

April 2020



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter

Reflection



**The Rev.
David
Bateman**

David +

Dear People of God
at St. Edward's,

This will be my last
article for the Scepter.

I am scheduled to retire as of April 20th. We had been planning a simple farewell for me on my last day, Sunday, April 19th, but of course we won't be together in church that day on account of the coronavirus pandemic.

Thus we won't have a

normal, in-person opportunity to say goodbye to each other. So I will begin to say now some of the things that I have been planning to say then.

I want you to know — if you don't already — that St. Edward's is a healthy, sane and blessed place. There are no major looming prob-



lems, no problematic aspects of congregational life. You have had a great time of transition. You are going to be fine. In fact you are going to

be much more than fine.

I am extremely positive about St. Edward's future. Not only are things going well, but the new hospital and senior housing construction is going to give you great opportunities for ministry and growth. Furthermore, you have an incredibly talented and spir-

itual priest coming to be your new rector. Father Rick is going to give you great leader-

ship. I'm ordinarily not in the prediction business, but I predict that a few years from now St. Edward's will have noticeably

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

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more members and will have an even more thriving congregational life. Prepare to work, and also prepare to be blessed.

The last thing I have to say now is “thank you”. You have been extraordinarily welcoming of me and appreciative of my ministry among you. Thank you for your kindnesses. Thank you for listening so attentively when I preach and teach. And thank you for giving me such a good experience and good memories as I finish my career of interim ministry and move on to retirement.



Information

Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday:
10AM – 4:30PM

Parish Administrative Assistant:
Michelle Bentley

Mindset Shift During a Pandemic

Contributed by Mike Patrone

I'm stuck at home	→	I get to be SAFE in my home and spend time with my family
I will get sick	→	I will self-isolate and wash my hands, this will significantly DECREASE my chances of getting sick
I will run out of items at home during self-isolation	→	I have prepared for this and I will use my items wisely. I have everything I NEED for now
Everything is shutting down, I'm panicking	→	The most IMPORTANT places, such as medical centers, pharmacies and grocery stores, remain open
There is too much uncertainty right now	→	While I can't control the situation around me, I CAN control my actions. Doing breathwork, calling loved ones, getting enough sleep and proper nutrition, prayer, and doing activities I love at home will all help during this time

Patrones in the News

Sandy and Mike Patrone pictured in the April 2nd issue of the Lancaster Newspaper.

Residential, independent living residents of St. Anne's Retirement Community were asked to go to their balconies Wednesday for a toast to celebrate the first anniversary of the Village apartment building. The West Hempfield Township campus has had a no-visitor policy for the past two weeks, and the staff wanted to hold the celebration to lift everyone's spirits. Blaine Shanahan| staff photographer.



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



March seems like the month that wasn't. No vestry meeting, annual meeting, and Sundays with no services. What a peculiar world we are living in!

On March 4, after a year's search, we announced the name of our new rector – Rev. Richard C. Bauer, who comes to us from St. James.

In early March, renovations continued. On March 2nd, we learned the Formica on the old cabinet in the kitchen was no longer available. The construction company submitted a supplemental to the insurance company saying they could not get an exact match and requesting replacement of all the cabinets for conformity. The insurance company approved the expense. The grease trap has been replaced. A few weeks ago, renovations screeched to a halt. The construction of the Narthex ceiling and the completion of the kitchen floor and cabi-

nets were on hold due to the closure of non-life sustaining business. Just today we learned that Reynold's has received the go-ahead to resume work. With no one using the building, this will actually work out very well for us.

Vestry announced some technical changes in the by-laws, which had not been updated since 1997 – things like changing "vicar" to "rector" and "mission" to "parish." If there are no objections to these changes, vestry will approve them soon.

Sunday March 15 marked the last services (and any other meetings and activities) until at least March 29 or possibly longer due to the Coronavirus. On the 16th, we formed a "buddy system" matching the "able-bodied" to parishioners who are elderly and those who may be feeling isolated during this time of confinement at home. Within hours, almost everyone had a connection. Michelle began a wonderful daily post of prayer and positivity on the website and via email, to help comfort parishioners during this national health crisis. Father David has offered up his Sunday sermons and some words of encouragement for all of us.

As you may know, as per the direction from Bishop Scanlan, the church will not be open for worship or activities prior to the end of May, at the earliest. The Bishop meets with clergy, via zoom, weekly, so the parish office is constantly updated and we will pass those updates on to you, in a timely manner. Mean-

while, there will be diocesan service offerings for Palm Sunday and Holy Week and St. Edward's will be offering our own Easter service online. We still have the business of our Annual Meeting which we are pulling together reports and plans to hold virtually, with a target date of April 18th, via zoom, so stay tuned. This will be led by Father David and will allow us to start anew with our permanent rector, Father Rick and a new vestry in place.

After conversations with Father David, Father Rick, and a consultation with Bishop Scanlan, I will stay on as Senior Warden for one year to help with the transition and to try to provide some continuity. There is precedence for this at St. Edward's – Brian Newsome was asked by Father Stephen Casey to stay on for a second year as Senior Warden last year.

With Father David's last day of April 19th approaching, you can email him at rector@sainteds.org to bid farewell and he is in our directory for his address. We hope to have Father David return to St. Edward's for a celebration of his ministry in the near future once we are back in community in the church.

Father Rick's first day in the office will be on April 21. His first official service will be on April 26, assuming we are back to a new normal. Please continue to pray for Father David as his time with us winds down and also for Father

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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 Tennies
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Pray for Our Kids at Home

From Facebook

Ethan Kline



Rosie Westgate



Rachel and Matthew Smith



By Kim Kline

My heart breaks for our seniors. 💔💔

💔 If there's a high school senior in your life, give them a (virtual) hug and pray for them. To them, the cancellation of school is not a vacation. It's time they don't get to spend with their friends the last few months before they graduate. They're anxious, realizing they may never be able to walk the halls for the last time, do their senior walk, turn in scholarship applications, attend their last basketball banquet, play their senior baseball season or attend their last prom. They're nervous that they may not be able to walk the stage and get the diploma they have been working hard on for 12 years. They are scared that Thursday, March 12, 2020 may have been the last day of their senior year with so many things left undone. Show them support and love them during these hard times. #classof2020

They came into this world in the days of 9/11 and they are graduating high school during a pandemic. They'll be our strongest generation yet.

In addition to kids who are home, Marielle Donohue is planning a wedding, and Libby Casey Stauffer is expecting twins. Let's remember them in our prayers for our kids.

By Meredith Aul Westgate

They're sad hearing their senior prom they've been waiting on all year might be canceled. Remember back, these are the things we all get to look back on, 2020 seemed like such a cool year to graduate. Now it's looking like the worst! I am thankful for this gift of time with my senior and we ARE making the best of it but it's still hard none the less... Show them support and love them during these hard times.

From Faith Ishler's FB



Oh you're going through a world pandemic? No problem here are 3 exams, 2 projects, and a lab report all due this week plus you have to teach everything to yourself goodbye



By Peg Reiley

Only good thing about coronavirus - we are home together! Happy 1st full day of spring! I love when my daffodils bloom each year - a reminder of new life. As we navigate these uncertain, sometimes scary days when our lives are not what we were expecting, please remember that we will get through this. Our lives will return to "normal" again. In the meantime, keep the faith, stay in touch with friends and family via phone call, letter, social media, etc. And stay home if possible in an ongoing effort to flatten the curve. Stay healthy my friends



Coronavirus cake - nailed it!!

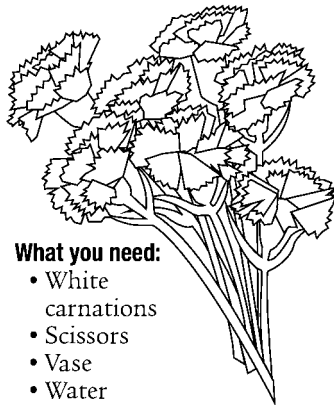
By Christina M McLaughlin —On Facebook

Christina was nominated for the 10 day being a mom photo challenge on Facebook. Each day she posted a picture of Paul. Here are the first 3 days



Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

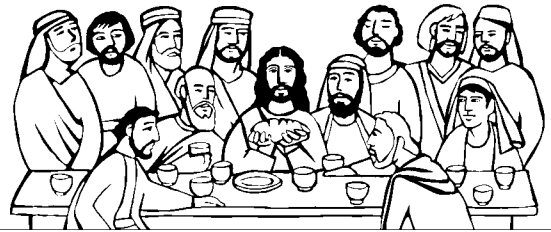
What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.



Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in _____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

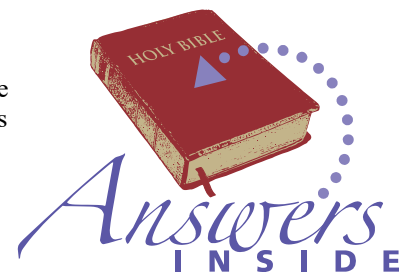
Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured



Bible Quiz

Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: D (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.)

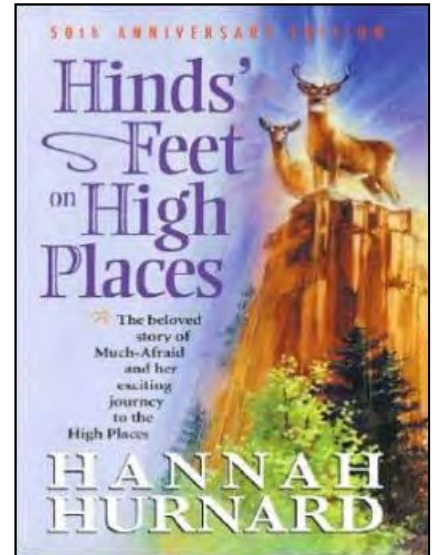
Hinds' Feet In High Places

By Donna Holwager

Reading for this "time of times"

I'd like to share this wonderful little book: Hannah Hurnard's classic story: "HINDS' FEET IN HIGH PLACES". Have you ever seen deer or mountain goats leaping across mountains and wished you could leap so nimbly? Does this time of isolation bring a wish you could just leap up the mountain of faith? If yes, you may enjoy reading this precious little allegory where the Good Shepherd, pasturing his flock in the Valley of Humiliation, finds little "Much Afraid: who has trouble walking because of her crippled feet and misshapen mouth. She is deeply ashamed; resigned to the fact that nothing would ever change. Much Afraid's family has strange names: Dismal Foreboding; Gloomy; Spiteful and Craven Fear. Everyday, Much Afraid is able to see the deer and goats from out her kitchen window, as they nimbly leap up the mountain; sadly knowing her crippled feet insure she will have to remain rooted forever where she is in her terribly unhappy life.. However, the Good Shepard has been waiting a long time to hear her voice this longing, and He told her He could give her hind feet like the deer and the goats so she could also

leap and climb, and find her way out of the Valley. First, though; she would need the seed of love planted in her heart. And she could let Him do the planting! Not to give away the story, you will see the Road to High Places is not easy: the helpers and companions God chooses for us are often not the companions we would choose for ourselves. Meet the two consistent ones she has been given: "Sorrow" and "Suffering," with her disastrous family in close pursuit as she attempts to climb. Pride joins the list of characters who travel with her along edge of the "Sea of Loneliness" as the whispering voices of Resentment, Bitterness and Self Pity try to convince her to go back. As her heart becomes even more softened by the seed of love already planted in her heart, she gradually comes to understand the twists and turns of her journey: Spoiler alert: there is an ending that will uplift your heart!



Hearts and Hands

By Carol Cotnoir and Donna Holwager



Christmas morning coffee, anyone? " Like this cheerful little "mug rug".? Plan now to shop at St Edward's cookie and craft sale this December

Great idea for this time of isolation: start making items now to contribute in November: gifts for grandchildren, table runners, napkins, gloves, hats, decorations, ornaments, homemade Christmas or greeting cards; or, here's a thought - how about crafted gift boxes for those cookies we're selling? ♡



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Community Fellowship Dinner

Pictures by Meredith Aul



Barb Jakiel, Mark Jakiel, Herb Johnston, Marsha Shirk

The Community Fellowship Dinner on March 11th was a fun time shared by 20 participants! We celebrated Jane Young's birthday with delicious cakes. We look forward to having a GREAT late spring dinner for when we all come back. Let's celebrate our parish community and mark our calendars to ALL participate!

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
FELLOWSHIP**
FAITH. FOOD. FUN.



Jane Young celebrates her birthday.



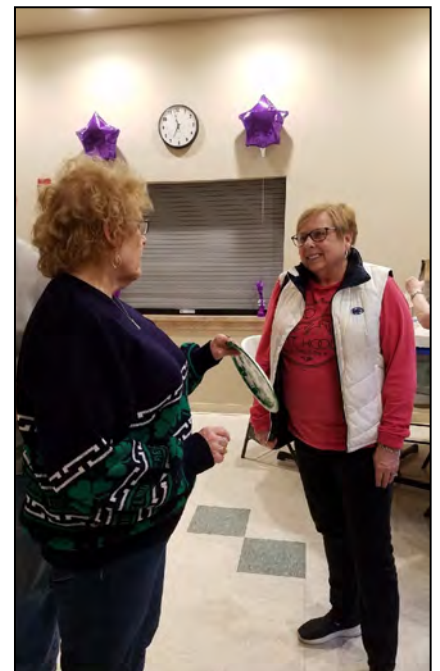
Father David



Carol Cotnoir



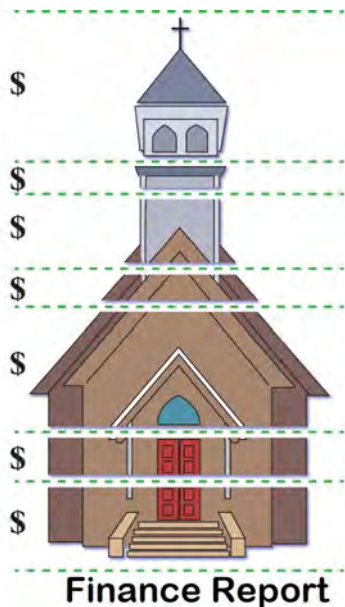
Sally Lederer



Liz Yeager and Julie Hoff

Financial Report

From the Finance Committee



"Due to, what I believe is, the unprecedented Diocesan closure of churches, we are a bit behind schedule with the 2020 Budget. But the Vestry is currently reviewing the Finance Committee's draft budget and we expect to have it finalized soon. In the interim, I wanted to share with the Parish a summary of the most recent draft budget.

St. Edward's Episcopal Church

2020 DRAFT Operating Budget

	2019	2020
	Budget	Budget
INCOME		
Total Operating Income	268,300	280,045
DISBURSEMENTS		
Diocesan Fair Share	40,310	41,305
Rector Salary & Exp.	112,552	119,552
Staff	74,579	80,457
Parish Life	20,275	22,575
Office	9,950	10,350
Property	41,755	35,100
Diocesan Loan Interest	0	960
Total Operating Expenses	299,422	310,299
Major Building Maintenance	0	5,000
Rector's Installation Reception	0	3,000
Total Other Expenses	0	8,000
Projected Surplus / (Deficit)	(31,122)	(38,254)



Offerings Electronic Tithing

From Lancaster Newspaper 3/21

Houses of worship may be closed over coronavirus concerns, but bills still must be paid

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Earlier this week, St. Edward's Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, sent its members an email describing the parish's reaction to temporarily suspending activities and use of the church building.

As part of that email, the Rev. David Bate-man, interim rector, stated that in addition to prayers, calls and cards, "There is one more thing you can do to support St. Edward's during this time. Please keep up to date with your pledge or regular contribution."

It is a reminder that many houses of worship are passing along to members.

Churches and synagogues are closed and Masses are suspended, but bills still need to be paid.

That's where online giving comes into play. In this increasingly technological era, churches are using online services to meet demand.

At Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, roughly 25% of the weekly offering is done online.

The church's website lists any number of ways people can give, including onetime gifts and online recurring giving.

"We now encourage people to look to use the (online) option," said the Rev. Beau Eckert, senior pastor.

While Calvary created its own online app, there are other options for churches.

Kate Good, executive director at the Parish Resource Center, said her organization has compiled information from area churches that use online giving and has used that information to help other churches choose the option that best fits their needs.

Of the churches with which the center has worked, most use Vanco Payment Solutions Inc., an Atlanta-based firm that advertises it has helped more than 20,000 churches "grow their giving."

Other popular online giving platforms include Pushpay, which is used by LCBC, and Elexio, a Lancaster-based software company, which is used by Covenant Unit-



Kate Good, executive director of the Parish Resource Center in Lancaster, demon-

ed Methodist Church.

"It's not very hard to set up," Good said. "Churches fill out a form with their tax ID number, and we can walk them through it."

Parish Resource Center also offers bookkeeping and financial services for churches and nonprofits. Currently, 20 churches and nonprofits use those services.

"We have a CPA who oversees all of it, so they're getting top-level support at really affordable rates," she said.

Not only is online giving secure, Good said the services provide receipts to both the giver and the institution so it's easier to track contributions.

There are fees for processing the credit or debit card, and many of the sites allow the giver to assume the fee so the church is not being charged to process it.

It also is important for churches to make sure the system they choose is mobile-friendly.

At historic St. Mary's Catholic Church, 119 S. Prince St., parishioners can click the giving link to contribute. The church lists a variety of reasons for members to give online: no need to write checks or

bring cash; contributing even when the person is unable to attend; all contributions are recorded on the giver's bank statement; and the fact that it is costfree.

St. Edward's Episcopal Church used PayPal several years ago but abandoned it after few members used it. The church currently does not offer an online option and instead has asked members to mail checks to the church.

We now encourage people to look to use the (online) option.

— The Rev. Beau Eckert,

Senior pastor, Calvary Church

Editor's note:

To facilitate stewardship, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. The Diocese will transfer the funds you give to your church. Simply select your church and set up your one-time or recurring gift.

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



By Shaped By Faith Team



St. Edward's is putting together a team to participate in the Bishop Audrey's, Shaped By Faith initiative. Each parish is asked to put together a team of 3 to 4 people to attend 9 meetings during the next 18 months. Ideal teams consist of; the rector, a vestry person and a parishioner in the pews, for a total of 3, but 4 could be accommodated. If you would like to be a part of this initiative, please contact Julie Hoff at 717-898-6037 or email at jjhoff05@aol.com by Saturday March 28, 2020. Currently, Julie Hoff and our new Rector Rick Bauer are on this team. We are seeking at least one additional layperson to join this team. This will be an 18 month commitment with meetings every other month with other churches in the Lancaster Convocation. Meeting 2 will be happening by Zoom on Sunday March 29th from 1-2 pm.

What is Shaped By Faith?

Our Diocese has embarked upon a huge project called, "Shaped by Faith", where regional groups of parishes are examining their future together and their optimal configurations for health, vitality and values, financial sustainability, God's call in the neighborhood, and new models for being Church. Together we are taking on this necessary, change-oriented work to build a diocese for the future that is vibrant, life giving, sustainable and God driven.

We have this common goal together as a diocese. At the very first town hall style gathering, congregations engaged in a visioning process with four guiding words: Discovery, Experimentation, Creativity and Collaboration. The entire process for Shaped by Faith relies on all parishes and convocations collaborating with one another as we explore together what the future looks like for our dio-

cese. Working together first in teams within the parish, and then, those same teams coming together to work on the next set of tools in the process, building trust, and a common sense of 'we are in this together'.

Togetherness is fostering relationships between parishes that result in new ways of doing and being church. For example: there may be collaboration on shared resources where one parish administrator is producing the bulletins for two or three churches, instead of each creating their own. Two parishes may decide a more permanent collaboration will enhance their communities and they will join to form one parish. It's possible a parish will form new collaborations with community-based services, such as housing Family Services in a portion of their building. Will a parish 'rent' their building to another denomination to hold services on Sunday afternoon or another day the congregation isn't using the physical building?

The possibilities are limitless. I'm imagining as this process unfolds, the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania will have a wide variety of collaborations never before dreamed and our togetherness will be enhanced exponentially as we seek to build the kingdom of God, because we have done this work collaborating together.

A Collect for Shaped by Faith

God of wisdom and love, in whom we find our joy: Help us to listen for your Word and to discern your way forward for our Church. Give us the insight to hold on to what is true, the courage to explore new ideas, and the boldness to create with you. Let us be Shaped by Faith for your mission; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Rick as he joins us on our journey. And of course, remember those who are sick or who have lost their jobs, for the health care workers on the front lines, and for a quick end to this health crisis.

And that just about sums up the month that wasn't!

Puzzle!

Hands play a key role in the biblical accounts of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Use this sign-language alphabet to retell what happened.



Jesus' _____ were _____
to the tree. Two criminals were also crucified,

one on the _____
and the other on the _____ of Jesus. Jesus

cried out with a loud voice, " _____"
into your _____ I commit my spirit."

(Luke 23:46) Jesus' friends _____
him from the cross to the tomb. Jesus showed

_____ his _____ to prove
he was Christ. Bring your _____ together

in _____, and thank God for his
Son, Jesus!

Answer: hands, nailed, hands, hands, prayer, carried, Thomas, hands, hands, left, Father, hands,

"Spring shows
what God can do
with a drab and
dirty world."
—Virgil A. Kraft

Episcopal Home to Close

13 March 2020

To all Clergy and Members of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania,

For over 93 years, the mission of the Episcopal Home has been to provide the elderly in Central Pennsylvania a safe, loving community and a supported living environment where they can receive the care they need. Through its long history, the Episcopal Home has been able to maintain the personal dignity of every resident and provide quality care for all those who have chosen to make their home with us. The support of the diocese through the years – both financial support and untold hours of service – has helped us to care for the residents' physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Thank you for joining us



so faithfully in this mission of compassion and care.

It is with saddened hearts that we inform you that The Episcopal Home is no longer financially sustainable as a care facility and will be closing effective September 30, 2020. While this is an immensely sad time for us all, the Board came to this decision after lengthy, prayerful and prudent discernment. In the past five years, the Board has explored new efforts in fundraising, marketing, and financial management with results that have been good, but not robust enough to allow for sustainability. The trends today in eldercare and healthcare in our Commonwealth do not favor independent personal care homes, and the difficulties that we have been experiencing in maintaining our vitality are not uncommon. In the past, the diocese has been very generous in supporting the Home, and we are grateful. The margin of loss is not one that even a strident mission effort in our diocese could sustain; an endowment with a principle of ten million dollars would be necessary to ensure a sustainable draw to meet the annual deficit of recent years.

We ask not only for your prayers during this period of transition, but for assistance where able. We are committed to ensuring excellent care for the residents as we work to assist their families and responsible parties to resettle them in alternative facilities and housing, work to alleviate distress, and provide spiritual guidance during this time. Any who are able to volunteer their time and services to ensure the residents are safe and cared for are greatly appreciated. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact the Administrator of the Home, Canon Mary Grace Shearer, at the number listed at the bottom of this page.

Additional details will be available about plans for The Episcopal Home properties. We look forward to working with the congregation at St. Andrew's, The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson, Rector, and the diocese's Council of Trustees as we look to the future and the stewardship of this place. Thank you for being a part of the Home with us.

For Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all those who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP pg. 831)

Sincerely,

The Rt. Rev.

Audrey C. Scanlan

XI Bishop

The Rev. Rebecca Myers

Episcopal Home Board President

Canon Mary Grace Shearer, MSW

Episcopal Home Administrator

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for May will be:

April 20th.

Send articles and announcements to:
HJ_Miller@outlook.com



Easter Thoughts

"All I really need is love,
but a little chocolate now
and then doesn't hurt!"

- CHARLES M. SCHULZ, PEANUTS



Social Outreach

By Beth Lynch

Soles 4 Souls



“At Soles4Souls, we turn unwanted shoes and clothing into opportunity, by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use - providing relief, creating jobs and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.”



St. Edward's will be participating in a shoe drive with St. John's during the 2020 Lenten Season. Starting Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday parishioners are invited to donate used shoes. There will be a collection center in the church under the social outreach bulletin. Any shoes with laces should be tied together before placing in the collection box.



Food Pantry



Each month St. Edward's parishioners donate food that is blessed and then delivered to the Hempfield Food Pantry. The Christian Education students help with this project. In February 99 pounds of food were donated. Requests for March: Items requested for March: Canned peas, Canned pears, Canned carrots, Canned spinach, Chunky peanut butter, Cereal, Oatmeal regular and instant, Syrup



Food being blessed March 2019



Feed My Starving Children

By Peg Reiley

No reschedule date has been set as of this time. They are not sure if or when it will happen. They hope they will be able to find another date after things get better. Watch for up dated information.





St. Gertrude Patron Saint of Cats ...More or Less



You might think of March 17 as St. Patrick's Day, but it's also the feast day of a lesser-known saint: Gertrude of Nivelles, patron saint of cats. At least that's what the internet says.

Gertrude of Nivelles was born around 626 in present-day Belgium into a well-connected noble family. But she didn't stick to the script that most noble women were made to follow in her era: When she was 10, Gertrude reportedly refused—loudly and angrily—to be married to the son of a duke. In fact, she insisted that she would never marry at all.

When her father died, Gertrude and her mother, Itta, moved to Nivelles (south of present-day Brussels) to set up a monastery, where she became an abbess. She became known for her devotion to scholarly and charitable works, and for taking care of orphans, widows, and pilgrims. She was also visited by spiritual visions and said to know most of the Bible by heart. But her ascetic lifestyle, which in-

cluded long periods without food or sleep, took a toll on her health, and she resigned as abbess in 656 at the age of 30. She died three years later, and St. Patrick himself is said to have watched over her on her deathbed.

Sailors—who were crossing a sea while on business for Gertrude's monastery—were caught in a ferocious storm and threatened by a large sea animal who they feared would capsize their boat. After one of the sailors prayed to God for mercy because they were doing business for Gertrude's ministry work, they said that the storm miraculously stopped right away and the sea creature swam away from them.

Cats and Mice

Since Gertrude was known for offering hospitality (to people as well as animals), she was kind to the cats that hung around her monastery, offering them food and affection. Gertrude is also associated with cats because she often prayed for the souls of people in purgatory, and artists of the time symbolized those souls as mice, which cats like to chase. Therefore, Gertrude came to be linked with both cats and mice and now serves as the patron saint of cats.

Hopler, Whitney. "Saint Gertrude of Nivelles, the Patron Saint of Cats." Learn Religions, Feb. 11, 2020, [learnreligions.com/saint-gertrude-nivelles-patron-of-cats-124329](https://www.learnreligions.com/saint-gertrude-nivelles-patron-of-cats-124329).

Thank you to the following hosts during our march coffee hours:

June Klemm
Geraldine Cosgrave
Janet Rumer
Ginny and Roger Kloepping
Bob Young
Dottie Gschwend
Donna Holwager
The Westgate Family
The McLaughlin Family

We are pleased to announce that starting this Sunday, April 5th we are going to try "Virtual Coffee Hours" on Zoom, from 10:00 – 10:45. These will be led by Christina McLaughlin and we invite anyone to participate! Grab a cup of coffee and your Danish, join the zoom meet-up and have a chat with St. Edward's friends. You can join anytime during the coffee hour and you can leave the coffee hour as you wish. Here is the link to instructions on how to get the zoom app on your device of choice. The "join" code will be given on THURSDAY'S in the Daily Message so that we keep control of the meet-up to our parish, or those in the parish who want to extend the invitation to others.

<https://sainteds.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/St-Eds-Coffee-Hour-Invite-and-How-To.pdf>





The 2020 Cultural Event Series at St. Edward's has been scheduled and it will be a 4-season delight for all! Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends!

All events are a free-will offering and light refreshments will be served.

Sunday, April 26th at 3 PM *valleyphonics* – From Bach to Broadway. ***Cancelled***

Saturday, June 20th at 7 PM *Servant Stage* - A Broadway-style "revue" show

Sunday, September 20th at 3 PM
QuintEssentially Brass - Baroque to Jazz, Sacred to Secular

Sunday, December 13th at 3 PM *Fire in the Glen* - A Celtic Christmas program

St. Edward's is also the rehearsal "home" to The Lancaster Chamber Singers. This ensemble of vocalists, founded in 1978, has a mission to bring to life, for both audience and performer, the great choral heritage of our culture. Please visit The Lancaster Chamber Singers web site, to find out about their upcoming performances in May and December of 2020.



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Fr. Rick Bauer

Dear St. Edward's family,

While the Search Committee looked far and wide for a new rector, they found the person who fit our profile almost in our own back yard. It is an honor to introduce to you the next rector of St. Edward's: The Reverend Richard C. Bauer.

Father Rick has been serving as Associate Rector at St. James in Lancaster since June of 2018. As part of his ministry there, he has worked hard to lift up ministries in our community that promote the dignity of all people and has developed strong relationships with clergy women and men in our convocation and diocese.

Rick will soon finish course work for a Doctor of Ministry in Christian Leadership from Duke Divinity School. As a student there, he has honed the craft of ministry with work in parish administration, strategic planning, multi-media practices, preaching in politically diverse contexts and outreach ministries. In addition to his nearly completed doctorate, Rick holds a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary; a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Florida International University; and a B.S. in Legal Studies from Nova Southeastern University.

An accomplished musician (vocalist, guitarist, bassist, and keyboardist) Father Rick self-recorded and produced 9 full-length C.D.'s and maintained a full-time performance schedule with "the Rick Bauer Band." Through his Roads to Rome Productions in Hollywood, Florida, he served for 15 years as an ordained non-denominational minister, proprietor, performer, booking agent, and producer.

Father Rick's many academic awards during his years at Virginia Theological Seminary include an award for Christian Leadership, a Biblical Language Prize, an Award and Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Theology, a Scholarship for Academic Excellence and another for Theological Reflection, and a Doctoral Fellowship for Study: Catholic University, PhD. Religion and Culture. Rick was a Florida Academic Scholar, 1993-1997 and completed his undergraduate education on a full academic scholarship.

In his free time, Rick engages his passions for study, travel, music, and family. As an extension of his graduate work in Religious Studies, he seeks opportunities to engage different cultures, and, in fifteen trips abroad has explored many of the top world UNESCO sites, Stonehenge including the Pyramids at Giza, the Vatican, the Taj Mahal, Machu Picchu, the Temple complexes at Angkor, and Chichen Itza.

Rick and his wife Katrina live right here in East Hempfield and are the proud parents of two sons, Richard and Christian, who attend Centerville Elementary School.

In his cover letter to the Search Committee, Rick wrote this: "While I humbly aspire to faithfully approach Christ with a commitment to life-long learning, I feel called to do so in a context that allows for the cultivation of deep interpersonal relationships. I believe that the Spirit is calling me to a vocation that allows for a greater degree of pastoral focus in ministry, where walking together in Christian community, where growing in faith and numbers, is rooted in knowing one another."

I firmly believe that Father Rick is God's answer to our prayer for new leadership at St. Edward's.

Before closing, I want to acknowledge and thank the search committee; Matthew Sternberg, Dottie Gschwend, Bill Swiernik, Peter Weber, Susan Landin, Seth Hake, and Beth Lynch for their tireless work in this 15 month process. I am also deeply grateful to the vestry: Julie Hoff, Junior Warden; Bill Swiernik, Mike Freshwater, Mark Jakiel, Ellen Milligan, Dina Ishler, Ginny Kloepping, and Herb Johnston for their time and energy and for making themselves available for countless planned and impromptu meetings. Thanks also to Kevin Milligan for his financial expertise during our contract negotiations. Thank you to Father David for his experienced pastoral ministry during our transition. Last, but not least, the wise and experienced counsel of Bishop Audrey Scanlan and The Rev. Canon Dan Morrow is greatly appreciated.

Father Rick's first official Sunday at St. Edward's will be on April 26. I know you'll join me in extending a warm and gracious St. Edward's welcome to Father Rick, Katrina, Richard, and Christian.

Sincerely,
Meredith Westgate
Senior Warden

For more about Fr. Bauer you can check out the following sites.

Sermons on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCIW3shpRGA&list=UU6-yiVibeyYLuaz-QY5RFqQ&index=13>

On Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/mrtheinvisible/>
Mr. Invisible:

<https://mrtheinvisible.com/music-videos>



Farewell to Fr. David Bateman

By Meredith Westgate

David's Farewell

Meredith Westgate

It will be quite strange if church remains closed until mid-April and we don't have the chance to say a fond farewell to Father David, who has served our church as Interim Rector since January 2019. We had hoped that he and we would have closure during a special coffee hour in his honor on April 19, his last Sunday with us, between services, however we now know that is not to be. Instead, we will invite him to come back on a Sunday after we have the O.K. to return to church for a celebration of his ministry at St. Edward's. Father Rick has enthusiastically embraced this plan.

Just a few weeks ago, a parishioner said to me, "I hate to see David go. He has served this parish well." And then she smiled and whispered, "I wish he could stay."

As Senior Warden, I have worked closely with David over this year. We have shared three (sometimes longer) hour meetings weekly or bimonthly. During these meetings, he has shared his knowledge of church canons and diocesan protocols as we've prepared vestry agendas and worked on everything from pastoral care visits to rotted window sills and the exterior wall in the Rector's office. The year has not been without challenges, but we have persevered. David has encouraged me in my "mission" to build community in our parish. He has kept his sense of humor and has offered wise counsel and sound advice to me and to the vestry.

I am grateful for Father David's leadership as we, on vestry, have navigated our way through transition, our search for a new rector, and a host of building issues. Unless vestry's ideas violated some canon or protocol, David quietly encouraged us to take initiative and try new things. In the process, vestry found its voice. Thanks in large part to David's "style," we have become secure in the knowledge that Edward's is moving forward confidently in the right direction.

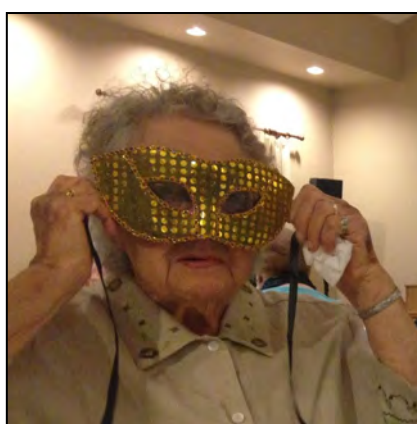
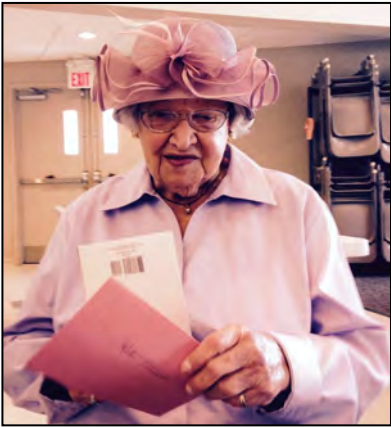
I wish David and his wife Diane a long and happy retirement!



In Memory of Kate Peterson

We are sad to report that long-time parishioner, Kate Peterson, died March 29. It is not possible to have public funerals now, so either there will be a funeral several months from now or there will be a private graveside service with only one or a handful of people. Plans have not yet been made. If there is to be a public service, we will announce it in the future when the details become known. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

David +



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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
