

September 2019



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter

Reflection



**The
Rev. David
Bateman**

It's exciting! After some lazy days of summer we are

new New Member Ministry Committee that is going to work on ways we can invite, welcome and incorporate new people into our St. Edward's community.

The Rector's office has been repainted & given a new ceiling, the nursery is being refreshed and renewed, and repairs are being made to our previously

that is the gentler Sunday-by-Sunday pace of our worship. We are still not in a particular "season" yet – that won't happen until December. Until then we continue to explore the Gospel of Luke in a patient way, listening to events and teaching moments that we didn't have time for in our hurry from Advent through Pentecost. Luke contains



gearing up for a busy fall. Choir and Praise Band will be returning along with three services each second Sunday of the month. On September 15th Sunday School returns for children and youth, as does the Adult Forum between services which will address the topic of parish transition. And we have a brand

water-damaged sacristy.

Your Rector has made a full recovery from his recent hospitalization and surgery and he feels 100%.

It's a time of renewed activity and energy, and attendance and participation increase. At least one thing doesn't intensify, though, for a few more months, and

some stories that no other Gospel has, and he particularly highlights Jesus' interactions with people on the margins of society.

We have a lot to look forward to in September and beyond.

David +

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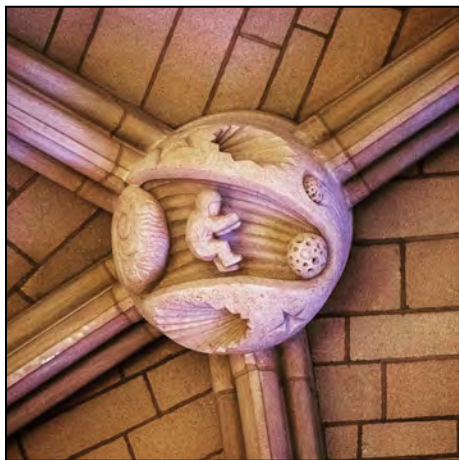
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- • *Worship services and Parish hours are on the back cover of the Scepter*
- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

Moon Landing Commemorated at National Cathedral

On July 20th we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. At the National Cathedral, space imagery: on the ceiling near the Space Window are boss stones with carvings that commemorate the Apollo 11 mission, including this depiction of an astronaut in the void of space. The boss stones in this area are all dedicated to the first moon landing.

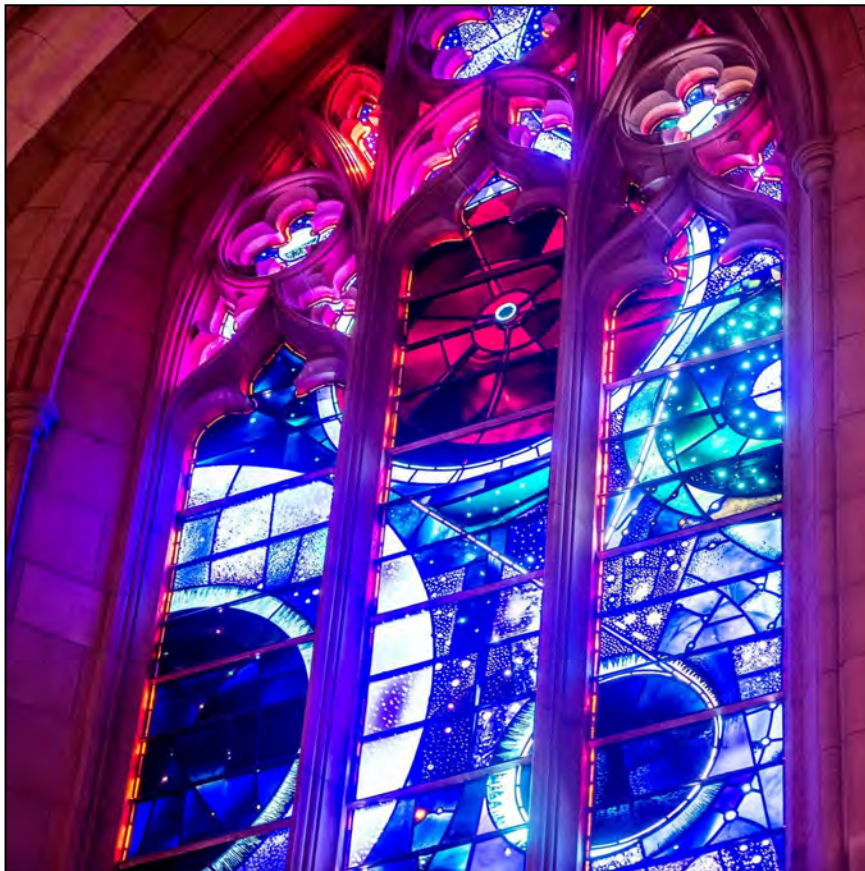


O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the

birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Psalm 8 (NRSV)

The Space Window is one of the Cathedral's most beloved features. The window's design was inspired by NASA photographs from the Apollo 11 mission: the circles represent the earth and moon, with the spacecraft's path between them. But wait...what is that in the middle of the red circle?

The answer (some of you may know): a piece of moon rock! It was among the samples collected during the Apollo 11 mission, and later presented to the Cathedral by crew members Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins—a graduate of St. Albans School on the Cathedral Close. The moon rock ("Piece 230 of Apollo 11 rock no. 10057") is 2 3/8 inches in diameter (about the size of a Kennedy half dollar) and weighs less than an ounce (about the weight of 3 pennies).



Information

Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday:
10AM – 4:30PM

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Scepter

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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



Welcome back! We are off to a busy and exciting fall at St. Edward's with many new opportunities to participate in and enjoy. First things first, though -- a recap of summer happenings

Amongst our vacations to mountain lakes, beaches, cities, and islands, vestry managed to fit in monthly meetings in July and August with near perfect attendance. I am happy to report that Search Committee has completed the final draft of the Parish Profile and OTM (Office of Transitional Ministry Portfolio). Vestry spent 3 ½ hours at our August 27th meeting reviewing and editing the document. This is the last step before the profile is made "public." The Search Committee anticipates our profile will be online for prospective rectors to view by the end of September.

The Welcoming/Membership Committee is off to a great start. Mike Patrone and Mary Snyder will serve as Co-Chairs, thus providing representation from both services. (See p. 4 for more news about Welcoming). Hand-in-hand with the welcoming plan, Michelle has upgraded the our web site to better reflect our community. She has also created a flyer with details about services and cultural events that can be given out to visitors or at local events. While the committee is focusing on ways to bring newcomers through our doors and integrate them into our community, welcoming is a job for all of us. Everyone can take part in helping St. Edward's be the friendliest, warmest church on the planet!

The Welcoming Committee will be doing some outreach on September 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the A. Herr Park Community Festival. We'll have some information available and some activities and prizes for kids. We have requested a spot in or near the "Kid's Zone." Stop by if you're at the fair!

Financially we are operating at an \$18,353 loss YTD as of July.

We have submitted our application in the amount of \$32,000 for a loan/grant from the Diocese to cover mold repairs in the entrance ceiling, water damage in the sacristy, replacement of two water heaters, ceiling repairs and rotting window sills in the rector's office, improving air circula-

tion in the sanctuary (which causes the mold problems), cleaning and polishing floors in the parish hall and Christian Education wing, nursery renovations. The reconstruction was paid in full by insurance, minus the \$1000 deductible plus the cost of the water heater. Renovations in the nursery and sacristy began on August 26 and are expected to be completed by September 13. We await word from the diocese as to whether our loan and grant are approved.

Always on the lookout for money saving options, we have found a lease buy-out for our copier and found a program that offers free color copies, saving us about \$150 a month. We are also working with Richards Energy to secure a new contract for our utilities as our current one ends in December.

We received memorial gifts for Harvey Mumma totaling \$420. Vestry voted to use these funds for event hospitality (refreshments). Recognition will be printed in the event programs. Thomas Ishler's car meet proceeds were \$400. Given options as to what he would like us to do with the funds, Thomas chose to underwrite the October Rizetta Tones concert. It was proposed that gifts from memorial donations or from one-off fundraisers be built into the budget and used for social outreach, building improvements, or other

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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
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Vestry cont'd.

ministries rather than to being absorbed in the operating budget. In this way, the gifts will be used for specific purposes and donors can be recognized.

On July 21, we participated in the LGBTQ Embrace Sunday and placed a welcoming ad in Lancaster Newspapers with other participating churches.

Father David has begun to meet with various ministries to learn more about their work and to offer support. In the past few weeks, he has had conversations with Pastoral Care, Christian Education/ Sunday school teachers, and Social Outreach.

Bill Swiernik has taken charge of working with legal counsel in regard to our land beyond the stream that is being used by the tenant farmer under verbal agreement. We need to protect our title to the property and avoid possible claims of ownership or loss.

Herb Johnston is continuing to meet with parishioners who are experienced fundraisers to brainstorm ideas. Jamie Alton, Hank Spire, and Tim Peters have shared a lot of good ideas. Vestry will be carefully considering what might work in our community, with an aim to ease our financial burden.

Looking ahead, please join us on September 11 for the Community Fellowship Dinner in the Parish Hall at 6:00. Our "regular" calendar year begins with a contemporary service on September 8. September 14 will be the annual parish picnic at Silver Spring Park. The first adult forum series on The Stages of Transition led by Father David at 9:15 will start on September 15, followed by our Sunday School kick-off and commissioning of teachers and students. Next on the agenda is the first "Getting to know you" all-community service on September 29 at 9:15 and forum to follow. The agenda includes a discussion of church finances and an "open mike" Q & A session. First up in October will be the much heralded Trivia Night Fundraiser, dinner and basket/silent auction on Saturday, 5th at 4:30 p.m.

Before closing (and at the risk of forgetting someone), I'd like to acknowledge some parishioners who have been doing good work around the church over the summer: Thanks to Camille Widder Horine for decluttering and redesigning the nursery to be a more safe and modern environment for our youngest; to Mike Freshwater and Randy Westgate for repairing and varnishing rotting window sills throughout the building; to Mike Freshwater

for revamping and installing new shelves in the copy room; to Mike Patrone and Mary Snyder for saying Yes to chairing the Welcoming Committee; to Barb Schultz for providing a two-drain sink in the sacristy; to Beth Lynch and Ellen Milligan and the Social Outreach Committee for collecting backpacks and school supplies for needy kids in Hempfield; to Leslie Arnold for updating protocols for the nursery; and finally, to Libby Sternberg for helping Michelle and me plan Cultural Events until the committee is reorganized.

Always appreciated is Michelle Bentley who keeps this place running like a fine-tuned machine and who has spent endless hours getting estimates and working with contractors; to Mac Miller who does a great job keeping us informed through the Scepter; and to Kevin Milligan and the finance committee for managing our finances. Finally, I'd like to recognize the Search Committee: Matthew Sternberg, Dottie Gschwend, Susan Landin, Bill Swiernik, Peter Weber, Beth Lynch, and Seth Hake for the hours they've spent perfecting the Parish Profile and OTM (Office of Transition Ministry) report.

As you can see there are many hands that help us to thrive as a community and do the good work we do. If you are a Wednesday or Sunday service participant and would like to be more involved, have we got a job for you!

Vestry will hold its second meeting in a week on Tuesday, September 3, so that we can attend to business set aside on August 27, which allowed us to give our full attention to the Parish Profile. If you have a question or concern, please talk to Father David or a vestry member and we will be hot on the trail. If you are reading this after the meeting, we'll address your concern in September. As always, please keep our beloved church community and family, and, especially now, the search process, in your prayers as we seek our new rector.



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Welcoming!!

By Mike Patrone

Over the summer Fr. David and Meredith Westgate led discussions on Welcoming, discussing the how's, why's and where's of Welcoming.

From this a ministry was born called "The New Member Ministry". We are now in the early stages of taking this ministry and making it an integral part of St. Edward's. Myself and Mary Snyder are co-chairs.

We are very excited and hope you will be also. Our church needs to grow and with everyone's help this will happen. You saw that from the survey, this is not a church with a young age group.

Over the next few months we will be meeting and hope many will participate. Already we will be participating in the Amos Herr Festival on September 15th. You will see members at the cultural events St. Edward's has planned thru the end of this year. We are all shepherds and with the help of the Lord, we will bring more of his flock to us.

Our first meeting was September 1st and we hope many of you will have attended. We will keep you updated and you can keep us updated on your thoughts. Our thoughts were to have the meetings between the services where it's easier for you to attend.

Peace +

Mike Patrone

Mary Snyder

Co-chairs



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for October will be:

September 20th.

Send articles and announcements to:
hj_miller@outlook.com



Granddaughter Graduates

By Bev Hess

On May 11 of this year my granddaughter Ashley Oleksa graduated from West Chester University carrying a double major in Elementary and Special Needs education. Even carrying a double work load she accomplished graduating summa cum laude. Ashley is now the 5th teacher in the family. While at West Chester Ashley was recruited to play volleyball for the Rams until a shoulder injury ended her play time in her Junior year. As her grandmother I'm so proud of the woman she has become. Intelligent, athletic and beautiful. She has accepted a teaching position at Manheim Township School district to start her career.



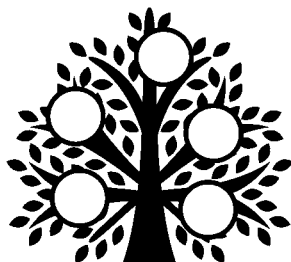
Ashley Oleksa

Food Bank



Fr. Bateman blesses collected food

Kid's Corner



GROWING generations

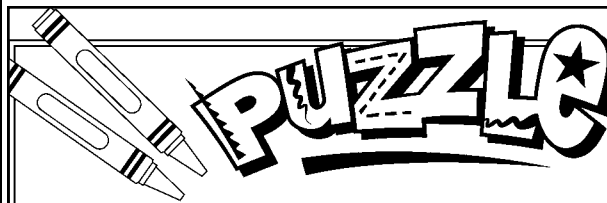
Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

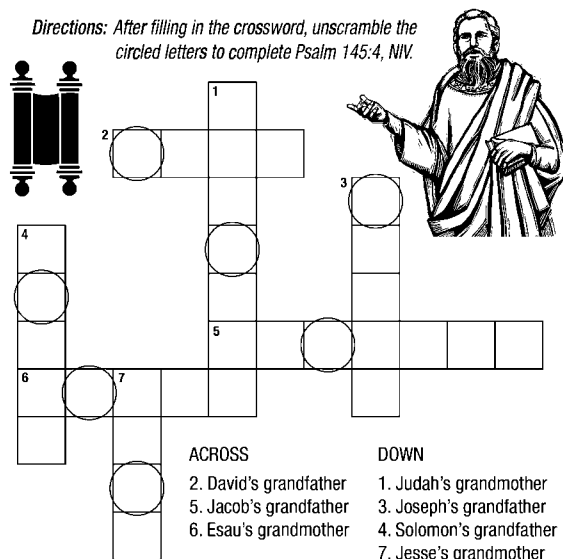
1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



ACROSS

2. David's grandfather
5. Jacob's grandfather
6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

1. Judah's grandmother
3. Joseph's grandfather
4. Solomon's grandfather
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obad, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN 1. Rebekah, Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth, Generation

Back To School



Bible Quiz

What number fits in all the blanks to reveal God's instructions to Joshua about the city of Jericho?

Israelite warriors, led by ___ priests blowing ___ ram's -horn trumpets for ___ days, would march around the city once a day, except for the last day, when they would march around it ___ times; then the walls of Jericho would fall.

- one
- three
- five
- seven



Answers
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Answer: D (See Joshua 6:1-5.)

First Sunday as LEM



Beth Lynch July 28th



Mary Snyder August 25th



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Prayer Vigil

By Barb O'Brien



Rev. Jennifer E. Mattson of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Manheim Township. Joined other clergy in Penn Square on August 8th.

Barbara O'Brien reports "I went down to Lancaster at noon for the gathering. It was interesting but rather poorly attended. There was a litany for those killed in the mass shootings, prayers and music. A ton of clergy. . .almost as many as attendees."

A. Herr Park

September 15th

A. Herr Park Community Festival

St. Edward's will be a participant in the 40th annual Amos Herr Community Festival Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date 9/22)

Produced in cooperation with East Hempfield Township, Landisville Lions Club, and the Amos Herr House Foundation and Historical Society The award-winning community event features the Landisville Lions Club Car Show, Kid Zone, crafts, food, entertainment and Amos Herr Homestead free tours. Another highlight of the day is always the Lancaster Kennel Club's events.

Encourage your friends and family to come and enjoy the day! Admission is free. Parking donations benefit the Landisville Lions Club service projects.

St. Edward's is looking forward to participating for the first time in this community event and we are so pleased to have a combination of New Member Ministry, vestry, and social outreach ministry members coming together to have a wonderful booth representing St. Edward's. Stop by to say hello or volunteer to help! Contact Mike Patrone or the parish office with any questions.



New Surface

From Facebook



St. Edward's is the beneficiary of a newly paved roadway!



It has been awhile since we had our last search-related conversations with various groups of parishioners, but rest assured, the discernment committee has been busy through the summer. We have been distilling all that we have heard, consulting with the Vestry, and completing the information about our parish that is required by the Diocese. Matthew Sternberg, our very able writer-in-chief, has been weaving together all that we have learned and discussed to tell our story in the two required documents – the Parish Profile and the Community Ministry Portfolio. The finished documents need to be approved by our Vestry and by the Diocese. They will then be posted online to attract candidates who would like to be considered as our next rector.

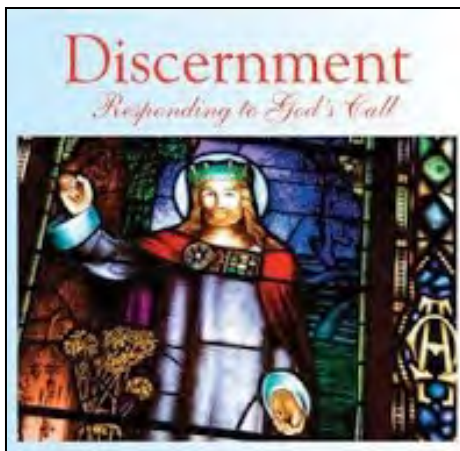
As we noted at the outset, this challenge of discerning our needs and thinking together about our hopes for our future is a spiritual process, to be guided by prayer and the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray with us that we remain faithful, filled with joy and courage as we proceed on this journey together to select a new priest who will care for us and continue to equip us for our various ministries here at St. Edward's.

As always, please feel free to contact any one of us if you have a question, a suggestion or a concern. Matthew Sternberg, Susan Landin, Peter Weber, Bill Swiernik, Beth Lynch, Seth Hake, Dottie Gschwend.

"God is not out there or back there or yet to be, but hidden in the most ordinary things of our ordinary lives."

—Sallie McFague

St. Edward's Search Committee Prayer



By Susan Landin

O God of patient and gentle strength, who knows our needs even before we ask, may your loving presence continue to be with us and guide us as we move forward in our search for the next rector of St. Edward's. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us and become ever more united in your son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Inspire our conversation, deepen our prayer, and make us a community of humility and grace. Raise up for us, we pray, a priest and pastoral leader who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion.

All this we ask through Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



Many thanks to all who so graciously accept the "challenge" to make goodies, make coffee, and host our coffee/ fellowship hours. It is a very important ministry to St. Edward's and is truly a time for getting to know each other in our community of faith. Please remember after the last coffee hour to make sure the coffee maker is unplugged and that all of the items are put away in storage closet, cabinets, etc. We have a group that uses the parish hall/kitchen on Mondays and it is best if we leave it clean of our items from Sunday! Thank you, all!

Larry and Bev Hess
Tony and Sue Bianco
Jerry and Julie Hoff
Richard and Gail Irons
Stephen and Catherine Donohue
Mark and Barb Jakiel
Roger and Ginny Kloepping
Geraldine Cosgrave
Janet Rumer
June Klemm
R.B. Mullineaux
The Milligan Family
The Westgate Family
The Lynch Family
Buddy and Liz Yeager
Mary Snyder
Dottie Gschwend
Bob Young
Carl and Carol Cotnoir

Community Fellowship Dinners

By Meredith Westgate



Dottie Gschwend and Seth Hake enjoy dinner.



Eric and Jackie Sandblade enjoy the fellowship!



Buddy Yeager, Bill Swiernik and Jane Young and Randy Westgate

The July community fellowship picnic was a fun and festive fried chicken, wraps, potato salad, watermelon, brownie bites, and iced tea kind of meal!

In August David opened the evening with a prayer and we had about 30 in attendance. It was, as usual, a lovely evening of good food and fellowship.

The meal is as much about fellowship as it is the food. So if you don't cook or you don't eat much, don't worry about the food. There will be plenty, Come and enjoy the fellowship.



There is always lots of food, from favorite carry out places and home-made.



And lots of food left over when everyone is finished.

Community Fellowship Dinners



The food is always plentiful and fantastic!



Beth and Jerry Hake



Julie and Jerry Hoff

Lemonade Sundays

Pictures by Meredith Westgate



Save the Dates!

By Michelle Bentley

There are many exciting things happening at St. Edward's starting in July through the end of the year. Father David and the vestry are excited to announce a full calendar of events, forums, and community fellowship meant to enrich, enliven and bring together our parish community and (hopefully) have each of us extend invitations to those who we know in our surrounding community to join us for worship and fellowship. We hope you will post this in your home. You can also check on the events through our web site and through Facebook for additions of outside speakers and new events.

SEPTEMBER

09/11: Community Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 PM

09/14: Parish Picnic at Silver Spring Park (off of Marietta Avenue just past Silver Spring)

09/15: Christian Formation classes begin

09/15 & 09/22: Adult Forum series led by Father David: *The Stages of Transition* at 9:15 AM

09/15 – 09/29: Basket Auction begins and Trivia Night Fundraising Event Tickets go on sale in narthex

09/29: Combined Service Sunday at 9:15 AM with vestry *"Getting to Know You"* event following in PH

OCTOBER

10/05: Trivia Night Fundraising Event, Dinner and Basket/Silent Auction drawings at 4:30 PM

10/06: Adult Forum led by Father David: *Transition: What Happens to Parish Leadership* at 9:15 AM

10/09: Community Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 PM

10/20: Cultural Event Series: The Rizetta Tones at 3:00 PM – Celtic Music

10/20: Special Forum – Outside Speaker

SAVE THE DATES!

TBD at 9:15 AM

10/27: Sweaty Sunday – prepare our parish for fall/winter – Tentative Date – Stay tuned for details

10/27 & 11/03: Adult Forum led by Father David: *What Every Episcopalian Should Know* at 9:15 AM

NOVEMBER

11/10: Cultural Event Series: Wonderful music performed by Amy Yovanovich and Donna Burkholder Recital at 3:00 PM

11/13: Community Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 PM

11/17: Special Forum – Outside Speaker TBD at 9:15 AM

11/24: Advent Wreath making and Devotional between the services and can continue after 10:15 service.

DECEMBER

12/01: *Prayer Book Meditations for Advent* Forum led by Father David at 9:15 AM

12/01: Cultural Event Series: The Lancaster Chamber Singers present an Evensong with The Reverend David Bateman as Cantor and Officiant at 4:00 PM

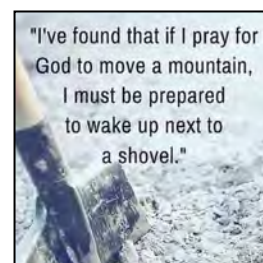
12/07: St. Edward's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale and *(NEW)* Crafts – 8:00 AM

12/11: Community Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 PM

12/15: Special Forum – Outside Speaker TBD at 9:15 AM

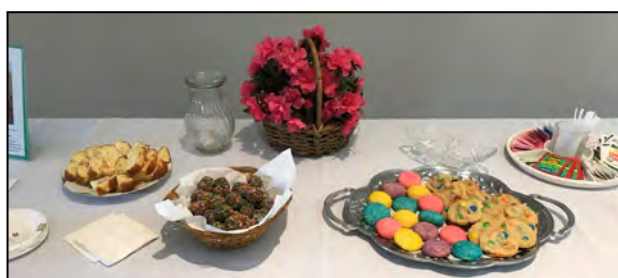
12/15: Lancaster Chamber Singers concert at St. Edward's - A wonderful holiday musical event (not a part of our Cultural Event Series with separate ticket sales on their website & at the door) at 3:00 PM.

12/29: Combined Service Sunday at 9:15 AM with vestry *"Getting to Know You"* event following in PH



Embrace Open House at St. Edward's – July 21st

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Pictures of preparations made as St. Edward's joined a group of Lancaster churches who designated a Sunday to welcoming all who wished to join our worship services.

What Has Social Outreach Been Up to lately!

By Beth Lynch

The Social Outreach Ministry participates in a variety of programs to assist people who are experiencing difficulties related to low income. During the 2018 year, St. Edward's members donated a total of 1,629 pounds of food to the Hempfield Food Pantry, which serves over 400 families in our community each year. In addition, our members recently donated a total of 408 pairs of shoes to the "Soles 4 Souls" program. This program distributes new and used shoes to people in need around the world. The shoes help in ways such as preventing diseases, allowing children to go to school, and providing opportunities for people to learn the job skill of repairing shoes. With the guidance of Leslie Arnold our church participates in Jesse Tree. In this program we purchase, wrap and donate Christmas gifts for 80 children affiliated with COBYs Family Services of Lancaster. In the Spring of 2019, our parishioners joined with other congregations in the Lancaster area to volunteer with the Feed My Starving Children program. During a two-hour session, participants put together packets that included rice, soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins that were then sent to countries in need. St. Edward's organizes an annual drive to collect backpacks and school supplies that will be donated to the Hempfield Food Pantry at the beginning of each school year. We touch over 75 families in the Hempfield School District each year.

Without the wide age range of St. Edward's members and friends participating in these programs described above we would not have the impact we do in our community. Please give yourself a pat on the back if you have helped in any of the programs. You are welcome to join us in volunteering with or donating to any of these programs. The current Social Outreach Ministry members are: Beth and Bruce Lynch, Ellen and Kevin Milligan, Dina and Patrick Ishler, Peg Reilly and Leslie Arnold.



Items collected:

#2 pencils	24 packs
Mechanical pencils	4 packs
pencil sharpener	1
Elmer's Glue Sticks	86
Crayola Crayons	59 boxes
-24 pack	
Large Block Erasers	23
Cap erasers	25
Dry Erase Markers	12 packs
Plastic Pencil Box	16
Highlighters	18 packs
Post-it Notes (3x3)	37 packs
Colored Pencils	32 packs
Pens	18 packs
Fine-tip Sharpies	9 packs
Hand Sanitizer	17 bottles
3 Ring Binders	23
Dividers	20
3x5 Index Cards	15 packs
Ear Buds/Headphones	10
Rulers	18
3 Hole Paper Punch	
Notebooks	19
composition books	10
lined filler paper	9 packs
Magic markers	4 packs
Backpacks (for all ages)	26 or 28



Items requested for August/September are:

Canned peas,
Canned corn,
Canned spinach,
Canned green beans,
Canned tomatoes,
Cereal,
Crunchy peanut butter,
Cream of chicken soup,
Cream of celery soup,
Chicken broth,
Beef broth,
Boxed rotini, rigatoni, ziti

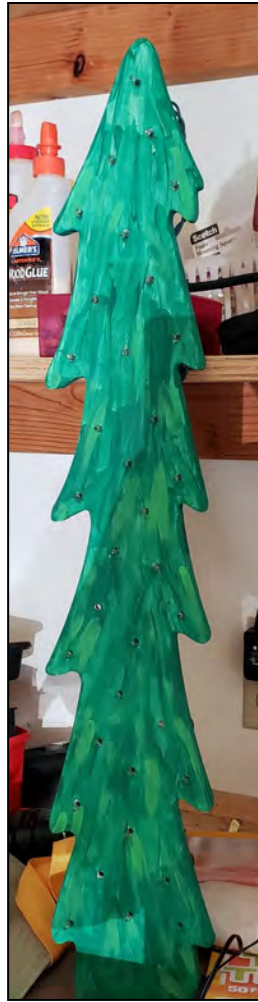


Lots of fun shopping for the remaining school supplies, thanks to the generosity of St. Edward's parishioners.



Hearts and Hands

By Donna Holwager



Here are a few pictures to whet your appetite, either for Christmas shopping at our bake sale, or to encourage you to think about joining us and create a little something to add!

Elves to date: Carol and Carl Cotnoir, Beth Lynch and Donna Holwager.



UTO 2019 Challenge

By Ellen Milligan

We have received word that the diocese is challenging all Central Pennsylvania parishes to beat last year's contributions to United Thanks Offering (UTO). At this year's Diocesan Convention in October, the contributions in response to the challenge will be announced. Saint Edward's contributed over \$500.00 from the spring UTO ingathering. That is a lot of change! Our second and last UTO ingathering for 2019 will be held on **Sunday, September 29th** at the combined service. ***Note: This is a change from the date in the print version of the Scepter.** All UTO funds collected go directly to fund grants for new ministries. None of the UTO money goes to pay administrative costs, so that 100% goes to fund good works.

If you need help remembering the little blue box, here are some ideas:

✦ Keep the box in your car. If you go

through a drive through, put your change in the blue box.

- ✦ Clean up the house. In my house, any change that I find lying on a counter-top, on the floor or in the washing machine gets put in a blue box.
- ✦ Put the box in your laundry room or closet. At the end of the day, empty any change from your pockets into the blue box.
- ✦ Break a bad habit. Anytime someone catches you at it pay 25 cents into the blue box.
- ✦ Clean out your purse. Dig out the coins that have fallen to the bottom of your purse and your purse will feel lighter. Your back will thank you.
- ✦ Count your blessings. Place the box on the kitchen table. Have each person at it say something that s/he is thankful for and place a coin in the box.

UTO is a wonderful way to show thanks for the small blessings we enjoy. Let's show the Diocese how generous Saint Edward's is and blow the other parishes out of the water. Metaphorically speaking, of course. Go, St. Edward's!



 **United Thank Offering**



Join us on Saturday, September 14th
for the Annual

St. Edward's Parish Picnic

Silver Spring Park
3800 Ironville Pike | Columbia, PA 17512
(Just past Silver Spring On Marietta Ave.)

Picnic fun starts at 11 AM
with lunch starting at Noon
Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, drinks and
condiments provided.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert
to share, place setting and games.

Rain or shine!

Save
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St. Edward's Basket Auction

Tickets Go On Sale Sunday,
September 15th - Saturday, October 5th
6 tickets/\$5 or \$1/ticket for Baskets
3 Special Silent Auction Items Up for Bidding

Harvey Mumma Gift Piano Recital



Harvey Mumma

St. Edward's has received a very generous gift from the estate of Harvey Mumma in the amount of \$215,400. We have many renovation pressing needs at this time: building renovations, new priest and transition expenses, and we are operating at a deficit. Vestry is prayerfully considering how to allocate these funds and will let you know our decision. This gift will surely improve our long-term financial stability, but we still depend on you, the parishioners, to cover our day-to-day operating expenses which are running at a deficit. We all need to continue to be faithful stewards.

grand
parents day

**September 8,
2019**

"The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grand-parent."

by Libby Sternberg

A wonderful midsummer evening at St. Edward's on August 2 with the incredible talent of virtuoso pianist Xinyue Zhang! What a performance and we are so grateful to "Sissi" and to Xun Pan for, once again, making the St. Edward's Cultural Event Series an evening to remember. We had over 60 people attend the concert and reception. Check our calendar at <https://sainteds.org> for our next event in October!

At the concert, Zhang played Bach's Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Minor, Chopin's Etude Op. 1, No. 1 in C Major, Beethoven's Sonata No. 7 in D Major, Chopin's Ballade No. 1, and works by Brahms and Rachmaninoff.





ST. EDWARD'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday, October 5, 2019 4:15 PM - 7:00 PM

Professional Trivia Event - Guaranteed Fun for All!

General Trivia Knowledge

Get together your team of 6

You do not need to play to attend! All are welcome!

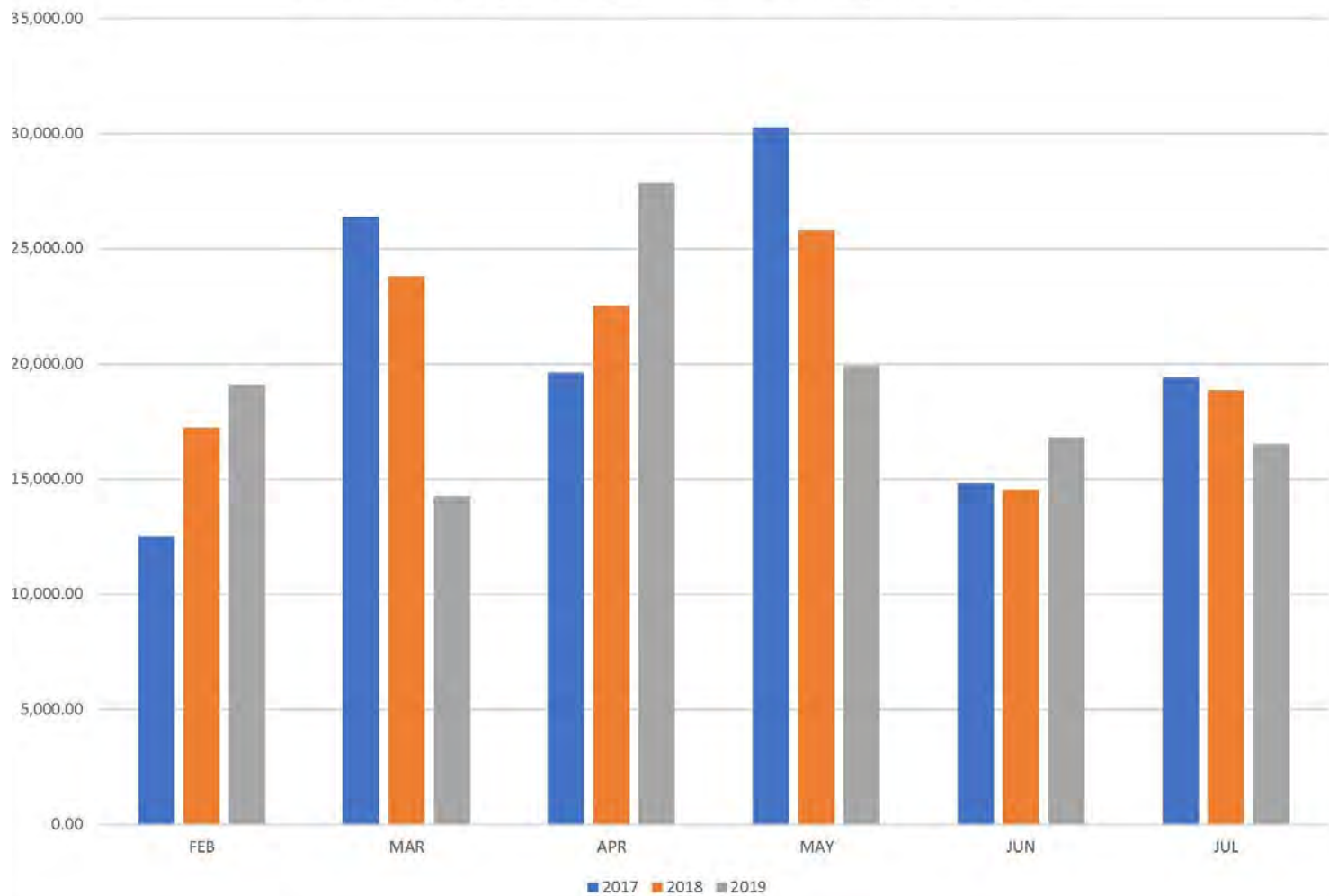
DINNER | PRIZES | DRAWINGS FOR AUCTION ITEMS

TICKETS: \$12/PERSON | Kids are free!

Tickets go on sale Sunday, September 15th

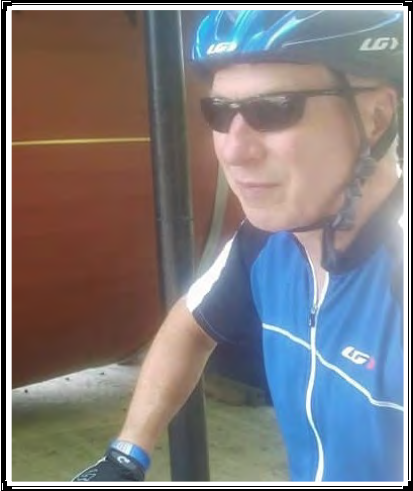
Bring your friends & family!

St. Edward's Operating Income: Monthly Comparison

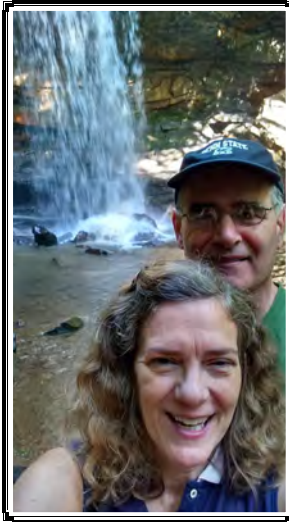


How We Spent out Summer

Pictures from Facebook



We biked,...



And hiked.....



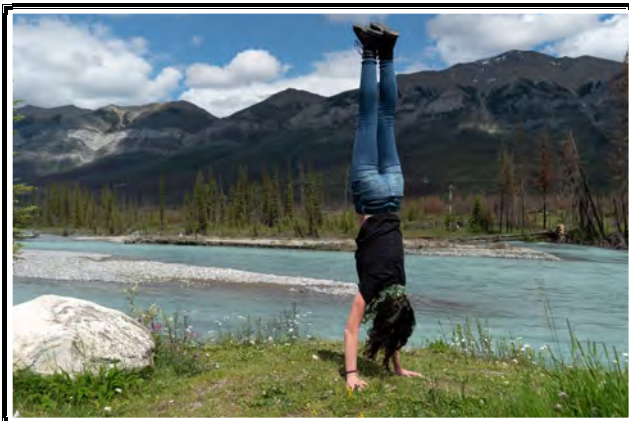
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We. relaxed.



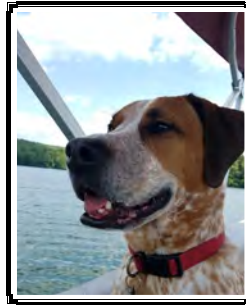
We visited colleges.



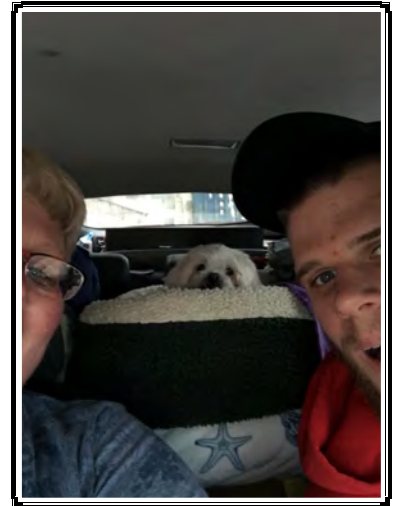
We went far afield.....



How We Spent out Summer



And our pets came along.



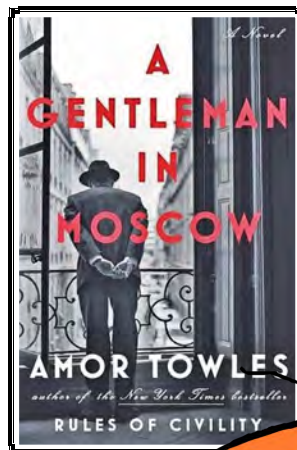
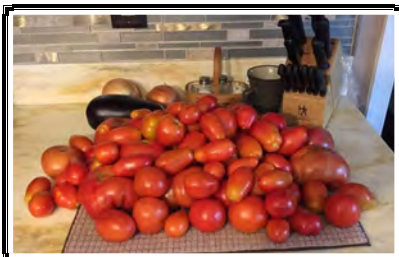
And we traveled to places closer to home.



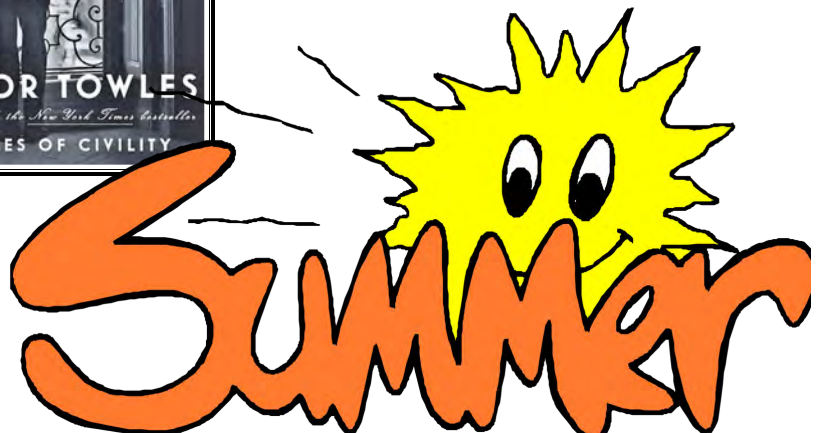
We welcomed new family members and enjoyed family get togethers.



We gardened and harvested



And caught up on our reading.



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**Michelle Bentley, Parish
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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)**
- ✦ **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
