

November 2019



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter

Reflection



**The Rev.
David
Bateman**

Last weekend your parish representatives — Ted Cardwell, Dina Ishler, Susan Landin and Amy Swiernik — and I attended the annual convention of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania. This year it was held in Harrisburg, though it rotates around the diocese. (You may remember that a few years ago it was in Lancaster and the worship was held here at St. Edward's.)

This year was a bit different and may be remembered as the most important convention in the diocese in quite a long while. What made it different was the introduction and rollout of something that Bishop Audrey has been gradually been imagining, praying about and planning for the four years since she first arrived in Central PA.

Its name is "Shaped By Faith" and it is a program designed to provide our

diocese with the assistance and talent to make new decisions about how to carry out local ministry in each corner of the diocese in a time of shrinking resources of money and people. It is outward-looking, encouraging us to think about how we are called to serve the communities closest to us. Shaped By Faith has no



specific predetermined outcomes; individual congregations and parishioners will decide how best to use local and regional resources to do the ministry of God's work in each place where we are. But it gives congregations new tools: free learning opportunities at the Bishop Stevenson School, a trained panel of consultant guides, and a guided decision-making process.

A number of congregations in the northern part of our diocese, some of whom are already particu-

larly hard hit by loss of members and resources, have already signed on to be among the first groups to try the Shaped By Faith process. Detailed planning will take place over the next two years or so, followed by implementation after that.

We'll be hearing more about Shaped By Faith in the months ahead. For now at St. Edward's, we are mostly just in a listening and learning mode since the period we are now in — the latter half of a transition — is not the right time to implement a new program.

But as we hear more about what Shaped By Faith offers, the people of St. Edward's can begin to start wondering what the combination of a new permanent rector and new diocesan resources could possibly mean for our future.

David +

For more information:

<https://diocesecpa.org/shapedbyfaith/>

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

Miriam Coyne

Picture by Irene Achey



This nice lady is Miriam Coyne. She will be 90 on Dec 4th.

She lives at the Masonic Homes and she enjoys communion being brought to her by our lay ministers.

If you would like to send her a birthday card to help her celebrate her 90th birthday on Dec. 4th, her address is:

Miriam Coyne

2313 James Buchanan Drive

Elizabethtown, PA 17022



Choir News



We extend a warm St. Edward's welcome to our newest choir member, Sarah Parker, and are thrilled to have Ray Trythall return to choir. More beautiful music on Sunday's! Join us for worship! 10:15 AM Rite II our choir sings. If you are interested in joining the St. Edward's Choir, please contact our choir director, Patrick Ishler, or the parish office.



www.sainteds.org

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) the thermostat is reset and the doors are locked.

By Meredith Aul Westgate
Senior Warden



Good news! The parish profile has been completed. Vestry has approved a compensation package for the new rector. The parish profile is posted on the St. Edward's web site. We expect to receive applications in the next three to six weeks, after which the interview process will begin.

I am delighted to report the Julie Hoff will serve as Junior Warden, replacing Susan Landin who resigned in August. Ginny Kloepping will take Susan's spot on vestry. Both positions will continue until the election at annual meeting. Also, I'm happy to report that Dick and Gail Irons, together with Steve and Catherine Donohue, and Jamie Alton will head up this year's Stewardship campaign.

On the financial front, we are \$12,000 over budget, YTD. While this is not, of course, where we would like to be, it is under the

projected \$18,000 YTD, which is good news indeed. December tends to be a "good" month financially, so we remain hopeful that our year end deficit will be considerably less than anticipated. Another financial plus is the receipt of the Diocesan loan and grant this month. Cost of the renovated nursery, which looks fabulous and inviting, was covered by the grant. The decals are on the walls now. Do stop in and take a look and be sure to thank Camille Horine for her vision, design work and labor of love and also helps Michelle Bentley and Bev Hess; and Mike Freshwater, Mark Jakiel, and Ellen Milligan who painted and replaced the toy shelves and other accessories

Funds from the loan are being used to pay for other necessary renovations. Progress in building repairs and improvements are largely visible, to pay for other necessary renovations.

Building repairs and renovations seem to take two steps forward and one step back. The new tile floor in the Sacristy had several large "bubbles," and was replaced at no charge by the contractor. The water heater replacement was under budget. Vestry approved moving forward with repair of the rotted window sill in the sacristy. Next up is repair of the rotting window sill and wall in the rector's office and the mold in the narthex ceiling. A routine "check-up" of our HVAC system in the parish hall, revealed a broken coil in the A/

C system which will cost an estimated \$3200 to repair. As this does not affect the heat, vestry voted to postpone repair until next spring. The door from the Parish Hall to the front walkway is rusting. Michelle is getting estimates for repair or replacement.

If you haven't logged onto the St. Ed's website, do check out its new look. With some input from Search Committee (and before), Michelle has worked very hard to update information, add pictures, and flesh out details about our ministries and events. She also added a youth page which lists local and Diocesan activities. Thanks to her efforts, the site is also easier to navigate.

Bill Swiernik is in ongoing negotiation with the gentleman that farms our property north of the creek to establish a formal agreement. At the farmer's request, vestry agreed to cover half the cost of the \$1400 in legal fees.

Bev Hess attended the October vestry meeting to present a plan for a stone monument to display plaques bearing names of persons whose ashes are interred in the memorial garden. Since the Memorial Garden committee has enough money to erect the monument, at an estimated cost of \$4600, vestry voted to allow the committee to proceed with plans. Vestry and the

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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

- ★Andy Lopez
- ★Richard Mutari
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennes
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Vestry Letter cont'd

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committee will work together to determine the location of the monument.

Our first combined service and forum was, for the most part, well received. While we received a few complaints, most who commented appreciated the opportunity to meet with people from “the other” service and also to learn about the search process and building renovations. The annual fundraising dinner, trivia night, and basket auction was a great success thanks to the hard work of Michelle Bentley and Bev Hess with the help of their set-up crew. The auction netted \$2800 for the church.

On October 20, Doug Cwienk presented eye-opening and informative adult forum on Opioids. That afternoon, The Rizetta's Tones put on a wonderful performance with song accompanied by a variety of instruments.

Their repertoire included tunes from Ireland, Scotland, the U.S. and many other countries which they performed for an enthusiastic, full house. By the time you read this, our Fall Sweaty Sunday will have, I trust, cleared our grounds of leaves and weeds and polished and dusted rooms in the church to perfection! Thanks to you if you were among those able to lend a hand and join us for pizza and fellowship.

Coming up are lots of activities described elsewhere in the Scepter. November 10 brings a much anticipated afternoon performance by Mezzo-soprano Amy Yovanovich accompanied by Donna Burkholder on organ. The Community Fellowship Dinner takes place on November 13 at 6:00 – y'all are encouraged to come! Bring a store bought or homemade item to share and enjoy a relaxing meal you didn't have to cook while conversing with old and new friends.

On November 17th David Manuel will present “The Navajo Code Talkers of WWII” during the adult forum at 9:10. November 24th is Advent Wreath Making Sunday between services with a special performance by a trio from the Lancaster Recorder Group. Make a wreath for yourself and one to be delivered to a shut-in. Also heralding the Advent season will be an Evensong with the Lancaster Chamber Singers and The Reverend David Bateman, Cantor and Officiant. I hope you will make time to partake of and support these events planned especially for you. Be the St. Edward's community!

Vestry next meets on November 14 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Father David or anyone on vestry if you have a concern or agenda item. Vestry is ever grateful for your prayers as we do our best to make decisions in the best interest of our church and community. Please continue to pray for Search Committee, especially now as they work to discern who is called to be our new rector.



Care Packages



We would like to send college care packages to our St. Edward's college students. If you have a student who would like a package or has changed addresses in the last year, please contact Bev Hess with the mailing information. Also, this is an outreach ministry to keep our youth connected to St. Edward's and is funded by the generous donations of parishioners. If you would like to give to this worthy ministry, please put your donation in the offering plate marked “college care packages”. We send packages in the fall and spring and our costs are roughly \$150 for each package group-ing. Thank you!

Welcoming!!

By Mary Snyder

Co-chair



We had our meeting on Oct. 6 at 9:15 in between the services. We would like to invite any parishioner to join us in our welcoming of visitors and members. We will be having our meetings on the second Sunday of the month at 9am. This will avoid conflict with the Adult Forum. Anyone who attends the Contemporary service please feel free to address any issues or comments with Mike Patrone or Mary Snyder.

We are making a few changes to help make our “home” more welcoming and friendly to family and friends and guests. Some of the changes will be more noticeable than others. One change will be having an usher at the door in the parish hall greeting people as they come in, and one usher at the sanctuary like normal. Buddy Yeager has contacted the ushers via email to inform them of this change.

Also we will be opening the front red doors, weather permitting. This makes the church look more open and inviting to come in.

One thing that does not require any change is our friendly welcoming of each other, and our concern for each other.

Just a friendly reminder to please wear your name tag.

We are exploring the idea of ordering polo shirts with the St Edward logo. The cost would depend on how many shirts we would order. This could be another way to get our name out to the community. If you are interested please see Mary Snyder. Again this is just in the exploration stage, just something to think about.

Our next meeting will be Sunday November 10 at 9am. All are welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

From Facebook



Peg Reiley and daughter Rachel.



Marielle and Eliza Donohue



Dina and Patrick Ishler with daughter Faith.



GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for
Orange: a gift you've received
Yellow: something you've recently learned
Green: something in nature
Blue: a special memory
Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

PUZZLE

A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.

Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3	Hannah
"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47	David
"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2	Mary
"My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1	Paul
"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30	Moses

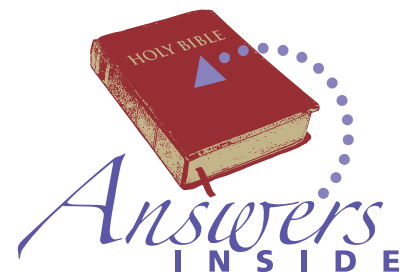
Answers: Philippians 1:3; Paul; Luke 1:46-47; Mary; Exodus 15:2; Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1; Hannah; Psalm 69:30; David



Bible Quiz

Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly:
 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)

We Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As constituent members of the Anglican Communion in the United States, we are descendants of and partners with the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church, and are part of the third largest group of Christians in the world.

We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection saved the world.

We have a legacy of inclusion, aspiring to tell and exemplify God's love for every human being; women and men serve as bishops, priests, and deacons in our church. Laypeople and clergy cooperate as leaders at all levels of our church. Leadership is a gift from God, and can be expressed by all people in our church, regardless of sexual identity or orientation.

We believe that God loves you – no exceptions.

Love your Neighbor

who doesn't

look like you,

think like you,

love like you,

speak like you,

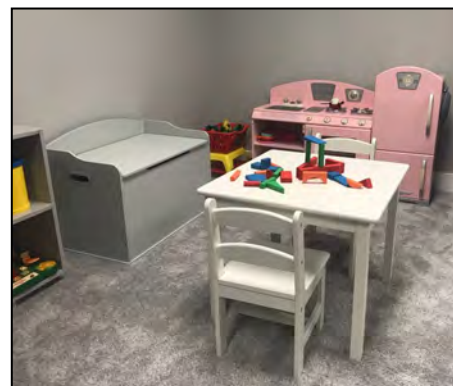
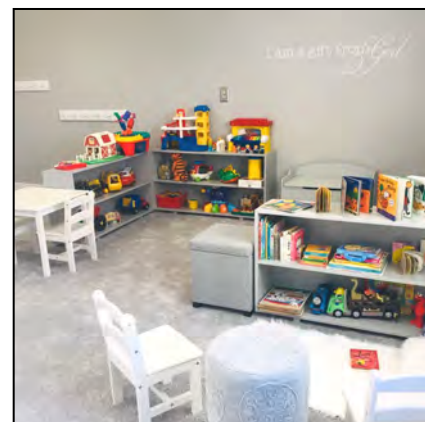
pray like you,

vote like you.

Love your Neighbor.

No Exceptions.

**The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH in
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA**



The nursery renovation is almost complete. We are so very grateful to the work of the vestry and volunteers who so carefully worked with the diocese to apply for and receive a grant in order for us to remodel this very important space so that we can offer today's families with young children a nursery that is modern, calm, safe, playful, and meets their needs for children ages infant to 4 years old. After almost 30 years, it was certainly time to bring a fresh look! Thank you to Camille Horine and Bev Hess for helping with all the details like putting the furniture together and installing the wall art. And many thanks to Mark Jakiel, Ellen Milligan, and Mike Freshwater for helping with installing and painting the fixtures. Most importantly, thank you to Liz Yeager and our volunteer nursery assistants for creating a welcoming environment for our young families who worship with us. From what we have heard so far on Facebook and in person, people love the new look and we offer them our new nursery with pride!



"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put all together that overwhelm the world."

—Bishop Desmond



By Dottie Gschwend

We can now, with confidence, report that our Profile and Portfolio documents have been posted by Canon Dan Morrow on the Episcopal website to announce our search for a new priest. It is expected the post will be up for three to six weeks and all applications will go directly to Father Morrow at the Diocese for a first review for any red-flag issues. He will then forward applications to our committee to review.

Our work now is to develop the process by which we will review any applications and to develop questions that will help us to assess who might be the best fit for St. Edward's into the future. Our criteria as reflected in our documents that attract candidates are the direct result of the surveys that you completed and the conversations that we had with you during this past year. Those documents are now posted on our website if you are interested in seeing the finished product.

The process seems to be working just as predicted. We are confident as we move into this new phase of considering prospective candidates and discerning who will be our next priest. We will continue to keep you posted on what's happening and we continue to welcome your prayers and your expressions of support. As always, feel free to contact any one of us to share your thoughts, concerns, questions or suggestions: Matthew Sternberg, Seth Hake, Bill Swiernik, Beth Lynch, Peter Weber, Susan Landin, Dottie Gschwend.



St. Edward's Search Committee Prayer

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St Edward's, as You have done so magnificently in the past, during our last search.

Enfold us in Your love as we move along Your guiding pathway.

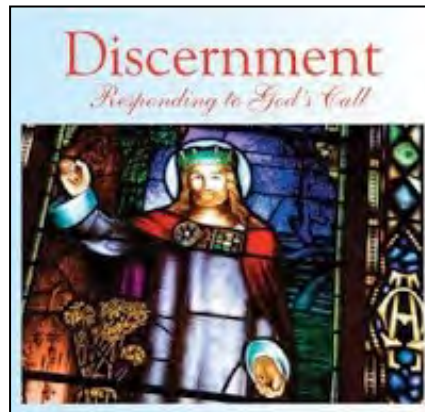
The truth and inspiration of the Holy Spirit sustain our hearts and minds in our search.

The hands of Jesus Christ hold ours as we sojourn towards welcoming our new rector.

Nourish those who are moved to contact us, with faithful and discerning hearts.

We pray that our eventual call will fulfill God's plan for our shared life at St Edward's.

Amen.



--Coffee Hour: Thank you to the following parishioners for their ministry in continuing to make the St. Edward's coffee hours a time to share conversation and fellowship within our St. Edward's parish community. Especially in this time of transition, they have been wonderful opportunities for people to get together and talk about the exciting news happening this year as we look forward to our future. After you mingle a bit, perhaps join the group participating in Adult Forum. Father David has put together a very interesting schedule of topics and we have outside speakers as well. A great opportunity for all.

For the month of October our hosts were:

Jerry and Julie Hoff

Gloria Kacinko

Larry and Bev Hess

Stephen and Catherine Donohue

The McLaughlin family

Carl and Carol Cotnoir

The Newsome family

The Milligan family



Krist Kindling

By Meredith Westgate



Krist Kindling

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

What is Krist Kindle? It's a fun activity where one family gives another family a gift anonymously during each of the three weeks prior to Christmas. The family you give gifts to is not the same family that brings gifts to you. No need to have kids to participate. It's for the young and the young at heart!

How it works: You deliver your gift sur-



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



cookies; a basket or jar filled with chocolate kisses; a Christmas book, decoration, or ornament...

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

Please complete the form below (or one in the church bulletin) and place it in the dec-

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

The weeks are: **December 1-7, December 8-14, and December 15-21. Delivery can be any evening during each week.**

Gifts should not be expensive or burdensome. Some gift ideas are: homemade



Name _____	
Address _____	Phone _____
Email address _____	
Names and ages of children _____	
If you are a new participating family or if you've moved, Please include directions to your home - especially how to identify your home once Krist Kindle has arrived on your street.	

From the Praise Band...

By Randy Westgate

The choir and praise band collaborated on an anthem at our first ever joint service on September 29th, and many in the congregation as well as our singers were quite impressed with the selection, "Is He Worthy?" This song by singer/songwriter Andrew Peterson has become very popular in the short time since its initial release about a year ago and is being sung in churches of many denominations around the world.



The lyrics of the verses are sung in a question-and-answer pattern, with a series of questions sung by a soloist answered in the affirmative by the congregation, or by the choir as a whole as we did with our arrangement.

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

The refrain is based on text from Revelation 5 when the apostle John is taken up into heaven and is weeping that no one there can break the seal and open the scroll of life which reveals God's plans for the world, and for all of us. Jesus, the Lion and the Lamb, arrives and is the one who is worthy to do so, and then summons those "from every people and tribe, every nation and tongue," to become a priesthood to reign with Him in God's kingdom.

Andrew Peterson, the writer of the song, grew up in the south worshipping in his dad's nondenominational evangelical church, and then as an adult he switched to the Presbyterian church, where he felt like the rhythm of the services introduced him to a liturgy of sort. He and his family then became regulars at an Anglican church, initially because he needed a church where communion was celebrated every week rather than once a month, because he was missing so many "communion Sundays" because of his touring.

He feels that now he has found his true church home, in what he calls a "straight-up" liturgical church. He admits that attending there was uncomfortable at first, "like going to a dance where everyone knows the moves but you." In his words, "Now that we know the dance moves I enjoy it even more, especially because the liturgy, at its best, actually means something, as opposed to doing it a certain way just because it's how the previous 15 pastors did it."



As a former Presbyterian myself, I can identify with his feelings about the liturgy, and again in his words: "One of the things I like best about liturgy is the more or less constant involvement of the congregation. The word 'liturgy' means 'the work of the people.' It's not so much about us coming to sit while the pastor and the elders do everything, but about all of us together rehearsing the story of redemption, edifying each other by reading Scripture aloud, reaffirming what we believe, embodying worship by kneeling or singing together--all of it culminating, of course, in the Lord's Supper. I can't overstate how much I crave the moment at the end of the service when I kneel at the front and a friend of mine places the unleavened bread in my open hands, looks me in the eye and says, 'Andrew, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.' Every week my wayward, hungry soul is confronted by the love of Je-

sus. Like clockwork."

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

We will be singing Andrew Peterson's song, "Is He Worthy?" at our contemporary services *over the* next few months. Join us the second Sunday of each month at 9:10 AM.



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



Pumpkin Analogy

Contributed by Bob Oliver





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Adult Forum Series 2019

All Forums will be held in the parish hall starting at 9:10 AM

Led by Father David

November 3rd: What Every Episcopalian Should Know

November 17th: Outside Speaker David Manuel "The Navajo Code Talkers of WWII"

November 24th: Advent Wreath Making & Devotional (will continue after 10:15 service) Seasonal & Other Music by *The Lancaster Recorder Consort*

***Please join us for this special event as we make Advent wreaths for ourselves and/or those parishioners unable to be with us on Sunday's to be delivered prior to 1st Advent. St. Edward's community spirit!**

December 1st: Prayer Book Meditations for Advent

December 15th: Outside Speaker TBD

December 29th: One Service Blended Worship Sunday at 9:15 with "Getting to Know You" event after service

We offer these forums as a way to connect people, build community and enrich them on many topics. We hope you will attend!

For more information please check out our facebook page at:

<https://facebook.com/stedslancaster>

and our website: <https://saintededs.org>

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October 20th Adult Forum - The Opioid Crisis in Our Community

Doug Cwienk, a Certified Family Recovery Specialist presented an informative and oh- so-relevant talk on the Opioid Crisis at a special adult forum on Sunday, October 20 in the Parish Hall. By day, Doug is senior hydrogeologist at David Miller Associates in Lancaster. Doug is also co-founder of a support group for families dealing with addiction, called "Storm Riders." Doug explained the chemistry of addiction and how opioids affect the brain and lead users down the path of addiction. As the father of Nate, who died of an overdose in 2017 at the age of 22, Doug is uniquely qualified to share his personal experience with addiction and the effects of addiction on the family and loved ones of an addicted person. An audience of about 35 parishioners and guests came away with a better understanding of opioid addiction and its profound effects on families and communities. Some in attendance shared their own personal experience with family members in the throes of addiction and of loved ones lost to overdose. It was a powerful message of the destructive power of drugs and also a message of hope.



We thank Doug Cwienk for presenting such an interesting and thought-provoking seminar on a very important subject.

**END THE
OPIOID CRISIS**



St. Edward's parishioners were very interested in learning more about this crisis affecting our communities.

Rizzetta's Tones, October 20

The popular local Celtic band, Rizzetta's Tones, offered a free concert at St. Edward's Episcopal Church on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. The sanctuary was filled. This was a great musical event and if you attended, we thank you for your support of our Cultural Event Series!



A great crowd and a great time was had by all!

We were especially appreciative of Thomas Ishler for underwriting this event with the proceeds from his car meet held at St. Edward's in June.



Social Outreach



198 POUNDS AT THE FOOD PANTRY FOR September!! Thank you St. Edward's! Items requested for October: 15 oz canned peaches (light or no sugar), canned fruit includes: pineapple, mandarin oranges, canned vegetables include: carrots, spinach, corn, creamed corn, peas, tomatoes cereal, boxed pasta., 18 oz jelly.



Turkey Donation

Many of the local grocery stores offer free turkeys during this season. The social outreach committee is requesting donations of turkeys that you are not planning to use. We will deliver the donated turkeys on Monday, November 18th. Please bring any donated turkey to church no later than Sunday, November 17.

Any questions can be directed to Beth Lynch at bethlynchgggators@gmail.com

Picture by Mary Snyder



Blessing collected food.

Community Fellowship Dinner



The monthly dinners continue the second Wednesday of each month. They are always an enjoyable event.

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. Please join us November 13th at 6:00 PM for our next dinner!



Jesse Tree Project is Set to Begin



By Leslie Arnold

For many, Thanksgiving and Christmas represents a 'season of giving'. Giving to the foster children of COBYs during the holidays has been a long-time favorite of this parish.

This service is known as the Jesse Tree project. Jesse Tree provides gifts for children in foster care, making Christmas a little brighter. Through COBYs Family Services we obtain a list of children in foster care, their ages, and their Christmas wishes. We don't take the place of Santa. Rather, we act as Santa's helpers by adding another gift or two for a child to open on Christmas morning.

Our goal is to provide Christmas presents for 60 children. You can either select the gifts yourself or give money for the purchase of a gift. All we ask is that you help with the gift wrapping. It's all part of getting in the holiday spirit.

When will this happen?

Signup forms will be available beginning October 29. A downloadable form should also be on our website at that time.

Signup forms will be due November 12

Participants should receive the names of children, and their "wish lists" by November 17 (*to be placed in your parish mailbox*)

Wrapped gifts will be due December 8

Questions?

Please direct questions to Leslie

Arnold Larnold897@aol.com

2018
Jesse
Tree gift
collection



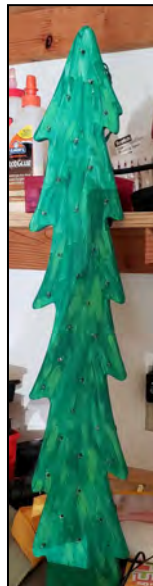
Hearts and Hands

By Donna Holwager and Carol Cotnoir



Some of the hand made items that will be available at the Annual Cookie Sale.

"Show and Tell" is upon us, as the holidays are approaching! For those of us who are contributing our hand made offerings to add a new dimension to the famous cookie sale, please deliver the items you have created to a box that will be in the church library no later than Sunday, November 24. This will allow time to price the items and have them ready for the Dec.5 sale.

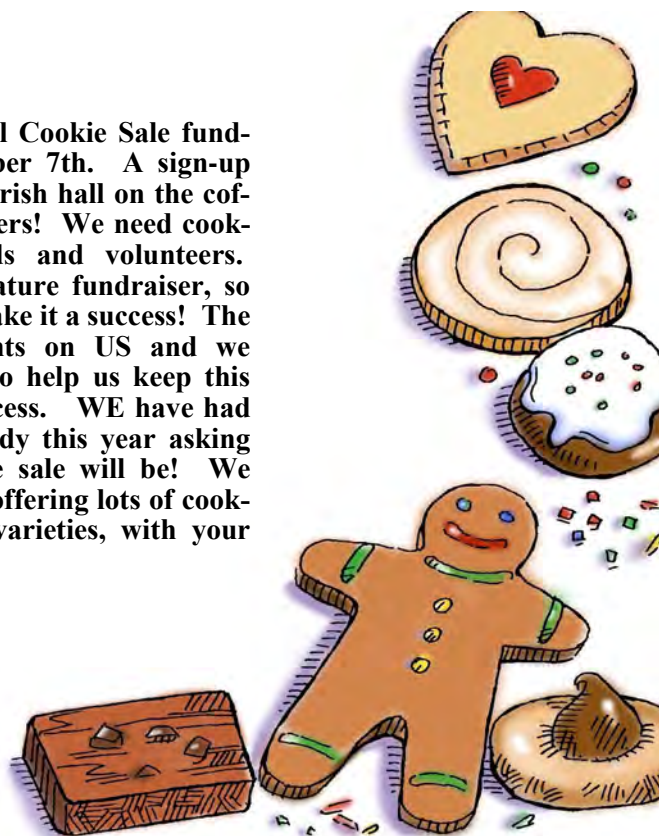


Annual Cookie Sale

Cookie Sale



Our 15th Annual Cookie Sale fundraiser is December 7th. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall on the coffee table for bakers! We need cookies, baked goods and volunteers. This is our signature fundraiser, so please help us make it a success! The community counts on US and we count on YOU to help us keep this fundraiser a success. WE have had many calls already this year asking when our cookie sale will be! We look forward to offering lots of cookies and lots of varieties, with your help.





ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Edward's Upcoming Events - Cultural Events Series

November 10th 3:00 PM – Recital featuring Amy Yovonovich, Mezzo-soprano with Donna Burkholder, pianist.
Refreshments served. Free-will offering.

December 1st 4:00 PM – St. Edward's presents a service of Choral Evensong featuring The Lancaster Chamber Singers - The Reverend David Bateman, Cantor & Officiant
Refreshments served. Free-will offering.

December 7th 8:00 AM – St. Edward's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale
Featuring crafts this year!

January 26th – Swing Street
Mark your calendar for our first event of 2020 – details to follow. Refreshments served. Free-will offering.

Invite a friend!

For more information please check out our facebook page at:

<https://facebook.com/stedslancaster>

and our website: <https://sainteds.org>

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Blessing of the Animals



Father Bateman blesses dogs of all sizes. David and Maura Keener brought along their pup for this annual blessing held on October 6th.



Richard Irons (left) and the Hake family (below) brought their pets for the blessing.



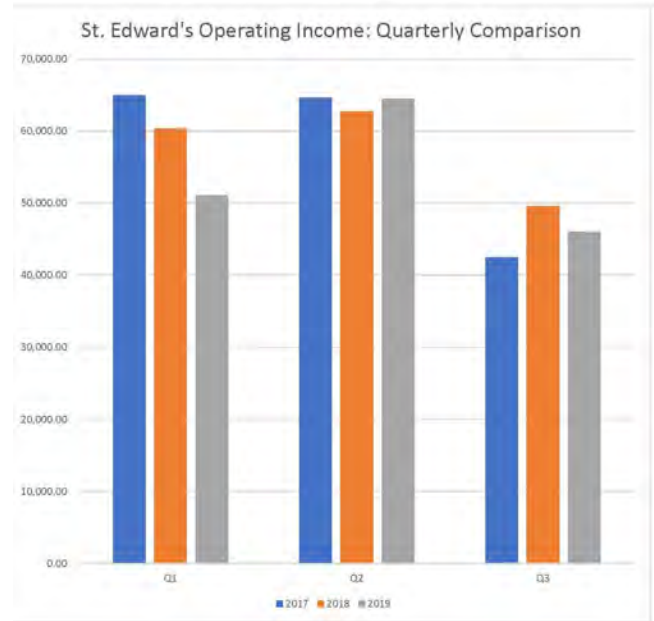
Financial Report

From the Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Vestry, I would like to provide a brief snapshot of the Parish's financial situation at the end of September. We continue to have a smaller operating deficit than was budgeted. Specifically, for the month of September our Net Ordinary Income deficit was only about \$340. Further, for the Year to Date our Net Ordinary Income deficit is about \$12,000 less than was budgeted. As you can see in the accompanying chart, Operating Income for the Third Quarter was slightly less than in 2018 but ahead of 2017.

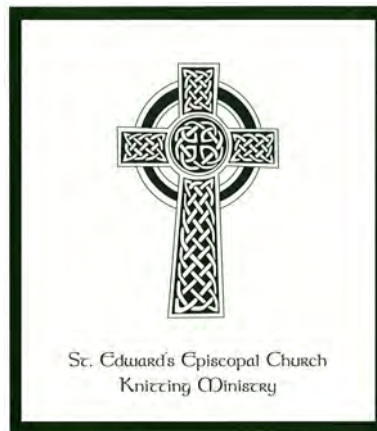
The generosity and faithfulness of the Parish are evident in the steady giving throughout 2019. We thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,
Kevin Milligan



Knitting Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry: As many of you know, St. Edward's has a prayer shawl ministry. Although the afternoon knit wits have not been meeting, several of its members and those in the evening continue making those lovely stitches. Please see Michelle in the parish office if you know someone who would enjoy this gift of love. If you would like to help us knit a prayer shawl, please call Michelle or Linda Spire (717-464-2552) for instructions. Thank you for helping with this important ministry!



May this gift,
knit for you with love,
Be a sign of
God's loving presence.
May it warm you
when you are weary;
May it surround you
with ease in your suffering;
May it encircle you with caring
when you are in pain;
May it comfort you
when you feel alone;
May it remind you
of God's abiding love.
Amen

This is the front and back of the prayer that is attached to each shawl.



Trivia Night



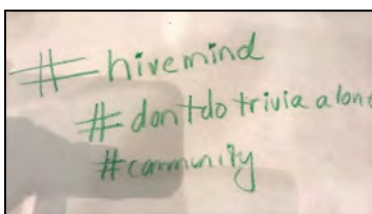
So fun. It took all of us, believe me, and huge shout out to the kids at our table who really crushed it!...Dina Ishler



Richard Irons, Dottie Gschwend, and Gail Irons enjoying the evening and talking trivia!



Lots of basket winners!



Michelle Bentley and Bev Hess calling out for basket and silent auction winners.



Bev Hess, Michelle Bentley, and Larry Hess with the help of many volunteers, basket makers, bidders, and people attending the fun evening and supporting this annual event made the St. Edward's Trivia Night a huge success. Our Trivia Master-of-Ceremonies, Mike Horn, was fantastic and with the participation of all we raised \$4,220! Sharpen your minds, everyone. . because we might be bringing Trivia Night back in 2020!

Combined Service Sunday

Pictures by Mary Snyder



What a wonderful service of unity at St. Edward's on September 29th at our combined 9:15 service. From our LEMs and acolytes to the community spirit at the fellowship gathering, it was nice to all be together in unity



The choir and praise band made beautiful music together!

Combined Service Sunday



We had a full church which always feels great! After the service, we gathered in the parish hall to share food, fun and fellowship with activities that helped us get to know other parishioners that perhaps we do not get to see on any given Sunday. We also shared reports about our transition and rector search and updates on building renovations and other upcoming happenings and events at St. Edward's. It was a wonderful day! Mark your calendar for our next combined service on December 29th.



Sweaty Sunday

Pictures by Meredith Westgate



Kevin Milligan



Thomas Ishler



Barb Schultz and Mike Freshwater

Sweaty Sunday



Everyone helped – inside and out!



Ellie and Sarah Parker cleaned the sanctuary.



The kids took a break to recharge!



Mike Freshwater



Brian Newsome – very brave!



Ellie Parker



Bill Swiernik



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St. Edward's Episcopal Church
Cultural Events Series
Presents a Recital
Featuring

Amy Yovanovich
mezzo-soprano



Donna Burkholder
pianist

3 PM | SUNDAY
NOVEMBER

10

Free-will Offering | Refreshments following performance

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PRESENTS A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

The Reverend David Bateman
Cantor and Officiant

Featuring

The Lancaster Chamber Singers

The Lancaster Chamber Singers, directed by Jay W. Risser, has played a major role in quality performances of choral masterpieces in central Pennsylvania since the ensemble's founding in 1978.

*We welcome all to join us for this very special evening as part of the St. Edward's Cultural Events Series.
Free-will Offering.*

**First Sunday in Advent
SUNDAY DECEMBER**

1ST | 4 PM

*Refreshments served
following the service*

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JOIN US FOR A ST. EDWARD'S
FELLOWSHIP EVENT

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH
AFTER THE 8 AM & 10:15 AM
SERVICES

Seasonal & Other Music
The Lancaster Recorder Consort

*A wonderful way to prepare
for the season of Advent*



Join us for fellowship, food, and fun as we create Advent wreaths for our homes and for those in our parish community who are unable to attend worship services.

We will supply the materials – all we need is YOU to come and help us create the wreaths.

A Devotional, prepared by Father David, will accompany each wreath.

A welcome, and welcoming, preparation for the season of Advent.

Please sign up in the parish hall no later than November 17th so we can purchase the proper amount of supplies.

We have chosen an easy design with non-flammable and natural greens/candles options for any home environment.



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**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

Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ **Michael Freshwater
(2021) Secretary**
- ✦ **Julie Hoff (2022) Jr.
Warden**
- ✦ **Dina Ishler (2020)**
- ✦ **Mark Jakiel (2021)**
- ✦ **Herb Johnston (2021)**
- ✦ **Ginny Kloepping
(2020)**
- ✦ **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
