

December 2020



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter



**By The Rev. Dr.  
Richard C. Bauer**

As we navigate an Advent and Christmas season unlike any other, many of us are tempted to reflect upon, and perhaps even get stuck in ruminations over, the things that we're missing from our celebrations and our traditions the year. Many of us lament the things that we simply cannot do here in 2020; the places that we cannot go and the people that we cannot embrace. But in truth, the Holidays can be trying and isolating times even when we're not faced with pandemic exhaustion and the inability to gather together in church. When we draw from the deepest memories of our most ideal experiences during this time of year, the weight of change and of

## Reflection From the Rector's Desk

absence often thrusts a number of us into the kind of "Blue Christmas" that Elvis Presley famously sang about. Whether missing our parents, our spouses, our friends, or overwhelmed by the silence of a home where children no longer laugh and play, invitations to

es all understanding as we mark the end of our church year with the proclamation of Christ as King: only to begin the very next week with the start of an Advent season of expectation. There is little liturgical turn-around for us as the Church, as we envision Christ enthroned and reconciling all Creation to Himself, only to then, immediately begin our preparations for the birth of a vulnerable and defenseless Christ child.



remember years gone by around Christmas can clothe us in profound sadness and a deep longing for yesterday.

And yet, in the body of Christ, we are invited to experience visceral excitement over the possibilities for our lives and for our world as the days grow shorter and colder. We speak of a peace that pass-

The dramatic shift in our sense of narrative through the transition to a new church year really does remind us, that we are a people committed to orienting ourselves toward a horizon unbound by time and clothed in radical and even defiant hope. We dare to declare that every end, ushers in a brand-new beginning.

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

## Reflection

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Recently, I've found myself thinking a great deal about a conversation that I had years ago, wherein a kind-hearted, retired bishop said to me of life: "it's important to recognize that how we leave is how we arrive". That bishop and I had been talking about transitions in relationship and in work; the ways in which we often burn bridges and give less of ourselves when we feel ready to leave a place or a role for something that we think and feel will serve us better. I'm sure that many of us can recount episodes where harsh words and bitter emotions have peppered our exits from situations along our paths. And perhaps we can also think about how our harsh words and our bitter feelings have remained with us long after our unhappy exits, how the consequences of our choices have followed us through the testimonies of others about our character. But we can probably also recall times when we've managed to move on well from places and relationships, to transition with grace, with a sense of positive inertia that carries over into what awaits us next...Yes, I do think that the bishop was correct, that "how we leave is how we arrive".

And so, as we exit a church year (marked by previously unimaginable changes in our shared and personal lives), we welcome a new one. Our faith calls us to do so with a trust in the promise of what is to come. In the year ahead, Covid-19 vaccines will be distributed, and we'll gather once again in large groups where song and embrace will enliven our hearts and clothe of senses of isolation in the warmth of beloved community. We will celebrate God's goodness and account for the myriad ways in which the power of the Holy Spirit has rested upon us in our distress. We will nurture

the Christ child in each of our hearts as we too, venture out into new possibilities for the future. But even now, we have cause to celebrate the joy of what is to come. After all, it is the love that we show for one another and the hope that is in us that defines us as Christians. So, may we remember, particularly as we look to put this difficult year behind us, that "how we leave is how we arrive." May we count our blessings as we look toward the horizon in expectation of good things. May we celebrate Immanuel...truly...God is with us.



## Merry Christmas



Larry and Jill Bell (and their two best friends!) send best holiday wishes to St. Edward's! (Note: See more St. Edward's pets on page 9)



Faith Ishler will dance with Fire in the Glen

## 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**



When did November roll into December? It seems like the church auction and variety show was just yesterday and here we are in Advent. As we mourn the missed opportunities for our customary social gatherings, perhaps we can look for the positives and truly experience this season of quiet anticipation.

The Pandemic has changed a lot about the way we live and the things we do, so it was comforting to learn at our November vestry meeting that our traditions will go on, though they may look a little different in effort to keep us all safe. While we are unable to meet and worship in person, we will be able to attend livestreamed services for the first three Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve – only the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent will be pre-recorded. Our sanctuary will still be beautifully decorated and we will still experience the joy of beautiful music. We can still enjoy time with one another

at coffee hour directly following the services. Consecrated wafers will be made available for Christmas Holy Communion at home.

The diocesan web site states: "Our December Bishop Out of the Box event will be Drive-in Worship services. We will have two options of free, outdoor, socially distanced services to help us all celebrate the Christmas season. From your car, enjoy a Christmas message, live worship, and carols. The first will be on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM at The Point Drive-in, Northumberland. The second will be on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM EST at The Cumberland Valley Drive-in, Newville." They plan to livestream, the events on Facebook. For more information see page 4.

We will still provide gifts for needy children as we have for many years through the Jesse Tree. To avoid Covid exposure, the Social Outreach Committee has asked for monetary contributions instead of asking parishioners to go out to shop. Vestry is working on a project to bring a little Christmas cheer to our most isolated shut-ins. Krist Kindling continued a 31 year tradition on November 29 with 17 participating families. We also continue to share our bounty with others as we provide food and funds to the Hempfield Area Food Pantry. This month we provided 40 turkeys and a lot of canned and boxed goods and to help families celebrate Thanksgiving in our communi-

ty.

Father Rick asked by the diocese to provide music at two outdoor, contemporary Diocesan Christmas Services. He agreed and asked Randy Westgate and Mike Freshwater to provide "back up." The first will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> in Northumberland, followed by a service on the 20<sup>th</sup> in Carlisle. The Diocese has offered a contribution to St. Edward's for the music, which will help to offset the loss of revenue usually gained by the annual Christmas cookie sale.

As of the November 17 vestry meeting, 39 pledge forms had been returned. If you haven't sent yours in, please help the Finance Committee plan our 2021 budget by sending it in as soon as possible. Kevin Milligan noted that, with remote services, cash flow may be difficult throughout December, so please remember to keep up your 2020 pledge.

Speaking of expenses, vestry authorized spending of the \$400 we earn from the county Board of Elections for use of our Parish Hall on Election Day, toward cleaning expenses. With ongoing meeting of Narcotics Anonymous and daily use of the building by staff and visitors, it is important to keep our space clean and disinfected. At some point in the near future, we need to have the floor in the parish hall stripped, cleaned, and waxed.

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



## Vestry cont'd

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Vestry also approved clean-up of the Memorial Garden when all the leaves have fallen. We asked Michelle to get estimates for spring window cleaning. The snow removal contract has been set up and the property staked. We're ready for snow!

If there's one thing I've learned working on vestry that property and maintenance are never ending issues. Reynolds Restoration is working on fixing the under the sink door enclosure in the sacristy. They are trying to determine a remedy for the woodpecker holes in the parish hall walls. Reynold's will also provide an estimate to repair the water damage in the rector's study ceiling that will be paid for by Joyland Roofing. Michelle is working with them to better secure the main entrance doors to the church. A piece of the trim has become detached on the Christian Ed wing (Harrisburg Pike side). Reynolds will inspect and supply an estimate to affix it properly and securely. Our fire security system has been tested and fire extinguishers are up to date, as well as our fire suppression system in the kitchen.

You have probably noticed that the sanctuary carpet was not installed as I stated in my October letter. I spoke too soon! It is now expected to be installed the week of November 30 over a five day period.

Kline's Septic Services has been contracted to pump out our grease trap, which, thanks to Michelle's efforts, will save us about 50% annually vs our former contractor. Since the trap was recently installed, there won't be a need for Kline's services until spring of 2021.

You may be surprised to learn (as I was), that although we joyfully paid off the mortgage on our church building a few years back, the property it sits on, is owned by the Diocese! Father Rick is working with the Diocese to have the land gifted over to us. Considering the value of this property now, that will be a real blessing!

Father Rick announced that a delay in the arrival of materials from the quarry has caused a delay in completion of the memorial garden monument. While disappointing, we can also view it as something to look forward to having in place in the New Year.

## Drive in Christmas with Bishop Scanlan



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The musicians involved will be: The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer, Dr. Randy Westgate, Mike Freshwater & Jamie Alton

The service will be Livestreamed to Facebook.



This Advent and Christmas may not be the season we planned, but it is the season we have. Without St. Edward's and all of you, my heart would not be nearly so glad. I count my blessings, and I wish you a peaceful Advent and a Merry Christmas. It will be a December to remember.





From Rayelenn Casey



Our champion napper and top dad. from the 1980s, to 2020, as a dad and now granddad, he is an unstinting source of love and care. but seriously, the guy can sleep anywhere.



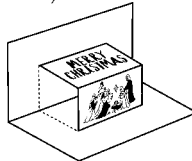
Sadie and Emma, supervised by Bobbie. (Bob cat?)

## POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

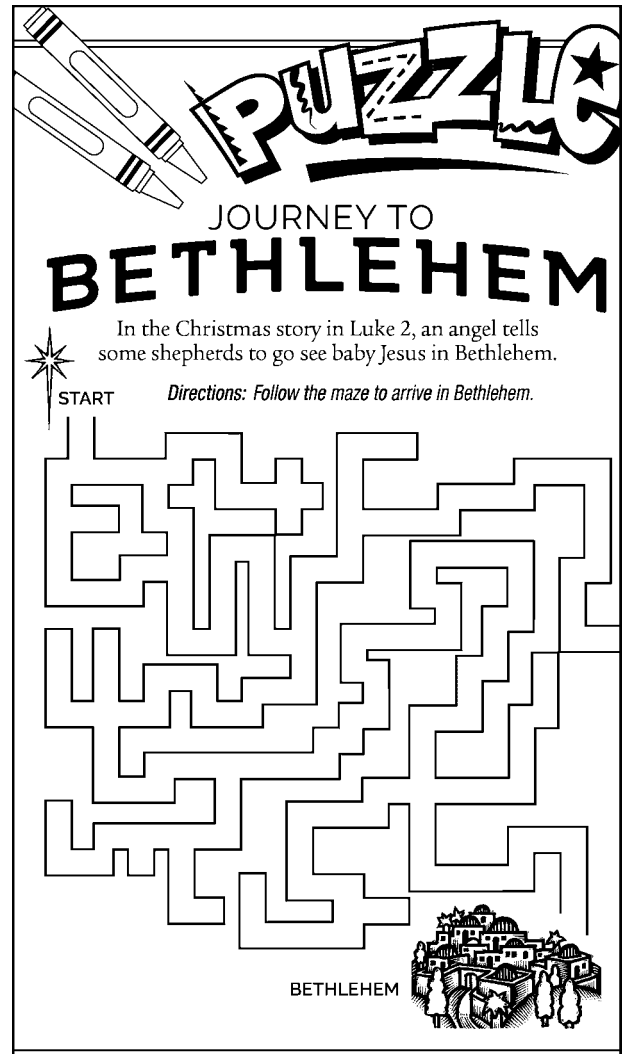
### What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



### What you do:

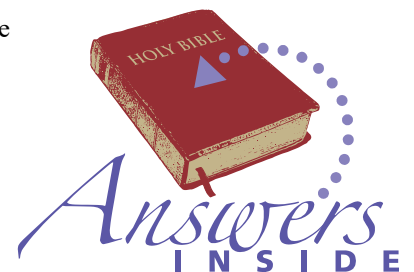
1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.



## Bible Quiz

Which of the four Gospels name (s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- Only Luke
- Matthew and Luke
- Mark and John
- All four



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7.)

By Beth Lynch



## Turkey Drive for Hempfield Food Pantry

Thanks to all of our parishioners we were able to supply 37 frozen turkeys to the pantry. We were also able to donate a dozen Apple pies due to a fundraising drive by James Lynch.

The pantry is very thankful and their coffers are full at this moment. Please consider giving in January and there after as the season holidays end and their coffers go back to be needing filled.

## Picture Ellen Milligan



Turkeys ready to be delivered to food pantry.



## Jesse Tree gift giving project with St. Edward's

The Jesse tree ministry is going on at this moment. The plans are to service Coby's with throws, books and pajamas for at least 35 children. Through your generosity, we raised over \$2,000 this year!

## Social Outreach



## Soles 4 Souls

St. Edward's will be participating in a shoe drive with St. John's during the 2021 Lenten Season. Starting Ash Wednesday (February 17<sup>th</sup>) through Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) parishioners are invited to donate used shoes. The shoes can be lightly worn too falling apart. 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. "At Soles4Souls, we turn unwanted shoes into an 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."





# Bible Study Project

During one of the Bible Study conversations, Dottie Gschwend suggested that a way be found to show essential Covid responders that we appreciate their efforts. Joyce Kamm suggested Mt. Hope Nazarene Retirement Community. This small, non-profit nursing home provides care for anyone, regardless of ability to pay. Covid has put extreme demands on the staff.

The Bible Study group agreed to make a large brownies and a hand written Thank-you notes for each of the members of the staff. It was also decided that a pair of gripper socks would be provided for each of the residents. Joyce organized, collected and delivered the items. The director sent this thank-you.

*Dear St. Edwards Bible Study,*

*I wanted to take a moment and write to you to express our sincere thanks to your Bible Study group for the wonderful treat of brownies and hand written cards of encouragement. We are so grateful for the time and dedication that each of you spent baking, wrapping, and writing these notes.*

*After picking them up yesterday at Ruhls and seeing Joyce, I delivered the treats to Mt. Hope and displayed them all on a tray with the hand written cards all around the brownies. The staff persons that I saw take a brownie and card asked specifically if I could pass onto you a "thank you and we feel so appreciated!"*

*During this time in the midst of the COVID pandemic, I think our staff, "healthcare angels" as one of you wrote on the card, feel sometimes as the forgotten workers in nursing homes where criticism occurs from the general population because we feel we should be able to keep COVID from spreading....it really is a virus like no other.*

*As the state restrictions tighten on nursing homes, our staff become the only family that our residents can see at times. Most of our residents have not had the opportunity to leave our facility since March when the pandemic hit us all. It is truly heartbreaking to see how COVID; loss of loved ones, loss of personal touch with family members, loneliness, and isolation is taking its social, emotional, physical, and spiritual toll on so many.*

*Thank you for stepping in and making a very real significant difference in the lives of our staff and team members. I can see how this makes them feel valued and appreciated for the tireless work they do day in and day out. I hope you know that you are a blessing to many and have touched the lives of our staff in a nice*



**"Some happy staff...they really are smiling behind that mask!!!"**

*tangible way.*

*Thanks so much for all of the work that you are doing for this sock project. It really does make a difference to know that we have people and small groups praying for Mt. Hope. If your small group Bible study would continue to pray for a covering and protection over our resident and staff during these weeks we would greatly appreciate it. Right now we are COVID free. Please pray that COVID doesn't return to our little 50-bed facility.*

*Again the treats really did lift spirits. I have been hearing that the personal heart-felt words in the cards were almost more meaningful (that people took the time to write such a personal note) than the delicious brownies ...funny right? My brownie was delicious and the card so tender! Please pass this on to your dear friends.*



**Bags with socks and room for added gifts.**

*Happy Thanksgiving and stay safe*

*Kris Wilson*

*Director of Advancement*

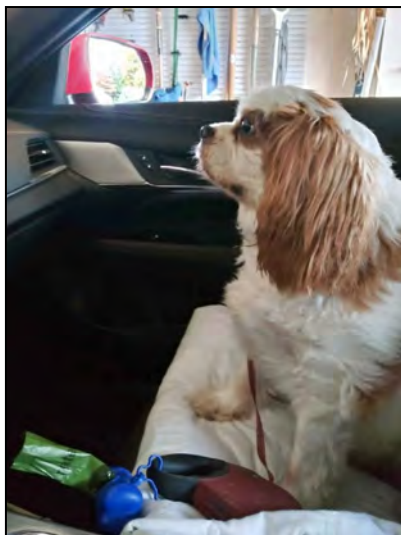




# St. Edward's Pets



Samson and Bella Gasperetti



Edward Charles Hess. Actually got his name from Saint Edward!!

## Zoom Cats

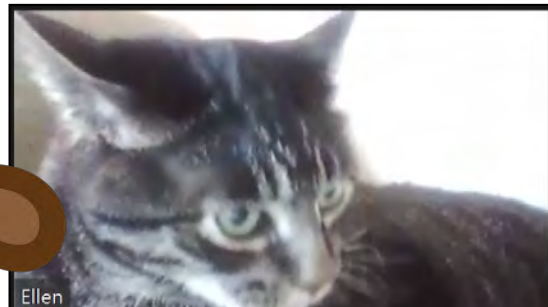


Rosemay Ishler

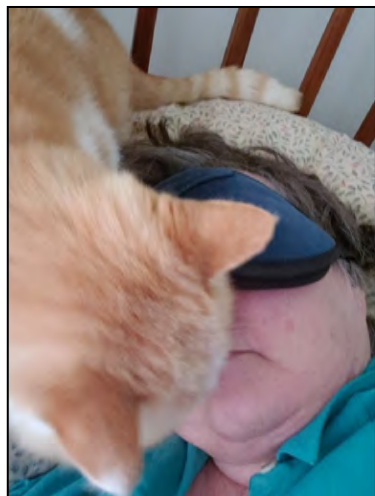


Peggy Hanzelman

Heidi Hanzelman (She hides from everyone)



Squeak Milligan



Walter Miller "You awake?"



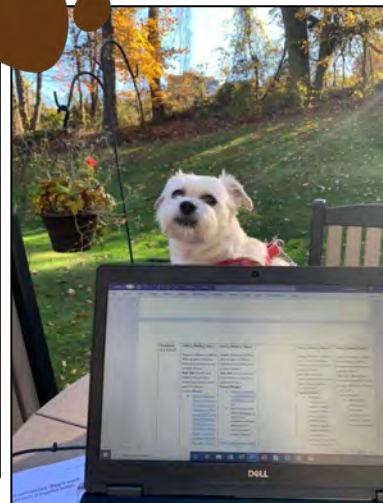
Rusty and Biscuit (Biz) Westgate



One eyed, cuddler, Rudy..... Shadow and Wally Bauer



Mikey Ray Kline helping with lesson plans





# Lunch and Learn

## Friday Lunch & Learn: 12 Noon – 1 PM via Zoom

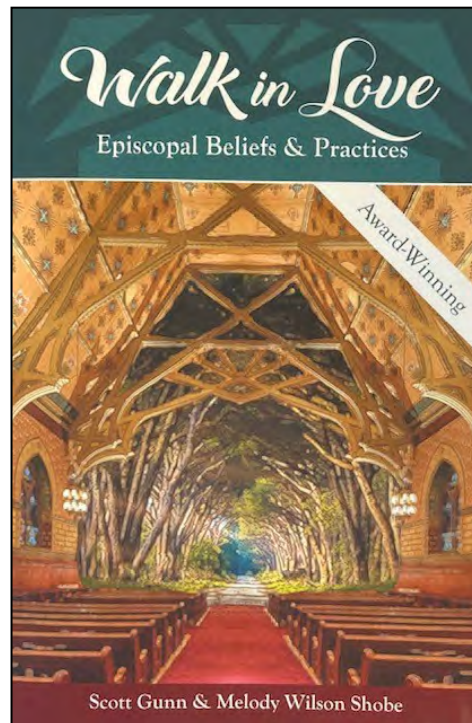
Please join us for this informative and spiritual time together. Attendance at every session is not required. If you would like to join and need a copy of *Walk In Love*, please contact the parish office.

We encourage you to have your Book of Common Prayer for each session and the text, *Walk In Love* is optional. If you do not have a copy of the BCP on hand, this link will give you the downloadable pdf. [https://sainteds.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/book\\_of\\_common\\_prayer.pdf](https://sainteds.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/book_of_common_prayer.pdf)

Each week, we will provide a hand out in the Monday emails that you can download and review prior to the Friday session. Remember to take some time to devote to exploring and making notations on the handout that Bob has supplied so that we may engage in our spiritual formation together, sharing our insights, thoughts, and questions.

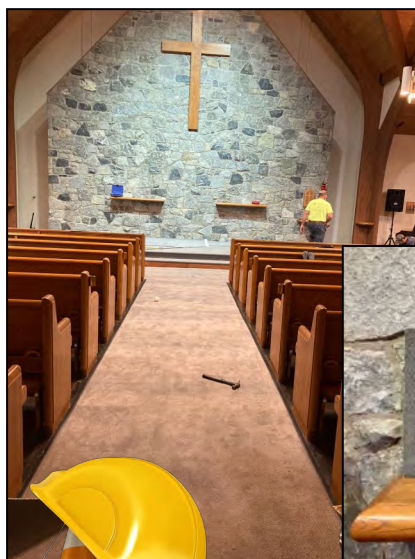
With Peace,

Father Rick, Bob Mosebach, and Wanda Stoltzfus



## New Carpet

### Pictures by Michelle Bentley



Sample of carpet and installation process.

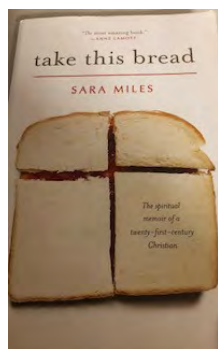


All finished.



**Book Reflection: take this bread: the spiritual memoir of a twenty-first-century Christian Author Sara Milesby**

**By Dina Ishler**



Early one Sunday morning, Sara Miles walks into St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in San Francisco, receives Communion for the first time and finds herself transformed. She was raised atheist, her parents shunning organized religion as a response to the suffocating Christianity of her missionary grandparents. Sara's life journey is characterized by a search for meaning that she would find in an embodied, material world of intense life experiences- studying at a tiny radical college in Mexico City, reporting on revolutionary efforts in war-torn South America, working in fast-paced restaurant kitchens in New York City. As she narrates and processes her experiences, focusing on her knowledge that sharing food is her way of understanding the world, she tells some wonderful stories of cooking for others and being fed in return. For Sara, it isn't what she ate that mattered, but that people, often heartbreakingly poor, shared food and formed community- a cup of milk fresh from a cow in a Salvadorian slum, rice mixed with animal feed in the jungle, fried roots sold by a street vendor alongside the road. She sees the world as a place where all people have hunger and food as common ground, and although she would not realize it until much later, this would form the foundation of her intense longing for Holy Communion. In our current pandemic reality of virtual church, this is a longing we all may share; this book tells the story of our communal hunger in a way that is alive and real.

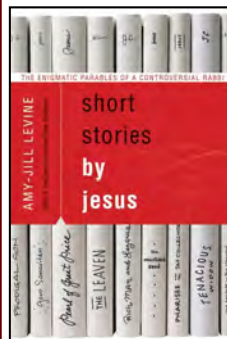
Sara talks with frank honesty how, as it is for many of us, beyond any single moment of epiphany her conversion was a long, complicated, and often unconscious journey. Through her experience of receiving that very first Eucharist, in this case an actual piece of fresh, home-baked bread, Sara was profoundly changed, throwing herself instantly into an all-encompassing search for understanding. In her amazement that all she needed to embrace this conversion experience as

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**Book Review: Short Stories by Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine**

**By Libby Sternberg**



Amy-Jill Levine's book *Short Stories by Jesus* takes a fresh look at the parables through the minds of those who first heard them. Did Jesus's listeners see things differently than we do now? Spoiler alert: Yes.

Levine, a Biblical scholar, painstakingly defines words and how they were used throughout the Bible, where similar stories appeared, and how certain storytelling devices were common (many involved two sons, a rich man, vineyards, etc.) in order to put you in the minds of the original audience.

Throughout, she provokes you to consider new approaches to these well-worn tales. Her analysis of the parable of the Good Samaritan still has me thinking about who truly is our neighbor.

Similarly, her pulling apart of the "lost" parables (lost sheep, lost coins, lost son) forces you to view yourself not just among the lost but as the seekers — what have you lost, that you would tear up the world to find?

Her other great accomplishment in this book is alerting Christian readers to the sad history of parable interpretations that have more than a whiff of anti-Semitism to them by ignoring the rich Old Testament history of messages of love and acting as if Jesus's parables were explicit rebukes to Jewish law.

At times, it feels as if Levine strains to look beyond obvious interpretations of the stories as she seeks to find some new view that will turn the parable on its head. That seemed particularly true in the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee and the widow and the judge. Her journey to find something different in these tales had me wondering if Jesus would go to such lengths to obscure a text's plain meaning. Sometimes the obvious understanding might be the right one.

The merits of this book far outweigh the faults, however, and I heartily recommend it to those interested in Bible history and life in general.





## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP DURING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

MANY OPPORTUNITIES  
TO BE IN COMMUNITY  
WITH YOUR FELLOW  
PARISHIONERS AND THE  
WIDER DIOCESAN  
COMMUNITY

*Tune into the St. Edward's Episcopal  
Church, Lancaster, PA YouTube  
Channel for our Advent Services and  
Christmas Eve Service*



**First Sunday of Advent – Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Join us each Sunday, at 10:00 AM, via our YouTube Channel, for our Rite II service.

**December 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** – Drive-in Christmas worship at The Point Drive-in, Northumberland

**December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** – Drive-in Christmas worship at Cumberland Valley Drive-in, Newville

These services will be approximately one hour and will feature live music, lessons, Christmas Carols, and a special Christmas message. You will be able to watch the service live on the drive-in screen from the comfort of your automobile.

*Father Rick, Randy Westgate, Mike Freshwater, and Jamie Alton will be providing the wonderful musical offerings at both of these services! Let's join them!*

**December 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM** – Christmas Eve service at St. Edward's



### Virtual Coffee Hour after our Sunday service

**11:00 AM - 11:40 AM, on Zoom.**  
**Hosted by Christina McLaughlin.**  
Let us share our fellowship with  
one another during this stay-at-  
home holiday season!

ZOOM JOIN CODE:  
419 646 4139  
ZOOM PASSCODE: 449312



## FIRE IN THE GLEN – A CELTIC CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH | 3:00 PM

ST. EDWARD'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL – A HOLIDAY LIVE STREAM EVENT

The St. Edward's

very special

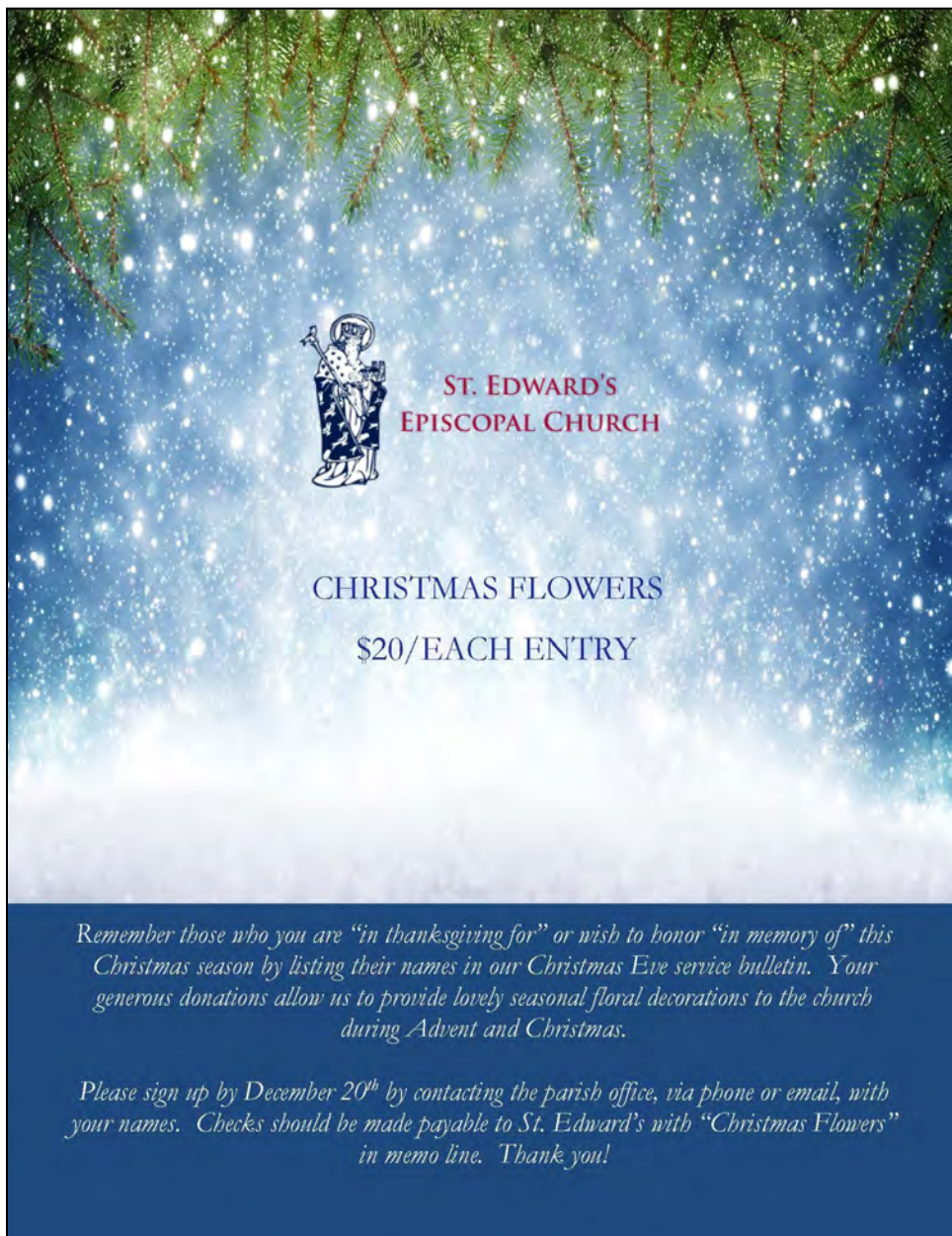
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show by Irish and Irish music with  
more from England  
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Join us on Sunday,  
Church, Lancaster, PA  
dance! We welcome donations  
ard's Episcopal  
noon of music &  
paypal, (our link is on the St.  
Edward's YouTube home page) or by sending a check to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Your  
support allows us to continue our ministry of bringing cultural events to our wider community.

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**ST. EDWARD'S  
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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**  
**\$20/EACH ENTRY**

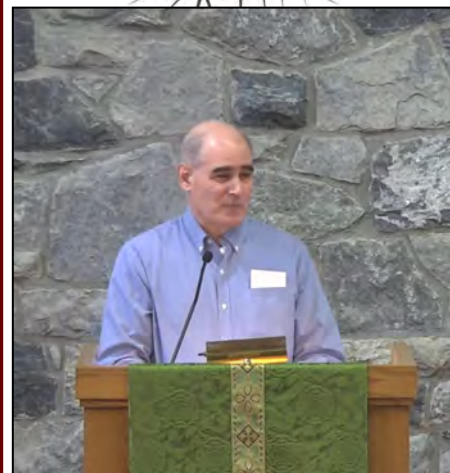
*Remember those who you are "in thanksgiving for" or wish to honor "in memory of" this Christmas season by listing their names in our Christmas Eve service bulletin. Your generous donations allow us to provide lovely seasonal floral decorations to the church during Advent and Christmas.*

*Please sign up by December 20<sup>th</sup> by contacting the parish office, via phone or email, with your names. Checks should be made payable to St. Edward's with "Christmas Flowers" in memo line. Thank you!*

See page 18 for more information

### THE ARGYLE SWEATER

BY SCOTT HILBURN



**Steve Donohue November 15th**

Our gratitude to those on our Stewardship Committee for their wonderful testimonies of pledging and what St. Edward's means to them. St. Edward's is a special place! We thank all who have submitted their pledge forms, to date. Your commitment and generosity is so greatly appreciated. But, we need all of you! As Father Rick, and our Stewardship Committee leaders have so thoughtfully articulated these past 3 weeks, it is the financial support from you, our St. Edward's parish family, that makes it possible to bring such vibrant ministry to you and the wider community, as well as to properly steward our wonderful church campus.



**Matthew Sternberg November 22nd.**





Join us for our Virtual Coffee Hour, right after the 10 AM service, each Sunday, from 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM, on Zoom. It will be hosted by Christina McLaughlin. During these holidays, and because we cannot gather in-person through the end of this calendar year, sharing fellowship with our community is not only a connective thread for the fabric of our parish life, but it is wonderful "social outreach." We invite you to join us!

Check Saturday's e-mail for zoom codes.



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genuine was hunger- the same hunger she'd always had- her past experiences provided the backdrop for Jesus and his teachings to become the guiding reality of her life. In war zones and revolutions, in restaurant kitchens, through cooking to express her love for friends and family, her sense of fulfillment around feeding people had paved the way for a faith centered around offering holy food to a community made holy simply by sharing it together. As her journey continued to unfold, Sara was graced with the longing not only to be Christ's own forever through Holy Baptism, but called into a vocation where feeding others was a natural way of bringing Communion out in the world.

The liturgy at St. Gregory's is innovative and participatory, the congregation dancing forward to cluster around a centrally placed altar to share the Body and Blood with each other. When Sara discovers she is having a vision where the desperately hungry people in her city are offered food in a way that is more than just a program, she envisions bringing the essential nature of Communion into the process. Her idea of the food pantry takes place in the church itself, food piled on and around the altar, people invited to come in and choose what they want with no requirements or questions asked. And what happens from that moment on is a story of the holiest kind of community as the people who gather, first to receive food and later to volunteer, live into what it really means to be the Body of Christ-human beings bringing not only their hunger but all the messiness of their broken lives to a place where they are fed, loved just as they are and strength-

## Advent Sarum Blue

**By Curator | December 3, 2018 | 0**

Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical new year and is a time when we ponder the coming of Christ in time, as the Babe of Bethlehem, and at the end of time as our Judge and Redeemer. The word advent comes to us from the Latin meaning to come.

As way to mark this season of expectation and hope, we wear blue vestments. This is a recovery of an ancient English tradition stemming from Salisbury Cathedral, and so it is referred to as sarum blue. (Sarum being the ancient Latin name for Salisbury.) While the deep blue conveys a feeling of solemnity, because of its association with the Blessed Virgin Mary, it also conveys the Advent themes of hope and expectation. On the Third Sunday of Advent, we see hints of pink on the vestments, marking that Sunday as Gaudete Sunday, reflecting the opening words of the ancient introit appointed for the day: Rejoice in the Lord, always!



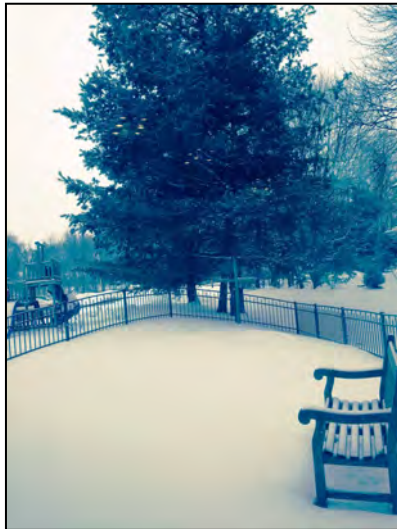
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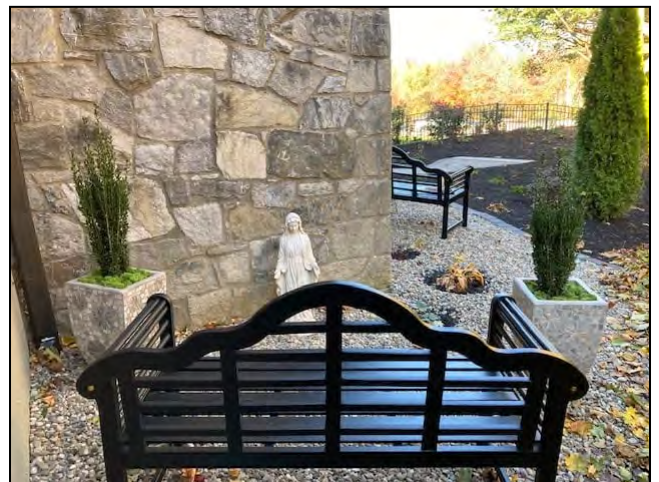


# Memorial Garden

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Back then and now





# In Loving Memory

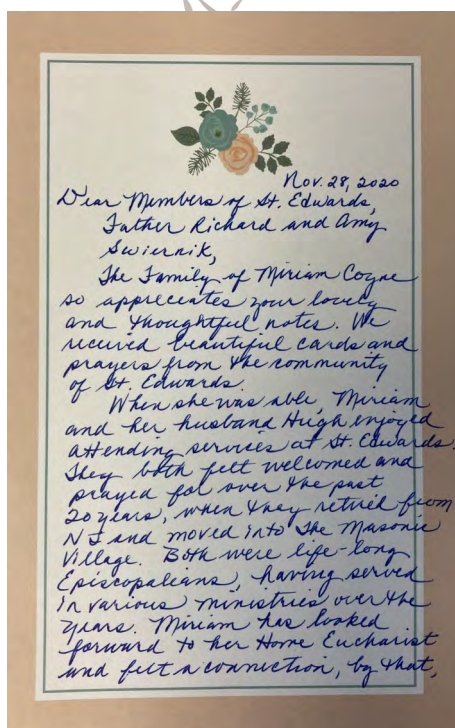
## Rose Dixon



What can we say about Rose Dixon?? Everything!!! She was such a wonderful friend to St. Edward's, a bright star every day and in every way to our parish. Her ministry to her "beloved St. Edward's" knew no bounds. Rose served on altar guild, vestry, social outreach, taught Sunday School, fundraising, coffee hour worked to beautify our gardens (especially the Roses), loved singing our hymns, worshipping at all services, and was at our fellowship and other events with her lively spirit. When Rose would go to see Cheryl, in Florida, in the winter time, she would write and call just to check up on how St. Edward's was doing! While she always enjoyed being away, Rose always looked forward to coming home. And, St. Edward's truly was her "home." We will miss Rose, but she always said she was blessed with a wonderful family and a wonderful life, and we were blessed to know her.

A graduate of Columbia High School in 1952, Rose married Lamar A. Dixon, Sr. and together spent many wonderful years of marriage together. Early on in her career, Rose worked as an administrative assistant secretary at Hamilton Watch Company before heading the Polio Department in Alabama for several years. Following her career in the Polio Department, she worked as a secretary to Andy Shaubach Insurance Company and went on to conclude her working career as an executive administrative assistant to two Turkey Hill Minit Market presidents where a service room was named after her. The designated room in her honor, the Chuck and Rose Room, can be seen as a testament of her hard work for the company and was a proud milestone in her career.

## Miriam Coyne



**Pastor Elaine with Miriam Coyne and June Roberts following a Wednesday noon Eucharist.**

Miriam lived in Masonic Village. She and her husband, Hugh, were faithful weekly attendees of the Wednesday healing service for many years. Hugh passed away in 2012. Miriam was still active, although she stayed close to her Masonic Village home, and was visited by our pastoral care ministry, along with fellow parishioner, Rosemary Breslow. St. Edward's kept in contact with monthly out-

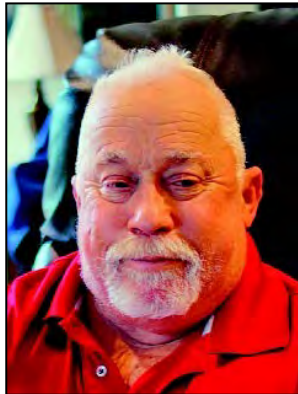
**Thank you note from Miriam's daughter-in law**  
reach by mailing our Scepter and other hand-written notes to let these

"homebound" parishioners know that they are in our thoughts and prayers and that they are an important part of the St. Edward's family.



# In Loving Memory

## Richard Lawrence



**Lancaster LNP - 11/15/2020**

Richard G. Lawrence

Veteran, artist, and photographer passed away peacefully on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2020 bravely paying his final price for his military service in Vietnam 1967-1970.

Nicknamed "Bird" by his brother, Richard enjoyed photography, drawing, nature and wrestling in his youth. He graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School in 1967 and proudly enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he was known as "Shortround", beginning a life that would define his identity until his death.

## Gerry Burkhardt



Gerald W. Burkhardt, Jerry to his friends and family, and to us at St. Edward's, was a wonderful companion to Elaine Radcliffe and a good friend to many at St. Edward's. His life was celebrated, on October 10th at a lovely service officiated by Father Rick, at Snyder Funeral Home. We will miss our brother, Jerry, for his wonderful smile and his great spirit he brought to us at St. Edward's.

He was a 1955 graduate of Swoyersville High School. Gerald later went on to receive a Bachelor's degree from Wilkes University and his Master's degree from Penn State University. Gerald worked at Millersville University for over 30 years where he worked in several positions in the Registrar & Director of Academics Affairs office. He was a member of the Phi Sigma Pi fraternity where he served as the national president, secretary and treasurer. Gerald was a member of the Faculty Senate and Chair of Governmental Act 101 Program for underprivileged students.

## Andy Campbell

Our fellow parishioner, Andy Campbell, died peacefully at home, Friday November 20th, surrounded by the love of his partner, Bonnie Miller, and myself, as they prayed.

A private family service will take place, as Andy had wished, with his cremains to be scattered in New York State, on his family's Campbell Mountain.

Please keep Bonnie, and Andy's family in your prayers.  
*May Andy rest in peace and rise in glory.*

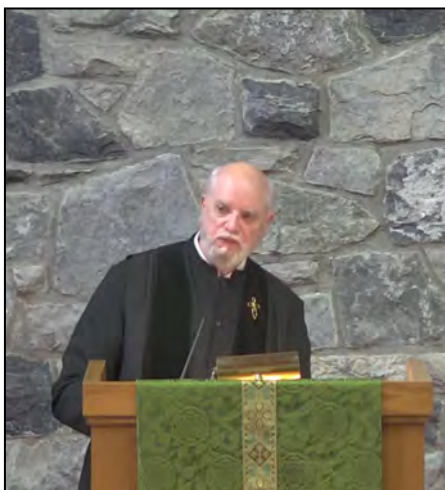
Let us surround Bonnie with our love. Notes of condolences can be mailed to Bonnie Miller at: 113 Bent Tree Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

With peace,

Father Rick +



## Guest Speaker



Bob Mosebach Guest Homilist  
November 15th

## Christmas Flowers



Flowers Christmas Eve 2019

Christmas Flowers: Suggest donation of \$20/name entry

Remember those who you are "in thanks-giving for" or wish to honor "in memory of" this Christmas season by listing their names in our Christmas Eve service bulletin. Your generous donations allow us to provide lovely seasonal floral decorations to the church during Advent and Christmas.

Please sign up by December 20th by contacting the parish office, via phone or email, with your names. Checks should be made payable to St. Edward's with "Christmas Flowers" in memo line. Thank you!

## Bible Study

Picture provided by Wanda Stoltzfus



Bible Study Zoom Recent group project description on page 7

### By Bill and Yvonne Gasperetti

We invite you to join the Wednesday night Bible Study via Zoom. We are currently studying 2nd Corinthians utilizing Kelly Minter's study, "All Things New", which is available from Amazon, and most Christian book stores online. Our time together is designed to allow for lots of conversation from the information we study each week, the opportunity to get to know each other and grow together, and time for prayer for each other and our world.

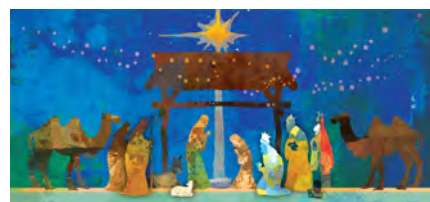
We meet at 6:30 each Wednesday evening, unless otherwise announced (such as upcoming holidays). To join, please contact Bill at bgasperetti@att.net, and Bill will send you a Zoom invitation. Feel free to call or write with any questions or comments:

Yvonne's email: ygasperetti@gmail.com

Bill and Yvonne: 717-459-3222



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



"Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus."  
—Neal A. Maxwell



# Friday Evening Prayer

**We invite you to Evening Prayer Friday evening at 7:00 PM.** This is a wonderful way to peacefully end our week and is led by Patrick Ishler. Join on Zoom or Facebook live.

Daily Evening Prayer:  
Rite Two (BCP, p.115)

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. Amos 5:8

The following Confession of Sin may then be said:

**Confession of Sin**

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved you with our whole mind;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and are humbly repentant.

On a recent Friday evening, Peter Weber mentioned a hymn that fit with our meditation:

The first verse of Hymn 433, Kremser music, is:

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;

He chastens and hastens His will to make known;

the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;

sing praises to His Name; He forgets not his own.

Patrick Ishler's reply:

Thank you for sharing this! What a wonderful hymn! Always good to be reminded that even though we are not physically together in worship, but in spirit, we continue together to ask for the Lord's blessings. May He bless each of you as we go into this Thanksgiving week and day with His richness and goodness.

You can hear an organ rendition at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



## Welcome Ministry



"If you look at the world,  
you'll be distressed.  
If you look within,  
you'll be depressed.  
But if you look at Christ,  
you'll be at rest."

*Corrie ten Boom*



**By Mike Patrone**

We are now back in the no inside worship mode. How long this will last, no one knows but the lord. We still have our faith, we still have our church and we still have our friends. Through technology we will still have a service on Sunday.

I was talking to a friend whose daughter is a church secretary and she has the virus as do members of her church because they wouldn't wear masks so see how lucky we have been because of the direction our bishop has taken.

We just have to follow the correct course of action to get through this and come out on the other side stronger.

Call other parishioners to see how they are doing. A phone call is good for the heart and mind.

Keep the faith.





# I Come to the Garden Alone...

## Pictures from the November 22nd on-line service



While the dew is still on the roses...



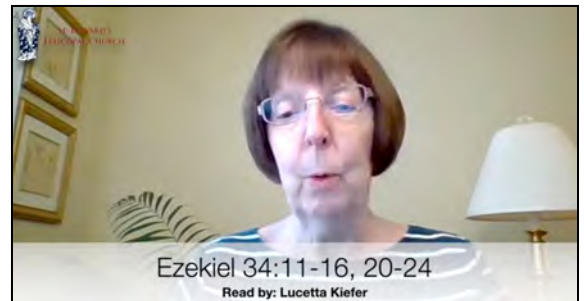
And the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses...



And He walks with me And he talks to me...



And He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there None other has ever known



Jamie Alton sings "Crown him with many crowns"



Kiki Davis reads : Ephesians 1:15-23



Leslie Arnold leads The Prayers of the People



# First Sunday of Advent



Sarum Blue altar hangings and vestments for Advent.



Karen Waddill's piano solos add so much to the service.



Patrick Ishler as cantor provides hymns and responses.



Jamie Alton operates the camera



Beth Hake was our First Reader .



The Gospel



Seth Hake provides second reading and prayers.



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**The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer,**  
Rector

**Michelle Bentley, Parish**  
Administrative Assistant

**Patrick Ishler,**  
Choir Director

**Karen E. Waddill,**  
Organist & Pianist

**Elizabeth Yeager, Nursery**

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday:  
10 AM – 4:30PM

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### Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ **Catherine Donohue**  
(2023)
- ✦ **Michael Freshwater**  
(2021) Secretary
- ✦ **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

