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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer

Right before Ricky and Christian headed back to school for the Fall, we enjoyed a fantastic family day

hurled about in every direction at high speed. As a dad, it never ceases to amaze me how distinct and unique the boys are from one another, just how different two peo-

76 miles per hour hit us with a g-force that scared me for a moment. As we screamed out together, in equal measures of laughter and terror, I was genuinely wor-



“Thank you for coming on the roller coaster with me!”

together up at Hershey Park. When it comes to thrill rides and roller coasters, Christian tends to exercise a healthy degree of caution and checks out the sites with his feet on the ground, while Ricky loves to test his limits and take in the feeling of being

ple can be who share a set of parents and the same upbringing. So, as Christian explored shops with his mother, Ricky and I boarded the new, “extreme” roller coaster Candyonium. After a slow climb to the top of the ride, the 210-foot drop at

ried in what felt like a moment of eternity, thinking that I shouldn't have taken Ricky on the ride. This drop was intense, and in a snapshot of realization, requiring little longer than the blink of an eye, it occurred to me

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Reflection

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how my role as a father affects my awareness and my sensibility. There at Hershey Park, it dawned on me that ‘danger’, even under the guise of well-engineered fun, simply isn’t fun for me when it comes to the safety and security of my sons. Though I always want to facilitate good times for my kids, I’m more concerned about their safety and security. It is certainly part of my job as a father to help them to be mindful, to honor the balance point between taking chances and staying safe. I suppose that love just invites us to consider things in new ways, to seek the Golden Mean between extremes.

As the rector of our wonderful parish, I try to maintain the discipline of taking stock, each day, of the dynamics that generate healthy balances in my work at St. Edward’s. Like a relational dance between interconnecting attributes at the heart of my vocation, I think that it’s important for me to name, and to remind myself, of my responsibilities as a pastor, priest, and administrator. Of these three, I often think that the role of priest is the simplest, and the easiest to define. Preaching and teaching, and presiding over sacramental worship in a church, has an intrinsic rhythm to it that usually unfolds according to a set schedule. In our tradition, with Scripture already assigned through our lectionary cycle, we priests tend to know when services will happen and what we’ll be called to preach about. The pastoral role is a bit more complex. While solid training helps us to learn how to actively listen and resist the urge to try and fix people’s problems, pastoral care really does require relinquishing a great deal of control by allowing other people to teach us how to be with them. The role of pastor entails a mode of presence that manifests spontaneously when

another is in need, a presence that requires undivided attention when blessed with the sacred interruption of holding space for another. And when it comes to pastoral care, it isn’t always easy to maintain an appropriate level of distance while relating with compassion and empathy to folks that we come to love as family. But even in light of all that it takes to center one’s self in order to convey trustworthy pastoral presence, it is my sense that the administrator’s role is perhaps the most difficult for priests and pastors to perform well. Few clergy persons have the benefit of solid business experience prior to ordination and there’s something off-putting and suspect about institutional religion’s relationship to money. Called to love and serve a community in Christ, the administrative duties that come with being a responsible rector challenge the otherworldly spirituality that comes with a life of prayer and such duties require a willingness, and an ability, to assess and respond to practical matters. By analogy, I wonder if perhaps the priestly and pastoral roles aren’t entirely unlike the “fun dad” roles that lead us to take kids on roller coasters and if the administrator’s role isn’t unlike the vantage point that we get at the precipice of the thrill ride just as we start to drop in acceleration. It’s where laughter and terror can strike in equal measure!

In all these roles, I recognize that I’m particularly blessed to engage them here at St. Edward’s. We are a vital and a healthy parish, growing in number and in spirit. We consistently bear witness to radical generosity on display, from the special gifts that we’re entrusted with for capital improvements and memorial projects, to the ever-expanding Faith in Action initiatives that we engage as Christians for the benefit of our neighbors. We are a congregation known for our sense of caring com-

munity and for the warm welcome that we extend to those who visit us. I’m also coming to realize how fortunate we are to share our ministries with so many driven and committed leaders in our parish. We’re ‘doers’ for sure, and I believe that we’re up for whatever it takes to continue to build our spiritual home together, as we love and serve God and neighbor. Considering these things, I believe it to be important that I now take the opportunity to address a concern of mine in the capacity of administrator.

Through a forensic analysis of our finances, we’re in pretty good shape as we work toward building an endowment for the future, but it has become clear to me that we are not able to cover our regular operational expenses through the monthly donations that we receive from our church members. For many years, we have consistently run between a two- and three-thousand-dollar operational deficit every month, a deficit that accumulates over the course of each business year. It is also clear to me that our vestry has consistently helped us to exercise responsible mindfulness around how we spend the money that we’re so generously gifted by our community as stewards of our spiritual home. With the dedicated help of our Finance Committee, we generate conservative budgets with little waste in them. Nearly all the extra expenses that we incur, and the capital improvements that we make, are funded off-budget through special donations. And given the incredible generosity of our community, it is little surprise that major donors historically step forward, year after year, to close our financial gaps in general stewardship to obscure this reality from our congregation.

With minimal staffing and careful consideration over our finances, we are not in the

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Change of Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator
Michelle Bentley

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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 Joe McLaughlin



As we exit the summer months and loom into the Fall, we can see many changes occurring around us. From the nights getting cooler to the days getting shorter. However, Mother Nature is not the only one offering us new ventures. Many exciting things have occurred here at St. Edward's in the last month alone.

Recently the Vestry had met on a Friday evening to spend some time together in prayer and fellowship. During this time, we crafted with a rough draft of a Mission Statement that encompasses who we are as a church and as a community of believers at St. Edward's.

If we take notice as well, we can see our transforming grounds and building surroundings. We are also eagerly antici-

pating the installation of our new stained glass windows in the church, the delivery of a new organ and the completion of our long awaited tapestries.

We also celebrated our 40th anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, September 12. We had the honor of having past rectors join us for this wonderful event. Events started with us all joining together for Service at 10:15am. After the wonderful Service, we joined in fellowship together outside for a catered lunch.

Here, past rectors and parishioners shared stories about their past recollections of St. Edward's. We had the pleasure of having some of the very first parishioners of St. Edward's join us for the event. Some even travelled as far away as Maine.

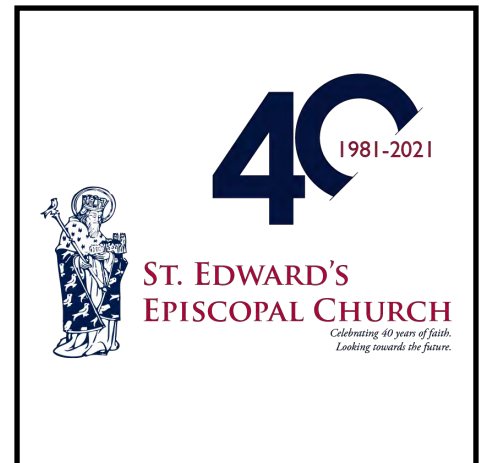
Many shared their recollections of events of the past. We heard how the first parishioners had to convince the Diocese that a parish in this area was actually needed. We heard that parishioners first met in the Union Hall and then eventually purchased the land where we are currently located and built our present church building.

This event gave us the opportunity to come together as one group and one family. The Service and outdoor ceremony was followed by one of the things that St. Edward's does best, FELLOWSHIP!!!! We enjoyed live music, delicious food, games for the kids, trivia, a photobooth, a video history of St. Edward's Church and a trivia game. We also have prepared a time capsule that

will be buried and unearthed in ten years.

As we end the era of our first forty years as a parish, we continue our journey as a parish into the future. As a faith community, we are grateful and blessed to have Fr. Rick as our new rector. At our celebration, Fr. Rick spoke about how excited he was to be a part of St. Edward's. He shared how thrilled he was to celebrate St. Edward's past and how ecstatic he was to be a part of our future as well.

Over forty years, God has blessed us as a community of believers. We ask that He continue to send His Blessing upon us and that as we do His will, we may open our hearts to the guidance of the Spirit. In this way, our future will be as bright as our past.

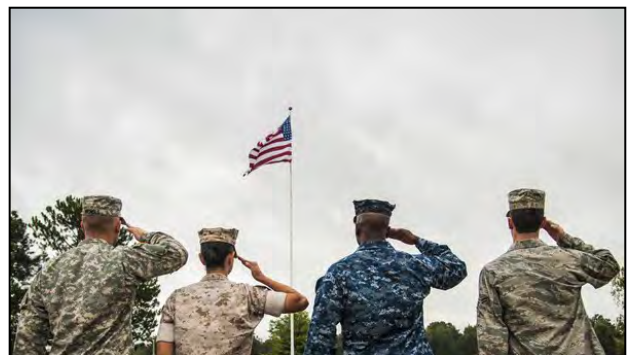


Military News

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

- ★Dustin Burluson
- ★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 Tennes
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel

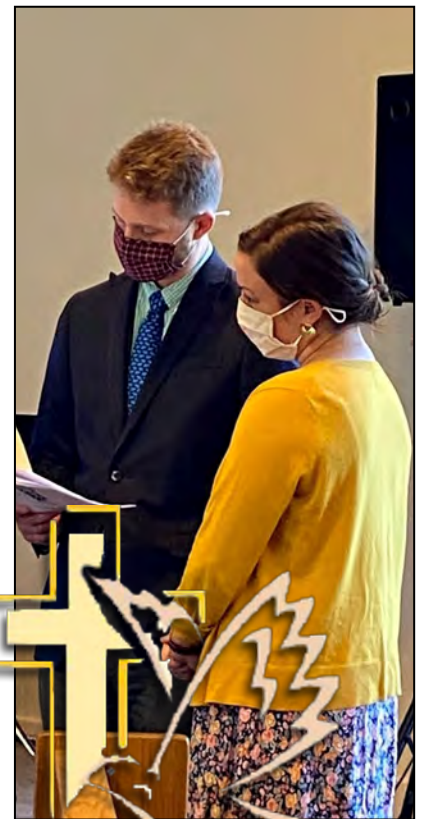


Landin Baptism

Pictures by Meredith Westgate and Rayelenn Casey



Dina Ishler, Father Rick, Lindsay and John Landin, William Landin and Alison Mercier.



Sunday School



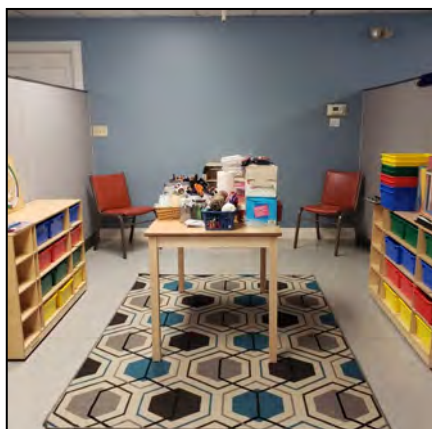
Gathering Space

By Leslie Arnold

Christian education classes for youth at St. Edward's began for the 2021-22 year during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 19. Four new enthusiastic youth met with their teachers, Leslie Arnold and Dottie Gschwend, for their opening lesson. All met in the newly updated "cubby rooms" where one serves as a gathering space and the other is the activity room.

In the gathering space, designed with bean bag seats on a cheery rug, the children meet to hear and perhaps act out the Gospel story for the day, which is followed by a reflective question and answer session and closes with a prayer. Then the children move to the activity room to construct a craft, sing, or play a game.

All lessons are developed using the curriculum of the Episcopal Church "Lesson Plans that Work."

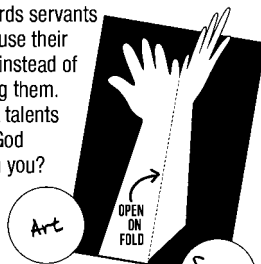


Activity Room



FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?

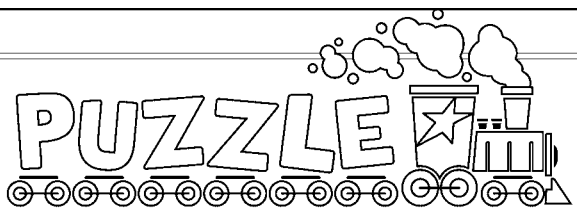


What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

⑤ x 3 =	⑥ x 6 =
⑦ x 4 =	⑨ x 3 =
④ x 6 =	③ x 8 =
② x 10 =	⑩ x 4 =
⑨ x 5 =	⑪ x 8 =

KEY		
A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____

Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV



Bible Quiz

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



Answers
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Answer: Answer: F

Needle Arts Ministry

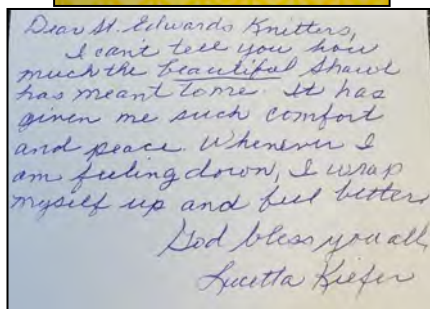
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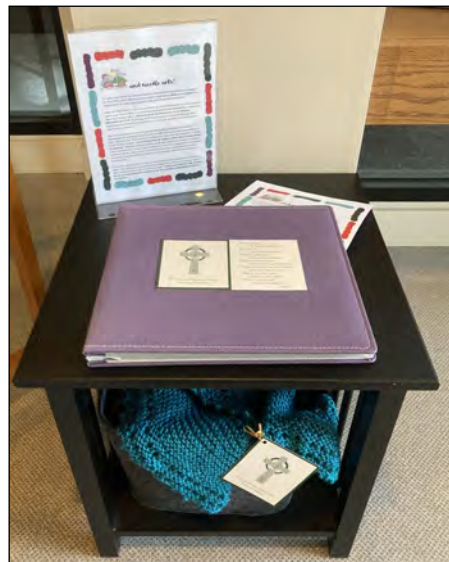
Sue Bianco inspects a finished sock.

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.

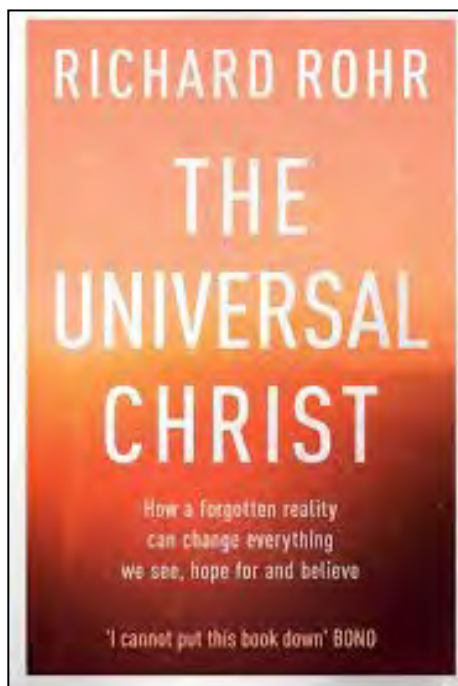


Thank you note from Lucetta Kiefer



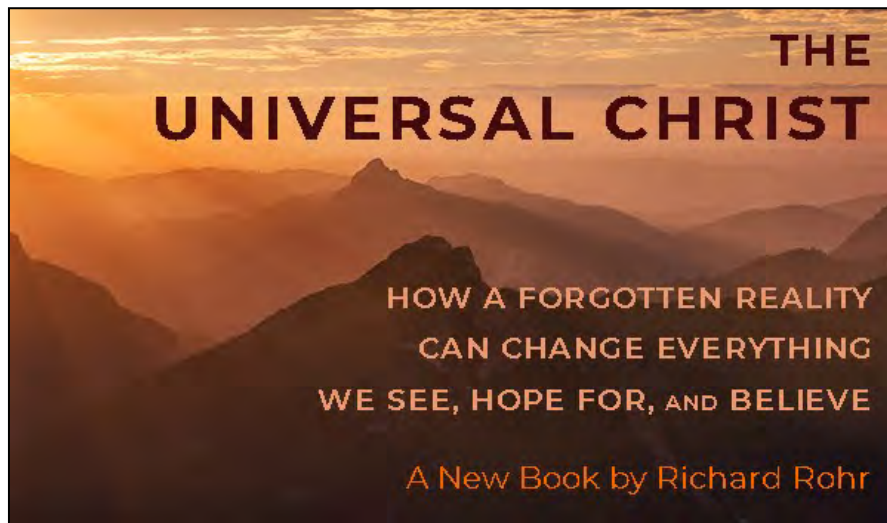
Needle Arts Ministry display. This allows people to see the shawls, see the prayer, read the story, view the many thank you notes, and take a flyer to either join the ministry or better understand what the prayer shawls are about.

Lunch and Learn



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.



When We Were At The Beach

By Dina Ishler and Irene Achey



St. Martha's, Bethany Beach, DE



St. Martha's interior



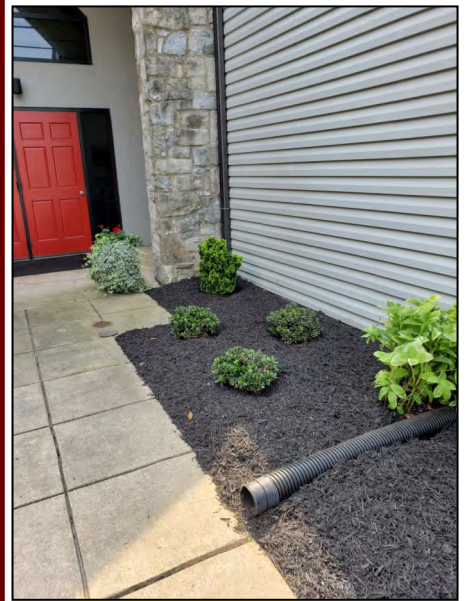
St. John's By-the-Sea, Ventnor City, New Jersey



St. John's By-the-Sea Interior



Plantings



Plantings in honor of the many years of service Bob and Nancy Oliver have given to St. Edward's as founding members of our parish.

<https://sainteds.org/>



Seth is 21!



Beth Hake says on FB, "What better way to celebrate than Galaxy's Edge and drinks at Oga's cantina at Hollywood Studios. Love this kid."



Twins Singing



Rayelenn and the twins singing!!

Klines in Pittsburgh



Ethan, Joel, Harrison and Kim



By Joyce Kamm

Church World Service has invited St. Edward's to become a Welcome Team for a newly-arriving refugee family that will be resettled in Lancaster. We will be supporting this family for 3-6 months with the purpose of easing their adjustment to their new community as they seek to rebuild their lives.

The Welcome Team will be familiarizing the family with this area, providing transportation where needed, language interpretation, set up bank account, explain currency, tutoring and whatever else is needed to make this family feel at home in Lancaster. If you want to be involved in this outreach, please contact Joyce Kamm @kammjel@gmail.com.



Fr. Rick blessing the back packs.

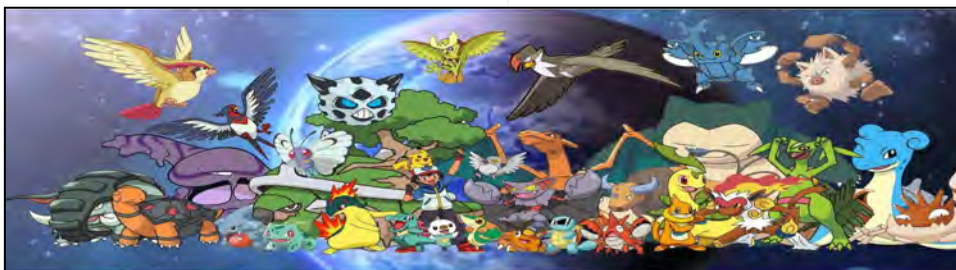
By Ellen Milligan

This year our annual school supply drive changed gears and focused on collecting backpacks. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our congregation, over 40 backpacks were donated to students at Hempfield's Jr. High and High School! We also donated \$150 worth of gift cards for Giant and \$250 for Walmart. These cards will help Hempfield's social workers answer emergency needs while more permanent solutions are being worked out. Thanks to your contributions, students can feel more confident and able to succeed in school. Faith in



Requested items:

- Cereal
- Large jelly
- Egg noodles
- Penne pasta
- Canned carrots
- Canned yams
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned kidney beans
- Canned garbanzo beans
- Canned black beans



POKÉMON LEAGUE

Vednesday 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.
 his 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



By Michelle Bentley and LNP news



By Bruce Wittmaier

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Benefiting from, and adding to, the stream of kindness

We love small

world stories. Life brings people together in amazing ways, often telling us something important in the process. Over time, an encounter may tell us far more than we realized it could. Sometimes it is the gift that keeps on giving.

About 40 years ago, I was invited to a team meeting at a local grade school about a particular student. I was seeing the student in my professional psychological practice to help with some behavioral issues. When I arrived at the school, I was ushered into the office of one of the school's counselors, a woman whom I judged to be much closer to retirement than I was.

We talked briefly, then she looked down at a paper on her desk. "Your name's Wittmaier?" she asked. My first clue that something was up? She pronounced my name correctly. When I acknowledged my name, she asked: "Do you know any Wittmaiers in Philadelphia?"

"Yes, my father was born in Philadelphia, and I'm related in some way to all the ones I know of," I replied.

"When I was a young child, my mother used to pick up the Wittmaier children and take them to church," she said.

Now I had the connection. My grandfather died in his early 30s near the end of the flu pandemic in January 1919. My grandmother, who was also in her early 30s when her husband died, became a widow with six children ranging from age 11 on down. It was a desperate time, and my great-grandfather was not one of the world's gentlest and most supportive people. My grandmother accepted, with great gratitude, the offer to take her children to church. It was a godsend.

Suddenly I was seated with a woman who, as a child, had some interaction with the 10-year-old version of my father. I was mostly speechless but acknowledged how much that help had meant both to my father and the rest of the family.

When I told my father the story, he remembered the name of the family who took him to church.

Over the years I've used this story as an example of the power of an invitation. It is definitely that, but it is also much, much more.

That experience was healing for my father. Grief never goes away, but the wound can heal. There is a scar, but it is more like a forever reminder than a grotesque disfigurement. That experience with the church (a congregation of the Evangelical Congregation Church) was transformative. I'm not sure when it happened, but my father felt called to the ministry. He left school after 11th grade (which was not unusual in that era) but completed a high school equivalency program and took some theology classes at Temple University. Soon he had a part-time appointment at a small church Waldheim ("home in the woods") Camp Meeting is just outside Allentown. My father met my mother there in the summer of 1931; they married in 1932; my older brother arrived in September 1933; and Dad began studying at Muhlenberg College while serving a church. After college, he went to Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, then to Princeton Seminary, adding a degree from each to his resume. He resisted the entreaties of the Princeton faculty to enter the doctoral program, choosing the parish ministry as his path. He was always a pastor; his presence always calming.

The kindness of an invitation offered in 1919 continues to reverberate. Many kindnesses are like that, passed on in some way from person to person, spreading through the years.

There is a saying, often said to be a Russian proverb, which states: "A kind word is like a spring day." Indeed, it can be well beyond that. Kind words and kind actions can transform the moment. To our blessing, they can sail along on the stream of years and transform all who wander near the stream.

What kindness will flow from you? And from me? Heaven only knows, we need all the kindness we can find.

Bruce Wittmaier, Ph.D., is a retired clinical psychologist, a sometime writer and speaker, and a resident of Lancaster city.

From Michelle's e-mail to parishioners:

As I entered the field I walk across and focused on the sunset featured above, there was a person laying on a set of tires, used for training drills, near the sports field. When I ask his name, he replies, "What does it matter? It's us against them." A little bit of ranting led me to understand this was not a point to debate. This was an opportunity to be the disciple Jesus calls us to be. So, I ask, "Are you hungry?" to which he replied, "I haven't eaten all day." I ask him if he could stay where he is and give me 25 minutes to get him food. He accepts the invitation and I bring back a meal. I am sorry that it had to be of the fast food variety from McDonald's, but it felt important to not miss the opportunity to make sure this young, potentially homeless, person would get some nourishment. He was thankful and, for me, this story ends, but my reflection begins. I will probably never see this person, again. I will not know where he is from or where he is going. I will not know if he will live to see another day or if that was his last meal. And, I can second-guess my action as *not enough*, in the face of all the comfort I experience in my home. But, what I do know is this: What I *heard* in Father Rick's sermon, gave me the knowledge that, "***When we eat the bread of life, we experience Christ in his love at the center of who we are. We demonstrate with our lives that the kingdom of God is indeed here, now, within each of us.***

"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

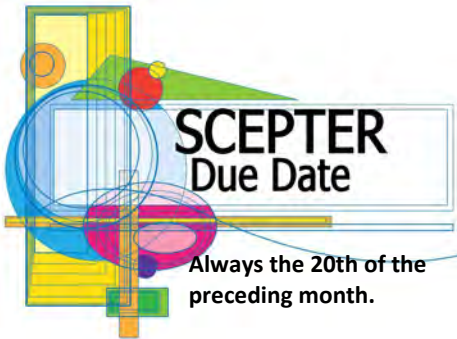
—Nelson Mandela

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position to cut corners as we continue to grow and generate ministry reflective of a church much larger than we are. But I do believe that we can close our ongoing gap with a minor individual, but impactful collective effort. If each pledging unit in our parish will commit to increasing donations by ten dollars per week, the cost of a fast-food lunch, then we can balance our budget moving into the future. For reference, the average annual pledge in the Episcopal Church is around \$3,000 per year, per giving unit, and our current levels of giving average out to around \$2,500 per year. By raising the floor on our average annual gifts per stewarding unit, our attempt to run a balanced budget will, therefore, manifest when our parish meets the national average per giving unit for stewardship. Again, ten dollars per week, per unit, will get us there. It is my sincere hope that each of us will prayerfully participate in helping us to accomplish this goal. As I write this, I do feel like the "fun dad" called to recalibrate in the interest of the long-term safety and security of the community I love. Thank you for coming on the roller coaster with me! In Christ's love,

Father Rick+



SCEPTER Due Date
Always the 20th of the preceding month.



New Doors

Picture by Mary Snyder



Mike Freshwater, working on the doors.



New doors for the coat closet and Faith in Action storage.



Praise Band Practice



Dina's selfie of the Praise band practicing for the Anniversary prelude.

Your Caption?



When leaving Knit Wits on Tuesday afternoon, Irene Achey pointed out that "the world is in the trash can" We agreed that was an accurate appraisal of current events.





St. Edward's Fundraiser 2021
Journey in peace. Reflect your love. Give with joy.

The St. Edward's Annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser begins this Sunday and goes through October 31st!!

We have transformed the Children's Chapel space in our Sunday School wing into a wonderful "Giving Sanctuary" with 33 beautiful basket offerings filled with **Peace, Love, and Joy** curated by members of our parish family. There is something for everyone!!! You will not want to miss out on a chance to participate in this year's raffle!!! We will be selling pre-bundled ticket packages and will have small catalogs with raffle instructions available in the narthex and in the parish hall near the coffee table. Your viewing and selections can be done at your leisure. To make it convenient to all, we will be selling tickets Sundays, as well as Tuesdays - Fridays. Please know that if you miss a Sunday, you can stop by on those weekdays between 11-3 to purchase tickets. We will also post details online, on our Fundraising page, in the event that you would like to view virtually. And, you can always reach out to the parish office for guidance and help in participating in whatever format you are comfortable with. Special treats and prizes will be featured each week!

Join us for 5 weeks of FUNdraising all to support the ministry and mission of St. Edward's and help us meet our fundraising goal of \$5,000!



10/03: St. Edward's 2021 Fundraiser – Basket Raffle – Begins (through October 31st!)

10/08: Woolwrights artisan group (PH)

10/10: Bishop Visitation; Confirmations & Receptions

10/13: St. Edward Feast Day

Please note this is a recap of some larger event dates & meetings and does not include our worship calendar and our spiritual formation offerings – all of which are messaged separately! We have so much to offer in our community of faith and you can find all of it in your weekly emails, Sunday bulletins, and on our web site.



November Retreat



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:

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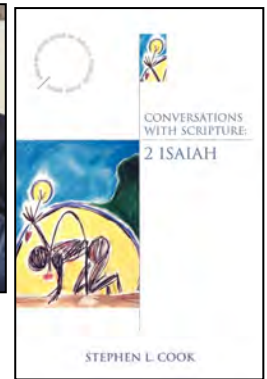
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Bible Study



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=RWWVNGVuQWVh3NU9keWRXMTMwFczg5UT09>

Meeting ID: 862 5277 2937

Passcode: 201150

Men's Group



Saturday Men's Group: 2nd Saturday of each month *starting October 9th from 8 AM - 10 AM*. Join us at St. Edward's, in the parish hall, in partnership with Saint James Episcopal Church, for two hours of fellowship, including Morning Prayer. Coffee and donuts will be served.



New Member Ministry

By Mary Snyder



September was a special month for St. Edward's as we celebrated our 40th anniversary, restarted Sunday school, and hosted a booth at Amos Herr Festival.

Our 40th anniversary celebration was a fun filled day. We had a combined service and picnic lunch where we were joined by both original and new members. There were numerous activities in the parish hall including a photo booth, living tree, and decoupage activity as well as other ways to celebrate. Photo's from the photo booth were placed into a time capsule to be opened several years from now.

St. Edward's also had a booth at the Amos Herr Festival in Landisville on the 19th of September to reach out to our surrounding community. We had activities and crafts for kids and families, using water bottles recycled from our coffee hour and collected from members. We met and spoke with many potential visitors.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with these events. It was wonderful to welcome visitors and celebrate together.

Sunday school is now being held for youth. For more information contact Leslie Arnold at:

larnold897@aol.com.

We welcome children and families to our parish. Please spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to bring their children.

The New Member Committee is actively seeking new members to join our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held October 17th at 9:15 am. Grab a cup of coffee in the social hall and join us in creating programs that extend a warm welcome to visitors and members alike.

Co-chairs, Mary Snyder, Christina McLaughlin, and Nancy Mannion



The St. Edward's tent attracted many visitors!



We offered crafts, games, and treats!



Mike Freshwater, Karen Grant, and Fred Cluck help set up our booth!

Welcome

Time Capsule

Pictures from the Photo Booth and Meredith Westgate



The table where parishioners chose and signed their photos to put in the capsule.



Randy Westgate and Julie Hoff helped Fr. Rick bury the capsule, in the memorial garden on Sunday Sept. 19th. It will be dug up on our 50th Anniversary. Fr. Rick said that most churches would bury important documents or maybe an elaborate letter, but the St. Edward's capsule has mostly pictures of people in our community, like the ones below, taken at the photo booth at the Anniversary party.



Leslie Arnold



Piper & Kiki



Karen & Muriel



Jim & Mimi



Bonnie & Bob



Tony & Elizabeth



Bauers



Donohues



Dottie



Mac & Joyce



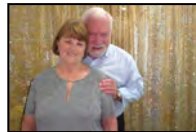
Bob & Jeanne



Jay & Lori



Michelle



Donna & Jack



Bev Hess



Kim Kline



Nancy & Bob



Tim & Lynn



Sue & Tony



Julie & Jerry



Ginny & Roger



Ricky



Philip & Melissa



Emily & Rayelenn



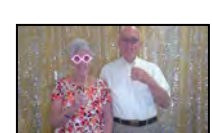
Francks



Bill & Carol



Bruce & Beth



Jackie & Eric



Yovanovich Family



Nancy & Fred



Freemans



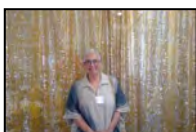
Gail & Dick



Mary & Jodi



Tim & Betsy



Kathy Spencer



Carol & Carl



Dianne & Mike



Ishlers



Milligans



Linda & Hank



Westgates



Buddy & Liz



Zulls



Sandy Ulmer



Herb & Marsha



Sam Fleming

**By Christina McLaughlin
Pictures by Mary Snyder**

Fall Coffee Hours are in full swing at St. Edward's. It has been such a joy to see relationships continue to be strengthened during our times of fellowship together. We are continuing with the "first Sunday" fall themes. We had a great time with our Football and Frosting theme on the 5th of September, playing the Football Name game, voting for our favorite teams, and participating in a raffle. Delicious frosted treats were provided.

The theme October 3rd is Harvest Spice and Everything Nice. We will have apple flavored treats and enjoy a presentation regarding our new stained glass. On November 7th, enjoy a cozy pumpkin-flavored treat and some festivities highlighting our thankfulness during the Pumpkins and Bounty theme day. Our coffee hour provides

wonderful opportunities to celebrate, such as our time with our former interim rector, Father David Bateman and Bishop Audrey Scanlan.

In the new year, we plan to use the first Sunday of each month as an opportunity to celebrate birthdays for that month. Please contact the office by email with your family's birthdays as soon as possible. Michelle is preparing a list. We would love to celebrate all of our parishioners and don't want anybody to be missed.

Coffee hour is such an important part of the culture of St. Edward's. Plenty of spaces are available to host in October and November. It is easy and fun! Please contact Christina McLaughlin:

cjm702@gmail.com

or 717-415-7043 if you are interested.



Football and Frosting Sep.5th



Christina explains Football activities to Eric and Jackie Sandblade and to Irene Achey.



Fr. Bateman and Michelle Bentley

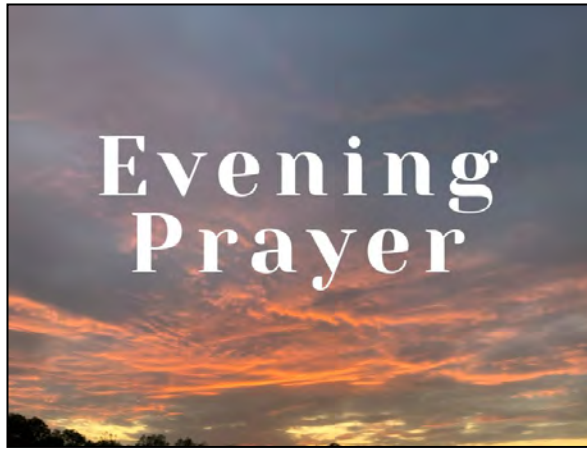


Fr. Bateman returned and the thumbprint tree from the 40th Anniversary



Parishioners happy to see Fr. Bateman

Friday and Sunday Evening Prayer



Help Wanted



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>

Fr. David Bateman Sunday Sept. 26th

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Father David Bateman was celebrant on Sunday Sept. 26th. David+ served as interim rector of St. Edward's during our transition from 2019 - 2020, when our time together was cut short due to COVID-19. We never had the chance, as a parish, to thank David+ for his ministry at St. Edward's. We were filled with gratitude and joy to have Father David with us for this Sunday!

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 November will be:
October 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:
HJ_Miller@outlook.com
hj_miller@outlook.com



Anniversary Preparations

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Meredith Westgate and Michelle Bentley



Julie Hoff with help from Mike Freshwater and her team have everything in place.



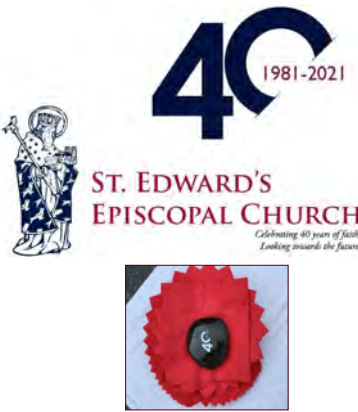
The choir is ready.



The Sanctuary is ready.



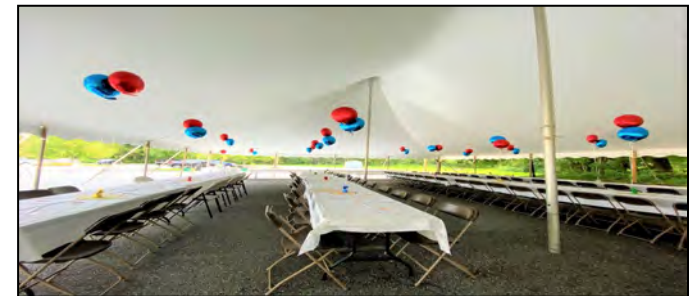
The clergy offer a final prayer.



The parking lot is ready.



The praise band is ready.



The tent is ready.



Fr. Rick rings the bell to begin the service.



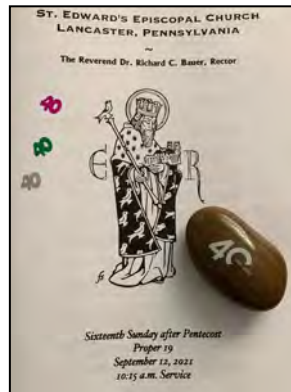
Combined Anniversary Service



The Praise Band played several pieces before the service began for a “full house”



The service was live streamed.



Karen Waddill-organist



Bob Mosebach, Mark Jakiel and Fr. Aaron Zull



It was wonderful to have a full choir.



Gospel reading by Fr. Aaron Zull



Father Tim Small begins the Eucharist.



Past and present clergy.



Fr. Rick Bauer gave the sermon.



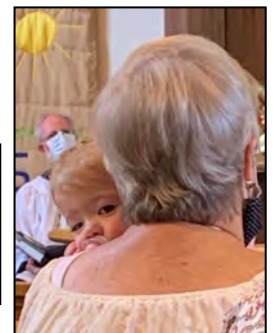
Bob Mosebach leads the recessional.



It was a blessing to have Emily, Libby, Rayelenn and the twins.



One shoe got away



Dinner and Program

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Meredith Westgate and Michelle Bentley



It was a beautiful day.



Tony and Sue Bianco



Chuck Oettel Trio



MC Randy Westgate



Harvey's BBQ catered



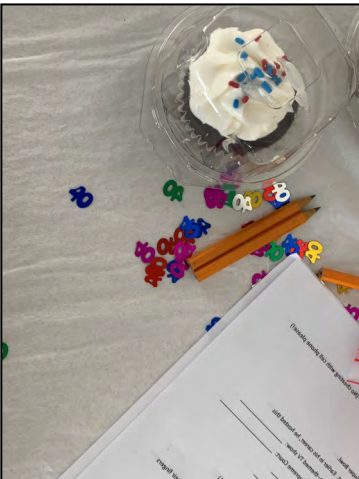
The Freemans came from Maine



Nancy Mannion and cake.



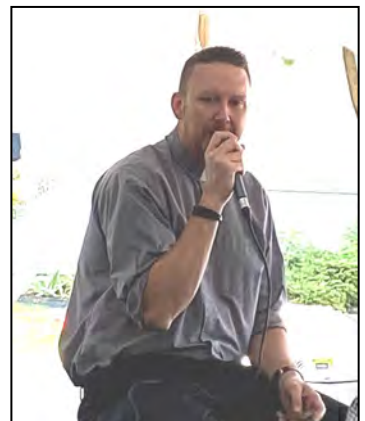
Olivers original YF tee shirts



Carl Cotnoir thanks for all kindnesses during recovery



Fr. Rick, Fr. Tim Small and Fr. Aaron Zull



Fr. Rick shares thoughts

Activities



Michelle Bentley, Bev Hess and Sam Fleming



Dottie Gschwend adds thumb print.



Tim and Betsy Small add thumb prints.



Eric and Jackie Sandblade at the photo booth.



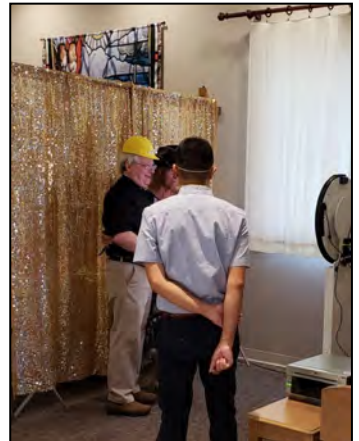
Activities for all ages.



Beth Lynch with decoupage stone craft.



Making decoupage stones.



Smalls pose for photos



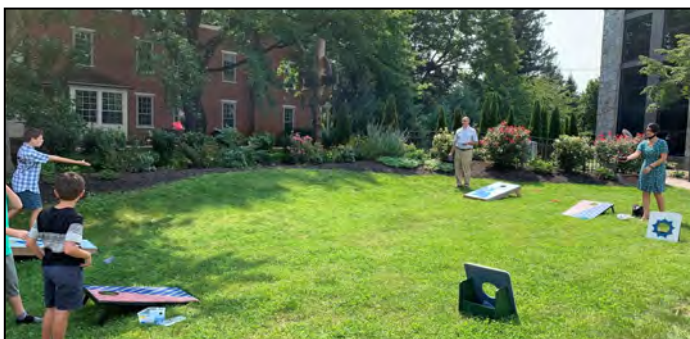
The twins enjoying the day.



Paul McLaughlin tries the big piano.



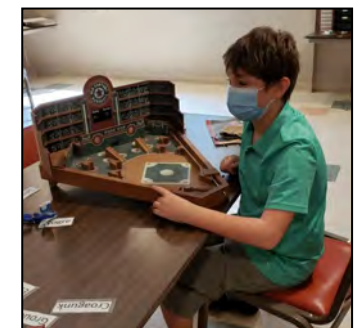
The History video and scrap books.



Corn Hole



Tony Bianco and Bill Hopwood



Ricky Bauer



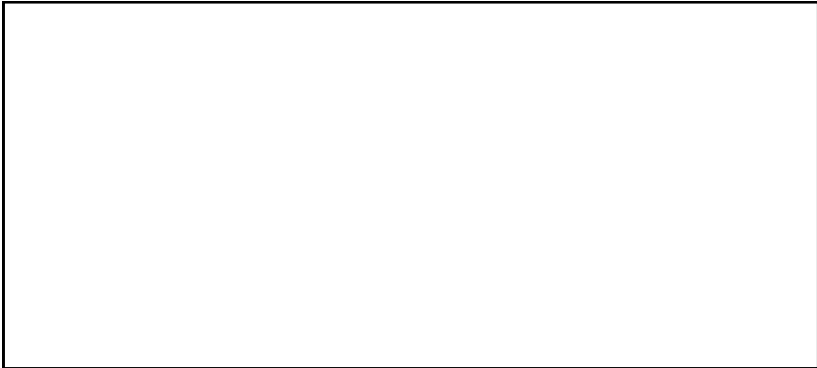
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Organist & Pianist**

Elizabeth Yeager, Nursery

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 Kloopping (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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