



Scepter

Reflection



The Rev. David Bateman

Ordinarily something I write for the Scepter would be about the congregation and only minimally about me. But since I just had major surgery and so many of you have been asking about my progress, I thought I would take this opportunity to give you an update. As I write this it's been exactly one week since my operation, but an additional week will likely pass before you get to read it.

I am delighted to report that everything went well. I had a bad spot in my colon which was removed

via robotic surgery. I and celebrate in was able to leave the church for Pentecost hospital after only on Sunday, June 9th. two days and have

been recovering at home ever since. My those medical and pain has become minimal and my system is practical facts out of slowly returning to the way, I want to say something heartfelt. I can hardly express how touched I have been by all your expressions of concern and good wishes, and by your desire to have me back in church as soon as possible. I feel that I have been carried along by a great many prayers from a great many people. Thank you so much for allowing me to be on the receiving end of so much love.

There will be a Lancaster Convocation meeting at St. Edward's on Tuesday, June 4th, and I am hoping to return in time to attend that meeting, do the Wednesday service on June 5th, and ease my way back into full-time hours. I plan to help lead a Vestry retreat on June 8th and expect to preach

David +

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

Pentecost Sunday June 9th



Sunday June 16th



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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) the thermostat is reset and the doors are locked.

By Meredith Aul Westgate
Senior Warden



When I was in high school, a popular poet, Pat Hein, wrote short, “catchy” poems (called “grooks”) of wisdom. Here is one of them:

Put up in a place
Where it’s easy to see
The cryptic admonishment
T.T.T.

When you feel how depressingly
Slowly you climb
It’s well to remember that
Things Take Time.

I sometimes feel that it takes forever to accomplish anything! If we are not awaiting a call back from a contractor, we are tabling a decision pending further information. Looking back over the month, though, I see that progress is

being made, albeit sometimes slower than I would like.

On the financial front, Vestry has decided to initiate conversations with some parishioners that have fundraising expertise to brainstorm ideas for fundraising and long-term financial stability. Herb Johnston is heading up this effort.

Our church is now more than 30 years old, and is showing its age. It is time for us to address decaying window sills, ceiling repair in the narthex, cracks in the linoleum in the multi-purpose room, and other maintenance issues. We recently learned that we need to replace the water heater in the sacristy after a leak was discovered. The water heater in the kitchen was installed at the same time. Floors in the multi-purpose room, narthex, and Christian Education wing need stripped and polished, and new carpet is needed in the nursery. To address these and other problems, Michelle is working with contractors to assess damage and get estimates. From this list, a registry will be created to offer parishioners the opportunity to cover the cost or a share of the cost of much needed repairs. These repairs and replacements are not budgeted and are not covered by pledges. Susan Landin will mail details soon.

Many thanks to John Meyer, who “checked off” the first item on our maintenance/repair list – new lights in the multi-purpose room. John, who prefers to remain anonymous, agreed to allow us to publish his name in hopes

that others will join him in helping financially help to care for the church as they are able. What a difference the new lights have made! They are quite bright, so dimmer switches are on order for better control. A portion of the ceiling in the rector’s office, damaged by a water leak, has also been repaired. Remote-controlled programmable thermostats will save us money.

“Sweaty Sunday” on May 5 was a success, despite drizzly weather. Mulch was spread around the base of trees and in the Memorial Garden. Windows were washed, weeds pulled; pews wiped down; books were neatly arranged in pews; bathrooms cleaned. A crew of about 35 people worked during the 6 hour effort and enjoyed a Mexican themed lunch in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Our church and grounds were transformed into a place we can be proud of. (Pictures on page 12 and 13)

On the horizon are much needed nursery renovations. The room has not been refreshed since it was built 33 years ago and some changes are necessary in order to be in compliance with Safeguarding God’s Children. Camille Horine, who designed the wonderful meeting area in the Christian Education wing, is working on a plan and creating a budget.

The Cultural Events Committee took a spring hiatus, but will revive in the fall with some events you are sure to enjoy. More information follows next month.

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Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burseson
- ★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



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Under the leadership of Beth Lynch, our parish contributed 408 pairs of shoes to Soles for Souls.

Father Bateman led a three part series on Welcoming Visitors and Incorporating Newcomers into the Parish – a timely topic for us during transition. On May 19, he showed a video about St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Wantagh, NY. Ten people volunteered to be part of a group that will meet four times over the summer to take a look at things we are already doing to make new folks feel welcome and to brainstorm simple, low-cost ideas that can be easily implemented. If you are interested in watching some short videos on Episcopal Churches in transition, here is the link: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/transforming-churches-series>. Details about the first meeting can be found on page 9.

Coming up on June 8 is the annual Vestry Retreat. We will be spending the day at Hope Episcopal Church in Manheim. Father David will present a session on being a transitional congregation and Canon Chad Linder will speak about establishing an endowment fund/stewardship. The day will include some team building activities and mixing in a little fun with our serious business. We'll return recharged, just in time for Pentecost services on the 9th.

Also on June 9, Dina Ishler will make a short presentation on The Episcopal Home in Shippensburg. The Diocese has asked each family to prayerfully consider donating to support this worthwhile ministry.

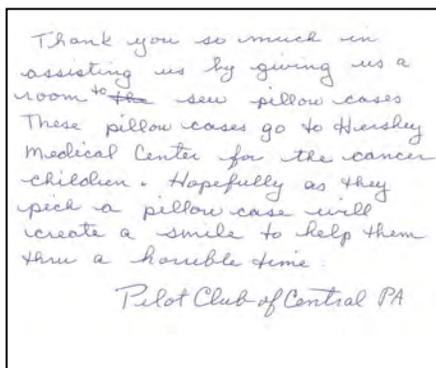
The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge, Dean, Stevenson School for Ministry, will be in our Parish on June 22, 9-11 a.m. to present a Safeguarding God's Children Training. All are welcome. The more trained people we have, the safer our church home! Please contact Michelle if you are interested in attending.

Please keep Father David in your prayers as he continues to recover from surgery. I ask for your prayers also for David and for vestry, especially during the June 8 vestry retreat. With God's help, we will serve this parish well! As always, your thoughts, ideas, concerns, and questions are welcomed.

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An actual care package sent to our students



www.sainteds.org



Pictures by Mary Snyder



Mother's Day Flowers



Liz Yeager at new Dutch door to nursery.



Children present food pantry collection to be blessed.

GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

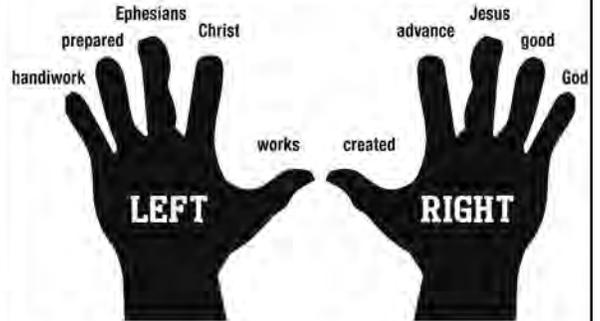
1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!



Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____ in _____
L pinky R thumb
 _____ to do _____
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb
 which _____ in _____
R pinky L ring R pointer
 for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, Ephesians, advance.



Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Answers
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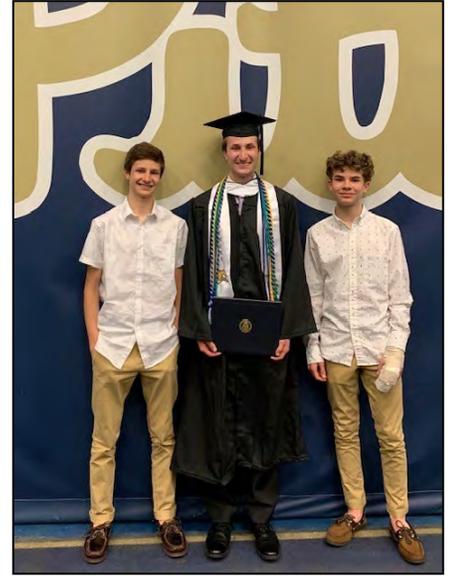
Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

Harrison Kline Commencement

Pictures by Kim Kline



Kim and Harrison



Ethan, Harrison and Joel



Harrison graduated Summa Cum Laude with 2 majors and a minor (bio/classics/o chem). He received cords for honors college, community service, campus ministry, and research. He takes the MCAT in June, will be going on a mission trip to Malaysia, and is doing an internship with campus ministry. He hopes to get a job in a lab for a year before hopefully getting accepted into a med school. He will be staying in the Shadyside area of Pittsburgh at least for the next year.



Picture by Sam Fleming of tree in St. Edward's parking lot.

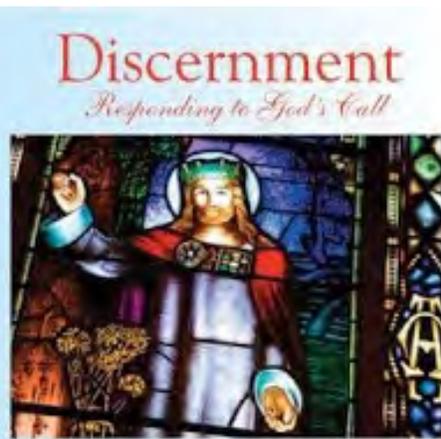


I devoted myself to study and to explore... all that is done under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 1:13



St. Edward's Search Committee Prayer



We have designed the survey. More of you responded than we even imagined! The raw data as well as the summary of the results have been written and circulated – hard copies are available at the church and they can also be accessed from the weekly email. The conversations with parishioners have begun and will go on until we feel we have reached all who want to participate. (We will announce more opportunities after the next ones that are scheduled after the two morning services on June 2.)

This is proving to be a wonderful opportunity to reflect together on who we are, our strengths and challenges, and how we would like to shape our future. Your input continues to be thoughtful, provocative and creative. The process is going to produce a sound description of St. Edward's as it is and as it hopes to be. This will help to attract the priest who can encourage, guide and nourish us as we move into our future. Our Diocesan adviser, Father Morrow, assured us at the outset that the proscribed process does work, and encouraged us to "trust the process." It was good advice that is proving to be our experience !

This continues to be a spiritual process, guided by prayer and the Holy Spirit. We appreciate those who are keeping us in your prayers and feel confident that God Is walking with us as we continue in this effort to call a new priest to lead us, care for us and challenge us to be faithful servants at St. Edward's.

Remember to contact any one of us if you have questions, ideas to share, or concerns.

Matthew Sternberg, Dottie Gschwend, Beth Lynch, Bill Swiernik, Peter Weber, Seth Hake and Susan Landin

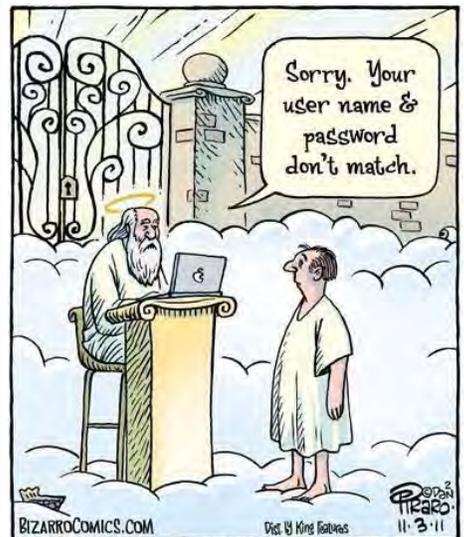
Dear Lord, as humble followers in your Son Jesus Christ's footsteps, with discerning hearts and minds, we have prayed for your enduring wisdom in hearing and reading the words of our fellow parishioners. In keeping with this same power of the Holy Spirit, we ask for your continued direction in seeking our next Rector, one who may not only be an instrument of your Peace in preaching your Gospel, but who may also teach us your holy purpose, lead us and our children closer to you, and guide us along the future paths that you have chosen for us. Amen

"There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel that way yourself."
— Abraham Lincoln



Many thanks to the following parishioners for hosting coffee hour during the month of May:

- Geraldine Cosgrave
- June Klemm
- Janet Rumer
- Tony and Sue Bianco
- Jerry and Julie Hoff
- R.B. Mullineaux
- Carol and Carl Cotnoir
- The Westgate Family
- The Milligan Family



Community Fellowship Dinner

By Meredith Westgate



Mary and David Boyer



Carol Cotnoir and Libby Sternberg



Barbara Schultz and Michelle Bentley

When I was a little girl, I loved a story about Little Brown Bear, who was going to a pot luck supper at his school. His mother baked a lovely chocolate cake for the occasion. When he arrived, he was surprised to discover that every guest had also brought – a chocolate cake!

Thankfully, this is NOT what happened at the May Community Fellowship Dinner. On our serving table in the multi-purpose room was an array of salads, main dishes, breads, fresh fruit, and dessert. We filled our plates with tasty dishes, only one of which we had to prepare ourselves, and enjoyed the company of old friends and new.

Our next pot-luck will be on June 12 at 6 p.m. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Join us! We promise to have you home well before dark.



Mike Freshwater



Amy and Cole Swiernik



Carl Cotnoir, Michelle Bentley and Jane Young

Welcoming Forum

Pictures by Meredith Westgate



Hank Spire discusses his experience with church welcoming.



Richard Irons talks about his experience in church welcoming.

The 3-part Welcoming and Church Growth forum, led by Father David in May was very well attended and well received. His leadership helped us to better understand what a great time a transition year can be to think about and implement some new ways of welcoming visitors and incorporating them into our community

Father David proposed meeting four times informally over the summer between services 9:20-10 a.m. The first meeting will be on Sunday, June 16th. David will be on hand to help and support the group. David charged the group with four tasks:.

1). Watch the video series on the Episcopal Church website about transforming churches.

Here is the link

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/transforming-churches-series>

2) Pretend to be visitors or newcomers and take a look at first impressions of our grounds, the nursery, signage, welcoming, invitations to coffee hour, friendliness, etc.

3) Think about what we are doing already to welcome and incorporate newcomers into our church family

4) Brainstorm some easy-to-implement, low-cost ideas that we could begin to put in place over the summer. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact David, Meredith Westgate, or Mike Patrone, who heads up the welcoming committee. We can ALL be welcomers and participate in church growth for St. Edward's and we encourage you to watch the video series - they are fantastic.--



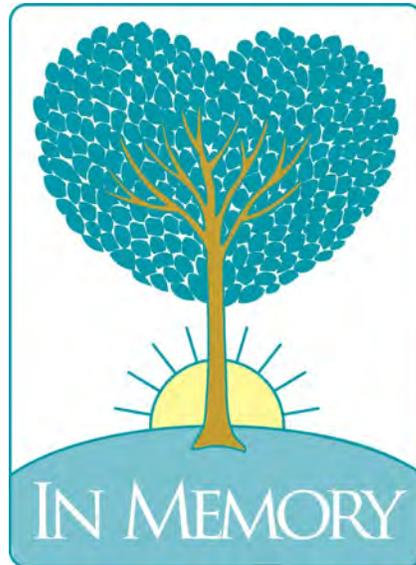
Julie Hoff, vestry member, Matthew Sternberg, Search Committee member, and Father David.



Sarah Parker, Mike Patrone, and Peggy Hanzelman listen to Father David's experience in welcoming.

Welcoming
Forum

In Loving Memory



It is with deep sadness that we report that Harvey Mumma has died. A memorial service for this long-time parishioner was held at St. Edward's Friday, May 24th. The picture on the right is from a 2016 church picnic. Harvey is on the right. Other pictures are from the Lancaster News Paper and from pictures available at the funeral.



Hempfield Food Pantry Renewing Vows



Requested items:

- Spaghetti noodles
- Canned: Spinach, Beets
- Canned: Peaches, Pears, Applesauce
- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Regular Oatmeal
- Boxed Pasta



phen's Cathedral!

This service is designed for couples married 25 years and more. The liturgy will include the renewal of vows, Holy Communion, and a presentation of commemorative certificates for all couples. A reception with cake and punch

Are you celebrating more than 25 years with your spouse?

Come to the Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration at St Ste-

will follow. Bishop Scanlan will preside and will bless the couples at this joy filled service. We would also like to recognize same sex couples who have been together for 25 years or more and who are now married.

Free parking is available in the little garage behind the cathedral on River Street. There will be an attendant to admit you. Street parking is also free on Sundays in Harrisburg.

The street address of St Stephen's Cathedral is 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg.

Please call the cathedral office so we know you are coming: 717-236-4059.

Or you can e-mail: churchadmin@ststep.org

You are very welcome to bring friends and family members!

St. Edward's supports the Episcopal Home

By Dina Ishler

Located in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, the Episcopal Home is a safe and loving personal care community that cares for approximately 32 elderly residents. It has been a mission of the Diocese of Central

Mary Garden) and spiritually connected. The midweek celebration of Holy Eucharist is held at the Home and residents frequently come over to the church for Sunday services and other events.



The Episcopal Home



Pennsylvania since the 1980s, when diocesan members made the decision that caring for the elderly in rural central Pennsylvania was important. The Home is small, with an excellent staff-to-resident ratio, meticulously run, and enjoys a close relationship with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, with whom it is both physically (by a lovely anteroom with views of the

In central Pennsylvania, many seniors are currently outliving their savings, and nearly 38% of elderly rural Pennsylvanians live below the poverty line. As members of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, we are being asked to join together to support this worthy mission. If every household in our diocese gave just \$25 each year, which provides one day of care for one resident, the Home would be able to meet its annual budget. Information on giving and all other information, including lots of pictures, is available at their excellent website, episcopalhome.com, and we are encouraged to follow them on Facebook as well.

On June 9, the Day of Pentecost, the Gospel writer John reminds us again with the words of Jesus that the one who believes will do the same works as Jesus, and we hear the beloved passage: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." We have been given our model for loving service through Jesus who has shown us that Jesus and the Father are one and now gifts us with the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will remain with us as Teacher and Guide, drawing us eternally into this oneness. On this day, we will be focusing on the Episcopal Home's mission to the elderly community through a brief mention during

announcements, brochures available for you to look at and keep and a short video during coffee hour. It is important to mention that the Episcopal Home, which is run primarily on charitable contributions, is grateful for each and every donation they receive and that donations are accepted at any time during the year; they are also profoundly grateful for our prayers.

Please do not hesitate to ask me any questions you might have. As part of my field placement internship at St. Andrew's, I am looking forward to spending time with the residents in the Home in various ways, and worshipping with them at Sunday Eucharists is such a joy. I thank you for your prayerful consideration of making a donation, remembering that even a small amount makes a profound difference to this loving mission our diocese has pledged to support.

Blessings always,

Dina Carter Ishler

Will you help care?

If every household in our diocese gave \$25 dollars each year to provide one day of care for one resident, we would be able to meet our annual budget. With an excellent staff-to-resident ratio, meticulous management of the Home and the generosity of service projects done by our parishes, our Episcopal Home is a well-run, deserving mission with a small budget. We hope you will continue to support this mission and our residents through your annual donation.

\$25 provides a day of home needs for one resident

\$50 provides a day of home needs for two residents

\$175 subsidizes the care of one resident for a week

EASY WAYS TO GIVE:

- **Online using PayPal or a credit card:**
Visit bit.ly/eh-donation
- **Mail:** Use the enclosed return envelope to send your donation
- **Collection plate:** Place your check with a notation for the Episcopal Home in the collection plate
- **Wish list online:**
Visit bit.ly/eh-how-to-help

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Sweaty Sunday

Pictures by Meredith Westgate



Mary Snyder and Jody Good help with the weeding.



Father David tends to the Memorial Garden



Julie Hoff and Hank Spire help weed the Memorial Garden.



Barb Schultz and Randy Westgate tend to mulching.



Ellen Milligan helped clean our windows.



Our church home is spruced up and ready for services, events, and fellowship. A hearty crew worked diligently inside and out after both services on Sunday, May 5th during our second annual "Sweaty Sunday." With a 90% chance of rain in the weather forecast which was accurate early in the day, we lucked out when the skies cleared after the 10:15 service.



Carl Cotnoir and our "youth crew" made sure the sanctuary sparkled!



Jamie Alton



Rosie Westgate and Mark Jakiel

Sweaty Sunday



Rosie Westgate



Randy Westgate



Herb Johnston



Mike Freshwater



Jody Good



Kevin Milligan



Bill Swiernik and Mike Freshwater



Kiki Davis-Brugmann

The flower beds are weeded and a large pothole is filled. Mulch was spread around trees and in the memorial garden. Branches were trimmed. Inside, windows were washed, furniture wiped down in the multi-purpose room and in the sanctuary and hymn and prayer books were put in order.

A kitchen crew brought out dishes of taco meat; shells; shredded cheese, guacamole, sour cream, and salsa; tortilla chips, Queso; fruit; fresh-squeezed lemonade and other beverages, and a sweet dessert. With a festive buffet and some Salsa Music and the work evolved into a Cinco de Mayo celebration!

Thank to everyone who brought a dish or snack to share and grabbed a broom, cloth, trowel, shovel, wheelbarrow, or clippers and gave a little time to do a bit of spring cleaning. The old adage, "many hands make light work," is true, and when we work together, our community is stronger.



Mark Jakiel

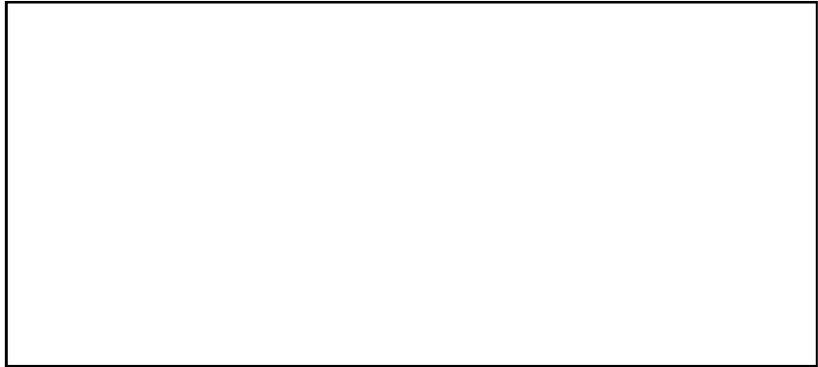
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Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ **Michael Freshwater
(2021)**
- ✦ **Julie Hoff (2022)**
- ✦ **Dina Ishler (2020)**
- ✦ **Mark Jakiel (2021)**
- ✦ **Herb Johnston(2021)**
- ✦ **Susan Landin (2020)
Secretary**
- ✦ **Ellen Milligan (2022)**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020) Sr. 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