



Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer

As we all look forward to enjoying this long-awaited summer, it's a grace to hear about the plans that so many of us are making to travel and to spend time with loved ones that we've been forced to keep at a physical distance since March of 2020. There's so much ahead of us, in our personal lives and in our shared journey as a church

stock of our blessings and to get excited about what tomorrow may hold. As Julie Hoff, Herb Johnston and I have met with our bishop's team to consider how we're all being called to ponder the shape of our diocese and the vitality of our congregations, we've found inspiration and encouragement in the many opportunities before us as a parish. I pray that each of you will share in our excitement for the future

the opportunity to further explore our identity and to think about our future. Through a forensic analysis of our budget and some quality visioning around our location, discipleship, and capacities, we've developed a five-year plan that we believe will significantly strengthen our financial position, our apostolic value to our community, and our ability to continue to be of service to our convocation



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family. Here in this summer issue of our newsletter, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with our parish, the vision for St. Edward's that our Shaped by Faith team has put forward to our diocese and our Lancaster Convocation. It seems like this summer is a good time for us all to try and relax a little bit, while allowing ourselves to take

as we lean into God's gracious movement in our spiritual formation, community building, stewardship, and faith-in-action here at Saint Edward's.

St. Edward's Lancaster: Shaped by Faith Pitch

Engaging our diocesan *Shaped by Faith* initiative, St. Edward's has enjoyed

and diocese. Having recently called a new rector, we've recognized and named that our community strongly identifies with relational qualities that lend focus to pastoral care capacities, convey our commitments to hospitality and inclusion, engage opportunities for community through outreach ministries, while looking to

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Reflection

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innovative leadership for well-conceived approaches to our strategic planning and Christian formation.

Embracing the opportunities of the COVID crisis, we've developed a strong digital ministry that enables us to bring church and formation programs to aging and traveling members of our congregation as well as those church shopping online for a new spiritual home in our growing community. We've got a quality product that looks and sounds professional with theologically progressive messaging, gaining us visibility through local press and word of mouth. We've been happy to consult for six other parishes in our diocese around technology needs and to help with putting together collaborative programs with all other sister churches in our convocation. But we've come to recognize that we have some work ahead of us that is particular to the embodied and incarnational context of our own physical location.

With a new hospital, shopping center, and one-hundred-unit retirement residence opening in 2022 a block from our campus, on the same central thoroughfare upon which we are located, we've decided to dedicate a concerted effort toward expanding our internal pastoral care capacities. St. Edward's became a *Stephen Ministry* parish this Spring and will be training a core of leaders to respond to the increased need that we see before us. With a large parking lot, a beautifully renovated contemplative Memorial Garden, and an attractive sanctuary, we look to hold space for the people navigating the increased traffic on our street to enjoy the beauty of our natural spaces and find folks available and trained to listen.

As excitement for the future grows in our parish, we've been able to make significant capital improvements off budget leading up to the celebration of our 40th anniversary in September. With a key group of instrumental stewards, we plan to utilize the momentum that we currently have, to launch our first *Legacy Fund* campaign at the start of 2022. We've set what we believe to be the attainable goal of tripling our current endowment to provide for the future vitality of St. Edward's while providing us with a cushion for years when significant maintenance needs arise, or we find ourselves overbudget due to unanticipated costs. We also recognize the opportunity before us as we look toward the potential benefit of a for-profit partnership in the cultivation of two acres of arable land with a running stream on the back half of our property. We are learning how to talk about money and stewardship as a parish.

Our team has become clear about the importance of dedicating our energies and efforts to thriving as a parish. National statistics show that 20% of Episcopal parishes ARE growing. As one of ten parishes in our diocese supporting a full-time priest, we have a building that is paid off with cultivatable land in an area that is rapidly growing while having added twenty-five new members in our first year under a new rector. We look to collaborate with others and to welcome all at St. Edward's and we intend to grow with quality strategy and God's help.

Father Rick



July/August

Summer Miracle

A team of Sunday school teachers faced boisterous youngsters on Rally Day, the start of a new education year. Because kids were reuniting after a break, they were eager to chat about vacations. To restore order, a teacher asked the children to take turns sharing a favorite Bible verse, story or miracle. One, who still had summer on the brain, exclaimed, "I like the time when everybody loafs and fishes!"

Change of Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator

Michelle Bentley

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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.

Vestry

By Catherine Donohue
Junior Warden



Our vestry meeting for the month of June opened with prayer and a time to reflect on Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 5, verses 6 – 17. We commented on being “a new creation” and on “that those who live might live no longer for themselves”. The act of comfortably sharing our faith, our spiritual journeys, our moments of spiritual awareness midst the ordinary days, is a discipline to which we are called. When we can find ways to listen, to share and to encourage each other we grow as a faith community. May it continue to be so.

Father Rick discussed his and Dina Ishler's 50 hours of training to become Stephen Ministries facilitators. Eventually,

St Edward's hopes to welcome others into trainings to promote Christian understanding and active listening for those in need of a supportive, confidential and caring ear. As I finish my own introductory training in infant mental health, I am realizing how much more I am called to stop talking and truly listen. Quotes like “Stop doing and just be” and “hold the moment” have recently begun to invade my thought patterns and did again as Father Rick spoke. He explained how we, St. Edward's, can offer this to each other and to the community around us, especially with a new hospital being built down the street.

Michelle Bentley reported that having our kitchen become “Safe Serve” certified is being considered. We would need managers to take online courses to achieve the certification and already have one person agreeing to do so. We would need our kitchen appliances to be inspected and certified as well. Having experienced a worldwide pandemic, we have all learned the importance of being safe and aware of the germs around us.

We continue to venture forth from our pandemic as a church body. More and more faces are attending church in person, and removing masks. We had 118 people attend St. Edward's, in three services, over the first week of June! That said, we are and always will be fully understanding and welcoming to all who continue to watch and share our worship

online and to all who continue to wear masks. Our coffee hour has resumed and was well attended, now as a lovely link between our 8:00 and 10:15 services. Even the next meeting of the vestry will be in person and is scheduled for August 15th.

There is a lot going on in our many ministries! Check out the backpack drive focusing on older student backpacks and charging cords by Faith In Action. We are looking forward to the 40th Anniversary committee's plan of a gathering and celebration for us all this Fall. Let us see the Good, celebrate the newness of being together again and walk in God's ways to the Glory of God's name!

Keep praying!

Catherine Donohue

Prayer to Slow Down

God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.

—Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer* (edited by Sarah Bessey)

Military News

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

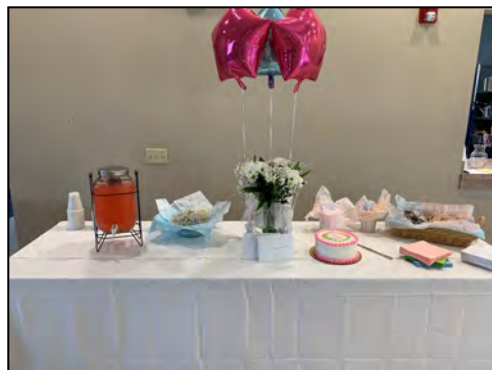
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- ★Drew Johnson
- ★William Justice
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis

- ★Andy Lopez
- ★Richard Mutari
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennies
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Baptism of Emma Michele and Sadie Raye Casey Stauffer

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.

- | | TRUE | FALSE |
|---|------|-------|
| 1. Naomi is Ruth's mother. | D | (R) |
| 2. Ruth is a Moabite. | T | P |
| 3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab. | N | L |
| 4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand. | H | S |
| 5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem. | C | B |
| 6. Boaz is a farmer. | U | V |
| 7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates. | X | E |
| 8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean. | E | J |
| 9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters. | R | Q |
| 10. Boaz is related to Naomi. | I | W |
| 11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth. | F | R |
| 12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David. | O | G |

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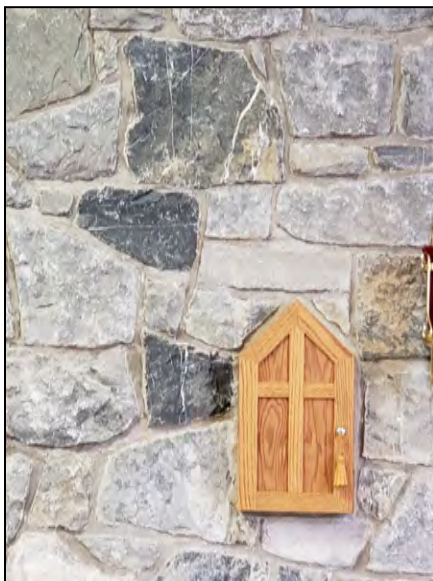
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ANSWER: 1. R, 2. T, 3. N, 4. S, 5. C, 6. U, 7. E, 8. R, 9. R, 10. I, 11. F, 12. O. RESURRECTION

July
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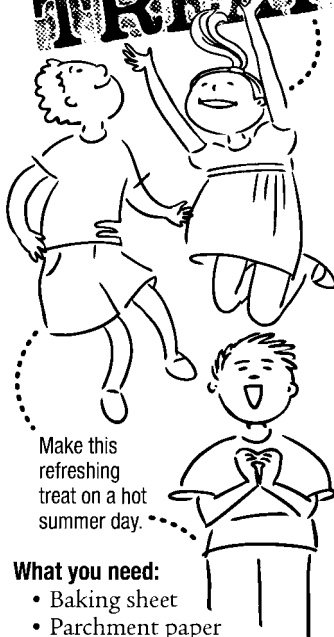
What do You See?



In the darker stones, Beth Lynch sees a kneeling person praying.



A SWEET TREAT



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.

What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!

Bible Quiz

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- nephew
- niece
- brother
- sister



Answers
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Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.)



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



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PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

ANSWER: GRACIOUS WORDS ARE A HONEYCOMB, SWEET TO THE SOUL AND HEALING TO THE BONES. PROVERBS 16:24, NIV



Summer

Needle Arts Ministry

Pictures by Mac Miller



The Knit Wits are back at work at 1PM each Tuesday in the lounge area. Here Gloria Kacinko, Joyce Redington, Irene Achey, Sue Bianco, Linda Spire, and Donna Holwager gathered to work on prayer shawls, hats, socks, crafts and the pocket doll, at right, created by Linda Spire.

In honor of their baptism on Sunday June 20th, the Casey Stauffer twins were each given a blanket, made by the Knit Wits. Here Sadie shows off her blanket with the attached prayer.



Award for Buddy

Picture by Mary Snyder



Buddy Yeager received an award for 25 years of service to the USMC.

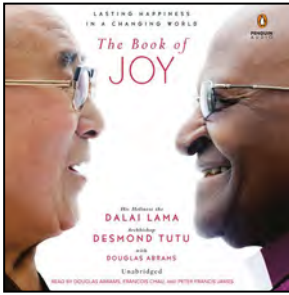
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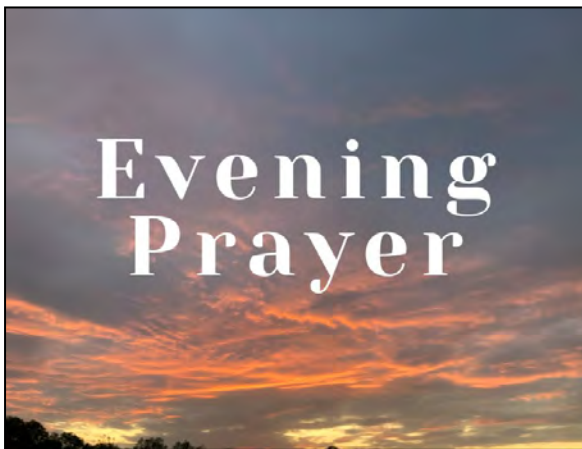
Lunch and Learn



Commencing on July 16th, we will dive into our 8-week summer series of Lunch & Learn with the book, *The Book of Joy - Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. This promises to be a gentle way to journey through the summer months, together. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us for this summer Lunch & Learn session. You can order your book through your favorite book site or store. Please contact the parish office to let us know you will be joining us. We will post the Zoom invitation details starting July 8th.



Friday and Sunday Evening Prayer



As we journey through the summer months of July and August, we will be pausing our Friday Evening Prayer starting this week through August 27th. Perhaps a summer discipline could be to find a special place in your heart and home and to quietly meditate on the Daily Evening Prayer services found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, Rite I on page 61 or Rite II on page 115. We will post you in August with Zoom details for when the service commences later this summer.

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

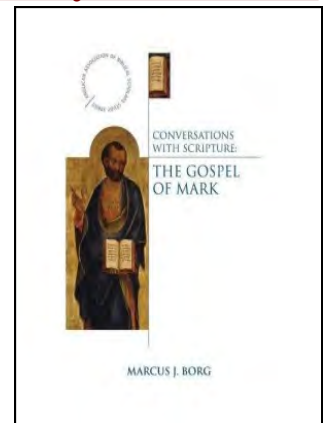
Sunday Evening Prayer @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/95355083080>

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=RWWVNGVuQWVh3NU9keWRXMWxFczg5UT09>

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By Beth Lynch

The Faith In Action Committee undertakes many missions throughout the church year. How great is that we as a parish support our various projects: Jesse Tree, blood drives, Books for Prisoners, and others, but times do occur when we need to help one another.



For this reason, we initiated the project, Parishioners Helping Parishioners, which was launched pre-COVID. Just recently, the group was put back into action after a request came from Dick Irons in May; he believed that Rayelenn Casey could use our assistance to spruce up her outdoor area around her house. With her permission, a group of ten parishioners, who met in separate groups on varied days, put several days of sweat and work – no tears – into tending the gardens. Matthew Sternberg sawed branches off a tall pine; Mark Jakiel painted two doors; Dottie Gschwend potted plants; Mary Snyder and Leslie Arnold weeded; Randy and Mere-

dith Westgate cleaned porches and mulched beds; Julie Hoff weeded and



pruned; Dick Irons mowed the lawn, and I pitched in where needed.

In the end, Hempfield Trash removal hauled away 20+ bags of waste and bundles of limbs. I, for one, had a fulfilling time as I delighted in Rayelenn's genuine praise and gratefulness; and as I pulled leaves, I meditated on the beauty of life in its many forms.

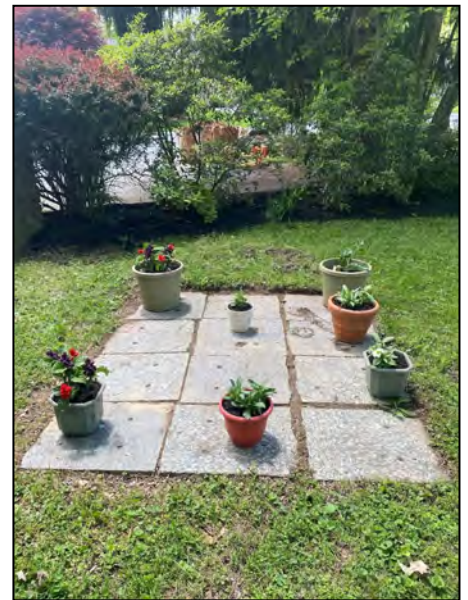
Reflections from Rayelenn:

It's stunning over here! Elizabeth went out to the side yard and said, "It's like a whole new place. This is so kind and good of you all."



Thank you to all that FiA team. You've made it beautiful and taken such a worry off my mind.

I'm overwhelmed at all you and your people have done and given me. But I want to mention to you, personally — I can't tell you how much I love the two hostas. They give me great joy. I was so surprised to see them. I've wanted a bed of a variety of hostas for so long. I couldn't believe my eyes. A friend of mine who is an experienced and talented and widely knowledgeable gardener came over and exclaimed over everything that you all have done in such a short time. She offered me hosta (of a different variety) from her garden. So, I may add another! Eventually perhaps I'll fulfill my dream of a bed of several different hosta.



Everything you all have done has been so very wonderful. It is a joy to come home now. I feel proud of my little quarter-acre now, but even more — I feel love and generosity in every corner.

That's exactly it. My garden has suddenly become my place of the good aspects of solitude, my place of comfort and solace. Where I breathe freely. Where the beauty of the work is not only beauty, but also represents the beauty of the long-time caring of a community whom I have loved whom I know cares deeply for me. And it is not merely proclaimed love — but the kind of love that has given up time and has toiled and strained muscles and sweated to express itself. Every blade and petal and pile of mulch and amputated limb (and flag and painted door!) sing out to

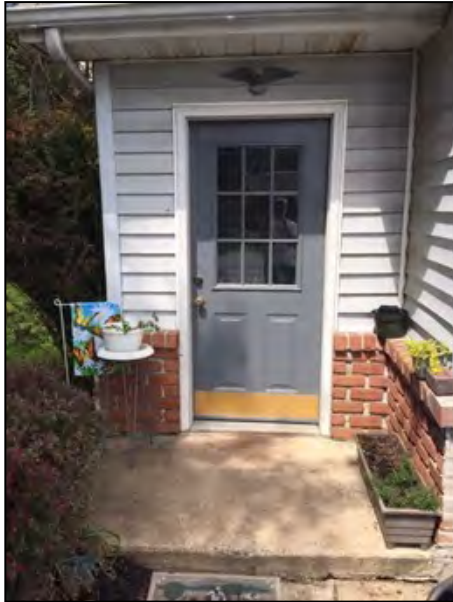
Faith in Action

me that while Stephen is irretrievably gone from me, I am not alone.



This door is magnificent. How to thank you for doing it, and doing it so beautifully? No words are adequate to express the deep down inside gratitude I feel.

This door is a pleasure to come home to. It makes the entrance to my home more kindly and gentle and welcoming. The color, for me, is calming and soft and elegant. I noticed that I let out a long restful sigh the first time I approached it. Seeing it, I feel a peace and a calmness when I pull into my driveway and when I pass through it into the house. Funny how paint can change so much.



Funny how caring and friendship are sometimes better expressed by painting (and gardening and pruning and mowing and mulching and planting) than by words. I noticed how spare all were with words around me; you quietly communicated with action.

This is Love embodied. I recognized it. This thing you've all done has touched something in me and changed me. And it has truly helped me in this hard time.

Making the garden beautiful required the willingness to discard so much. Sometimes we want to hold fast to what is familiar, but it can take over and choke our present need to grow. Once these limbs and weeds were cleared away, the trees and bushes and flower beds were freed to open up into their true beauty. It will need to be done again and again. Going deep inside to find our truest deepest self requires some giving up, and it can be painful. But it's there that we find ourselves in the depths of the Holy, where God is.

The very next day the "bin men" (as Stephen would say) came and took away what was no longer needed. It wasn't needed and it wasn't even beautiful. But what is left, is. That's (as again Stephen would say) the grace note.

I have always been a person who spent most of my time indoors. But since the "Gardening" Angels came and did their magic, I want to be outside all the time now. I want to breathe and hear the birds and smell the flowers and trees and feel the sun and the breeze. And I want to be sure Sadie and Emma share this remarkable difference in their Granny. So, we spend time in the shade. We pick grass. We watch the school bus pass. We hear the trucks on Harrisburg Pike. And they are proving themselves to have their Grandad's heart for birds.

Need Help for Yourself?

Asking for and/or accepting help is not always easy and can sometimes be a struggle. In truth, those who often want to and do help others are likely not to ask or accept help for themselves. It is relatively common for people who help everyone to have problems asking for or accepting help from others. Maybe we feel that we are inconveniencing people if we ask for help on a project. Another way to look at it is there is a desire to assist people from genuine appreciation for you. Please reach out to FIA if there is a project you need help with, and we will try our best to work with you.



On Facebook Rayelenn commented:

I have joined the ranks of the addicted.

I have discovered The Joy of Pressure Washing.

I meant to power wash the new playhouse and sandbox-tugboat, and I did. They're way more colourful than they were yesterday!

But I also power washed my back door surround, and my back stoop, and the brick structure supporting the carriage lantern (what — those green bricks are orange?!) and my driveway and my downstairs windows and my car — and who knew all those brown rock slabs of my front garden's retaining wall were WHITE?



BOOKS FOR PRISONERS

By Libby Sternberg

Name a book that changed your life—it’s not uncommon to see such a request on social media, and the answers often lead to lively discussions. Books can change lives, or at the very least, help readers shift a worldview, opening hearts and minds to new ways of approaching challenges.

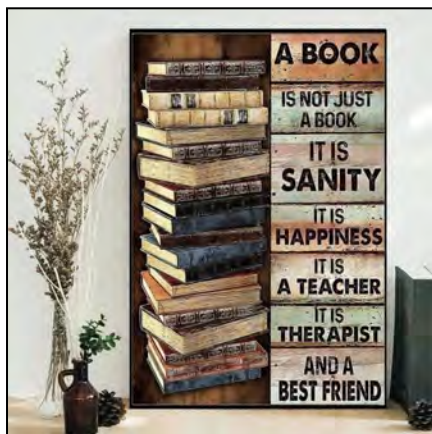
The people of St. Edward’s must think similarly, because the response to the Faith in Action ministry’s books-for-prisoners project, that ran from May through June, has been humbling and inspiring. To date, around 120 books have been donated, along with around \$200 in contributions.

The books and money will be passed along to Deacon Stacey Catigano, a chaplain at the prison, who will distribute the books to prisoners she ministers to.

“What a wonderful testimony to St. Edward’s generosity!” Deacon Stacey wrote recently. She could hardly wait to share the good news at the prison chaplain’s office.

The people of St. Edward’s responded with thoughtfulness as well as generosity to this project. Because it involved a specific list of books as a guideline for what to give, potential donors had to make considerate, even time-consuming, purchases or donations, in other words. While many contributions are books from the list, others were titles within the subject area in general—devotionals, meditations, Bibles. They all represent an outpouring of love for the incarcerated.

The Faith in Action committee is also grateful to Deacon Catigano for her cheerful counsel and guidance, and to school librarian Laura Heverling, daughter of Curt and Mary Ann Franck, in helping construct the list of book possibilities.



Pictures by Mary Snyder



Fr. Rick congratulates Matthew Sternberg on his retirement when Matthew presented some of the “Books for Prisoners” to be blessed.



Blessing some of the “Books for Prisoners”

BLOOD DRIVE

By Leslie Arnold



Thanks to all the parishioners and community members who donated blood on June 5, the first-ever blood drive hosted by St. Edward’s was declared a success!

The final total of 23 pints of blood collected was regarded as a positively productive outcome, according to the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank coordinator, Dana Ipson, who helped plan the event sponsored by members of the Faith in Action ministry.

Considering that the initial online sign-up was nearly full the day prior, and that regular donors for the Community Blood Bank also participated, the event had a steady flow of participants. These persons were greeted by members of the planning committee, Leslie Arnold, David Rutledge, and Meredith Westgate, though the mobile staff from the blood bank led and managed the collection process as soon as the donors entered the parish hall.

Most impressive were the courteous and cordial staff who worked throughout the

day with smiles and comforting words for those who were a somewhat anxious about the donation process, or, disappointingly, for those who learned they were not qualified to give blood.

All those who visited the drive that day received a “goodie” bag with a few fun giveaways to show our appreciation for their willing attendance.

We now look forward to hosting another drive in the future, especially knowing that all blood collected is donated to medical facilities within our geographic area.



Faith in Action

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

By Ellen Milligan

While summer is a time for soaking up the sun and dreaming of vacations taken or to be, Faith in Action is busy planning for the annual School Supply Drive for the upcoming school year.

To date, our committee, includes Ellen Milligan, Beth Lynch, and Dina Ishler. After meeting with two of the district's social workers, Melvin Frye and Bridget Martin, we have learned much about what student needs are being met and those that are not within the Hempfield School District, .

The good news is that a major office supply store donated a truckload of school supplies to Hempfield, which eliminates the need for St. Edward's to collect these items. Instead, we will focus only on providing backpacks for stowing these supplies, texts, notebooks, and other school essentials.

Specifically requested are backpacks best suited for high school students. According to one of the school counselors, Mr. Frye, many of the older students that he works with lack backpacks. On the occasions when he receives donated backpacks, these are designed for elementary students; unfortunately, these are not sturdy or large enough for older students.

In addition to backpacks, high school students often need replacement charging cords for iPads. If or when a student's charging cord is lost or stolen, the student must battle to keep the battery charged while going from one class to another.

To alleviate these needs, The Faith in Action Committee has decided to restructure our School Supplies Drive as a Backpack Drive. Our goal is to donate 10 JanSport 17.5" backpacks to Hempfield Student Services. [JanSport 17.5" backpack](#)



JanSport backpacks come with a lifetime guarantee, so students can replace the backpack free of charge if it breaks. Each backpack retails for \$48. Any additional

funds will be used to purchase iPad charging cords and/or give to Hempfield's Help Thy Neighbor fund.

Please consider covering the cost for a backpack or making a monetary donation to allow St. Edward's to reach our goal for this coming school year.

Thank you in advance for supporting our local students.

Anniversaries cont'd

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great grand children.

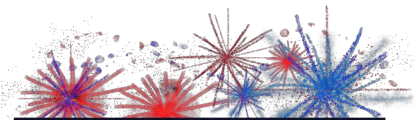
In the picture, from the bottom are Dr Polly Oliver Tennies and her son Conner, who just graduated from Auburn U this year and is now an officer in the Air Force. The second row is Polly's husband, Khoi and their first son Clayton, who is a pilot in the US Navy and married Makenna after this picture was taken. They live in Washington state.

The next row of the Olivers: Bob and his grandson, Matt, who lives in Charlotte NC. Next is Nancy and our son, Bob. the final two are Bob's wife, Kim and their daughter Nicole, who lives in Chicago.

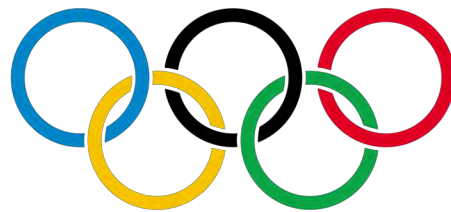
Bob said of the wedding photos: "You can see that we were low budget. no professional photographer. I do not remember who took the pictures.

Our reception was in Nancy's sister's backyard. Everyone had a good time. A lot of relatives from both sides of the bride and groom's families attended. There pictures show the day I made the best decision of my entire life. Marrying Nancy Mae St. Clair was by far the most important thing I ever did.

I still had a year and a half remaining at Penn State. We had a brief trip to the New Jersey shore and then went to State College where Nancy got a job and I enrolled in Summer school and worked as waiter at the Tavern Restaurant several nights a week. When I got married we received a \$15 a month increase in my GI Bill payments."



Saved From Sinking



For Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time, fame and gold medals weren't enough to shore up a drowning self-esteem. The U.S. swimmer, who faced legal trouble and ended up in rehab, contemplated suicide during the prime of his sports career. "I thought the world would just be better off without me," Phelps told ESPN.

Then a friend, NFL star Ray Lewis, sent Phelps a copy of Rick Warren's bestseller *The Purpose Driven Life*. The book made such an impact on Phelps that he read excerpts aloud to fellow rehab-clinic patients, who dubbed him Preacher Mike. "It's turned me into believing there is a power greater than myself, and there is a purpose for me on this planet," Phelps says. "It helped me when I was in a place where I needed the most help." The swimmer's message to Lewis? By extending a hand and sharing the gospel's message of hope, "You saved my life."



If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

Desmond Tutu

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A beautification project in memory of the Reverend Canon Stephen C. Casey

For 20 years Father Stephen enriched the lives of the people of St. Edward's, with his ministry to us, and his love for us.

With the successful completion of the beautification of our Memorial Garden, we now turn our attention to the front exterior of our church, and to our sanctuary; both spaces are essential to our growth and our legacy.

As we look forward to continuing St. Edward's **mission and ministry**, we could not think of a better way to honor Stephen+ than to establish the Rev. Canon Stephen C. Casey Memorial Fund, to engage in beautification projects that will enhance our ability to evangelize from our exterior space and beautify our interior worship space.

We invite you to participate in these important projects for St. Edward's, in honor of Stephen+, through your donation. We will have booklets available in the narthex detailing the various beautification projects we are embarking on for St. Edward's. The booklets indicate where your donation could help us to complete these significant works. [You can also click here to view the booklet online.](#)

As Stephen+ so eloquently would articulate when presented with moments of decision: **"It's all part of life's rich tapestry."** We hope you will be a part of the rich tapestry that is St. Edward's by prayerfully considering your donation to the Rev. Canon Stephen C. Casey Memorial Fund to assist us in completing these projects, scheduled to be completed in 2021.

events

The St. Edward's Fundraising Ministry invites you to

Save the Date(s)

for these important fall fundraising events:

St. Edward's Basket Raffle, September 26th – October 16th: We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our 2021 Basket Raffle. Use your imagination and have fun in creating a basket for us to raffle off at our October 16th fundraising event. If you would like to participate, but want us to do the shopping, just let us know! ***Baskets are due by Sunday, September 19th.*** We already have 3 baskets lined up!!! ***Seeking volunteers to help with the event(s)!*** ***Contact the parish office.***

Our Basket Raffle will work the same way as it did in 2020, where participants will buy ticket packages. Details will follow in September.

St. Edward's Trivia Night: That's right, folks. . .Trivia Night is BACK!!! Mark you calendars for ***Saturday, October 16th*** for dinner, trivia, and our famous basket raffle! Details will follow in September!



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**ST. EDWARD'S
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*Celebrating 40 years of faith.
Looking towards the future.*

SAVE THE DATE-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

10:30 AM - Worship Service

12 Noon – 3:00 PM – Outdoor “under the tent” Luncheon,
Entertainment, Remembrances & Surprises!!!

Look for invitations with an RSVP request coming in late July!!!

This promises to be a memorable event in the life of our beloved
St. Edward's Episcopal Church.



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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: *The Book of Joy - Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu: **Friday July 16th – Friday, September 3rd from 12 Noon – 1 PM:** Join Father Rick and Bob Mosebach as we journey through the summer months, together, exploring this wonderful text. You can order your book through your favorite book site or store. **Please contact the parish office to let us know you will be joining us.**

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**

Friday Evening Prayer will be on hiatus through August 27th. Stay tuned in August for Zoom details for restart on September 3rd.

St. Edward's Widow's Group: We would like to invite women of St. Edward's, as well as friends that you may know who may benefit from such a group, to gather in-person, and learn more! Led by Ethel Lawrence and Peggy Hanzelman it is their hope to develop trust within the group, where everyone has room to be themselves, have fun, and most of all: gain confidence and support from each other while honoring confidentiality and positive support with the hope of developing new and enduring friendships. Our leadership wants to learn from the group in asking: *"What do you need? What would you like us to be?"* **For more information contact:**

Peggy Hanzelman: 717.390.4944 phanzelman@comcast.net or Ethel Lawrence: 717.314.8993 rose1@dejazzd.com

Father's Day— Generations of Memories



Steve and Marielle Donohue



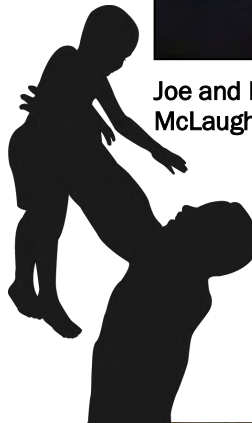
Steve Donohue's dad Tom with Eliza and Steve when Eliza graduated from Carnegie Mellon in 2018. Steve's dad attended Carnegie Tech night school back in his day.



Joe and Paul McLaughlin



The Donohues



Bruce, Bruce's Dad and James Lynch



Patrick, James and Carter Ishler



Clockwise: Joseph Sternberg (Matthew's father, who turns 100 this year) Matthew T. Sternberg Truman C. Sternberg (our eight-year-old grandson) Maj. David S. Sternberg (our son, Truman's father). Photo credit: Evelyn Cirignotta (our daughter-in-law, Dave's wife)



Cole and Bill Swiernik



Ishler's fun times



Bill, Reed and Cole Swiernik

Father's Day— Generations of Memories



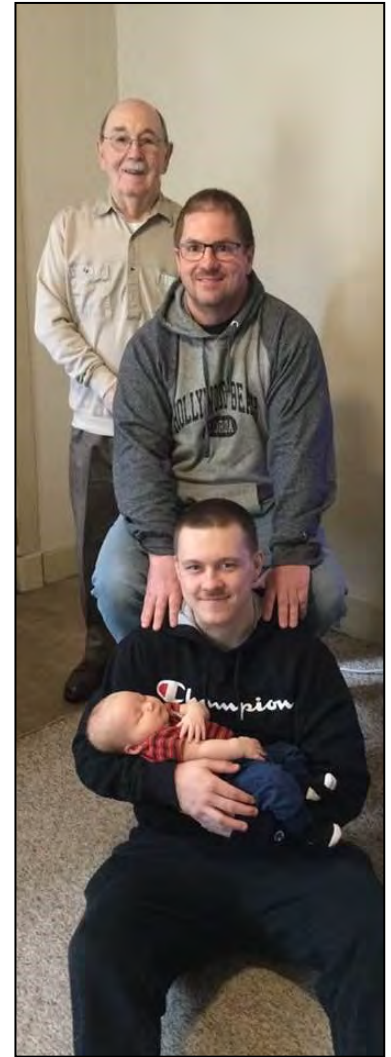
Westgate's children and grandchildren at the lake



Mike Patrone's Great Grandson Trae Carter Patrone and his Grandson Dakota Patrone



Bob Oliver and His father. Bob says he was a great Dad.



4 Generations of Patrones- Michael, Mike Jr., Dakota and Trae



Fr. Rick's Dad, Ricky, Christian and Fr. Rick



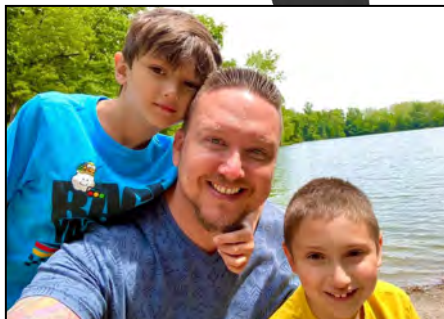
Fr. Stephen dances with Elizabeth at her wedding and naps with one of the twins.



Fr. Stephen and Emily



Rick and his Dad



Christian, Fr. Rick and Ricky



“The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen,” says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. “Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.”

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen” (verses 9 & 23, NRSV). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they’re still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.

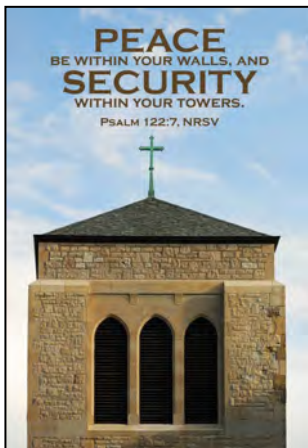
We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Remen says, “A loving silence often has ... power to heal and to connect.” Don’t underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.



“That the birds of worry and care fly over your head, this you cannot change, but that they build nests in your hair, this you can prevent.”

—Chinese proverb

By Randy Westgate and Herb Johnston, for the Vestry



also an unfortunate fact that we live in an era in America where gun violence and the remote possibility of an armed assailant attack is a reality, even though it is incredibly unlikely. Specifically, St. Edward’s has never received a threat of any kind. However, as leaders dealing with these realities, we wish to provide some guidance in case of such a catastrophe, so we offer these suggestions, many of which come out of a seminar that Herb attended last year.

One of the main reasons to address this issue is to counter what is generally the first reaction of most people when the unthinkable happens, for example if shots should ring out while we are in the church. The common initial reaction is denial: “That’s not really gunshots!” And this leads to freezing in place, and not immediately reacting. This wastes precious time when seconds might count.

The experts stress that these 3 steps are the best immediate reaction: **RUN, HIDE, FIGHT.**

RUN Immediately run towards an exit, leaving your belongings behind. Note that there are two rear side exits from our sanctuary on either side, as well as the main rear center exit. Please note that the sacristy, the room behind the altar in front, does not have an outside exit!! Help others to exit only if safe to do so, and do not wait for others to follow. Call 911 when out of the building. If emergency personnel are already arriving, run towards them with arms up and fingers wide. They will pass you on their way into the building without helping you or

the wounded, as their first priority is to stop the threat.

HIDE If escape is impossible, hide where you can. Barricade the door. Turn off your phone ringer, but leave the phone on if you have 911 on the line so the operator can hear what is happening.

FIGHT If directly confronted by the assailant, throw or hit with whatever is available, for example, a chair or fire extinguisher. Throw clothing over their face to block their view. Commit fully to a counterattack on the assailant.

Once the attack has ended, and only when it is safe to do so, render first aid to the wounded. Applying direct pressure to bleeding wounds can be life saving while waiting for help to arrive, and use whatever is available to apply pressure, for example clothing or footwear.

The vestry and committee chairs will be charged with relaying more specific instructions for adults caring for children in the nursery or Christian formation classes in case of an emergency. And ushers will be empowered to request input from Rick in the event of any suspicious behavior or actions.

We also have the long term goal of improving our doorways and entrances, perhaps with the addition of security cameras, for the protection of our staff who are inside the building during the week.

We hope that with some simple education and proactive measures it will be possible to prevent a tragedy and mitigate the damage if the unthinkable should happen.

As Jesus followers, we are called to a better way, to counter the violence in the world around us with peace, kindness, gentleness, and faithfulness, just some of the fruits of the spirit. Our faithfulness will allow us to remain as we always have been, a welcoming community of believers not afraid or suspicious of those we know, and those we are meeting for the first time coming through our doors.

Blessings,

New Member Ministry

By Christina McLaughlin

Hello! I am enjoying the privilege to serve as tri-chair of the New Member Ministry at St. Edward's, alongside Mary Snyder and Nancy Manion. I am joyful in anticipation of the new relationships that will be formed in the coming months as we welcome and get to know new families! Until just recently, I was not completely aware of how integral this ministry is in the life of St. Edward's. We, as a family, have felt so enveloped in support over the past ten years, due to the welcoming spirit of so many of you. This spirit of welcome was evident to us during "the peace", in interactions at the church doors upon entering, in the parish hall during coffee hour, and really in all of the conversations with the loving membership of St. Edward's.

For those of you wondering what specific form the ministry takes, here are the basics. The New Member Committee sets up a greeter schedule for our services. Greeters welcome church attendees at the door, specifically reaching out to get to know those who are newer to our church body. Committee members encourage these folks to sign our guest book and reach out afterward with a personal note through the mail. This is the Committee who has spread the word about wearing nametags to allow for us to get to know one another a little better. It is super helpful to not have to struggle to

remember names when we are just getting to know lots of new faces.

Another function of the New Member Ministry is to implement programs that will help others see what we offer as a church. One example of this is hosting a booth at the Amos Herr Festival in Landisville. We plan to do so again September 19th, and would welcome any members of the committee or others in the church to stand with us for a short time at our booth. We will be planning a fun activity for children who stop by as well. We hope to have a presence at other cultural events in the area.

The New Member Ministry meets once per month. We are entertaining some new ideas and would certainly welcome yours! Please feel free to reach out to us via email or phone. Our email addresses are: Mary Snyder (Snyder-starleo1328@yahoo.com), Nancy Manion (nbonalumi@comcast.net) and Christina McLaughlin (cjm702@gmail.com). Welcome one and all to be part of our vibrant church body!



We Can Socialize



As the pandemic eases Mary Snyder, Joyce Kamm and Jodie Good are enjoying being able to gather for a Pizza night together!! We are so grateful and appreciative of being able to have in-person gatherings..



We need friends. Friends guide us, care for us, confront us in love, console us in times of pain. Although we speak of "making friends," friends cannot be made. Friends are free gifts from God. But God gives us the friends we need when we need them if we fully trust in God's love.

Friends cannot replace God. They have limitations and weaknesses like we have. Their love is never flawless, never complete. But in their limitations they can be signposts on our journey towards the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Let's enjoy the friends whom God has sent on our way.

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

Draw Your Prayers

By Joyce Kamm



Joyce makes drawings in her journal to depict thoughts and prayers that speak to her heart. This one is for a circle prayer :

Circle me, God, Circle my heart, keep fear without, , keep joy within,
Circle me, God, Circle my heart, keep doubt without, keep hope within

Circle me, God, Circle my heart, keep evil out, , keep peace within
Circle, me, God, Circle my heart, keep darkness out, keep light within.
Circle me, God, Circle my heart, keep hate without, keep love within,
Draw Your Prayers:
Trace a circle, and write your prayer in it. Be as creative as you wish as you use color and design to accompany your prayers. Here is another example of a drawing for a circle prayer:



Graduations—James Lynch

Pictures by Bruce and Beth Lynch



Beth helping James get ready.



James with his diploma and with Bruce and Beth

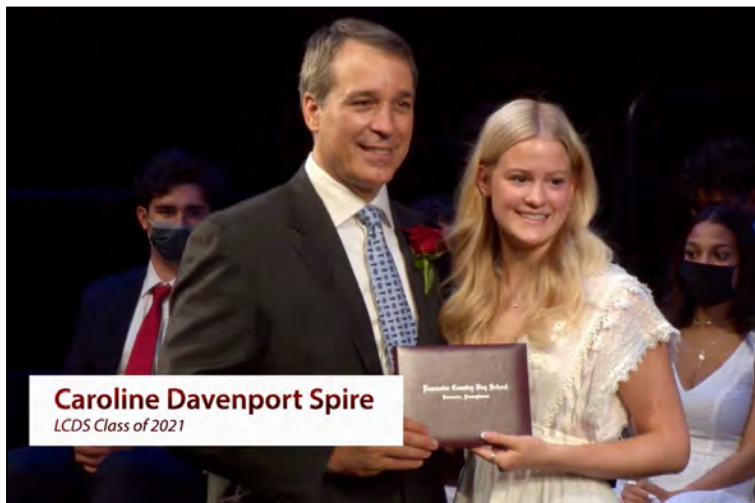


June 5 James graduated from Donegal High School. James plans to attend Elizabethtown College and major in Criminal Justice.



Graduations—Hank and Linda Spire's Granddaughter Caroline

Pictures by Linda Spire



Hank and Linda Spire's granddaughter received her diploma from the Head Master.



LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL



Graduations—Paul Mclaughlin



Paul and his two little best friends, Maxwell and Eli.



Paul and his teacher, Miss Emily



Paul graduated from kindergarten at the Goddard School in York. He will be attending Valley View Elementary in York suburban school district in the fall, Still in kindergarten because he is slightly too young to enter in first grade. It's a birthday thing. Lol His future plans include being a police officer, he also loves to build things and loves basketball.

Graduations—Nancy and Bob Oliver's Grandson Connor



20 years ago Fr. Stephen baptized Connor at St. Edward's . Parents, Khoi and Polly Tennies, and Godparents Kim Oliver, Bob Oliver Jr, Nicole and Matt Oliver.



Nicole Oliver, Bob Oliver Sr, Nancy Oliver holding Connor Tennes, Clayton Tennes



Connor, in Air Force blue, graduated from Auburn University and was commissioned into the Air Force through the Auburn ROTC program.



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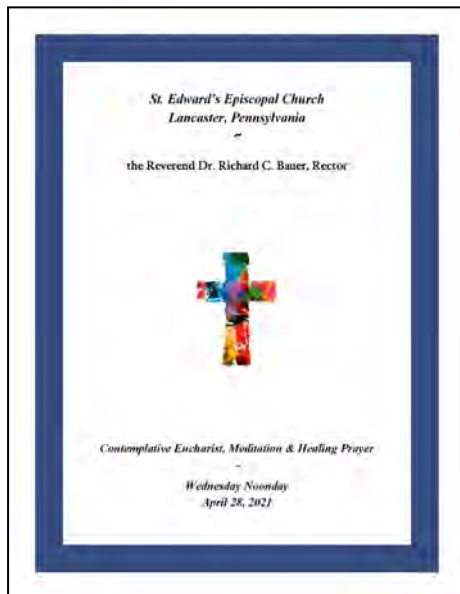
Graduations– Torin James and Liam John Irons



Torin James & Liam John Irons, twin grandsons of Gail and Dick Irons are Pre K graduates of Octorara Y. Their parents, Josh & Dana, presented them for baptism September 2018. Father Stephen baptized the boys.

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

Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19



Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what

the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings.

May I ever marvel at your tender care for us, and give you thanks and praise forever. Amen.

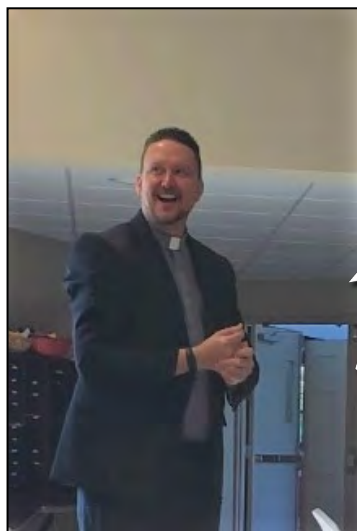


Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
 Due date for September will be:
August 20th.
 Send articles and announcements to:
 HJ_Miller@outlook.com
 hj_miller@outlook.com

Coffee Hour Returns !!

JOIN US FOR A
SUNNY
SUMMER
SUNDAY
COFFEE HOUR
EVERY SUNDAY
FROM
9-10 am

Linger after the 8 AM service . . .
Come a little before the 10:15 AM service!



Volunteer coffee hour hosts are welcome to sign up for open Sundays in the months of July and August. Please contact Christina McLaughlin at cjm702@gmail.com for more information, or access the clipboard in the parish hall.



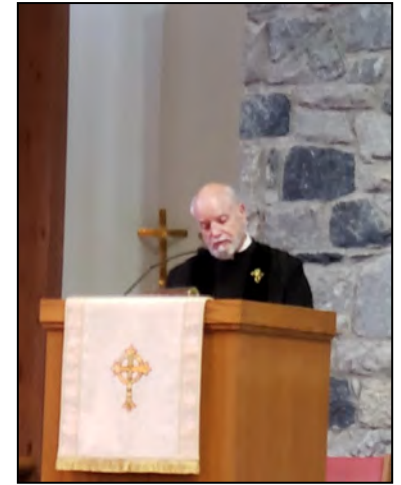
Trinity Sunday



The Trinity icon.



Jamie Alton, Seth and Beth Hake . A trio singing Holy, Holy, Holy on Trinity Sunday. How fitting!



Bob Mosebach gave the homily.

Contributed by Joyce Kamm

The Trinity is an icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. It is his most famous work and the most famous of all Russian icons, and it is regarded as one of the highest achievements of Russian art. [Wikipedia](#) And the Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre ... He lifted up his eyes and ... behold, three men stood in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth ... [Abraham] set [cakes, curds, milk, and a calf he prepared] before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.” (Genesis 18:1-8)

Rublev’s icon depicts this scene with three angels, similar in appearance, sitting around a table. In the background is the house of Abraham as well as an oak tree that stands behind the three guests. While the icon depicts this scene in the Old Testament, Rublev used the biblical episode to make a visual representation of the Trinity that fit within the strict guidelines of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The symbolism of the image is complex and is meant to summarize the Church’s theological beliefs in the Holy Trinity.

First of all, the three angels are identical in appearance corresponding to the belief of the oneness of God in three Persons. However, each angel is wearing a different garment, bringing to mind how each Person of the Trinity is distinct. The fact that Rublev depicts the Trinity using angels is also a reminder of the nature of God, who is pure spirit.

The angels are shown from left to right in the order that we profess our faith in the Creed: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The first angel wears a blue undergarment, symbolizing the divine nature of God and a purple outer garment, pointing to the Father’s kingship.

The second angel is the most familiar as he is wearing the clothes typically worn by Jesus in traditional iconography. The crimson color symbolizes Christ’s humanity, while the blue is indicative of his divinity. The oak tree behind the angel reminds us of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden as well as the cross upon which Christ saved the world from the sin of Adam

The third angel is wearing a blue garment (divinity), as well as a green vestment over the top. The color green points to the earth and the Holy Spirit’s mission of renewal.

Green is also the liturgical color worn on Pentecost in the Orthodox and Byzantine tradition. The two angels on the right of the icon have a slightly bowed head toward the other, illustrating the fact that the Son and Spirit come from the Father

In the center of the icon is a table that resembles an altar. Placed on the table is a golden bowl or chalice that contains the calf Abraham prepared for his guests and the central angel appears to be blessing the meal. All of that combined reminds us of the sacrament of the Eucharist.

While not the most direct representation of the Holy Trinity, it is one of the most profound visualizations ever produced. It remains in the Orthodox and Byzantine traditions the primary way to depict the Trine God. The icon is even held in high esteem in the Roman Catholic Church and is frequently used by catechists to teach others about the mystery of the Trinity

The Trinity is a mystery and will always be so while we are on earth. However, sometimes we are given glimpses into God’s divine life, and Rublev’s icon allows us a brief second to peek behind the veil.

First Green Sunday

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Patrick and Dina Ishler, Karen Waddill, Carol Cotnoir and Buddy Yeager

3 Special Anniversaries

Pictures provided by Bill Hopwood, Sue Bianco and Bob Oliver



Sue and Tony were married in 1958 at All Saints' Episcopal Church Hanover. In what was then a brand new building.



Sue, Tony and their four children:



Bill and Carol Hopwood were married in 1959 in Tuxedo Park, New York. They have 2 children (Doug and Jeanne) and 2 grandchildren, Elizabeth and Allison. They have a great granddaughter on the way.

Olivers, Hopwoods and Biancos all have 60 plus wedding anniversaries this year. Olivers and Hopwoods each celebrate 63 years and Biancos 62 years. That's a combined 188 years of marriage. As Fr. Rick joked: "It's a shame those marriages didn't work out." Congratulations, smiles and good wishes to these three exemplary families who have shared many of their years with St. Edward's.



Sue, Tony and some of their 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



Bob and Nancy Oliver were married at the Pine Street Lutheran Church in Danville, PA. The family picture is a 4 or 5 year old family portrait. It was taken at Polly's home in Georgia. None of the grand children were married at the time and there were no



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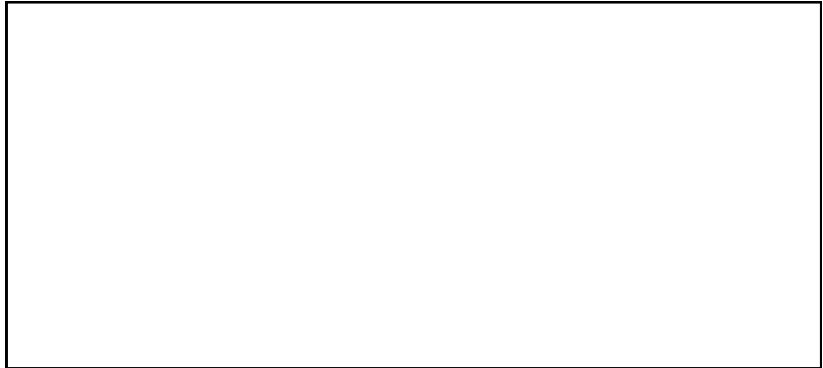
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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Catherine Donohue (2023)
- ✦ Karen Grant (2024)
- ✦ Peg Hanzelman (2024)
- ✦ 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,
Meditation, and Healing Prayer

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