

March 2022



## Reflection From the Rector's Desk

**By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer**

This month, our leadership teams have been at work tying up loose ends on 2021. In the business of being an Episcopal Parish, these things include preparing our year-end financial statements, crafting a budget for the new year, putting together annual reports, filing our parochial report with the national church, and saying goodbye to an outgoing group of vestry members. This work coincides with an inspired bounty of energy and ministry taking place in our community, the work of spiritual and social substance, that reminds us “why” we choose to live into our senses of Christian discipleship through shared life here at St. Edward’s. The

faith of earnest seekers is evolving in real-time through our Lunch & Learn formation program; our parishioners with a passion for Scripture are learning how to read the Bible through the exegetically informed lens of an Anglican/Episcopal ethos; and we’re rising to the challenge of faithfully wrestling with meaningful

questions about our faith and our role in society through the weekly homiletic offerings of a battery of inspired preachers. An ever-increasing number of our parishioners are acting as ambassadors of Christ here at St. Edward’s, committing ourselves to feeding ministries, to welcoming the stranger, to caring for our widows, to serving those in prison, and to the giving of

being channels of peace in an often violent and aggressive world.

In 2021, our vestry decided that it was important to articulate this sense of what St. Edward’s is “about” by carefully crafting a succinct statement of identity, that all members of the board could agree upon. Now written on the back of our business cards, our welcoming packets, and our digital communication platforms, this basic statement of identity articulates that: “St. Edward’s is an inclusive community, building a spiritual home with open hearts and open minds, joyfully serving God and neighbor in Christ’s love.”



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Though on one level, merely a group of aspirational catchwords strung together, I do genuinely believe that this statement captures the essential messaging that all our business and ministry efforts flower from. I am here to lead a Christian organization that seeks to be a home for disciples of our Lord, that roots itself in the lived expressions of great commandments, that espe-

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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter

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# Reflection

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cially welcomes those who've been traditionally thrust to the margins of Christian society, and that courageously explores the tensions inherent to Christian faith in a modern world that challenges the dogma and exclusivity of so much that the church has historically taught. And in light of the brevity of human life, I am committed to making sure that the time I have to be alive is well invested in meaningful pursuits and relationships that show forth the hope-laden potential of Easter joy in the lives we engage here in this "Good Friday" world.

Perhaps everything that I'm saying here boils down to this...I think that belonging to St. Edward's can significantly contribute to the quality and experience of each of our lives. But I've got to be honest in expressing my concern that I also think this community could easily squander its opportunity to grow in Christ and show forth the love of God if we don't mindfully balance our senses of BOTH inward AND outward focus. There isn't anyone among us who doesn't require the life-long cultivation of a closer walk with our Lord. We're all subject to the forces of survival in the world that jade and harden us as we make our ways through life. We've all been taught some things along the way that we need to unlearn if we're going to approach a way of thinking and of acting with the mind and the heart of Christ. But we also must stay engaged with this world, that often hurts us, in order to faithfully take up the Cross, to honor the cost of our discipleship. We can sometimes forget that discipleship entails very real work, energy and courage, directing us to put one foot in front of the other as we forgive those who've wronged us and as we love those who do not love us back. And given the

freedom that we all enjoy as beloved children of a merciful God, there's always a risk that we might take God's grace and run for the hills, insulating ourselves from the messiness of our world, in the comfort of an exclusively inward direction. But this isn't so for we who claim to be the church, where in Christian community, we actively engage the fight against this temptation to hide away in private temples.

And so, as we raise necessity around the way that we talk about our shared life here at St. Edward's, it is my hope that we can each recognize the transformative potential of what we're up to, that we can each appreciate that this church has something of tremendous value to offer those who come here...a meaningful balance of head and heart, of information and of experience. And if we believe this to be true, then I think that it should follow that we would want for other people to share in the good things that we have going on here at St. Edward's. I think that we should want to see our parish grow and welcome new seekers, to pursue and embrace the expansion and the diversification of our changing neighborhood for the sake of sharing the good news of God in Christ. But if we are going to be ambassadors of the Gospel, we've got to maintain some degree of awareness around what representing the welcome and affirmation of our parish means to each of us. Are we mindful of visitors when we're at church? Are we getting out of ourselves enough to make it our job to welcome others as members of God's household? Do we say hello to those we don't know? Do we show interest in our newcomers and a commitment to helping them to understand why coming to St. Edward's matters? If we can't answer each of these questions with an emphatic "yes", then it is my hope that we'll take

some time to reflect and pray about the role that we can each play in welcoming others into our shared life here at St. Edward's. We are ALL members of the Welcoming Team! Peace be with you friends,

Rick+



## Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:  
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator  
Michelle Bentley

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

By Julie Hoff



February marked the final vestry meeting of the currently seated vestry members in advance of the Annual Meeting in March. It was held via Zoom on Sunday February 20, from noon until 2:00. Father Rick opened the meeting with prayer. Following the approval of the January meeting minutes, he presented his monthly report to the group.

His remarks began with a reference to the well-known words of St. Benedict: "Always, we begin again." Father Rick generously thanked outgoing vestry members Ellen Milligan and me for our service and gratefully acknowledged Catherine Donahue's contributions as Junior Warden this year.

The slate of nominees for vestry was introduced. The candidates are Richard Irons, Joyce Kamm, and Mary Snyder. The election will take place during the

Annual Meeting which will be held in person after a joint worship service on Sunday, March 13.

Looking back at the month of January, Father Rick stated that it was a month of low church attendance due to Omicron and wintry weather. On the flipside, he noted that online participation was robust, underscoring again how important our digital ministry model is to help us thrive and survive!

After reporting that January income was up due to prepayment of some pledges, Father Rick introduced the work that Kevin Milligan, our Treasurer, and Jerry Hoff, Finance Committee member, have done to clarify our financial reporting as a non-profit corporation. He then turned the meeting over to Kevin and Jerry who explained their work and guided us through the reports in preparation for the budget presentation.

Jerry presented the Statement of Activities (Revenues and Expenses) monthly report which will be used to help us monitor the status of the operating budget. The church has been running a deficit in this area for the last five years. The deficit has been funded from our unrestricted funds. This is not a sustainable model for the long run. The Rector, Finance Committee, and Vestry are committed to looking for ways to close the gap between operating income and expenses. Jerry also explained the Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets and walked us through the pertinent items in that report.

Kevin then presented the proposed budget for 2022. He explained that it had been prepared using pledged income from the stewardship campaign. It takes in to account projected increases in expenses, particularly energy costs. It also reflects decreased expenses in the Diocesan Fair Share payment and in the area of support staff.

We then examined the budget line by line. Kevin explained and answered questions, after which the vestry voted to approve the budget recommended by the Finance Committee. Many, many thanks to Kevin and Jerry for their hours of hard work on this presentation!

Moving on to the Senior Warden's report, it was noted that Shaped by Faith has concluded its convocational meetings and is now entering the implementation phase. An Implementation Commission is being formed and will begin accepting grant applications at the end of March. Safeguarding God's Children certification will be undertaken with the new vestry. The vestry voted to ratify the Internal Policies and Procedures which were presented to the congregation in early February.

In the Parish Administrator's report, Michelle updated us on snow removal arrangements. We now have a donated snowblower and are looking for volunteers to help with shoveling in light snowfall events. This will help us eliminate some costs involved with snow removal. Michelle also reported the plan for the Annual Meeting Sunday, March

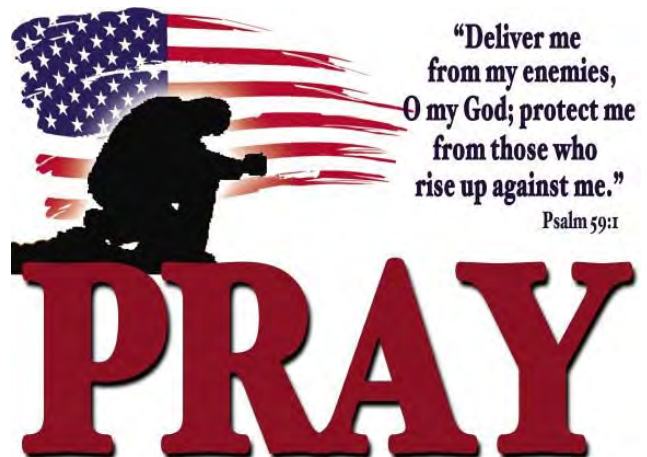
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## Military News

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 Tennes
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Whitesel



# Pokémon League Wednesday Evenings

**By Beth Lynch**

We started the Spring Pokémon club on Wednesday February 2nd. Flying Pokémon were discussed. Some of the favorites are: Charzard, Lugia and Zapados.

I gave the kids rocket balloons to fly. We had a lot of fun with them. There were 11 kids.



## Congratulations Thomas Ishler



From Dina's FB page:

Watch out, world- on this raw, foggy February morning in central Pennsylvania WE HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE!

This is a young man you want to know. He refuses to allow people-even (especially?!) those who love him to box him in in ways that he knows will not be life-giving to him. He is taking the time needed to chart his own course, fully accepting both his own beloved gifts and growing edges. He challenges systems and institutions in ways that demand honesty and clarity of vision around how they exist in the world and platitudes are never enough for him. He possesses faith and compassion in abundance and moves through the world as himself, which is always much harder than it sounds. To have this level of self-awareness at eighteen is really a tremendous gift. We are so proud to be his parents, so eager to see all that lies beyond this incredible threshold moment and all the ways he will become more fully himself as he was uniquely created to be.

NOTE: Any graduation, from pre-school to PhD is a cause to celebrate. Please consider sharing pictures and information in the Scepter.

Donohue  
Grandchild



Feb. 21st Catherine reported about Athena:  
This five week beauty hit three pounds today!!!  
Thanks to all the prayers Athena is progressing slowly and surely. Praise be to God.

Emma and Sadie



# Washed clean

Make customized jelly soaps to banish dirt and grime.



**What you need:**

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- ¾ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- ¾ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

**What you do:**

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.

# PUZZLE

## A wondrous washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRCAE _____	_____ out my transgressions (v. 1)
HSAW _____	_____ away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _____	_____ me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNERE _____	_____ me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _____	_____ your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _____	_____ out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _____	_____ in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _____	_____ a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTO _____	_____ to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHSA _____	_____ me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant



## Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

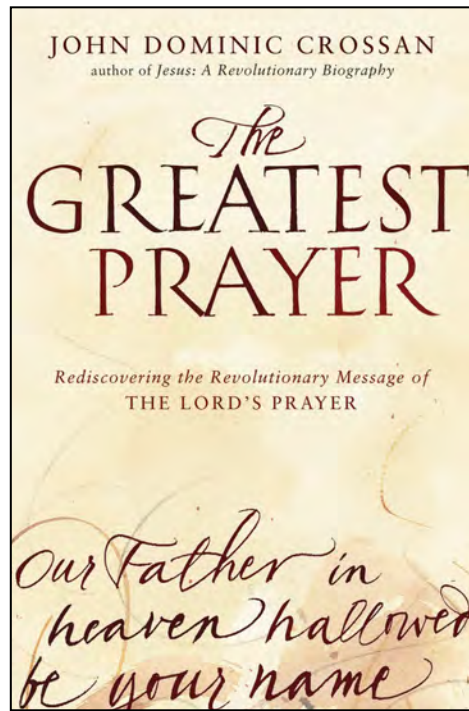
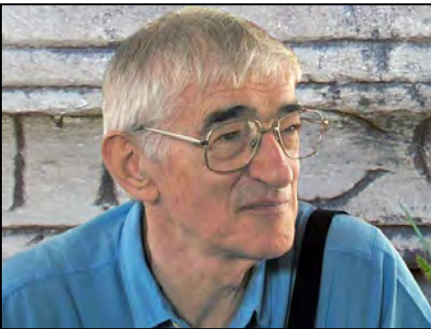
- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



Answers  
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Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)

The Greatest Prayer – Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of THE LORD’S PRAYER by John Dominic Crossan, Fridays, beginning March 4th from 12 Noon – 1 PM. Zoom link will be in the weekly emails: Join Father Rick and Bob Mosebach as we journey through March and April, discussing this renowned book. In *The Greatest Prayer*, foremost historical Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan, bestselling author of *Historical Jesus* and *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography*, intimately explores the revolutionary meaning of the cornerstone of Christian faith: The Lord’s Prayer.



## “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY. . .”

“[Crossan’s] case is so deeply rooted in the Bible that even his harshest critic must admit Crossan is on to something. . . . A man of profound and challenging faith, who in his efforts to demystify Jesus has called us all back to the core of the gospel message.”—*U.S. Catholic*

“A fresh and defensible reading of the prayer text, though definitely not the traditional interpretation.”—Clay Schmit, as quoted in the *Los Angeles Times*

“A full and loving exposition . . . of Christianity’s best-known and most-recited prayer.”—*Library Journal* (starred review)

“Even if one disagrees with the author’s conclusions, it will be difficult to dislike his book, as one of Crossan’s gifts is his ability to challenge his readers in a gentle, respectful, and non-confrontational manner.”—*Booklist*

“Provides a satisfying blend of history, scholarship and theology, in researching the moral responsibilities that come with living a Godly life. The fundamental Lord’s Prayer here serves as a foundation for examining the principles of this life.”—*Midwest Book Review*

JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN, professor emeritus at DePaul University, is widely regarded as the foremost historical Jesus scholar of our time. He is the author of several bestselling books, including *The Historical Jesus* and *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography*. He lives in Minneola, Florida. Visit the author online at [www.johndominiccrossan.com](http://www.johndominiccrossan.com).



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, March 3rd. **For more information contact:**

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## 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, March 12th.



# Did You Know: There is a Book of Wisdom in the Bible?



A recent Friday Evening Prayer Service contained the following reading from The Book of Wisdom.

## A Reading (Lesson) from Wisdom 7:7-14

*I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.*

*I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.*

*Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,*

*because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,*

*and silver will be accounted as clay before her.*

*I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases.*

*All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.*

*I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them;*

*but I did not know that she was their mother.*

*I learned without guile and I impart without grudging;*

*I do not hide her wealth,*

*for it is an unfailing treasure for mortals; those who get it obtain friendship with God,*

*commended for the gifts that come from instruction.*

Wisdom is an Apocrypha book and not included in all versions of the Bible.

The New Jerusalem Bible, Revised Standard Version (RSV), New American Bible (NABRE), Wycliffe Bible (WYC), Common English Bible (CEB), Good News Translation (GNT), and Douay-Rheims (DRA) all include the book of Wisdom.

Interestingly, the original Authorized King James Version (KJV) contains Wisdom, but the text was removed almost two centuries later. The Septuagint, an ancient Greek translation of the Jewish scriptures, which was widely used in Jesus's day, also includes the book of Wisdom.

Fr. Rick supplied the following information:

from the New Oxford Annotated Bible:

## THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

### NAME AND CANONICAL STATUS

The title of the book in most manuscripts is "The Wisdom of Solomon." It is a Jewish writing, but it was preserved in Christian circles, like other Jewish writings in Greek. There is no evidence that the writing was accepted as canonical by any Jewish group, or even read by Jewish readers until many centuries after it had been written. The work seems to have been known to Clement of Rome and possibly Ignatius (late first-early second century CE) The Wisdom of Solomon was certainly used as Scripture by such early third-century writers as Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria, and Psuedo-Hippolitus. On the other hand, its canonicity was doubted by Origen, although he sometimes quotes it as if it were canonical. The book became a part of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox canons but is considered on of the Apocrypha by many Protestant groups.

### AUTHORSHIP, DATE, AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Although the author claims to be King Solomon (with parts of ch 9 based on his prayer for wisdom in 1 Kings 3,6-9) this ascription has been recognized as a literary fiction since ancient times. Instead, the author is an anonymous Hellenistic Jew writing some time in the late first century BCE in early first century CE. The author most likely came from the Jewish community in Alexandria in Egypt or possibly from another major center in the Hellenistic world. In spite of seeming to appeal to Greek readers, the work is evidently aimed at an internal audience, probably the Jewish youth of Alexandria who might be tempted by the Hellenistic culture around them.

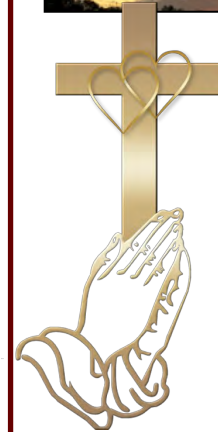
Some recent commentators view the book as originating in the historical context of the troubles experienced by the Alexandrian Jewish community in the period 38-41 CE, but the book gives no hint of a period of trauma or threat. Others have argued that the book is earlier, dating from the reign of the Roman emperor Augustus (27 BCE- 14 CE) Nothing prevents the book from being this early. Typologically, the Wisdom of Solomon represents an earlier stage of the development in the trajectory of biblical interpretation that reached its culmination in the Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria. A date about 20 BCE would fit the contents of the book.

NOTE: "Canonical" means included in the list of sacred books officially accepted as genuine.

CE is an abbreviation for Common Era it is the same as AD

BCE is short for Before Common Era it is the same as BC

## 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](mailto:drutledge1225@gmail.com)

Sunday Evening Prayer\ @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95355083080>  
Meeting ID: 953 5508 3080



Soles 4 Souls: March 2nd thru April 7th.  
Any footwear used or new. Collection site near windows. We are collaborating with St. John's.

Picture by Mary Snyder



Through the generosity of spirit in your donations, St. Edward's sent a check in the amount of \$3,350 to the HAFP on February. It is wonderful to see such amazing commitment and support for this important ministry.

In January, Hempfield Food Pantry served

397 people which included:

- 108 children
- 214 adults
- 75 seniors

The pantry registered 5 new families

Your church contributed 193 pounds of food in January!

Food items requested for March:

- 1 lb. packs rice
- 2 lb. packs rice
- Elbow macaroni
- Mac/cheese
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Canned peaches
- Canned pears
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned carrots

Many thanks for your continued support to the families of the Hempfield area!



Food loaded for delivery



### By Peg Reilly

Saint Edward's will be participating in the Feed My Starving Children event on Saturday, March 26, 1:00-3:00 pm. The event is held at Willow Street Mennonite Church, 399 East Penn Grant Road, Willow Street. If you want to participate, you must sign up to be registered. I will register everyone who signs up. Due to COVID restrictions, no walk-ins are allowed. We have 12 available slots. This event is always fun and is open to anyone 5 years or older.

A sign up sheet will be in the narthex .



# Faith in Action

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

**PLEASE NOTE: No sharing of photos on Social Media or elsewhere for the safety of the children still in Afghanistan.**

Our "family" is still moving forward. Dr. Rahim now has a PA Driver's License thanks to the dedication of Beth Lynch who worked with him to prepare for and obtain a Driver's Permit.

When he got the permit, he told me, "I want to try and pass the driver's test this Saturday, and if I fail, I fail. I will just try again." He surprised me! I wondered if we could get enough people to take him driving every day that week in preparation. So I sent out an email and the team stepped up. Thank you to Candee, Linda, Beth and Leslie. Who gave him the opportunity to practice in their cars. I watched Beth help him parallel park outside their home multiple times. Linda gave him the option to choose which road he wanted to turn on. I hear they had quite an adventure. Dr. Rahim said it was a fun day and a lot of laughs. If you know Linda, that's not surprising.

Dr. Rahim passed the test on first try!

By the way, Linda is from St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Candee attends a Methodist Church in Myerstown where her son is the Pastor. We are happy they joined our team.

The boys are signed up for Soccer through the Lancaster Recreation Community beginning mid-March. They are excited and keep asking me, "How many days till soccer?" and we count it out on the calendar. We hope you will join us for the games some Saturdays to encourage them and watch them play. We have four new people from St. Edward's coming on board to arrange transportation to the games and are so grateful.

It was a toss-up between tennis and soccer at the Rec Center and then Herb and Marsha volunteered to teach them tennis when they return from Florida. Now the boys will be able to do both. Thank you Herb and Marsha.

On a sad note, bringing their remaining children and Malalay's parents to the United States will be a long and complicated procedure requiring the help of an Immigration Lawyer. There are steps they need to take toward asylum in

in the U.S. before they can even begin pursuing the pathway to reuniting with their children. It was very disheartening and sad news for the Rahims.

We will be actively helping them with this process. Please keep this and the safety of their family in continual prayer.

"Don't fear  
Stand Firm  
The Lord will fight for you  
You have only to be still"

-Exodus 14:13-14 (Excerpts)

We do all we can in given situations in our lives and when there is nothing left to do but **wait** on our God, we live in **trust** day by day.

## Girl's Day Out by Meredith Aul



Joyce, Malalay and Meredith

Joyce has mentioned a couple of times that Malalay is always cooking and cleaning (if you've not been to the Rahim home the gracious hospitality and meals and tea seem to revolve constantly).

I suggested to Joyce that we take Malalay on a "Girl's Day Out," so we did that, leaving Najib at home in charge of the kids. We had brunch at On Orange and then walked to Central Market to walk up and down the aisles to check out the International foods, produce, Amish made creations, and flowers. A good time was had by all!

## Stories From Two Of Our Tutors

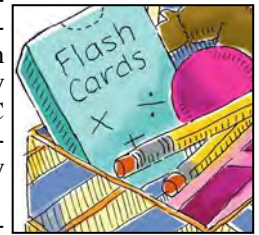
**By Linda Mamourian**

Hello to you all,

Today was such a joy, visiting with our family!

I took along a number of activities since this was my initial visit. The boys were excited and ready to work! Mom already had laid out exactly where I was to sit at the table in order to teach most efficiently. As part of her career she was an instructor, so she knows!

We used flash cards from which they identified numbers, colors, shapes and pictures of common items. Then we did math work using colored sticks and numbered tiles. All three boys each put the number tiles in order, and answered questions about subtracting and adding sticks from their piles. They sang the ABC song and the BINGO song very enthusiastically and always smiling. They carry a tune nicely.



Speaking of BINGO, they learned the game and it resulted in a lot of unbridled excitement and laughter as they frequently announced what they hoped I would call next! And as luck would have it each of them won the same number of games (even with using two cards each), and so celebrating was in order. I'd brought a few balloons for that purpose.

Mom tried to join in the BINGO game but a certain two-year-old who was sitting on her lap kept piling on lots of extra tiles. This two-year-old had a grand time yesterday too. She was batting balloons all over the place and giggling and she had a blast being a cowgirl on her "rocking horse", which was connected with springs so it didn't exactly "rock".

I brought a big box of MEGA BLOCKS (Legos made extra big and easier to connect) which disappeared up into their bedroom first thing. That was to be part of our lessons but we didn't have enough time to get to them, so I told them that next time I wanted them to build something for me.

Our entire time together was so much fun!

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# Faith in Action

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There was a large floor puzzle featuring the alphabet that they successfully put together as a team. They happily supported each other in everything.



This letter is very long but I think it's because I'm still experiencing the exhilaration and exuberance we shared, which has been rather absent for quite a while. I'm so grateful that you accepted me as part of all this endeavor.

Blessings,  
Linda

By Meredith Aul

It was my day to work on English skills with the boys, so I took some games and supplies along. I took Sorry and UpWords which the boys took out of my hands as soon as I walked in the door. Turned out they already have both of those games, but they wanted to play Sorry. We didn't quite get all the rules of the game, but they understand "fair play," taking turns and enjoyed the use of saying "Sorry," and "Excuse me," when sending an opponent back to start. Sohaib was the winner.

I put out 20 typical classroom items, had them look everything over, covered with a towel and set the timer to test their memories and knowledge of these words in English. I told them to number 1-20 which they did -- across the paper, very close together so there wasn't room to put the word next to the number. (My bad!). Once they got the hang of what I

was trying to do they got quite a few of the words: notebook, stapler, scissors, eraser, etc. I printed out the words for each item on sentence strips to show them as we checked over their lists. Tayab had the most words for that one.

Our last activity was supposed to be Paper Airplanes. I planned to use it to practice responses to "can and will", "yes or no" and open-ended questions, however, the boys did not know how to make paper airplanes and were so excited about them that the English practice part was mostly lost after "Yes, I can," "No, I can't," and "will" and "won't." Two of the boys rushed out the front door to fly their creations!

Oh well. They had a good time and so did I.



The Boys And Their Airplanes



Tayab



Meredith and Sohaib  
Waiting for School Enrollment

## First Day of School



The Afghan Adjustment Act would allow Afghans arriving with humanitarian parole who were evacuated from Afghanistan to have an opportunity to apply to become lawful permanent residents and a pathway to permanent status after one year in the U.S. This is critical to our new neighbors' integration in their new homes and strengthens our communities.

**URGENT**

**TAKE ACTION NOW**

**Tell Congress to pass the  
AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT**

[bit.ly/passtheAAA](https://bit.ly/passtheAAA)



***Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, March 13th.*** Please note that on that Sunday we will be inviting parishioners to ***join us for fellowship, coffee, and a craft from 9 AM - 10 AM. Our combined service will begin at 10 AM and our Annual Meeting will be immediately following the service, in the sanctuary,*** so that we can offer those who worship online an opportunity to view the meeting via livestream. The Annual Report document will be posted on our website (with a link) prior to the meeting. For those attending in-person, you will receive the Annual Meeting report along with your service bulletin.

***Diocesan Convention Delegates: The 152nd Annual Diocesan Convention will be from Thursday, October 13th -Saturday, October 15th. The business meeting will be held online Thursday, October 13th in the evening. On Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th, Convention will be held at Spooky Nook in Manheim.***

***We are seeking 4 delegates to represent St. Edward's. The delegates are presented at our Annual Meeting, which is on Sunday March 13th.*** In addition to attending the convention, there are 1-2 convocation meetings that delegates must attend prior to the convention. If you would like to learn more about the responsibilities of a Diocesan Convention delegate, or you would like to represent us, please contact Father Rick or the parish office before March 13<sup>th</sup>.



## JOIN OUR ST. EDWARD'S TEAM

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WE WILL "RACE OUR WAY" ON  
SATURDAY – APRIL 30, 2022 | 12:00 NOON  
DOWNTOWN AT MUSSER PARK

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A 5K race cannot end racism but naming the need to create change and working together can make a difference. All proceeds from the Race Against Racism will support the Center for Racial and Gender Equity (CRGE) and their community programs of education, training, advocacy and change.

*Father Rick+ and our Faith in Action ministry invite you to join us in participating as "Team St. Edward's" for the 2022 Race Against Racism event.*

We have also created a link so that those who wish to donate in support of our Team St. Edward's can do so, (in any dollar amount!) as we commit to supporting this vital cause that is integral to our faith, ministry, and mission. There are many ways to join us!!

Registration fees are noted below. You can: [CLICK HERE TO CONNECT WITH THE YWCA RACE AGAINST RACISM WEBSITE](#). Also, if you would like to participate and need registration help of any kind, please contact the parish office.

Visit: <https://sainteds.org/faith-in-action>

**Now through April 6:** \$30 Adult Registration

**Now through April 6:** \$12 Child Registration

Registration includes a t-shirt and a reusable Race Against Racism water bottle, while supplies last. *(Must be registered by 11:59 p.m. on March 31 to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Registration fees are non-refundable).*

You can: [CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR FIA PAGE WHERE YOU WILL FIND LINKS TO REGISTER AND TO DONATE](#)

# 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 April will be:  
**March 20th.**  
 Send articles and announcements to:  
 HJ\_Miller@outlook.com



# Wednesday Evening Bible Study



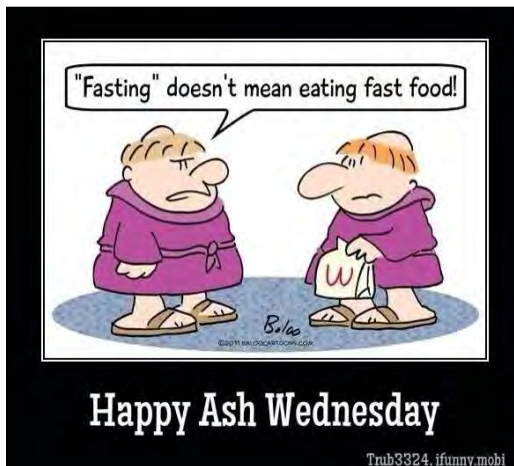
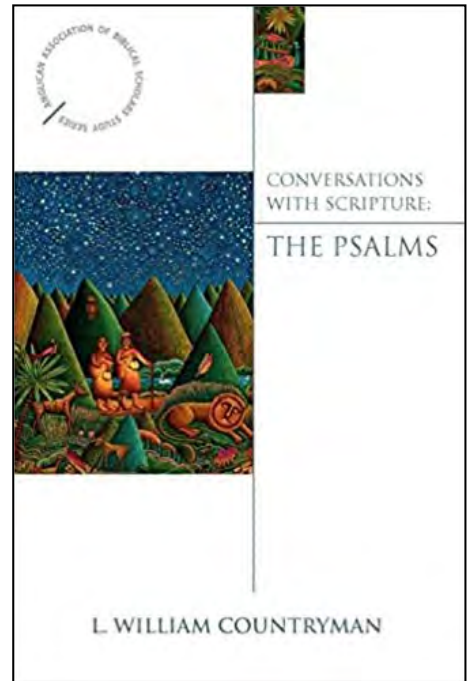
L. William Countryman

Wednesday Evening Bible Study new session will begin on Wednesday, March 9th (Zoom link will be published on Monday, March 7th) - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM: The focus for this session, led by Bob

Mosebach and Leslie Arnold, will be to remain in the Hebrew Scriptures with a study on the Psalms. Staying with the 'Conversations with Scripture' series, the book we will use, in addition to the Bible, is **William Countryman's Conversations with Scripture: The Psalms**. "Written in accessible language and sensitive to those who have little or no experience in reading the Bible, each book in the Conversations with Scripture series focuses on exploring the historical and critical background of the biblical texts, while illustrating how these centuries-old writings still speak to us today. Countryman brings his considerable biblical studies erudition as well as his skills as a popular writer and published poet to bear on the Psalms. Though an accomplished scholar of the New Testament, Countryman illumines the Psalms with insight and creativity. Readers will experience this most beloved part of the scriptural canon in a fresh and exciting way." **There are several places online where you can purchase the book.** For questions, please contact Bob Mosebach at [rcmosebach@comcast.net](mailto:rcmosebach@comcast.net) or Leslie Arnold at [larnold897@aol.com](mailto:larnold897@aol.com) with any

questions.

We encourage those who have thought about joining our Bible Study group to take this opportunity, during Lent, to experience this insightful study.



# Needle Arts Ministry

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.

Donations of yarn are always welcome.



Prayer Shawls ready to be given to whoever is in need of one.



Gail Irons and Sue Bianco teasing Irene about her love of adding the prayer labels to the finished shawls.



Irene Achey is a really fun knitting machine!!



Irene and Gail check out some finished items.



## Coffee Hour Valentine Craft and Super Bowl Fun Feb. 13th



Randy Westgate and grandson



Craft hearts



Meredith Westgate and grandson



Lots of goodies





CHURCH PEOPLE

From the words of Mike Frost. "Sadly, church people are often the most shamed people. Our church might have taught us to never show the parts of our lives that are messy, or embarrassing. I think that might be because a lot of churches unwittingly promote perfectionism, a condition in which we constantly ask, "What will people think? But allowing yourself to be vulnerable helps the other person to trust you, precisely because you are putting yourself at emotional, psychological, or physical risk. Other people then tend to react by being more open and vulnerable themselves. The great enemy here is shame. Nothing silences us more effectively than shame.

As Brene Brown says, "The irony is that we attempt to disown our difficult stories to appear more whole or more acceptable, but our wholeness — even our wholeheartedness — actually depends on the integration of all our experiences, including the falls."

Brown also writes, "If we can share our story with someone who responds with empathy and understanding, shame can't survive."

Do you need someone to listen to your story? We are not counselors but a trained Stephen Minister can listen with empathy and understanding, offering an attentive ear, unconditional positive regard, no judgment. A space where everything is held in the strictest confidence and you are free to be you.

To become connected to a Stephen Minister, please contact our coordinator, Peggy Hanzelman at 717-390-4944 or phanzelman@comcast.net



Pick up a brochure in the Narthex or on the Coffee Hour Snack Table

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13 is: coffee hour 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, one service at 10:00 AM, followed by the Annual Meeting, held in the sanctuary after the service so it can be live streamed. She reminded us that ministry reports are due March 1.

Several vestry members provided committee liaison updates. Peggy Hanzelman gave a status report on the Stephen Ministry. They currently have one care receiver who is from the community at large. Father Rick and Peggy receive referrals. Peggy then meets with the individual, arrangements are made, and paperwork completed.

She also reported that there are seven very active members of the Widows' Group which meets once a month at St. Edward's. This is open to the community.

Beth Lynch reported that Faith in Action has several upcoming projects and events. Soles 4 Souls will begin on Ash Wednesday. Feed My Starving Children will take place March 25-27 and The Race Against Racism event will be held on April 30. More information about these events is available on the Faith in Action website.

Pokémon Club had 14 children at its last meeting! It's lively and volunteer help is appreciated!

Beth reported that the Rahim family is

settling in. They face issues in trying to reunite with their family still in Afghanistan.

St. Edward's continues to show strong support for the Hempfield Area Food Pantry. 193 pounds of food were contributed in January!

Randy Westgate reported on music ministries. He complimented the choir on its musical offerings at the 10:00 service. He also praised the Coffee Hour Band. Vestry concurred!

We then took a few minutes to catch up on concerns for each other and concluded with prayer offered by Ellen and me. It was a full and productive meeting!

As I end my year as Senior Warden and my term on vestry, I would like to give thanks to and for all the wonderful people with whom I have worked! I am so appreciative of the spirituality, leadership, and energy Father Rick has brought to St. Edward's! Michelle has been so supportive of all of us in her role as Parish Administrator. Every member of the parish has generously shared their time, talent, and treasure to the betterment of this church. I am so grateful to be a part of the St. Edward's family!

Blessings to you all,

Julie

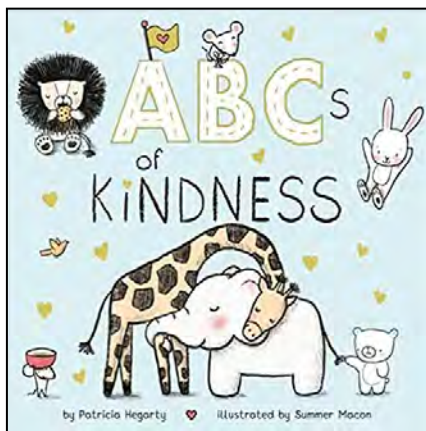
"Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible."

—Mary McLeod Bethune





Mayr Snyder bought this book as a gift last Christmas. It is a lovely way to begin to help children practice starting ripples of kindness.



**ABCs of Kindness (Books of Kindness) Board book – Illustrated, December 24, 2019**  
by Patricia Hegarty (Author), Macon, Summer (Illustrator)



"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

—Mother Teresa

## Contributed by Donna Holwager

I thought this very timely in light of our refugee family. This writer is a retired Episcopalian priest. She used to write daily before her husband died- but now writes "almost daily" from a site named Geranium Farm.



## TOO MUCH BUT NOT ENOUGH

I frequently congratulate myself on how few possessions I have. The downsizing everyone dreads is behind me now. Any dread it inspired has long since turned into relief. Who knew it would feel so good to have so little?

And yet. And yet. I saw a photo in the paper of a Ukrainian refugee mother, putting her children to bed in what looked to be the upper shelf of a train's sleeper car. What they had carried with them when they fled must have been somewhere, maybe in the lower bunk where she and their father would sleep. But it couldn't have been much – probably just a suitcase for the four of them. Maybe not even that.

After Hurricane Sandy, I spent some time helping out in a shelter for those who had lost their homes. There were many families with children. Donations poured in: clothing, toys, food. But the children received them numbly. "When are we going home?" they kept asking their parents, who had no good answer. How long it took for the little ones to understand that their homes and everything in them were gone, I do not know.

The Marshall Fire in Colorado took many homes. Many months will pass of imagining that you still have your mother's old measuring cup, your Norton Anthology from school, your kids' drawings from kindergarten, imagining that you know right where they are: they're in the drawer, they're down in the basement, they're hanging in the bedroom closet. Months before you fully understand that there is no drawer, not anymore. There is no closet, because there is no bedroom. The basement is a hole in the ground.

This very day, twenty years after its de-

struction, I still could walk you around the street level of the World Trade Center: past the bookstore, past the hosiery shop, past the Coach store, past the flower cart, past the row of ATM machines, past the turnstiles and down the escalators to the PATH train tracks. That is, I could if it were all still there. None of it is.

Compared to the Ukrainian mother and her children, what I have isn't little at all. What I have is princely. The children of Hurricane Sandy are now adults – I hope and trust that they now have what they need. But I remember how uninterested they were in the toys people had sent to comfort and amuse them. How they kept asking when they were going home.

## About Geranium Farm

Barbara Cawthorne Crafton is an Episcopalian priest and author. She heads The Geranium Farm, an institute for the promotion of spiritual growth. The Farm publishes her [Almost-Daily eMo](#), a meditation read online by tens of thousands worldwide via email and right here at the website.



She is currently interim rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Metuchen, New Jersey, and has served a number of churches, including historic Trinity Church, Wall Street, St. John's-in-the-Village in Greenwich Village, and St. Clement's in Manhattan's theatre district. She was a maritime chaplain on the New York waterfront, and served as a chaplain at Ground Zero after the attack on the World Trade Center and also served at St. James, the American church in Florence, Italy. A spiritual director, Crafton leads retreats and teaches throughout the United States and abroad.

Her many books include books of essays (*The Sewing Room, Yes! We'll Gather at the River, Some Things You Just have to Live With*), books of daily meditations (*Let Us Bless the Lord (Vols 1-4), Meditations on the Psalms, Finding Time for Serenity*, and several others; a book of poetry (*Blessed Paradoxes*), a book about the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in the aftermath of the World Trade Center bombing (*Mass in Time of War*) and, most recently, a book about how people of faith experience depression (*Jesus Wept: When Faith and Depression Meet*).



# Pre-Lenten Silent Retreat

## By Dina Ishler

An incredible silent retreat with our St. Edward's community, made stunning for me by the absolute clarity of the winter landscape on this beautiful property. The cold air and stark loveliness was so freeing and transformational. I was outside every minute I could be and pushed my walking ability to the limit. I am bringing all I heard and sensed there back with me.

## By Michelle Bentley

Our *pre-Lenten silent retreat* this past weekend where 13 of us gathered in community, courage, individuality, and camaraderie to explore. I stop with that word, because in our self-guided format, we were invited into a time and space that was to be whatever we wanted it to be - in silence. It was a little scary! With guideposts of prayer, shared meals, and meditation, we had the latitude to be ourselves. A little vulnerable! It was in this place between our opening reveal of expectations to our concluding sharing of our experiences that we were invited into a guided meditation with Father Rick. In our listening, learning, and unlearning, we were given a mantra - *The Christ in Me* - for this time of deep silence. This was "a moment" in my 36-hour spiritual exploration, which had me pivot from an expectation to an experience that I received from being open to introspection and contemplation grounded in that time of meditation. In the same manner by which we engage in our Wednesday service of Contemplative Eucharist, Meditation, and Healing Prayer it opened a window, allowing that light we speak of to shine towards me, and within me, giving me the capacity to reflect it back out to the world.

Pictures by David Rutledge, Dina Ishler



The reflections of nature.



A beautiful day to walk.



Tall trees everywhere.



Peaceful

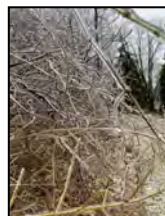
SILENCE



Icy footpaths.



The beauty of silence.



Our beautiful group after Holy Eucharist (Br. David is taking the photo!)

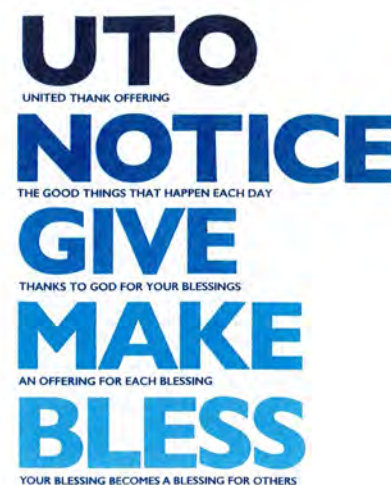
# Lenten Resources

Lent is a time of introspection, quietude, and journeying. Many of us take on spiritual practices that include prayer, meditation, and journaling. Below are some beautiful resources that you may want to incorporate in your “walk” through the Lenten season.

Searching for a nice booklet of Lenten Meditations for 2022? [Click here to download the pdf of Lenten Mediations 2022 from Episcopal Relief and Development](#). ERD has gone virtual for these publications. We have made copies for people to pick up when they stop by the church, so please know you can pick up a copy. You can also visit [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org) to sign up for daily meditations, virtually.

From the United Thank Offering: The 40 Days of Gratitude Lenten Journal is designed for at-home use for adults to deepen their spiritual practice of gratitude during Lent. Each week, we will focus on practicing gratitude for a specific topic based on scripture. We recommend printing it out double-sided and stapling it on the long edge, so that it functions as a book. [You can click here to download the pdf](#). We will also have copies available in the narthex (and can print a booklet for you, upon request).

# Thank You



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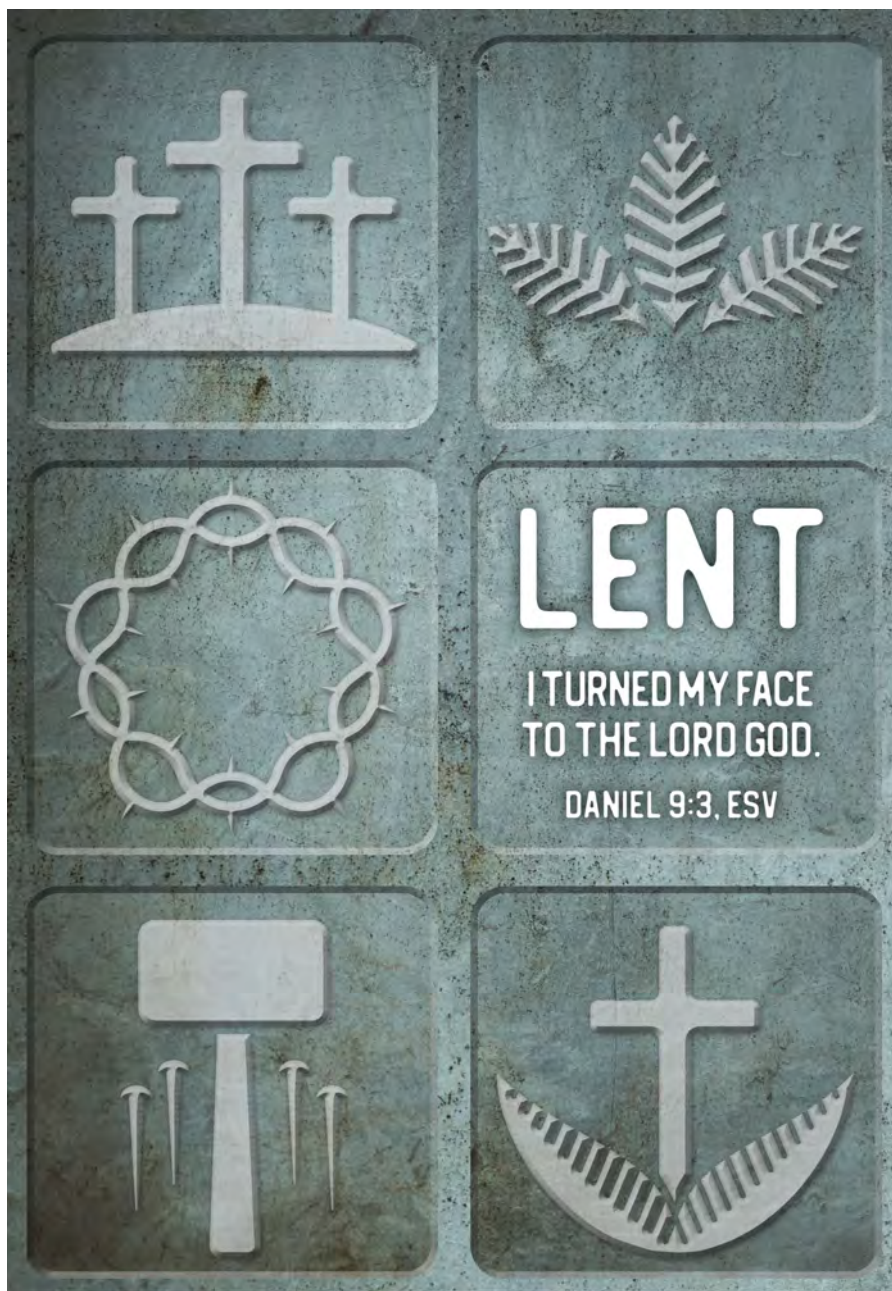
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# Opportunities to Serve at St. Edward's in 2022

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



## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



# Scenes from a Snowy Sunday February 13th 2022

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Fr. Rick gives the Homily

Karen Waddill organist

# A Month of 10 AM Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder and from Live Stream



January 30th



January 30th Wanda Stoltzfus preached



February 20th Dina Ishler preached



February 20th *Wade in the Water* Jamie Alton, soloist



Father Rick begins the Eucharist



Jan. 30th Seth Hake



Jan. 30th Beth Hake



Feb. 6th Kiki Davis-Brugmann



Feb. 6th Piper Brugmann



Feb. 13th Nancy Mannion



Feb. 13th Fred Cluck



Feb. 20th Jay Miller



Feb. 20th Peggy Hanzelman



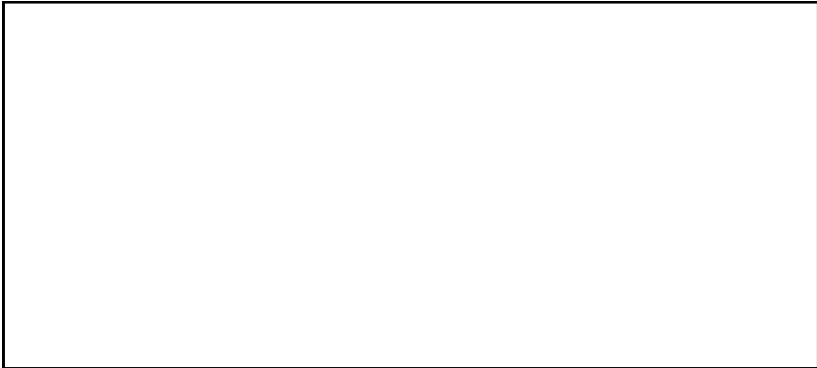
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### Parish Office Hours

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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