

**ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**



**The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector  
Meredith Westgate, Senior Warden**



# **ANNUAL MEETING**

*Virtual Annual Meeting via Zoom  
Sunday, March 7, 2021  
11:30 a.m.*

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## VESTRY CANDIDATE BIOS

### **KAREN GRANT**



God is calling me, I hear it through these troubling times and in the community where we worship and live. I feel called to offer my experience and skills to the many decisions facing the vestry and our new rector. We are at a pivotal point in the life of St. Edward's. I am committed to diversity, inclusion and growth at our parish. I would apply the skills that I have in my career in Health Care Management. This background would be useful to the parish as it deals with communications, leadership and organization. I have been a member of the church for many years. Serving as a Sunday school teacher, an usher and on Altar Guild has been spiritually uplifting. Faith grows and I hope we will continue to nurture families and individuals into a flourishing congregation.

Blessings - Karen Grant

### **PEGGY HANZELMAN**



I moved to Lancaster in 2013, so I am a transplanted Lancasterian. After graduating from high school in Blair Co. I attended West Chester University. I met my husband and after marriage we both taught in the Bucks Co. area. When I had two sons, I became a full-time mom.



## **VESTRY CANDIDATE BIOS (continued)**

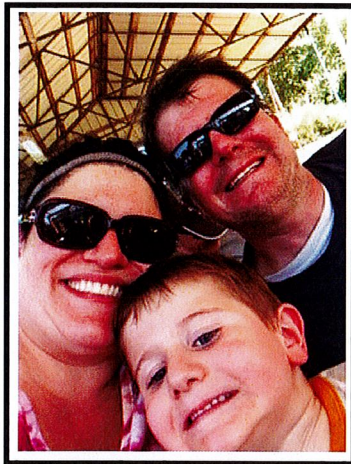
Our family was very active in our church in Bethlehem for 45 years. All of us were involved in some aspect of the church.

After a few years I became very interested in working with elderly people and in the last thirty some years I have had various jobs dealing and working with the elderly population. After my husband's death I began full time work and after working for some time decided to retire to a retirement community to be close to my grandsons.

Since moving here I was introduced To St. Edward's by my dear friends Sandra and the late Jay Klick. Since being here I have attended all of the services at one time or another to try to learn to know people. For the past six years I have served on the Pastoral Care committee and served as chairman. This is an important ministry to me.

Being a member of St. Edward's has been very rewarding to me and if elected to be part of the Vestry I look forward to moving St. Edward's forward in our ministry.

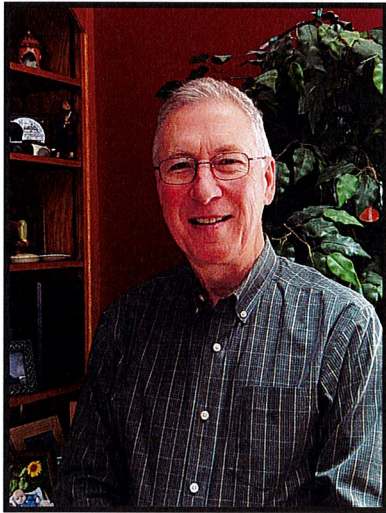
### **JOE McLAUGHLIN**



My name is Joe McLaughlin. Along with my wife Christina and son Paul, I have been attending St. Edward's, for a number of years. I began my studies at St. Joseph's University and finished my senior year at St. Andrew's College Seminary (Seton Hall University). Upon graduation, I attended Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 2001. I served as a parish priest in the Diocese of Trenton. In 2005, I took a leave of absence to discern the calling to have a family. Upon moving out to Lancaster, to be closer to family, I met my now wife Christina. I worked for Redeemer Lutheran Church as the Youth Director/Director of CHOICES after-school Program and then later for the County of Lancaster. While working for the County, I attended Elizabethtown College, majoring in accounting. Upon graduation, I worked for Parsons Brinkerhoff Engineering firm as a Government Compliance Analyst. Currently, I work as a Sr. Accountant for Welsh Mountain Health Centers. I also have the privilege of serving on both the Diocesan and St. Edward's Finance Committees. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family, cooking, hiking and listening to music.

## VESTRY CANDIDATE BIOS (continued)

### **RANDY WESTGATE**



I have been a member of St. Edward's since 1983. I have served on the vestry and social outreach and cultural events committees, and have lead the youth group in the past. I have led our Praise Band since its founding 25 years ago. Raised Presbyterian, I have been a confirmed Episcopalian since I married my college sweetheart, and I'm now enjoying learning more about following Jesus by attending the Wednesday evening Bible study. I am the proud parent of 4, and the very proud grandparent of 4 as well, and still work practicing family medicine. I am active as a leader in Celebrate Recovery, and enjoy bike riding, fishing, and playing guitar and harmonica.





## RECTOR'S REPORT



Having stepped into my role as rector in the midst of unprecedented circumstances, I have been indebted to the generosity of Michelle Bentley, our vestry, and our parish leaders who have helped to maintain the rhythms of our day-to-day business as a church. Though I have been with our community for nearly a year, we have yet to gather in full-force, and we've navigated two prolonged and difficult shutdowns for our in-person worship, formation, and fellowship. I know that many deeply lament not being able to attend public worship, but I hope that we are able to continue holding our feelings in tension with the imperative for placing the health and safety of our parish family above other goods. Though it has been a year unlike any other, a year of tremendous loss and of crisis, it is my heart prayer that we can also acknowledge many of the grace notes that we've been blessed to experience through our dedicated efforts, and with God's unfailing help.

When the COVID crisis first hit our community, we were able to respond with agility and a true spirit of resilient adaptation. Installing a new sound system and a state-of-the-art camera for livestreaming, we were able to bring quality worship to our parishioners in ways that had never been attempted here at St. Edward's. We explored the invitation to enfranchise a wide variety of voices and participation through pre-recorded services when we could not celebrate the Eucharist together, and we committed ourselves to offering Episcopal worship to our folks without interruption. Our technological acumen brought other parishes to us in search of help, and we've been able to create a model for how small churches can provide live worship in the midst of physical shutdowns. In addition to these grace-laden feats, we also explored ways to be the church in a virtual context by launching a *Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour* and instilled rhythms for Christian Formation online that include ZOOM offerings of *Wednesday Evening Bible Study*, *Friday Lunch & Learn*, *Friday Evening Prayer* and *Sunday Evening Prayer*.

Even confronted with shutdown, we managed to complete a number of capital improvement projects as we finished up our narthex, kitchen, and sacristy renovations here in our spiritual home. In loving memory of Boyer Veitch, we were able to install new carpet in the sanctuary and we purchased a beautiful set of green (Ordinary Time) vestments and hangings in memory of Larry Hess. We also created an elegant and functional chapel space for our *Wednesday Contemplative Eucharist with Healing* in our parish hall; constructed a beautiful prayer corner in our sanctuary; installed new lighting

## **RECTOR'S REPORT (continued)**

over our choir, praise band, and pulpit spaces; and designed a relaxing and comfortable space for pastoral visits in the Rector's Study. In honor of those whom we have loved and lost, we completed the primary work on Phase I of our Memorial Garden renovation with attractive landscaping, high-quality and handicapped-accessible paved pathway, rock garden with benches and fountain now in place. The granite marker at the entrance was set, and we used this opportunity to engage our lawn care service to clean up the hill behind the Memorial Garden fence (essentially doubling the interment space for the garden in this first phase of construction). It was a wonderful victory for us to find a great way to repurpose the wooden cross that Tony Bianco made for the garden, which now sits in the front of our church after being lovingly spruced up by Mike Freshwater with some subtle landscaping done by Michelle. We anticipate the arrival of our finished monument before Easter. In practical terms, when most churches were shut down: we installed a new sound system, created live stream capacities with state-of-the-art equipment, installed new sanctuary lighting, created a functional Chapel, and saw through a \$35,000 capital improvement funded by our parishioners.

2020 was also a year of new collaboration for our parish. Invited through the diocesan *Shaped by Faith* initiative to share ministry, we joined with sister parishes St. Thomas and St. John's in Lancaster to provide an inspired and an enlivened service of *the Blessing of the Animals* and we utilized our technical capacities to help our Lancaster Convocation to present a truly beautiful *Service of Lessons and Carols*. We continued working closely with other parishes and established new ties with St. Luke's in Mount Joy while extending our reach both within our diocese and beyond local boundaries through our savvy use of YouTube. It has been helpful for me to call upon already established relationships with fellow clergy in our area and to forge new ones through my service on our diocesan Council of Trustees, Commission on Ministry, Disciplinary Board, and as the clergy convener of our Lancaster Convocation.

Filing my first Parochial Report here at St. Edward's, I was pleased to present a document that conveys steady attendance, growing programs, and consistent financial support. Though stated expenditures that carried over from deferred maintenance in 2019 show up as capital improvement costs actualized in 2020, with the forgiveness of our PPP Loan, we're in good shape from a fiscal standpoint. Our attendance and our reach ARE growing; we have 25 new members. We also enjoyed our strongest December and January in stewardship on recent record. I am also happy to report that we are now moving into the third, and final, phase of resolution for a long-standing land issue that had been taking place behind the scenes. Having worked closely with our attorney, Claudia Shank, our *parish* has now been incorporated and we are preparing a Deed of Conveyance in cooperation with our attorney and the diocesan chancellor to secure the deed to our five acres of land (held in trust by the diocese). Working with the Council of Trustees, the Standing Committee, our bishop, and our attorneys, we are sorting out important things for the life and future of St. Edward's.



Though filled with challenges and some significant stumbling blocks, it has been a great first year together, and I thank each of you for all that you bring to St. Edward's. Even as we've mourned the loss of Father Stephen+, we've demonstrated our profound resiliency as a people and the character of our faith in God's love and mercy. We have been incredibly blessed, and I trust that we will continue to flourish with quality, adaptive vision and with God's help. With humble appreciation,

Father Rick+

### **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT**

Would you be surprised if I said that one year ago, we were without a rector? A year ago on March 1, we finalized our contract with Father Rick. What a lot has transpired since his first Sunday with us on April 21, 2020! Despite the isolationism brought about by COVID and with it, the lack of in-person services and events, this year has flown by and much has been accomplished.

My second year of Senior "Wardenship" has been most unusual. In the April 2020 Scepter, I wrote, "as per direction from Bishop Scanlan, the church will not be open for worship and activities prior to the end of May." Who would have imagined that ten months later, there would still be very few in-person services and no events, vestry meetings, or annual meeting 2021.

Still, we have managed to carry on. I believe our community will emerge stronger than ever, at the end of it all. This is largely due to the leadership of Father Rick, who jumped in "feet first." He has done a phenomenal job of getting to know the people of the parish (in absentia) while getting the church set up for live streamed services; visioning the memorial garden with Michelle Bentley and others, and working to make it a reality; overseeing interior projects including the replacement of the carpet and installing new lighting in the sanctuary, creating a contemplative chapel space for Wednesday services and a corner in the sanctuary for quiet meditation and prayer. He has also reached out to the wider community of local churches, working closely with clergy from churches including St. John's, St. Thomas, and St. Luke's.

Last March, besides negotiating a contract for a new rector, vestry was still preoccupied with completing building renovations, mostly of the invisible kind. In April, we turned our attention to property and finance. After a lengthy process with a lot of hard work by Bill Swiernik and Father Rick, we reclaimed the land that a neighbor had been using under a gentleman's agreement for 20 years.

## **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (continued)**

To help our parish family stay connected, particularly with those most vulnerable to Covid 19 and who have been isolated in mind, a “buddy” program was established in the spring to lend support through phone calls, emails, and cards. Vestry sent inspirational quote bags to these parishioners at Christmas. Sunday Zoom Coffee Hour, hosted by Christina McLaughlin, has provided another way to stay in touch.

The memorial garden was a top priority over the summer with new landscaping, pavers, a fountain, and benches. Renovations culminated with the raising of the beautiful Celtic cross in September, witnessed by the vestry, gathered in the parking area for our annual retreat. Now we await the installation of the monument that will memorialize loved ones, which is expected to be installed by Easter.

“Walk in Love and Shelter in Place” was a highlight of fall. The basket auction, all but doomed to cancellation due to COVID, was saved by Michelle Bentley and her committee. The event was a great success from boxed dinners and baskets to grassroots entertainment and raised over \$5,000.

Ministries have remained active, especially Social Outreach (renamed Faith In Action). Fall school supplies were provided to needy children as were Christmas gifts for 35 children through the Jesse Tree project. We have faithfully supported the Hempfield Area Food Pantry with non-perishable food items, Thanksgiving turkeys, and monetary donations. Currently, shoes are being collected for the Soles for Souls project in a joint effort with St. John's, Lancaster. Also, mindful of those in need of assistance in our community, the Faith in Action ministry launched “Parishioners helping Parishioners” which extended a helping hand raking leaves, cleaning out a garage, and doing a bit of sewing repair.

The Stewardship Committee comprised of Steve and Catherine Donahue, Matthew Sternberg and Jamie Alton brought in 70 pledges totaling almost \$200,000.

Krist Kindling, a 32<sup>th</sup> consecutive year tradition in Advent, continued as usual with 17 participating families. The Zoom reveal, was a first, however. Our pot-luck supper was cancelled, but we enjoyed a cozy evening sharing adventures and fellowship on Zoom. Church services, some with limited in-person attendance, more live streamed and available on YouTube, have sustained us throughout the year. The Christmas Eve service was live streamed as was a joint Ash Wednesday service with St. Luke's, Mount Joy.

Opportunities for Christian formation included *Wednesday night Bible study* first led by Bill and Yvonne Gasperetti and later Bob Mosebach and Leslie Arnold, *Friday Lunch and Learn* led by Father Rick, Bob Mosebach and Wanda Stoltzfus, *Friday night Evening Prayer* led by Patrick and Dina Ishler, and *Sunday Evening Prayer* with Br. David Rutledge.

The heartache of COVID 19 struck close to home in January with the death of our beloved Father Stephen Casey, who faithfully served this parish from 1998 until his retirement in 2018.

## **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (continued)**

During 2021 our status as a parish in the diocese became official and also became incorporated. Thanks to Fr. Rick, who worked closely with the Diocesan Council of Trustees, we now hold the deed to our land.

Kevin Milligan, Herb Johnston, Mike Freshwater, and I met to update the terms of the Rector's Equity fund, (formerly Vicar's Equity Fund) established years ago by a small group of parishioners to help a vicar purchase a home. It has now been expanded to assist a rector with moving, new home, or home renovation expenses. The document was prepared by Kevin and approved by vestry at the February 2021 meeting.

As shown in the financial report, we amazingly ended the year with only a small deficit of about \$2,500 to our operating budget. This is largely due to the generosity of the people of the parish during the extraordinary strain of the pandemic. Your pledges and gifts to the operations of the parish and to our outreach ministries remained strong. In addition, we were able to fund significant capital improvements (most notably the Memorial Garden) in 2020. Our finances were also positively impacted by our participation in the CARES Act. The parish applied for and was awarded a \$29,700 grant from the federal government designed to mitigate the financial impact of the pandemic.

At the February 2021 vestry meeting, Fr. Rick reported that 150-200 people are attending on-line services and 25 new members have joined the church. Highlights of our 2020 parochial report include our ability to live stream services, especially providing opportunities to serve the elderly and homebound; the acquisition of new technology; and collaboration with other parishes. Our community service projects continue through your generosity.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve you and this church. This vestry has tried to be faithful stewards of our church building and property, to help keep our community connected in personal and caring ways, to put our faith into action by serving the greater community, and to keep God at the center of all we do. I am grateful every day for the leadership and Christ centered love and compassion that Father Rick brings to us, and so appreciative of Michelle Bentley, who does everything asked of her and everything no one thinks to ask of her. I want to give a shout out to Kevin Milligan and the finance committee who keep us on sound financial footing and to Mac Miller, who shines a bright light on the loving community that we are in the monthly Scepters.

I close with thanks to the vestry. Mike Freshwater, Mark Jakiel, and Herb Johnston have completed three-year terms. They have helped in countless ways, notably by serving on property, finance, and on the Shaped by Faith initiative. Capably carrying on are Ellen Milligan; Ginny Kloepping; Catherine Donahue; Beth Lynch; and Junior Warden, Julie Hoff. Julie has been a great support this year! She will be an excellent Senior Warden. Each of you plays an important part in the life of our church, too. I know that St. Edward's is in very good hands.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Westgate



## **JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT**

This has been a year no one could have anticipated! In my role as Junior Warden, I worked with Father Rick; Senior Warden, Meredith Westgate; Parish Administrator, Michelle Bentley; and Vestry to help the parish navigate the ups and downs Covid-19 engendered. Their efforts have not only held us together, but allowed us to actually grow and thrive during unprecedented times! So much has been accomplished despite the fact that we have not been together in worship since Father Rick started! We owe them all a debt of gratitude. Their love, service, and devotion to St. Edward's cannot be overstated!

In addition to supporting and assisting in parish life as needed, I continued to serve on the St. Edward's Shaped by Faith team. Shaped by Faith is a Diocesan initiative that gathers teams from all the churches in our convocation together to explore optimal configurations for church in the future. Our team members are Father Rick, Herb Johnston, and myself. Amy Swiernik is the Lay Leader on the Diocesan Staff for this project.

After our initial in-person meeting last February, we have continued to meet via Zoom. We have explored our Anglican identity and have involved all Diocesan parishioners in an Anglican Identity Survey. We have been looking at seven possible church models and missional communities for the future. Parishes have shared how they see their church fitting in with these models given their unique circumstances. Our team highlighted our collaborative projects with St. Luke's, St. Thomas, and St. John's, as well as the Convocation wide Lessons and Carols service. We also cited our technology development and assistance to other parishes as ways we are reaching out to our community and fellow churches. In the coming months, we will be participating in a planning exercise culminating with the sharing of this plan at our Shaped by Faith meeting in June. Bishop Audrey shared that these are considerations for next generation church, not immediate changes.

If you have any further questions, please contact a member of our team or visit the Diocesan website where you can access all of the meeting information and materials from Shaped by Faith. Let us continue to hold the Shaped by Faith effort in our prayers.

### **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.*

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hoff, Junior Warden

## **ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

Current adult formation at St Edward's has taken two forms. The first offering has been a Wednesday night Bible Study, which was begun last year by Bill and Yvonne Gasperetti. Before undertaking the study of Mark's gospel, we walked through Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, guided by the book 'All Things New' by Kelly Minter. This study provided an excellent insight into the personality of Paul as he dealt with the Corinthian's tendency to be influenced and stray from his teaching. Paul applies both sternness and cajoling to bring the Corinthians back into his understanding of what it means to follow the risen Christ. The new year has brought us to the study of Mark's gospel, augmented by Marcus Borg's 'Conversations with Scripture: the Gospel of Mark', and the help of Leslie Arnold.

The second offering began at the start of the academic year, September 2020 in the form of a one hour 'Lunch and Learn' session at noon on Fridays. This session is focused on the book 'Walk in Love' by Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe, which leads us into an in-depth conversation of our Anglican and Episcopal traditions as we find them presented in our Book of Common Prayer. We began with our sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and continued through the five Sacramental Rites of Confirmation, Matrimony, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Ministration to the Sick, and Ordination. This is an ongoing study that will take us further into our Episcopalian ethos and theology. These topics have yielded conversations that have deepened our understanding of these liturgies, as we have learned from the experiences of each other.

Our approach in studying the Prayer Book and the Bible has been one of moving through them at the speed of the group, which is to say we are going for depth rather than velocity. We are products of a very long history of the evolving Anglican thought and revelation. Even our most sacred traditions have changed over time as they have been re-understood over and over. This is especially true in our post-modern era when many of what used to be taken for granted has for many become static and dry, and even unintelligible.

As Christian formation for youngsters in the form of Godly Play, Sunday School, etc. is so necessary and important, it is adults that make up the bulk of our congregations. And it is adults, whether parents or grandparents, that provides the religious education for our children and youth. Whether they do this in conversation about religious topics, or simply by example in the way they conduct their affairs, it is the primary way our youth come to understand, or not, that they are loved by God, and that there is far more to the religious life than hearing stories and sitting through liturgies on Sunday mornings. Therefore, it is of great importance that our churches take up the joyful task of forming and informing adult Christians.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Mosebach

## **ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild prepares the sacred elements and altar for all weekly and special services, cares for the linens, and maintains the inventory for worship. Additionally, the Guild oversees flowers and decorations for all services and special occasions in the sanctuary.

Flexibility and adaptability have been our guiding principles during this unusual year of Covid 19! We've worked with Father Rick to develop new ways to prepare for worship both in church and online. We've tried to provide an aesthetically pleasing backdrop to our online worship with beautiful flowers and seasonal decorations. Thank you to all our fellow parishioners who underwrite our flower ministry as thank offerings or memorials to loved ones! Father Rick initiated an effort to purchase a new green set of vestments and altar hangings in memory of Larry Hess. These replace the all-season hangings which have been in use since our days in the Union Hall!

Sadly, we've had to prepare for a number of funerals this year. Among them was the service for our longtime friend and fellow Altar Guild member, Rose Dixon. We view this aspect of our ministry as a service of love, honor, and respect to the deceased and his or her family. This was never more truly felt than in our preparation for the funeral of our beloved Father Stephen! May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

Thank you to all our devoted members: Michelle Bentley, Sue Bianco, Karen Grant, Beth Hake, Wendy Hallowell, Gail Irons, Barb Jakiel, Barbara Schultz, Dorris Smith, and Mary Snyder.

Please consider joining us in this essential ministry. We welcome any men or women who would like to be involved. Training is provided and you will always work with an experienced member. If you are interested, please contact either one of us or the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hess and Julie Hoff, Co-chairs

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT**

Early in the spring, Building and Property committee made minor cosmetic repairs and painted the storage shed in the parking lot. This was just a stopgap measure as the shed is both too small and in poor condition. A larger shed is needed.

A few of the signs around campus have been replaced or updated. The main sign on Harrisburg Pike has been updated to include **Reverend Dr. Rick Bauer, Rector**. The current sign, though it looks OK from a distance, is now 25 years old and could be considered for modernization and even technical updates like a changeable electric sign.



## **BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT (continued)**

Two more of the downspouts have been extended past the building to allow water to reach the drainage swale and not accumulate at the building foundation. The downspout in the back corner of the Memorial Garden was partially buried for a cleaner appearance.

After the completion of the Memorial Garden, additional matching fencing and a gate has been installed to hide the trash area from the view of people visiting the garden area. Left over slate from the old garden has been used as a floor in the trash area to aid with drainage and help prohibit weeds from growing in the enclosure.

A “drip pipe” from the roof mounted HVAC system overhead of the Rector’s office was rerouted away from the unit to a scupper to allow it to drain into the down spout. By removing this stream of water from pooling on the roof, it is believed the source of the leak into the ceiling of the Rector’s office may have been stopped. We also engaged Joyland Roofing, who installed the new flat roof 2 years ago, to come in and examine why the flat roof continued to leak into the Rector’s study. It was determined that we needed to install an additional gutter on the larger roof space that empties onto the flat roof and install an additional downspout to move the volume of water away from the flat roof space. This repair was done at no cost to the church, and the repair of the Rector’s study interior ceiling will be completed at no cost to the church.

We engaged our contractor to repair/rebuild the exterior wall in the rector’s study, which had severe wood rot, as well as rebuild any interior sills and molding that needed replacement and/or repainting.

All the exterior fire doors have been sanded and painted to help prevent further rust and to have a better exterior look. The doors from the Parish Hall facing the Parish Office need to be replaced due to corrosion and non-compliance with ADA regulations. The windows need to be large enough to observe if a person in a wheelchair is on the opposite side of the door. At present, the windows do not meet that criteria.

The wooden front doors need replacement. They are not constructed of steel as are the other doors. For safety reasons, these doors should be updated with steel entry quality doors. At time of replacement, updating to electronic, internet accessibility upgrades can be made.

The Building and grounds committee assisted with minor projects associated with the Memorial Garden, such as burying an extension cord for the fountain, constructing a cover for the Internment Service “Hole.”

We removed the thistle patch on the Harrisburg Pike side of the church and re-seeded it, as well as removing and pruning several dead pine trees on the Memorial Garden side of the church.

Completion of the narthex roof and interior ceiling repairs, as well as the installation of a ceiling fan for better air flow and humidity control were done by an outside contractor.

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT (continued)**

The kitchen cabinetry and floor, ruined in a sewage backup, has been replaced using insurance proceeds. Removal and installation of a new grease trap in the kitchen was necessary.

We had a professional company install 3 new high-capacity flush commodes for better plumbing management. A new hot water heater for the kitchen was installed to replace the aged unit.

We professionally stripped and waxed the narthex, front entry, bathrooms floor space and will continue to maintain it, through our cleaning contractor.

Through generous donations, we made key improvements in our sanctuary as follows: New lighting in the choir area, pulpit, and praise band area in our sanctuary and new sanctuary carpet.

We also made a major repair to the parish hall HVAC unit.

A Smart TV has been procured for the nursery and will be installed prior to return to normal service.

It is hoped by this committee that we can once again institute the "Sweaty Sunday" to kick start the spring planting, do mulching and power washing of the exterior. As Covid restrictions regarding outside meeting is determined, hopefully we can put this together in the spring 2021.

Michelle is to be commended for her role as *Construction Manager* throughout the entire completion of the renovations and repairs to the narthex, kitchen, roof, rector's study, new carpet in the sanctuary (and Rector's office), the Memorial Garden, and sacristy repairs.

The obvious addition over the past year has been the building of our Memorial Garden. Though technically outside property, the Memorial Garden Committee, Father Rick, and Michelle have completed a beautiful space for prayer, contemplation, and visitation. This committee is simply including it as a wonderful and welcoming addition to our property.

When the congregation returns to in-person services at St. Edward's, parishioners will be pleased with the inward and outward appearance of the building and property.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Freshwater

## **CHOIR**

Dear Friends at St. Edward the Confessor Episcopal Church:

We musically began the year 2020 as we have any other year, with our usual choir rehearsals, music preparations, and Sunday morning anthems. However, we were all too quickly plunged into a strange and unfamiliar world- the world of COVID-19, which

## **CHOIR (continued)**

continues to challenge us in so many ways. On Sunday, March 15, the choir offered the anthem “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Peter Lutkin as a poignant and heartfelt blessing to all in our St. Edward’s community as we entered our first season of not gathering as a community in-person.

In a wonderful effort to enrich our online community worship and keep music alive in a safe way, we had a few volunteers from the choir and praise band record music for our Sunday services (socially distanced, of course). We were able to post the Sunday worship offerings on our St. Edward’s YouTube channel so that friends near and far could access them and feel close to those in our community even at a distance.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, with COVID cases somewhat lower, we embarked on distanced, in-person worship providing music with a cantor (Patrick) and piano and organ (Karen). We also started providing this Sunday worship service via livestream. The in-person worship services continued through November 15.

From November 21-present, we have continued to livestream our Sunday morning worship services as well as other services that may be held during this COVID season such as funerals, Ash Wednesday, etc. For our Christmas Eve service, we were blessed to have a wonderful violinist join Karen and I in the prelude, hymns, anthems, and communion music which made the holy evening even more lovely. We continue to offer invitations for singing opportunities for the choir as we collaborate with St. Andrew’s, Shippensburg, in several virtual choir offerings. The first was offered during the Christmas season and we are currently working on a well-loved hymn for Easter. We are thankful to have the opportunity to work with all those involved with the virtual choir projects and encourage you to listen and savor them posted on our St. Edward’s YouTube Channel.

I know many in our St. Edward’s community and beyond are lamenting the absence of congregational singing. Those of us who enjoy and love singing can honestly say that we are deeply affected by its absence; however, it is not only the loss of singing itself that we mourn, but the loss of singing together in holy community. Studies conducted since COVID-19 began to show that singing is simply not safe whether in a church service, schools, community choirs, or any communal space, and so its absence continues to cause us pain; it is a fast we did not choose. Singing together binds us as one in a profound way at the level of our very souls, creating a connection among us that nourishes and strengthens us, and we continue to long for it. With this in mind, as cantor each and every Sunday, I strive with God’s help to represent each and every one of you as I extend the Word through song, inviting each of you to join with me by singing these songs of praise from your hearts and souls. We can rely on the oneness we experience as a sacramental community - one that extends across all boundaries of time and space to gather us in as one people in Christ’s love - to unite and sustain us.



## **CHOIR (continued)**

In joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, music has been our communal voice since ancient times, and we eagerly await the time it will again be a part of our shared worship. Until then, we hold this loss, as we do all losses, in our prayers and love, relying on God's steadfastness to ever be our guide.

Blessings, peace, and love to you all,

Patrick Ishler, Choir Director

[patrick.ishler@saintededs.org](mailto:patrick.ishler@saintededs.org)

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## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

With the onset of COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, the type and delivery of instruction for youth within Christian Formation changed dramatically. Since these adjustments did not occur until early March, the year did begin with the teachers (Leslie Arnold, Dottie Gschwend, Beth Hake, Brian Newsome, and Peg Reiley) conducting three separate classes within their individual rooms.

In the months of January and February, teachers were utilizing resources from Godly Play, the Virginia Theological Seminary, and the Book of Common Prayer for youth in the following classes: age 3 to pre-K, kindergarten to fourth grade, and ages 13 and above. (No youth between ages 10 and 12 were enrolled in the Formation classes.)

When the church temporarily stopped in-person gatherings in March, Christian Formation for youth went on hiatus until a virtual or digital delivery system could be determined as well as a format for instruction. This process extended for a few months until June when a plan was formulated.

Specifically, weekly lessons were and are now distributed via a "poster" as a PDF by email. The document is created based on the lessons published by the Episcopal Church.org website, <https://episcopalchurch.org/lesson-plans-work> Each lesson includes the following:

- opening insight statement
- a short summary of the story within the scripture
- a variety of reflection questions for both young and older youth
- suggested activities to engage with the scripture.

These lessons are sent directly to parents who may choose to use one or all the lesson elements with their child/children. Parents who participate in this current Christian education approach have our greatest thanks and appreciation. As we enter 2021, we expect to continue this mode of instruction until parishioners can return to meet in person.

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION (continued)**

Along with the lessons, our youth also have additional resources to keep them engaged, specifically postings found on our “now robust” Christian Formation page maintained by Michelle on our St Edwards’ website. The page not only archives past lessons but also promotes other youth-centered activities throughout the diocese.

As we enter 2021, we expect to continue this mode of instruction until parishioners can return to meet in person.

Another exciting addition is that plans were made with the leader of the youth program at St. James Episcopal Church, in Lancaster, to introduce St. Edward’s youth to youth of St. James and their scheduled activities that occur on Wednesday evenings. One such event did occur in early November when in-person gatherings were permitted for a short while; however, no more have occurred since because of the Bishop’s order in November to again stop in-person gatherings.

In future, the parish youth and likely those of St. Luke’s will come together again, when COVID-19 restrictions lessen.

On sadder note, one of our teachers, Brian Newsome, and his children, Braden and Barrett, moved out of the area in the summer of 2020. We miss them all.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Arnold, Director of Christian Formation

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hours at St. Edward’s are a wonderful time to share fellowship and welcome new parishioners and guests with the St. Edward’s hospitality that we are so well known for! Throughout the diocese, and from former parishioners, who come back to visit, as well as people that are passing through Lancaster County, the parish office always receives compliments about the warmth of the St. Edward’s parish community.

There are many ways to participate in a St. Edward’s coffee hour! As a parishioner, please come to the coffee hours. You can also sign up to host a coffee hour. By serving as a coffee hour host, you are providing a vital ministry to St. Edward’s and your parish family. It is a wonderful feeling to be welcoming from the moment a parishioner or guest enters our red doors to the offering of “why don’t you stay for a cup of coffee?” after the service.

March 15, 2020 brought our gathering, and our coffee fellowship time, to an abrupt halt due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While we all “mourn” the absence of these fellowship gatherings, looking on the bright side, it did allow us the opportunity to remodel, reorganize, and revitalize our kitchen, making operational/equipment improvements that make it safer and more efficient. We are so thankful to Christina McLaughlin for providing the ministry of Zoom Coffee Hours each Sunday during our Covidtide!

## **COFFEE HOUR (continued)**

When we do get back to being in fellowship on Sunday mornings, please know that we welcome you! If you are new to the parish, or new to coffee hour and you need some guidance into how the kitchen, etc. functions, have no fear! Please contact the parish office and we will make sure that we pair you with another parishioner that can “show you the ropes” and make you feel comfortable.

Please remember to ***“feed the coffee donation jar”*** on Sundays as this is what keeps coffee hour going, along with the generous donations of goodies by our weekly hosts! ***Our expenditures for coffee hour, which cover paper goods, coffee, and other supplies run about \$900/year. Receiving donations of \$15 - \$20 per Sunday will allow us to make coffee hour stay within our church budget.***

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Hess and Michelle Bentley

## **CULTURAL EVENTS MINISTRY**

Committee members: Dina Ishler, Patrick Ishler, Meredith Westgate, Randy Westgate, and Buddy Yeager

2020 was an interesting year for Cultural Events as it was for all our St. Edward's ministries. It began with a wonderful musical offering, kicking off our events series with

Swing Street Jazz packing the church sanctuary with an enthusiastic, appreciative audience. Our planned series for the calendar year included valleyphonics, Servant Stage, QuintEssentially Brass and Fire in the Glen. Due to the pandemic, the scheduled performances of these wonderful artists were put on hold for the time being. We look to the later part of 2021 when we hope to reschedule these fine groups.

Thinking outside the box with how we could keep our series going, the Ministry came up with the idea to invite a local, solo musician to perform for a livestreamed audience. We were able to schedule Maria Corley Thompson to play a fantastic program of eclectic piano literature on Sunday, September 13 via our St. Edward's YouTube channel.

The Cultural Events Ministry collaborated with the Fundraising Ministry to plan (our first ever) virtual St. Edward's Variety Show that included so much amazing talent from our community. It was definitely a fun-filled evening for our community (and beyond) as we watched together from the comforts of our homes, enjoying the talents of so many who made the show possible.

## **CULTURAL EVENTS MINISTRY (continued)**

If you would like to volunteer to help with this important (and fun!) ministry, please **contact Patrick Ishler**, St. Edward's Choir Director and Cultural Events Ministry Chairperson at [patrick.ishler@sainteds.org](mailto:patrick.ishler@sainteds.org)

Respectfully submitted,

The Cultural Events Ministry team

## **FAITH IN ACTION (formerly Social Outreach)**

In 2020, the Social Outreach ministry continued to serve our community in a robust manner. The ministry was able to continue 4 of our 5 annual programs and attempted to add one new program.

Due to the pandemic the Feed My Starving Children ministry was cancelled and is not expected to return until 2022. Our parish however continued to feed our neighbors by contributing over 1500 pounds of food (which includes the 30 turkeys) to the Hempfield Food Bank. To put that into perspective: 1500 pounds is the equivalent of 2000 boxes of cereal, or 2200 cans of tomato soup, or 600 boxes of Bisquick.) The parish made monetary donations in the neighborhood of \$8000 as well. The Food Pantry ministry continues to be a steady and life-giving program for our Landisville neighbors.

As the 2020-21 school year was beginning to take shape for the fifth year, we held a school supplies drive. Despite the pandemic, parishioners once again very generously supported local students in need by donating over 300 school supply items. Instead of distributing them through the Hempfield Food Pantry, as we did before, this year we partnered directly with Landisville Primary Center. The supplies turned out to be even more needed than anticipated. Because of shipping delays the supplies that the school had ordered had not arrived by the start of school. Luckily, ours had and the school year began with all of the pencils, markers, and crayons that the students needed.

In the spring we partnered with St. John's and provided over 50 cartons of shoes for the Soles 4 Souls program. We also started a Parishioners Helping Parishioners day. Jobs that were successfully completed included: delivery of items to Community Aid, cleaning of an apartment's high ceilings and hemming pants.

During Advent, our long time Jesse Tree program took place. We partnered again with COBY's to provide over 30 children with Christmas gifts. It took a different type of organization skills to pull this off during the pandemic. As many of us have found out during the pandemic that we can still get the job done, but it might look a little different.

St. Edward's has been in partnership with Community Aid over the years. The pandemic caused Community Aid to pull many of their collection bins throughout the Lancaster area. We have continued to stay aligned with them via a "Virtual Partnership" going forward that allows St. Edward's to receive .06 cents/pound for soft goods donations brought to their donation center on Good Drive using our Partner account

## **FAITH IN ACTION (continued)**

#40036 so that we get the appropriate credit. Checks are issued, quarterly, to the church and we average between \$60-\$120/quarter. Included in our Virtual Partnership is the ability to receive Care Cards to enable us to help those in need, as they are good for merchandise in their stores. We must meet a 2500/lb per quarter to receive \$300 in cards to distribute.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lynch

## **FLOWER MINISTRY**

Without a filled Flower Chart (located in the narthex) as well as participation during Christmas Season and Easter Sunday (\$20/per remembrance for these Holy days in 2020), we incur a budget expense for the flowers.

***With 52 Sundays + Christmas, less the days in Lent and Advent, which do not require flowers, there are 43 Sundays where the altar requires fresh flowers, which we have found our parishioners cherish as a wonderful addition to the altar for our services. We want to thank the outpouring of financial support that his ministry received in the first 2 months of 2021, as it has helped to fill our full year with fresh flowers!***

We would encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider signing up for flowers one week per year. Not only is it a lovely way to give thanksgiving for and/or memorialize a loved one, but it will allow St. Edward's to continue to grace the altar with the beauty of fresh flowers each week. Also, we are accepting 2 entries per week so that people can cost share and pay \$50/each. We will place both remembrances in the Sunday bulletins.

We would also like to thank Nancy Oliver, Ginny Kloepping, and Gail Irons who help to create lovely arrangements during Christmas and Easter, as well as maintain the urns at the front entrance. These beautiful touches are what make St. Edward's a welcoming parish for all!

Lastly, as a plea that we have made in prior years: We are actively seeking someone who has the interest and the talent to be in charge of the flower ministry. It is a wonderful ministry to start with, as it is so important to our parish, yet, does not require many meetings, etc. If you have a love for flowers, arranging, etc., please contact the parish office. We have had some wonderful ideas in the past year, such as taking the flowers on a Sunday afternoon (after we are able to once COVID19 restrictions are lifted) and delivering them to area nursing homes. This way, we get to experience the beauty of fresh flowers for our service, but then we do our community outreach by sharing them with others versus having them go to waste during the week. This is a "quiet" yet very important ministry!

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bentley

## **FUNDRAISING**

Well. . . we had to get really creative this year to pull off a fundraising event that raised money towards our 2020 goal, while providing much needed light and levity to a parish that has not been able to gather, in fellowship, during this Covidtide. What do you do?!?! The answer was in working IN COMMUNITY with the Cultural Events Ministry to create a combined talent/variety show with our signature basket auction and pull it ALL off with the amazing technical talents of Father Rick+ to make 2020 one of the most amazing fundraising years St. Edward's has had in many years. We went virtual, in many ways, and it worked wonderfully!! We kept our costs very low and through the incredible generosity of parishioners and friends of St. Edward's we offered a fantastic array of gift baskets to raffle, along with special prizes, combined with a take-out boxed meal so that people could gather at home, watch the show on the St. Edward's YouTube Channel and enjoy! We raised over \$4,500 and had expenses of \$500.

First and foremost, we thank ALL the parishioners and friends who donate baskets and items for our raffle. Without such generosity, this signature event would not be able to happen. Secondly, the talent!!! Amazing. And fun. And AMAZING. The spirit surrounding this event ***"Shelter in Peace, Walk in Love"*** was so heartfelt, a true demonstration of a strong community of faith coming together, under any circumstances, and thriving.

Secondly, thank you to ALL who participate and tell their friends and the wider community to join us. We had incredibly good spirit this year at our event from many people outside of the St. Edward's parish community and that is a wonderful thing to witness! And thank you to all who help **run** the various events – you all "make the magic" happen, and for that, we are so grateful! We look forward to the time when we can, again, fill our entire fundraising calendar with many events, including our December Christmas Cookie Sale and our Crafts Bazaar.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bentley and Bev Hess, Co-Chairs  
Fundraising Ministry

## **GROCERY CARDS**

The St. Edward's Grocery Card program is an important ***fundraising component*** to our parish community. While providing parishioners a convenient way to shop at the 2 major grocery store chains, Giant and Stauffer Kissel Hill, with their prepaid grocery cards, it also allows the church to raise money. With each card purchase, 5% goes to St. Edward's (Example: For every \$100, St. Edward's receives \$5).

2020 saw us suspending the program from April – August and we had several people drop away from the program due to a change in shopping and eating habits during COVID-19. Our hope is to bring this program back, more robustly, in 2021 with people ordering grocery cards for their monthly food purchases.



### **GROCERY CARDS (continued)**

Our system where grocery cards are ordered once per month, delivered the first Sunday of each month, and requested to be paid for no later than the last day within that month, seems to work well for the parishioners. This is very helpful for tracking and making grocery card payments. We are very grateful to Carl Cotnoir, who has volunteered to pick up and distribute the grocery cards. This is a wonderful ministry and an immense help to the parish office.

If you are interested in participating in the grocery card program, please contact the parish office.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bentley

### **KNIT WITS**

We are very grateful for the wonderful ministry of our prayer shawls from Linda Spire. Linda has encouraged those who knit that even if the group is not meeting, the need for prayer shawls never goes away, and we have a strong group of knitters who continue to feed this ministry in loving and pastoral ways.

While the group has gotten smaller over the years, and does not gather in community at St. Edward's, right now, its mission stays true: ***God blesses our hearts that they might be filled with his Spirit and he blesses our hands that they might be touched by our creative power.***

Respectfully submitted,

Parish Office

### **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

The Memorial Garden, located on the left side of the church, is designated Holy Ground for the cremains of St. Edward's members and their families. It is an alternative to the traditional church cemetery and is available for meditation, worship, and prayer. The cremated remains are placed in biodegradable containers and buried or they may be spread in a designated areas of evergreen ground cover. A bronze plaque containing the name, year of birth, and year of death will be made and affixed to the monument in the garden. There is a fee that covers the cost of internment and upkeep. The amount is \$600 for church members of St. Edward's and their families. We currently have the cremains of twenty-nine (29) parishioners or family members and prepayment of twenty-eight (28) parishioners.

Early last year the Memorial Garden Committee developed a questionnaire about future improvements to the current space. We received 40 responses but under the advisement of Father Bateman, we waited until Father Rick Bauer came before we moved forward. During that time period, we received great input, suggestions and

## **MEMORIAL GARDEN (continued)**

pictures and from the questionnaire we had the most interest expressed in the following items: 1. Planting perennials—with shallow roots 2. Handicapped walkways 3. Seating inside the garden 4. Seating outside the garden.

Over this last year we have had help from so many parishioners with drawings, plant suggestions and ideas to help us get started on the improvements. Father Rick brought some great suggestions of the green wall to create a private space for people to spend meditative time there as well as a fountain which always provides a calming element. Special thanks to Michelle and Fr Rick for their endless energy and time with getting the estimates and interviewing contractors to turn the garden into very special place.

Thanks also to all those who have donated both time and treasure to complete the work we started last year. A special thanks to some of our parishioners who offered in the questionnaire to help with weeding the garden and since the garden was being transformed, they were kind enough to adopt sections of the landscaping. Spring is coming and with it there is a good chance we will be seeing some weeds so I am asking anyone who would like to sign up to help keep this Holy Ground beautiful and enjoy the serenity provided by the fountain and lovely seating areas that have been added. Please call or email for details.

If you would like an application for prepayment, please contact Michelle in the parish office at 898-6276. If you would like more information about the Memorial Garden, or are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Ginny Kloepping 717-735-7103 [kloepvr@comcast.net](mailto:kloepvr@comcast.net).

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Kloepping

## **NEW MEMBER MINISTRY**

**Mission: *“Our culture as a community of faith makes us all part of Gods children and we welcome everyone to become part of our church family.”***

Our committee strives to make St. Edwards a welcoming place for members and visitors. We do this in two ways. We coordinate volunteer Welcomers to greet members and visitors as they arrive to worship services and events at St. Edwards. Secondly, we implement programs that will help others to see what we have to offer as a church.

In 2020 we had 10 full time members and 3 persons available as substitutes if needed to volunteer as Welcomers that greet the parish or those visiting St. Edward's. 2020 has been a challenging year due to Covid19 pandemic. With no in-person worship, since March of 2020 our committee was not able to physically welcome everyone. We are currently welcoming visitors through a monthly article in the Scepter newsletter.

## **NEW MEMBER MINISTRY (continued)**

I will be contacting committee members to schedule meetings to be prepared for when in person worship begins. Mike Patrone has decided to step back from the committee in 2021. I want to thank him for his service getting this ministry started and serving as co-chair for the first 2 years.

We are always looking for members of the parish to join this ministry. All are welcome to attend our meetings or become a Welcomer at either service, or events.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Snyder, Committee Chair

## **NURSERY**

The nursery is open every Sunday from 9AM till 12noon, However, because of the virus, the nursery is closed till further notice.

Once we are back, the nursery will resume its normal operation. We are still looking for help in the nursery, either parents or students.

Watching over God's children while parents are in Church and keeping the nursery is our Ministry.

I would like to thank Ellen and Kevin Milligan, Christina and Joe McLaughlin, Amanda Myers and Faith Ishler for their past assistance.

Notices have been put in the past to have two people in the nursery but have had no responses.

Respectfully Submitted

Elizabeth Yeager

## **PASTORAL CARE**

**Mission Statement: We are a caring ministry which responds to the pastoral needs of St. Edward's congregation at the direction of the Rector. We pray that our visits will keep the individuals whom we see in closer contact with their St. Edward's family.**

The Pastoral Care Ministry has several components. One is that of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV), one of the other is that of the Friendly Visitor (FV) and one who sends appropriate cards to members of St. Edward's when the situation becomes that of letting congregants know that we are concerned about them. Our active LEV's: Irene Achey, Carol Cotnoir, Peggy Hanzelman and Amy Swiernik and Ray Trythall. Gail Irons sends out the cards as requested.

## **PASTORAL CARE (continued)**

This past year has been one of members suffering with the effects of the Covid, but our congregants that we served and visited died unexpectedly and we could not believe the suddenness of their passing. As LEV's we enjoy our visits and serving in the ministry of St. Edward's. We learn to really care about their well beings.

We look forward for the ending of Covidive so that we can meet as a group and continue in this ministry.

In addition to visits, we deliver a small, but meaningful gift to each individual during the month of December when we make our visits, which of course was not possible in 2020.

This is a very special ministry and if you feel like you are called to enter this ministry, please call the church office. The training would be explained to you and we would most certainly welcome you to this ministry.

With the help of Fr. Rick it is our hope to further expand the ministry of the Pastoral Care of St. Edward's.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Hanzelman, Ministry Chair

## **PRAISE BAND**

We started off the year with high hopes for another year providing praise music for our monthly contemporary services on the second Sunday of each month. As with many ministries, ours was shut down with the arrival of the pandemic. We were able to participate on a few occasions during the rest of the year with small numbers of our group playing and singing via live stream or taped format. We look forward to restarting our ministry when conditions allow, with new energy, enthusiasm, and participation, God willing. As usual, we thank the congregation for your support of the Praise Band ministry.

Randy Westgate

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21)**

We began our 2020 Stewardship Campaign in late 2019 under the guidance of Father David. We were well into his transition time with us, yet much uncertainty remained about our future—not the least of which was the selection of a new rector. Stewardship Committee members Stephen and Catherine Donohue, Richard and Gail Irons, and I shared our hopes for the year ahead at both services. And while fundraising usually hates uncertainty, the people of St. Edward's responded with faith, with pledges keeping pace with prior years.

## **STEWARDSHIP (continued)**

2020 then proved to be the year none of us expected. Despite everyone's world being turned upside down, giving continued—even when we could not gather for worship. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to supporting our parish and its ministries! St. Edward's is truly blessed to have a congregation that believes in furthering God's work in the world.

While we tend to talk about stewardship only one month out of the year, giving encompasses all church seasons. St. Edward's received a number of special gifts during the year, as evidenced by our revitalized Memorial Garden and upgraded sanctuary.

We received new pledges in the fourth quarter, and some people decided to pre-pay their 2021 pledge. We concluded the year with a very promising Stewardship Campaign for 2021. The Spirit is very present at St. Edward's!

For 2020, here are our pledge/giving figures:

Pledge/Giving Amount for 2020 = \$246,543

If you have questions about pledging and giving, please feel free to contact me at jalton141@comcast.net or 717-875-4142. Father Rick or Michelle would also be happy to answer your questions.

With heartfelt thanks for your faithful giving,

Jamie Alton

## **USHERS**

The usher schedule is normally compiled twice a year, but because of the Pandemic things changed. We normally have 22 ushers scheduled for the 8, Contemporary Service, and 10:15. All that changed and we had a core group of 12 ushers that were scheduled for the 8 and 10:15 service.

Karen Grant and Beverly Achey handled the 8:00 service. They did this without a break, from when we started the restricted number of people at service until we as a Church Community had to stop attending services. The 10:15 service had 10 ushers, Ellen and Kevin Milligan, Beth and Seth Hake, Mary Snyder and Carl Cotnoir, Jamie Alton and David Keener, and Thomas Ishler, and Buddy Yeager.

These ushers had more detailed responsibilities to perform, due to the Covid restrictions. The duties of all the Ushers are written down in detail and they are performed always with the care of the St. Edwards Community.

I'm proud to know all these Ushers they perform their duties well. We are all looking forward to the day when everyone can come back to the services before Covid!

God Bless,  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Buddy Yeager

**St. Edward's Episcopal Church**  
**2021 Budget - Submitted 12/15/20**

	<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>2020 Actuals</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Operating Income	259,375	245,577	283,300
Plate	2,950	1,455	2,400
Grocery Card Income	3,000	1,329	1,800
Fund Raising	8,000	6,070	7,350
Building Use	1,500	1,285	875
Interest	120	245	96
Operating Grants	0	29,700	0
Flower Donations	2,700	2,190	2,640
Coffee Hour Donations	850	365	450
Cultural Events Donations	0	562	500
Social Outreach Donations	0	378	0
Altar Guild Gifts	100	0	120
Music Fund	200	250	240
Parish Inreach	850	760	660
Building donations	400	0	300
Memorial Fund Gifts	0	8,885	2,400
Memorial Garden Fund	0	3,425	600
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>280,045</b>	<b>302,476</b>	<b>303,731</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Diocesan Fair Share	41,305	41,305	38,398
<b>Staff</b>			
Rector Salary & Expenses			
Stipend/Health/Housing/Pension	111,052	112,328	115,566
Rector Professional Allowances	6,500	4,904	6,500
Supply Clergy	2,000	401	2,000
Subtotal	119,552	117,633	124,066
Support Staff	79,957	77,068	83,150
Staff Total	199,509	194,701	207,216
<b>Parish Life</b>			
Music Expenses	3,600	2,114	3,900
Parish Inreach Expenses	2,800	1,785	1,500
Praise Band	125	0	100
Altar Guild	1,000	1,461	1,000
Christian Education	150	0	150
Spiritual Life/ Pastoral Care	1,800	765	900
Welcoming Committee	0	0	350
Social Outreach	700	759	250



	<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>2020 Actuals</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
Flowers	5,200	3,588	5,460
Vestry Retreat	200	0	200
Coffee Hour	800	21	450
Cultural Events	1,650	668	1,750
Memorial Garden	300	3,147	300
Fund Raising	1,500	783	1,300
Subtotal	19,825	15,091	17,610
<b>Office</b>			
Office Expenses	6,000	5,980	10,500
Convention	600	0	500
Postage	300	477	325
Telephone & Internet	2,800	2,384	2,500
Stewardship	350	261	300
Web Site Mgmt.	100	763	600
Advertising	2,750	1,325	1,200
Subtotal	12,900	11,190	15,925
<b>Finance, Insurance &amp; Professional Services</b>			
Banking Fees	200	657	400
Investment Fees	0	419	200
Loan Interest	960	208	931
Legal Fees	0	3,403	900
Insurance	5,500	4,086	5,000
Subtotal	6,660	8,773	7,431
<b>Property</b>			
Maintenance	3,500	8,244	5,004
Utilities	12,000	10,490	12,000
Property Services	14,000	15,206	15,000
Current Maintenance Projects	0	0	0
Custodian for Events	100	0	120
Subtotal	29,600	33,940	32,124
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>309,799</b>	<b>305,000</b>	<b>318,704</b>
<b>Projected Operating Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(29,754)</b>	<b>(2,524)</b>	<b>(14,973)</b>
Major Building Maintenance	5,000	0	0
Notes Payable	0	1,966	10,000
Rector's Installation Reception	3,000	0	3,000
<b>Total Other Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>1,966</b>	<b>13,000</b>
<b>Total Projected Surplus / (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(37,754)</b>	<b>(4,490)</b>	<b>(27,973)</b>

**St. Edward's Episcopal Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of December 31, 2020**  
**(Restated 02-20-21)**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Checking Account		31,518.51
Money Market Account		
	Unrestricted Funds	29,877.24
	Temporarily Restricted Funds	40,794.82
	Total Money Market	70,672.06
Episcopal Church Foundation		267,018.84
Prepaid Buyout for Office Printer		554.88
Total Current Assets		369,764.29

**Fixed Assets**

Property		971,218.19
Piano		16,740.00
Total Fixed Assets		987,958.19

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,357,722.48</b>
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**LIABILITIES**

**Current Liabilities**

Notes Payable this Fiscal Year		0.00
Payroll Liabilities		1,121.67
Other Current Liabilities		0.00
Total Current Liabilities		1,121.67

**Long Term Liabilities**

Notes Payable		
	2018 Note to Diocese	9,186.15
	2019 Note to Diocese	36,689.00
Total Long Term Liabilities		45,875.15

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>46,996.82</b>
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**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted Net Assets		
	Episcopal Church Foundation	267,018.84
	Cash	14,953.81
	Property and Equipment	987,958.19
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		40,794.82

<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,310,725.66</b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,357,722.48</b>
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*Thank you for taking the time to join your fellow parishioners at this year's  
St. Edward's "Virtual" Annual Meeting.*

*As a community of faith, St. Edward's enriches the lives of all those who worship here; and will  
continue to be so, for this is what it means to be the church, the ecclesia, the holy common people  
of God.*

*Should you have any questions regarding volunteering for a ministry, receiving pledge/giving  
envelopes, grocery cards, signing up for flowers, receiving directories (and/or being listed in the  
parish directory), parish mailboxes, weekly emails, making appointments with the rector, or any  
other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office via phone or email!*

## **WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** ***"Joy in the Lord as Companions in Christ"***

*The Rt. Reverend Audrey Cady Scanlan, DMin  
Bishop of Central Pennsylvania*

*The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector  
Michelle Bentley, Parish Administrative Assistant  
Karen E. Waddill, Organist & Pianist  
Patrick Ishler, Choir Director*

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

*10:00 a.m. service live streamed on YouTube Live – St. Edward's channel*

*We offer the following worship & ministry, below, but due to Covidtide,  
we have temporarily suspended in-person gathering.*

### **WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

*Due to Covidtide, this service is temporarily suspended for in-person gathering.  
12:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with meditation & healing*

### **FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER**

*7:00 p.m.: Join us on Zoom – led by Patrick Ishler  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86327105082>  
Join Code: 863 2710 5082*

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF**

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