

January 2020



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter

## Reflection



**The Rev.  
David  
Bateman**

As I write this, I am in between the first and second halves of my post-Christmas vacation. I have just come back from the first half, which was a trip to California to see family. It was a good and enriching visit and it is always satisfying to see family members who live so far away.

The second half of my vacation will come during the first full week in January when my wife Diane presents a paper at an academic conference. The conference just happens to be in Puerto Rico, so I con-

sider it my husbandly duty to leave the freezing Pennsylvania winter and accompany her to the warm and sunny tropics. How's that for devotion?

Despite my vacation times, I will be here



on each of the Sundays in January except for the last one. On that date my niece is celebrating her marriage in Chattanooga and the event occurs too late on a Saturday for me to make it back in time for church on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

But now that the holi-

days are over I will be resuming the Adult Forum in between services and addressing some new topics. I will do a two-session "race through the Bible" to help acquaint people with the different kinds of writings in scripture and make suggestions about reading. I will also do a similar two-session "race through the Prayer Book" to briefly explore all the different kinds of material within. And finally I will devote several sessions to the topic of forgiveness, which in my opinion is one of the most important and difficult aspects of living as a Christian. Look for details in upcoming emails and announcement bulletins.

David +

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

# First Sunday of Advent



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

## Information

### Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday:  
10AM – 4:30PM

Parish Administrative Assistant:  
Michelle Bentley

### Scepter

Production Staff:

H. J. “Mac” Miller



**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**



If “quiet expectation” is a good descriptor of the Advent season, I felt the mood fit vestry business as well. A lot of the things we worked hard to accomplish this fall are finished: the formation of Membership and Stewardship committees, the annual auction, several very well received cultural events, another year of our Jesse Tree ministry, and the best cookie sale ever. Renovations in the nursery and Sacristy are complete and Father David dedicated the Sacristy and nursery on Sunday, December 22. On December 29, we held our second Unity Service of the year, followed by a “Getting to Know You Forum” which included a game of Christmas Bible Trivia. Plans are in the making, but renovations, at least, been set aside for the holiday season.

Business notes from the December meeting: Financially, we did well in November, largely due to pre-paid pledges for 2020. Typically December is a “good” month financially, and we are hopeful that we will have substantially decreased our deficit by year’s end. Vestry approved purchase of a new computer for the office, a healthcare package for Michelle Bentley, office secretary; and Father David’s housing allowance for 2020. We voted to pay our annual “Fair Share” to the Diocese -- our parish’s 2020 assessment is \$41,304.96. The new snowplow contractor has “staked out” the parking lot and is ready for the first big snowfall. Mike Freshwater met with a Calder Door professional to evaluate the doors in the Parish Hall. We need to replace the exterior door from the Parish Hall to the main walkway into the church. Remaining doors need some maintenance, but do not need to be replaced.

Ginny Kloepping will chair the Memorial Garden Committee. The committee met in early December with Father David, and Julie Hoff, Junior Warden, and me to begin to consider some overarching questions about the garden and to establish long-term goals. Ginny is creating a survey to go out this month to those who have loved ones interred or who plan to be interred in the garden one day.

Have you noticed the new choir chairs (designed for good posture!) and new

choir vestments that have been purchased and are in use? Our choir is looking “mighty fine!”

In January renovations will begin anew. Reynolds Construction is lined up to complete restoration work on the Rector’s study and the Sacristy windowsills and trim. This work begins on January 6 and should take about 1-1/2 weeks. Also coming up during the week of January 20<sup>th</sup>: remediation of the Narthex, by e.h.c. Environmental. The remediation work is expected to take three days, followed by installation of drywall and painting. This may entail a Sunday or two of holding services in the parish hall.

On Sunday, January 5, there will be a special Sunday morning service of Lessons and Carols followed by Holy Communion at the 10:15 service.

Every parishioner should have received a Stewardship letter. Members of the committee will be sharing thoughts about the importance of pledging and their personal commitment to St. Edward’s at Sunday services. Please prayerfully consider becoming a first time pledger or renewing your annual pledge and increasing your offering if you are able. Your pledge helps the finance committee to plan a realistic budget for the coming year. Your generosity is needed and deeply appreciated.

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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
- ★1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Whitesel



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The Search Committee continues to make progress. As was announced in church, five applicants submitted resumes. Priests are very busy during the Christmas season, but interviews are expected to begin in earnest this month. Please continue to pray for this committee and their very important work.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the many ways you have supported St. Edward's in 2019 – be it financial support, work in various ministries, serving on vestry or finance committee, participation in community dinners or cultural events, or helping out on Sunday mornings. It takes a lot of helping hands from greeters and ushers to Sunday School teachers, acolytes, LEMs, choir and praise band members, nursery attendants, altar guild – and probably a few jobs I'm forgetting, to make this place "tick." Thank you for your contributions big and small.

Our next meeting is will be on January 14. Bishop Scanlan will attend the early part of the meeting to inform vestry about Dina Ishler's discernment process. Kevin Milligan will also attend to review our finances as we look to our 2020 budget. Please contact Father David or any vestry member if you have any concerns that should be added to the agenda.

2020 is sure to bring many wonderful changes to our parish, not the least of which will be our new rector. It is an exciting time! May we continue to minister to one another and this parish and may God find favor in the work we do here. I wish you health, happiness, and many blessings in the new year.



By Glen Bentley



A review of some of the Best Movies I've seen in 2019.

## Little Women

Louisa May Alcott's story is once again on the screen. This time director Greta Gerwig finds a perfect *Lady Bird* follow-up in the story of the March sisters. Faithful to the tone of the book and most of the particulars but with some new twists. Amy is more than a brat; Beth is more than a saint. Gerwig invests in all the characters, and she emphasizes how Jo (Saoirse Ronan) is a writer not only of passion but also of commerce.

## Knives Out

Rian Johnson's comedic whodunit gives delicious moments to every member of its all-star cast, and it spotlights Ana de Armas, who plays it mostly straight in a film full of hams and stands out anyway. Daniel Craig the detective has a goofy Southern accent as he slyly investigates. But this family knows how to defend and fight. Nice twists and turns that never get boring or expected

## Once Upon A Time In Hollywood

The title's a tipoff: Quentin Tarantino's love letter to Hollywood takes place inside a fable of Southern California that's sun blasted by day and neon lit by night. It's a place and a time rife with a history that, in Tarantino's hands, gets massaged until it goes a bit feathery at the edges. Fading action star Rick Dalton (an anxious, needy Leonardo DiCaprio) and his faithful stand-in, Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt, who here somehow manages to embody a humble swagger), navigate the transition from film to television, from Old Hollywood to New, and from button-down order to Manson Family chaos.

## A Marriage Story

Director Noah Baumbach gets excellent work from Adam Driver and Scarlett Johansson as a divorcing couple watching their split become more and more acrimonious. As their lawyers, Laura Dern, Ray Liotta and Alan Alda do very good supporting work, and a late piano-bar scene — one of several 2019 salutes to the power of Stephen Sondheim — layers theater history atop the film in an intriguing way. Arguments have brewed over whose side to be on (and whose side the film is on), but more than any-

thing, it's on the side of divorce being a demoralizing, painful experience even for people who hope it won't be.

## The Cave

Director Feras Fayyad (*Last Men in Aleppo*) has built his riveting documentary around Amani Ballour, a heroic female doctor operating a hospital in tunnels under the city of Ghouta during Syria's civil war. Her struggle to save lives is complicated by all the usual horrors of war — bombing, starvation, insufficient medical supplies — and a few others exclusive to this conflict: the Syrian government's use of chemical weapons on its own people and sexism that leads the people benefiting from the doctor's work to disparage her for working.

## Booksmart

Beanie Feldstein is a force of nature as a high school overachiever who, on the eve of her graduation, begins to wonder if she needed to work so hard. Kaitlyn Dever, who had a fantastic 2019 between this and the Netflix series *Unbelievable*, is her best pal. The two have a chemistry that's both intimate and fraught, just like real best friends, and the tensions between them feel earned and important. Billie Lourd turns in a scene-stealing turn as a girl who just keeps showing up everywhere, and the movie builds to one of the most satisfying conclusions a comedy provides this year.

## The Irishman

For the first two of the film's luxuriously rich 3 1/2 hours, Martin Scorsese's epic offers the sort of raucous, splattery, mob-movie spectacle he has so often trafficked in, with a digitally de-aged Robert De Niro as the titular hit man and Al Pacino as Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa. Then the screenplay nudges the actors in sadder directions, and the story gets more invested in loss. For while *The Irishman* is, like many mob movies, about violence and betrayal, it's the work of a filmmaker who has earned the right to sum up this genre. So it's also about regrets, remorse, reckonings; it's an elegy.





## From Facebook



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## “STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.



### What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

### What you do:

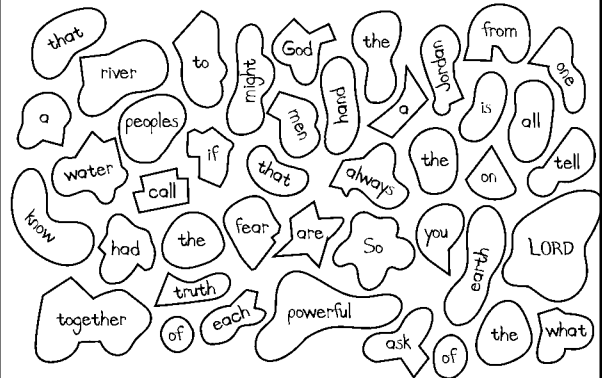
1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



## Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

*Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.*



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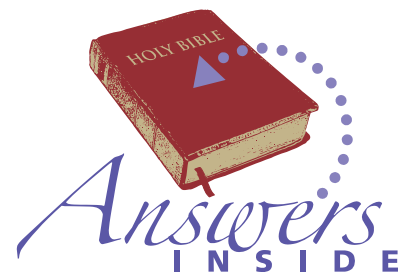
JOSHUA 4:24, NIV



## Bible Quiz

According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus' baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus' mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples



Answer: A and B (See Matthew 3:13-17.)



## We Episcopalians

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**

## Welcoming!!



"All are welcome" is not just a cliché here at St. Edward's. ALL are truly welcome, not only to worship but also to participate. This is not a job or something we only do on Sunday morning. We do this without thinking about it, it just comes naturally.

Some may not realize, but we do have a Welcoming Committee. We are looking for people to help in any way you can to continue being a welcoming congregation. You don't need any special skills, just be yourself!

We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month between the 8am and 10:15am service. Our next meeting will be Jan 12, at 9:10am. For those of you who are in the praise band or attend the praise band service we will gladly keep you up to date about what is going on. We are trying to keep it as easy as possible to attend meetings and keep the meetings short and on point.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, or Sunday worship, or even just around town!

"We should work for a world not simply that hates hatred, but that loves love."  
—Fr. James Martin, S.J.

## Dear God: It's Me, the Dog

Contributed by Bob Oliver



Dear God: Is it on purpose that our names are spelled the same, only in reverse?

Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

Dear God: When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or will it be the same old story?

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a Dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We love a nice car ride! Would it be so hard to rename the 'Chrysler Eagle' the 'Chrysler Beagle'?

Dear God: If a Dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad Dog?

Dear God: More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: Here is a list of just some of the things I must remember to be a good Dog:

1. I will not eat the cat's food before he eats it or after he throws it up.
2. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc., just because I like the way they smell.
4. The sofa is not a 'face towel'.
5. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
6. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
7. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is an unacceptable way of saying 'hello'.
8. I don't need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm under the coffee table.
9. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house - not after.
10. I will not come in from outside, and immediately drag my butt across the carpet.
11. I will not sit in the middle of the living room, and lick my crotch.
12. The cat is not a 'squeaky toy', so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.





**By Dottie Gschwend**

Those of us on the Search and Discernment Committee are very pleased to have received five responses to our posting

for a position for rector at St. Edward's. We have been busy reviewing their portfolios and are preparing for some interviews

in the very near future. We will continue to keep you informed as we progress. And we thank all of you who completed the survey

and participated in the conversations in the last year. Your input is what helped to attract people and it will guide us as we engage with

the candidates.

Please continue to hold us and the candidates in prayer, that the best person will join us, to care for us, challenge us to be faithful servants,

and equip us to move forward in ministry together.

Dottie Gschwend, writing for the Committee:

Matthew, Sternberg, Beth Lynch. Seth Hake, Susan Landin.

Bill Swiernik and Peter Weber

## St. Edward's Search Committee Prayer

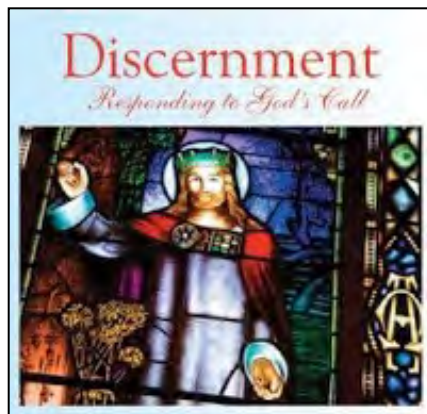
*"Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (BCP 818)*

*This prayer from our Book of Common Prayer is full of grace and beauty. "Almighty God, giver of every good gift." We begin with an acknowledgment that God is in charge and that one of God's good gifts will be a successful search process.*

*"Look graciously on your Church" reminds us that the Church is the people, not the building. We are praying for every person at St. Edward's – Vestry member, Rector Search Committee member, and all parishioners.*

*"Guide the minds" reminds us that this is a discernment process, seeking to determine who God would have serve as the next rector of St. Edward's: a "faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip them for their ministries." This is a brief but powerful summary of a rector's responsibilities.*

*As we continue our journey of discernment for our new rector, let us remember that we are united by our faith and love in community as we look forward to the bright future of our parish.*



Many thanks to the following parishioners who volunteered during the month of December with hosting and wonderful coffee hour "goodies" for us to share during this important time of fellowship.

Mary Snyder  
Liz and Buddy Yeager  
The Milligan Family  
Carl and Carol Cotnoir  
The Lynch Family  
The McLaughlin Family  
R.B. Mullineaux  
Vestry members  
Larry and Bev Hess  
Gail and Richard Irons  
Catherine and Stephen Donohue  
Roger and Ginny Kloepping

There is a new sign up sheet for BOTH the 8 AM and 10:15 AM coffee hours on a clipboard on the coffee hour food table. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Sunday. It is a wonderful ministry and a great way to meet people and enjoy fellowship.





# Community Fellowship Dinner

By Meredith Westgate



The St. Edward's Community Fellowship Dinners have faithfully been held the second Wednesday of each month since the spring. These dinners are a great time to come and enjoy each other's company over a meal and get to know one another. We always have plenty of food and plenty to talk about! Books, movies, travel, family. . . it is a wonderful time of fellowship.

Join us January 8th at 6 PM for our next dinner. If you enjoy cooking, please bring a dish or dessert to share! You can also pick a prepared item up along the way! Or. . . just bring yourself. There is always plenty of food and we supply the beverages. Please bring a place setting, but, again, if you are coming from work and do not have that, we have that as well. We look forward to seeing you.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

FAITH. FOOD. FUN.



# January

## Did You Know?

The "12 Days of Christmas" is the period from Christmas (Dec. 25) to Epiphany (Jan. 6) – not, as some mistakenly believe, the 12 days *before* Christmas. In traditional Christianity, this season is one great celebration of the appearance of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh.



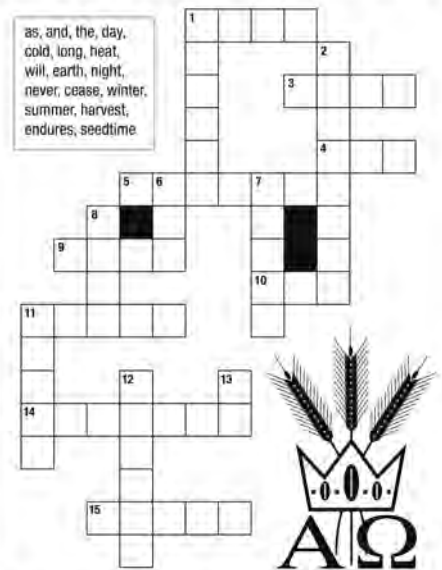




A wonderful Evensong at St. Edward's on December 1st to usher in the season of Advent. Many thanks to The Lancaster Chamber Singers for their time and wonderful talent in being a part of our Cultural Events Series as we opened our doors to the wider community during Advent. Thank you to all who support our Cultural Events both in attending and in volunteering and to all the wonderful artists who shared their talent with the wider community through our series.

## Puzzle!

Use the word list to complete the crossword. Then fill in the numbered blanks to read God's promise to Noah — and to us.



13 8 13 10 7 14  
2 6 5 9 8  
3 12 6 1 down 4  
6 11 across 1 across 11 down 15  
GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV



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



# Thank You From COBYS

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Thank You for Providing Christmas Cheer!

COBYS Family Services is blessed by the generosity of St. Edward's Episcopal Church during this Christmas season. You have helped make Christmas brighter with gifts for more than fifty foster children served by our Permanency Unit. Thank you!

The COBYS Permanency Unit is a specialized program primarily funded by, and working in partnership with, the Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Service Agency. The common goals are to ensure the safety of children who have been removed from their homes because of concerns for their well-being, strengthen families and secure permanency for children.

COBYS staff help children, and members of their biological families, to resolve the issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, anger, mental illness, substandard housing, domestic violence and other issues that led to their separation. These problems must be resolved so that children can be safely reunited with their families. In cases where reunification would jeopardize a child's safety, adoptive homes or other appropriate permanent placements are sought.

To learn more about COBYS Family services, visit [www.cobys.org](http://www.cobys.org), or contact Anne Stokes, Director of Development at [anne@cobys.org](mailto:anne@cobys.org)







# **JANUARY 26, 2020** **SWING STREET** **JAZZ QUARTET**

Swing Street brings fun renditions of mainstream jazz standards and jazz adaptations of popular tunes to the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area.

This popular group is coming to St. Edward's to kick-off our 2020 Cultural Event Series. These accomplished musicians who have a passion for jazz and big band/swing music can be seen (and heard!) at: The Log Cabin in Leola, The Belvedere Inn in Lancaster, The White Swan in Lititz and many other area venues.

Swing Street is comprised of: Chuck Oettel, guitar; Pete Bainbridge, Bass; Mike Truitt, Piano, and Olivia Daugherty, Vocals.

**We look forward to seeing you at St. Edward's on January 26<sup>th</sup>!**

**St. Edward's  
Episcopal Church**

**Cultural Event  
Series**

**2020**

**3:00 PM**

**Free-will Offering**

**Refreshments will  
be served!**

**Bring a friend to  
our 2020 season  
kick-off event!**

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LANCASTER, PA 17601**

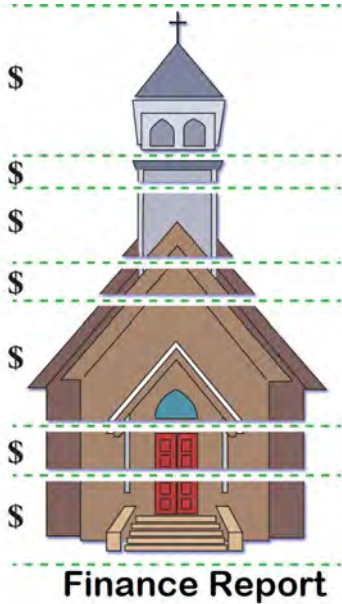
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# Financial Report

## From the Finance Committee



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 November. We continue to have a smaller operating deficit than was budgeted. Specifically, for the Year to Date our Net Ordinary Income deficit is about \$18,000 less than was budgeted and approximately \$25,000 less than the deficit was at this time in 2018.

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

		Jan - Nov 2019 Actuals	Jan - Nov 2018 Actuals
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
Total Income		226,797.29	234,553.31
Expense			
4000 • Diocesan Mission - Fair Share		36,950.83	36,588.75
4001 • Reconciliation Discrepancies		0.00	0.34
Total 5000 • Rector		93,504.10	122,592.96
Total 5050 • Staff		61,885.68	63,629.47
5057 • Workers Comp Insurance		846.00	464.00
Total 6000 • Parish Life		19,803.45	15,578.46
6026 • Search Committee		166.31	0.00
Total 7000 • Office		10,876.55	8,617.23
Total 8000 • Property		28,776.92	38,939.40
Total 9000 • Interest Expense		228.18	115.65
9080 • Miscellaneous		58.85	0.00
Total Expense		253,096.87	286,526.26
Net Ordinary Income		-26,299.58	-51,972.95





# Bishop Scanlon's Christmas Letter

III Advent 2019

Dear Members of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania,

I often speak and write about the Christian path as opening oneself to transformation. Transformation is the process by which we come to know, deeply, the love of God for us and all creation. We can put ourselves in the path to be transformed, but it is only the grace of God, in God's good time, that affects our growing in holiness.

In a culture that prizes achievement, entrepreneurship, and "get up and go," it feels counterintuitive to wait on God to fill us with grace. I think that God is moving and acting with grace all the time; we need to sharpen our focus to see God at work around us and in us.

Sometimes, God's grace sneaks up on us, and we find ourselves awash in holiness as the Holy Spirit breaks in. Last Sunday afternoon, I experienced such a moment: I was sitting in a cavernous Roman Catholic church in Baltimore- St. Cyprian- attending a performance of Handel's Messiah. Like many in the audience, I knew the music well, having sung it several times in choirs through the years. I knew what to expect. I enjoyed the choir, the orchestra, the exceptional soloists, the ornate sculptures and frescos decorating the church, the strong beam of sunlight reaching through the stained glass, landing in a colorful puddle in my pew. Everything felt good and fine- just as I had imagined it would. What I was not prepared for was the sudden breaking in of the Holy Spirit, bringing sharp tears to my eyes as the bass soloist sang his recitative from 1 Corinthians 15:

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

All at once, I recognized the power of God in my life, my absolute inability to push away or control such a deluge of love, the conviction that God's dream for us is to be changed, and that this gift of being changed would make me- and all who have gone before- whole. It was certainty. It was mighty. It was about deep love, and it was for me. (It's for you, too!)

It was grace.

I left, having had a good cry, filled with the glorious sounds of a time-tested musical masterpiece, and ever more certain of God's love and power in my life. Much more than I'd bargained for with the price of my ticket.

God moves with grace in and through our lives all the time. Grace- and our faith that God will turn up- is what changes us; we are Shaped by Faith.

We are about to celebrate one of the moments in which God gave us a gift for all time- the gift of our Savior, Jesus. Jesus came as a small baby but filled with the grace of God- grace to teach, shape, and save us.

My Christmas prayer for each of you is that you will experience God's love this season- in little ways that will continue to work on you, in you, to shape you in faithfulness, as God's beloved.

A holy Christmas to you all as we welcome the babe Jesus, God's gift of love for us.

+Audrey



Greeting Percy the camel at the Live Nativity



Bishop's profile picture



# Annual Cookie Sale



Father David gets ready to fill his box with all of the cookies he loves!



Jerry Hoff and his granddaughter, Caroline, know that getting to the cookie sale early is the best strategy!



# Annual Cookie Sale



Mark Jakiel, Hank Spire and Tina Shank are our expert cookie "check-out" volunteers!



Our 15th Annual St. Edward's Cookie Sale was a fundraising success. . . thanks to all of the bakers and volunteers! We raised over \$3,100! Doors opened at 8 AM to a big crowd! We also had incredible crafts for sale this year - beautiful handmade items for the table, ornaments, and knitted items and a continental breakfast offering.





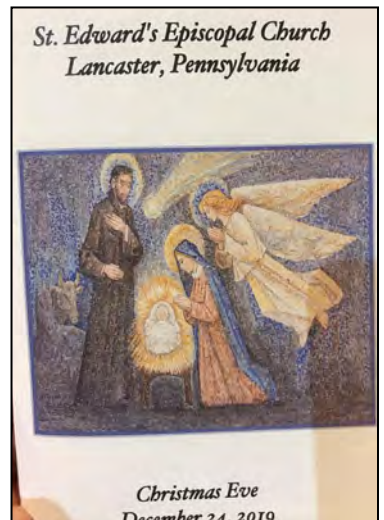
# Christmas Eve

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Sam Fleming and Meredith Westgate



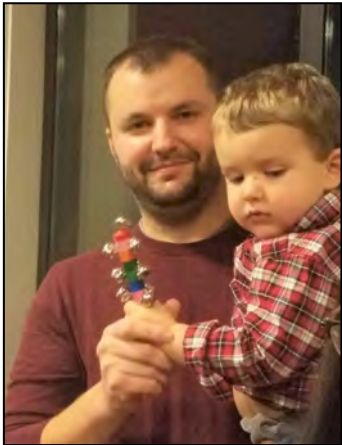
The Praise Band provided joyous music at the 4:30 service

Ready! Julie and crew did a beautiful job.  
A crew came to fold bulletins too.





# Christmas Eve



The Church was peaceful at the 9 PM service with the melodic voices of our St. Edward's choir. A joy to all!

Come on Ring Those Bells!



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## Staff

**The Reverend David  
Bateman, Interim Rector**

**Michelle Bentley, Parish  
Administrative Assistant**

**Patrick Ishler, Choir Direc-  
tor**

**Karen E. Waddill, Organist**

**Elizabeth Yeager, Nursery**

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday:  
10 AM – 4:30PM

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### Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ **Michael Freshwater  
(2021) 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

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