

February 2019



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter

## Message from The Rev. David Bateman



My name is David Bateman, and I am your new Interim Rector. I want to thank all of you for giving me such a warm welcome on my arrival at St. Edward's. Despite the harsh weather, I've had a good beginning and have met several dozen people so far. It's been great!

I am a full-time active priest of about 30 years' experience who has been doing interim ministry for the last 10 years. It's all I do now, and I have served several congregations in

central PA over the last decade.

I must say that you have made a very favorable impression on me. From the friendliness and dedication of many people, to the beauty of your church building, to the ministry that is carried out here, I already have a good feeling about this place.

As your interim, I'll be filling all the normal roles of a rector during the time of transition. I generally stay until just before your new

permanent rector arrives at the end of the search process. This will typically give us 12-18 months or so to get to know one another and to enjoy our shared ministry as we look for ways to keep all the good things going and strengthen congregational life.

May God be with us during this time of blessed transition.

David +

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

# Crèche Waiting for the 3 Kings

Picture by Mary Snyder



## Klines and Hopwoods

Pictures by Kim Kline



Harrison and Kim Kline visited the Hopwoods, Carol, Bill and Spencer, on a snowy evening over the winter break.

## Information

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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



Dear Friends,

On Sunday, February 17, St. Edward's will host a combined service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Annual Meeting at 10:30 a.m. This yearly event provides a wonderful opportunity for individuals who regularly attend the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services to come together for fellowship and food, to reflect on the activities of our ministries, and to look to the future by electing convention delegates and vestry members. Regarding the latter, two vacancies need to be filled, including the position that I am vacating. If you are interested in standing for election, please get in touch with me or with Junior Warden Meredith Aul.

Serving as a vestry member and as senior warden has been meaningful and enriching. I have come to know many fellow parishioners much better than

beforehand, particularly as our community came together in support of the Caseys' leave-taking. I have also seen, at first hand, just how hard both parish volunteers and staff members work to ensure vibrant services and community care. Witnessing and participating in these efforts has reminded me that the church is not a building. It is the community of believers—the Body of Christ—with each member playing a vital role through contributions of talent, time, and tithe. In closing, then, I would like to thank each and every one of you for giving me the privilege to serve as senior warden, for supporting me in that role, and for the ongoing work that you do to make St. Edward's the loving community that it is.

"Knowing what must be done does away with fear."

—Rosa Parks



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

As of last summer, when our florist retired, we contracted with a new florist to create and deliver our weekly altar flowers. We have received many compliments on our new floral arrangements for their uniqueness and beauty. They are a wonderful way to remember a loved one, to have thanksgiving for a special event in your life, or to contribute to the beauty of our services each Sunday. Our flowers depend on donations, via signing up on the flower chart in the narthex versus being an item on our budget. Each week, our flowers cost \$100. Won't you prayerfully consider signing up for a week this year? Since we are paying more for our flowers, we encourage 2 people to sign up in a given week and pay \$50/each. If that is not possible, we request a minimum donation of \$50 for the week when you sign up and anything in addition to that is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



## 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



# The Bishop Dean T. Stevenson School for Ministry (SSFM)

By Dina Ishler

An invitation to join us for community, faith formation and learning

Here in the Diocese of central Pennsylvania, we are so fortunate to have our very own school for ministry that offers outstanding choices for faith-filled and practical education for all members of Christ's Body. At SSFM, a wide variety of options seek to nurture and strengthen everyone on their journey towards a greater understanding of God and a deeper knowledge of how we can live into our baptismal call to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves." I would like to encourage everyone at St. Edward's, regardless of age or where you find yourself on your faith journey, to consider taking one of the wonderful classes or workshops being offered this spring or in the future- I am certain you will be blessed by both the excellence of the learning as well as the wonderful new friends you will make. Because the classes meet online through Zoom (easy to access and use), SSFM is available to learners outside of our diocese which is a blessing and a tremendous asset to quality and accessible faith formation.



***"We are a learning community forming lay and ordained leadership for the church of today and the future."***

This is a mission statement for the Stevenson School for Ministry as found on their link on the Diocese's webpage. It is so easy to access the school's information by going to [diocesecpa.org](http://diocesecpa.org) and clicking on the link that says "Stevenson School for

Ministry." This will lead you to a clearly organized drop-down menu with lots of great information (including a picture of yours truly having a wonderful time giving a brief workshop on how easily tone chimes can be incorporated into liturgy with little or no preparation or previous experience.)

SSFM offers a series of ten-week courses that provides comprehensive knowledge in a variety of subjects, such as Introduction to the New Testament, History of the



Episcopal Church, the Message of Mission, and many more. These classes are available for credit or may be audited, which is an outstanding option that enables the learner to benefit from all of the knowledge but without the same assignment demands as taking the course for credit. The classes I have taken so far have greatly enriched my own prayer and worship life and given me new insight into many aspects of both our Biblical and liturgical tradition. The instructors bring to their classes a tremendous wealth of educational, theological and practical knowledge from their own backgrounds and ministries and it is a real privilege to both learn from them and call them friends.

SSFM also offers a series of five week modules called "parish life courses" on a variety of topics designed to deepen faith and live into our baptismal covenant such as Ways to Pray: Spiritual Practices for Parish Life, Congregational Stewardship, and Priestly, Pastoral and Practical Ministry in Congregations. These is even one specifically for vestries! Groups are often



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School for Ministry

encouraged to explore these together, with a reduced cost for a group of two more who sign up together for a course.

During the learning weekends, which take place at the beginning and end of each semester at the Saint Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville, we share in not only learning opportunities of all kinds together, but community of the truest kind, where all are immediately made to feel welcome and loved for themselves and their own unique journey. I was amazed and overjoyed at my first learning weekend how I was welcomed and drawn into the heart of the gathering and made to feel as if we'd known each other always. The close friends I have made thus far through SSFM have been a source of deep joy to not only myself but our family as well as we continue to deepen and share these relationships through gathering together when we can and praying steadily for each other. This is a priceless gift not readily available in our world and it is worth savoring.

The theme for the upcoming weekend on February 8-9 is Doing Theology: Naming, Claiming and Proclaiming God and it sounds tremendously exciting- I can't wait to learn from the speakers and share in the conversation.

I'd be more than happy to answer any questions about the school or my own experiences there. My email is [dcishler@gmail.com](mailto:dcishler@gmail.com) and my cell (717)481-0708, or find me at St. Edward's so we can talk in person. The Very Reverend Robyn Szoke-Coolidge is the Dean and guides us always with both knowledge and a real passion for SSFM and its mission; her email is [rszoke@diocesecpa.org](mailto:rszoke@diocesecpa.org).

I would love to see you all there! I am certain you would be encouraged and strengthened for your journey as I have been.

Blessings always.







Rev. Bateman conducts children's sermon January 27th.



## A MESSAGE OF Love

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



### What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

### What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



## WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

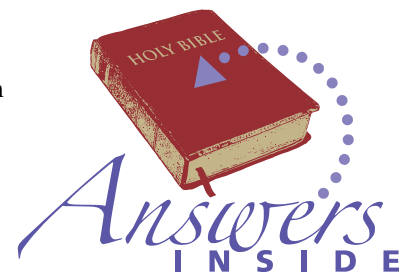
Answer: refuge, strength, always, love, perfect, Christ Jesus, peace, love, perfect



## Bible Quiz

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Simon
- D. Andrew



Answer: D (See Luke 5:1-11.)

# Trust the Process – It Works!

By Dottie Gschwend

## Discernment



The process to find a new rector for St. Edward's is underway and is expected to take a year or more to complete. The committee to lead this discernment effort has been identified, as noted below. We have met with our consultant from our Diocese, Father Dan Morrow, Canon for Congregational Life and Mission. Work is underway to design a survey form that ALL will be invited to complete. It will enable us to collect data and information that describe the parish and its members, their preferences and concerns, their interests and opinions. This will be used to construct an accurate parish profile with which to attract candidates to interview later this year.

We are aiming to get the survey prepared to distribute at the Annual Meeting on February 17th. From those results, the committee will proceed to have conversations with as many parishioners as possible in the late spring. We will be as clear as possible about what we are doing all during the year. We ask all of you to participate when asked and to communicate with us with any questions, comments or concerns.

This is a spiritual process, to be guided by prayer and the Holy Spirit. Please pray with us that we remain faithful, filled with joy and courage as we proceed on this journey together to select a new priest who will care for us and continue to equip us for our various ministries.



## Discernment COMMITTEE

Matthew Sternberg and Dottie Gschwend, co-chairs

Susan Landin and Bill Swiernik, vestry representatives

Seth Hake, Peter Weber and Beth Lynch, congregation representatives

(please note phone numbers and email addresses are in the new directory)

# Coffee Hour



Many thanks to the following parishioners who serve our coffee hours so faithfully each month as hosts, set up and always serve such great food! It is a wonderful fellowship ministry for St. Edward's.

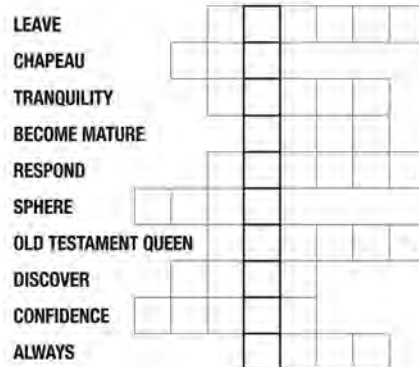
The Milligan Family  
The Lynch Family  
Stephen and Catherine Donohue  
Larry and Bev Hess  
Richard and Gail Irons  
Mark and Barb Jakiel  
R.B. Mullineaux  
Buddy and Liz Yeager  
Rose Dixon  
Mary Snyder



# Puzzle!

Love is a fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Identify another fruit that can make Valentine's Day — and every day — special. First, write a word that fits each clue below. Then unscramble the letters from the bold, vertical column to find another fruit of the Spirit.

Write it on the blanks below.



Answer: depart, hat, peace, grow, answer, ball, Esther, find, trust, ever, gentleness.



What if I told you...  
That the Left Wing  
and the Right Wing  
belong to the  
same bird?





# Thank You

Dear Father John and Michelle,

Thank you again for the meaningful memorial service you planned for my Mother June Roberts. We truly appreciated your support and flexibility with our requests.

Wishing you both a healthy New Year!  
Anna Roberts



14 JAN. 19  
My ST. EDWARDS FAMILY:  
THANK YOU FOR MY LOVELY  
CHRISTMAS CANDLE-  
I AM SO THANKFUL FOR  
ST. EDWARDS FAMILY AND the  
LEMIS who come to visit me.  
God BLESS EVERYONE!

MIRIAM COYNE

Thank you notes from Anna Roberts, daughter of June Roberts, in thanks for the service we celebrated in honor of her mother and from Miriam Coyne who is visited by Pastoral Care and lives in Masonic Village. The LEV ministry is comprised of Irene Achey, Carol Cotnoir, Peg Hanzelman and Amy Swiernik.

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. EDWARD'S 2019

*"Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. . And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always."*

~ Henri-Frédéric Amiel



## GOOD STEWARDSHIP

### INGATHERING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

To support the ministry of St. Edward's we have no resources but God's grace, our own endeavors, the generosity of guests, and the support and generosity of you, our parishioner, who understand that St. Edward's is more than a building, but rather a community of faith that comes together in worship and in service.

St. Edward's Annual Meeting  
Sunday, February 17, 2019  
Rite II Service - 9:00 am | Meeting - 10:30 am



Join us on Sunday, February 17th for a one-service Sunday followed by our Annual Meeting & Breakfast.

This is a very important meeting in the life of our parish as our Interim Rector, The Reverend David Bateman, will lead us in prayer, welcoming and remarks. We will be electing vestry members, delegates to Diocesan Convention, hearing from our finance committee, as well as our Search Committee co-chairs.

There will be a sign up sheet in the parish hall, starting this Sunday, for people to indicate what they will bring for a pot-luck breakfast-style meal, as well as opportunities to volunteer to set up on Friday, February 15th.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of important church business and share in community fellowship!

## Adult Fellowship

By Elaine Radcliffe



**WHAT:** A “TIME CHANGE” Party! Celebrate the day that Daylight Savings Time begins (and hopefully get ready for Spring!)

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 10, 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Dorris Smith’s house, 3130 Briarwood Blvd. (in West Hempfield)

**BRING:** Some “nibbles”: cheese spread, cheese ball, dips, etc.

**SNOW DATE:** Sunday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

IF WE LOVE  
ONE ANOTHER,  
**GOD**  
LIVES IN US  
AND **HIS**  
**LOVE**  
IS MADE  
COMPLETE IN US.

1 JOHN 4:12, NIV



## Social Outreach

By Beth Lynch

### Hempfield Food Pantry



In 2018 St. Edward’s donated 1,629 pounds of food

Requested items: for February:

Cereal  
Syrup  
Pancake mix  
Mac/Cheese  
Elbow macaroni  
Chunky peanut butter  
18 oz. jelly  
Canned pineapple  
Canned peaches  
Fruit cocktail  
Canned peaches  
Canned spinach  
Canned kidney beans  
Canned carrots  
Canned tomatoes  
Canned corn  
Canned mixed vegetables  
Canned or jar spaghetti sauce

## Soles 4 Souls



The collection of used shoes will continue until Palm Sunday. We have collected and boxed 324 pairs of shoes. Thank you for all that have donated.

## Feed My Starving Children

By Peg Reiley



Mark your calendars. The annual Feed My Starving Children event will be held March 29-31. A sign up sheet will be available soon. More information regarding times to volunteer, etc. will be available in the weekly email and next months Scepter.



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





# December 30th Service

Pictures by Mary Snyder and Ted Cardwell



December 30th – The Rt. Rev. Na-than D. Baxter Celebrant and Preacher and The Rev. Nancy Rementer – Deacon of the Table



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## Staff

**The Reverend David  
Bateman, Interim Rector**

**Michelle Bentley, Parish  
Administrative Assistant**

**Patrick Ishler, Choir Direc-  
tor**

**Karen E. Waddill, Organist**

**Elizabeth Yeager, Nursery**

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday:  
10 AM – 4:30PM

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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

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