### May2020







### Reflection From the Rector's Desk

#### By The Reverend Richard C. Bauer

How strange that we begin our time together...at a distance. Here in this Eastertide season of Resurrection and of new beginning for our community, we find ourselves in a paradox. We continue to

wait. We're navigating global as citizens, a prolonged Lenten-like wilderness thrust upon us all by COVID-19. And yet, as Christ's Body alive in the world, animated by the Holy Spirit, it seems to me that we are perfectly poised to deal well with what we're up against. At the core of our faith, we

acknowledge the way of the cross on the path toward resurrected life. We're an Easter people in a Good Friday world, broken AND redeemed. Even as we mourn the sickness and the death around us, we know that God walks with us. And if we can accept that God is everywhere and in all things, then perhaps we can have eyes to see opportunity in this crisis.

As we stay home, we're



"God has not promised to take away our trials but to help us to change our attitudes toward them. That is what holiness really is. In this life, happiness is rooted in our basic attitude toward reality"

Thomas Keating

invited to go a bit deeper with our Lord, to sense the presence of God in our lives in new ways, to acknowledge the closeness of our Lord in the quiet spaces of our own hearts. As Paul commends to us in his first letter to the Thessalonians (5:17), perhaps NOW is the perfect season for us "to pray without ceasing" in response to the conditions in which we find ourselves. Our faith: conditioned

> upon radical and defiant hope and rooted in other-oriented love, provides us with the appropriate posture for prayerful living. And our prayers need not consist of words as we participate in the unfolding of God's intentions for the world through our being and our doing as people of faith. To watch flowers bloom and to

recognize God at work, to linger a little longer on a phone call with a friend or a family member as we

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# Reflection

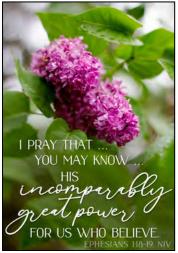
## Mike Freshwater's Repairs

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don the peace of our Lord in our hearts, to simply breathe in deeply and to acknowledge all the things we have to be thankful for, all characterize the sanctified life of ceaseless prayer.

Maybe we're encountering something miraculous in this current mix of dying and rising to new life as we've been forced to slow down. We're discovering new ways to be together. And if we dare to listen, perhaps we can better hear the voice of God in our own heart-spaces as the world around us quiets. I'm reminded of the wisdom of Thomas Keating who wrote: "God has not promised to take away our trials but to help us to change our attitudes toward them. That is what holiness really is. In this life, happiness is rooted in our basic attitude toward reality" The Spirit is with us. Christ is alive. So, may the peace that passes understanding ever-clothe our hearts and our minds in these trying times.

### Father Rick+



## Information

Michelle Bentley

### Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday: 10AM – 4:30PM Parish Administrative Assistant:



Vestry member, Mike Freshwater is undertaking the badly needed repainting all of our exterior metal doors. On the left is a picture of the newly painted nursery door....

Below are "Before" and "After" pictures of the shed. Great handiwork by Mike Freshwater getting carpenter inspiration during Holy Week.





<u>Scepter</u>

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.

## Vestry

### By Meredith Aul Westgate Senior Warden



Zoom seems to be operative word in April. It was a month of first Zoom sessions. (Pages 4,6,9 and 11)

Vestry held its first Zoom meeting on April 14 – and our last with Father David.

On a financial front, Mark Jakiel reported that we are down \$7,000 from 2019, at least in part due to the lack of Sunday services. Pledges are being mailed in and some are being made on-line. Michelle is looking into setting up direct deposit for church employees. The proposed 2020 budget was approved pending revisions to be determined per the "stay at home order." We applied for and were approved recipients of the CARES PPPL program. Funds can be used to support financial obligations such as payroll, retirement contributions, and health care premiums.

Vestry voted to invest in a Zoom ac-

count to be used for meetings and gatherings during mandated isolation and beyond.

Building issues - The Narthex ceiling is completed. The wood match is nearly perfect and looks great. The grease trap has been installed in the kitchen and the floor may now be replaced. The coil for the HVAC system will arrive at the end of May. Michelle is working with the cleaning service to deep clean areas such as the main entrance Narthex floors once all the construction is finished and also to properly disinfect and sanitize the church prior to our return. Vestry approved replacement of the carpet in the rector's study, which has not been replaced since the church was built. The carpet has been paid for by a generous donation.

Vestry approved the revision of the Bylaws as previously proposed.

The Memorial Garden survey, which was placed in every parishioner mailbox, resulted in 23 responses. Michelle will be sending out surveys to the parish by email in hopes of getting additional input.

We will not be able to hold our semiannual "Sweaty Sunday," this spring, however there are some grounds maintenance tasks that need attention. If anyone is able to "go solo," and give a couple of hours towards weeding and edging the beds around the church (especially the bed facing the Harrisburg Pike) and around the trees in the parking area, killing weeds in the parking lot, picking up limbs and such on the grounds, cleaning playground equipment, "freshening up" the front entrance area with new mulch, or painting exterior doors, please contact Bill Swiernik or Mike Freshwater. Mike spruced up our storage shed with a new coat of paint.

Our first annual meeting using the Zoom App was held on April 18 at 10 a.m. (Page 6) Beth Lynch, Catherine Donohue and Ginny Kloepping were elected to vestry. Ginny had previously completed a term left open by a retiring member in 2019. Delegates to Diocesan Convention in October will be: Leslie Arnold; Dottie Gschwend; Lucetta Kiefer; and Amanda Meyers.. Kevin Milligan reviewed the proposed budget and Father David offered final remarks and advice.

Easter Sunday was celebrated by outgoing rector, Father David Bateman and incoming rector, the Rev. Rick Bauer and was relayed to the parish on YouTube – another first for our parish. Participating in the service were Karen Waddill, pianist; Patrick Ishler, choir director as soloist. Others served as readers and musicians remotely from home. (Page 15-17)

April 19<sup>th</sup> marked Father David's final service and final message, also offered remotely. In case you missed it, 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
- $\star$ Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Whitesel



# Vestry cont'd

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Rick's first service on April 26<sup>th</sup> is available on YouTube. Plans are in the works for a "Swap Sunday" hopefully in June so that St. James, Lancaster can offer a proper farewell for Father Rick and we can do the same for Father David.

Although Father Rick has been working behind the scenes for the past few weeks, he officially began as our new rector on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Rick is eager to get to know each of us and will be setting up Zoom meetings with various ministry leaders very soon. He has fresh ideas, long range vision, and an abundance of enthusiasm. We are in good hands!

Our next vestry meeting will be held by – Zoom – on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me or Father Rick or any vestry member.

### New Member Ministry



**By Mike Patrone, Ministry Co-Chair** We are living in a different time frame from a month ago. The most exciting thing we are now doing is going to the grocery store,. reading, walking and watching TV seems to be the normal.

We watch the service St. Edward's streams on Sunday. I miss saying "alleluia" now that Easter has passed. Things are different but maybe one thing that has changed for the better is we have more thinking time available. Sometimes we overthink and other times the opposite but mostly in the positive.

Now is the time to think about the future at St.Edward's. How will we greet new visitors, how will the coffee hour be so we can take visitors and converse? When will the church be open? These questions and many more will be asked and answered. Together we will prevail. Notice that I use the word "we", not I or you or me. "We" is a team word. Keep the faith.



Vestry Zoom meeting





# Harrison Kline

### By Kim Kline

I haven't seen Harrison in person for over 3 months. . I miss him, but proud of what he is doing for the hospital. They are very, busy, but Allegheny county does not have the high number of cases that eastern PA is seeing. They are closing in on a vaccine in their research labs though! Harrison just came off a 2 week paid quarantine because he came in close contact with a test positive patient. Thank God they are providing better PPE to hospital staff now. This is where he works. Good thing he has a job b/c all of his med school interviews have been put on hold because of this mess.



The hospital in Pittsburgh where Harrison is working;

## **Proud Mother** Challenge





## Reading for 2nd Sunday of Easter

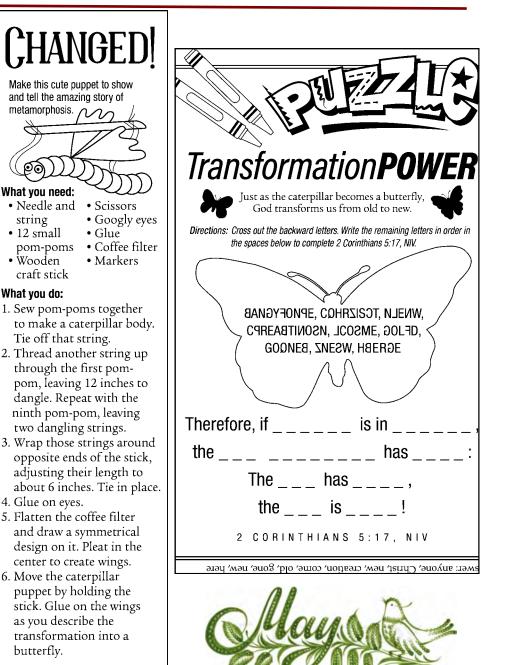


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# Kid's Corner

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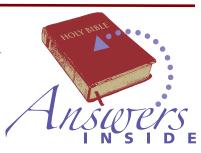
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# **Bible Quiz**

While 70 Israelite men were commissioned as prophets at the tent of meeting, two others, Eldad and Medad, were reported to have prophesied in the camp not following "proper" protocols. Who defended them?

- A. Moses
- B. Joshua
- C. Jethro
- D. The Lord



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:24-29.)

# Annual Meeting



St. Edward's Virtual Annual Meeting took place Saturday April 18th. Over 40 parishioners attended on ZOOM. They heard our final message and report from our Interim Rector, Father Bateman; our Senior Warden's report, along with vestry elections and delegates to Diocesan Convention, and our financial report. The Annual Report is posted on the St. Edward's web site for all to review. Here is the link:

#### https://sainteds.org/wp-content/ uploads/2020/04/St.-Edwards-Annual -Report 2019.pdf

We strongly encourage you to read this year's report. Every year the reports are such a wealth of information about the "state" of our parish, but we are particularly proud of this year's report as it shows what a wonderful community of faith, and a STRONG community of faith, we were throughout our transition (and are, today!). We did some really great ministry, in all ways!!





## Thank you

Here is a thank you note from Ann Grubb, wife of our prior and much-loved organist, Luke Grubb. While Luke has long passed, St. Edward's keeps in touch with Ann and sends her the Scepter, for which she is very grateful;. Occasionally, we see Ann at services or cultural events.



FROM THE DESK OF

Ann Grubb 3/9/2020

Dear Michelle, I'am always impressed with ST. Edwards newsletter and The Wonderful People That help the church in: Many Ways. I will be stopping, Soon with Shoes-Since Ien net able to wear - now old net able to wear - now old I dy shoes SAS for me. I dy shoes SAS for me.

Thank you -Best wishes always. HNN



#### **By Meredith Aul Westgate**



**Father Rick's son Ricky.** Vestry sent a welcome fruit basket to the Bauer family. Rick attached this to a thank you note to vestry. I didn't particularly want to advertise our gift, but I thought it was a cute picture.

"Where flowers bloom, so does hope." —Lady Bird Johnson "



Michelle Bentley took this picture at St. Edward's on Easter.

## Construction

#### **Pictures by Michelle Bentley**



## Bible Study

#### **By Bill and Yvonne Gasperetti**

Lenten Bible Study sessions have been a great blessing, even as the coronavirus has caused us to continue on-line, beyond Lent. Participants have found the discussions to be interesting and relevant to to-day's world and local events.

Because of the positive reception of this Bible Study, we have decided to continue the sessions throughout the coming months. We will finish our current study of the book of James on Wednesday, May 6th. After that, we will begin again on May 20th, and meet every other week. We will continue our meeting time at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

As long as coronavirus restrictions remain in effect, these meetings will be held online, by way of the Zoom application. Once restrictions are lifted, we will plan to meet at the church again.

For information as to how to join the Zoom meetings, please contact Bill at: bgasperetti@att.net or Yvonne at: ygasperetti@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there.





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**Bible Study Zoom meeting** 



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# **Quarantined Programming**



#### **By Glen Bentley**

Coronavirus quarantine.

Here are a few shows you may not have considered yet.

"Catastrophe"



If you haven't seen this fourseason delight, you owe yourself. The outline of the comedy is nothing special: A lovably goofy

American guy played by Rob Delaney has a fling in London with a feisty Irish woman played by Sharon Horgan, an unexpected baby ensues, and they try to raise the baby together despite being near strangers. But the cast members - including Carrie Fisher and Ashley Jensen This is the other haunting Margaret Atare great, and the writing, by Delaney and Horgan, is too. The pair are one of TV comedy's most believable couples, as they argue and make up and click in a charming but never cloying way. Work, parenting, sobriety, monogamy, sex they're all part of this surprisingly romantic story. Amazon

#### "The Boys"



Love watching superheroes like The

Avengers, Superman and the X-Men saving lives and kicking butt? Well, this show is not that. The Amazon Original series follows heroes who lie, cheat and kill and the motley crew that tries to stop them. It's a funny, dark, refreshing take on the superhero trope. Amazon Prime, 8 episodes.

#### "Back to Life"



love with this little. precisely observed portrait of a woman

only six half-hour episodes, it follows an ney Channel, 1 Season, 9 episodes anguished — and yet touchingly buoyant

36-year-old woman who has just been Okay so we are now enter- released after serving 18 years in prison. ing the second month of the Miri (played by co-writer Daisy Haggard, who was the sourpuss head of comedy on "Episodes") is trying to restart her life, but her family and neighbors have a hard time letting her do so. It's like a light version of the more meditative "Rectify," with some wonderful humor from Geraldine James as Miri's pent-up mum and a masterfully gradual unraveling of Miri's original crime. The series was just renewed, and I'll be first in line when it returns. Showtime

#### "Alias Grace"



wood adaptation, a miniseries written by Sarah Polley and directed by Mary Harron. Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale" looks into a darkly imagined future, but this tale goes back to the 1800s for the true story of a young Irish immigrant jailed for double-murder. From the first episode, it's riveting, with Grace (Sarah Gadon) recounting her Dickensian past to an American psychiatrist. As is wont to happen in therapy, Grace's truth gets muddier and muddier before it gets clearer. A beautifully acted, carefully structured, and broody period piece - not typical of Netflix, but at this point the streamer seems to have a bit of everything under its umbrella. Netflix, 6 episodes

#### "Diary of a Future



President" This teen comedy follows the life of a young girl who eventually becomes president of the United States. Featuring wonderful performances by the young cast and Selenis Levya who played Mendoza Gloria in

"Orange is the New Black" (also a great binge-watchable show on Netflix). Levya has excellent comedic timing and tons of charm. There are also some cameo appearances by Gina Rodriguez, of "Jane recently released from prison, which is the Virgin" fame (that show is also availafrom some of the executive producers of ble for binging on Netflix). This is a light, "Fleabag." A fast but meaningful watch at fun family-friendly binge watch. The Dis-

### **Just for Bishops?**



## St. John's Marietta





# Parishioner's Note

# Coffee Hour

#### **By Michelle Bentley**

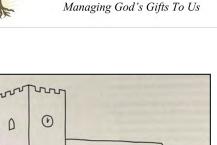
We receive so many thoughtful notes from parishioners. . . we welcome people to share their thoughts with us! And. . we appreciate the prayerful consideration and support, during these times, of people keeping their stewardship pledges and giving towards the ministry of St. Edward's We are very blessed!



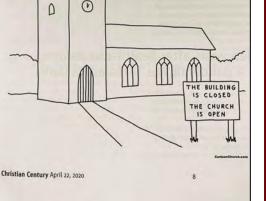
Dear St Edward's people, Enclosed is our April pledge.

Thank you for maintaining our Special place. It is Easter week, and We are a joyful people! Thank you for your talents, I'm imagining Michelle + Kevin will be in this loop be with you & yours, Peter





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### VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR AT ST. EDWARD'S

Don't forget to join Christina and Joe McLaughlin, hosting a weekly "Virtual Coffee Hour." This is all new to us, so take a chance, set up zoom and see how it all goes! It will be fun to connect and whether you want to stay on for 5 minutes or the full session, grab your cup of coffee or tea, pull up a chair, and say hello to your fellow parishioners.

## Here is a link of step-by-step instructions to set up zoom, that Christina put together.

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

And, if you have **any questions**, **Christina** has offered to please give her a call and she can help! Her number is 717-415-7043.



## **Food Pantry**

### **By Beth Lynch**



Because the Pantry is not currently taking food donations, \$1575.00 was sent to the Food Pantry. This came from donations and the Social Outreach budget.

#### From Diane Gerlach

Thank you for your continued support to the Hempfield Area Food Pantry. In addition to regular food donations, monetary contributions help to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank in Harrisburg at below super market costs (many items at 18 cents a pound). The pantry places an order with the Central Penn The Hempfield Pantry has been abundant-Food Bank once a month which is delivered to us. Financial contributions also allow our managers to purchase food volunteers to serve families in our comitems at local grocery stores and markets....such as eggs, fresh produce, meats, dairy products as well as other pantry supplies.

During the month of March....we served 160 families which included: 177 children; 334 adults; 101 seniors for a total of 1,632 people served...14 new families were registered. Clients may visit the pantry once a week, either Monday or Wednesday.

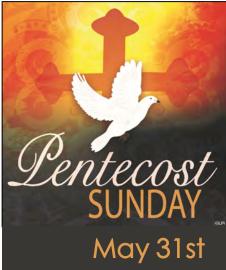
Currently during this coronavirus time,



the pantry serves our clients on a "drive through" distribution. Clients do not get out of their vehicle to enter the building to select their food as is the "normal" way. A volunteer meets the family at their vehicle and the family shows their identification through a closed car window. Volunteers then deliver pre-packed boxes of food items (according to number of people in the family) to the trunk of their vehicle. There is no direct contact from volunteer to client. This method of distribution is working very well.

The success of this outreach to the Hempfield area is a total community volunteer effort with many local civic/service/social organizations, neighborhood groups, local businesses, Hempfield school students and staff, retired Hempfield teachers, private individuals, boy/girl scouts, nineteen area churches, postal employees, HARC (employees, playgrounds and day camp), retirement communities, and many volunteers. Forty-seven volunteers served 626 hours in March. The pantry is a complete volunteer effort, operating with a full nonpaid staff.

ly blessed with generous donations of food items, financial contributions and munity who are struggling to feed their families. Our clients are very thankful for the food they receive. God is good! Bless you for assisting to "feed His sheep!"



## **Tabor Gift**

### **By Matthew Sternberg**



A \$600 gift is going to Tabor Community Services to support the use of hotel rooms for quarantine for homeless individuals who need it. These are folks who have nowhere else to go and would otherwise be on the street.

# **School Supplies**

### **By Ellen Milligan**



Mindful of the increasing needs of our community, the Social Outreach Committee will once again be conducting a school supplies drive this summer. This year we will be partnering directly with the Landisville Primary Center. We have been in touch with the school administrators and they are heartened to hear that St. Edward's wishes to help. Landisville Primary Center conducts "bucket filling" campaigns throughout the year to assist their students in need. Some past collections have been for hats and mittens and for food. Our donation of school supplies will be a bucket filling from our hearts to the hearts of the children in Landisville. Through our donations of backpacks, markers, glue sticks and more, students will start the school year ready to learn.

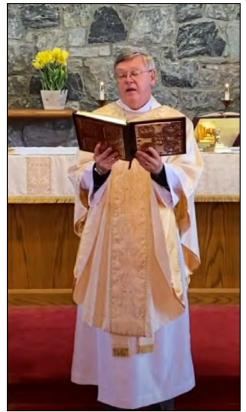
Dates for the collection will be forthcoming in June.



# April 19th Fr. Bateman's Final Service



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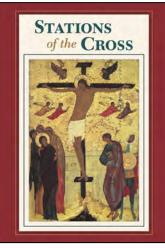




# A Very Different Holy Week

### Pictures by Dina Ishler, Michelle Bentley, Facebook and videos

Palm Sunday, palms were blessed by Fr. Rick. We picked them up at the door to the church.





The Ishlers brought us the Stations of the Cross on Facebook



We made home worship spaces.

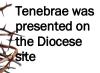
We decorated our front doors with greens.

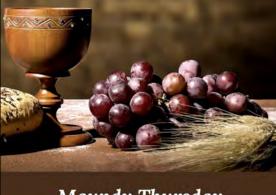


### SHADOW AND VERSE TENENBRAE SERVICE

with St. Stephen's Cathedral







Maundy Thursday Share an Agape Meal with Bishop Scanalan THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH





We watched Good Friday Services that were available from Noon until 3 PM from a variety of sources.

## Thank you Letters for the Easter Service



Wonderful notes of "thanks and praise" for our first video service at St. Edward's. Many thanks to Father David, Father Rick, Karen Waddill, Patrick Ishler, and Jerry and Julie Hoff for the preparation of the altar.

Dear David,

We enjoyed being able to celebrate Easter through St. Edward's. The presentations were beautiful and inspiring and eased the disappointment of not being able to be there in person. Everyone did such a professional job and we almost felt as if we Dolly & Arch Cross were there in church with you!

We regret we will be unable to say "Goodbye" to you but hope there will be a way to do that in the future with a proper St. Edward's send off! You have filled our void with warmth and love and great guidance in every way. Arch remembers when Thank you and God bless you, you visited him in the hospital one afternoon on your way home. It was such a warm experience that he won't for- LCDR Bill Gasperetti, USN-Ret. get. Remembering also your visits at Homestead Health Center and in our home.

Being able to "meet" Father Rick was a real treat! We are looking forward to meeting him in person. We feel he will lead us forward in many ways.

Thank you again for all you have done for all of us.

God Bless You with love and Wishes for a Happy Easter Tide,

Yvonne and I thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the St. Edward's Easter Sunday service. The content was great and the production/videography was excellent!

Bill & Yvonne

Master of Science Criminal Justice

"Courage is not the absence of fear; but

rather, the judgment that something is more important than fear" (James Hollingsworth)

To all who planned, produced, and participated in the St. Edward's Easter service,

THANK YOU! Well Done.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed

ALLELUIA

from John Meyer

Michelle, what a wonderful experience to watch the Easter service at St. Edward's

this morning. A big "Thank You to all who were involved.

Bob and Nancy Oliver

A happy Easter to all....for all who worked to do the Sunday service, many thanks. It was comforting to see our sanctuary. HE IS RISEN!

Peg Hanzleman

Happy Easter everyone! As the beautiful St. Edward's Easter service was going on, two wild turkeys went thru our little patch of woods, fanning their gorgeous feathers. I thought it a sign of the future as our church family spreads its wings with Father Rick beside us; and as we also give a fond farewell to Father David.

Joe and I are doing ok : lots of walking, reading, taking solace in the nature all around us. Prayers of concern for our medical and nursing staff, especially for our skilled nursing communities, and the patients they serve. Our neighbor is an R N working at Mennonite Home, and has had to send her three year old daughter to her grandmother's to be safe while she continues to care for the patients.

So many people to be grateful for in this season of time!

Easter blessings, Donna and Joe Holwager

So beautiful.

# A Very Different Easter



Mike Freshwater put up a sign letting people know that St. Edward's will have our Easter service online and directed them to our website. Thanks, Mike!





Our Easter service and the bulletin were on line.













Readers from their homes Jamie Alton, Rosie Westgate and Leslie Arnold





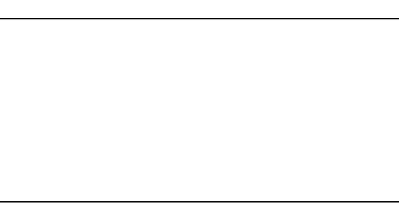
# A Very Different Easter



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### Staff

The Reverend Rick Bauer, Rector

Michelle Bentley, Parish Administrative Assistant

Patrick Ishler, Choir Director

Karen E. Waddill, Organist

Elizabeth Yeager, Nursery

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 10 AM – 4:30PM

### <u>Vestry</u> (year term ends)

- Catherine Donohue (2023)
  Michael Freshwater
- Vinchaer Freshwater (2021)Secretary
  Julie Hoff (2022) Jr.
  - Julie Hoff (2022) Jr. Warden
- Mark Jakiel (2021)
- Herb Johnston(2021)
- Ginny Kloepping (2023)
- Beth Lynch (2023)
- Ellen Milligan (2022)
- Meredith Westgate
   (2021) 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