonesia last summer. We thank Rosie Westgate, Seth Hake, Randy Westgate, and Beth Hake for telling us not only some details of their journey with the Mennonite Children's Chorus, but also the challenging intellectual and spiritual ways that this trip changed their perspectives on life.

Social Outreach

By Beth Lynch

Soles 4 Souls

The shoe drive will be an ongoing project through Holy Week 2019. At that time, we will combine our collection with St. John's and they will be shipped out on Good Friday. As of mid-August, we have boxed 121 pairs of shoes. We need boxes to pack the shoes.



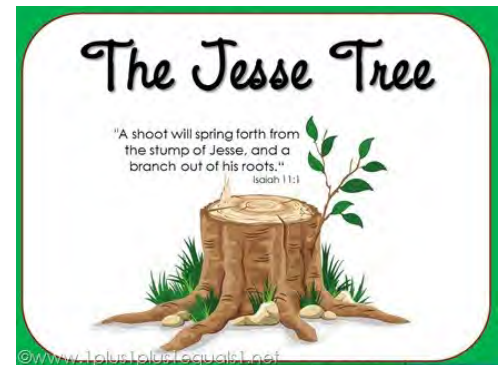
Hempfield Food Pantry

168 pounds of food was donated in July. The current need is: strawberry jelly, crunchy peanut butter, canned pears, peaches and pineapple, and cereal. The food is blessed on the 4th Sunday of each month and delivered the next day. If you have fresh food to donate, please let Beth Lynch know so an alternative delivery can be made.



Jesse Tree

Jesse Tree is right around the corner. It'll be starting in mid November. Our parish partners with Coby's to provide gifts for children ages birth to 16. If you wish to participate YOU will be given a child's name to shop for. Watch for more information.



Book Review: Novels With Faith Elements

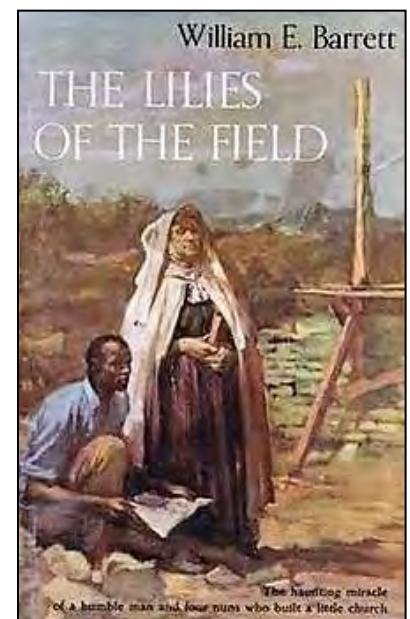
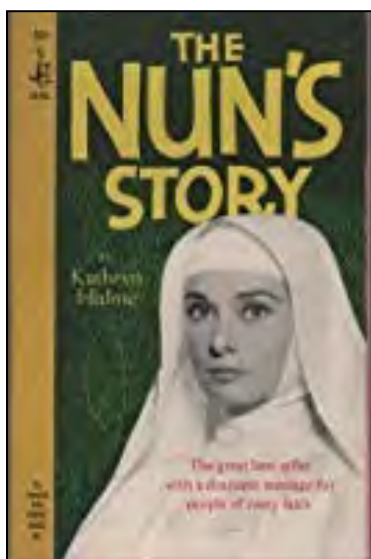
By Libby Sternberg

Kathryn Hulme's *The Nun's Story* provides fascinating details of the life of nuns living in strict communion with each other in the 1930s and '40s in the Congo and at their Belgian motherhouse. But it also contains a story of a woman's struggle with how best to live her life as she thinks God wishes her to lead it. The protagonist, Sister Luke, has a keen intellect and desire to serve those less fortunate. But she finds herself called on to suppress these abilities in obedience to her order, and this creates

an inner battle that resonates with those of us outside a convent's walls. The book was made into a movie with Audrey Hepburn in the role of Sister Luke.

Chances are, many of you have seen the 1963 movie version of William E. Barrett's *Lilies of the Field*, the film for which Sidney Poitier became the first African-American to win the best-actor Oscar. The movie is very true to Mr. Barrett's subtly moving story of an itinerant worker coming upon a group of nuns in the American wilderness (Colorado in the novel, Arizona in the movie) who want to build a chapel. Homer Smith — "Schmidt" to the German Mother Superior — eventually helps them build this "shapel" through a combination of grit, faith, and the belief that even the lilies of the field are tended to by a benevolent God. Homer develops a bond with the Mother Superior, but it chafes that she thinks he was sent to her for this job: "She had never got it out of her head that God had given Homer Smith to her...He belonged to her... The idea of belonging to someone stirred a racial antagonism in him. No Negro was ever going to belong to anybody again. Not ever! He was free."

This would be a good read for teens and young adults, those on the cusp of understanding greater truths, of learning about worlds and beliefs beyond their own. And once you read it, of course you must watch the movie, a film that stays with you beyond the last note of the "Amen" that Homer cheerfully sings.



Farewell to the Castles

By Rayelenn Casey



It was with heavy hearts that St. Edward's folk said farewell to Helen and Tony Castle, who have worshipped with this faith community for 30 years, and contributed so much and so deeply to this church and to the community. They were given a gift, and a blessing — and a cake!

Piano Four-Hands Program October 26

By Libby Sternberg



Pianist Xun Pan returns to St. Edward's for another free concert on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. when he performs piano four-hand music with Yang-Yang, an international competition winner and soloist.

The program will feature some crowd-pleasing favorites, including: "Fantasy on

Themes of Carmen" arranged by Otto Singer, Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze," Debussy's "Petite Suite," and Chu Wanghua's "Two Chinese Folk Songs."

Yang Yang and Xun Pan formed their duet team in 2016 and have been touring many cities in China, Europe, and the United States since then.

Hailing from Kunming City, Yunnan Province, China, pianist Yang Yang started her piano lessons at the age of four, and continued her music education at Yunnan Arts University. She has won many national and international piano competitions and was a special guest artist in the 2016 Lancaster International Piano Festival. Currently, she is on the faculty at Yunnan Arts University and Wenhua College in Kunming, China, and pursuing her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Catholic University of America.

Artistic director of the Lancaster International Piano Festival, Chinese-American pianist Xun Pan is no stranger to St. Edward's, having presented bravura programs several times as part of the cultural events series. He received his early musical training from his grandmother and parents and continued studying at Beijing's Central Conservatory of Music, Syracuse University, earning a doctorate from Rutgers University. Mr. Pan has won many international piano awards, and has performed



recitals in Moscow, Santiago, Singapore, Beijing, Shanghai, Pyong-Yang, London, Los Angeles, Frankfurt, Taipei, Budapest, New York, Washington DC, Lisbon, Toronto, Boston, and many other cities.

The concert is part of a series of events at St. Edward's showcasing the church's fellowship outreach.

An All Beethoven Program was presented September 23

From Facebook



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| <i>Dana Weiderhold Allaband, Violin</i> <i>Xun Pan, Piano</i> St. Edward's Episcopal Church September 23, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. | |
| An All Beethoven Program | |
| Sonata No. 2 in A, Op. 12 No. 2 | Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) |
| Allegro vivace Andante più tosto Allegretto Allegro pacifico | |
| Sonata No. 5 in F, Op. 24 "Spring" | Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) |
| Allegro Adagio molto espressivo Scherzo - Allegro molto Rondo - Allegro ma non troppo | |
| Intermission | |
| Sonata No. 9 in A, Op. 47 "Kreutzer" | Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) |
| Adagio sostenuto - Presto Andante con Variazioni Presto | |



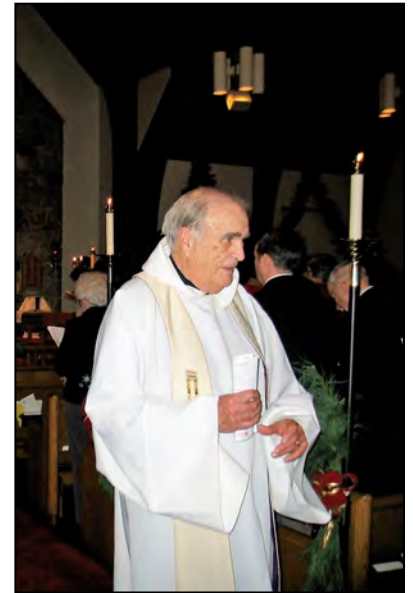
An all-Beethoven program featuring Xun Pan, piano, and Dana Weiderhold Allaband, violin was presented Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 3 PM. An offering was taken to support this concert series.



In Loving Memory

By Fr. Casey

As many of you know, Fr. Gene Lefebvre died in the early hours of Thursday 30th August at Willow Valley; he was 89. Fr. Gene and his wife Gladys retired to Willow Valley after serving St. Timothy's, Roxborough as rector and head master of the parochial school for 31 years. After attending St. John's in Lancaster, the Lefebvre's transferred to St. Edward's, where Fr. Gene often assisted Fr. Casey behind the altar. Of particular interest is that Fr. Gene was Vicar at St. Mary's, Williamsport from 1959 - 1960 before moving to St. Timothy's. Fr. Gene was laid to rest, in his vestments, on Thursday 6th September in the cemetery of the parish he served so faithfully for many years. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen



Fr. LeFebvre assisting at Easter and Christmas services at St. Edward's.

St. Edward's Alum in St. Thomas , VI

By Glen Bentley

My son Ian Bentley is working in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to help repair and restore some of the over 6,000 homes that were battered or destroyed by Hurricane Irma in 2017.

While Puerto Rico gets all the headlines about Hurricane Maria, many other islands such as St. Thomas were also battered by Hurricane Irma. St. Thomas is part of the USA.

After college Ian was hired by AECOM, an architect and engineering firm in NYC. They built the Freedom Tower.

After a year on the job his supervisors asked if anyone would like to work for a few months in St. Thomas.

"It will not be a holiday," he was told. And it is not. He works 6 days a week and ten hours a day. He has been there for a month now.

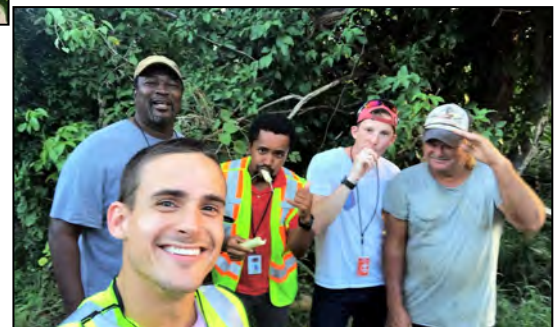
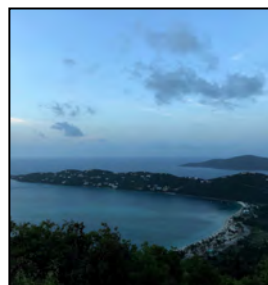
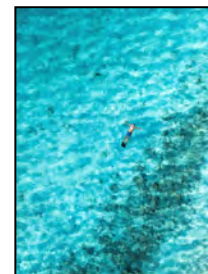
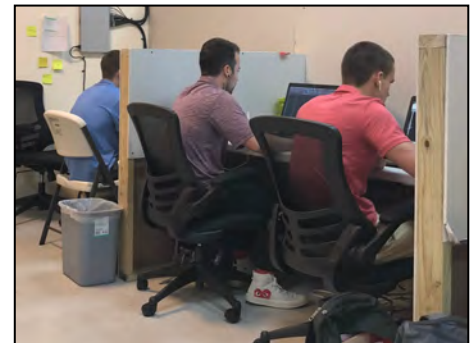
He surveys the homes. Then he creates a 3-D drawing of the house and sends the info to the engineering folks to do the actual rebuilding.

: Most homes have severe roof and wall damage and many have holes in the middle of them.

While St. Thomas might be considered a paradise, there are some things to consider. For example, people can drive with an

open alcohol product. Which translates into there are a lot of car accidents. The crime rate is also very high. So all the AECOM workers stay together when they go out to eat at a restaurant.

Ian's commitment to this post is for 4 months, ending by January 1st.



Wedding of Elizabeth Casey and Kevin Stauffer

By Rayelenn Casey from Facebook



The Reverend Canon Stephen Casey and Rayelenn Sparks Casey (St Edward's, Lancaster) happily announce the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Clare Casey to Kevin Michael Stauffer on Saturday, September 22.

The wedding took place outdoors, on the labyrinth and grounds of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster — with thanks to The Reverend Jennifer Mattson and the good people of that parish. An impromptu Daddy-Daughter dance followed the reception!



A day of family and friends a day of laughter and love ...a day of sunflowers and smiles...
Our Elizabeth and her Kevin...all married up

Annual Fall Fundraiser

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BASKET AUCTION - BUY YOUR TICKETS

TICKETS ON SALE

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 13

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27 GREAT BASKETS &

2 "MYSTERY" BASKETS

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*So Long Summer
Hello
Fall*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
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**Saturday, October 13th, 4:30-6:30 PM
DINNER | ENTERTAINMENT | AUCTIONS
TICKETS ON SALE SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 13
\$10/EACH**

Coffee Hour



Many thanks to the parish-
ioners who hosted, donated
breakfast "goodies" and
provided fellowship to our
parish community during
the month of September:

The Milligan Family
Buddy and Liz Yeager
Mary Snyder
Rose Dixon

Mark and Barb Jakiel
Roger and Ginny Kloepping
Tony and Sue Bianco
June Klemm
Janet Rumer
Geraldine Cosgrave
The McLaughlin Family
The Westgate Family
Carl and Carol Cotnoir



Men's Group

By Mike Patrone



**Men's
GROUP**

The Men's Group meet the last Satur-
day of the month in the Parish hall at
9am. All men are invited. The Men's
Group is looking for new leadership
for this ministry to continue. Are you
the person to step forward?

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LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

*Sunday after All Saints' Day
A Celebration of the Ministry of
Father Stephen and Rayelenn Casey
1998-2018*



*Sunday
4 November 2018*

*8:00 am Rite I
10:15 am Rite II*

Receptions to follow each service

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- ✦ **Michael Freshwater
(2021)**
- ✦ **Dina Ishler (2020)**
- ✦ **Mark Jakiel (2021)**
- ✦ **Herb Johnston(2021)**
- ✦ **Susan Landin (2020)
Secretary**
- ✦ **Brian Newsome
(2019) Sr. Warden**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020) Jr. Warden**

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)
