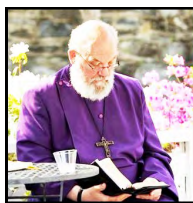


November 2018



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter



**By The Reverend  
Canon**

**Stephen C. Casey**

Dear fellow members of St. Edward's:

Good-bye's and fare-well's are the stuff of life, and often the occasion of great sadness. The Bible is full of such "good-byes", such as when the Apostle Paul said his farewell to the leaders of the church he founded in Ephesus, as recounted in the Acts of the Apostles. Paul reminds his flock of the things they have achieved together, and leaves them with a blessing.

This is my last "From the Rector's Desk", a monthly column I have written for the Scepter for close on twenty years - more than half the life-time of this parish. Over that time, I have written close on 150,000 words rejoicing with you over the many things we have celebrated together, some practical some spiritual,

from a successful Capital Campaign that resulted in the construction of the parish hall and kitchen, to special services such as Easter and Christmas, as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Over the years we have laughed together and cried together; my daughters have grown up at St. Edward's - we have all been family in the household of Christ.

***"Thank you," for allowing me to be a part of your lives - it is the most treasured of gifts.***

One of the profound privileges of being a parish priest is that we are invited into the lives of people in ways most other professions are not. Throughout my time at St. Edward's I have baptized you, married you, and buried you; I have watched you grow up, and been with you as we grow old. I have accompanied you in health, and been with you in sickness; I have held you in your grief and celebrated with you in your joys.

"Thank you," for allowing me to be a part of your lives - it is the most treasured of gifts.

Now it is time for Rayelenn and I to say farewell. Having reached the mandatory age of retirement in the Episcopal Church, it is time for us to leave St. Edward's. You have already received a letter from me describing the protocols which have to be fol-

lowed when a priest leaves a parish, so there is no need for me to elaborate, other than to acknowledge that it is hard for all of us. All the more reason,

therefore, to use the time before we part to celebrate all we have achieved together.

As the Apostle Paul came to the end of his final words to the church in Ephesus, he encouraged them to remain faithful to the ministry they had done together in the name of Christ. So, too, I encourage you to remain faithful to the work we have done together at St. Ed-

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ward's. Transitions are never easy, especially when it follows a long pastorate such as mine, but I believe that St. Edward's has a wonderful future before it. When I arrived over twenty years ago St. Edward's was little known in the diocese. Now, St. Edward's is one of the most well known and respected parishes in the diocese, a reflection of the ministry we have done together. I invite you, therefore, to remain faithful to that legacy. Support your wardens and your vestry; support each other; and pray that God in Christ will send you a new shepherd to lead you.

And now I commend you to God and the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. And the Blessing of God: Creator, redeemer, and sanctifier be with you always.

Fr. Stephen+

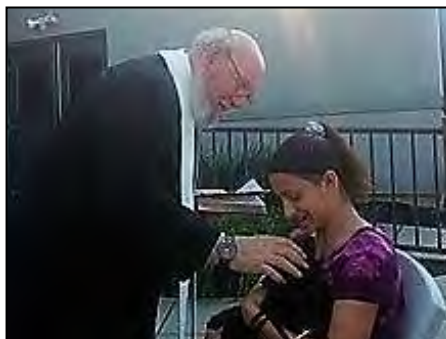


By Fr. Casey



On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we had a record crowd attend the service of Blessing of the Animals. The weather was kind, and the animals grateful. Many thanks to all who attended.

By Ellen Milligan



Blessing Maeve's cat at the Blessing of the Animals

"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart."  
— St. Francis of Assisi

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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, Senior Warden



With Father Stephen's final services scheduled for Nov. 4 and 9, I would like to utilize the monthly column to explain how we will move forward in the coming months. With the invaluable assistance of Michelle Bentley, the vestry has arranged for the following priests to conduct services in November and December:

- November 11th – 3 service Sunday:  
The Rt. Rev. Robert Gepert  
As it is Veterans Day, we will also be doing a Quilts of Valor presentation at the 10:15 service.
- November 18th – The Rev. Ron Jaynes
- November 25th – The Rev. John Emmert
- December 2nd – The Rev John Emmert
- December 9th – 3 service Sunday –  
The Rev. Beth Mollard
- December 16th – The Rt. Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan – Cele-

brant 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 Gepert
- 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.

The vestry is working with The Rev. Dan Morrow, the diocesan Canon for Transition, to secure an interim priest who will start in January. We hope to make an announcement in that regard very soon.

The vestry is also organizing a Search Committee to begin the process of discernment that is the first step in selecting our next rector. As soon as the committee is in place, we will make an announcement in that regard. In the meantime, please pray for the vestry as we seek representatives for this committee.

In closing—and on behalf of the entire vestry—I would like to thank everyone who has contributed time, talent, and financial resources to the retirement celebrations for Father Stephen.



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## 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
- ★1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Whitesel



# Krist Kindling

By Meredith Aul



Nothing will jumpstart your Christmas spirit more than our annual Krist Kindling Advent activity! Please join us for our 25th annual Krist Kindling tradition at St. Edward's!

What is Krist Kindle? It's a fun activity where one family gives another family a gift anonymously during each of the three weeks prior to Christmas. The family you are giving gifts to is not the same family that is bringing gifts to you. You don't have to have kids to participate. It's for the young and the young at heart!



How it works: You deliver your gift surreptitiously any evening during the week by sneaking up to the front door, ringing the bell, and running away. It is best to deliver during the evening because the recipient will more likely be there to receive it. Also, you'll need the cover of darkness to make your getaway unseen. All during Advent,



remember this family (or single person or couple) in prayer and rest assured that someone else is praying for you.

These are the weeks: December 2-8, December 9-15, and December 16-22.

The gifts should not be expensive or burdensome. Some gift ideas are: homemade cookies; a basket or jar filled with chocolate kisses; a Christmas book, decoration, or ornament...



In January, we have a potluck supper at church to find out who our Krist Kindle families were. We enjoy having a meal together and, after, sharing our stories -- there are always some funny delivery experiences to share!

Please complete the form below (or one in the church bulletin) and place it in the decorated box in the Narthex by Sunday, November 18. Sign up today or call Meredith Westgate at 898-9245 if you have any questions.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a new participating family or if you've moved, Please include directions to your home - especially how to identify your home once Krist Kindle has arrived on your street.

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Maeve and Finn are active participants in St. Edward's worship every Sunday.

## Patron Saint Day

By Rayelenn Casey

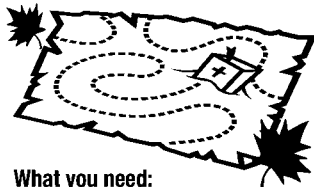


Our patronal festival, the Feast of St. Edward the Confessor, took place this month. Fr. Stephen told the children that the

word Confessor doesn't mean he confessed his sins (although we are sure he did!) but that he "confessed the faith of Christ crucified." **1 John 4:15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

## Fall Scavenger Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



### What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

### What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.










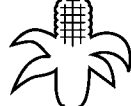

## PUZZLE

### HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



"The  will    
what is , and   
 will  its ."  
  : , NIV

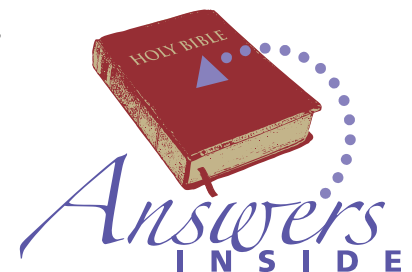
Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV



## Bible Quiz

After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

- Seth
- Enoch
- Shem
- Lamech



Answer: A (See Genesis 4:25.)

## Casey Wedding

By Rayelenn Casey Pictures by LaurenAlthea, Photography Lancaster.



Elizabeth Casey, Stephen and Rayelenn's younger daughter, was married to Kevin Stauffer on September 22 in a ceremony on the labyrinth on the grounds of St Thomas Episcopal Church. Elizabeth and Kevin now live happily together in Mount Joy.

## Bradley Mattson

By Rayelenn Casey



It's been good to have Bradley Mattson back in the parish for a while. Bradley has been doing an internship at St Edward's as part of his discernment about what God is calling him to do. He has served weekly with the Wednesday noon Eucharist congregation, and once a month at the 10:30 service.

## Katya Lulukova

By Rayelenn Casey



Who remembers Katya Lulukova? Katya was an exchange student from Russia who lived with the Caseys and attended Hempfield High School, where she was very active in Dance Theater — about 15 years ago. She was a faithful attendee at St Edward's and several families lovingly befriended her. Katya returned home to Ekaterinburg, attended and graduated from Ural State University, married Vadim, and had a lovely son Andrey. Here is Katya and her family!

Мы желаем им здоровья и счастья. (We wish them health and happiness.)





# Social Outreach

By Ellen Milligan

## Jesse Tree



For many Thanksgiving and Christmas represent a 'season of giving'. One of St. Edward's favorite traditions of giving is the Jesse Tree project. Jesse Tree provides gifts for chil-



Fr. Casey blessing Jesse Tree gifts in 2017

dren in foster care, making Christmas a little brighter. Through COBYS Family Services we obtain a list of children in foster care, their ages and their Christmas wishes. We don't take the place of Santa. Rather, we act as Santa's helpers by adding another gift or two for a child to open on Christmas morning.



Bishop Scanlan blessing Jesse Tree gifts in 2016



Gifts collected in the Narthex 2013

Our goal is to provide Christmas presents for 75 children. You can either select the gifts yourself or give money for the purchase of a gift. All we ask is that you help with the gift wrapping. It's all part of getting in the holiday spirit.

When will this happen? The Social Outreach Committee will be asking parish-



A thank you card from Head Start

ioners to turn in their Jesse Tree forms by November 11. This is because the Social Outreach Committee needs time to match our church members with the children. This year we hope to have your child's or children's name(s) to you before Thanksgiving. We will deliver the gifts to COBYS on December 10 to allow their social workers time to get the gifts to each child in time for Christmas. What a wonderful way to honor the spirit of baby Jesus!!



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



The pantry for November is looking for canned fruit, canned corn, boxed pasta, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal 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.





# Peggy Thomas

**By Fr. Casey**

As many of you are aware, Peggy Thomas, wife of Charlie, died on Saturday 29th September after a long illness. Peggy and Charlie joined St. Edward's following their move to Lancaster from York, and quickly became active in the life of the parish, attending the 8 am service. Members of the parish, family and friends gathered for her service of Burial, which took place on Sunday 14th October. Peggy will be sadly missed. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

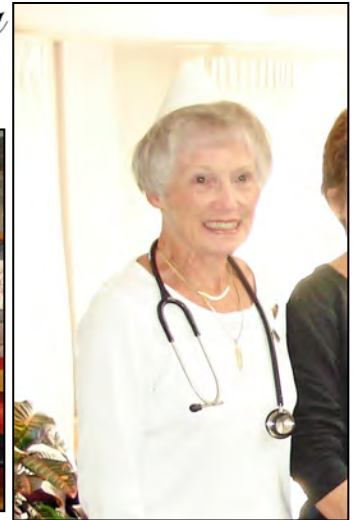


Taking a meal to Cristpus Attucks



Serving on Altar Guild

*In Loving Memory*



With the Knit Wits where she participated in all their activities, including their annual Halloween party with Dolly.

# Eric Henry

**By Rayelenn Casey**

Many of us remember Eric Henry fondly. Eric carried out an internship in our parish a couple of years ago and helped us launch our commitment to our outreach to the Food Bank. Eric was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal church last month and we wish him all the best in his ministry.



From the Facebook page for the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania  
The Diocesan shield has undergone a refresh. The same elements with a new look.



# National Acolyte Festival 2018

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By Kevin Milligan, Fr. Casey and the National Cathedral



The Milligans: Kevin, Ellen, Maeve, and Finn, along with the Rector spent an enjoyable day at Washington Cathedral for the Annual Acolyte Festival. Many thanks to Ellen for helping organize, to Kevin for being the driver, and for Maeve and Finn for participating. We all had a wonderful day.



# Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction

Rayelenn and Fr. Casey



A tremendous "Thank you" to Bev and Larry Hess, and to Michelle, who put in untold hours of planning to make the evening fun and to all the people who contributed in some way to making the Silent Auction Fund Raiser and Oktoberfest dinner such a success. Thanks too to all the people who helped set up, and cook, and clean up.

Everyone had such fun.. Again we were treated to the hilarious performance antics of actor Terry Mastrobono. — lots of folks won baskets and dinners and week-long getaways. The food was wonderful; the entertainment great; and the auction itself a delight.





# Diocesan Convention

By Rayelenn Casey

St Edward's was well-represented at Diocesan Convention. Fr Stephen and four parishioners you elected took part in the business of the church and the meaningful worship services. Thanks to Ted Cardwell, Rayelenn Casey, Dina Ishler, and Susan Landin for this work for the Diocese.



Holy Eucharist at Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Williamsport, on the second day of our Diocesan Convention. Picture from the Diocese Facebook page.



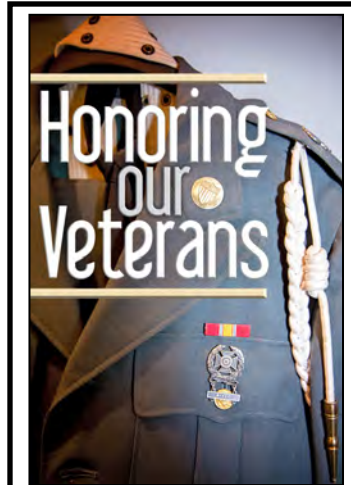
## Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following parishioners for hosting our October coffee hours, bringing us all

wonderful treats and great fellowship! We appreciate your ministry.

Joe, Christina, and PJ McLaughlin  
Barbara Schultz  
R.B. Mullineaux



Quilts of Valor presentation  
November 11

Stephen and Catherine Donohue  
Larry and Bev Hess  
Julie and Jerry Hoff  
Hank and Linda Spire  
Bruce, Beth, and James Lynch  
Brian, Susan, Braden, and Barrett Newsome  
Kevin, Ellen, Maeve, and Finn Milligan



There will be  
no Saturday services  
in November  
or December.

## Don't Miss These Upcoming Events!

By Libby Sternberg

Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 p.m., the Lancaster Chamber Singers perform

Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m., the very popular Hershey Handbell Ensemble will present their annual holiday program at St. Edward's.



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



## What Do You Call a Group of Bishops?

From Facebook



Bishops considered as a group are also called episcopacy.

They can also be called: A prayer, a bench, a communion, or an enclave. Other instances are a sea of bishops and an ordinance of bishops

The US Episcopal church refers to the House of Bishops. But that is when they are formally seated at the national general convention and are voting on proposed legislation.





# FAREWELL FATHER STEPHEN & RAYELENN

The guarding of the God of life be on you,  
 The guarding of the loving Christ be on you,  
 The guarding of the Holy Spirit be on you  
 every night of your lives  
 To aid and enfold you  
 Each day and night of your lives. Amen.

Your St. Edward's family loves you and we will miss you!



Ted Carolea  
 Matt  
 Piper Collette  
 Bruggman  
 Carl French  
 Samuel Flumery  
 Carol Cotnam  
 Mary High  
 Marie  
 Elizabeth  
 Mary Ann Frank  
 Susan Ashby  
 Rose  
 Leslie  
 Wanda  
 Angela Aaron  
 Christian Breneman  
 Amy  
 Braden  
 Nurse me  
 Buddy Hooper  
 Carol Hopwood  
 Bill Hopwood  
 Sue Pinner  
 Charlie Thomas  
 Peter + Robin  
 Stan, Michelle  
 Ian Anthony  
 George Riley  
 Cathleen  
 Stephen Drouin  
 Finn  
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Rector**

**Michelle Bentley, Parish  
Administrative Assistant**

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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

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