



Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer

In business school, we're reminded that products and services are successfully sold by inviting consumers to be the heroes of their own stories. Processing our "realities" through the education and experience of our individual perspectives, this notion lifts up something of the inescapable truth that we are each the lead characters in our own unfolding dramas. Few of us ever want to be told who we are or what we must accept as true, because working through what we do or do not buy into is intrinsic to the cultivation of our individuality. The process of figuring things out is inherent to the hero's journey, a thing that we each engage as our lives unfold. But like any well-written drama, we inevitably recognize the arcs of rising and falling action in our own stories, the ways in which narrative complexities and presents us with obstacles to overcome and

challenges to face along the way.

Over the past few months, evidenced in my preaching, I've found myself unable to shake a profound sense of identification with the tragic figure of Sisyphus from

lective senses of progress. Taking it all in, it seems to me as if many of us, like the tragic Sisyphus, have managed to push our boulders uphill through sacrifice and goodwill over two exhausting years, only to watch our forward momentum tumble like a stone back into a valley.

Wanting for a return to the "normal" and the familiar, this ongoing pandemic has ushered us into a prolonged season of high inflation, broken supply chains, lost confidence in leadership, and a pervasive distrust of one another. We're also bearing witness to what has been coined "the great resignation", wherein millions of Americans have lost confidence in the system enough to walk away from jobs that often fail to pay a living wage or provide for a life of dignity through access to



Greek mythology. From the place of pastor, I've shared the heartache of those in our community who've felt worn down and discouraged by the COVID-19 variants that keep thwarting our col-

quality health care. But it seems as if the widespread movement to walk away from jobs, difficult relationships, and even faith com-

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Reflection

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munities runs deeper than the stuff of mere economics. Interestingly enough, a recent poll conducted through the Barna Group has found that nearly half of all clergy (46%) under the age of 45 have taken up the cause of this great resignation, expressing a desire to leave behind the vocation of full-time ministry.

It turns out that people in front-facing jobs across industries have been particularly worn out by the emotional consequences of the pandemic. Many are battling metaphorical goblins in their hero's journeys right now. From grocery store clerks to customer service personnel, and from nurses to clergy persons, those who deal with the public have experienced a cultural phenomenon called "punching down", wherein folks channel their senses of grievance and discontent, often without filter or compassion, toward those who cannot exact a consequence against their behaviors. While bosses and spouses may not permit the venom, many feel perfectly comfortable with being overtly nasty and rude to flight attendants and servers in restaurants these days. Indeed, we're witness a disintegrating social fabric around us, in which many people show no compunction for treating one another poorly. In many ways, our culture has become dominated by its shadow self; demonstrated in perversely gleeful expressions when the proudly unvaccinated succumb to COVID-19, and in the profane mocking and harassment of those who remain vigilant against the disease by those who refuse to take it seriously. For many, it has come to look as if the individual's heroic journey has been thwarted by a villainous machine, whether it be the perception of "big government" threatening freedoms or the appearance of greed and self-

ishness compromising the plausible future for an equitable and civilized society.

And yet, as one particularly thoughtful parishioner of ours reminded me recently, it may be worth asking ourselves: How can we truly blame each other for our ignorance when our collective senses of trust have been so utterly eroded? We've gotten to a point where we're completely tuned to different and irreconcilable frequencies, wherein the voices we hear from the news outlets of our choosing, bias us, and lead us to believe that people who think differently than we do are existential threats to us. From the extremes of "cancel culture" to "alternate facts", enough folks have simply said enough is enough. Why bother?

As I take it all in, I've been thinking and feeling my own way through the same challenges as everyone else and trying hard to maintain my center. In terms of my own journey, I can empathize with the sense of wanting to walk away sometimes, of refusing to participate in the white noise of senseless argument and alternate reality. But then I return to the figure of Sisyphus. I recall what my favorite author Albert Camus wrote of the tragic figure: "I leave Sisyphus at the foot of the mountain...one always finds one burden again. The struggle to the heights is enough to fill a man's heart...one must imagine Sisyphus happy." Like Camus, in Sisyphus, I find something of an existential truth about life; yes, one always finds one's burden again. But I don't think for a moment that this is a cause for resignation in defeat. Instead, I think that it's an invitation to claim our faith at the foot of the Cross, in the hope of the Resurrection. When I picture Sisyphus at the top of the mountain, as his boulder tumbles downward, fully experiencing the moment of his progress thwarted...of

knowing that he must start again from the bottom, I hear the echo of St. Benedict's reminder that: "always, we begin again."

I had hoped that we'd enter 2022 with COVID-19 well in our rearview. After all that we've been through, it is hard to accept the thwarting of progress; to name that more than half of our congregation chose not to attend church on Christmas Eve, to admit that we still haven't reached the level of required stewardship to run a balanced operational budget for our parish. And yet, I can think of no greater opportunity for cultivating what I believe to be the most important life-skill along our shared journey. Change is the only constant; and we're being offered a banquet's feast worth of learning together. It's the stuff of experiential wisdom, the "comfort in discomfort" that comes with fully acknowledging and experiencing the emotional impact of taking a step or two backward. In the promise of a peace that passes understanding and an abiding joy that transcends circumstances, I trust that we find our truest centers only when we're forced off balance. Necessity is the mother of invention. Though it's never easy, it's a gift to embrace the challenge of starting over when exhausted. God is with us, and our hope assures us that all shall be well in the end. And so, I pray for myself and for all of us: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Always, beginning again, always, in Christ's love,

Father Rick



Parish Office Hours

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

By Karen Grant



Happy New Year everyone. I greet you all in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. New Year comes with yet another chance to celebrate happiness, hope and the promise of a new beginning. We all would like to be rid of old troubles and problems. As we progress into the New Year, the resurgence of Covid-19 is a somber reminder of the fact that we are still in a Pandemic. Omicron has managed to temper hopes and overshadow us with many uncertainties. However, Faith is on the Frontline and during this latest crisis; I've come to rely heavily on it.

Vestry has been a wonderful learning experience so far. Our meetings address the purpose and practicalities of the life of the Church. As a leadership body we meet to preserve the mission and minis-

try of St. Edward's. This latest meeting focused on the revision of our By-laws. By doing so, we want to continue to protect and insure the values of our congregation. Modeling and upholding the financial health and integrity of our operational budget is always paramount. We continue to create vision around what sacrificial giving looks like for members of St. Edward's. With hopes that the spirit of generosity will permeate the minds and hearts of our parishioners. We do this lovingly with the support of each other and our Rector, Father Rick. Things are taking shape in the forms of Adult Education, Stephen Ministry and the formation of cultural activities. More to come on these wonderful ministries. We will continue to work on the creation of a loving environment. I am very encouraged and pray that we remain effective, committed and unified as a Vestry.

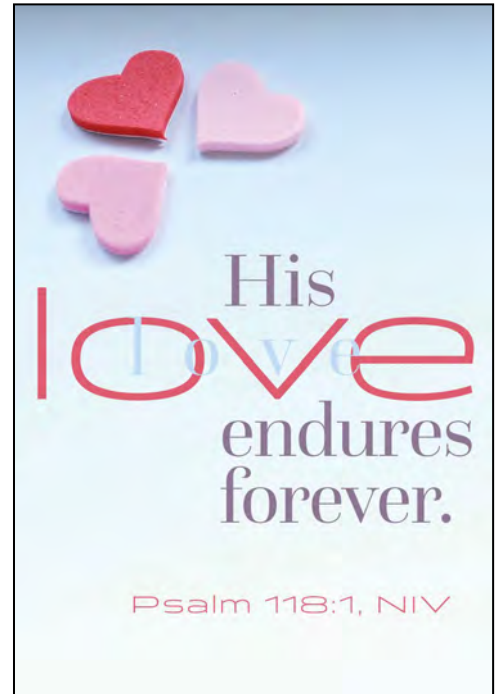
Throughout this entire ordeal, Church still brings us together. We remain connected and a part of something larger than ourselves. Covid-19 is showing me that there is still an opportunity to walk in love, grow closer to our Lord and Savior while improving our lives and the lives of many others. Vestry continues to work on empowerment, engagement and means to form community. Our church is alive and it is important that we use this space and the spiritual information to get us through the Pandemic. Join us in person or virtually to receive the emotional and spiritual support that is available to all! Consider starting a new group or becoming involved with one.

It's a New Year!

Please continue to take the appropriate precautions! Walk in Love and Keep the Faith!

Happy New Year.

Karen



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



Putting The Pieces Together



John gave the homily January 16th His ministry, Youth Formation, will meet at St. Edward's the second Thursday of the month. It is for youth in grades 8-12. Gatherings will run from 6:30-7:30. If Covid allows us to be able to unmask and eat together again, we will go from 6:00-8:00. Watch for announcements.

By John Knouse
Director of Family Ministries, Lancaster Convocation

Dear Friends,

Have you ever heard our spiritual lives referenced as a thread? A simple piece of string that can fix things that are torn, mend the broken, and hold things together so tightly that almost nothing can separate them. The meaning of a thread metaphor

can be as simple as human-to-human interaction and connection, and as complex as the notion that Christ himself is the string that binds His people, God's people together.

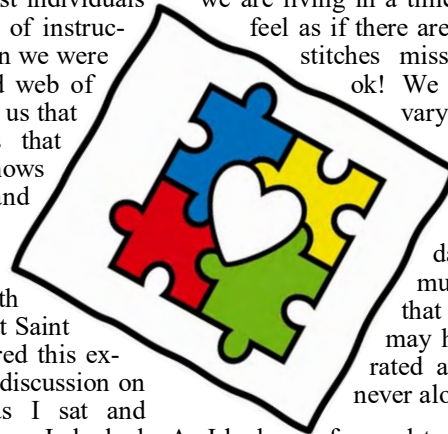
This is something I have always put a lot of thought into, ever since my years as a teenager. One of my counselors at Camp Mount Luther pulled us together for a simple exercise using thread, or yarn or string tossed back and forth amongst individuals in a circle without any kind of instructions for discrimination. When we were finished, there was a tangled web of multicolored yarn in between us that was supposed to show us that we're all connected. It also shows that like all of us, it's messy and imperfect.

In January, as I prepared for our first Convocational Youth Gathering in the parish hall at Saint Ed's, I had strongly considered this exercise in coordination with a discussion on "Spiritual Journeys", but as I sat and thought in our family room, I looked across the room to a framed puzzle that my family and I had put together over Christmas break. I started admiring the curves and grooves of the puzzle. I remembered certain pieces that were hard to spot and took hours or days to find. I could easily remember the pieces that were difficult to find the right fit for. It was simple, yet complex that each piece has a match and creates a picture or a story. I had it! The perfect conversation starter for our formation piece on spiritual journeys. That with God as our four corner pieces, our foundation; Jesus as our edge pieces that

surrounds us in His Love, and the Holy Spirit as the guide for us as we assemble the remaining pieces. With the corners and edges assembled, there are many ways to go and choices to make, but there is nowhere in its midst that we are not surrounded and protected.

Folks, whether you're the type of person who prefers the string metaphor or that of a puzzle, one thing that is for certain is that

we are living in a time where it might feel as if there are many pieces or stitches missing, and that's ok! We all might have varying thoughts and opinions on how we conduct ourselves in our day-to-day lives, but we must recognize that even though we may have to be separated at times, we are never alone.

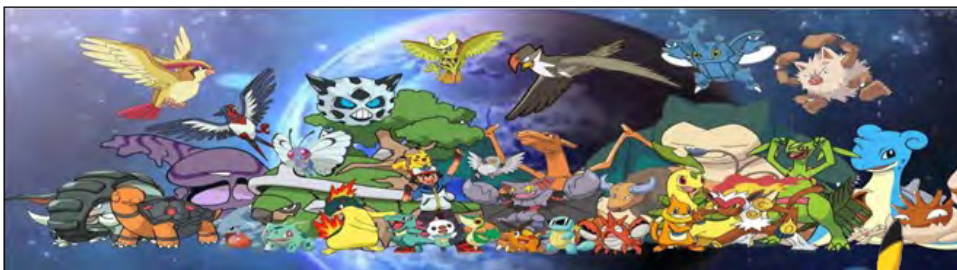


As I look forward to my future work with youth and families in the Lancaster convocation, I remember the web I mentioned previously; Covid has made our lives even more messy and complicated and imperfect than it was before. There will be curveballs and plans will change, but there is a comfort in knowing that I am surrounded by a love, God's love, and all I have left to do is get to work and start putting together the puzzle.

Peace,

John Knouse

Pokémon League Wednesday Evenings



Wednesday Nights 6:30-8:00 PM.

At St. Edward's Episcopal Church

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's 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

New Grandchild: Golden



During the Christmas season, Phil and Melissa Golden were blessed with a new grandson, Oliver Francis Risser, 1/7/22.

Donohue

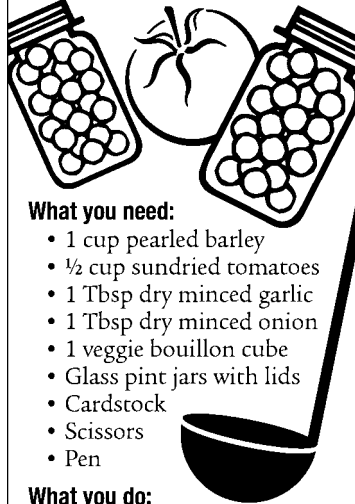


We have a new grandchild a lot earlier than expected. Athena Faith arrived yesterday weighing 1 pound 13 ounces. She is a warrior! The doctors just call her "feisty". Congratulations to Luke Donohue and Jess Caban!!



Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearled barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

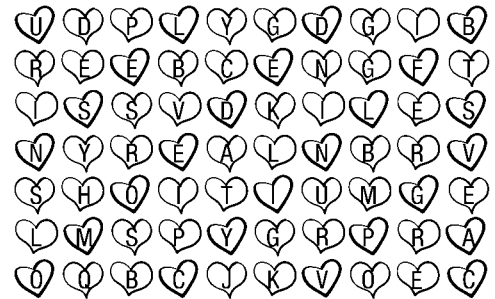
1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.



The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other D over a multitude of . Offer to one another without . Each of you should use whatever you have received to others, as faithful stewards of God's in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace



Bible Quiz

In the book of Revelation, who or what is “prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband”?

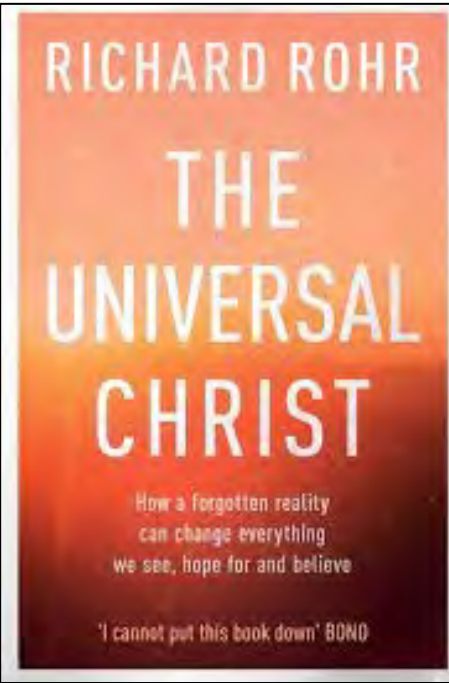
- A. The church
- B. The Spirit
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. The new Jerusalem



Answers INSIDE

Answer: D (See Revelation 21:2.)

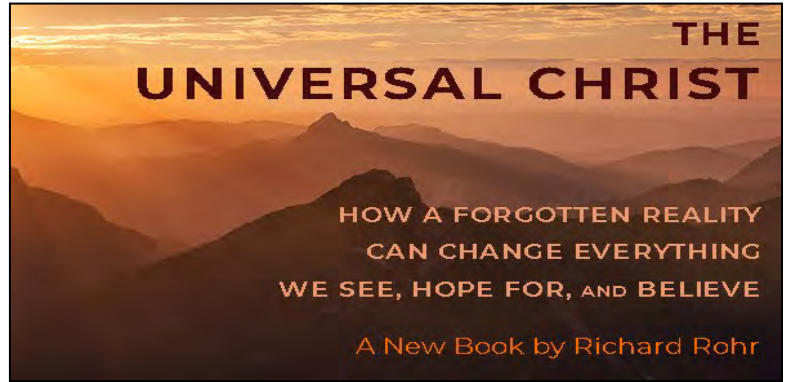
Lunch and Learn



Richard Rohr

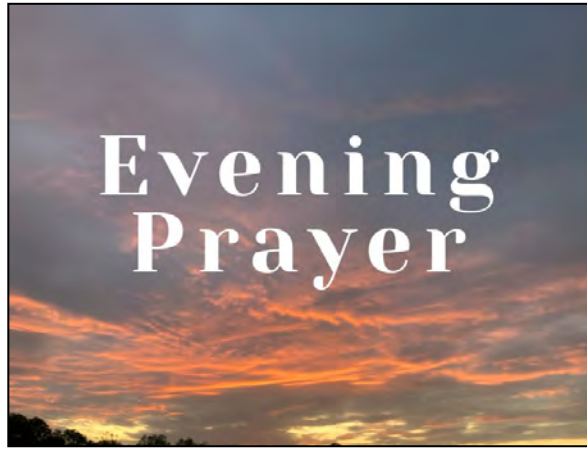
Join us each Friday at 12 noon, via Zoom, as we explore a wide variety of texts over the course of each year. Each session is led by Bob Mosebach and Father Rick and spur very heartfelt and meaningful conversations amongst participants.

Join Zoom Meeting
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 F E B R U A R Y

Friday and Sunday Evening Prayer



Join us on **Fridays for Evening Prayer**, led by Patrick Ishler. *Join us for this contemplative time! No need for a prayer book or a Bible. The liturgy is displayed on the screen. Just bring yourself and breathe in the moment of this spiritual time together.*

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>

Friday Evening Prayer:
Rite Two (BCP, p.115)
Friday, January 14, 2022

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Confession of Sin
The Officiant says to the people
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.
Officiant and People together, all kneeling
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you



Widows 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, February 3rd. **For more information contact:**

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phanzelman@comcast.net or:

Ethel Lawrence:

717.314.8993

rose1@dejazzd.com

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, February 12th..

Faith in Action



In December, 2021, the pantry served 150 families which included 126 children; 236 adults; and 91 seniors for a total of 453 people served.

Clients may visit the pantry once a week...Of the 150 families served, 91 families came more than one week during the month which brought the grand total of people fed in December to 1,345!

The pantry registered 7 new families in December.

Food requests for January are:

- Cereal
- Canned peaches
- Canned pears
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned carrots
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Large jelly (no glass containers please)
- Elbow macaroni



By Joyce Kamm—St. Edward's Refugee Welcome Team

PLEASE NOTE: No sharing of photos on Social Media or elsewhere please.

Our “family” is moving full steam ahead. The boys started school the beginning of January, dad applied for his permit so he can start to drive. A resume is being created for both parents and mom will be starting ESL classes January 17.

We enjoyed a trip to Bernville to visit The Koziar’s Christmas Village with over one million lights on display. Malalay said she has been on this earth 41 years and it’s the first time she has seen Christmas lights!



Trying hot chocolate for the first time. Smiles on every face!



Najib, Anfal and Malalay



Catherine, Malalay and Ellen



“The Boys”



Soles 4 Souls: March 2nd thru April 7th.

Any footwear used or new. Collection sight near windows. We are collaborating with St. John's

By Peg Reiley



Feed My Starving Children will be 3/25/22 -3/27/22. I do not yet know the times, etc. It is possible that fewer spaces will be available due to COVID restrictions on social distancing, etc. I will forward information as soon as I find out more details. Of course, I will keep everyone posted on sign-ups, etc.

Faith in Action

And then there were refurbished bikes purchased from The Common Wheel. Happy, smiling faces prevailed.



Khateeb



Sohaib

Even dad got a bike that he has ridden to the mosque.



Tayab



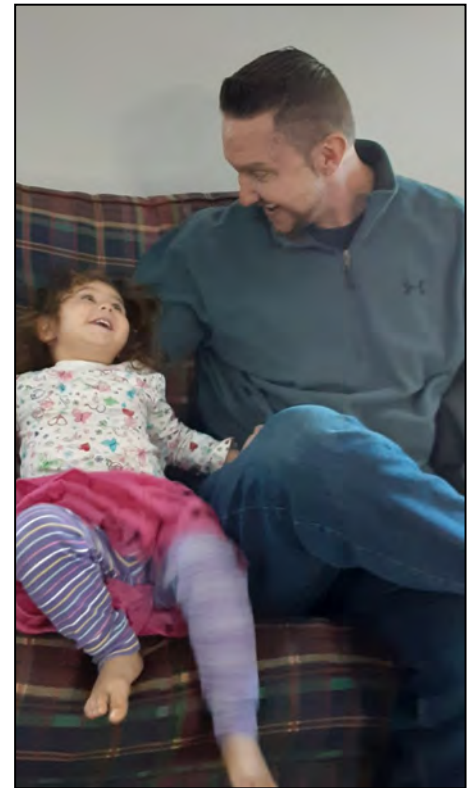
Sledding. Another new adventure. Baby, it's cold outside!!!

February 15. Dr. and Mrs. Rahim have an appointment with Immigration Legal Services to see what steps are needed to bring their remaining three children to the U.S. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Thank you St. Edward's Family and also Daughters of the King for helping to replace so many things they had to leave behind. From helpful kitchen appliances for Malalay, shelving for storing items in the basement, sewing machine compliments of Dina Ishler, tools, (yes, even tools) and monetary donations. They have been blessed and loved through you.



I end this month's story with this priceless little gem. Look at those faces. Looks like "new best friends".



Anfal & Father Rick

Ripples of Kindness



Following are recent comments from the Next Door App. They show how neighbors are helping neighbors and how much these little kindnesses are appreciated:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the good neighbor or friend who brought my newspaper to my porch. As a senior I appreciate the extra steps not made in this cold weather. I almost had begun to think kindness didn't exist anymore. Whoever you are, my heartfelt thanks

Awwwww I take my neighbor her paper too!

Thank you, to who ever put the paper on the porch.

I have elder neighbor I bring their news paper every morning on my walk routine. Kindness and thoughtfulness is what we all needs in this crazy world.

My wonderful neighbor, Karla puts my papers in front of the garage so I don't have to go out in the cold.

Dianne, you are so kind to recognize the goodness in people. I have a neighbor who is actually older than I am (which is old!) who brings my recycle bin and trash can up to my garage door.

As a senior myself I have 2 wonderful neighbors that will bring my trash cans up from the curb, mow my lawn when they mow theirs, and always say if I need anything just ask. I am...

My neighbor, Bill, does the same. It reminds me every day that there is good in the world

In a world gone crazy at times what a refreshing and comforting sight to wake up this morning and find my driveway and walks including the bottom of the drive where the snow plow goes by were cleaned out and shoveled/snowblowed for me. I have always tried to help whomever I can when it snows but now with both rotator cuffs being torn its difficult. I still do what I can but today was a godsend for me. When I did get outside to tidy up and spread salt there were numerous

neighbors out not only doing their own properties but also their neighbors. You can never appreciate how much it means until you are limited in how much you can do. So to all of you who helped not only me but other neighbors on Spring Hill Lane this morning Thank You and Bless you. It means the world. I will pay it forward in whatever way I can and hope others will do the same. This is a great neighborhood!!

A Powerful Lesson From The Bees



A heart-warming story of love and care seen on Facebook

My dad has a hobby post-retirement. He has hives all over the place in his garden. And he collects honey. Not a lot, but enough to distribute to all his friends and relatives.

I make it a point to visit him whenever he collects honey.

A few days ago, I went to his house and he showed me all the honey he had gotten from the hives. He took the lid off of a large pot, full of golden honey.

All I could see on top of the honey was 3 little bees, struggling.

They were covered in sticky honey and drowning.

I asked him if we could help them. He said he was sure they wouldn't survive. Casualties of honey collection.

I shuddered at the thought. Imagine one of us drowning in honey!

I asked him again if we could at least get them out and kill them quickly. After all, he was the one who had taught me to put a suffering animal (or bug) out of its misery.

He finally conceded and scooped the bees out of the pot. He put them in an empty yogurt container and put the plastic container outside. They were still completely covered in honey and were slowly suffocating to death.

We put the container with the 3 little bees on a bench and left them to their fate.

Because my dad had disrupted the hive with the earlier honey collection, there were bees flying all over outside. These were the worker bees, all of them females, who had worked tirelessly to build the hives and make honey. Now they had to go somewhere else to restart the entire process.

Their life's work had been completely shattered by a thoughtless human being wanting their honey.

A little while later, my dad called me out to show me what was happening.

These three little bees were surrounded by their sisters. They were cleaning the sticky, nearly dead bees, helping them to get all of the honey off of their bodies and wings.

Not even one of them had flown away in search of a better place to build new hives. Taking care of their siblings was far more important to them.

I watched in astonishment as two of the bees recovered sufficiently to fly. They did not fly away in relief. Instead, they turned around to help the last bee along with their friends.

After a few more minutes, the third bee had been cleaned and recovered enough to fly. That was the signal for the entire swarm to flap their wings and take off in harmony.

The container was now empty.

Those three little bees lived because they were surrounded by family and friends who would not give up on them. Family and friends who refused to let them drown in their own stickiness. Family and friends who had resolved to help until the last little bee could be set free.

Bee Sisters. Bee Peers. Bee Teammates. We could all learn a thing or two from these bees.

Why can't we be like these bees? Let us start at least from today.

Bee kind always

"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." — Marcel Proust





**THERE ARE MANY
ACTIVITIES COMING
UP IN FEBRUARY!
MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

FEBRUARY 2ND 12 Noon – Contemplative Eucharist with Meditation & Healing Prayer (every Wednesday)

FEBRUARY 2ND 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Pokémon League St. Edward's Parish Hall (this is a recurring event each Wednesday through April 6th)

FEBRUARY 2ND 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Bible Study via Zoom (this occurs each Wednesday)

FEBRUARY 3RD 10:00 am – Widow's Group - lounge area in Christian Ed wing

FEBRUARY 4TH 12 Noon – Lunch & Learn via Zoom (this occurs each Friday)

FEBRUARY 4TH 7:00 pm – Evening Prayer via Zoom (each Friday evening)

FEBRUARY 5TH 5:00 pm – Taize service at St. Luke's – Mount Joy - 209 Market St. (in-person, masked & distanced)

FEBRUARY 6TH 10:10 am – Youth Sunday School – Christian Education Wing

FEBRUARY 6TH 7:00 pm – Evening Prayer via Zoom (this occurs each Sunday)

FEBRUARY 10TH 6:30 pm – Convocation Youth Formation Event – St. Edward's Parish Hall

FEBRUARY 12TH 8:00 – 10:00 am – Men's Group – in partnership with Saint James – in the St. Edward's Parish Hall

FEBRUARY 20TH 10:10 am – Youth Sunday School – Christian Education Wing

FEBRUARY 24TH – 26TH – Pre-Lenten Silent Retreat at Mariawald. Guided by Father Rick and Br. David Rutledge.

FEBRUARY 27TH 9 – 10 AM – Coffee House Band coffee hour

FEBRUARY 28TH – Ash Wednesday and Lenten materials will be available for pick-up in the narthex. ***Ash Wednesday is March 2nd and there will be a Noonday service at St. Edward's, on that day, in the sanctuary.***

Let all that you do be done in love.

(1 Corinthians 16:14)



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR ST. EDWARD'S COMMUNITY

There are many elements to the worship, fellowship, and ministry of St. Edward's that rely on parishioner support. To maintain the best stewardship of our operating funds, we work to keep certain items "off budget" and supplement our budget (in fundraising) with passive opportunities for our community to participate in. **These items are very important to our community.** It is our hope that by detailing them below, you will prayerfully consider supporting them, with your donation, in 2022.

Altar Flowers: Each week, we grace our altar with fresh flowers. This is a wonderful way to remember friends, family, loved ones, and a special occasion. In addition to the flowers on the altar shelves, your remembrance is printed in the Sunday bulletin and lifted up in prayer during the Prayers of the People. The flower chart and special envelopes are in the narthex. We seek 41 participants each year. **Weekly flowers are \$100.**

Coffee Hour: Hosting a coffee hour is a very simple, and fulfilling, ministry. It does not require meetings and it is essential to our Sunday gatherings. For some individuals, the Sunday coffee hour may be one of their only opportunities to socialize. It is where we connect with each other and share our stories. It is where our Coffee House Band ministry provides awesome music. It is pastoral, in so many ways! **And, it needs parishioner support.** Not only to host, but to donate a baked good item, of your choice, each week. While we are using packaged items for now, we will be looking forward to indulging in the delicious items folks bring in, very soon. **You will see a jar on the coffee service table.** It is this monetary collection each week that supports our purchase of coffee, tea, creamer, paper goods, and baked goods. **Please consider signing up to host a future coffee hour (you will have support in learning the kitchen appliances) and perhaps place \$1.00 in the jar each week.**

Grocery Cards: This is a passive, yet very important component to our fundraising at St. Edward's. When our parishioners purchase grocery cards for Giant or Stauffer Kissel Hill, 5% of the proceeds goes towards our fundraising efforts. In years past, this amounted to over \$5,000 and was instrumental in us achieving our yearly fundraising goal. To think that something we all do, every week, can help St. Edward's meet, or exceed our fundraising goal in support of our ministry and mission! This is in the spirit of *faith in action*. Cards are purchased for delivery the first Sunday of each month and we request payment by the end of each month. **Please consider signing up for this program by contacting the parish office.**

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 March will be: **February 20th.** Send articles and announcements to: HJ_Miller@outlook.com



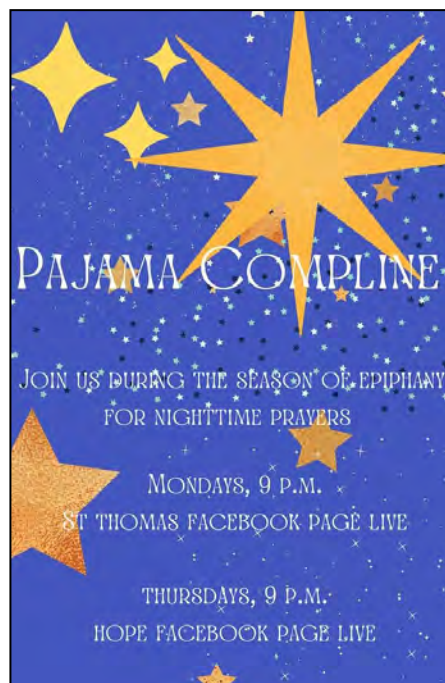
In remembrance of The Reverend Canon Stephen C. Casey 9 November 1946 - 19 January 2021



Do not be afraid for tomorrow. The same everlasting father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from anxiety and suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, put away all faithless fears and worldly imagination, and go forth in peace, rejoicing in the power of Him by whose rising to life again, we are made partakers of the Divine Nature - even Jesus Christ our Lord,

-From an original prayer of St. Frances de Sales (1567-1622), Bishop and doctor of the Church; adapted by the Reverend Canon Dr. Robert Howard Purse (1931-2009), priest, scholar, friend. Of Stephen.

Compline Monday and Thursday



This lovely service is offered on Facebook. The Mattsons sing a hymn at each service. It is a wonderful way to peacefully end the day.

Needle Arts Ministry

By Dina Ishler

A heartfelt thank you to the Knit Wits for the beautiful prayer shawls I recently brought to the chaplaincy office at Lancaster General Hospital, where I have the holy privilege of serving as a chaplain intern. Our staff, patients, and family members are so grateful for them, and they are such a blessing in so many different circumstances. They wrap around the person in a soft and gentle hug in times of loneliness or fear, and many of my patients have found it comforting to weave their fingers in the holes of the knitted pattern in a way that is very comforting. We give lots of them away, and so I am very thankful for the ones so lovingly donated by our St. Edward's family.

The tiny prayer squares are also such a beautiful gift. Because they are small enough to be held in a person's hand, I have had patients clutch them while receiving distressing news, carry them down to surgical procedures or even tuck them in their wristbands. Thank you again for all the love and care you knit into these wonderful homemade offerings.

Blessings, with care~



"This prayer shawl was given to my mom before she died in 2015 and now Rosemary is enjoying it!"

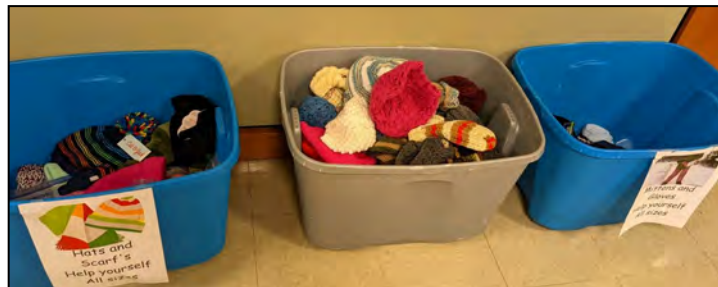


The Knit Wits meet at 1PM each Tuesday in the lounge area to work on any and all types of needle work.

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.



A Prayer Pocket. Irene Achey knits most of these.

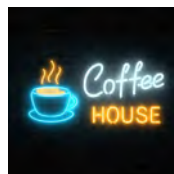


Scarves, hats, gloves and mittens knitted by the Knit Wits are available at Children and Youth in Lancaster in the room where parents have supervised visits with their children.

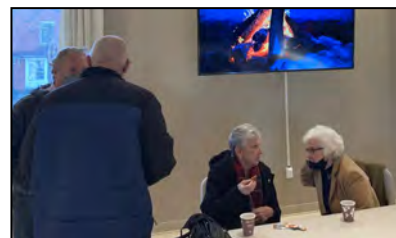
Coffee House Music January 23rd



Greg Klinger, Beth and Seth Hake, Randy Westgate, Father Rick, Mike Freshwater, Rick Dombach



Mark Jakiel and Richard Irons catching up on all good things!



Jackie Sandblade and Irene Achey chatting by the video fire.



Our coffee house band is expanding with great talent!



Great fellowship happens at coffee hour! Join us!

Streaming Series That You May Have Missed

by Glen Bentley



It's cold out and time to settle down to watch a series that will keep you focused and entertained and not thinking about the cold weather and snow of Winter.

Netflix: WW2 in Color: The Road to Victory on Netflix.



You have seen episodes like this on the History Channel no doubt. But you have never sat down to watch the entire World War 2 story. Well, here it is.

And believe me, when you complain that the Covid pandemic is frustrating, be thankful your husband, wife or children aren't off fighting a war against real enemies. Not just getting into arguments with republicans or democrats.

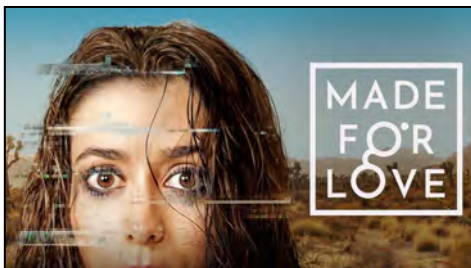
HULU: Only Murders In The Building. Starring Steve Martin, Selena Gomez



and Martin Short.

A murder is committed in an expensive apartment building in Manhattan and the 3 main characters decide to solve the mystery. It's fun.

HBO Max: Made To Love, starring Cristin Milioti



A woman is on the run after 10 years in a suffocating marriage to a tech billionaire. He has implanted a monitoring device in

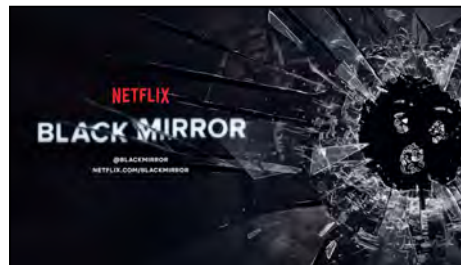
her brain allowing him to track her, watch her and know her "emotional data" as she tries to regain her independence.

HBO Max: Mare of Easttown, starring Kate Winslet



A small-town Pennsylvania detective Mare Sheehan investigates a murder as her life seems to be crumbling around her.

Netflix: Black Mirror. Stand alone stories that will surprise you.



Think of it as a modern day Twilight Zone. There are 3 seasons of stand-alone dramas that explore techno-paranoia with stories that tap into the collective unease of the modern world. Various stars you will recognize immediately.

Start your binge with White Christmas Season 2.

If you like this episode you'll like the rest of the series.:

The Wheel of Time, starring Rosamund Pike



The lives of five young villagers change forever when a strange and powerful woman arrives, claiming one of them is the child of an ancient prophecy with the power to tip the balance between Light and Dark forever. They must choose whether to trust this stranger – and each other – with the fate of the world before the Dark One breaks out of His prison, and the Last Battle begins.

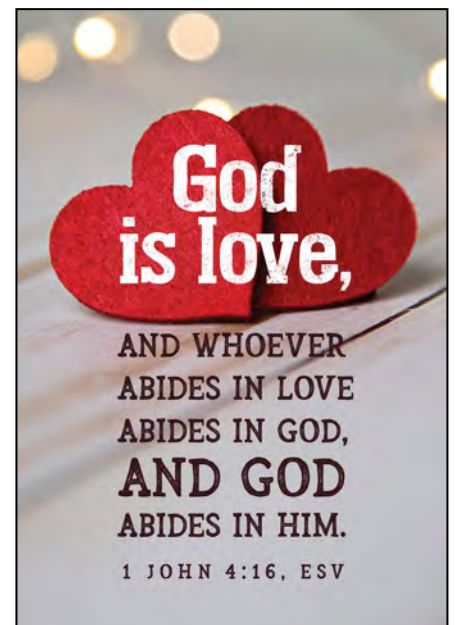
The North Water, starring Colin Farrell and Jack O'Connell



This adaptation of Ian McGuire's 2016 novel *The North Water*, about an ill-fated whaling expedition into Arctic waters in 1859, is bleak, wild and violent – and that's before the ship has even left the dock.

A disgraced ex-army surgeon signs up as ship's doctor on a whaling expedition to the Arctic; on board he meets a harpooner, a brutish killer whose amorality has been shaped to fit the harshness of his world.

It is the perfect series to mirror the Winter month.



Krist Kindling Reveal

By Meredith Aul Westgate



The 33rd annual Krist Kindling “Big Reveal” was held on Sunday, January 8. For the second year in a row it was, regrettably, a virtual event without dinner, but still filled with laughter and conversation. After sharing stories of delivery adventures, organizer Meredith Aul offered a short researched explanation on how the German Kris Kringle custom transformed into our Krist Kindling tradition.

Also for the second year in a row, everyone congenially participated in a Krist Kindling trivia game. Recognizing that last year’s game, which included some trivia from years past, was a bit unfair to more recent participants (who nonetheless were good sports about it), this year’s game included only information that had been sent out in emails or in church publications and was limited to the 2021 event. Here are the questions and correct answers:

1. The first invitation that was sent out in the Scepter and weekly email indicated how many years ago the Krist Kindling was started at St. Edward’s. What was that number? (33)
2. Name three things about the box that you put your name in to participate. Possible answers: shoebox, slot at the top, wrapped in Christmas paper, index card taped on that says “Krist Kindling,” located in the Narthex)
3. How many families participated this year? (20)
4. How many are first-time participants? (3)
5. Thinking about how times have changed, what is not on the form you filled out this year that was on the form in early years. (directions to your home)
6. In the Krist Kringle story I read to you, what does the traditional “Kristkind” look like (dusty blonde hair, blue eyes, angelic)
7. Usually I get some calls, especially the first week. What is the main reason for the call? (people weren’t at home – please call and make sure they check their front porch)
8. How many families who are here tonight received one or more homemade or home baked gifts? (six)
9. Who is present tonight that did not participate in Krist Kindling? (Mac Miller)
10. Name someone besides yourself who is a first year participant? (possible answers: Joyce Kamm, Deborah Fast, Jay and Lori Miller).
11. Name someone besides yourself who has participated for at least 30 years (Dorris Smith, Meredith and Randy Westgate, Leslie Arnold).
12. What was the subject line of Friday’s email to remind everyone of the dinner? (“The Big Reveal of Surreptitious Activity.”)
13. What 5 things were you invited to bring tonight? Stories, dessert and a beverage, paper, pencil.
14. A poll was taken during the day today, asking what people most enjoyed about Krist Kindling.
Which of the following answers received the most votes:
 - A. The element of surprise in gifts given or received.
 - B. Connections made to with others in our church community
 - C. The opportunity to pray daily for another in your family during Advent
 - D. The fellowship of the Pot Luck Dinner/Big Reveal(answer A with B a close second)

The person with the most correct answers was Dina Ishler, who will soon receive a special prize.

Pre-Lenten Silent Retreat



We currently have 1 room available. All rooms are private rooms with individual bath. You can share a room if you wish. The cost is \$150 per person. (Financial assistance is available.)

Each room has two full sized beds.

Included in the cost are 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, snacks and drinks. Also, each room will have bed sheets, blankets, pillows, pillowcases and towels.

Mariawald is a beautiful place with lots of woods and walking trails. The building where we will have the retreat has many “nooks and crannies” where you can read, meditate, and pray. Take advantage of all that is available to you. Please **plan on arriving between 3:00pm and no later than around 5:30pm on Thursday, February 24.** (Other arrival times can be by arrangement). Our first meal together is at 6:00 pm.

This is a *self-directed* retreat. Our goal is to give *you* the space and time to listen deeply in silence. Being in silence for 36 hours will give you plenty of opportunity for self-exploration and rest. Naps are encouraged! There will be time before the silence begins and at the end for discussion and sharing if you like. Once the silence begins, the house (both inside and out) will be in silence, including mealtimes.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested and Michelle will get you a registration packet.

February 24-26, 2022

Saint Edward’s Episcopal Church

Held at: **Mariawald Retreat Center** 1094 Welsh Road, Reading, PA 17607

With 36 hours of Silence

Led by Fr. Rick Bauer (Saint Edward’s) & Br. David Rutledge (Community of Francis and Clare)



Altar Flowers

Please prayerfully consider signing up to sponsor a **Sunday of altar flowers** during 2022. We have 17 spots open. Flowers are \$100/week. It is through robust parishioner support that we are able to have fresh flowers to enhance our altar each week.



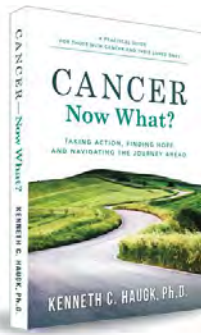


Cancer—Now What?

A Way to Offer Help and Hope to Those Facing Cancer

All too often we hear that someone we know is facing cancer. A friend, relative, or neighbor—or a colleague, church member, customer, patient, care receiver, or client—receives the devastating news of a cancer diagnosis.

During such a difficult time, we want to reach out with support and care, to offer help and hope. But how? A simple, powerful way is to give a copy of *Cancer—Now What?*



This book covers a wide range of challenges that those with cancer and their loved ones may face and helps navigate the medical, emotional, relational and spiritual challenges of cancer.

A Practical, User-Friendly Resource

This book is organized into four topical sections:

Medical

- ◆ Asking the right questions at the right time
- ◆ Finding reliable information
- ◆ Tracking medical information simply and effectively
- ◆ Helping your medical team help you

Emotional

- ◆ Coping with the emotional after-shocks

- ◆ Finding ways to express difficult feelings
- ◆ Not letting cancer define you
- ◆ Caring for yourself

Relational

- ◆ Getting the support you need
- ◆ Updating others without wearing yourself out
- ◆ Creating a safe place within your family
- ◆ Connecting with those who have faced cancer

Spiritual

- ◆ Finding spiritual support
- ◆ Weathering spiritual storms
- ◆ Being totally honest with God
- ◆ Asking hard questions without feeling guilty

If you are struggling with cancer or know someone who is, this book is available through the Stephen Minister Program. Contact Joyce Kamm at kammjel@gmail.com.

If you would like a Stephen Minister to be present with you, to listen and support you, please contact our Stephen Minister Coordinator, Peggy Hanzelman at 717-390-4944 or by email at phanzelman@comcast.net

“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?”

—John Wesley



In *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can't love that way without faith, Walsh writes. “I'm not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn't do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We're called to love him with more.” That “more,” she explains, involves these paradoxes: “We love with all our heart, even when it's broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it's almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don't understand.”

Even if God's purposes and plans don't make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: “When we cannot trace [God's] hand, we must trust his heart.”



Opportunities to Serve at St. Edward's in 2022

By Michelle Bentley



In each Monday email, we focus on the various "gifts" we experience in life. It is our hope that this encourages you to consider what gifts you may have to offer in service to the ministry, mission, and vision of St. Edward's. We have a wonderful exercise, which is a spiritual gifts inventory, that can assist individuals to get to know themselves in ways that can direct them to an area of ministry that would be fulfilling for them. This is found on our website, on our Adult Spiritual Formation page.

As we enter 2022, perhaps you may consider serving in ministry at St. Edward's.

Recognizing, and then giving, your spiritual gifts are vital to the successful mission and ministry of a parish. The Body of Christ is made up of many members. As Christians, we are all ministers of the church and we all possess unique gifts, given by the Spirit, that allow us to carry out the Great Commission. Below is a

listing of ministry opportunities. Please contact the parish office with any questions you may have! It is our goal to assist you in finding a ministry opportunity that you will find joy in. We will also connect you with the ministry leader.

Adult Spiritual Formation
Altar Guild
Choir
Coffee Hour
Communications
Cultural Events
Faith In Action
Fellowship
Finance Committee
Fundraising Committee
Historian
Knit Wits (needle arts)
Lector
Lay Eucharistic Minister
Memorial Garden
New Member Ministry
Pastoral Care/Stephen Ministry
Property/Building Committee

Special Events Committee
Stewardship Committee
Sunday School
Usher
Vestry

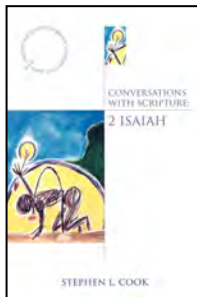
We also encourage you to get to know the Five Marks of Mission. The Five Marks of Mission are an important statement on mission. They express the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, and understanding of, God's holistic and integral mission. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Bible Study



Stephen Cook



St. Edward's Episcopal Church Bible Study

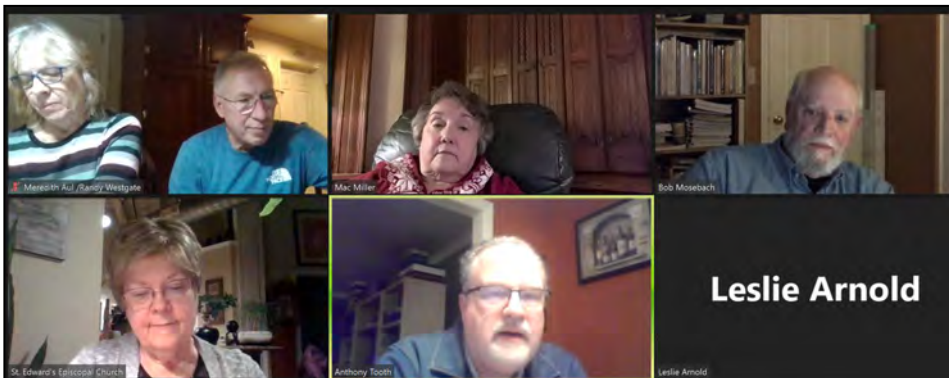
Time: Wednesday Evening 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86252772937?pwd=RWWVWNGVuQWWh3NU9keWlRZWxkZGZq5UT09>

Meeting ID: 862 5277 2937

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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sent a letter or card to my son over the holiday season. I am grateful. -Joyce Kamm



Christmas Gatherings with Family and Friends



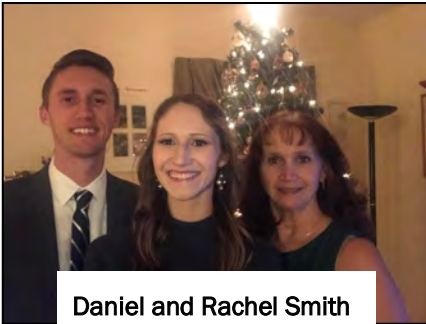
Hakes with special tee shirts



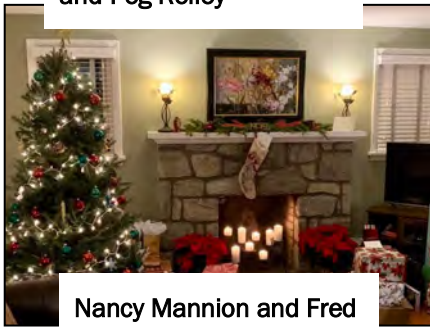
From Peg Reiley: Throughout 2021 I wrote something good/ positive that happened every week. I just looked at all 52 notes - a reminder that I always have something to be thankful for, even if it's something little like a phone call or spending time with family and friends. Definitely going to do it again this year!



Peg Reiley and Family



Daniel and Rachel Smith and Peg Reiley



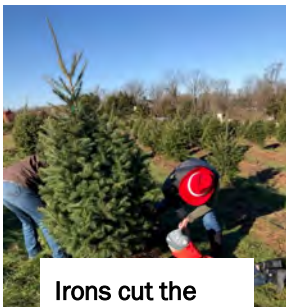
Nancy Mannion and Fred Cluck 's decorations



Sally Lederer says Bijou is always the center of our family Christmas. She loves to open presents, whether they are hers or not



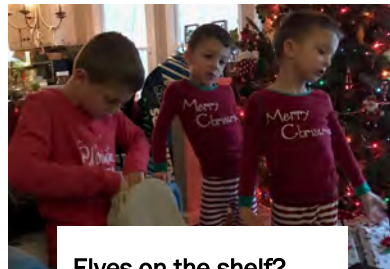
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Irons cut the tree



Torin & Liam decorate

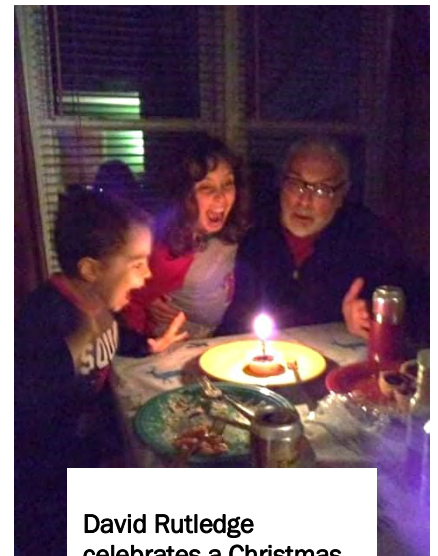


Elves on the shelf?

From Gail: Josh requested to "bring back to life KENNY-POPS" Christmas trains & platform. (kennypops was my dad) So we gave him all that we had packed away& on Thanksgiving our grandsons had me close my eyes & oh my, quite an emotional moment of tears & JOY!

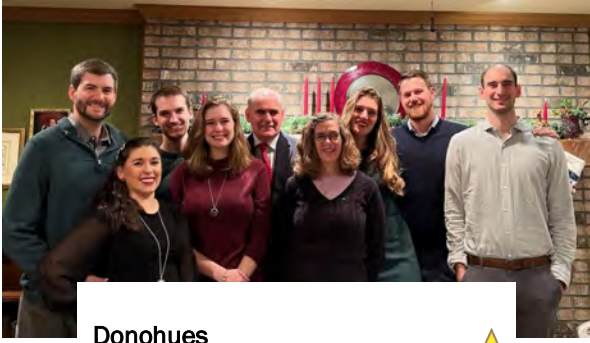


Gail and son Josh Irons & train



David Rutledge celebrates a Christmas birthday

Christmas Gatherings with Family and Friends



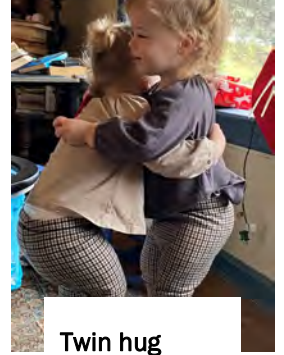
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As Catherine said, "What a difference a year makes."



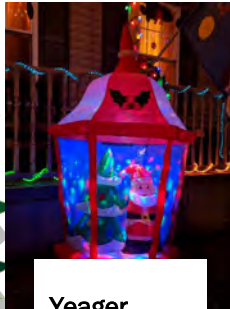
Aunt Emily reads to Emma and Sadie



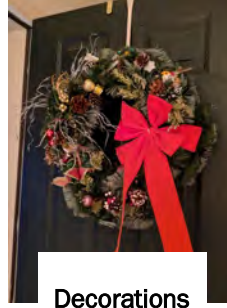
Twin hug



Mac Miller and Family



Yeager



Decorations



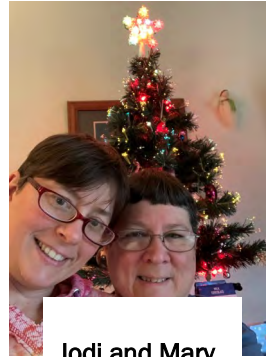
Christmas train



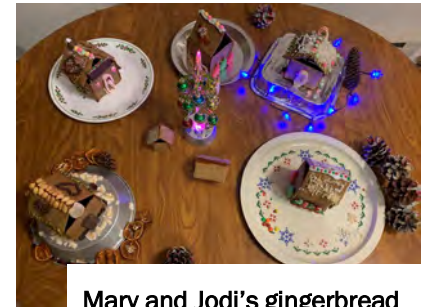
Ricky and Christian Bauer



Buddy and Liz Yeager, Jodi Good and Mary Snyder



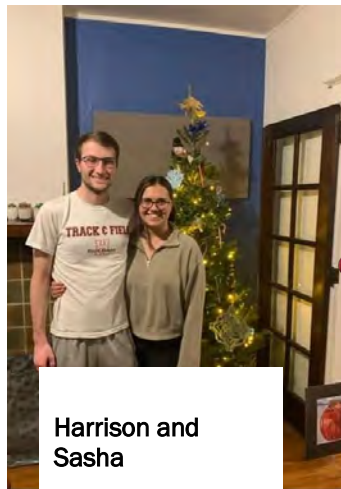
Jodi and Mary



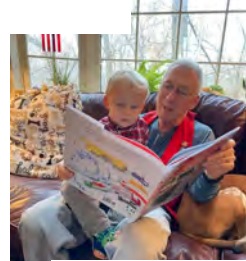
Mary and Jodi's gingerbread houses



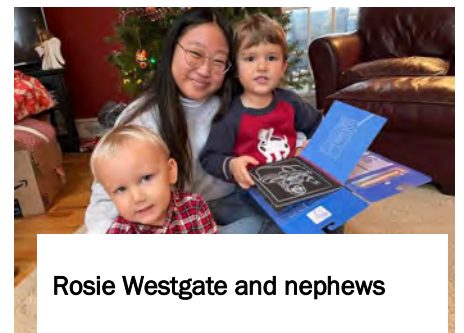
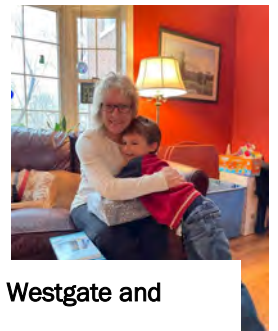
Klines



Harrison and Sasha

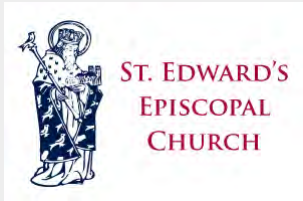


Randy & Meredith Westgate and grandchildren



Rosie Westgate and nephews





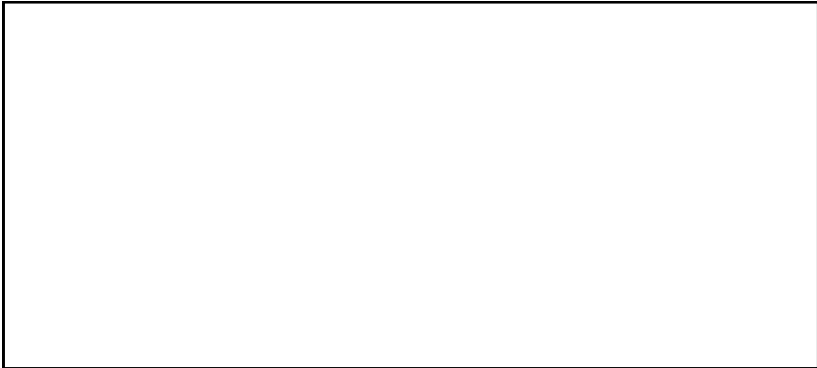
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Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry (year term ends)

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

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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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