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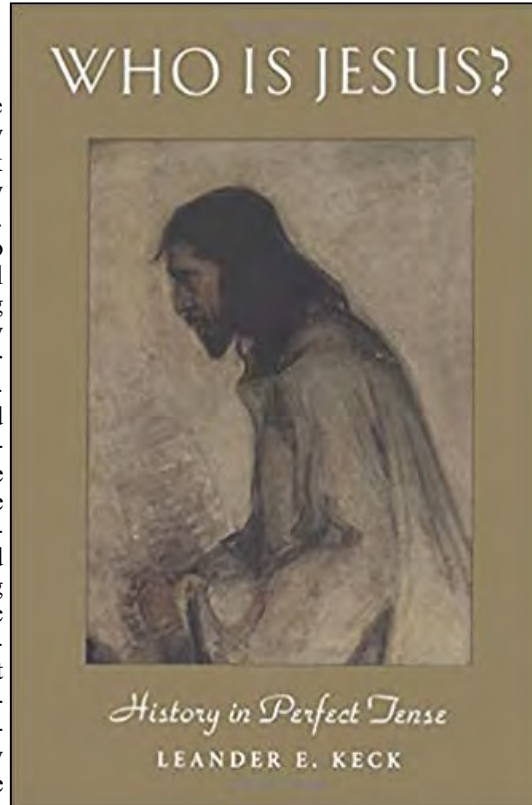
Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer

A Theological Reflection on Leander Keck's "Who Is Jesus: History in Perfect Tense"

This month, I've spent some quality time looking back on the arc of my formal education. Traveling down to Duke for one final visit with graduating members of my cohort in the Doctor of Ministry program, I pondered some of the dynamics that had led me to earlier graduate degrees in both Religious Studies and Divinity. Reflecting on these academic pursuits, it's interesting to note, that in the field of religious studies, scholarship is largely divorced from the stuff of theology; they are, quite different disciplines. In the guiding hermeneutic of religious studies, the supernatural contents that ground the worldviews of religious traditions are bracketed out of academic conversations that seek to critically consider the history of specific belief

systems and the phenomenon of religion in general. I first discovered this back in 1998, where with respect to 'Jesus Christ' of Christianity. In the attempt to separate the historical person from the theology developed around him, the quest for the Historical Jesus had been rooted in understanding Jesus as a teacher and as a model human being. By peeling away the layers of Christian doctrine, critical historians had earnestly attempted to paint a portrait of Jesus that focused on the political, economic, and sociological contexts of this first-century Palestinian Jew who lived during a time of messianic expectation under Roman rule. But the limitations of historical analysis inevitably rendered such study a highly subjective one. There was, and is, simply no definitive way that the Jesus of history can ever be reliably recovered, and the Zeitgeist of any given schol-



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the Jesus of history, I dove into a field of research where religious scholars were dedicating significant and concerted effort in try-

ing to identify the 'Historical Jesus' of Nazareth in distinction from the 'Jesus Christ' of Christianity. In the attempt to separate the historical person from the theology developed around him, the quest for the Historical Jesus had been rooted in understanding Jesus as a teacher and as a model human being. By peeling away the layers of Christian doctrine, critical historians had earnestly attempted to paint a portrait of Jesus that focused on the political, economic, and sociological contexts of this first-century Palestinian Jew who lived during a time of messianic expectation under Roman rule. But the limitations of historical analysis inevitably rendered such study a highly subjective one. There was, and is, simply no definitive way that the Jesus of history can ever be reliably recovered, and the Zeitgeist of any given schol-

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Reflection

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arly movement inherently biases any approach to arrive at the Historical Jesus. Echoing the subjective quality of this search, William Blake famously wrote: “The image of the Christ that thou dost see, is my images greatest enemy.”

Given the conundrum at hand, I appreciate the work of Yale scholar, Leander Keck, who engaged scholars of the Historical Jesus to critically assess the limitations of their approach, and to offer up an appropriate methodology for considering the ongoing significance of Jesus in an analysis that marries theology with historical study. In his book: *Who is Jesus: History in the Perfect Tense*, Keck suggested that: “To ask Who is Jesus? is to inquire about his present identity, which, while inseparable from his past identity, is also inseparable from significance.” In framing his discussion about the present significance of Jesus, Keck considers the way in which a past action (whose effects are ongoing) is handled in Greek grammar. The ‘perfect tense’ in Greek emphasizes the ongoing result of a completed action, and for Keck, comprehending Jesus in this ‘perfect tense’ is necessary for any study of Him. Keck argues that the scholarly quest for the Historical Jesus is the result of a movement born out of the Enlightenment, in which English Deists assumed that the Gospel record of Jesus was an unreliable source for information about him. The continued interest in the conversation highlights a contemporary inclination for many scholars (and secular humanists alike) to declare allegiance to Jesus as a great teacher, while disregarding the theological doctrines associated with the Christ of the Biblical witness and of the Church. But Keck argues against the fundamental assumption of this ap-

proach and asserts that the Jesus of History is not meaningfully separable from the Jesus of Christian faith.

Keck engages his readers in a call to reconsider historical assumptions about Jesus and his followers. While the critical historian is methodologically inclined to bracket out supernatural claims, historical evidence makes it hard to dismiss the reality that Jesus was worshipped as God by monotheistic Jews who were convinced that after the resurrection, they understood Jesus better than those who had been with him at the time of his ministry. From the very genesis of the Jesus Movement, Jesus has been understood as something far greater than merely a teacher who left behind a powerful message. To characterize Jesus as primarily a politically motivated Zealot, an egalitarian socialist, or even as an ambassador of peace, fails to consider the gravity of what led people to worship him. Given this, Keck suggests that the general thrust of Historical Jesus scholarship has not only failed to account for Jesus’ theological importance but has also failed to appropriately consider the degree of Jesus’ commitment to spiritually revitalize Israel and facilitate the inbreaking of the Kingdom of God. While unpacking the exact meaning of the ‘Kingdom of God’ is problematic, Keck coherently asserts that it is rooted in changing the world out of how ‘it is’ and towards the end of how ‘it ought to be.’ In this sense, the person who accepts Jesus, lives into a future that changes the present, and living now by that future is what makes it truly eschatological. This requires a responsive commitment to lead a righteous life. Keck argues that part of the failure of the quest for the Historical Jesus is that it disregards the moral force of Jesus as the broker of God’s Kingdom, in the attempt to

make Jesus like other historical figures. He writes: “A Jesus who is like the self only reinforces what is already in place. And changing the self is precisely what his role in the moral life is all about.”

Keck’s theological argument climaxes with his presentation of Jesus’ role as the authorizing judge for moral living. For Keck, the central meaning of the Historical Jesus is not to be found in his teachings on ethics or in his example of living, but in the ‘Jesus Ethic’ itself. He suggests that modern life poses a very real challenge for finding a single ‘master’ amidst many competing spheres of authority, and that the eschatological context of Jesus ought to form the ultimate basis of moral authority. If a person can accept the transformative power of Jesus’ teachings and live under His authority, then the Kingdom preached by Jesus transcends mere historical analysis and holds moral significance in the now and in the yet to come. Understanding Jesus (and not only his teachings) as the shaper of a morality, Keck writes: “the theme of the Last Judgment has virtually disappeared from much current Christian thought and ethics. This has resulted in a gross impoverishment of discourse about the moral life, as well as a serious abbreviation of the role of Jesus in that life and in the discourse about it.”

Through his analysis of the appropriate eschatological context of Jesus’ teachings on the Kingdom, and the movement that developed after his death; Keck critically engages Historical Jesus scholarship in a thoughtful manner. But he also adds to that scholarship by arguing that the contemporary moral significance of the ‘Jesus Ethic’ and Jesus’ ongoing role as the authorizing judge for moral living

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Change of Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

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If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) the thermostat is reset and the doors are locked.

By Randy Westgate



From the Vestry

Hello, everyone. Many of you know me because I have been hanging around St. Edward's since 1983, but I am one of the "newbies" on the Vestry, and we have decided to rotate the responsibility for writing up the latest Vestry news, and I drew the short straw for this month.

At our May meeting, I presented to our group some recommendations from a recent podcast from the Episcopal Church about evangelism, and specifically the link between discipleship and evangelism. Their question: what does any church offer to prospective members that distinguishes itself from a great coffee shop where people line up on a Sunday morning for the best bagels in town,

or a rotary club that does some good work in the community? Their answer: we offer spiritual growth/discipleship. And as evangelists, we can't offer what we don't have. Their suggestion: incorporate the catalysts for spiritual growth, prayer and scripture reading, in each church meeting. So we are going to try this out at Vestry, where we do pray at the beginning and end of each meeting, but we are now committing to praying each day for the church and each other. We looked at a short parable, the Parable of the Growing Seed from Mark, sat in silence for moment, and shared thoughts about the reading. We will be rotating the responsibility for bringing a short opening reflection to the Vestry meetings, sharing about our faith a bit, and recommitting to prayer. We'll let you know how it goes.

Rick reported on his month, touching on meeting with prospective new members who checked us out after the newspaper publicity about his installation (evangelism!), and his plans for us as we anticipate more re-opening with the waning of the pandemic. One goal is to transform the time between our Sunday services into a joint coffee hour for both our "8-o'clockers" and "10:15-ers." This will hopefully lead to fellowship and familiarity between the two groups, all of us part of the same church family.

Michelle, our parish administrator, reported on some of her projects in the works, and we all praised God for answered prayers as the scourge of the devilish woodpeckers who have been

destroying our siding on the building has ceased. Also, a new watercooler has been installed, and that should be yet another incentive to return to in-person church when you are comfortable.

Joe McLaughlin, our liaison with the finance committee, reported on the state of our financial picture. Despite a slight downturn in giving in April, a surprise because of Easter falling during that month, our income for the year to date is just a bit below budget, and we hopefully will see that improve as the pandemic continues to wane.

Julie Hoff, our senior warden, is forming a committee to make plans for our... (drum roll)... 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!! Seems like just yesterday we were setting up folding chairs for the services in the union hall on Nissley Road, but I date myself. This "gala" will be held on September 12, so mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Beth Lynch, our most excellent Faith in Action Committee chair recounted several recent activities: our participation in the Walk Against Racism (which was a successful fellowship time for our walkers and involved our church donating to the YWCA Anti-racism Program), the books-for prisoners program, a yard clean-up project for the Casey family, and of course, continued local food bank support. Plans for our blood donation drive in June are firming up. We are all

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Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burseson
- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Benjamin Jenkins
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★William Justice
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis

- ★Andy Lopez
- ★Richard Mutari
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennies
- ★Connor Tennies
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel

FLAG DAY



MONDAY JUNE 14

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(Jesus in the perfect tense) is inseparable from the rest of the historical quest. In as much as Historical Jesus scholars have sought to extract a Jesus of Nazareth from the hold of a theology of Jesus as Christ, Leander Keck demonstrates the central importance of accepting Jesus as more than a great historical figure. Indeed, we who look to learn more about Jesus and to cultivate something of His own heart, work toward the BOTH/AND when it comes to embracing Jesus as a personal source of moral authority. Together we engage the work of both Religious Studies and of Theology as we look back upon a great man who walked the earth and taught us how to live in the world, who is also the Lord that we accept as God's own Son. We bridge the stuff of head and of heart as we grow in discipleship together, and it doesn't take three graduate degrees to do that!!! In Christ's love,

Father Rick

Vestry Cont'd

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grateful to Beth and her committee for their servant leadership, and it is a joy as a member of our faith community to participate physically and financially in these worthy projects. This is what it is all about!

Lastly, I spent some time presenting a summary of information gathered by former Vestry member, Herb Johnston, who previously attended a seminar on church security. It is an unfortunate reality that we need to discuss how we might respond in case of an active shooter incident, and be as proactive as possible in prevention of such an incident as well. Watch for an article by Herb and I in next month's Scepter about this topic. When we are not prepared or have at least given some thought to how we would respond in an emergency, the initial human response is denial and freezing in place, and some discussion ahead of time about what to do in a disaster can save precious seconds and make a difference.

Blessings, everyone! Bring on the sun, and God-willing, bring us all back soon to our church home in person!

Thank You

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Ellen Milligan made this poster for Liz Yeager for Mother's Day



Puzzle!

Use the code to find out what these biblical people may have taken on a picnic.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

(Genesis 3:6)
Adam and Eve 6 18 21 9 20

(Genesis 25:28)
Isaac 23 9 12 4 7 1 13 5

(Genesis 25:34)
Esau 19 20 5 23

(Numbers 11:5)
Israelites in Egypt 3 21 3 21 13 2 5 18 19

(Ruth 2:1-4)
Ruth 7 18 1 9 14

(1 Samuel 14:2)
Saul 18 15 13 5 7 18 1 14 1 20 5 19

(1 Samuel 14:29)
Jonathan 8 15 14 5 25

(Daniel 1:12-16)
Daniel and friends 22 5 7 5 20 1 2 12 5 19

(Matthew 3:4)
John the Baptist 12 15 3 21 19 20 19

(Matthew 14:17)
The 5,000 people 2 18 5 1 4 & 6 9 19 8

Answer: fruit, wild game, stew, cucumbers, grain, pomegranates, honey, vegetables, locusts, bread & fish

EDITOR'S REQUEST

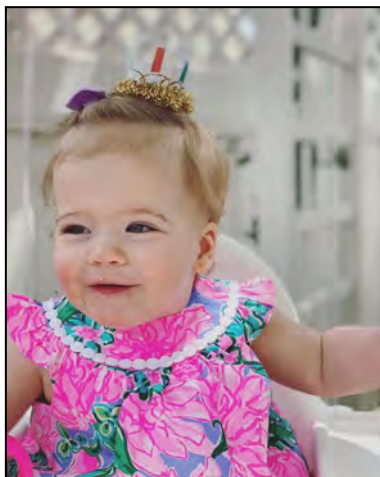
I would like to do a Father's Day Generations of Memories page, similar to the Mother's day Memories on page 14 and 15. Please send pictures of fathers, sons and daughters and grandfathers to:

HJ_Miller@outlook.com

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Emma and Sadie's First birthday



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

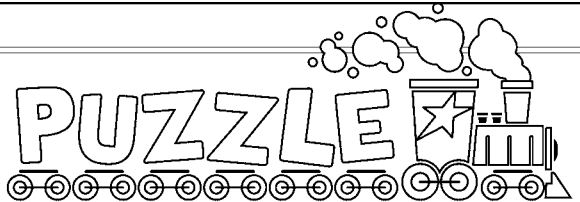
What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



- You can hold but not touch this. _____
- Before using this, you must break it. _____
- This falls without getting hurt. _____
- This gets bigger the more you take away. _____
- This has an eye but cannot see. _____

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the _____.
It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.
It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19: 4 - 6, NIV

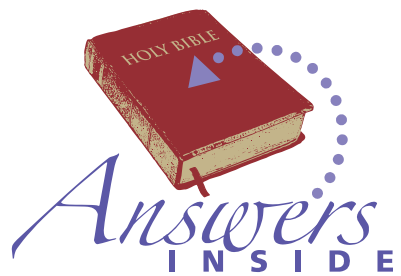
Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun



Bible Quiz

Complete this proverb: "Like snow in _____ or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool."

- A. springtime
- B. summer
- C. seedtime
- D. autumn



Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV.)



Knit
Wits

and needle arts!

As many of you know, St. Edward's has had a wonderful knitting ministry for decades - the Knit Wits. Due to COVID19, the Knit Wits were unable to gather, as a group, in-person. BUT, that is not to say that there have not been fruitful labors from these dedicated women in knitting so many items with love: from prayer shawls to prayer pocket squares, hats, and many items in between!

And, the "Knit Wits" is truly more than knitting – it is welcoming to ALL who engage in needle arts: from crochet to cross-stitch; quilting to knitting; needlepoint to hemming or repairing a clothing item. . . **Welcome to all, and please join us!** In speaking with Gail Irons, she conveyed the meaning of this ministry group perfectly by sharing that it is a time to be together in fellowship and to learn from one another.

And. . . great news! The Knit Wits is now gathering in-person!!! On Tuesdays, at 1 PM in the lounge area, please join each other for fellowship while you pursue your craft.

We are so very appreciative of this loving ministry that provides such wonderful fellowship, while providing our parish, and the wider community, with these symbols of faith, hope, and love. This ministry is touching to so many who have loved ones - friends, family, friends of friends - in need of a wrap of comfort in their time of need, illness, or recovery. We have so many touching stories that speak to the solace one receives when presented with a prayer shawl knitted by the Knit Wits, tagged with a loving prayer and blessed by our rector. And, it is wonderful to be able to present to the parents, when they bring their child to be baptized at St. Edward's, a baby blanket knit by our ministry group.

If you are in need of a prayer shawl, or other knitted item(s), please contact the parish office. We are happy to share with you our blessed items for you to choose to gift to those you love and care for. **Thank you to the Knit Wits ministry, for all you have done and continue to do. Your ministry is beautiful and vital to our mission.**



HISTORY LOVES COMPANY!

In the life of a parish, preserving our history is an important ministry. Not only is it a necessary requirement for us to maintain a parish archive for our record keeping purposes of events in the life of our parish, but it allows us to tell our story and to celebrate who we are as Episcopalians. In our unique spiritual home, we call St. Edward's Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, it is exciting to know that by being The Episcopal Church, we are part of a larger history, as a member church of the worldwide Anglican Communion. And, we can look forward to expanding our legacy under the leadership of our rector, Father Rick.

In what will be our 40th anniversary, this September, we have an amazing history that has been lovingly chronicled and preserved for us by Elaine Radcliffe. Elaine devoted many years to preserving our significant moments in the life of this church, since our formation in 1981. Elaine created five volumes of archives, as well as two framed pieces that are hung in the parish hall. **Please visit these archives in our parish library. They are wonderful stories!**

And we owe so much to Mac Miller, whose ministry as the creative director and producer of our monthly *Scepter* has provided St. Edward's (and beyond!) with our living history each month. There are not enough words of gratitude, to Elaine and Mac, for their faithfulness and care in telling our stories and preserving our history.

We need an individual, or a small team of individuals, who have a love for St. Edward's, and in the preserving of our history, to help us continue to maintain our parish archives. One does not have to be an expert, by any means! If you are interested, or you know of a small group you would like to share the ministry with, please contact the parish office. Resources and support, including a 5-part webinar series, organized by our diocesan *Shaped by Faith*, which started last Wednesday, pertaining to *Celebrating Our Stories* and creating parish archives, are available. We have a completed archive of our history through 2014, so the "catch-up" task is not overwhelming. This is an exciting ministry, archiving our past and what will inform future generations of our legacy. **We hope you will prayerfully consider this unique ministry opportunity in the life of St. Edward's.**



Books for Prisoners Project Begins

By Libby Sternberg



Starting this month, the Faith in Action committee will collect books for a small library that an Episcopalian prison chaplain, Deacon Stacey Catigano, keeps for prisoners in Lancaster. Parishioners can either donate books by dropping them off in the narthex or money to purchase them – checks should be made out to St. Edward’s with “books for prisoners” in the memo line. The collection will end when the School Supplies collection begins later this summer.

Giving used books is fine, but donors should be sure to remove any personal information from them (colored over with a Sharpie, for example). Here are the book needs:

Paperbacks are preferred, but hardcovers can be donated, too.

Bibles, devotionals, and inspirational nonfiction are needed (see suggestions below).

No fiction is needed – prisoners can read fiction on Tablets.

POSSIBLE BOOKS TO DONATE

Duplicates are okay, so parishioners need not worry about getting books on this list that others might also buy. Any of these in Spanish would be welcome, too!

Bibles: large print, children’s, comic book Bibles

Inspirational Christian stories and meditations, such as the following nonfiction:

Healing Neen: One Woman's Path to Salvation from Trauma and Addiction by Tonier Cain

Carried by Faith: From Substance Abuse to a Life Filled with Miracles by Sue L Hamilton

Heart of a Champion: True Stories of Character and Faith from Today's Most Inspiring Athletes by Steve Riach

Burden: A Preacher, a Klansman, and the True Story of Redemption in the Modern South by Courtney Hargrave

Doing Time with God: Stories of Healing and Hope in Our Prisons by Bill Dyer

Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul: 101 Stories of Hope, Healing, and Forgiveness by Jack Canfield

Prison Saved My Life by Louis Dooley; Heidi Gruber O’Very

The Man I Was Destined to Be: Addiction, Incarceration, and the Road Back to God by Michael Tandoi

Knockin’ Doorz Down: A Story of Breaking through the Darkness and Finding Redemption by Carlos Viera

Doing HIS Time: Meditations and Prayers for Men and Women in Prison by James Vogelzang

Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars by Gregory Zuckerman

Recipes for a Sacred Life: True Stories and a Few Miracles by Rivvy Neshmana

The collection will continue during June, so parishioners participating in the June 5 blood drive could bring books at that time, as well.

The committee is grateful for the guidance of school librarian Laura Heverling, daughter of Curt and Mary Ann Franck, in helping construct the list of book possibilities.

The committee hopes that this activity results in many books bringing hope and faith to those in dark places in their lives.



Picture by Mary Snyder

The drive for Books for Prisoners is moving along.

The bookcase is filling up. This doesn’t account for people who have sent checks





August: Start thinking about what baskets you would like to create for our Annual Basket Auction!

September 12th: St. Edward's 40th Anniversary Celebration Event
September 20th: Baskets for Auction are due
September 26th: Basket Auction begins -
October 16th: Bishop Visitation to St. Edward's
October 13th: - Saint Edward Feast Day
October 16th: St. Edward's Fundraiser Event (It is going to be FUN!!!)
October 22nd-23rd: Diocesan Convention



In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: "For there is always light, / if only we're brave enough to see it. / If only we're brave enough to be it."

How often we long for light! In recent years we've agonized amid pandemic, angry politics and new awareness of racism. Some have suffered deep sorrow. But Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive — to see the light of God.

Jesus also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14, emphasis added) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we're urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others' lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage — to both *see* and *be* light.



Hempfield Food Pantry

Thank you St. Edward's for the 91 pounds of food donated in April.

ALSO, for the \$4,500.00 contributed to the pantry! You are a very generous "people!"

It is contributors like you who confirm the mission of the pantry...to serve those in our community who are struggling to feed their families. Monetary contributions help to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank in Harrisburg at below super market costs (many items at 24 cents a pound). Financial contributions also allow our managers to purchase food items on sale at local grocery stores and markets....such as eggs, fresh produce, meats, dairy products as well as other pantry supplies.

In April, we served 151 children, 260 adults, and 103 seniors for a total number of 514 people receiving food! The pantry registered five new families in April.

Requested items for the month of June:

- Canned fruit
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned garbanzo beans
- 1 lb. packages of rice
- 2 lb. packages of rice
- Noodles
- Boxed pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Oatmeal (regular or quick NOT instant)

Many thanks!
Diane

Link to Town Lively article in the Hempfield Merchandiser May 26th:

[Ministry To Host Its First Blood Drive - TownLively](#)



By Leslie Arnold

St. Edward's church will host our first-ever blood drive scheduled for Saturday, June 5. The event is open to the public, and we are offering special invitations to other Episcopal churches in the Lancaster area.

Those who plan to donate will be asked to register on a digital sign-up site sponsored by the [Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank \(cpbb.org\)](http://cpbb.org), who will oversee and conduct the blood donations. All donors must register through this system. The schedule will show the exact number of slots allowable to maintain proper social distancing. All filled slots will be grayed out.

The link to the sign-up page will be shared with our congregation and the public in the near future.

The need for donated blood is an ever-present demand according to the CPBB, since patients at area hospitals, each day, utilize between 275 to 300 units of blood and products derived from blood.

Know, too, that nationally, every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Providing a single pint of blood can save three lives!

To donate blood safely, check to be sure that you meet the following requirements:

You are 17 years-old or above (Sixteen-year-olds may donate with a signed parent consent form.)

You can show an updated registered personal form of identification.

In the fourteen days prior to you time for donation, you

Have not been diagnosed with COVID-19

Have not been exposed to an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.

Do not have a cough, shortness of breath, fever, or other respiratory symptoms.

Picture by Mary Snyder



We now have a water cooler! Situated in the narthex, it dispenses fantastically cool filtered water for our parishioners and guests!

We have supplied cups that are environmentally-friendly as we continue to find ways where we can be good stewards of God's Creation by being mindful of the disposable products we use.

Enjoy!



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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86327105082>

Join Code: 863 2710 5082

Sunday Evening Prayer, at 7:00 PM:

We use the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* and the readings for the Sunday Lectionary. It is a quiet service and a good way to end the weekend and prepare for the week to come. Anyone interested can send me an email to be put on an email distribution list: drutledge1225@gmail.com

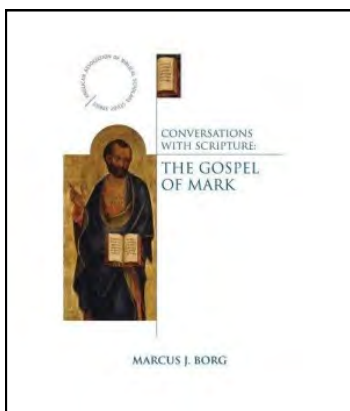
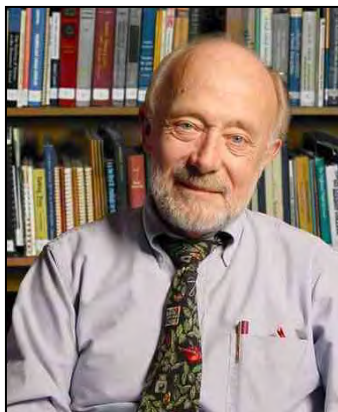
Sunday Evening Prayer @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95355083080>

Meeting ID: 953 5508 3080

Contemporary Bible Study



Marcus Borg

St. Edward's Episcopal Church Bible Study

Time: Wednesday Evening 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86252772937?pwd=RWWVWNGVuQWh3NU9keWRXMWxFczg5UT09>

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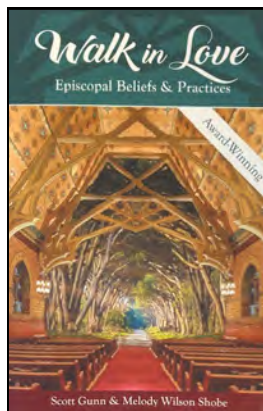
Lunch and Learn

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

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Scott Gunn



Melody Wilson Shobe

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

Tributes to Dad

To celebrate the special man in your life, use a quote a day the week before Father's Day, or honor him with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative!

Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate his love and show him yours.

"The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature." —Antoine F. Prévost

"To the world you are a dad. To our family you are the world." —Unknown

"The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows." —Richelle E. Goodrich

"Dad: a son's first hero, a daughter's first love." —Unknown

"A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one." —Linda Poindexter

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do — be there." —Max Lucado

"I love my father as the stars. He's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart." —Terri Guillemets

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers and singers of song."

—Pam Brown

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Thank-You



Dear St. Edward's Family,

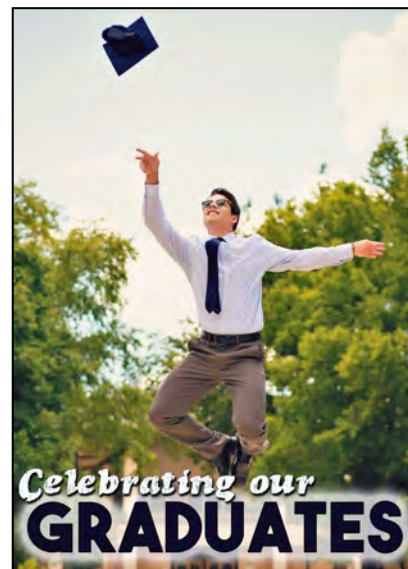
I cannot adequately express my sense of deep gratitude for the thoughtfulness and the generosity of our community around the events of last week's *Celebration of a New Ministry*. In addition to the blessing of our bishop and the beautiful liturgy that accompanied the Installation, I was completely blown away by the virtual reception that we enjoyed together this past Sunday. Without knowing what would be happening or who would be participating, the incredible efforts of our Installation Committee (Julie Hoff, Meredith Westgate, Nancy Mannion, Christina McLaughlin, Herb Johnston, and Mike Freshwater) facilitated a gathering that touched my heart and stirred my spirit. Please know that Trina, Ricky, Christian, and I have been truly moved by the cards and the well wishes. I've spent time this week breathing in an awareness of gratitude, reading every card, and praying for each of you.

Though we haven't been able to spend very much time together physically in our first year together, the support and the prayers of our parish family have provided me with a palpable feeling of acceptance and of home here at St. Edward's. I am so very excited for what the future holds for us, and it is an honor to be serving as your rector. With humble appreciation,

Father Rick



Anyone You Know?



May was the time for college graduations, and June for high schools. Is anyone you know graduating this year?

We would like to recognize any family members graduating from any program from pre-school to PHD.

Please send pictures and information to hj_miller@outlook.com.



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter. Due date for July/August will be: **June 20th.**

Send articles and announcements to: HJ_Miller@outlook.com
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Coffee Hour Returns !

By Christina McLaughlin



Join us for coffee hour in person from 9-10 am, starting June 6th!

“Grab and go” a pre-packaged snack and cup of coffee, tea, or cold beverage. Or, stick around either outdoors or in the parish hall to fellowship with one another.

Continuing the amazing spirit of unity that was forged in fellowship during church closure, this is an opportunity for first service folks to stick around a bit and second service folks to arrive a bit early. Let’s continue to strengthen the new and old bonds with one another, and bask in the joy of a new season.

Christina McLaughlin is leading the organization of this ministry and is looking for volunteers to “host” starting in July. Volunteers who are not yet comfortable with our coffee system and kitchen can join with Christina for an informal “training” during the month of June and beyond. At this time, we are asking volunteers to provide pre-portioned or packaged snack items until we are at a place for more communal food sharing. Please express interest in hosting coffee hour [at this link](#). Christina will follow up with you to offer more information. You may contact Christina at cjm702@gmail.com.

We are interested in knowing if you have a particular food allergy such as gluten or peanut allergy. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you would like to notify us of this so that we can provide an alternate food option.

Coffee hour ministry has always been near and dear to the heart of St. Edward’s congregation. The love and connectedness of this community is always heralded by members and visitors alike. Coffee hour is sustained by donations alone, so please consider “feeding the coffee jar” when you attend. Change is welcome!

Cards and BJ’s

By Michelle Bentley

Grocery Cards and BJs Membership

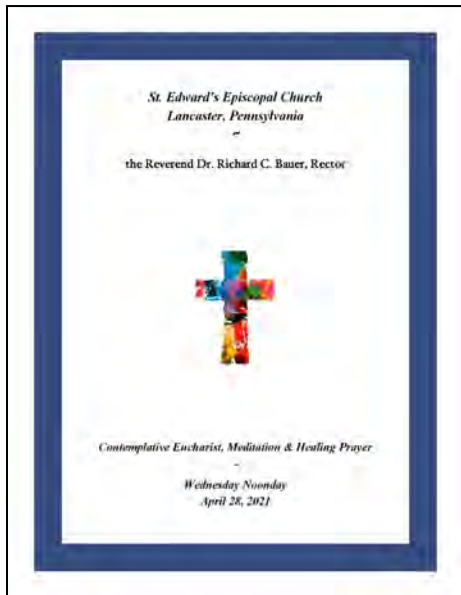
Two items that our parish participates in that may be of interest to you involve food and shopping!!!

We offer St. Edward’s parishioners an opportunity to get a membership to BJs Wholesale Club at a reduced rate. Please contact the parish office if you would like to get a membership and we will provide you with the letter that you would take to the customer service desk. I believe the 2021 cost for a yearly membership under our program is \$30 (versus \$55).

We also participate in a grocery card program with Giant and Stauffer Kissel Hill. This is a great way for our parish to participate in passive fundraising, just by having parishioners shop via grocery cards. We order cards for delivery on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact the parish office. We raise approximately \$2,000/year through this program.

Wednesday Noonday Service at St. Edward’s

By Michelle Bentley



the Rite II liturgy, this is not a repeat of a Sunday Rite II service. We offer this service as a unique opportunity to reset and renew in the midweek. The chapel space is very conducive to a service that is focused on prayer in words, and extended silence, and from experience, there is a wonderful sense of community and fellowship within this service! We invite all to join us on Wednesdays, at 12 noon, as we worship together with Father Rick. We follow our health and safety protocols and request that you enter through the parish hall doors.



Each Wednesday, at 12 noon, we gather in the chapel area in the parish hall for a service of Contemplative Eucharist, Meditation, and Healing Prayer. While we follow

Race Against Racism

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Irene Achey and Mary Snyder



Irene Achey and Jodi Good



Beth, Bruce and James Lynch



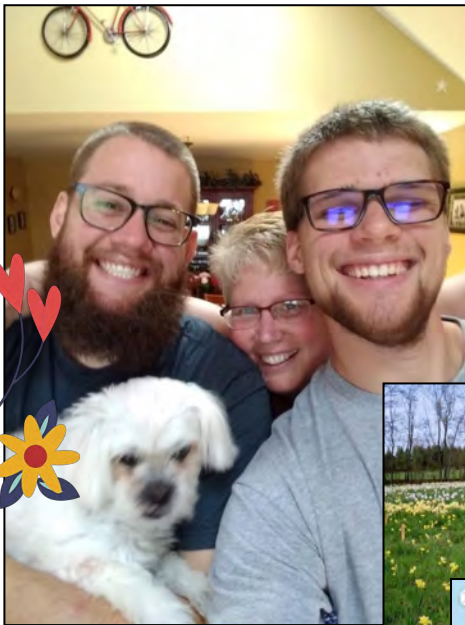
What a great day with *team St. Edward's* as we walked together, prayed together, and shared stories during our "walk your way" Race Against Racism in downtown Lancaster. It was a beautiful day both in weather and in being in fellowship! Thank you to all who participated in this invitational opportunity to be in solidarity for naming the need to create change and showing that working together can make a difference. If you took photos and would like to share them on social media, please tag them: #rarlanaster For Social Justice (BCP p. 823)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother's Day— Generations of Memories



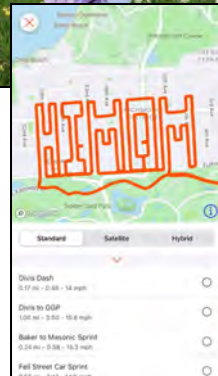
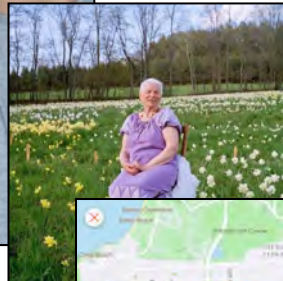
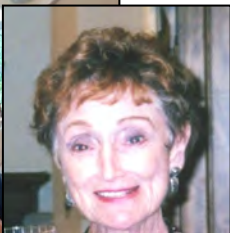
Michelle's mother, Michelle & Ian Bentley



Reed, Amy, Cole and Cooper Swiernik, Amy's mother and Reed's Mother's day "Bike ride map" message.



Piper, Kiki and Kiki's mother Eileen Davis



Ethan, Harrison, Joel, Kim Kline and Kim's mother.



Faith and Dina Ishler share a "masked moment" and picture of Dina's mother.



Beth Hake, Seth and Beth's mother Jeri Ocampo



James and Beth Lynch and Beth holding her mother's hand shortly before her mother died.



Mother's Day— Generations of Memories

Pictures from Facebook



Katrina Bauer, Ricky, Christian and Katrina's mother.



Meredith Westgate with Aubrey, Rosie and Meredith's mother.



Catherine Donohue with Marielle, Eliza and Catherine's mother



Emily, Elizabeth, Rayelenn, Rayelenn's mother and Rayelenn and the twins.



Peg Reiley with her mother and Daniel and Rachael



Christina McLaughlin matching her mom's smile and with Paul, making funny faces.



Welcome New Members!

By Mary Snyder

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. St. Edward's is a safe and welcoming congregation where we truly welcome everyone to attend AND participate. We celebrate the diversity of all people. For generations the Christian church and many cultures around the world have, and continue to, judge and exclude people based upon their gender expression or same sex relationships.

The Episcopal Church ordains openly gay, lesbian, and transgender individuals. Same sex marriage is also performed and recognized by the Episcopal Church.

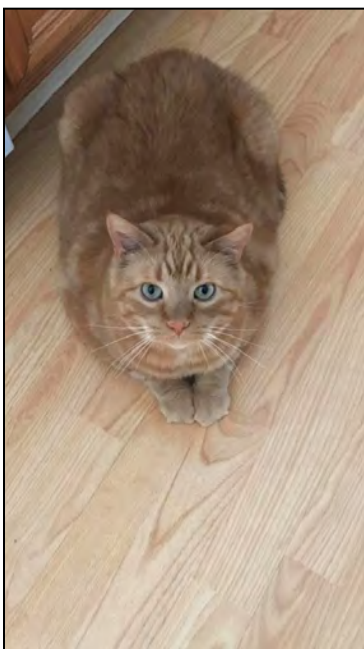
In 2019 St. Edward's participated in an open house sponsored by Embrace Lancaster. Embrace Lancaster is a local interfaith group, encouraging equal rights and full inclusion of persons identifying as LGBTQ+ in faith communities. We are hoping to partner with Embrace and have another open house in the future.

Welcome EVERYONE, looking forward to seeing you all in church!

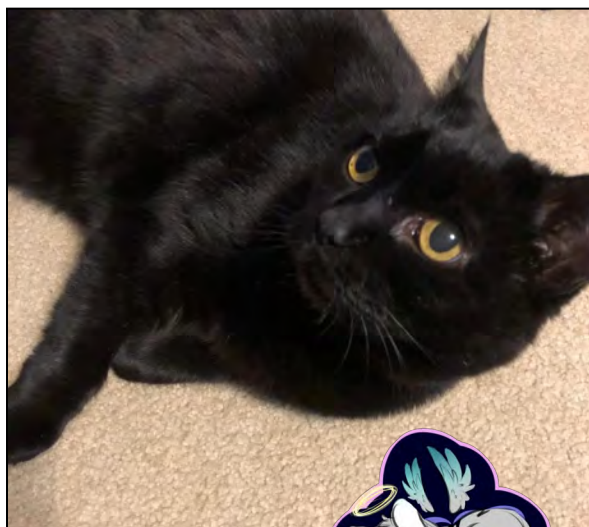


In Memory of our Pets

From Dina Ishler's Facebook posts



Sandy "FluffyBuffy"



Goblin



Oh Sandy, our precious Fluffy Buffy. Either the cancer or the chemo was too much for you, or both. You were loved so well and I'm sure my mom and dad, who first rescued you, are welcoming you with open arms. He was such a friendly and loving boy- your typical ginger kitty. He died at home and I imagine it was quick and he didn't suffer but his humans all feel so shocked and heartbroken.

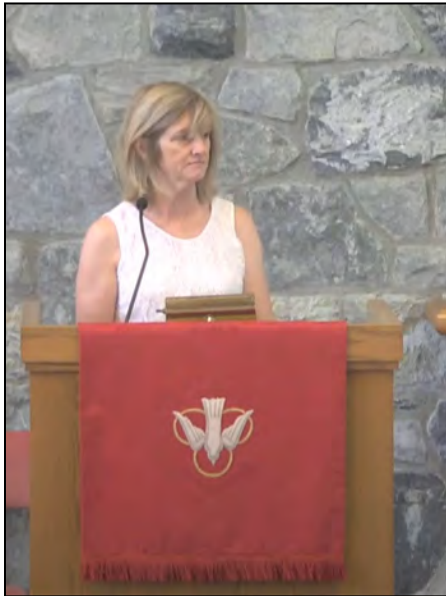
Rest In Peace, sweet baby. ❤️

Rest In Peace sweet Goblin

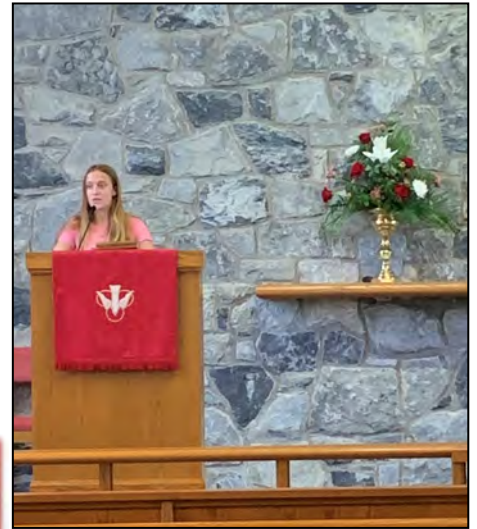
Shortly after she was born, we found her in our garage. We bottle fed her as a baby and she lived a great life for 13 years. Every single evening, around 9pm, she would walk into the kitchen to remind us it was time for her treats. She was the sweetest beautiful Bombay. ❤️

Pentecost

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Kiki Davis-Brugmann



Piper Davis-Brugmann



Even the white flowers mimicked the dove of the spirit on the Altar cloths. Red from peak (get away balloon) to parishioners in the pews, it was a joyous service.

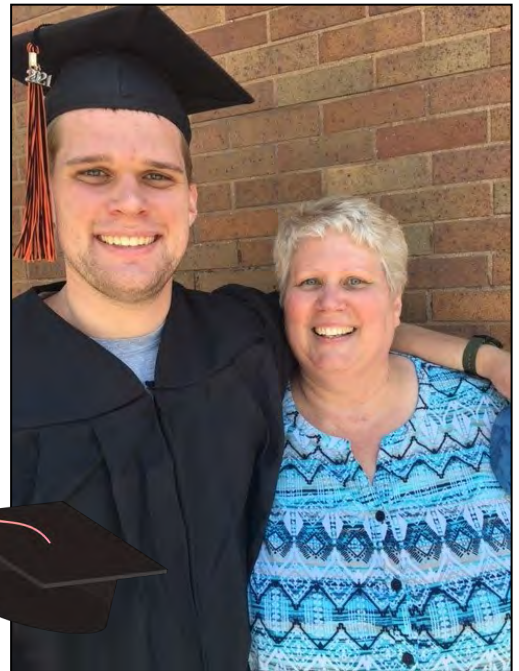
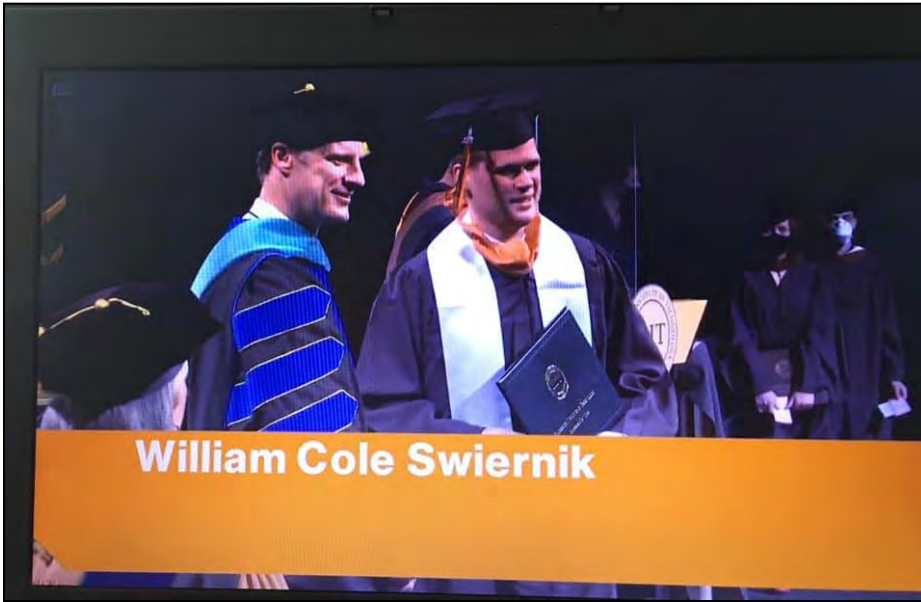
Graduations—Rachael Smith

Pictures by Peg Reiley



Florida Southern College's commencement was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Rachael graduated summa cum laude (GPA of 3.9 or higher) earning a BFA in Dance Performance and Choreography with a minor in Accounting. She will be starting her professional career with United States International Ballet dance company in Wilmington, North Carolina. Peg says she is "One proud mom."

Graduations—Cole Swiernik



Cole has graduated with a degree in “Motion Picture Science”, and he is interested in the image processing part of film making. This process is the bridge between the engineers and creative teams on movie production. Fascinating stuff, if you get a chance to pick his brain. He is applying for internship jobs at this point. Because of the pandemic he did not have the chance to do internships in different parts of the major. He would like to check a few different types of jobs before deciding which is the best fit. He could end up on the west coast where you typically think of movies being made, or he could end up here. RIT decided parents could come on campus after the ceremony to take pictures with their students. It was a pleasure to see Cole so relaxed and happy about finishing his degree.

Graduations— Faith Ishler

Pictures by Dina Ishler



Faith with Matt who received a Master of Science in Athletic Training, LVC 2021



Faith is doing several freelance assignments including Lepton and LNP and she also works for the Humane Society of Lebanon County, doing their social media and PetFinder database which works successfully to rehome their animals (she does the cat portion, I believe.) We were all delighted to have an in-person graduation for our 2020 graduate after it needed to be postponed last year.



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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**

A Month of Music

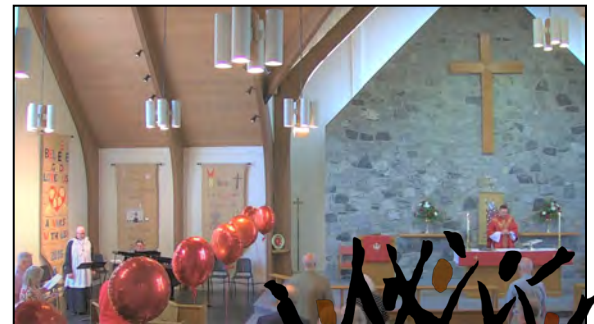
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Patrick Ishler, Karen Waddill, Libby Sternberg each provided weekly music for the 10:15 service.



Jamie Alton joined Patrick for a two tenor morning.



On Pentecost, Fr. Rick added his voice to the processional and the entire congregation joined in the singing that followed. What a wonderful way to celebrate our return to more normal.

A Highland Hallelujah

By Peter Weber

Scotland Highlands Hallelujah Celtic Thunder Celtic Angels



Scotland Highlands Hallelujah Celtic Thunder Celtic Angels - YouTube

For Scots near and far, whether in time, or in space, I found this version of Hallelujah, as written by Leonard Cohen. This song was part of Father Rick's installation, as an instrumental piece, about ten days ago.

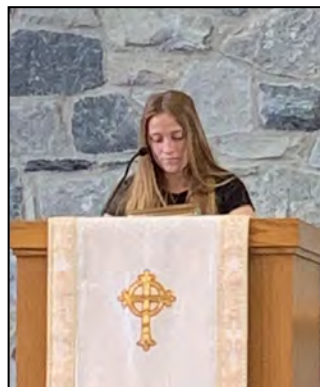
As with much wondrous music, a tune and lyrics such as this keeps resonating in the soul. Take a look and listen to scenes of Bonnie Scotland, different instruments and voices.

Sundays of Easter

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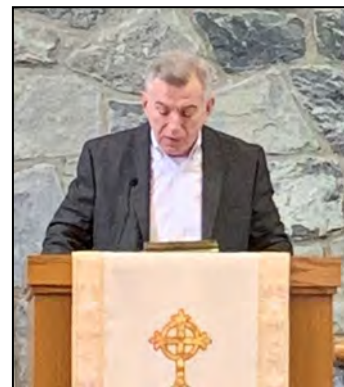
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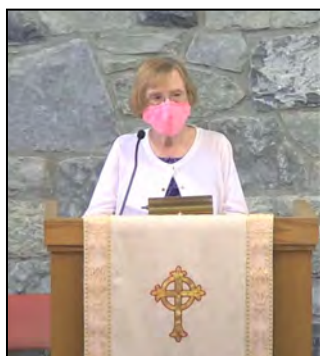
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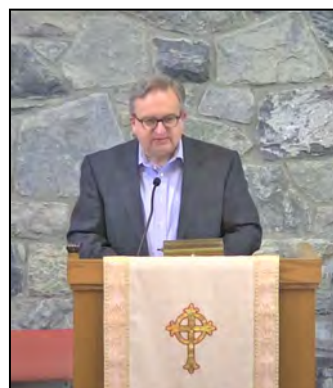
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Carol Cotnoir



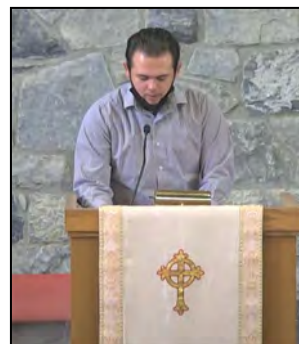
Jamie Alton



Dina Ishler gave the homily on mother's day.



Michelle Bentley reaches to light the Paschal candle.



Seth Hake



Parishioners return to in-person worship. Here Ethel Lawrence welcomes Dorris Smith.



Fr. Rick waits to process



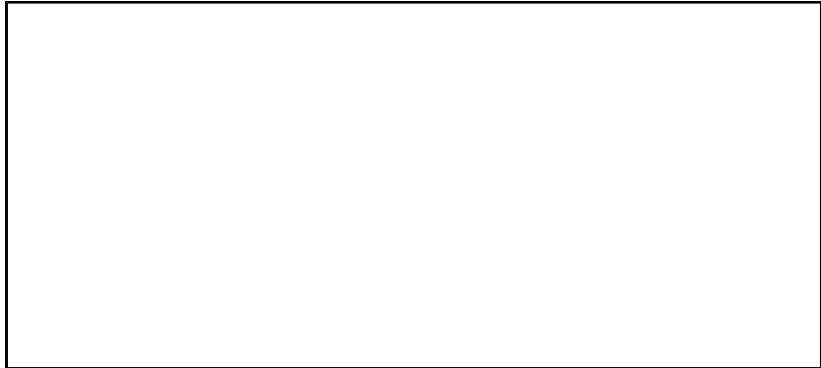
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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Catherine Donohue (2023)
- ✦ Karen Grant (2024)
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- ✦ Julie Hoff (2022) Sr. Warden
- ✦ Ginny Kloeping (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

Wednesday

12 Noon: Contemplative Eucharist,
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