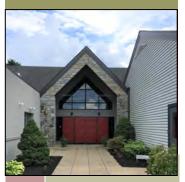
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Reflection From the Rector's Desk

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

This month, as we ponder new beginnings and find around other people, I think which requires us all to seri-

ourselves able to socialize in ways that we haven't been able to in a year, I wanted to share some takeaways from a great book that was written by a friend and colleague of down mine at Duke University. the Reverend Dr. Ken Evers-Hood. In his work The Irrational Jesus: Leading the Fully Human Church, Ken offers up a remarkably sightful survey of cognitive heuristics & biases, game theory, and decision theory to aid church leaders in making better sense of the practice of ministry. Like peeling back the curtain that obscures our unconscious minds, to allow us to catch a glimpse of what actually hap-

pens (and doesn't happen) useful for us to consider this when we form opinions and Eastertide. make judgements, this book offers us a chance to get a deeper grasp on why we see

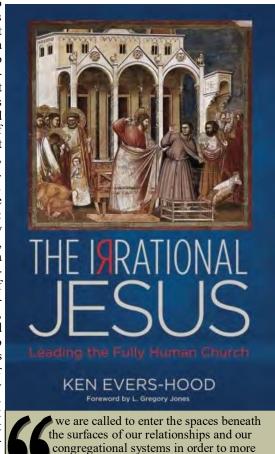
the world the way that we leadership,"

this work do. As we are all leaders in demonstrates that we human our church, and as we are all beings are a complicated a bit out of practice in being mix of reason and emotion,

> ously consider. and to adjust for, the limits of rationality when we relate to one another. In his book, Ken argues that people simply do not behave according to calculated rational assessments. Instead, citing the role of automatic systems at work in human decision-making, he echoes the claims of the world's top behavioral economists to suggest that we all actually respond to stimuli in predictably irrational ways due to mental blind-spots, which are rooted in the heuristics upon which we rely to process enormous amounts of data quickly. The general principle at work here is that we primarily oper-

ate from an automatic and emotional system that consolidates the massive amounts of information that must be processed on a

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that Ken's work could be

the limitations of those with whom we serve.

lovingly comprehend the motivations and

Utilizing "a behavioraltheology approach to church

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about our lives. Our brains take short (70% compared to 10%) than those whose

As such, a survey of cognitive biases is extremely helpful in inviting us to understand how "blind spots" are hardwired into our pre-rational system of default behaviors. We tend to approach life seeking out information that conforms to our already held beliefs (confirmation bias) and we have tendencies to accept default bias). But we have a difficult time acdictate the decisions that we make without the involvement of very much rational automatic and emotional systems play out church! in real-life situations is presented in Ken's work through the example of Florida State University Psychologist Baumeister's Israeli Parole Board Study, which demonstrated that the predicable human error of "decision fatigue" had more of an impact on whether or not a person was granted parole than any fact or circumstance particular to their case. The study simply showed that individu-

pre-rational level in order for us to go fresh were paroled at a far higher rate habit of retreat: finding solitary places to cases were heard in the afternoons (decision fatigue).

Considering just how much all of this pre-rational and emotionally based behavior dictates human life, Ken then invites us into a study of game theory as a potential counter-balance to avoiding pitfalls in relationship that arise out of the "predictable irrationality" of default besettings in the world around us (status quo haviors. Approaching our church lives from a systems perspective, game theory cepting that we ourselves are affected by lifts up the importance of understanding biases (optimism bias) and we are quick all of the players involved in how decito tune out things that we don't want to sions are made in a given context and As part of this system of understanding how people perceive pay-"predictable irrationality" we react with offs at play in the system. The author twice as much emotional force to losing commends that church leaders take time something versus gaining a thing (loss to learn the details of a context well, in aversion bias) and how a choice is pre- order to avoid tripping over a congregasented to us significantly impacts the de-tion or committee's 'sacred cows' and he cisions that we make (framing bias). lifts up the surprise results of research These biases run so deep that even if we around Prisoner's Dilemma games: that For those of us looking to better underagree with a decision that affects us, if we suggest a 'Tit for Tat' strategy: that leads stand ourselves and others, (for our inherweren't involved in the actual process of with cooperation and retaliates against ent gifts and our intrinsic limitations) the making it, we will tend to resist it defection (thereafter returning immediate- Irrational Jesus is a uniquely valuable (authority bias). Our cognitive biases and ly to cooperation) may be the most useful resource. Like icebergs, so much of what the short cuts that our brains take often model for encouraging congregational we encounter in our ministries resides thought. One powerful example of how others to run rough shod over us in help facilitate the kind of deep transfor-

> But where this offering perhaps best demonstrates the full-force of its importance for the work that we share in the church, is in the relationship that it draws between emotion and decision-making. Given the "predictable irrationality" at play due to heuristic forces in all of us, we need to take time to make decisions that are affected by emotions. Ken re-

al's whose cases were heard early in the minds us: "One of the easiest patterns to day when parole boards were mentally note in Jesus' life includes his constant pray, seeking the wilderness places, and just putting distance between himself and those depending upon him." (pg. 49) Bringing all of this back around to Jesus' own behavior lends each of us the holy permission to step away and to more mindfully assess the contexts in which we find ourselves before acting or reacting. Reigning in emotion is not just about resisting neuroses and being less moody as culture often assumes, but it is more so a matter of taking an informed stock of how we ourselves and others actually process world. The author writes: "Countering the heat of short-term emotions is one area where the church should really shine in comparison with other institutions. Prayer and theological reflection are not only our birthright, but they are the very practices that help us to slow down and remember that God is God and our fears are not." (pg. 197)

cooperation within healthy boundaries. beneath the surface and is easily missed That is to say, we don't need to allow with our initial glances. But if we are to mational work required for building up disciples in Christ, we are called to enter the spaces beneath the surfaces of our relationships and our congregational systems in order to more lovingly comprehend the motivations and the limitations of those with whom we serve. Heightening our awareness of the human condition and framing our interactions in light of

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By Julie Hoff Senior Warden



It seems like the Annual Meeting was just yesterday! I found it to be an uplifting testament to all that St. Edward's has accomplished despite the limitations Covid has thrust upon all of us. Thank you, Father Rick, for the energy and leadership you have brought to our parish during these uncertain times! Your talents have allowed us to continue to grow and thrive, despite the fact that you have yet to conduct an in-person service with the full congregation! To Michelle, we are so appreciative of all the gifts you bring to your role as Parish Administrator. And to our outgoing Vestry members. Mike Freshwater, Mark Jakiel. Herb Johnston, and Meredith Westgate, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to know and work with you during these last two years. Your devotion and service to St. Edward's are immeasurable! Finally, to our entire Parish Family, thank you for supporting and participating in all the efforts that are being made to keep us together during this pandemic. With the expanding vaccination efforts and the beginning of return to in-person worship, we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel!

Emerging from the Covid era will offer continued opportunities and challenges. I am happy to welcome our newly elected Vestry members Karen Grant, Peggy Hanzelman, Joe McLaughlin, and Randy Westgate as we move forward with energy and enthusiasm!

At our first Vestry meeting on March 16, Father Rick led the group in articulating our mission and vision for the coming year. In addition to our ongoing oversight of finances and property which are supported by a strong finance committee and a capable Parish Administrator who oversees many of the building matters, the Vestry hopes to explore some key opportunities for the parish going forward. The first of these is building our pastoral care capacity through becoming a Stephen Ministry parish. The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (Acts 6). Stephen Ministry is a complete system for training and organizing laypeople to provide oneto-one Christian care to hurting people in and around the congregation. Father Rick will be participating in the training beginning in late April utilizing his professional development allowance. Peggy Hanzelman spoke to her role as a trained

Stephen Minister in another parish.

The second area of opportunity we discussed was possible projects to be done in memory of Father Stephen. Permanent wall hangings in the sanctuary, welcoming landscaping and signage for the front of the church, and repainting the sanctuary were ideas brought forth. The completion of the Memorial Garden project is our immediate priority. The stone artisan has the plaques and is completing the carving. It is hoped the monument will be installed in early April.

Considering uses for our back acres was the third area of opportunity Father Rick presented. Uses to benefit the community and the parish will require time and research, as well as careful consideration for all of us.

We also discussed the role of Vestry in evangelism, stewardship, communication, and Christian formation .We looked at how to increase our functional capacity by making the best use of our organizational structure. The possibility of instituting a program for life-gifts and bequests, as well as a capital campaign to increase our endowment were put forth as visions for the future. Quite a plateful!

Father Rick acknowledged that all these visions might seem daunting at first, but stated if we listen for what the Holy Spirit whispers to us we can honor both tradition and innovation as we move forward in our work together! It will be a full and exciting year!

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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
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- **★**Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- **★**Mike Spurr
- **★**David Sternberg
- **★**Clayton Tennies
- **★**Allison Tomich
- **★**Evan Westgate
- **★**Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel





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Thank you very much for your 2021 contribution to Little Angel Gowns. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and your support of our mission. We could not do our work without people like you.

Our work brings needed comfort to parents, relatives and families of those who have lost children through an untimely death. To date we have provided angel gowns to more than 8,000 infants throughout the country. We now partner with approximately 250 hospitals and many funeral homes around the nation. In addition to those institutional partnerships, we honor all private requests. All of the angel gowns are provided at no charge to hospitals, funeral homes or families.

Again, thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

The Thank You letter Liz received

Deborak Peebles

Deborah Peebles Executive Director

P.S. Little Angel Gowns is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization and no goods or services have been provided in connection with your gift. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Dear Elizabeth

Shark you for donating your wedding dress to Little Angel Lowns in memory of your family members.



Contributed by Liz and Buddy Yeager

Liz Yeager found a special way to make use of her wedding gown. She donated it to the charity, "Little Angel Gowns." This charity was created to provide a small act of kindness when families need it most. At Little Angel Gowns, they hand sew burial attire for babies made from donated They work with hunwedding gowns. dreds of hospitals and funeral homes, and individual families, to provide this special service. It is their mission to create comfort for the families that have suffered this great loss. You can help in several ways, by donating a gown as Liz did, by volunteering to sew the baby items or by donating cash. For more information see: https:// www.littleangelgowns.org/







Hand sewn items made from donated dresses.

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Four Generations



Mike Patrone's great grandson
Trae Carter Patrone and my grandson Dakota Patrone



Four generations of Patrones: Michael, Mike Jr. Dakota and Trae.

Twin Tram



SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

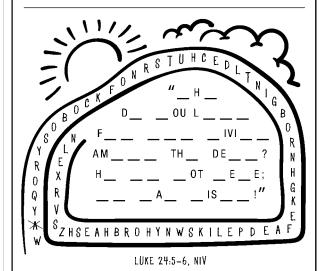
What you do:

- Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
- 2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
- 3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
- 4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
- 5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
- 6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!

EASTER MORNING

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountere a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



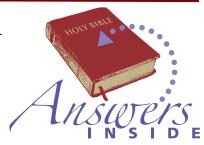
nswer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has sen!" Luke 24:5-6, VIV



Bible Quiz

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)



We, the Social Outreach Ministry, are working actively with our same goals, but we now have a new name: Faith in Action.

To illustrate our varied roles, imagine an old-fashioned message decoder from the days of yore. It was round and had layered disks on top of each other connected to make one tool. Each disk moves independently of the others. Now think of our programs as independent but connected disks that are integral to Faith in Action.



The bottom disk represents the Hempfield Food Pantry - this is non-stop project that is ongoing throughout the year.

The middle disk is composed of the list of The top disk is our parish / programs and projects that we sup-ministry: Faith in Action. port: Jesse Tree, School Supply Drive, Soles 4 Souls, and Feed My Starving Children. This "wheel of faith in action" is divided according to the cyclical liturgical church year calendar to illustrate that each of our ministry's programs occurs in designated times of the church year. More specifically, the programs correlate to Advent, Lent, Post Pentecost, and ordinary time. In Advent we participate in Jesse Tree; in Lent we collect shoes for Soles 4 Souls and work a weekend at Feed My Starving Children;

Picute by Fr. Rick



Br. David Rutledge, Leslie Arnold, Dina Ishler, Michelle Bentley, Kevin Milligan.



St. Edward's participated in a shoe drive with St. John's during the 2021 Lenten Starting Ash Wednesday Season. (February 17th) through Palm Sunday (March 28th) parishioners donated used shoes. The donated shoes were lightly worn to falling apart.

"Soles4Souls, 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." The boxes that you see contain two hundred pairs of shoes that we've collected. They will be delivered to St. John's Tuesday March 30th.

In Ordinary Time, we collect school supplies. The post-Pentecostal time is in the planning stages, but the season's goal is to result in a joint effort among several local churches to participate in a blood drive hosted at St. Edward's.





Requested food items are

Large peanut butter Large jelly Canned corn Canned carrots Canned mixed vegetables Mac and cheese 2 pound package of dried pinto beans Regular oatmeal

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Holy Hilarity

More churches lately have been resurrecting (pardon the pun!) the earlychurch tradition of celebrating the second Sunday of Easter as Holy Humor Sunday, affirming the season's joy. Need some jokes for April 11? Try these:

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

knock. Who's there? Hatch. Hatch who? God bless you!

What should you do after eating so many Easter treats? Eggs-ercise!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? It might crack up!

An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday." After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: "So that's why no one was in church today."



Bev Hess savs she and Fr. Rick can "socially distance" vertically.

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter. Due date for May will be:

April 20th.

Send articles and announcements to: HJ Miller@outlook.com hi miller@outlook.com



Some Things You May Not Know

Jesus' Dad's Name

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, enough. "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid asked. said, "Verge."

you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are They're hushers." always talking about the Verge n' Mary."

The Lord's prayer

3-year-old Reese:

old is His name.

Amen."

I had been teaching my three-year old the first pancake, I can wait.' daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for Kevin turned to his younger brother and several evenings at bedtime. She would said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!" repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened The Logistics of heaven with pride as she carefully enunciated A father was at the beach with his children each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail.

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And asked. forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Personal Prayer

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't Saying Grace before a meal worry about it. I'm having a real good time A wife invited some people to dinner. At like I am."

Meaning of Baptism

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in replied. the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he The daughter bowed her head and said, wanted us brought up in a Christian home,

Why we should be quiet in church

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out

loud. Finally, his big sister had had

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

Angie pointed to the back of the church Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did and said, "See those two men standing by the door?

What Jesus would do?

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys be-"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Har- gan to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have

when the four-year-old son ran up to him, where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

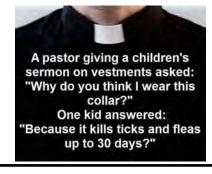
The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

"Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

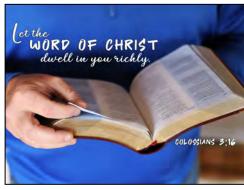


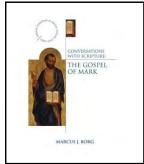


This parishioner was difficult to recognize at the Annual Zoom Meeting. It is being said that the recent addition of a beard is because he has entered the witness protection program. However, his real name can be found printed in the photos that accompany the Annual Meeting article on page 15.

Contemporary Bible Study







By Leslie Arnold

St. Edward's Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues its deep dive into the Gospel of Mark while aiming to understand the lessons, parables, and truths as if we have never read any other gospel versions of Christ's story.

This approach stirs up pensive questions Our sessions are guided with notes and Leslie Arnold at and interpretations as we pursue our un- discussion-starters from the book by Mar-

derstanding from an Anglican/Episcopal perspective. At times, we reflect on a particular passage that causes us to linger. Perhaps we question or sometimes grieve our prior notions; then, too, we share our passionate appreciation of the wisdom garnered from our discussions.

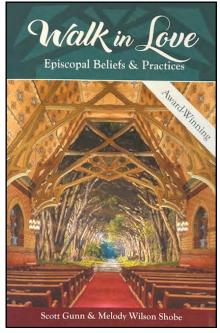
cus Borg, Conversations with Scripture -

The Gospel of Mark (Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Study).

We invite you to join us on Zoom.

For questions, please contact Bob Mosebach rcmosebach@comcast.net larnold897@aol.com

Lunch and Learn



The class uses this book and the Book of Common Prayer.



Lunch & Learn: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices: Fridays from 12 Noon - 1 PM

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JOIN OUR ST. EDWARD'S TEAM

WE WILL "RACE OUR WAY" ON SATURDAY - MAY 15, 2021 | 12:00 NOON

DOWNTOWN AT MUSSER PARK

Please take a brochure to learn more about the YWCA Lancaster Race Against Racism Event.

And... We invite you to join St. Edward's, as a team! Registration is EASY!!! We have our team registration details in place. All you need to do to register is go to this site: ywcalancaster.org/RaceAgainstRacism

Register your individual details. Our **TEAM PASSWORD** to use, when prompted is: **steds2453**

Place in this code for registration cart: STEDWARDS2021

We'll take care of the rest, including getting your "swag" which you can pick up at church at the end of April (date to be announced once we have items in-house).

We'll meet Father Rick+, and our St. Edward's team, at Musser Park at 12 Noon on May 15th and complete the 5K walk, together, in Lancaster City!



SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH

Join your fellow parishioners at St. Edward's as we do our annual "spring cleaning" to our facility exterior and grounds on Saturday, April 24th.

Come between the hours of 10 AM - 3 PM to help with the following tasks:

Mulching beds

Weeding

Power washing siding exterior

We will stay socially distanced and will request that if you are working within proximity to someone to please bring/wear your mask.

We will have safely (and individually) packaged refreshments.

Many hands make light work! Please join us for the day, or for an hour!

If you have your own yard tools – rakes, tarps, shovels, that would be great to bring along.

Should you have any questions and to let us know that we can count on your participation on Saturday, April 24th, please contact Mike Freshwater at mlfreshwater@comcast.net

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what we come to realize can lead us to deeper empathy in our encounters with others, and with ourselves. And having been exalted through the fully-human incarnate Christ, the blind-spots hard-wired into being human are most certainly nothing for us to be ashamed of. Instead, each of us can playfully engage our world embracing the "predictable irrationality" that invites us to withdraw to quiet spaces in order to remember what it means to be human.

New TVs

We installed, with the incredible skill and ministry of Mike Freshwater, not just one, but two flat screen TVs in two key spaces in our parish home: The nursery and the parish hall. These are AMAZ-ING additions to our facility with a multitude of expanded possibilities for access to our worship services, hospitality, meetings, and community fellowship. We are so grateful to the vestry for their robust support in approving these improvements and to Mike and Father Rick+ for installing these items.





Welcome Ministry

By Mary Snyder

!Welcome, welcome!

There is so much to welcome this time of year. We welcome more light at the end Some upcoming opportunities to gather of each day. Starting March 14, daylight together in worship and fellowship insavings time will spring us forward. We clude our ongoing Friday evening prayer, welcome the celebration of St. Patrick on March 17, and the first day of Spring noon lunch and learn. Through the season March 21. Finally, our celebration of Palm Sunday will take place on March 28, and many of us will be getting ready for spring cleaning. New plants are emerging and the sunnier days lend to opportunity to open the windows for letting fresh air email updates, please reach out to the St. in. We welcome this new season and all it Edward's office. has to bring, but most importantly, we welcome new and old friends. A special

welcome to returning or first time visitors. We hope that you will become part of our family.

Sunday morning coffee hour, and Friday of Lent there is a special prayer service happening on Sunday evenings. All gatherings are currently taking place on zoom. For information on how to connect to zoom meetings, and to get connected with

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom!



Becoming a Beloved Community

By Wanda Stoltzfus



Becoming a Beloved Community "defines racism as the combination of racial prejudice, racial discrimination, and power and not the bad acts of misguided individuals." The material I was introduced to in this course was some of the most honest and most challenging information I have ever encountered.

Using the framework of the Episcopal Church's "Becoming a Beloved Community" this course on antiracism will lead participants through four pillars rooted in the Baptismal Covenant: Telling the Truth about the Church and Race; Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community; Practicing the Way of Love; Repairing the

Breach in our Churches; and Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions. Preregister at https://diocesecpa.org/ssfm/#1597191763070-9958fe1b-2e23.



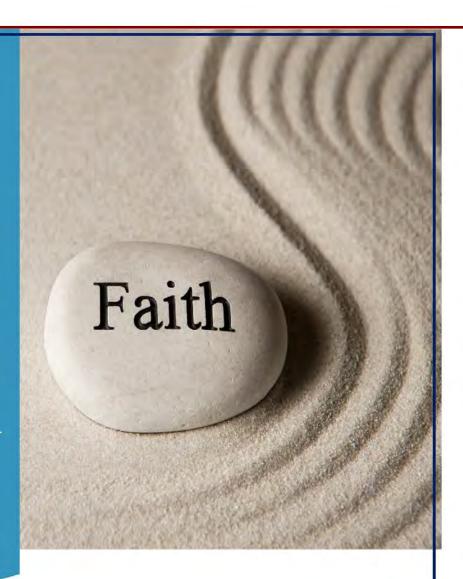
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Zoom meeting details in weekly emails



Bible Study: Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM: The focus for this session will be on the Gospel of Mark from an Anglican/Episcopal perspective. Our Study Guide will be: Borg, Marcus (2019), Conversations with Scripture – The Gospel of Mark (Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Study). Please look in your weekly emails for Zoom invitation. For questions, please contact Bob Mosebach at rcmosebach@comcast.net or Leslie Arnold at larnold897@aol.com

Lunch & Learn: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices: Fridays from 12 Noon – 1 PM: Join Father Rick and Bob Mosebach as we continue exploring our Episcopal Beliefs and Practices with the text, *Walk in Love* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe, as well as the Book of Common Prayer and additional study guides. Contact the parish office for further information.

Friday Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM: This is a wonderful way to peacefully end our week and is led by Patrick Ishler. Join us on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86327105082 Join Code: 863 2710 5082

Taize Service, First Saturday of each month at 5:00 PM: Members of St. Edward's are invited to join St. Luke's for our Zoom Taize service. A service of deep prayer and worship, sacred darkness, and the singing of chants in candlelight. Prepare by lighting some candles. Connect to the service: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84847298680
Contact St. Luke's to let them know you will attend: stlukesmountjoy@gmail.com for entry into secure waiting room.

Sunday Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM: send Br. David Rutledge an email to be put on an email distribution list:

drutledge1225@gmail.com Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/95355083080 Meeting ID: 953 5508 3080

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Prayers from Ireland

Suggested by Dina Ishler



The world needs community like never before. In that spirit, we offer this prayer

God of the grain that falls to earth, God of the fruit it bears: you have created us to create life, even as we lose it; you have given us a gift of love that grows the more we share it. May we, as single grains of life, not hold our love within, but cast it wide and lose ourselves so new life can begin. Amen.

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God of those who always expect a happy ending; God of those who no longer do: our faith is not here primarily for the good times, to assure us we deserve whatever life we have. It is always here so that it is also here for moments when the ending is in doubt, when answers are not clear, when what seems truly certain is an uncertainty in this world. Give us faith to believe, not in the guarantee of a happy ending but in the continuation of a story which always answers with good news. Amen.



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.





A moment after the service to show off out "pets".

Vestry cont'd

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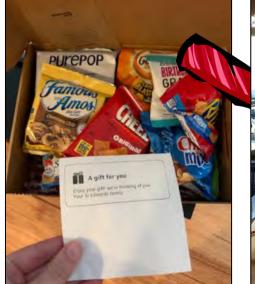
Looking forward, please put April 21 and April 25 on your calendar! On Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM, Father Rick will officially be installed as our rector during a livestreamed service presided over by Bishop Audrey Scanlan. On Sunday, April 25, we will be holding a parish-wide celebratory coffee hour on Zoom at 12:00 noon to officially welcome Father

Rick. More information will be going out to the parish with all the details. Both events are much anticipated as Covid has postponed them far too long!

Wishing you all a blessed and joyous Easter, Julie Hoff



Care Package Thank-You Notes

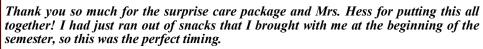


The box Rachel received with the note









So far, my first year at Duquesne is going pretty well! The campus is rather different because of covid, but I have been making the best of it. I have been fortunate to have some online and in-person classes, which is super nice.

As many of you may know, I have never lived in a city before moving here, but so far, I love Pittsburgh! I have slowly been exploring the city, such as going to Point State Park and ice skating at The Rink at PPG Place. If anyone has any suggestions on where I should visit next, I would love to hear them!

I miss everyone, and I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Rosie Westgate







"Thank you so much for thinking of me and sending a care package. I really

appreciate it!" - Rachael Smith

Seth doing his hilarious stand-up routine for last year's talent show.

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Annual Meeting



Now that we are back to in-person worship, we are challenged with how to bring to everyone a fellowship coffee hour, as the Zoom session that we all know and loved is not possible with people attending different services.

But, rest assured the creative minds of Christina McLaughlin et al are working on ways that we can move forward with a fellowship coffee hour and perhaps a separate "social get together time" to continue to provide a space where we can gather, in community, and share our thoughts, prayers, stories, or just "be" with each other for a time and share some laughter. So, please "stay tuned," as they say, and we will be putting forth some new ideas in April (especially as the weather gets warmer). We must remember that we are still navigating this Covidtide and are mindful of our health and safety protocols for gathering. thank you for your energy, and patience, surrounding participating in this fellowship, which we know is a very important component to our parish life.

"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."

–Kate McGahan



held our Annual Parish Meeting, via this year of Covidtide, as we continue to Zoom, at 11:30 AM, immediately follow- find ways to gather and lift each other ing the 10 AM service.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a time where we, as a community of faith, reflect on the events of this past year; share If you haven't had a chance to look at the our financial plan for the year ahead; elect Annual Report you can read it at: leaders (vestry and diocesan convention https://sainteds.org/wp-content/ delegates) of our parish; as well as gather uploads/2021/03/St.-Edwards-Annualto celebrate our Christian life togeth- Report 2020.pdf er. We actually filled two zoom screens and we enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces. We were pleased that so many were

On Sunday, March 7, 2021, St. Edward's able to be a part of it all, particularly in up in our spiritual journeys and shared ministry to St. Edward's and our wider community!

5th Sunday in Lent—Our First Service Back

Pictures by Mary Snyder









Bev Hess came in nightgown and slippers. She brought her pillow and wanted to know where the "streaming" room was.



"We're back!!"

WELCOME

BACK TO CHURCH

People in the pews made everyone rejoice..

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Palm Sunday



It is wonderful to be back in person







Julie Hoff 8:00



Leslie Arnold 8:00



Jamie Alton 10:00



Fred Cluck 10:00



Nancy Mannion 10:00



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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 10 AM - 4:00 PM

Vestry (year term ends)

- **Catherine Donohue** (2023)
- Karen Grant (2024)
- Peg Hanzelman (2024)
- Julie Hoff (2022) Sr. Warden
- **Ginny Kloepping** (2023)
- Beth Lynch (2023)
- Joe McLaughlin (2024)
- Ellen Milligan (2022)
- **Randy Westgate** (2024)

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

