



Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



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As we look toward the rest and renewal afforded to us this summer, it’s my heart prayer that we’ll all intentionally embrace chances to connect with the beauty and wonder of our natural world. Whether we’re able to make it to beaches, enjoy neighborhood walks, or visit distant and exotic places, there’s no shortage of sacred opportunity for each of us to cultivate deeper reverence and appreciation for the handiwork of God as we venture out beyond the confines of our living rooms. I’d like to invite us to commit ourselves to taking “working vacations” as a church this year, allowing ourselves to mindfully locate the substance of our Christian worldviews in the stuff of our natural environment. Because spiritual formation in a Christian context roots us in the rhythms of nature whether we realize it or not, as our liturgical expressions mirror the shifts in seasons, and lend narrative to the patterns of death and rebirth that unfold around us. As such, I know of no better way to embrace the patterns of dying and rising to new life, at the core of our Christian

theology, than to simply observe the miraculous rebirth of barren bushes and trees during the spring, the conquest of winter death reasserting the persistence of life every year before our eyes in the heart of summer. With childlike simplicity and clarity, I think that we’re invited to watch the seasons unfold and feel in our spirits, that “God IS”. And like the “Balm in Gilead” that heals the sin-sick soul, the seasonal victory of life over death that we experience in summer holds profound healing power for we who have been weary, for we who worry still.

I truly believe that spending time outdoors under the warm summer sun connects us to Creation in a manner that fosters a “lived experience” of the worship and teaching we engage in the church. As a tradition steeped in appreciation of Christ’s Incarnation, our faith reminds us that the Holy comes to us in physical forms that we can access through our senses. What we see and hear in nature, what we smell and touch, lends intelligibility to our Eucharistic celebrations. Indeed, giving life and meaning to the metaphors and the narratives that we use to relate to ourselves, to one another, and to the

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Reflection

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world through Scripture, I think that we can learn how to be grateful through observing the wonders of Creation on full display during the summer. And maybe, if we don't take the time to engage the discipline of nature's summer bounty, we're worse for the wear when winter returns. Maybe we need to cultivate our capacities for gratitude and celebrate the goodness made known to us in Creation when all is warm and alive in order to endure the times when the world feels cold and dead.

As I ponder God revealed in nature, I'm reminded of my favorite theologian, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who perceived Christ's heart as the image of God's life and love pulsating through the whole of Creation. This late Roman Catholic priest and renown paleontologist was banned from publishing his writings by the Church during his lifetime, but he became a source of inspiration for an entire generation of Christian thinkers when his works were disseminated after his death. As a scientist, Teilhard deeply appreciated the revelation of nature and recognized the principle of evolution as the primary law governing the Christian enterprise. Observing how the universe is still expanding, how Creation is still unfolding, Teilhard noted that it's quite amazing that something exists, where plausibly there could have been nothing. Indeed, on the smallest, subatomic level, it's incredible that particles collide, that matter is attracted to other matter. Teilhard identified this as a principle of "convergence" to describe a first stage in the evolutionary process that gives way to "complexity" over time. His writings describe the attraction of matter to other matter as facilitating the cosmic leaps in life from simple, single-celled organ-

isms to complex biological systems over time. And somewhere along the line in this evolutionary process, Teilhard noted the miraculous nature of convergence and complexity that eventually gave rise to consciousness in hominized form. We're here! And not only are we here, but we're conscious, we know that we know...we're aware that we are aware! From the depths of his scientifically informed Christian worldview, Teilhard envisioned evolution taking yet another step in the fullness of time, that being a highly personalized movement akin to that described in Colossians 3:11, wherein "Christ is all in all." In his book Heart of Matter, Teilhard wrote: "To understand the world knowledge is not enough; you must see it, touch it, live in its presence and drink its vital heat of existence in the very heart of reality."

Even if Teilhard's philosophy seems a bit much to appreciate and understand in a paragraph, what I think it invites us to consider is how we can engage incredibly meaningful spiritual formation just by venturing out into the natural world with Christ in our hearts. The pieces come together for us, because everything is a part of God's self...and that most certainly includes each of us. So, even in the face of some evidence to the contrary, we have reason to trust that evolution is headed somewhere good...convergence, complexity that has given rise to consciousness...a universal energy. It's good to take in the good!!! Have a fantastic summer friends!!!

Rick+



Save the Date



Announcements for all events will be in our weekly emails, service bulletins, and in future Scepters. We will be adding events throughout the fall!!! Stay tuned.

July 17: Farewell reception for Peg Reiley

August 24th: Legacy Fund Launch and Community Dinner

August 27th: Women's Spirituality Group Afternoon Tea

August 31st: Pokémon League begins for fall season

September 17th: Swords to Plowshares & Heeding God's Call

September 18th: Amos Herr Festival

September 24th: Organ Recital

October 2nd: Basket Raffle begins

October 14th -15th: Diocesan Convention

October 22nd: Fall Fundraiser Trivia Night/Dinner/Basket Raffle

October 30th: Concert with Valleyphonics



Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

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Joyce Kamm



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

Vestry

By Catherine Donohue



Greetings Friends in Christ!

I hope that you are all feeling the tangible presence of God this summer. May we bask in God's warmth, enjoy the beauty around us and actively seek God's will together.

Our June vestry meeting was held at noon on June 19th. The success of St. Edward's first Pride Fest booth the day before was shared. The joy of passing onto the many people at Pride Fest that they are loved by God and welcomed in the church the way that they are, was very uplifting. As a vestry, we are so excited to see all the new things happening at St. Edward's! In addition to Pride Fest, this month has seen the return of parish dinners with a celebration meal cooked by Malalay Rahim (with a team

of helpers of course). As this is written we are busy in June with the installation of our new stained-glass window in honor of Fr. Casey, an open house with silent auction hosted by the artisan group - the Woolwrights, and a Swing Street concert.

The hum of activity continues this summer; a Women's Spirituality group is beginning and our "Call to Action" is off to a very successful start. As a vestry we are excited with the great strengths of our parish: we are alive with activity, quick to generosity to fund special projects and are welcoming visitors and new members. We are also working with our monthly budget which remains inadequate to keep up with operating expenses. We continue to focus on the great graciousness of God doing all that we can with all that we have, while looking for ways to keep our pledges up and our expenses met. Fr. Rick noted that we have 80 pledging units, and had 34 attendees at the 8:00 service, 58 at the 10:00 service and 16 at the Wednesday service in the past week (June 15 - 19, 2022).

We are looking to and preparing for August and September events including a Swords to Plow Shares diocesan event, the launch of a Legacy Fund, our booth at the Amos Herr Festival, the resumption of the Pokémon club, a blood drive and school backpack drive. If you have not yet, please prayerfully enter into and enjoy our spiritual formation, Faith in Action and parishioner support ministries moving forward.

As our vestry meeting ended, we took the time to share our summer travel plans and hold each other and our church family up to God in prayer. May your summer be filled with the joy and the discernible guidance of God's Holy Spirit! Please take the time to let the vestry hear from you. Share your Godly wisdom, concerns, hopes and dreams. We are one body working together to spread Jesus Christ's message of love.

God is with us,

PS. Thank you all for each and every prayer for our granddaughter Athena Faith Caban-Donohue. She is over ten pounds, thriving and starting to meet more of her loving extended family. We are feeling quite blessed.



Patrick and Luke feeding Athena and Jacob. It was a BYOB porch party. ☺

Military News

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

- ★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



Reflection after a year of Pokémon

By Beth Lynch

Pokémon League began last fall with a group of 10 children. We continually grew until we had over 20+ children a week. The league met Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The participants battled each other by playing the card game, great trades were made, new Pokémon were captured but most of all friendships were forged and fortified. The league had games, crafts, competitions, and outdoor play.

It could not have been as successful as it was without the following help from these adults: Rick+ and Trina Bauer, Joyce Kamm, Beth VanAulen, Michelle Bentley, Heidi Stewart, and Tracy Kramer.

We will return in Fall 2022. Thanks for a fun year.



Graduations

Andrea Klick



On May 13th Andrea Klick, granddaughter of Sandra Klick and the late Jay Klick graduated Magna Cum Laude from The Annenberg School, University of Southern California with a degree in Journalism, Political Science and Human Rights. Andrea now joins The Kansas City Star as a breaking news reporter.

Dante Keener



Covid forced Dante to celebrate his Hempfield HS graduation at home. Dante is planning to attend Penn College of Technology where he will major in Aviation Technology.

Look for the rest of his graduation story on page 21.



Sadie Raye Casey Stauffer



Emma Michele Casey Stauffer



Finn Milligan and Khateeb Rahim played on opposing soccer teams.

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

PUZZLE

Beyond number
God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How $\frac{\quad}{13+10}$ to me are your $\frac{\quad}{12+6}$, God!

How $\frac{\quad}{8+11}$ is the $\frac{\quad}{10+3}$ of them!

Were I to $\frac{\quad}{15+6}$ them,

they would $\frac{\quad}{3+12}$ the grains of $\frac{\quad}{4+18}$ —

when I $\frac{\quad}{13+4}$, I am still with you.

PSALM 139:17-18, NIV

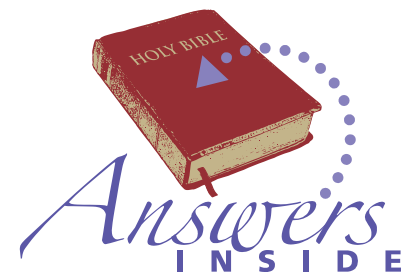
Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake

Hello Summer

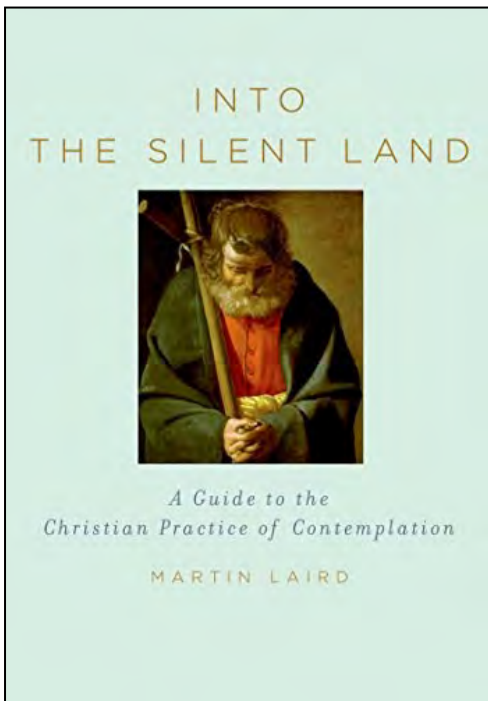
Bible Quiz

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- The Parable of the Lost Son
- The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- The Parable of the Lost Coin



Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)

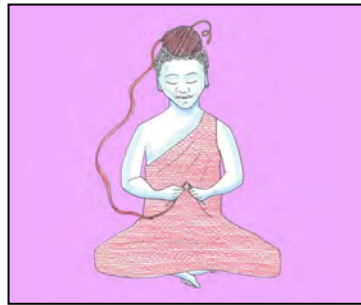


Martin Laird, an Augustinian priest at Villanova University, teaches the ancient Christian practice of contemplation in order to "quiet the mind" and have a deep awareness of union with God.

Into the Silent Land – A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation by Martin Laird, Fridays, from 12 Noon – 1 PM. Zoom link will be in the weekly emails: Join Father Rick and Bob Mosebach as we journey with this guide to contemplation. We invite you to explore this beautiful 140-page text with us – a unique opportunity for learning and understanding the “Christian contemplative tradition of prayer.” To learn more about this session, please visit our Adult Spiritual Formation page by [clicking HERE](#).



By Donna Holwager



Tied into meditation???? How could that be?

While many of us are learning about the age old practice of silence as a spiritual awakening,(summer book study : "Into the Silent Land"); those involved in a crafting process know and appreciate the benefits of purposeful quietness while creating something new.

How might this relate to preparing to share something handmade to offer to the December Cookie and Craft sale?

Here are some suggestions:

Summer heat is expected to be at it's highest during July and August. Finding something indoors to do would be a great way to enjoy peaceful silence indoors as the heat beats down outside.

For inexpensive ideas now, visit Lancaster Creative Reuse, 1865 Lincoln Highway East _

[Click here for Creative Reuse website.](#)

It is also a great spot to check out donated crafts for your kids. Also, you may enjoy taking a drive to the village of Intercourse (Route 340 exit from Route 30) to see an array of kits at The Old Country Store, Zooks, or the Lancaster Yarn Shop. Fresh lemonade and baked soft pretzels are just down the road. You just might find something you'd love to make. Whatever you choose, make a plan for blazing hot summer days to come :

Stay indoors; immerse yourself in peaceful silence and let your mind take a break from what author Laird calls " the cocktail party of our mind". Turn off the TV; sit in a rocking chair to quietly read the directions of your new craft; and then thank God for this wonderful opportunity to contribute something to the St. Edward's project.

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By Joyce Kamm

This month we share a note from a Stephen Ministry care receiver about how her Stephen Minister touched her life.



“I thank God every day for leading me to my Stephen Minister. When we began our caring relationship, I was slowly coming out of the numbness I felt after the shattering of my marriage. Her patience, her listening ear and her willingness to serve have completely changed the trajectory of my life.

Without a doubt, accepting care from my church's Stephen Ministry has been the best decision of my life. Everyone should be able to have a Stephen Minister when they need one. It's an amazing model of how the Body of Christ can work. God is truly being glorified through the service everywhere!”

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister, please contact our Pastor Care Coordinator, Peggy Hanzelman at 717-390-4944 or phanzelman@comcast.net.

Women's Tea

An Extraordinary Event in Ordinary Time



To the women of St. Edward's - please join us on Saturday, August 27th from 3 PM – 5 PM for an afternoon of gathering and community. We will be getting together to discuss our Women's Spirituality Group formation! Bring a friend! **Bring a dozen of your favorite "delights" to share with the group.** We will provide coffee, tea, punch. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet each other and forge the beginnings of our group. ALL are invited to “come and see” and just to spend time together.



Widows Group



Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM at St. Edward's. For July, we will meet at 11:30AM at JB Dawson's for lunch!!! Join us!! **For more information contact:**

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Ethel Lawrence:

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Men's Group



Saturday Men's Group: 2nd Saturday of the 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. The Men's Group will not be meeting over the summer. Our next meeting is Saturday, September 10th



Evening Prayer



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://us06web.zoom.us/j/84700614072>

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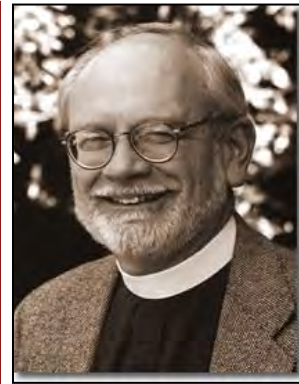
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Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for September will be:
August 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:
HJ_Miller@outlook.com



Wed Bible Study



6:30 PM to 8:00 PM:

The focus for this session, led by Bob Mosebach and Leslie Arnold, is to remain in the Hebrew Scriptures with a study on the Psalms. Staying with the

L William Countryman

'Conversations with Scripture' series, the book we are using, 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."

For questions, please contact Bob Mosebach at rmosebach@comcast.net or Leslie Arnold at larnold897@aol.com.

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



Pride Fest June 18, 2022

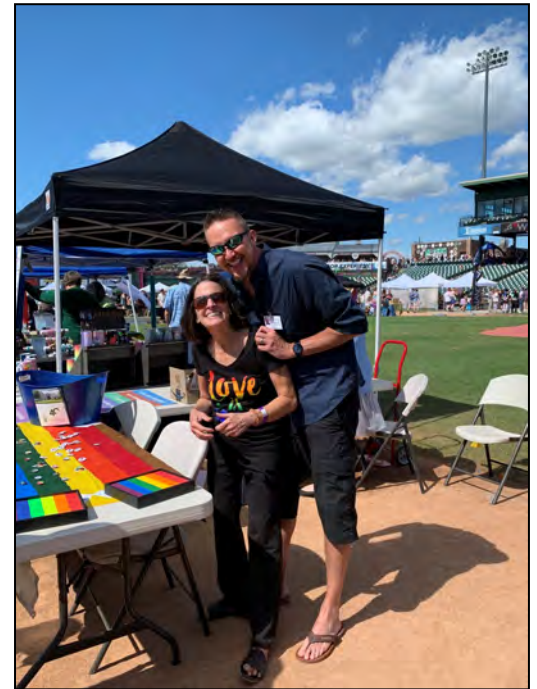
Pictures provided by Mary Snyder



Mary Snyder

Thank you, again, to Mary Snyder, and all of our Lancaster Pridefest volunteers. It was an exceptional experience. We have great ideas for PrideFest 2023 and we are excited to represent St. Edward's and share the faith, hope, love, and peace that is in our hearts with all in our human family.

This was one of the biggest PrideFests that we have had. We spent the day handing out stickers and smiles and just enjoyed spending time with everyone.



Father Rick and Michelle Bentley



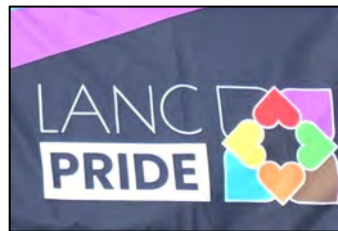
Wanda Stoltzfus handing out stickers.



Mike Freshwater , Mary Snyder and Dina Ishler



Sharon Gromis and Lori Miller



Love your Neighbor
 who doesn't
 look like you,
 think like you,
 love like you,
 speak like you,
 pray like you,
 vote like you.
 Love your Neighbor.
 No Exceptions.



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH in
 CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Coffee Hour

Picture by Mary Snyder



Pentecost Sunday Table Decoration



Welcome New Members

Welcome

We are always seeking ways to extend hospitality to those in our community – visitors, and fellow parishioners. To that end, we received a wonderful suggestion to highlight the names of our newer members, who have joined St. Edward’s, as a way for people to connect with each other. You may notice names of folks who have been here for the past year or so, but it is nice to let everyone know their names so we can continue to build relationships. **Welcome all!** We are glad you are a part of St. Edward’s. If you have any questions about anything at St. Edward’s, please connect with Michelle in the parish office. If I have missed anyone, please let me know and I will make certain to include your name in our next issue.

- Rayelenn Casey
- Fred Cluck and Nancy Mannion
- Vince and Barb Czepukaitis

- Bill Deegan
- Jeffrey and Sharon Gromis
- Joe and Sue Hurlburt
- Joyce Kamm
- Blair Lord
- Meredith Lord
- Jay and Lori Miller
- Bob and Jeanne Mosebach
- Susan Murray
- Edward and Jeanne Neff
- Kathleen Moretto Spencer
- Wanda Stoltzfus
- Ron and Ann Vail
- Beth, Bella, and Jack Van Aulen
- BJ Williamson
- Meg Zapata

Newsome’s Visit

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Susan and Brian Newsome



Braden, Susan and Barrett

Pokémon Support



Click on the Pokémon for more information about this store that generously supported the Pokémon League by donating \$150 worth of Pokémon cards.

YOU'RE INVITED TO
Goodbye PA, Hello Florida!



Drop-in Party for Peg Reiley

Come say goodbye and wish Peg the best in her new job and home!

At St. Edward's Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Sunday, July 17th from 2 PM – 4 PM

No presents necessary; your presence is enough!
No RSVP necessary. Hope to see you there!



We had the opportunity to visit with Peg Reiley as she prepares to embark on her new “life adventure” with her move to Florida. We asked Peg five important questions about her ministry and faith life at St. Edward’s.

When did you join St. Edward’s and what were a few memorable moments for you in those early years (and/or throughout the years)?

I joined St. Edward’s in 1999. I first visited in January, a few weeks before the birth of my 2nd child. At the end of the service, I remember Randy Westgate approaching me with a warm welcome. Of course, we did not know each other or realize that we would later be working with the same professional group. Later that afternoon, someone from St. Ed’s dropped off a banana bread loaf. I believe in those days; it was common to offer a little treat to a visitor/ newcomer to the church. Father Stephen was the rector at that time. He was so

kind and welcoming, making visitors feel like they were already part of the St. Ed’s family. The kindness and welcoming nature of the church was a significant aspect in my decision to make St. Edward’s our spiritual home. A very memorable moment for me occurred several years later. Both of my children were confirmed, and I was received into the Episcopal Church on the same day. This was such a special day for me. Over the years we have enjoyed participating in Krist Kindling, Jesse Tree, silent auction events, picnics and various other events that have repeatedly confirmed that St. Edward’s was the perfect place for me to worship and grow.

You were involved in many ministries, over the years, at St. Edward’s, can you tell us about the various ministries in which you served and what they meant to you?

I have been involved in several ministries over the years. I did not jump into any of

these quickly but gradually over the years. The ministry that has had the biggest impact on me is Christian Education. I first offered to help in the preschool/ kindergarten



Sunday school 2015

ten class many years ago but at that time I did not feel that it was a good fit - I was very much out of my comfort zone- so I stepped away for a while. A few years later, I was approached to become involved again in Christian Ed. As I had attended Catholic school throughout my childhood, I had never experienced Sunday school /

CCD (this is what it was called when I was a child) / Christian education. So, I hesitated in accepting as I did not see myself as a teacher. However, with the guidance of Father Stephen, Leslie Arnold and several other Christian Ed teachers, I made the decision to join the team in the preschool/ kindergarten classroom. I think this ministry was the most rewarding. The impact that we have on our young children is immeasurable. And if we can sow even the tiniest seed of faith in our little ones, then what a difference we can make! I have been involved in social outreach/ Faith in Action. My main contribution to this ministry is in organizing the Feed My Starving Children event and participating in Jesse Tree ministry. These events have always been such a rewarding experience for everyone involved. I also served on vestry, being both junior warden and senior warden. This ministry was very enlightening as to the business aspect of a parish/ church. I learned so much and enjoyed my time on vestry and would encourage others to consider this ministry.

How has St. Edward's enriched you in your faith journey (and your life journey)?

St. Edward's has enriched my faith journey and life journey in so many ways. Having grown up in the Roman Catholic tradition, I found the Episcopal worship service very familiar and comfortable. As is often the case, once I went to college, I did not attend church on a regular basis - I was a C&E (a Christmas and Easter person). When I was starting my family, I felt the need to reconnect with a church. We joined a local Catholic church, and my first child was baptized there. But we did not attend



Peg's Mother, Rachael, Daniel and Peg

regularly. I did not feel welcome, and it was not a "good fit". When I was having my second child, I made an effort to find a church that I would attend regularly. I felt that it was important for my children to know about God and faith in other ways than what I could teach or show them. So, I went church shopping to find a spiritual

home. After visiting St. Ed's, it did not take long to know that this was where I should be. I think most of us do not pay much attention to the impact of our church



Rachael, Peg and Daniel

home during the good times of life. And this was how things were for me for a while. I attended service regularly but did not really think much of it. But then life becomes rough and gets really challenging and then St Ed's was a life raft. Father Stephen was a major player in my journey. But the small seeds that had been sown over the years through the interactions of others were also helpful in my journey of faith. My big life events - the death of a parent, the ending of a marriage and then the death of my other parent - left me struggling for answers. Father Stephen provided guidance and comfort and knowledge that enabled me to heal. We tell ourselves that God is good, and faith will get us through. But I think we don't truly realize this until we find ourselves struggling for answers and healing and eventual peace. St. Edward's, Father Stephen and the good people of the parish helped me to truly understand that faith is what can get us through. Sometimes we just need to hand things over to God, trust that He will take care of us and wait. And I have learned over and over that this is often what I need to do - waiting is difficult but He will take care of me. My faith has grown so much over time. Looking back, I'm not sure how I would have made it through these tough times or grow in faith without St. Edward's as my spiritual home. And for this I will be forever grateful.

What do you hope for, for the legacy of this spiritual home, St. Edward's?

In thinking about the legacy, I first reviewed the definition of the word legacy. A legacy can mean a gift (often but not exclusively monetary) or something that is received by an ancestor or predecessor or from the past. My hope for the legacy of this spiritual home is that it is viewed as a gift. St. Edward's has truly been a gift to

me, and I think to many others as well. The gifts of comfort, healing, education, and support are all found at St. Edward's. In addition, our church home has been received from our ancestors. Even though we are not as old as many other churches, we started from a small group of people who believed there was a need for our church in the area. The church started by gathering in a union hall to the building of our beautiful church to the addition of the parish hall. We are standing on the shoulders of that first group of individuals who had a vision and a hope - and faith. My hope is that over the years and decades, folks will look back on us and stand on our shoulders as they continue to grow in faith and share the love of God throughout the community.

What would you say to those who are seeking a faith home and come to St. Edward's?

For anyone who is thinking about coming to St. Edward's, I would say 'please visit us'. You will find a church that is warm and welcoming to everyone. Whether you are interested in just attending service or becoming very involved in ministries, you will be treated with kindness and care. Your faith will grow, even though you may not realize it at first. You will experience the love of Christ in words and actions. It is a place of worship, healing, and love. To anyone who is seeking a faith home, I believe that St. Edward's will fulfill your needs and wants and enable you to truly learn and experience God's never-ending love.



Peg and Rachael at Feed My Starving Children

To Peg: All of us at St. Edward's wish you Godspeed as you embark on this next chapter of your life! We love you and your family, and we are so thankful for your dedicated ministry, love, faith, and support to our (your!) faith community. With prayers and peace in all your days.

Grounds Care

Pictures by Mike Freshwater



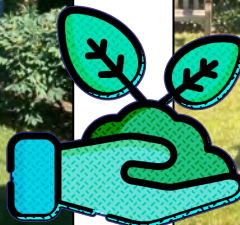
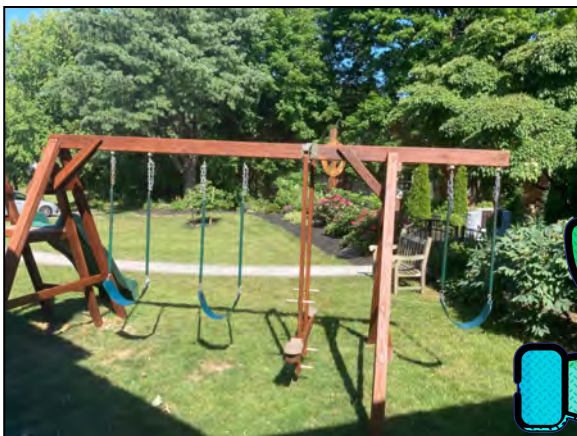
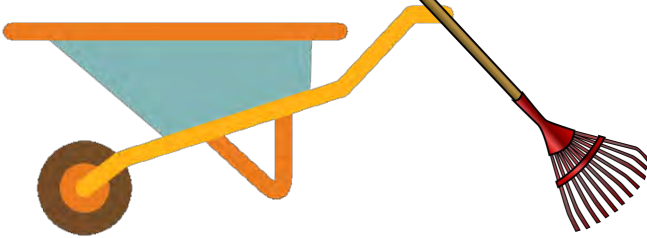
Mike Freshwater and Randy Westgate took special care in mulching and edging the front garden beds.



BJ Williamson participates in quiet ministry weeding our front garden beds.



Washing the windows in preparation for the stained glass.



Mike Freshwater and Randy Westgate sanded and sealed the playset for our young friends who love to swing .



ST. EDWARD'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RECTOR'S CALL-TO-ACTION

It was less than a year ago that we were in the planning phase of our 40th Anniversary celebration. With the excitement surrounding this milestone event, we also understood the realities of maintaining a beautiful spiritual home for all and the commitment we all share in fulfilling our ministry, mission, and vision to ensure the legacy of St. Edward's.

As we approach the summer months and look to protect all facets of our shared life, ***we would like to humbly thank the generous individuals, parishioners and friends of St. Edward's, whose donations met our underwriting goal for the energy fund. Our second fund, covering our building and grounds, is still open and we are accepting gifts of any size.***

We have so much to be proud of in this beautified space that is our St. Edward's home. And, we have much to care for, and cherish, as we look towards the future of our parish. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining your fellow parishioners in supporting this essential fund designated to support these necessary expenditures.

We also ask that you continue with your regular giving in support of our full complement of ministry, which is vital to our growth. **We** are the ministry, mission, and vision of St. Edward's.

With humble appreciation,

For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)



Here we are folks!!! It is that special time of year where we start planning our Fall Fundraiser event, which includes, yes, wait for it. . . ***Trivia Night!!!*** We are bringing back Mike Horn to delight us with an evening of fun and frivolity. Along with our relaxed pub-style food dinner this is where the “basket raffle frenzy” takes hold. It is such a great evening of community spirit at St. Edward’s, and, a meaningful way, for us to raise funds that help support our ministry (so vital to our legacy!)

Before we can have a successful fundraising event, we need your help and amazing talents in creating wonderful baskets for our raffle. The options for creativity are limitless as we work to achieve our fundraising goal of \$6,000 in 2022, with your support. A sign-up sheet will be on the coffee hour table on Sunday mornings throughout July – September. Baskets are due September 25th. The raffle begins October 2nd and runs through October 22nd.

So, mark your calendars for **October 22 at 4:00 PM** for a fantastic evening of trivia, dinner, and the reveal of our basket raffle winners.

Dates to remember:

Baskets due September 25th

Trivia Night/Dinner Tickets go on sale October 2nd

Basket Raffle tickets go on sale October 2nd

We have a small selection of baskets for folks to use in their basket making. Please see the parish office.

History of the Food Ministry at St. Edward's Part 2

By Beth Lynch

According to Hunger Free Lancaster there are 52,160 food insecure people in Lancaster which translate into a 9% food insecurity rate. 16% of the children in Lancaster County live in poverty, but in the Lancaster

city limits the rate is 39.9%. SNAP eligibility allows for families to receive food assistance by receiving services such as food stamps. In Lancaster 61% live below the poverty level.



Beth with Food Pantry Bags

Saint Edward's started a relationship with the Hempfield Food Pantry in November 2013. Deacon Eric Henry was interning at St. Edward's and a part of the children's Christian education team. It was during the Godly Play lesson on the Good Samaritan story that led to the children came up with the idea of sharing food somehow. Deacon Eric visited the Hempfield Food Pantry and forged a connection with the director Diane Gerlach.

The children of St. Edward's made signs and set up collection sites for the parish. Once a month the food was delivered to the pantry. Prior to it being delivered the children would parade down the aisle with the offering and Fr. Casey or Fr. Bateman would bless the food. "I remember tittering come from the pews as we watched Paul McLaughlin waddle down the aisle with a jar of food in his hands, or Barrett Newsome trying to steer the grocery cart." The program was named Feeding Families Fourth Sunday.

The parish has donated 15,901 pounds of food to Hempfield Food Pantry since we forged a relationship with them. In 2019, the Faith In Action ministry added a Turkey Drive during November. We have averaged 20 turkeys since this began. Every month the pantry will provide the church with suggested items of food needed that month. Besides food our parishioners have provided monetary gifts for the pantry to use to fill in the gaps that are needed to serve the Hempfield area.

A few points of interest:

There is freezer at the pantry dedicated to Fr. Stephen and Rayelenn Casey.

Eric Henry is a Deacon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mechanicsburg.

Over 1300 people are served monthly by the pantry.

The Hempfield Food Pantry is located in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.



The children of St. Edward's made signs



And took the collected food items once a month to be blessed.



The food is then packed and taken to the Food Pantry



The Casey Freezer with donated turkeys





St. Edward's contributed 213 pounds of food items to the pantry in May. +

In May the pantry served:
 189 children
 248 adults
 107 seniors
 For a total 494 served...
 Many families come to the pantry every week...this gives a grand total of 1,309 people served for the month May.

Forty-nine volunteers gave 472 hours for the month!

Requested items for the month of July are:

- Cereal
- Canned carrots
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned green beans
- Canned potatoes
- Ramon noodles
- Large jelly (please no glass containers)
- Large peanut butter
- Penna pasta

Many thanks for your continuing support to the pantry to help families in the Hempfield area struggling to feed their families !!!

God Bless you!



By Ellen Milligan

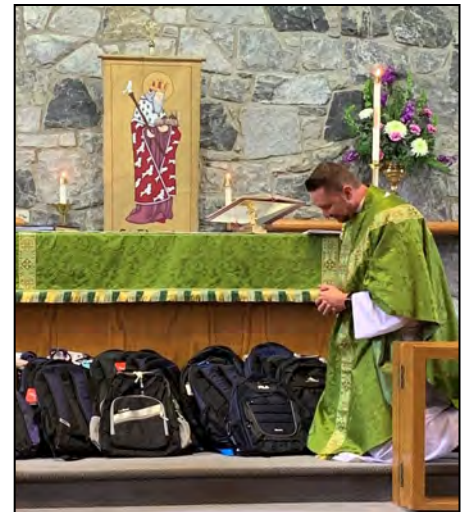
Faith in Action's Backpack Drive

Ah, summer! Backyard picnics, sun, swimming and school backpacks. That's right, folks, backpacks.

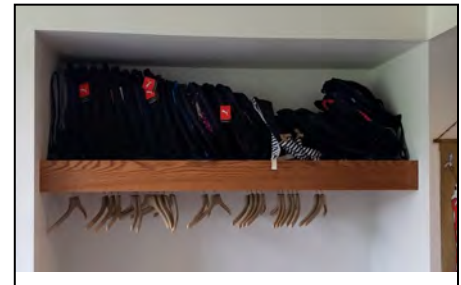
On July 10 we'll kick off our annual back-to-school drive. Donated backpacks will be distributed to Hempfield High School students through the district's social workers. Our goal is to collect 25 backpacks. In addition to backpacks, \$25 gift cards to Giant or Walmart are needed. Hempfield's social workers often find themselves trying to meet an immediate need. A grocery store gift card can help get a family through the weekend until more permanent help can be set up.

How can you help? During the month of July either bring a backpack to church or donate money to the drive by writing a check to St. Edward's with 'back-to-school' on the memo line. The last day to donate will be July 31st.

Thank you for helping our local students be ready to learn!



Blessing of the Backpacks 2021



By Leslie Arnold

Keep the Blood Line Going: Donate a Pint



While COVID seems to be loosening its grip on society, the need for blood donations continues to exist.

With the changes in the economy and a worker shortage in all fields, local blood donation centers have had to greatly limit the amount of organized blood drives offered in our community. For this reason, we have been unable to set up an on-site collection day at St. Edward's; however, we, the Faith in Action ministry, are offering a creative and rewarding way for you and family members as well as friends to donate blood.

We are inviting all to travel to a donor center of your choice, get a signature from a staff member to verify your donation, return the card to church; THEN, you will be eligible to win a very nice prize at the end of the campaign, based on a random drawing.

To be eligible for the drawing, you may donate blood any day/time between June 27 and August 7.

All you need to do:

- Pick up a St. Edward's "I donated" packet at church (*packets available starting June 26*)
- Select a donor center (list will be provided in packet)
- Visit the center during their open ours (you may be able to call ahead for an appointment)
- Take the St. Edward's "I donated" card with you to be signed by a staff member at the location (*card is included in packet*)
- Return the signed card to church and deposit in the "I donated" box.

Rahim Dinner—Malalay's Recipe

Pictures by Joe and Sue Hurlburt, Mary Snyder, Linda Mamourian (St. Luke's Episcopal, Mt. Joy)



Our Hostess and Master Chef
Malalay Rahim

For Those Who Have Asked For The
Chicken Recipe

Afghani Chicken Karahi (for 4)

2 lbs. Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast
cut in cubes (Giant will do this for you)
6 Tomatoes, diced
1 Large Red Onion diced
2 Cloves Garlic diced
1/2 cup Olive Oil
1 tsp. Salt or to taste
1/2 tsp. Black Pepper
1 tsp. Ginger Powder
1/2 tsp. Turmeric Powder
1 tbsp. Coriander Powder
1 tsp. Cumin

Method:

1. Saute onion, garlic in small amount of oil
 2. Add chicken to pan along with ginger, turmeric and coriander.
 3. Cook it without water.
 4. When the water dries, add in chopped tomatoes, cumin, coriander, ginger, turmeric, black pepper and 1/2 cup oil.
 5. Cook till chicken tender
 6. Add in 1 tbsp butter, lemon juice
 7. Cook it for 5 minutes, let simmer.
 7. Garnish it with chopped, green coriander and serve it hot.
- Serve with rice and Naam Bread (Everest Market, 1621 Columbia Ave.)



Menu: Afghani Chicken Karahi, Rice,
Green Beans, Naam, Dessert



Afghani Chicken Karahi



A True Work of Art



Afghan Style Green Beans

Rahim Dinner

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Linda Mamourian (St. Luke's Episcopal, Mt. Joy)



Malalay Rahim —our Master Chef



Did you ever see so much rice!



And there is more in the oven!



Mary Snyder, Marsha Shirk, Leslie Arnold dicing vegetables



Marsha Shirk preparing salad



Dottie Gschwend and Joyce Kamm



Malalay and Meredith Aul



Malalay and Deborah Fast

Rahim Dinner



Malalay—Thanking the Church for their support



Father Rick inviting Malalay to sing!! Looking a bit surprised, she said “no”!



Najib Rahim. See Anfal’s adoring look at her father.



Najib speaking to their St. Edward’s Family. Anfal and Father Rick—still best friends



Joyce Kamm expressing gratitude to the Welcome Team



Enjoying a delicious dinner!



Eighty three in attendance. It was a lovely evening . Thank you Malalay!

Bishop Curry Visits Central PA Diocese June 11, 2022

Pictures by Gail and Dick Irons and from the Live Feed



Our diocesan clergy, along with The Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter, The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan, The Presiding Bishop Michel Curry at the altar table and standing in prayer.



The venue was filled with joy and love as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preached and the choir sang beautiful hymns.



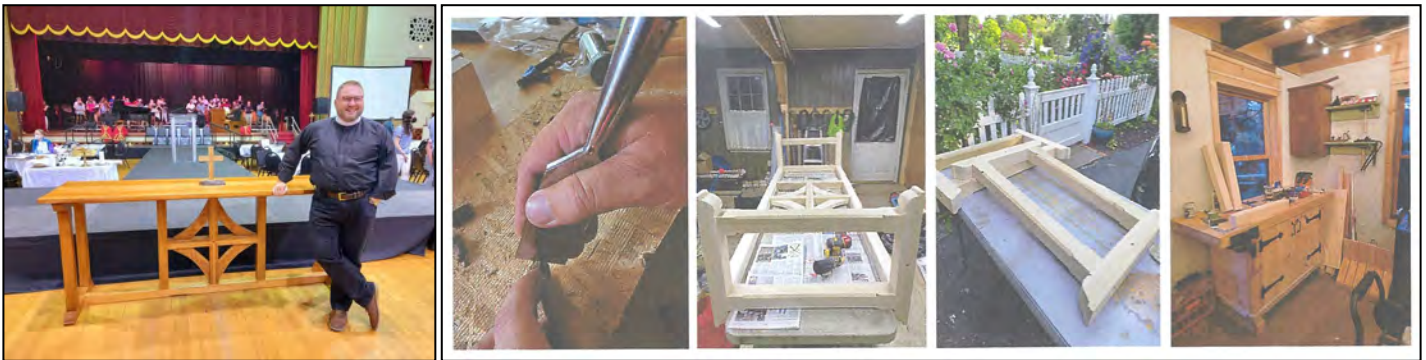
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry visited St. Thomas in the afternoon, spending time with our youth members.



It was wonderful to feel the life-giving nature of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermon where he spoke to us about being "Shaped by Faith." Always a lively sermon with some great anecdotes!

Bradley Mattson Describes the Altar he Built for Bishop's Visit

Contributed by Gail Irons



When building the altar, I thought it would be fun to style it after the unique "timber frame" style that is so indicative of Central Pennsylvania - that meeting of the English and Dutch building style so prevalent in our area, and in use, I suspect, in many of our church buildings around the diocese.

I used square posts in a trestle design and cut some of the end profiles on the left and right sides to match the exact same design that was present in the manger that appeared in the Christmas video. (editor's note: the Presiding Bishop's 2020 Christmas greeting was a short meditation-video of a woodworker crafting a creche in his workshop with a narrative voice over from Holy Scripture. The creche was designed and built by The Rev. Bradley Mattson.)

The wood came from trees all of which grew in the diocese. The primary wood

is Poplar. In the middle center, I built a cross with an inlaid design out of Black Locust, which is prized for strength-and resilience. Black Locust is a real frontier wood, and the reason that original split rail fences used to last a hundred years outside. I liked the image of building a cross into the table that implied a multi-generational durability.

In the center, there is a little square of wood that is especially unique. Over the last 5 years, I've been collecting wood from around the diocese for a special project. I've taken small branches from trees at the border of the diocese in all cardinal directions, and I've saved them in a plastic bag. In the center, I put pieces of those branches together from all four corners of the diocese into the center of that cross, and the grain is intentionally facing outward-looking forward.

So the altar is comprised of the true geographic presence of our diocese.

The center cross is braced on all four corners in true timber frame style. The curved braces that are bending both inward to show strength and flexibility, while the radius of the curves is meant to convey a prayerful stance. The radius is similar and mimics the angle of a celebrant's arms in the orans position. From any angle, the braces pray outwardly, and in all directions evenly.

I truly believe that when we are creating we are the closest we can be to God. I offer it as an oblation for this great occasion of us being together - and have built it with all the love in my heart.

Many blessings to you all,

The Rev. Bradley Lodge Mattson Rector, Hope Episcopal Church Manheim, Pennsylvania

Dante Keener's Unique Graduation Experience

By Maura Keener

Continued from page 4

I contacted the Hempfield school board asking if they could present Dante's diploma to him at the next committee meeting which was on June 6th. They were more than willing to help us out. Hempfield's Superintendent, Mr. Birmirski told us he cued up "Pomp and Circumstance". So Dante even had music to go along with the little ceremony. The "ceremony" was about 60 seconds long and was perfect right down to the same person who read out the names at the May 25th graduation. Upon our return home, some friends surprised us with decorations, balloons, gifts, dinner and cupcakes. We ate on the porch because it was a beautiful night. Wonderful friends!

By this time, Dante was completely over the whole graduation thing, but there was

more to come. The following Thursday was Dante's volleyball banquet (really it's a picnic). We eat, have a presentation, etc. After we ate, the seniors on the volleyball team put on their caps and gowns and lined up for the pictures I was not able to get at the May 25th graduation. All of this was for Dante (and me!). After they were done with the pictures, someone appeared with a volleyball and the seniors started playing... still in their caps and gowns!



David, Dante and Maura Keener

Installation of the Stained Glass Window

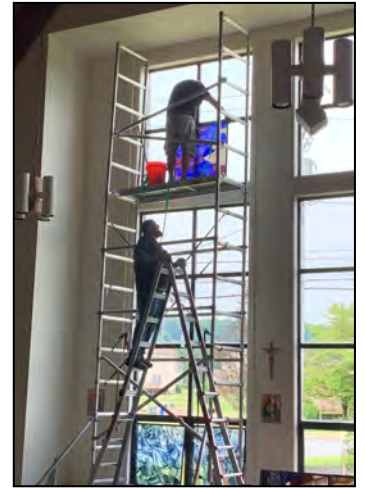
Pictures by Mary Snyder



Washing the windows



Bringing in the panels



First panel goes up



Panel by panel work proceeds



The last panel goes in



The final Window is absolutely amazing

Open House for the Stained Glass Window

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Rayelenn Casey with the window



Michelle shows the dove panel



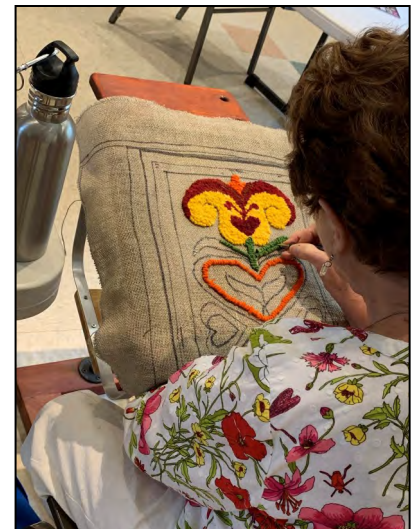
Swing Street sounded great



The Woolwrights sold items.....



...and demonstrated their craft



A Woolwright at work



Visitors enjoyed the window, the jazz music, and each other's company



A hooked dove design, taken from a window panel, was auctioned off

Services in May

From Live Stream



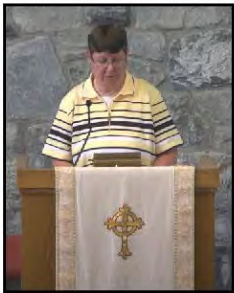
Fr. Rick preaches



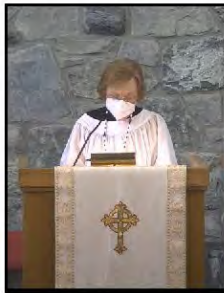
Wanda gives a sermon on May 8th



Dina Preaches May 22



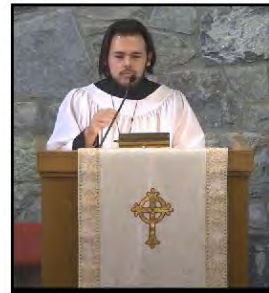
Mary Snyder



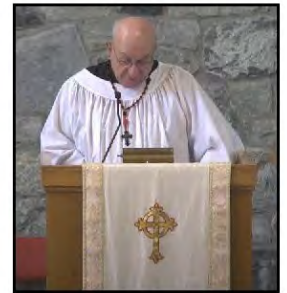
Carol Cotnoir



Blair Lord



Seth Hake



Buddy Yeager



Each week the choir added so much to the services.



Karen Waddill directed the lovely music. The beautiful memorial garden makes a lovely backdrop.



Jackson and Karen provided a lovely mother and daughter duet for Mother's day.

Worship SERVICE

Pentecost Sunday June 5th

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Jay Miller



Many wore red.



The Gospel



The Sermon



The Eucharist



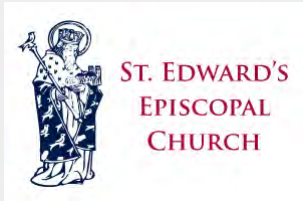
The choir, Karen Waddill and Jackson provided the music



Red balloons set the mood



Dina Ishler and Fr. Rick



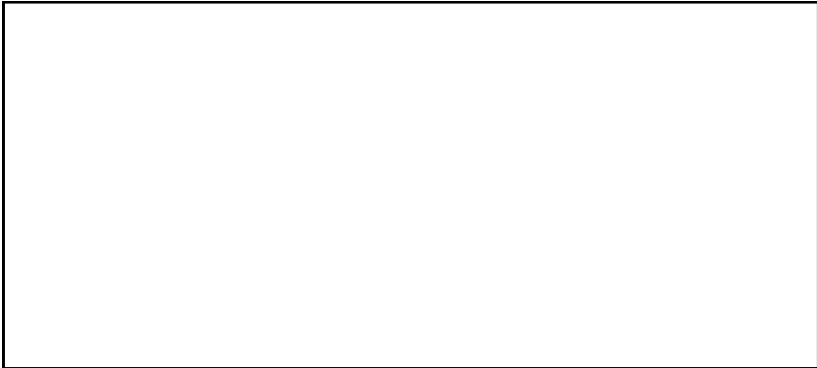
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Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Catherine Donohue (2023)
- ✦ Karen Grant (2024)
- ✦ Peg Hanzelman (2024)
- ✦ Richard Irons (2025)
- ✦ Joyce Kamm (2025)
- ✦ Ginny Kloeping (2023)
- ✦ Beth Lynch (2023)
- ✦ Mary Snyder(2025)
Junior Warden
- ✦ Randy Westgate
(2024) Sr. Warden

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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