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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer

This past month, I enjoyed the blessing of speaking and performing at a national

music and I lifted up some cautionary notes around the dynamics at play between tradition and innovation when approaching song in our churches. But the highlight of the conference for

as the rector of a church. In anticipation of playing some of my songs live again for other people, and with seven hours of driving to reach my destination, I popped on a long playlist of some of my



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evangelism conference up in Vermont with some truly wonderful people who are working extremely hard to explore new pathways for spreading the Good News of God in Christ as Episcopalians. Serving on the conference faculty, I spoke about my prior experience in evangelizing through modern

me was that, for the first time in several years, I sat behind a microphone with my guitar and played a set of my original material at a concert for the public. Dusting off some of my songs and doing a "road gig" felt a little like traveling back in time for me, like revisiting a part of myself that rests rather dormant in my daily life

favorite songs on my way to Vermont, and I talked out loud to my father, filling him in on the details of life with his grandsons while holding a little cross that contains some of his ashes. In an experience that testifies to bonds of love that are stronger than death, I can

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Reflection

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honestly say that I felt his actual presence with me in the car as we spoke, and I had the distinct impression that he approved of the choices that I've made in my own fatherhood and priesthood since he's been gone. The visceral assurance of the situation led me into a few hours of silence, reflecting back upon my life, as if I was removed from the story and learning about myself for the first time.

Rolling over the pavement up through New York State, I thought about being raised on the Bible, the Beatles, and a healthy dose of Eastern Philosophy. I felt thankful for my upbringing, where from an early age, I had been taught to comprehend the divine ground as a kind of cosmic well-spring of loving goodness that dwells in the spiritual heart of every person. Though obscured by emotional wounds and miseducation, my father had always told me that God lives in other people, and that God shows up in acts of compassion and loving kindness, of self-sacrifice and generosity. It occurred to me how wonderfully sensible my inherited theology was, in the recognition that my own Christian identity had been shaped by the same spiritual sensibility expressed by the author of I John, who describes God as *love*. Echoed in Paul's description of *ἀγάπη* in I Corinthians, my father taught me that love, as an *other-oriented* sense of concern, is at the very core of all genuinely decent and authentically Christian living. I have believed, and I still believe, that it is only through love, *through other-oriented concern*, that we are granted the perspective required for us to recognize our responsibility to care for one another and the inherent worth of others as children of a living God. As I started to think more about the present, I meditated for a while on our divisions, how on

the surface of things, our differences of opinion and priority blind us from our connection to other people as members of the human family. I've come to accept that, if we care more about being "right" than in "relationship", there will always be an US and a THEM for the powers of this world to manipulate. Pitted against one another, without grounding in a way of love, our fear and our anger simply overwhelm our higher faculties and we acquiesce to tribalism and self-centeredness. Even on a peaceful drive, I worried about what will come of us (as a society, as the church, as individuals) if we can't get beneath our differences and rest together on the firmer foundations of our intrinsic unity. Like my hippie father, I really do think that love is the answer.

It is in this spirit, that I offer up an original musical composition of mine that I dusted off for the concert in Vermont. Inspired by the book of the same name by John A.T. Robinson, *the Human Face of God* is an attempt to express in text set to contemporary music, the theological essence of God's love as an indwelling presence in all people. In response to academic criticisms over the lack of theology in contemporary Christian music, this composition represents an artistic attempt to bridge the gap that currently exists between modern praise music and theologically developed hymnody. In addition to writing, producing, and singing this song; I play all instruments on the composition and put together the video to visually illuminate the message in the music. It is my sincerest hope that this song and video will be an inspiration to some in our wonderful St. Edward's community. You can find it on my artist's website at: www.mrtheinvisible.com



The Human Face of God

Words & Music by: Rick Bauer

In the silence come to me
I sit beneath the Bodhi Tree
I will pay a finder's fee...to hear the voice of
God
Clothe me here in sanctity
Cleanse me of base carnality
Scrub from me impiety...I seek the Word of
God

We gather here in harmony
Our language barriers tauntingly
Only serve imparity and block the sight of
God
Look upon your enemy
Behind insult and injury
Undistorted, plainly see...the Human Face of
God

We bleed the same
Returning to the dust from which we came
We bleed the same...the color and the flow
We bleed the same
Returning to the dust from which we came
We bleed the same... We bleed the same

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Change of Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator

Michelle Bentley

Scepter

Production Staff:

H. J. "Mac" Miller



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

By Ginny Kloeping



The Gardens of St Edward's

For as long as I can remember I have enjoyed nurturing plants, from growing a carrot top on my windowsill in the Bronx to popping the seed pods of annual flowers in our front flowerbed to see them come back next year. Roger and I joined St Edward's over 16 years ago and I am not sure where the time went as we have so enjoyed the St Edward's family. Over this time I have enjoyed working with so many gardening professionals and enthusiasts here in both the landscaping in front of the parish hall and then later to be included in the memorial garden committee.

About 2 years ago I put a questionnaire out to the parishioners about what features they wanted to see in the memorial

garden. We received a great response with many innovative ideas. The top requests were a monument for names, handicapped accessible walkway, benches, flowering perennials and some evergreens to create privacy. Many thanks to Father Rick and Michelle for all the work they have done with contractors and organizing the donations to make this happen. My goal was to have something blooming throughout the growing seasons and we have that from the Lenten Roses that start as early as February/March to the hydrangeas, brown eyed susans and cone flowers which are still blooming in late October.

As the memorial garden is not just the fenced in area we have accepted donations of perennials for the shaded area beyond the fence between the pine tree and our Celtic Cross. I am looking forward to seeing these hostas, astilbe, Lenten roses and bee balm blooming next year.

More recently we have had donations in memory of Father Steven for landscaping the Harrisburg side of the sanctuary. This is going to provide lovely flowering red bud trees in the spring, as well as flowering spirea and leucothoe bushes for spring and summer flowers and in the fall and winter red leafed nandina and red winterberry hollies with evergreens to complete the picture for year round beauty.

Many thanks to everyone who had contributed to make St Edward's gardens so lovely and especially those who are

helping with weeding and pruning to keep them looking so beautiful. If you would like to adopt a piece of our gardens to weed, please let me know.

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Something is blooming year round in this beautiful spot.

See more pictures of the gardens and landscaping on page 19

Military News

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

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

- ★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



★ **Veterans Day:** ★
Thank You for Your Service!

Stained Glass Window

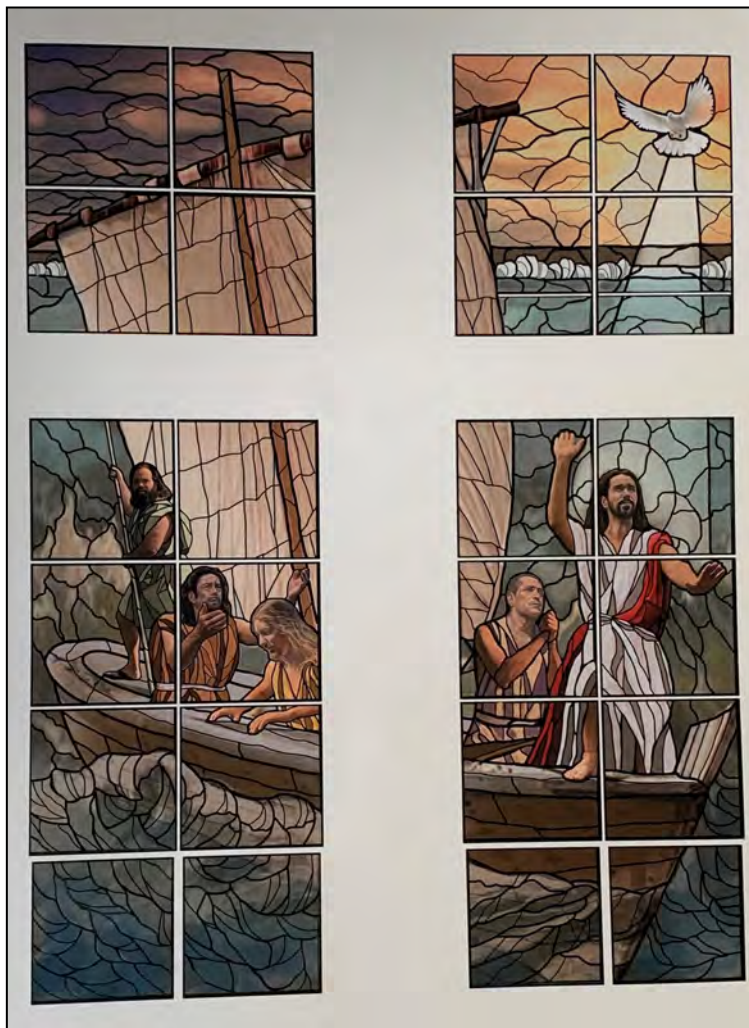
Pictures by Mary Snyder

Sunday, October 3, Martin Faith, visited to present the stained glass artistry being designed for our sanctuary space. This passage of Scripture from Mark, details the scene captured in Martin's design.

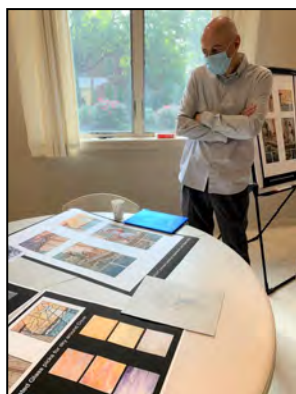
Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

Jesus Stills a Storm

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



The design for the window.



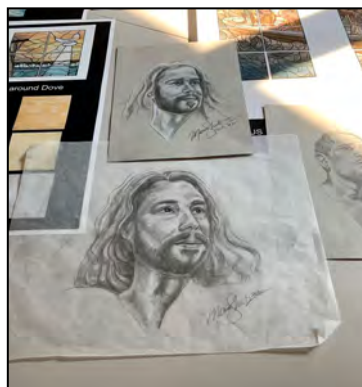
Parts of the design with glass colors



Martin Faith presents the full design.



Parishioners listened to the presentation then were able to ask questions.



Black and white drawing of faces that will be painted.



Michelle Bentley and Martin Faith study the design.

Pictures from Facebook



Thomas Ishler is getting older and his trucks are getting bigger.



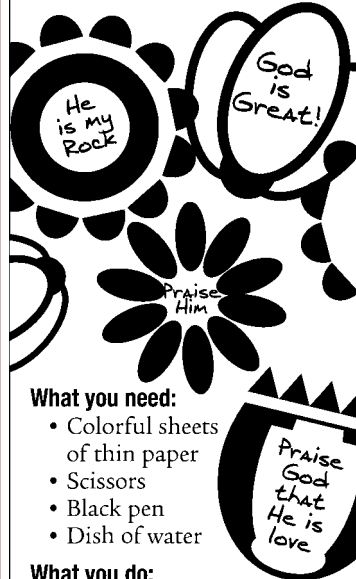
Eliza Donohue moved to Miami on Monday and bought her first car the same week.



Rosie Westgate and Friend on Parent's day in Pittsburgh.

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

PUZZLE

GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

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w y l a s a
3 5 2 4 6 1

p y r a
1 4 2 3

continually,

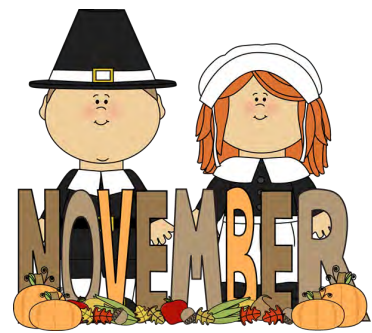
e g v i
4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



Bible Quiz

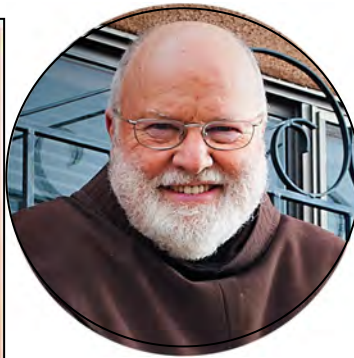
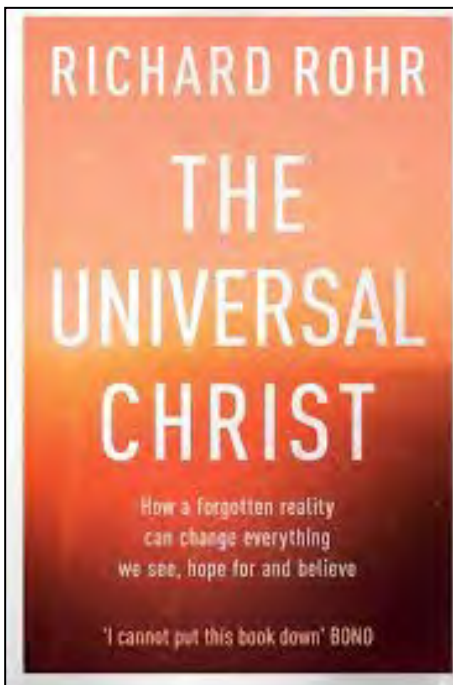
Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



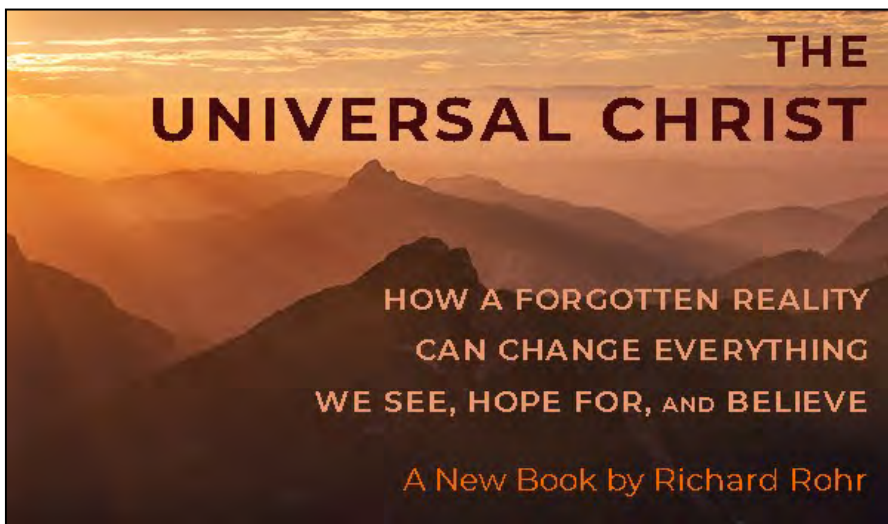
Answers
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Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)



Richard Rohr

The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe by Richard Rohr: **Start date is Friday, October 1st from 12 Noon – 1 PM:** Join Father Rick and Bob Mosebach as we journey through the fall months, exploring this thought-provoking book from a most beloved spiritual writer. You can order your book through your favorite book site or store.



Join Zoom Meeting
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Posted on Facebook by Bradley Mattson Greg Allen Pickett

"Asked by the BBC to identify the defining moment in his life Desmond Tutu spoke of the day he and his mother were walking down the street. Tutu was nine years old. A tall white man dressed in a black suit came towards them. In the days of apartheid in South Africa, when a black person and a white person met while walking on a footpath, the black person was expected to step into the gutter to allow the white person to pass and nod their head as a gesture of respect. But this day, before a young Tutu and his mother could step off the sidewalk the white man stepped off the sidewalk and, as they passed, he tipped his hat in a gesture of respect to her!

The white man was Trevor Huddleston, an Anglican priest who was bitterly opposed to apartheid. It changed Tutu's life. When his mother told him that Trevor Huddleston had stepped off the sidewalk because he was a "man of God," Tutu found his calling. "When she told me that he was an Anglican priest I decided there and then that I wanted to be an Anglican priest too. And what is more, I wanted to be a man of God" said Tutu.

Huddleston later became a mentor to Desmond Tutu and his commitment to the equality of all human beings due to their creation in God's image a key driver in Tutu's opposition to apartheid."

My prayer on this Friday is that we can all strive to be "people of God" who are willing to "step off the sidewalk" and "tip our hat" to our sisters and brothers, particularly those on the margins. May it be so...

(Photo credit
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Tutu...)



Desmond Tutu coauthor of the last book studied in the Lunch and Learn series: *The Book of Joy*



God & the Scientist...

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, 'Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing.'

In other words, we can now do what you did in the 'beginning'.'

'Oh, is that so? Tell me...' replies God.

'Well', says the scientist, 'we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man.'

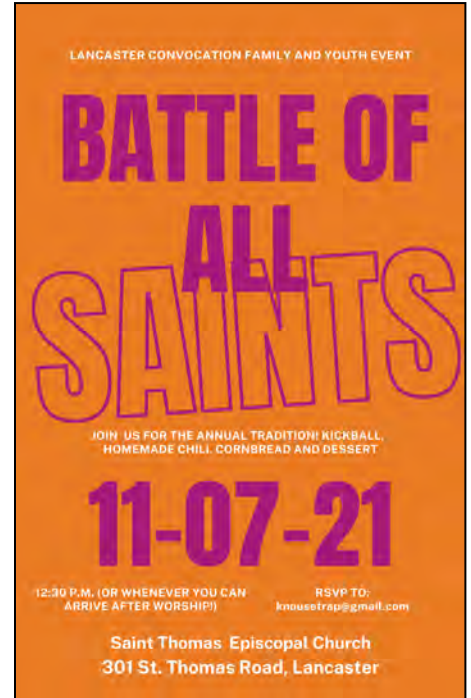
'Well, that's interesting. Show Me.'

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil.

'Oh no, no, no...' interrupts God,

'Get your own dirt.'

New Member Ministry



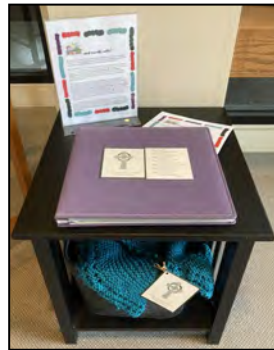
Needle Arts Ministry



Available supplies

The Knit Wits meet at 1PM each Tuesday in the lounge area. to work on any and all types of needle work.

All are invited to be a part of this enjoyable and productive group. Yarn, patterns and “expert assistance” are available, so you do not need to have a project started to join in the fun.



Needle Arts Ministry display. This allows people to see the shawls, see the prayer, read the story, view the many thank you notes, and take a flyer to either join the ministry or better understand what they do.



Pokémon Wednesday Evenings

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POKÉMON LEAGUE

Wednesday Nights 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Starts on October 13, 2021
 at St. Edward’s Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
 learn to Battle with a card deck. Enjoy learning about Pokémon and other Pokémon games.
 This league is free and for ages 6 to 16. It is a drop-in program, so you do not need to sign up.
 For more information contact Beth Lynch at (336) 707-0140 or bethlynchggators@gmail.com



Pokémon Club Wed. October 13th

faith
in ACTION
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Requested items:

- Cereal
- Small and large oatmeal
- Instant oatmeal
- Canned carrots
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned corn
- Canned peas
- Canned green beans
- Large jelly (prefer no glass jars)
- Small jelly (prefer no glass jars)
- Canned chicken noodle soup
- Canned peaches
- Canned mixed fruit
- Canned mandarin oranges



By Leslie Arnold



Annual Jesse Tree Project Set to Begin

For many, Thanksgiving and Christmas represents a ‘season of giving’. Giving to the foster children of COBYs during the holidays has been a long-time favorite of this parish.

This service is known as the Jesse Tree project.

The Jesse Tree is a unique Advent custom and the tradition traces back as far as the Middle Ages.

The earliest Jesse Trees were made of tapestries, carvings, and stained glass. These visual displays allowed uneducated people who could not read or write to learn about the Scriptures from the time of Creation until the birth of Jesus.

What Is a Jesse Tree?

The word advent means "arrival." Because Advent is a time to anticipate and prepare for the arrival of Christ at Christmas. The Jesse Tree represents the family tree, or genealogy, of Jesus Christ. It

tells the story of God's salvation plan, beginning with creation and continuing through the Old Testament, to the coming of the Messiah.

The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1. "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." (NASB) The verse refers to King David's father, Jesse, who is in the lineage of Jesus Christ. The "shoot" that grew from the "stem of Jesse," that is, the royal line of David, is Jesus Christ.

The St. Edward's Jesse Tree

The St. Edward's Jesse Tree provides a peaceful spot under its branch for gifts that will be given to children in foster care to make Christmas a little brighter. Through COBYs Family Services we obtain a list of children in foster care, their ages, and their Christmas wishes. We don't take the place of Santa. Rather, we act as Santa's helpers by adding another gift or two for a child to open on Christmas morning.

How Can You Participate?

First, you have two options: buy gifts for a child or make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase gifts. *(Suggested amount to spend or donate: \$40 - \$50 per child)*

You will note your option when you complete a sign-up form and deposit in the box in the church or complete the online form **(Link is available through Leslie Arnold or in the church's weekly emails from Michelle.)**

Next, you will give a check to Michelle, if you are donating, or you will receive a "child assignment" with a wish list included from the Jesse Tree committee.

If you are buying gifts for a specific child, you will bring your wrapped gifts to the church and place under our Jesse Tree by an assigned date.

The Welcoming Team

Orientations are complete and all paperwork has been submitted to Andrew at CWS. Welcome our team members!!

1. Arnold, Leslie
2. Aul, Meredith
3. Bauer, Father Rick
4. Buckbee, Candee
5. Donohue, Catherine

6. Fast, Deborah
 7. Ishler, Dina
 8. Kamm, Joyce
 9. Lynch, Beth
 10. Lynch, Bruce
 11. Mamorium, Linda
 12. Miller, Mac
 13. Milligan, Ellen
 14. Rutledge, David
- More about the welcoming team and how parishioners can help on the next page.

Our Welcoming Team

After completing mounds of paperwork, attending volunteer orientation sessions, reading pages of information and receiving PA state child abuse clearances our team is official. We are waiting to be assigned a family of refugees via CWS.

From CWS community sponsorship manual



CWS is committed to showing welcome to refugees, immigrants, asylum-seekers and other uprooted people within the United States, who are seeking safety and the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Through hard work and a long-term commitment of support, people who once had no hope are discovering the means of transforming their lives

WHAT WILL THE WELCOME TEAM BE DOING?

Housing – Have set-up day at the house before they move in

Transportation – Arrange transportation to appointments, etc.

Health – Teach basic health practices in U.S. Provide transportation, basic nutrition, setting up calendar for health appointments

Cultural adjustments – Introduce to community, grocery stores, landmarks, etc. Schedule a fun trip the first month

Schooling – Tutors to partner with children/parents in studying, ESL, school clothes, backpack, etc.

Jobs and Finance - Tutor budgeting and personal finance skills, resumes and what is needed to pursue a profession here

Social Activities – Don't overlook the importance of social activities during the first



The actual paperwork submitted for our team.

months. This new transition can be one of loneliness and isolation.

Visit park

Make craft together

Eat meal together

Color together with kids

Listen to each other's favorite type of music

Celebrate special holiday

Create vegetable garden together

HOW CAN PARISIONERS HELP?

HOUSING

Do you know of a rental property? Are you a landlord or property manager? Church World Service resettlement program works to ensure clients understand their rights and responsibilities as tenants.

FURNISHINGS

When we are assigned a family we will make a list of the number of items we need. The things needed will include:

Beds with frame, box spring and mattress

Set of sheets for each bed

Pillow and pillow case per person

Blanket for each bed

Dressers or other storage for clothing

EMPLOYMENT

Are you a business owner or Human Resources representative that is looking for employees? Our Employment Program works to ensure that clients are connected to sustainable careers. Learn how you can provide lasting support for refugees and immigrants through job offerings:

MORE INFORMATION

FOOTSTEPS PODCAST

Footsteps is the Church World Service-Lancaster podcast that tells the stories of refugees from around the world who have settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Each episode offers an intimate look into the unique journey of refugees that are rebuilding their shattered lives in this Central Pennsylvania community. <https://cwslancaster.org/footsteps-podcast/>

From WSJ Sept. 15, 2021 ARE AFGHANS VETTED BEFORE THEY COME TO THE US?

Yes. Everyone evacuated from Afghanistan is first brought to a military base in Europe or the Middle East, where U.S. officials are collecting information—such

as fingerprints and biographical details—that they are then running through criminal and terrorism-related databases. Only people whose names are cleared through that process are then allowed to board flights to the U.S.

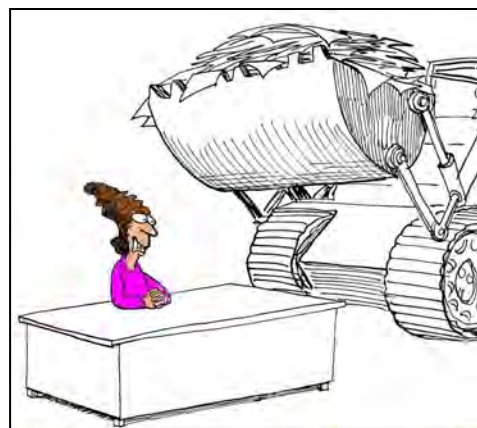
Once they land, immigration officers at airports must decide whether to formally allow arrivals into the country, and they do another round of background checks. While the vast majority of people are allowed into the country without issue, according to government officials, at least several hundred have been taken into secondary screening and held for hours—and sometimes days—before being released. A smaller number have been denied entry into the country and sent back to military bases abroad, or else had their permission to be in the country revoked and put into deportation proceedings.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH AFTGHANS ONCE THEY ARRIVE IN THE US?

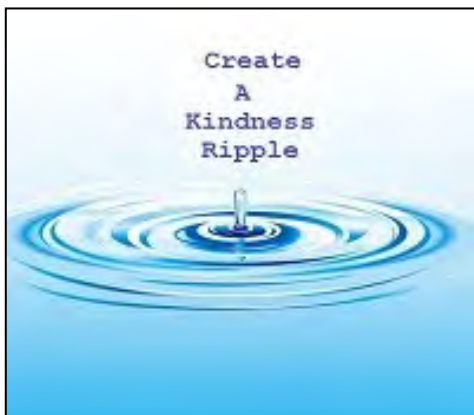
Afghans are being routed primarily through Dulles International Airport, near Washington, D.C., with some flights going to the international airport in Philadelphia. Then, depending on their legal status, they are going directly to live with family members in the U.S. or, more typically, to military bases around the country, which are providing temporary housing.

Refugee resettlement organizations have been recruited to greet Afghans on the military bases when they arrive. Some Afghans are waiting to undergo medical screenings, while others are connected with legal and other services and moved to their final homes.

They are also required to receive a number of vaccinations, including the Covid-19 vaccine, according to a DHS spokesman.



Paperwork being submitted to CWS from the volunteer teams.



Paying it back — and forward

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who'd helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning "In each other's shadows the people live."

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus' Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?



Groceries left at my door!

I went to my front door on Oak Lane this morning and found two bags of groceries, with a note that said "pay it forward". I don't need the groceries, but, I work with an immigrant family, who really does need the help. So I am grateful to bring these extra groceries over to her house. Thank you so much! PS: I just learned that my next door neighbor received the groceries and put them on my front step because he knew I worked with a refugee family, so double thanks!!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP REFUGEE FAMILIES: I work through CWS and they are

always need volunteers and donations of clothing, furnishing and bedding: <https://cwslancaster.org/in-kind-donations/>

Grateful for Return of Purse

I want to thank the Lancaster City Bureau of Police and the wonderful person who found my purse at First Friday in August. When I discovered it was gone, I had no phone, no money and no help, so I walked to the police department from where I parked my car across from Fulton Theatre.

It was a smaller travel bag, but my wallet with all my identification and credit cards were in it. *Also*, money.

The police officer in charge at the headquarters was polite and helped me in any way he could — a truly wonderful police officer. Just as I had the police officer in charge call someone for me, in walked two more police officers with my purse in their hand. Someone had found it and given it to them! I am so grateful and humbled. This is a wonderful example of good people and great police officers, who are true examples of the fact that not all of our country is going to hell.

Thank you, wonderful people!

Karol Kline

Lancaster

Editor's Note:

Please send to HJ_Miller@outlook.com examples of small acts of kindness that you hear about, experience or observe.

"Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water: It will make ripples throughout the entire pond."
—Jessy and Bryan Matteo



Thank you

On July 4th I fell and broke my ankle which then required extensive reconstructive surgery. I was bed-ridden for about 8 weeks.

Carol and I would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the spontaneous outpouring of prayers and support from the St. Edward's Church family. Fr. Rick visited several times and called almost weekly to see if we needed anything. Several people came to visit, some of whom brought food ranging from McDonald's milk shakes to gourmet food with ingredients grown in their garden.

In addition to the meals and visits, I was loaned a number of Great Courses CD's which helped greatly in passing the time.

When Carol needed to go to a doctor's appointment, one person came to stay with me while another went with Carol to the appointment. (One particular doctor is in Baltimore.)

I received many cards and phone calls. As I said at the Anniversary Celebration: Never underestimate the value of a five-minute phone call!

St. Edward's is the epitome of a church family in every respect

Carl and Carol Cotnoir



Cotnoir performing at the 2020 Talent show.

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



One Sunday morning the Pastor of a small Texas church noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a "Thank You" plaque that honored the five branches of the U.S. military.

The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, sir," Alex replied respectfully, still focused on the plaque. "What is this?" he asked the Pastor.

The Pastor said, "Well, son, it's a memorial plaque honoring all the young men and women who died in the service".

Soberly, the two just stood together, staring at the plaque before Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with a note of fear, asked the Pastor, "Which service? The 8:00 o'clock one or the 11:00 o'clock

one?"



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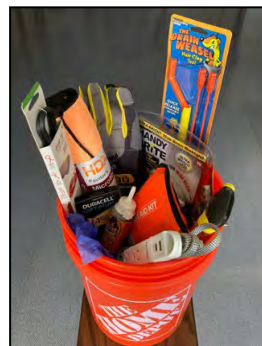
Great Kid Stuff basket



Catalog and weekly prizes



Handmade Card Assortment



Home Depot Bucket



Prayerful Anglican Rosary Basket



Raffle Tickets at Coffee Hour

Our Basket Raffle Fundraiser is in its FINAL WEEK! The drawing for the baskets is scheduled for coffee hour on Sunday, November 7th! Through your generous giving spirit, it looks like we will exceed our fundraising goal of \$5,000. Your participation in this final week can ensure we have a successful fall fundraiser. We invite you to prayerfully support this important fundraising event in its last week as we will be adding a couple extra prizes for all who purchase ticket bundles! Let's have fun as we raise money for the mission and ministry of St. Edward's!



Spa Deluxe Basket



Cookies in a Jar

Wall Hangings

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Our St. Edward's choir joyfully singing with our new tapestries in place.



Parishioners can now experience beautiful liturgical scenes while worshipping in our sanctuary.



Words of Joy



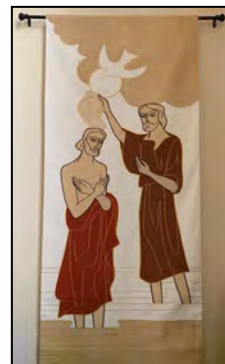
Resurrection



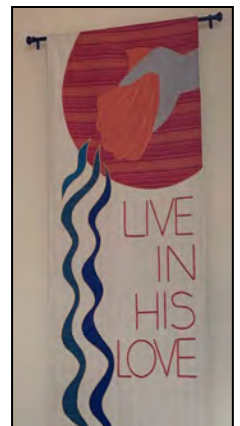
Holy Eucharist



The Good Shepherd



Baptism



Words of Love



The banners, lovingly designed by Sunday School children and handcrafted by wonderful St. Edward's seamstresses, have returned to the parish hall bringing such joyous messages for our worship, fellowship, and ministry gatherings in that space.



Close up of the exquisite workmanship on the tapestries



ST. EDWARD'S 2021 CHRISTMAS COOKIE & CRAFT SALE

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 4TH 8 AM UNTIL
WE ARE SOLD OUT!**

Join us in this St. Edward's fundraising tradition by baking your favorite confections for us to sell!

Sign up sheet is on the coffee table in the parish hall.

Please sign up by November 21st!

Thank you for your support!

*Please go to page 22 to learn more about the craft sale and
how you can participate!*



Important events to mark on your calendar for this month!

November 1st:	All Saints' Day
All Month:	UTO Gratitude Challenge for Care of Creation
November 3rd:	New Bible Study Zoom sessions begin
November 7th:	Basket Raffle Drawing at coffee hour Battle of All Saints Family & Youth Event at St. Thomas
November 11th:	Widows Group meets at 10 AM
November 13th:	Return Jesse Tree forms Men's Group meets at 8 AM
November 14th:	Krist Kindling participation forms due
November 21st:	Cookie sale baker sign up due date
November 21st:	Christ the King Sunday – Commissioning of Stephen Ministers at 10 AM service
November 28th:	The First Sunday of Advent Krist Kindling starts this week!

There are many other weekly “happenings,” spiritual formation opportunities, ministry meetings, coffee hour crafts, and more, so stay tuned to your 3x weekly emails!



Anticipating Winter: Silent Retreat at The Wittel Farm



Amy Shutt

We have been busy reawakening from COVID – traveling, seeing family and friends, and getting busier and busier – like farmers bustling through a non-stop harvest season. But now we slow down in our anticipation of winter – a time to settle into the long nights of darkness and silent snowy landscapes. This silent retreat day is an invitation to take a long pause amidst the harvested, fallow fields of Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown as we turn our focus inward to prepare ourselves for winter once again.

The day will be arranged to allow you space and quiet for rest and contemplation. You will have an opportunity to:

- participate in multiple guided reflections
- cultivate your own contemplative practices (attendees are encouraged to bring a journal, sketchbook, knitting supplies, etc.)
- walk an outdoor labyrinth
- enjoy a campfire
- participate in a simple meal, shared in silence to sharpen your attention to the food
- walk the property at Wittel Farm observing their fields post-harvest
- breaking the silence with the group through reflection and Gathering the Graces

Venue: The Wittel Farm

Web: <https://parishresourcecenter.org/events/silent-retreat-at-the-wittel-farm/>

Address:

1753 Mill Road, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, 17022, United States

Non-member Ticket \$90.00

Widow's Group

Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM at St. Edward's. Mark your calendars for the next meeting which is Thursday, October 7th. **For more information contact:**

Peggy Hanzelman:

717.390.4944

phanzelman@comcast.net or:

Ethel Lawrence:

717.314.8993

rose1@dejazzd.com



Stephen Cook



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=RWWVWNGVuQWVh3NUU9keWRXMTMxMzU0OT09>

Meeting ID: 862 5277 2937

Passcode: 201150

Men's Group



Saturday Men's Group: 2nd Saturday of each month **from 8 AM - 10 AM**. Join us at St. Edward's, in partnership with Saint James Episcopal Church, for two hours of fellowship, including Morning Prayer. Coffee and donuts will be served. Our next meeting is Saturday, November 13th.



Barbeque Benefit

Pictures by Mary Snyder



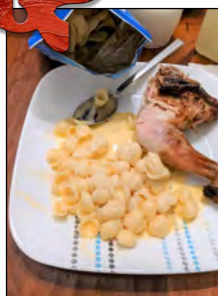
Jodi Good, Ethel Lawrence, Buddy & Liz Yeager, Fr. Rick



Many hands make light work as the Breneman friends and family help prepare the BBQ



Preparations in the Parish Hall.



Chicken and Pork



Barbeque was delicious!!!



Plus Whoopie Pies!!!!

Coffee Hour



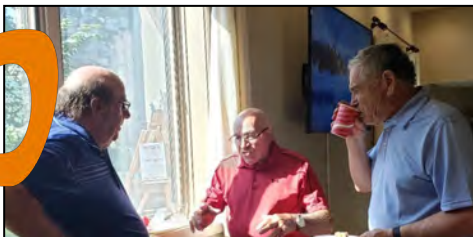
Fr. Rick, Carol and Bill Hopwood



In November Beth Lynch will be making Christmas Crafts. You can make one for yourself, and maybe one to donate for the craft sale.



There are always good nibbles available.



Jerry Hoff, Tony Bianco and Roger Kloepping



Blessing of the Animals

Pictures by David Rutledge and Fr. Rick



David Rutledge



The Rev. Amanda R. Knouse, Rector



The annual "Blessing of the Animals" service took place at St John's Episcopal Church in Lancaster. "King" (the horse), from the Lancaster City police made an appearance. Everyone was well behaved. However, one dog did try to steal Amanda's stole! (stole the stole?) Anyway, wonderful to see so many out to remember how much our pets mean to us.

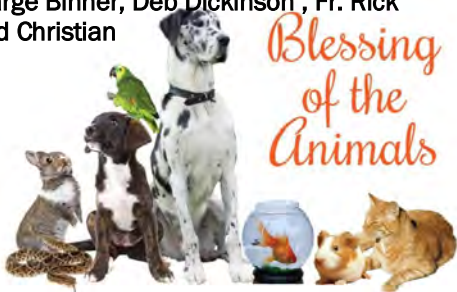


Marge Binner, Deb Dickinson, Fr. Rick and Christian

Ishlers and David Rutledge



A wonderful gathering of animal lovers at the St. John's courtyard labyrinth.



Blessing of the Animals



Randy and Meredith Westgate on a bike ride in Western Pennsylvania, almost in West Virginia. Is it the location, or does Randy look a lot like John Denver?



“Almost heaven, West Virginia
Blue Ridge Mountains,
Shenandoah River
Life is old there, older
than the trees
Younger than the
mountains, growin' like a
breeze
Country roads, take me
home”



McLaughlins in the Pumpkin Patch



Patrick Stephen Donohue begat Jacob Steven Donohue. Is there a resemblance?



Trick or Treat!



Emma and Sadie enjoying the playground.



Dina in her happy place-kayaking.

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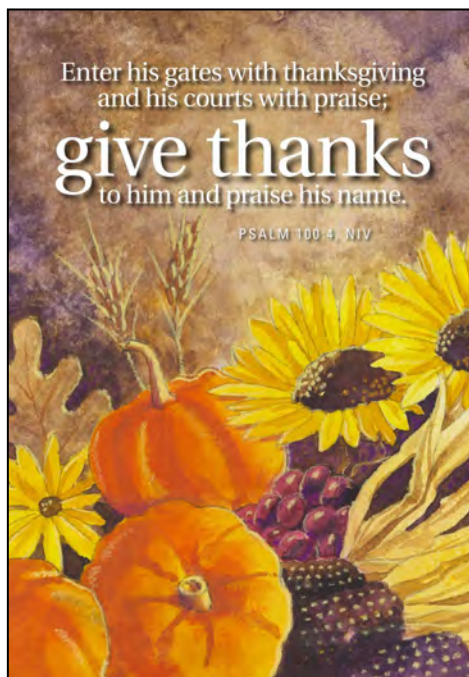
Thanksgiving November 25th

A Gratitude Game

Years ago, ads for a toy-store chain featured an animated kangaroo jumping on a frown to turn it upside down. That reminds me of family life, which can feel like a nonstop attempt to keep everyone happy. Busy schedules, grumpy kids and tired parents can be a bad combination.

When our family needs to turn frowns upside down, we play the thankful game. The rules are simple: We take turns sharing one thing we're thankful for. Everyone plays. No one can pass. No repeats are allowed. Our kids, now teens, still chime in.

As we share gratitude for football, Grandma, hugs, warm brownies, coffee and more, kids tend to stop bickering, and adults get a mental reset. Try playing — and bring on lots of smiles!



Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.

—Maya Angelou

The Gardens at St. Edward's



New landscaping surrounds the sacristy.



Our extended Memorial Garden plantings beautify the lawn space.



New plantings surround our sanctuary view.



Mike Freshwater recently oiled the Celtic Cross in preparation for winter.



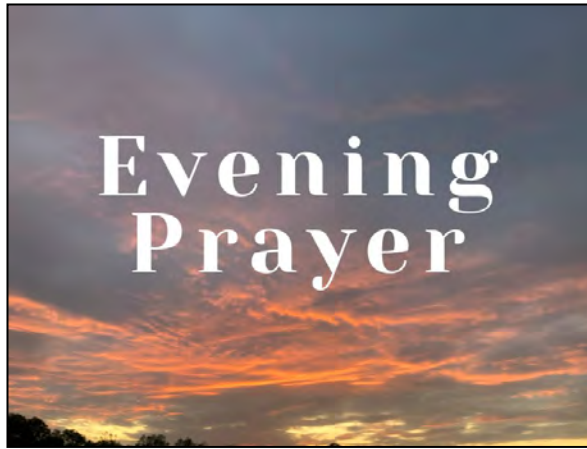
New trees beautify our lawn space.



The spring time will be beautiful!



Friday and Sunday Evening Prayer



Join us on **Fridays for Evening Prayer**, led by Patrick Ishler. A wonderful contemplative way to end the week:

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

Each Friday at 7:00 PM

Join us on Zoom:

<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

UTO Boxes



that new ministries were needed and there was no funding for innovative ideas. They prayed and took up a thank offering to fund these new ideas. This practice continues today through the collection of change in these signature boxes with 100% of all donations received by the UTO granted the following year to support innovative mission and ministry. The grants for 2022 will support Care of Creation which we are so excited about. In addition to the decorated boxes, which we hope will be a special (and fun) reminder to drop your extra change into throughout November (include it on your Thanksgiving table so friends and family can donate their change, too!) we will have booklets that detail weekly Gratitude Challenge activities for the whole family and suggestions to carry you through Advent! JOIN US as we give thanks to God for the gifts that creation brings!

On Sunday, October 31st we held a craft during coffee hour to decorate our UTO boxes in preparation for the November 2021 Gratitude Challenge – Four weeks of practices online and at home to grow a more grateful heart by responding to God’s Gift of Creation. For those of you who are not familiar with United Thank Offering (UTO): It started in the late 1800s when the women of The Episcopal Church learned

Help Wanted



By the Altar Guild -

Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness!

Preparing the altar area for worship each week is a sacred and spiritual experience currently administered by a devoted group of eleven people. At one time, the Altar Guild had as many as sixteen members.

We need more help!

Please consider joining this essential ministry! No experience is necessary. The Altar Guild provides training. We work in teams so there is always an experienced member as part of a team. The set-up times are flexible (Thursday, Friday, or Saturday) and are arranged between the members of a team. Each team is scheduled about once a month. With more members, it could be every five or six weeks.

We are open to men, women, and young people who are willing to make a commitment to this ministry. If you are interested in joining us or if you have questions, please contact Bev Hess, Julie Hoff, or notify the church office. We look forward to hearing from you!



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for December will be:

November 20th.

Send articles and announcements to:

HJ_Miller@outlook.com

hj_miller@outlook.com



Did You Know: Flowers and Grocery Cards

Did you know that St. Edward's has two ministries that we call "passive" yet they are so vital to our parish community.



Our Altar Flower ministry is 100% supported through parish contributions. Each week, we have two arrangements that grace our altar shelves. These fresh flowers are a beautiful way to remember loved ones, a special occasion in your lives, in thanksgiving for your love of your St. Edward's parish, or in celebration for an event in the life of our parish. Our parish has shown a great love for the practice of fresh flowers each week. As we look towards 2022, it is vital to have parishioner support, each week, to continue this ministry. We will be posting a new flower

chart in early December for 2022 and we ask that you prayerfully consider signing up for a week so that we may continue this ministry that beautifies our altar to those who attend in-person, and online! Flowers are \$100 each week. We can also host two remembrances in any given week at \$50/arrangement.



St. Edward's participates in a grocery card program that allows us to passively capture a 5% contribution on all monthly card purchases. So, if you shop at Stauffer Kissel Hill or Giant, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining our grocery card program as a way to raise funds for St. Edward's mission and ministry. It is easy!! Contact the parish office and let us know you would like to receive monthly grocery cards. Detail which cards you would like and in what amounts. Giant cards can be in any amount. SKH cards are in denominations of \$50 and \$100. Cards are or-

dered at the end of each month and distributed the first Sunday of each month. We ask that individuals enrolled in the program pay for their cards by the end of each month they are distributed. Robust participation in this program can allow St. Edward's to raise upwards of \$5,000/year towards our budget.

Annual Turkey Drive

The 3rd Annual Turkey drive will start Nov 1st and run through Sunday November 21st. The turkeys will be donated to the Hempfield Food Pantry.

If you earn a free turkey that you do not need, consider donating it.



Turkeys in the freezer that was given to the Food Pantry in honor of the Caseys.

Recycling



At St. Edward's, we are always exploring ways to do our part in the Care of Creation. As Jerusalem Greer, Staff Officer for Evangelism for The Episcopal Church reminds us for our November Gratitude Challenge: "What if we could see all of creation as our neighbor? How would that change our prayers and ac-

tions?" One of the ways we can do our part in protecting God's creation is through recycling and in the conscious decision to purchase supplies for our parish use – in the office, in food service, and building maintenance - that abide by eco-friendly standards and promote green living. We recycle our weekly bulletins (thank you Ellen Milligan for initiating this receptacle found in our narthex and for taking the paper to the recycling center). We offer these printed service bulletins as our way of welcoming and hospitality to all who visit our parish home. We have *The Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal 1982* in the pews for those who would like to discover the richness of these texts during worship (or

any time!) Additionally, we offer all of our printed pieces digitally – bulletins, flyers, the *Scepter* newsletter. As we work through our existing paper supplies, our reordering will meet the standards of recycling, whether it be in our copy paper, our cold/hot cups, plates, napkins, storage containers, trash bags, utensils, etc. As we enter the season of Advent, we embrace, Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love through the eyes of God and the Care for Creation, doing our small part, in mindful ways, cultivating a spirit of gratitude for the gift God has given to us – life!

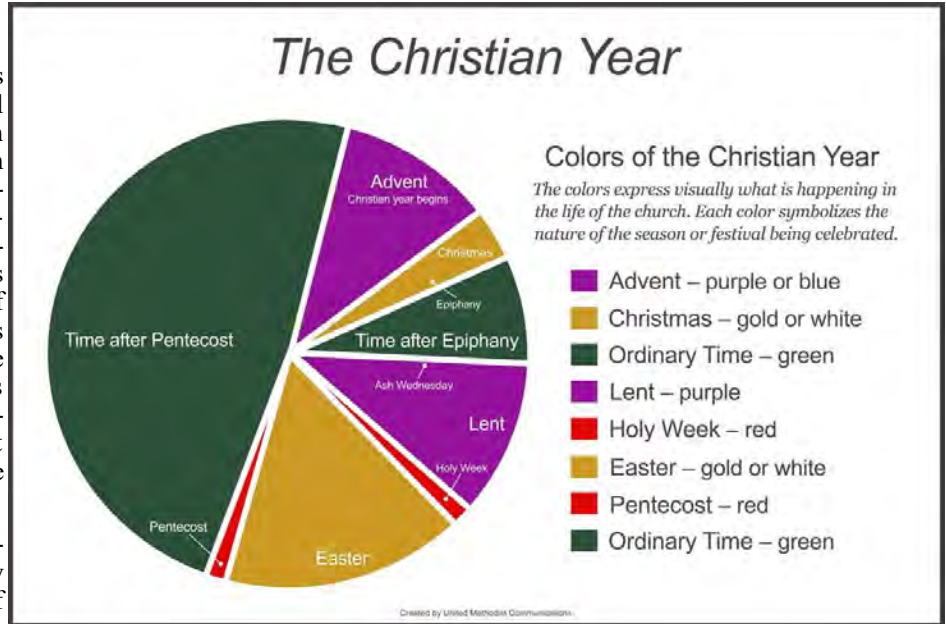


First Sunday of Advent, November 28

The journey begins at Advent

When Advent begins on November 28 this year, so does a new church year for liturgical congregations. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

"Like a great waterwheel," writes Joan Chittister, "the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime."



Craft Sale

By Donna Holwager



ATTENTION: ALL HOBBYISTS!

Our Christmas Craft Sale is back again hitching our wagon to the Christmas Bake sale! If you are a woodworker, a quilter, a knitter; a candle maker; a maker of holiday Christmas cards; a gardener

who creates lovely winter plant designs; a sewer of tabletop items such as runners, placemats coasters or ornaments, we would love to have you donate something to our Christmas sale.

Our thanks to our sponsor " the KnitWits and Needle Arts Ministry for adding this special event to coincide with our ever popular bake sale

To participate:

* sign up right by the bake sale sheet in the parish hall

*deliver your item to the church office, no later than November 28th

That's it!!!!

Tip : if you are wondering what you could contribute, join Beth Lynch at coffee hour craft sessions, then donate what you make to our sale!!!! (See crafts on page 16)



Donna Holwager and a project she is working on for the craft sale

Krist Kindling

By Meredith Westgate



Jumpstart your Christmas spirit by joining in the fun of our 33rd annual Krist Kindling Advent activity at St. Edward's!

What is Krist Kindle? It's an activity where one family gives another family a gift anonymously during each of the three weeks prior to Christmas. The family you give gifts to is not the same family that brings gifts to you. No need to have kids to participate. It's for the young and the young at heart!

How it works: You deliver your gift surreptitiously any evening during the week by sneaking up to the front door, ringing the bell, and sneaking away. It is best to deliver during the evening because the recipient will more likely be there to receive it.



Also, you'll need the cover of darkness to make your getaway unseen. All during Advent, remember this family (or single person or couple) in prayer and rest assured that someone else is praying for you.

The weeks are:

- ★ November 28
- ★ December 4
- ★ December 5-11, and
- ★ December 12-18. Delivery can be any evening during each week.



meet in person, we'll have a virtual event as last year.

Please complete the form below (or one in the church bulletin) and place it in the decorated box in the Narthex by Sunday, **November 14**. Sign up today or call Meredith Westgate at 898-9245 if you have any questions. All are welcome!



Gifts should not be expensive or burdensome. Some gift ideas are: a jar filled with Hershey kisses; a Christmas book, decoration, or ornament; hot chocolate and cookies.

In January, we will have a potluck supper on a Sunday evening at church to find out who our Krist Kindle families were. We'll

Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Email address _____
 Names and ages of children _____
 If you are a new participating family or if you've moved, Please include a note to help Krist Kindle identify your home once they have GPSd their way to your street!

Bishop's Visit

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Mac Miller and Michelle Bentley



Processional



Bishop Scanlan gives the homily.



Leslie Arnold reader at 8AM service.



Bishop Scanlan, Piper Davis-Brugmann and Fr. Rick



Mike Freshwater helps Elaine Radcliffe to altar.



Beginning the Eucharist



Pastor appreciation gift presented by Julie Hoff at coffee hour.



Greeting after service.



Bishop Scanlon receives gift during coffee hour between the services.



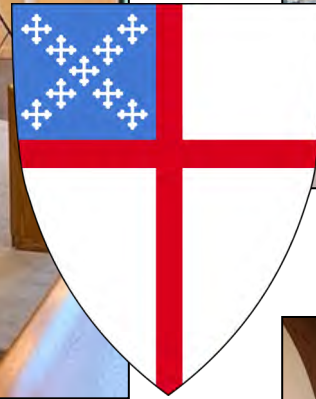
Confirmation and Welcoming



Those being received and confirmands



Piper Davis-Brugmann



Nancy Mannion



Peggy Hanzelman



Eric Sandblade



Fred Cluck



Joyce Kamm



Jackie Sandblade



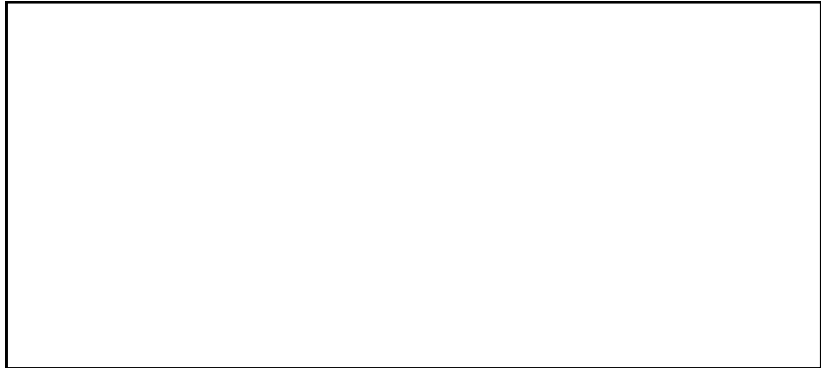
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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry (year term ends)

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

Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

12 Noon: Contemplative Eucharist,
Meditation, and Healing Prayer

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