

December 2018



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter

Final Services



This issue of the *Scepter* is devoted to Stephen and Rayelenn's final services. Enjoy the photos!
Peace in Christ, Brian Newsome
Senior Warden

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

'Bishop Out of the Box' at Lancaster's Central Market

From The Episcopal Diocese of Central PA and Amy Swiernik



about what they are thankful for – #1 answer was family, then community and then job. We also asked what their hope for the future is? Many said "that we could all get along, or peace and understanding between each other, and tolerance of others beliefs."

It was a really fun couple of hours meeting people where they are in life. There is way more kindness and smiles than the media portrays. I had a great time meeting people from all walks of life and picked up some wonderful food!"



About Bishop Out of the Box
It's easy to get stuck, to wonder about what we can do to let people know about God's love, to feel like what we are doing just isn't working. Many times the key to overcoming this "stickiness" is by experimenting, feeling free to fail, taking low-key risks, and getting out of the box.

So, this year we are aiming to practice what we preach! Bishop out of the Box is an attempt to showcase brave, innovative, and community-focused missional initiatives that you can be a part of, you can emulate and you can use as inspiration for your own experiments.

Each month, Bishop Scanlan and Canon Morrow will head out into the community to showcase easy ways to share God's love, easy ways to live out the Way of Love, and easy ways to get "out of the box".

Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month, as we get out of the doors of the church and into the community.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Bishop Scanlan brought her "Bishop out of the Box" to Lancaster. Amy was with her. Amy reports that "I walked around with Rev. Jim Robertson (the guy next to me) and I had a sign that said, "Share your Thanks." We talked to people



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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, Senior Warden



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the vestry, I would like to thank each and every one of you for contributing so generously to the Casey family's send-off. Your munificence resulted in a purse of \$14,000 and an additional \$3000 that funded the cost of the receptions. Many, many individuals also contributed their time and labor. To each and every one of you, we express heartfelt gratitude.

Remaining schedule of services

- December 2nd – The Rev John Emmer
 - December 9th – 3 service Sunday – The Rev. Beth Mollard
 - December 16th – The Rt. Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan – Celebrant and Preacher
- The bishop's scheduled pastoral visit to the parish

- December 23rd – The Rev. Ron Jaynes
- December 24th – 4:30 PM and 9:00 PM– The Rev. David Lovelace
- December 25th – 10 AM – The Rt. Rev. Robert Gupert
- December 30th – The Rt. Rev. Nathan D. Baxter - Celebrant and Preacher and The Rev. Nancy Rementer – Deacon of the Table

Please note that there will be no Saturday evening services for these two months. Also, please note that there will be two services—4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.—on Christmas Eve.



Sunday, December 2nd, begins the season of Advent. For those who wish to participate by reading and lighting the candle of the Advent Wreath, a sign up sheet is in the narthex.

First Sunday of Advent



November 18th – The Rev. Ron Jaynes



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



St. Edward's Students

Faith Ishler

By Dina Ishler on Facebook

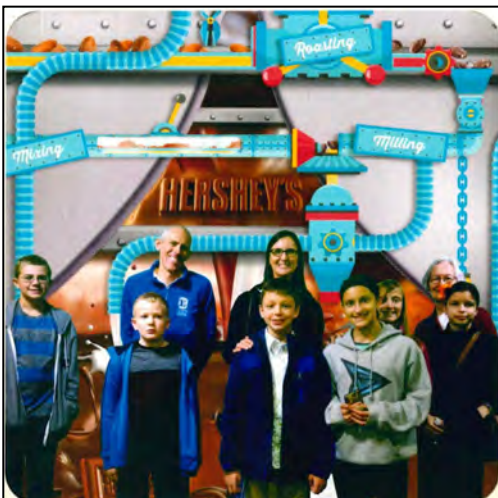


Faith, was the winner for her age group at the competition hosted by our dance school on November 11th- the Hooley Red Rose Feis. We are very proud of her dancing and training in addition to being a full time college student at Lebanon Valley!



Christian Ed Class

By Dottie Gschwend and Brian Newsome



On Sunday, Oct. 28, the youth traveled to Chocolate World to purchase gifts for Father Stephen's retirement. Of course both the youth and the chaperones enjoyed milkshakes while they were there!

Rachael Smith

From Peg Reiley on Facebook



Rachel, daughter of Peg Reiley, attends Florida Southern College. Peg visited for the Fall Dance Recital

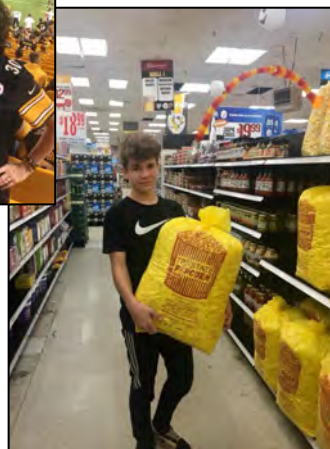


Joel and Harrison Kline

By Kim Kline from Facebook



Joel and Kim joined Harrison for a Steelers home game. Joel got a "bag" of popcorn for the game. They wished it had been for a win, but after Harrison left her hotel, Kim walked down the street to a Sunoco mini mart to get Joel a snack and Mike Tomlin came in for a Mountain Dew. He was very gracious, but said he wasn't in the smiling mood.



November 4th Ministry Leaders and Praise Band

By Brian Newsome

Sunday, Nov. 4

Stephen conducted his final Sunday services on November 4. After both the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:15 a.m. services, the congregation gathered in the parish hall for receptions. Ministry leaders shared words of thanks for Stephen's leadership and offered tokens of their appreciation.



Elaine Radcliffe-History Ministry



Beth Lynch-Social Outreach



Praise Band



Bev Hess-Fundraising Ministry and Altar Guild



Matthew Sternberg-Finance Ministry

November 4th Christian Education

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Sam Fleming , Meredith Westgate and Michelle Bentley



Dottie Gschwend and Christian Ed members Thomas Ishler and Maeve Milligan thanking Father Casey for his inspiration to them.



Seth Hake, above, and Rosie Westgate, below, give the heartfelt thanks to Father Casey





Father Casey is presented with a gift from Seth Hake from all the Children's Sermons he gave.



The Casey Family and their new son-in-law strike a pose: Emily, Stephen, Rayelenn, Elizabeth and Kevin.



The parish enjoyed the presentations by the ministries of all the gifts to Father Stephen.



Kiki Davis-Brugmann and Piper Brugmann and Glen and Michelle Bentley with Father Stephen.



“Thank you” from the Casey’s and “Welcome” to Rev. David Bateman

A message of thanks from Father Stephen:



This is a brief note to thank you all for the service of Evensong and the wonderful reception that followed, and for the extraordinary gifts of love and affection that were showered on Rayelenn and me, Emily and Elizabeth on the occasion of my last day in the

parish as your rector. It is not often one has an anthem composed in your honour, but to receive a financial gift of the magnitude we received on Friday evening, as well as other gifts that were presented, left us all deeply moved. It was an emotional evening, truly reflective of the love we have for all the people of St. Edward’s, and the love you have for us.

Blessings,

Stephen+

Introduction of Interim

By the Vestry



Introduction to Rev. David Bateman

The vestry is pleased to introduce Reverend David Bateman who will serve as Interim at St. Edward's during the search process for a permanent priest. Reverend Bateman is currently serving at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in York.

Rev. Bateman has 25 years experience in pastoral ministry. For the last nine years, he has served exclusively in Interim ministry with congregations going through major transitions, particularly those having had long term rectors. Among the parishes he has served are St. John's Episcopal in Carlisle; St. Paul's Bloomsburg; St. Luke's, Altoona; and Mt. Calvary, Camp Hill. Prior to his Interim ministry, he served in various parishes in Virginia, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Bateman earned a B. A. degree in Political Science at Kenyon College in 1976 and completed his Master of Divinity at Nashotah House Seminary in Nashotah, WI in 1987.

Among Rev. Bateman's areas of interest and expertise are: understanding of transitional ministry, preaching, special background emphasis in adult formation and education, training and background in church vocal music, and creative problem solving. He is co-author and developer of "Come and Worship," a Sunday morning parish Liturgy of the Word for children that is now in use in congregations across the country.

Reverend Bateman and his wife, reside in Harrisburg. His first Sunday at St. Edward's will be January 6, 2019.

November 9th Confirmation and Service

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Sam Fleming, Meredith Westgate and Michelle Bentley



Altar ready for the Evensong



Stephen presided over the setup.



Bishop Scanlan enters the sanctuary



Clergy Process



The sanctuary was full – 170 attendees!



Father John Emmert processes in.



The Caseys took their leave of St. Edward's at an Evensong service on Friday, November 9 (which just happened to be Stephen's birthday!). Bishop Audrey Cady Scanlan and Father John Emmert conducted the service, with the former presiding over confirmation and reception of new members. The choir also performed "Come Before Winter," an original work composed especially for the occasion by Chris Massa.

November 9th Confirmation and Service

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Bishop Scanlan



Bishop Scanlan and Father Casey celebrate the service of confirmation and reception for:

Kevin Milligan, Lois Kronenwetter, Joe Holwager, Braden Newsome, Patricia Hughes



Father John Emmert begins the Evensong service.



Confirmation of Joe Holwager

November 9th Reception

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Sam Fleming and Meredith Westgate



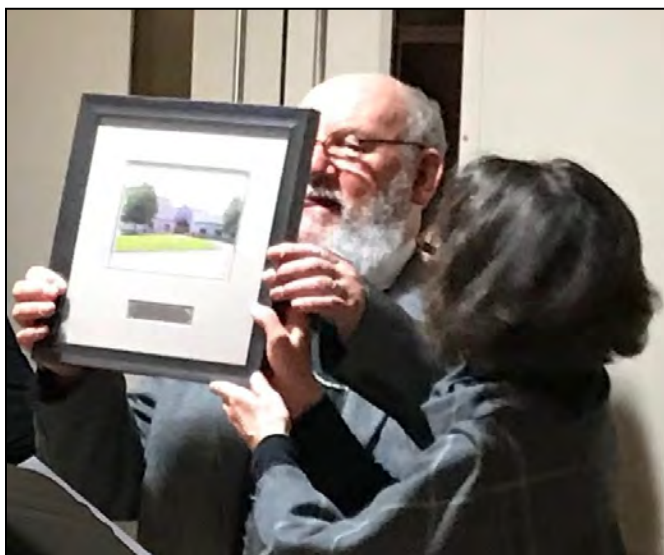
After the service, the congregation gathered in the parish hall for an English-themed reception. The Caseys received some additional parting gifts, including a framed copy of the score for "Come Before Winter" a photograph of Rayelenn signing for a musical performance at the General Convention in Austin, and a purse of \$14,000. The latter was generously donated by current and former parishioners, who together gave an additional \$3000 that covered the cost of the receptions. The evening was truly a lovely one!

November 9th Reception

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Sam Fleming and Meredith Westgate



Dina Ishler presents a lovely photo of Rayelenn at General Convention, to Rayelenn, as a gift.



Meredith Westgate and Michelle Bentley presented gifts to Emily & Elizabeth Casey and to Father Stephen.



Casey Girls



The music by Doug LaSala was great and the food was fantastic!



Krist Kindling Dinner 2019

By Meredith Aul

Krist Kindling families and other former or possible future Krist Kindlers, please plan to join us at the annual Krist Kindling dinner in the multi-purpose room on Sunday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. Families: please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert - enough to serve six -- to share as well as your own table service. If you are single or a couple, please bring one main dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Bring your stories and your good humor. Guaranteed: a warm and cozy evening with a few good laughs and maybe a surprise or two. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. Questions? Call Meredith Westgate, 898-9245.



Social Outreach

By Beth Lynch

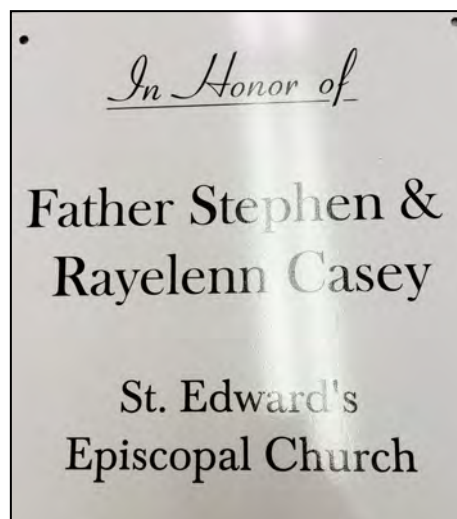
Hempfield Food Pantry



In the month of October Saint Edward's parish donated 176 pounds of food to the pantry. They are currently in need of boxed pasta, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, oatmeal and syrup.

Requests for December:

- Chunky peanut butter
- Chicken broth
- Beef broth
- Boxed pasta
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Canned pineapple
- Low sugar peaches
- Canned pears
- Oatmeal regular and instant



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for January will be:
December 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:



Jesse Tree



Saint Edwards is once again working with COBYS to provide gifts to children in need. We have undertaken to work with 60 plus children. Thank you to all that have agreed to participate in our annual Jesse Tree program. Gifts need to be placed under the Jesse Tree no later than Sunday December 9th. All gifts need to be wrapped and tagged with the child's full name.



This is the new freezer at the Hempfield food pantry. the sign tells in who's honor it was given. The Social Outreach committee gave a donation to the pantry to purchase the freezer in the name of the Caseys.



Staff In Residence



Members of the diocesan staff meet in the parish hall.



Michelle Bentley presents a gift blessed by Bishop Scanlan to Father Casey.



The diocesan staff held workshops and meetings throughout the day.



The “noonday service” was well attended and offered Holy Eucharist as well as healing.

On Wednesday the 7th November, Bishop Scanlan and her diocesan staff spent the day in residence at St. Edward's. This was an opportunity for lay and ordained to meet with the staff or the bishop. A service of Holy Eucharist took place at 11:45 am in place of the usual noon-day service. Bishop Scanlan celebrated and Father Stephen preached.

Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following parishioners who helped host, set up, clean up, create ministry schedules, and create such wonderful goodies for our coffee hours. Your ministry is so very much appreciated!

Larry and Bev Hess

Richard and Gail Irons

Geraldine Cosgrave

June Klemm

Janet Rumer

Mark and Barb Jakiel

The vestry members: Brian Newsome, Meredith Westgate, Michael Freshwater, Bill Swiernik, Dina Ishler, Susan Landin, Herb Johnston, Mark Jakiel

Mary Snyder

Rose Dixon

Buddy and Liz Yeager

R.B. Mullineaux



By Patrick Ishler



A few parishioners enjoying the goodies and Buddy's cake at coffee hour.

Hershey Handbell Ensemble Sunday, Dec 16, 3:00 PM

The popular Hershey Handbell Ensemble returns to St. Edward's for a free holiday concert on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 3 p.m. This is a very popular program each year that draws a great crowd, so attendees are urged to come early to get good seats!

The concert is part of the Rev. Canon Stephen C. Casey Cultural Events Series at St. Edward's. The series was named for Fr. Stephen upon his retirement in November. Although there is no admission price, a free will offering will be taken to help underwrite expenses associated with the series.

This year's program will include arrange-

ments of *Gesu Bambino*, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen* and more seasonal favorites.

Based in south-central Pennsylvania, the Hershey Handbell Ensemble was formed in 2004 to fill the need for an auditioned community ensemble comprised of persons able to play advanced literature, and interested in advancing the art of handbell ringing through education and performance while uniting people through the musical arts. The 15-member group, under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich, performs on seven octaves of Malmark Handbells, Handchimes, and other assorted instruments.



There will be
no Saturday services
in December.

Quilts of Valor

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Sam Fleming



Bishop Gepert

By Donna Holwager

The quilt was awarded by the QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION - a national organization founded in 2003 by a Blue Star Mother by the name of Catherine Roberts. Her son served in IRAQ, and while he was deployed, she got the idea of comforting veterans with quilts. Since then, over 200,000 quilts have been awarded in the United States, Germany, IRAC and Afghanistan. The mission is to honor the service members and veterans who have been touched by war with a Quilt of Valor.

This year's recipient is Paul Bender.

Paul Bender's Army service:

Drafted in 1966, retired in 1993 with a rank of First Sergeant

Unit was involved in Vietnam; the Cuban Crisis, service in Barbados, Panama and Germany

Awarded the Army Achievement medal twice

Received a letter of commendation from the Department of the Army for his efforts in the Cuban crisis

Served as a member of the US Rifle team



Awarded the 416th Civil Affairs Outstanding Service Award

Recognized as NCO of the year, twice.

The quilts are made by the Quilts of Valor team locally as a part of the Lancaster Red Rose Quilt Guild. Several of us are members of Saint Edwards congregation: Dina Cerase, Sharon Hubbard and myself. Our group (about 15 of us) meet monthly to work on quilts, sometimes as a group effort, and sometimes individually. We don't keep track of who made which quilt....only the names of the Veteran who has been awarded. We first brought a quilt to St. Edwards when we realized Kate Peterson had served WAC during World War 2. Steven Casey gave permission for us to award the quilt at church, and established a new tradition of yearly awarding anyone who has been nominated through the national Quilt of Valor Organization, and is a member of St Edwards, to receive their quilt during the service closest to Veteran's Day.

By Glen Bentley

So you want to watch a new Christmas movie, right now?

Well the good news is that you can watch *The Christmas Chronicles* on Netflix right now.

It stars Kurt Russell.



While it doesn't come close to rewriting the Christmas-movie rulebook — it relies heavily on pop-song references, twinkly music cues and humbugged characters whose frosty hearts melt — it does have fun with the mythic figure at the center of it all.

No, not Jesus. The other one. Russell's Santa is a blast of fresh air, less jolly than feisty, getting annoyed when asked to go, "Ho ho ho," and lamenting cola adverts that make him look rotund. There's a straight-talking, blue collar edge to this Saint Nick who disarms everyone he encounters by knowing their names and recalling every present they ever asked for. And also, if they've ever been on his naughty list, their crimes.

Of course, he's kindly and warm-hearted, but you get the impression he'd kick your butt if he had to. Certainly, he's not averse to a bit of dangerous, high-speed driving (in a bright-red Dodge Challenger, no less).

The story starts with kids being left home alone on Christmas Eve. They hatch a plot to capture Santa on a video camera and end up as stowaways on his sleigh. They cause the sleigh to crash and need to help Santa save Christmas.



Netflix also offers other Christmas movies.

White Christmas with Bing Crosby and the gang who put on a Christmas show to save an Inn in Vermont.

Love Actually with Hugh Grant. You can watch ten interwoven stories about love, which is a good thing anytime of the year.

The Family Man and *The Family Stone* are 2 other "adult" movies that have a Christmas theme and are enjoyable to watch.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

Christmas Eve

- 4:30 pm* Family Service of Holy Communion

Praise Band will be playing music commencing at 4:15 pm.

- 9:00 pm* Festival Holy Eucharist with Choir

**Nursery is available for children up to age 4 at the 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm services*

Christmas Day

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Elizabeth Yeager, Nursery

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Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ **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
