

January 2019



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter

## Epiphany January 6th

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Welcome Rev. David Bateman our interim rector

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## Christmas Eve



### From Facebook

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral's Christmas Eve Service. Our Diocesan Bishop Audrey Scanlan with one of my little brothers Ishmael Watson.

## Adult Fellowship

By Elaine Raddliffe

**WHAT:** The Annual "January-Blahs" White Elephant Party: Bring the ugliest, funniest, junkiest gift you can find (beautifully wrapped of course) and join in our fun-filled "swap" party.



**WHEN:** January 20, 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Elaine Radcliffe's house, 3190 Grande Oak Place, Lancaster (West Hempfield).

**BRING:** A wrapped white elephant gift as described above PLUS your favorite "goodie" (finger food, such as cheese ball, dip and chips, etc.).

RSVP: To Elaine Radcliffe, please, at 717-285-4912 or at [elainekr1@comcast.net](mailto:elainekr1@comcast.net).



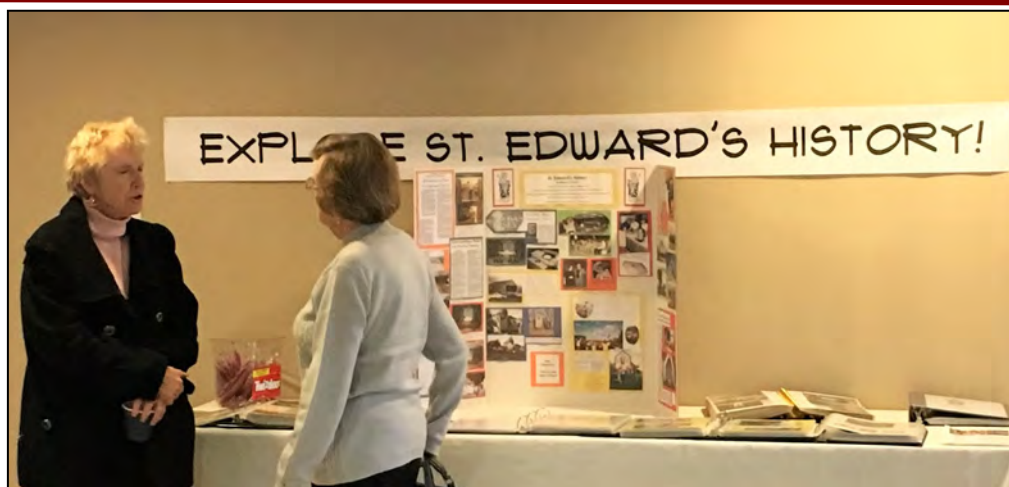
## Church History



Stop by the St. Edward's History Display in the parish hall the next time you are at services.

It is an amazing chronology of our parish!

Leslie Arnold and Carol Cotnoir are pictured.



## Information

### Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday:  
10AM – 4:30PM

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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



tation for this very atmosphere of affability. Over the holiday season—from Advent to Christmas and extending through Epiphany—our church will host dozens of visiting family members as well as outright newcomers. And on January 6 we will greet the Rev. David Bateman, our interim priest. Let us extend each and every one a hearty St. Edward's welcome and hold them in our prayers as we grow together as members of the Body of Christ. Happy holidays!

Dear Friends,

Throughout their respective ministries, Jesus and the Apostles urged their disciples to be loving, hospitable, and welcoming—both to each other and to newcomers. In Romans 12:9-12, for example, Paul writes, "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." In Romans 15:7, Paul adds, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Paul clearly saw this spirit of genuine warmth as a defining characteristic of the ideal Christian community.

St. Edward's has a well-deserved repu-



**Picture by Ted Cardwell**  
Amy Swiernik lights candles Sunday Morning.

## St. Edward's Search Committee

The vestry is pleased to announce the formation of the search committee for the next rector of St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Dottie Gschwend and Matthew Sternberg will serve as co-chairs. Susan Landin and Bill Swiernik will serve as vestry representatives on the committee. Representing the parish at large are Seth Hake, Beth Lynch, and Peter Weber. Dottie and Matthew will be sharing details on the search process at each of the services on Sunday, January 13. Please hold the committee in your prayers as our congregation embarks on the next step in our life as a community of faith.



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"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."  
—Martin Luther King Jr.

## 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





# St. Edward's Students Home for Christmas

## The Ishlers

By Dina Ishler on Facebook



Faith turned 21 on December 23 and as a junior is looking for internships for the summer. Anyone who needs a babysitter or nanny should contact Faith at +1 (717) 481-0833 because she loves taking care of young children and you can find her in the nursery at St. Ed's when she is home. Carter successfully finished his first semester as a college freshman. He is working during break for one of his mentors where he can continue to develop his love of diagnosing and repairing vehicles and work as a first responder in his towing business.

## Rachel and Daniel Smith

By Peg Reiley on Facebook



Daniel Smith of Lancaster (17601), a student at McDaniel College, Westminster, Md., participated in the Model European Union 2018 Conference in Washington, D.C., November 9-11.

McDaniel's delegation of 10 students represented Belgium and had a briefing at the Embassy of Belgium by the actual diplomats who represent the country. Christianna N. Leahy, chair of the political science and international studies department at McDaniel, accompanied

## The Klines

By Kim Kline on Facebook



## The Donohues

By Catherine Donohue



Marielle and her new fiance James, Eliza and Patrick were all home to celebrate Christmas Eve at St. Edward's.

Nan Swing and the guys. Congrats to my son Harz for earning a 4.0 and achieving President's List this semester.

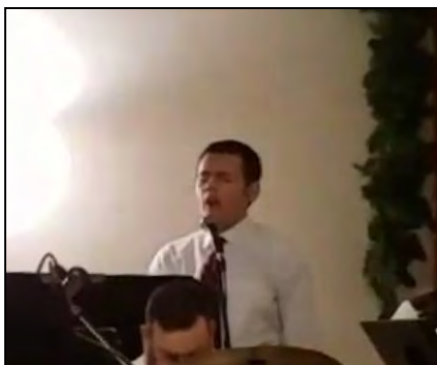


From 'No Shave November' to 'My head feels bald in the shower!'

Over the break he will be going to Arizona to participate in an Optics Conference from Jan 3-6.

## Seth Hake

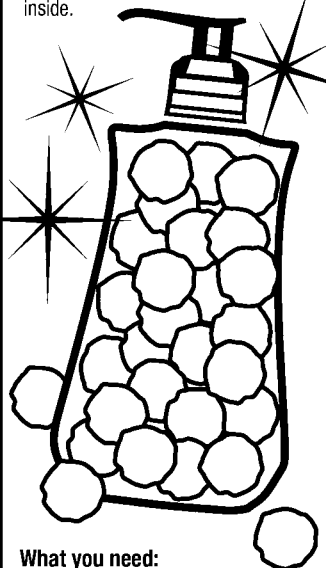
From Facebook video



Seth singing Oh Holy Night at the early Christmas Eve service.

## Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



### What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

### What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.



## A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him  
through baptism into death in order that,  
just as Christ was raised from the dead  
through the glory of the Father,  
we too may live a \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 6:4, NIV

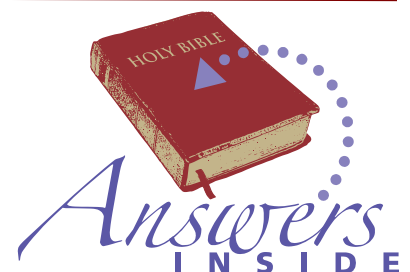
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## Bible Quiz

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above



Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)



# Living in Advent Time at St. Edward the Confessor

**By Dina Carter Ishler**

(edited from an essay for my class in Liturgical Theology)

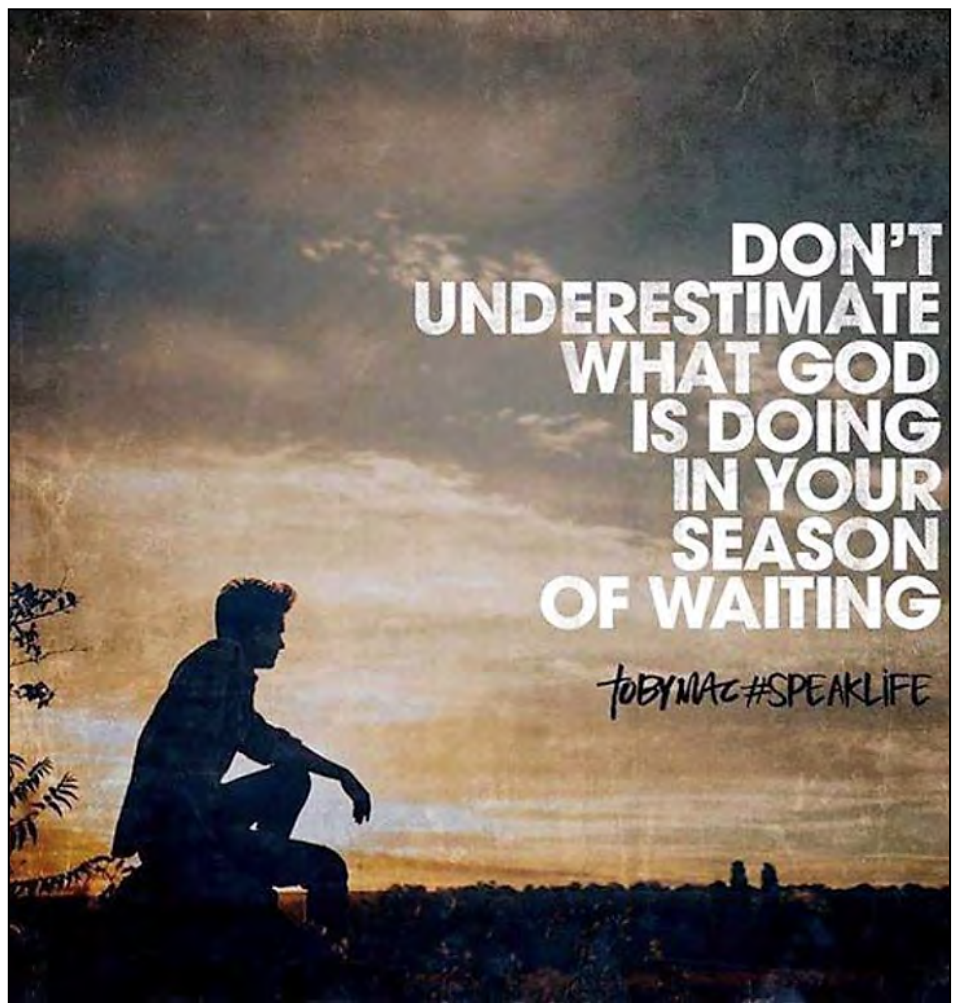
As I wrote this, we stood at the very threshold of Advent, poised to enter into its mysteries. Advent begins a new year in the life of the church, bringing with it the expectant desire to remember anew the Word made flesh and the longing to come again to that place where human and divine are made one. For most of us, what our lives bring to this intersection has been influenced and deepened through years of retelling this most beloved story. Experiences of darkness and light, of promise and fulfillment have become part of who we are as individuals living and believing within the context of a world that is constantly changing and as it does, changing us as well. At St. Edward's, we are in the unique position of living an Advent life on more than one level- as we prepared to celebrate the Incarnation with our usual liturgies and rituals we were deeply aware of another welcoming that we anticipate, that of a new rector to share ministry with us once we have journeyed through this period of transition. Similar to Advent, transition contains elements of waiting, of longing, of the need to be steadfastly accepting that what we anticipate will not come quickly, nor can it be shortened or rushed.

The Liturgy of the Word has been of great help to us in this vulnerable and bittersweet time; as we heard these familiar texts we sensed a deep connection with those gone before us who not only watched and waited but also heard these texts speak a new thing. On our first Advent Sunday we heard the text of Jeremiah 33:14-16 tell us of coming days when a promise made to God's people will be fulfilled and through it God's people will know righteousness and live in safety. Psalm 25 reminded us that it is God in whom we will put our trust, that He is the God of our salvation in whom we have always trusted. The Epistle from First Thessalonians brought us face to face with joy and a question fundamental to all believers: how can we ever thank God enough for all His gifts, including our understanding that the Gift we anticipate is to be the greatest gift of all? Finally, our Gospel reading emphasized the need for us as a faithful people to be ever alert and watchful, that the waiting we experience on earth is a foreshadowing of our need to be ever ready for that glorious day when all watching and waiting will have been fulfilled in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The themes of these readings and the implications for us at St. Edward's are clear: we are a people who watch and wait with the expectant faith that God will fulfill His promises. We are a people who gather to hear the Word proclaimed and preached and we understand that the truths portrayed in the ancient stories apply to our own community as well. We embrace the joy and thankfulness we hear of as our own and we join with all other believers in our longing for the day when all promised is realized in the coming of the Kingdom. We have taken these fundamental truths and made them real for us at this very time in our congregational life when watching and waiting, with expectation and thankfulness and trust in the God who saves us, are the hallmarks of our community. Our Advent life in community and liturgy have been made one, and the ancient narratives and our own story have joined together to say things new and rich with meaning.

Liturgical time is always turning- not in a circle that returns us to a place we have

already been, but as a spiral whose continual turning reminds us of a place we know yet brings us to a place not yet seen. We always arrive at a new intersection- the intersection of the living and eternal Word with our community at the moment we proclaim and receive it, and thus we hear our beloved texts and liturgies say a new thing. Almost certainly, we at St. Edward's will journey through the liturgical year before our own season of watching and waiting will end with the dawn of a new era for our community. We will change and grow as we open ourselves up to the teachings of the Word and return again and again to the Table, so that the stories we hear and proclaim will always meet us at a different place. Most importantly, we will hear God speaking to us in all these things and we will give thanks as we gather to celebrate and hear the Word, the story of our salvation, made ever new in our community that itself is being made new. Amen.





# St. Edward's 14th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Beth Lynch and Michelle Bentley



People in line waiting for cookie sale, reading books and their phone



John Meyer and Linda Spire are ready to begin.



Customers make their selections.



Stephen Donohue checks label.



Sign on tables at cookie sale



Customers weigh and pay for their cookies.

A BIG thank you to all of our bakers, volunteers, and most importantly COOKIE BUYERS who support our Annual Cookie Sale every year to help St. Edward's raise funds to support our ministry. this year, we raised over \$2,300. And the cookie selection was FANTASTIC!!! Thank you!



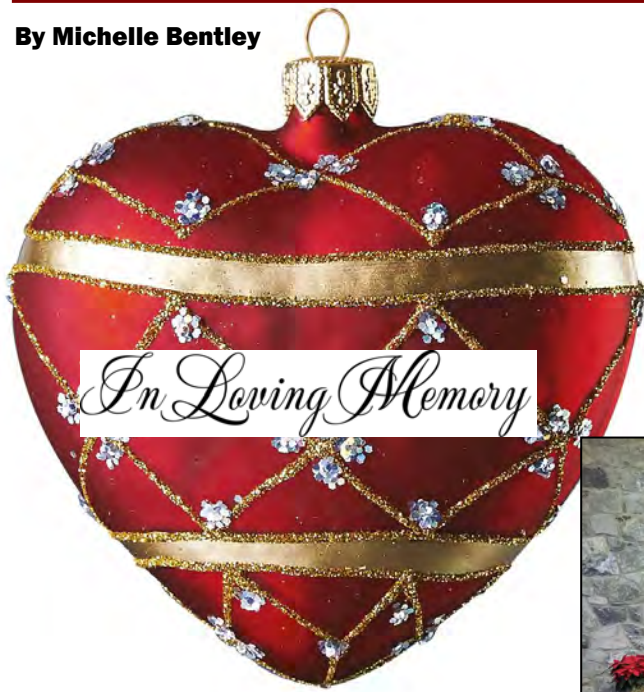
Buddy looks pleased with Liz's selection!





# June Roberts

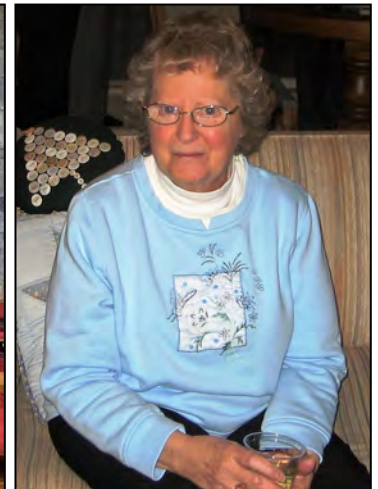
By Michelle Bentley



Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am we held the funeral for June Roberts.

June was a long-time parishioner of St. Edward's and a member of the choir.

Father John Emmert was the celebrant and preacher at this service with Holy Eucharist, which was filled with hymns and carols, sung by members of our choir and friends of June's who sing in their church choirs, to celebrate June's life and the season of Christmas that she so loved.





# Can you ever forgive me? : A movie review

By Glen Bentley



"I'm a better Dorothy Parker than Dorothy Parker," says Lee Israel (Melissa McCarthy), in an exasperated tone. She's not kidding.

"Can You Ever Forgive Me?," directed by Marielle Heller, tells a story so irresistible it seems made for the movies. Israel, a cranky Manhattan freelance writer, has fallen on hard times in the early '90s: her editor won't take her calls (unless she pretends to be Nora Ephron), she can't get a book deal, she's falling behind on her rent, and her beloved cat is ailing. What can she do?



Embark on a career as a forger of literary letters, of course! Israel quickly acquires a cadre of vintage typewriters, sharpens up her snark, tilts her TV sideways to use it as a light table, and gets busy creating letters signed by the likes of Parker, Noel Coward, Edna Ferber, Louise Brooks and many more. None of the dealers to whom she sells the letters seem particularly concerned about their provenance; they just hand over the cash. Until they don't.

While the movie isn't exactly a comedy, Heller gives it a cozy rom-com veneer: the soundtrack is jazzy nostalgia (Blossom Dearie, Dinah Washington), the autumn-toned Manhattan streets seem quiet and hopeful, the bookstores in which Israel hawks her wares are picturesquely dusty. But a welcome edge is brought by the nastiness of its two central characters. Israel, a casually amoral eccentric, is played by McCarthy without a twinkle; we love this self-absorbed character but never like her. (Watch McCarthy's face curl into a small masterpiece of horror when it's suggested, late in the film, that Lee do some community service.) And her partner in crime, Jack Hock, is likewise nobody you'd ever want to meet; Richard E. Grant plays him with a full inventory of devious swallowed-the-canary grins.

But by the movie's too-quick end, all you

want is to hang out with these two just a little bit longer; to listen to McCarthy's Lee expound on why she broke up with her girlfriend ("She wanted me to listen to her troubles"), and watch her matter-of-factly stealing a coat at a party, and root for the doomed spark she seems to be creating with a sweetly unsuspecting bookstore owner (Dolly Wells). And the movie lets Israel have the last laugh, deliciously so. Ms. Parker might well have approved.



## Coffee Hour



Many thanks to all of the wonderful hosts and vestry for participating in the 2018 Coffee Hour Fellowship in 2018. It would be wonderful to see some new faces host a coffee hour in 2019. It is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and it is such an important ministry for the welcoming to St. Edward's. If you are interested in the 8 AM service, please reach out to Bev Hess. If you are interested in the 9:15 or 10:15 service, a sign up sheet is on the coffee hour table.

The Milligan Family  
The McLaughlin Family  
Bev and Larry Hess

R.B. Mullineaux  
Mark and Barb Jakiel  
Barbara Schultz  
Tony and Sue Bianco

Roger and Ginny Kloepping  
Jerry and Julie Hoff  
Hank and Linda Spire  
The Lynch Family

The vestry members  
Donna Holwager  
\*\*If I missed anyone, I extend my sincere appreciation for your ministry!

Geraldine Cosgrave  
Janet Rumer  
June Klemm  
Richard and Gail Irons  
Buddy and Liz Yeager  
Mary Snyder  
Rose Dixon  
Bob Young  
Dottie Gschwend  
Carl and Carol Cotnoir  
The Westgate Family  
The Newsome Family  
Stephen and Catherine Donohue



# 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.



There will be  
no Saturday services  
in January.

## Social Outreach

By Beth Lynch

### Hempfield Food Pantry



Requests for January:

Elbow macaroni  
Chunky peanut butter  
18 oz jelly  
Cereal  
Canned pineapple  
Canned peaches  
Canned fruit cocktail  
Canned spinach  
Canned kidney beans  
Canned carrots  
Canned tomatoes  
Canned corn  
Canned mixed vegetables  
Canned spaghetti sauce  
Or jarred spaghetti sauce

### Soles 4 Souls



The collection of used shoes will continue until Palm Sunday. We have collected and boxed 288 pairs of shoes. Thank you for all that have donated.



### Jesse Tree



We collected gifts and monetary donations for 60 children in the COBYs organization as part of our annual Jesse Tree collection to help those children that are in need at Christmas time. Many thanks to the Social Outreach Committee, including Beth Lynch, Leslie Arnold, Ellen and Kevin Milligan and all those who donated and helped to shop, wrap and deliver the gifts.



Gifts were placed under the Jesse Tree Sunday December 9th. All gifts were wrapped and tagged with the child's full name

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



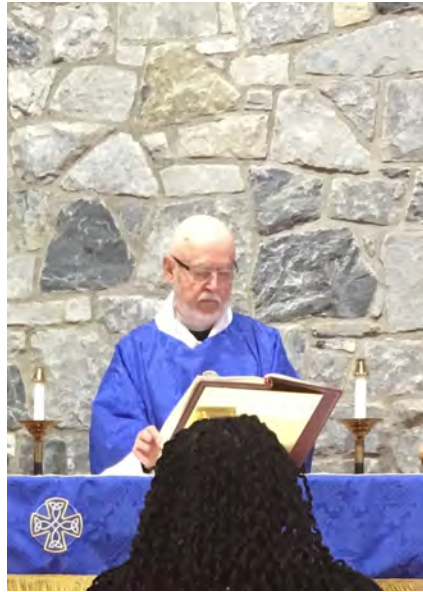


## Supply Priests

We are so fortunate to have wonderful supply clergy caring for us as we celebrate services on Wednesday's and Sunday's throughout the month. In addition to those pictured, Reverend Beth Mollard officiated December 9th.



The Rev. Ronald Jaynes was the priest on Nov. 18 and Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> with Lessons and Carols at the 10:15 AM service  
Rev Ronald Jaynes



Father John Emmert served as priest November 25th and December 2nd.



Bishop Gepert served November 11th and at the Wednesday noon services.



## Camp Fire/ALERT



St. Edward's collected over \$600 in gift cards. In response to devastating fires in California. ALERT collected gift cards in any amount to send to St. Johns Episcopal Church in Chico, California to be distributed to those who have lost so much in the Camp fire. The gift card collection was organized by Ted Cardwell.

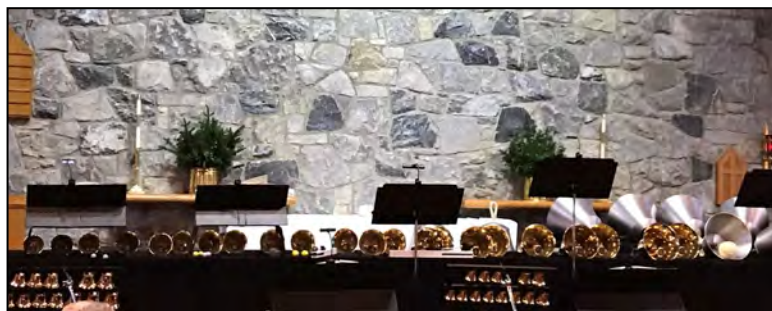


# Recent Cultural Events

Pictures by Mary Stoner and Michelle Bentley



We are very lucky to have the Lancaster Chamber Singers call St. Edward's their "home" as their rehearsal space. They enjoy our hospitality and find the acoustics to be exceptional. Which is also why they utilize St. Edwards' as one of their concert venues. **On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 PM**, The Lancaster Chamber Singers concluded its 40th anniversary year with "Festival of Voices and Brass." The ensemble was joined by the Lancaster Brass Quintet and additional brass and percussion. they presented glorious sounds of the Christmas season from the 16th through the 21st centuries and had the audience join in several beloved carols.



The ensemble is under the direction of Artistic Director, Dr. Shawn Gingrich.



The popular **Hershey Handbell Ensemble** returned to St. Edward's for a holiday concert.

The concert is part of the Rev. Canon Stephen C. Casey Cultural Events Series. The series was named for Fr. Stephen upon his retirement.

This year's program included arrangements of Gesu Bambino, The Twelve Days of Christmas, God Rest You Merry Gentlemen and more seasonal favorites.



# Knit Wits

Pictures by Kim Kline



Today was Knit Wit blessing day in my class! Not sure who all made them many thanks to the knitting group. They came in handy today. Poor kids. Only 3/18 had a hat or mittens. Ugh!



# Bishop Scanlan's Visit The Early Service December 16th

Pictures by Michelle Bentley and Bishop Scanlan



A picture Bishop Scanlon took on her way to St. Edward's

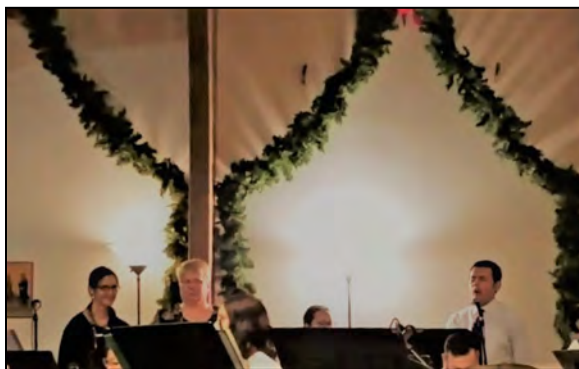


# Christmas Eve Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Meredith Aul Westgate, Dina Ishler and Michelle Bentley



The Praise Band who just finished leading the music at our 4:30 Christmas Eve service.



Seth Hake singing Oh Holy Night. Video at: <https://www.facebook.com/meredith.aul/videos/10212149662473349/>



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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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