



Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer

of thanksgiving for the gift of knowing them, and for the privilege of being their father.



“Wherever you go, you take yourself with you, and you will always find yourself.”

Thomas á Kempis – *The Imitation of Christ*

Tomorrow my boys go back to school. Growing fast and ever-becoming, it boggles my mind that Ricky will be a fifth grader as Christian enters his third-grade year. It feels like I'm capturing a precious moment in time, striking keys on my MacBook this morning as I reflect for our Scepter. And in this moment, I can feel my heart beating, marking my breath in life-giving pulses of gratitude for time well invested, because the boys and I made the most of our time together over these past months. We made weekly trips to bowl, play mini golf, hit an area theme

park or arcade, and we managed to get in quite a bit of swim time together in our new swimming pool. We had sleep overs together, music video dance parties, and talked about our wonders and interests over car trips while listening to "Bohemian Rhapsody" on repeat. Perhaps more than ever, I've got a sense for who my sons are becoming as their identities take shape in the mix of their biological, social, media, and home influences. They're distinctly different people, both amazing and complex in their own nuanced ways, and I'm humbled to prayer

Though the highlight of my summer, I didn't spend the entire time with Ricky and Christian, as they headed to Michigan for three weeks with their mother to visit with her parents. Part of their time away coincided with my scheduled week and a half away from our parish, and in years past I would have used that time to squeeze in a solo trip to an exotic location or to make a trek to an off-the-path archeological wonder in some distant jungle or desert. But this summer, instead of taking a plane to somewhere else, I used my vacation time to travel "inward". I invested a week in silence, at home, alone. And during that week, I felt myself slow down with each passing day of floating in the pool, tending the lawn and gardens, caring for our cats and our rabbit. I imagined that the family home was a time-share or an Air BnB that I had rented for a getaway. And spending extended time in silence, in the water, triggered my memory and generated a sense in me that I was somehow "plugging in" to a database of my life's story. After all, as a native South Floridian,

(Continued on page 2)

Inside this issue:

Jack Van Aulen Acolyte/Pokémon	4
Stephen Ministry	6
Swords to Plowshares	13
Faith in Action	14-15
Summer Activities	16-17
More Summer travel pictures	18-19
Services	20-21

Special points of interest:

- • *Worship services and Parish hours are on the back cover of the Scepter*
- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

Reflection

(Continued from page 1)

most of my life experiences growing up involved the ocean or swimming pools. Uninterrupted for days, I began processing the telling of my own narrative from my current perspective while floating under the hot summer sun. I felt thankful for every memory of family and of young love, for recollections of academic and artistic achievement. I felt thankful for the struggles and the sorrows that I had faced, the ways that death and sickness, conflict and betrayal have been my teachers. My heart softened during my extended, silent float and I could feel a deepening empathy growing in me, for others and for myself.

But while giving thanks and relaxing, I experienced an unexpectedly jarring and visceral level of emotional awareness that I wasn't prepared for. My calm and openness gave way to a deep and hidden sadness that carried tones of bitterness and anger with it. By the third day, I identified, what felt like, a hole carved out in the center of my chest. Without judgment, I observed the emotions stirring in my body and the thoughts that accompanied the feelings. I felt sadness over loss, missing my parents and my hometown, nostalgic for the familiar spots and the friends that I had there. I felt bitter over not getting back the love that I give, over letting go of my music career and life as an academic to "play it safe". I felt anger toward the audacity of others who disrespect me, mad at choosing to be "ordinary" when I had set out to make the gift of my life a rule defying work of art. Yes, I observed my shadow and the insatiable, blind craving of my ego. But as I floated with the feelings and the thoughts that accompanied them, I didn't get "hooked" by them and watched them rise and fall, come and go, like waves

pushing and pulling along the shoreline of a sandy beach. And underneath the surface of these thoughts and feelings, I could sense a growing awareness in me of having everything that I need. Strangely, it occurred to me that the hollowing out of my chest that I felt was an extraordinary gift, an emptying out of my core, that was making space for something else, for something better. In what felt like a flash, I became overwhelmed with a sense of liberation and emotional freedom. There in the saltwater pool, it dawned on me that I really didn't want anything that I didn't have, that given myriad options, I would freely choose the life I have right now without hesitation if given another possibility. I wouldn't risk sacrificing one sleight or challenge, one hurt or disappointment that would make me anyone else, other than who I currently am. Embracing the present, I was able to name that I had chosen to stay in my home for vacation, a half-mile from our parish, *because* I was exactly where I wanted to be. It felt incredibly good to wade in a sense of thanksgiving, to rest and to renew through embrace and not escape.

Out of this sense of acceptance and welcoming, something entered my spiritual heart that felt transformative. My sadness, bitterness, and anger eroded in the realization that the quality of my life is gauged, quite simply, by the love that I give and that it doesn't matter one bit whether I get anything back in return for it...no expectation, no attitude, no condescension, no tit-for-tat. Traveling from my head and into my heart, my week alone floating under the sun gifted me with an insight that I hope to reclaim every day. And while I've known it intellectually for many years, I came to accept, from a new spiritual depth, that I am free for love...that we are all free

for love. It is completely up to each of us: how we will choose to take what the world, and other people, throw in our direction. We have liberty because we have the capacity to evolve beyond our emotional triggers, to transcend the economies of exchange in our personal and spiritual lives. And yet, if we can't befriend our own selves and approach our lives with thanksgiving and emotional courage, we're likely to suffer through every summer vacation with the burden of our own company.

It's my heart prayer that we'll each grow this Fall in ways that enable us to experience, in greater measure, the freedom that comes from love and the release of our claims on others. I trust that we're meant for truly wonderful things in the fullness of God in Christ, and I feel so very blessed to travel with each of you here at St. Edward's. In faith, hope, and love,

Rick+



This truck was sited on Bob and Bonnie Mutari's river cruise this summer .



Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator
Michelle Bentley

Scepter

Production Staff:
H. J. "Mac" Miller
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 Dick Irons



I hope everyone took time out this summer in our ordinary time of our church calendar, for special time. Something that made you express in your heart the awe and wonder for the God of the Universe. Gail and I went to the Finger Lakes of NY. We celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary with another couple, that were also married in the year 1976. We walked Watkins Glen gorge, ate lunch along the shore of Seneca Lake, and watched the last of the supermoon, come over the mountain at Hammondsport, NY. The best though was watching, a couple get married with 15 guests, from our front porch at the bed and breakfast, in the backyard ceremony. Afterwards we congratulated them and I think it was more shock than awe when we told them we were celebrating our 46th year. I said just one day at a

time and that's what is great about summertime.

Vestry meeting was held on Sunday 08/21, we talked about relationship building.

We are very appreciative of the people during the summer helping keep our costs down with the building, thank you Mike, Mark and Bob. And with landscaping Ginny, Gail and BJ.

There are tremendous opportunities for us, individually and with our church family to build these relationships.

I hope to see you at the September activities, from Pokémon League, Bangor bus tour, Swords to Plowshares, Amos Herr community festival, and the Dr. R C Horton Organist concert.

In Christ love,
Richard.



Amos Herr Event

By Mary Snyder



Our booth 2021.

St. Edward's will be having a booth at the Amos Herr festival again this year. September 18, from 11am to 4pm. (Set up at 9 am) The vestry members will be hosting. We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to help host. Contact Mary Snyder 717-945-8101 or contact Michelle in the office. We have a craft planned for kids and of course a small candy bag too. We will have information available to hand out for the adults.

"The minute you start seeing your obstacles as things that are made for you, to give you what you need, then life starts to get fun, right? You start surfing on top of your problems instead of living underneath them"

- Ashton Kutcher

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



“J”acolyte First Service

Pictures by Rayelenn Casey and Mary Snyder



Jack Van Aulen and Fr. Rick practice



Practicing for Service July 10th



Prayer before the service



Ready



Well done!!

Pokémon

By Beth Lynch



Fall 2022 Schedule

St. Edward's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall

2453 Harrisburg Pike,
Landisville, PA

Wednesday Nights 6:30
– 8 p.m.



August 31st – Welcome Back

September 7th - Water/Flying Types

September 14th – Game Night

September 21st – Ground and Grass Types

September 28th – Game Night

October 5th – Game Night

October 12th – Celebrate Fall Birthday party

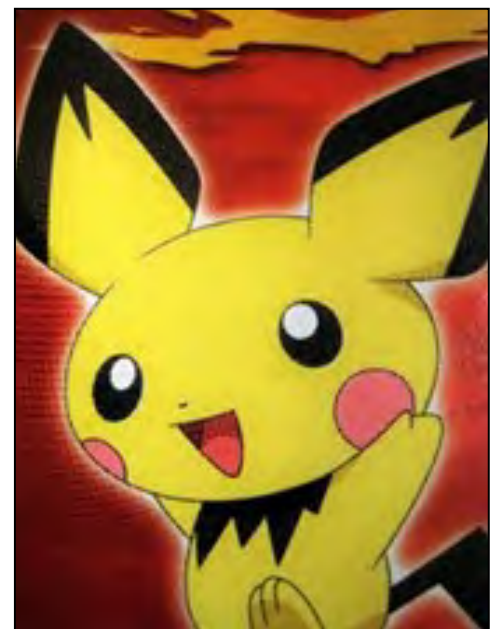
October 19th – Game Night

October 26th – Ghost and Psychic Types

November 2nd – Game Night

November 9th – Game Night

November 16th – Celebration Night





Emma and Sadie doing some serious playing in the memorial garden.



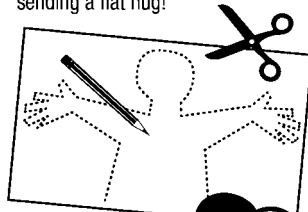
Joe and Donna Holwager and twin



Bauer Boys Bowling

Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope



What you do:

1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.

PUZZLE

A Full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.

R	E	C	R	O	H	N	S	L	I	A	W	D	R
↓	↓	↘	↘	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70						

Like _____
56 21 71 28 60 42

in the hands of a warrior are

born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

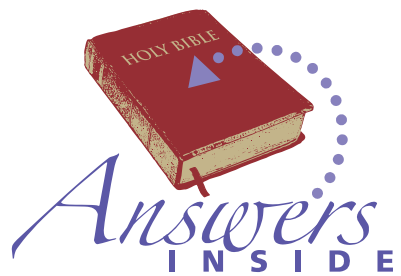
Answer: arrows, children



Bible Quiz

Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

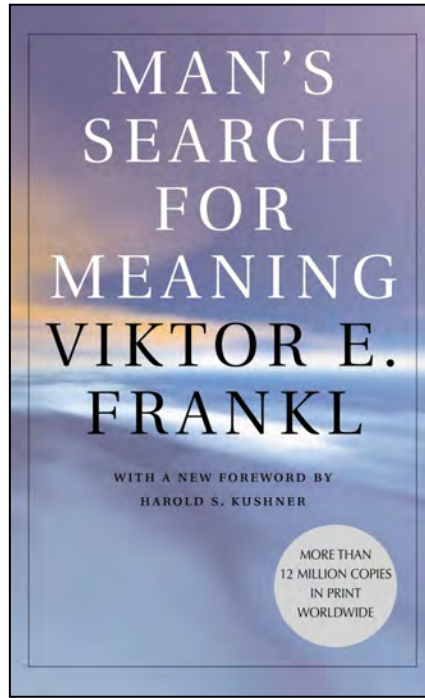
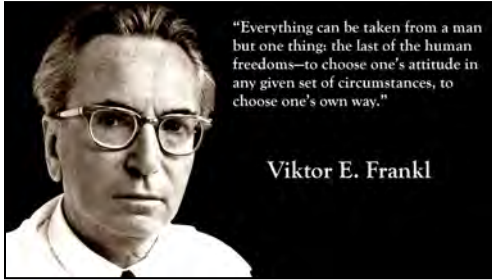
- A. zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
- B. botany
- C. herpetology
- D. songwriting
- E. A and C
- F. B and D
- G. All of the above



Answer: G (See 1 Kings 4:29-34.)

Lunch and Learn

Friday Lunch & Learn: Fridays, from 12 Noon – 1 PM, via Zoom. Join Father Rick and Bob Mosebach as we explore a wide range of texts. Zoom invite is in our weekly emails. Beginning September 9th, we will read & discuss *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl. This book details his time in the Nazi concentration camps, and *"his insightful exploration of the human will to find meaning in spite of the worst adversity. This text has offered solace and guidance to generations of readers since it was first published in 1946."* The book can be ordered on Amazon or through your favorite book source.



Widows Group



Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month. We will meet at Loxley's for lunch on Thursday, September 15th

For more information contact:
Peggy Hanzelman:

717.390.4944

phanzelman@comcast.net or:

Ethel Lawrence:

717.314.8993

rose1@dejazzd.com



Over the summer the group met at JB Dawsons for lunch, Nancy Brautigam, Ethel Lawrence, Susan Dohren, Mary Snyder, Peggy Hanzelman, Susan Murray

Stephen Ministry



TESTIMONIAL FROM A CARE RECEIVER

"I have known of the good work that Stephen Ministry accomplishes for so many congregations during the years. The recipients have been church members or others within the community. Congregations supporting the program have a special role of caring. Yet I never imagined that I would ask for my own care person. My life was in control with lots of resources from my family, friends and my faith.

But life caught up with me in not one but several big changes – any one of which would have left me adrift. I moved to a new community; I had to downsize my belongings, and I faced the major decline of my husband's health. These brought major adjustments!

Being matched with a Stephen Minister from St. Edward's was God's providence for me. Experiencing a weekly meeting where I can share my difficulties and feelings relieves the loneliness and despair that can creep into my days. For an hour I can laugh and cry. There is prayer that helps put things into perspective. I find release from my worries.

I must advise anyone who experiences even less challenging days than I have faced to find the solace and grace that the Stephen Minister provides. It is always confidential and always prayerful. I am calmed by each meeting.

If your life has some shaky parts, don't be skeptical about asking for a Stephen Minister. You may want to try it even for the short term. I figured I would meet 3 or 4 times, but now I really know it's longer value. I am finding God's love abounds and that I don't have to stand alone."

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.

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. Our next meeting is Saturday, September 10th



Prayer



This is a prayer that Liz Yeager composed to help her get through challenging times.

Dear God,

Please wrap your arms around me and hold me tight.

Please help me get through this.

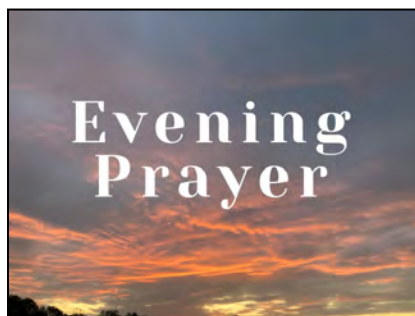
I always need your help, but right now I need your help more than ever.

Thank you, Dear Lord..

I know I will get through this with your help.

Amen.

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>

Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072

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

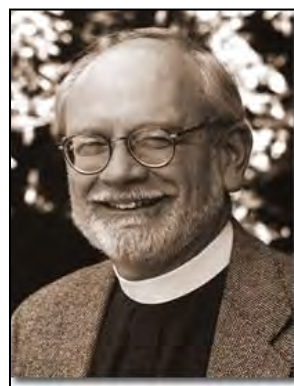
Passcode: SunEP



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



Wed Bible Study



6:30 PM to 8:00 PM:

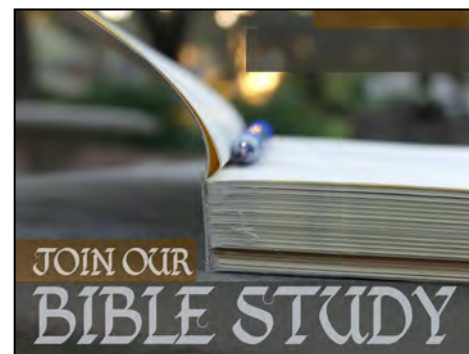
The focus for this session, led by Bob Mosebach and Leslie Arnold, is to remain in the Hebrew Scriptures with a study on the Psalms. Staying with the

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.





Some Recent examples:

By HJ "Mac" Miller

Using the bank's bill pay, I mistakenly sent a check for a new AC unit (\$4735.00) to the wrong business. The business that I should have sent the check to was one line above in the bill pay app. The business I sent it to was a handyman service. I caught the error, and the bank stopped the check and the bank didn't think the check would be processed, so I didn't contact Mr. Linter. But tonight, my doorbell rang, and it was a Mr. Linter and his wife. They were returning the check. They did not know it wasn't good. They just wanted to bring it back and say it was a mistake. I tried to give them money for being so honest. They wouldn't take it. Not even enough for a meal out. They made my day. There are so many wonderful people in Lancaster County. If you ever want to hire an honest handyman I'd recommend:

Ron Linter

717-669-5538

36 Chamberlain Lane

Millersville, PA 17551



From Next Door Posts:

By Nora Rivera

We are very blessed. We have wonderful amazing neighbors Nicole and Matt. Matt came over and mowed are front and back yard. On Saturday my husband had a heart attack he had to have a stent put in. He came home Tuesday with some life changes for a while. We just can't Thank Nicole and Matt enough.

By Joe Chase

Want to give a sincere thank you shout to the Ressler family on Centerville road. They very generously let our sweet granddaughter stop to pet the little goats, the Donkeys and the 2 little horses. She was so excited and hasn't stopped talking about it. They even came out with apple pieces to feed the animals. Don't know if they are on NextDoor and will see this, but just wanted to say thank your for your kindness

By Meredith Aul Westgate

On Wednesday, I was on my way to Long's Park for a book club meeting. When I got to our garage my car was missing. Randy forgot I was going somewhere and used my car to take the recycling to the recycling center on his way to an appointment. I have never driven his convertible, but since it was the only car available, that's how I traveled to book club. I was already late so I thought I stuck my car keys in my purse instead of hanging them on the hook in the mudroom. At book club, some tiny bugs were biting our legs, so someone put an old shower curtain on the grass in hopes of fending them off. I put my shoes and my purse on the ground. At the end of our meeting, she started to pull the shower curtain to her side of the table. My purse was still on the curtain so she handed it back to me from the other side of the table and I drove home, using Randy's convertible keys. That night I got an email that my library card had been found and turned in at the Mountville Library.

I thought the card that I carry on my keys had somehow gotten torn off. I planned to pick it up whenever I would return the book I was reading.

The next day we went to Aubrey's to babysit and I did not use my keys at all. That night, I wanted to go to the Giant, but could not find my keys anywhere. We were supposed to leave Friday morning for the lake. I was sure my keys had fallen out of my purse at book club when Joan pulled the table cloth. I did not think it was a good sign when only my card had been turned in at the library.

Randy went with me very early Friday morning to look for the keys. We walked all around and even in the trash cans, but they were nowhere to be found. I thought maybe someone wanted the nice key chain that Aubrey had given me for Christmas and had torn off my Giant, CVS, library, Hallmark cards, etc. I thought it unlikely that the keys were at the library because the email specified only my library card. I also thought the library card finding might be unrelated to the key situation because last time I was at the library several cards fell out of my wallet near the desk (I had removed them from the "pockets" for our Australia trip and had not put them back. I thought possibly the card at the library was the larger wallet-sized card (not the one on my keys) that had somehow slid under the circulation desk.

At 10:00, I went to the library when it opened, and was relieved to find my keys and cards were there intact! It turned out they were found at Centerville near the bank where I had stopped after book club. They were never lost at Long's Park at all. I asked the librarian if she knew who returned them and she said, "Shelby," a regular library patron. She did not want to give me contact information so I could thank her, but said she would pass along my appreciation. That's why I put the message on Next Door! All my "cards" are on my key chain and my Subaru key would be expensive (not to mention a pain) to replace.

And that's the story of Shelby, the good Samaritan.

"God is a busy worker, but he loves help."

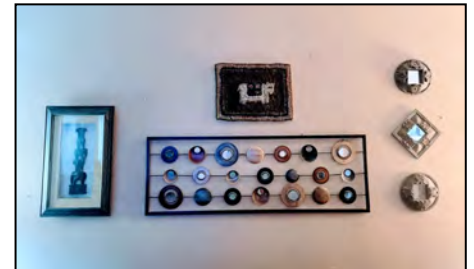
— Basque proverb



We have an exciting line-up of coffee hours, crafts, and the return of our Coffee House Band on the 2nd Sunday of each month!! This is a wonderful time of fellowship and it is a great opportunity to serve in ministry! There are opportunities for folks to host a coffee hour on any given Sunday. A NEW sign-up sheet is posted for the months of September and October. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen pass-through window during our Sunday coffee hour, and you can always reach out to the parish office with any questions you may have regarding hosting duties. This is a wonderful ministry and a great way to get to know your parish family.



On Sat. June 25th Lori and Jay Miller won the Woolwrights auction of a hooked panel designed from the dove in our new Stained Glass Window.



Beth and Jerry Hake won another of hand hooked panels offered by the Woolwrights as part of the celebration for our new window.

Oldest Door has St. Edward's Connection

Contributed by Dina Ishler

This is the oldest door in the UK but also the only one assignable to the Anglo Saxon period. It can be found in Westminster Abbey, in the passage leading to the Chapter House.

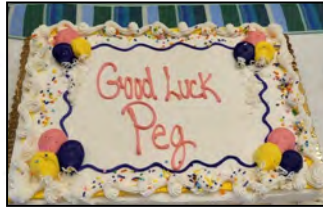
A detailed study of the door showed that the wood was felled after 1032 AD and that the door was constructed sometime in the 1050s. This was during the reign of King Edward the Confessor, who built the Norman Abbey which was consecrated in 1065.



Peg Reiley Thank You



Dear Edna Ruth, Marelle and the good people of St. Edwards,
 Thank you all so much for the kind thoughts and words and for the gifts. I have been blessed to call St. Edwards my spiritual home for the past 23 years. As I find a new church home in Florida St. Ed's will always have a piece of my heart.



Thank You
 So Much

I will miss you.

Love
 Peg

Much love
 Peg



Peg and colleagues



This gift has a Lancaster County hex sign with Florida Flamingos,

Altar Flowers



Do you ever wonder what happens to the beautiful altar flowers each week? Well...with the beautiful ministry and talent of Ginny Kloepping, vestry member and gardener extraordinaire (!) our altar flowers are "recycled", along with Ginny's own flowering plants, into wonderful arrangements for our narthex, guest book table, coffee hour table, and our outside urns. So, it is with humble appreciation that we thank those folks who donate to our altar flower fund, in thanksgiving for and in memory of loved ones, to beautify our liturgy each week with gorgeous arrangements and we are so grateful for Ginny's talents in creating new ways for us to appreciate God's creation!



What do you see?

By Beth Lynch



Bruce says Owl, Beth says Oscar

Save The Dates



For a series of wonderful musical events at St. Edward's. Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 PM – Lancaster Chamber Singers will be performing at St. Edward's. Tickets are available through their web site.

Stay tuned for details for each event.

Saturday, December 10th at 3:00 PM – Fire in the Glen – Celtic Christmas

Saturday, September 24th at 4:00 PM – An evening with Dr. Robert C. Horton – Organist and Brass Quartet

Sunday, October 30th at 4:00 PM – valleyphonics musical ensemble – Bach to Broadway





TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 22ND
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

Join us for a fantastic evening of fun, games, delicious food, and great fellowship as we host our Second Annual Trivia Night to benefit the ministry and mission of St. Edward's.

This is a night filled with laughter and community spirit! An event not to be missed!

4:00 PM – A wonderful dinner of casual style food, desserts, and beverages. You also have an opportunity to purchase basket raffle tickets up to the start of the Trivia Challenges.

4:45 PM- Trivia Challenge rounds begin. In-between rounds, we will be drawing our basket raffle winners.

6:30 PM – Final basket raffle drawing.



ST. EDWARD'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tickets for the dinner
event go on sale
October 2nd

Fun begins at
4 PM

Mike Horn will be our
fantastic Trivia Host

Dinner | Music

Trivia

Basket Raffle
Winners Drawing

Invite a friend!

Form your team!

Let the games
begin!!!

ST. EDWARD'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

717.898.6276

sainteds.org



The St. Edward's Annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser begins Sunday,
October 2nd and runs through our Trivia Night Event
on October 22nd!!

We will transform the piano room space in our Sunday School wing into a wonderful "Giving Sanctuary" with 25 beautiful baskets curated by members of our parish family. There is something for everyone!!! You will not want to miss out on a chance to participate in this year's raffle!!! We will be selling pre-bundled ticket packages and will have small catalogs with raffle instructions available in the narthex and in the parish hall near the coffee table. Your viewing and selections can be done at your leisure. To make it convenient to all, we will be selling tickets Sundays, during coffee hour, as well as Tuesdays - Fridays. Please know that if you miss a Sunday, you can stop by on those weekdays between 11-3 to purchase tickets. We will also post details online, on our Fundraising page, so that you can view virtually. You can always reach out to the parish office for guidance and help in participating in whatever format you are comfortable with. Each week, we will feature special treats and prizes you will have an opportunity to win when you purchase your ticket bundles!

Let us join together to give thanks with grateful hearts, during these 3 weeks of fundraising, to support the ministry and mission of St. Edward's, as we strive to reach our goal of \$6,000.



A Morning of Action and Prayer on Ending Gun Violence: Sat., September 17th—9 AM – 12 Noon



Please mark your calendars for Saturday September 17th as St. Edward's hosts The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania's Diocesan Minis-

try to End Gun Violence - A Morning of Learning, Action and Prayer on Ending Gun Violence from 9AM - 12 Noon. In collaboration with Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence (heedinggodscall.org), with an installation of remembrance for Lancaster County victims of gun homicide, and



Swords to Plowshares Northeast (s2pnortheast.org) with demonstrations of forging gun parts into garden tools, we invite, you, and our wider com-

munity to a day of peace, faith, hope, and love as we respond to God's call to contribute to the ending of gun violence. Additional participants include: mental health resources through Samaritan Counseling Center (scclanc.org), East Hempfield Township Police Department firearms instructor Sgt. Matt Miller providing information about gun safety, children's arts & craft projects, Ecumenical & Interfaith Gathering of area congregations with pastors and chaplains available for 1-on-1 conversation and support. We will conclude the event with communal prayer in our sanctuary space.



The **EPISCOPAL CHURCH** in **CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA**

You are invited to
**PA Prays:
 Forging
 Justice & Peace
 Out of
 Violence**

A Community Response
 to
 Gun Violence
 Sunday 18 September
 4.00 PM
 St Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral
 221 North Front Street
 Harrisburg

Program

1.30-3.30 pm
 Blacksmith forging
 dismantled guns into garden
 tools and hearts

4 - 5.30 pm
 Readings from sacred texts,
 community choir,
 and
 community action:
 lighting candles,
 healing prayer,
 art project,
 advocacy project

Let us come together
 to transform
 our tears into hope

**By Jan Richardson
 Contributed by Donna Holwager**

To all that is chaotic
 in you,
 let there come silence.
 Let there be
 a calming
 of the clamoring,
 a stilling
 of the voices that
 have laid their claim
 on you,
 that have made their
 home in you,
 that go with you
 even to the
 holy places
 but will not
 let you rest,
 will not let you
 hear your life
 with wholeness
 or feel the grace
 that fashioned you.
 Let what distracts you
 cease.
 Let what divides you
 cease.
 Let there come an end
 to what diminishes
 and demeans,
 and let depart
 all that keeps you
 in its cage.
 Let there be
 an opening
 into the quiet
 that lies beneath
 the chaos,
 where you find
 the peace
 you did not think
 possible
 and see what shimmers

Faith in Action



Your church contributed 203 pounds of food in July !

The pantry served 135 families in July which included:

144 children, 251 adults, 102 seniors.

Many families come to the pantry every week...total people fed for July ..1,269

38 volunteers contributed 492 hours for the month!

Items requested for September are:

Canned vegetable soup

Canned carrots

Canned potatoes

Large peanut butter

Large jelly

Mac/cheese

Penna pasta

Egg noodles

Roman noodles

And **always cereal**

Thank you!

Diane



Malalay tries driving for the first time, during the welcome picnic at Bruce and Beth Lynch's home.

You are invited to a Faith In Action get together.

Sunday, September 11th between services there will be a meeting to discuss the 2022/23 FIA projects.

If you want to know more about FIA or the following projects please join us.

Jesse Tree

Turkey Drive

Hempfield Food Pantry

Soles for Souls

Feed My Starving Children

Books for Prisoners

School Supply Drive

Blood Drive

Parishioners Helping Parishioners

Maybe you have an idea for a FIA project or wish to become a member.

Pick up a coffee and a snack and join us in the Library.

Book Bag Delivery

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to the Back-to-School Drive. St. Edward's donated a total of \$1,300 worth of \$25 gift cards plus 40 backpacks to Hempfield's Student Services office. Social worker Bridget Martin was there to receive the donations. She said that she and the other social workers are grateful to have the gift cards to give to families when a need arises.



Dina Ishler, Ellen Milligan, Bridget Martin and Beth Lynch

Blood Drive



By Leslie Arnold

This year's St. Edward's Blood Drive may have drawn a few donations from our parish, though we are grateful for those who contributed to the event.

Those who gave, visited various locations to offer their blood, including Lancaster General Health, and Community Blood Bank Center.

In the near future, we will share with donors who received a prize for their participation. (Donors were asked to have a special card signed by a staff member at the donor center and then return the card to a drop box at church.)

While we had hoped to hold the drive on a single day and on-site at our church, as we did prior to the onset of the COVID conditions, we plan on returning to this format next year.

The reason for requesting donors to travel to satellite sites this year stemmed from a shortage of staff at blood centers who organize mobile units to visit other locations, such as ours. However, more mobile units are now operating, so we hope they will continue to expand their services over the next year.

Till then, we encourage each of you to consider making a donation by visiting any of the places where walk-ins are welcome.

FUTURE SOCCER STARS!

Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday you will find Joyce Kamm or Donna Essbenschade at the Roberto Clemente Field in Lancaster watching these three precious boys being trained by Coach Brian Ombiji.

Brian is a retired Kenyan professional soccer player, playing for Kenyan club AFC Leopards, before moving from his native Kenya to the United States in 2003. He is also a veteran of the USL's Harrisburg City Islanders and is the founder and C.E.O of the AFC Lancaster Lions. In Brian's words....

"The mission of AFCLL Academy is to produce productive citizens and empower them with the skill sets that will help them contribute as leaders in society. We believe

By Joyce Kamm

TAKE ACTION NOW! SUPPORT THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT TODAY!!

FOR THE SAKE OF THE RAHIMS AND OTHER FAMILIES, PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION.

BREAKING: Nearly one year after Afghanistan fell to the Taliban, the Afghan Adjustment Act has been introduced in Congress.

Urge Congress to Swiftly Pass the Bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act! when they return from the congressional recess period. This bill would allow our new Afghan neighbors to become lawful permanent residents and find lasting protection in the U.S. [Read CWS' full statement on this historic act](#)

More than 160 Afghan refugees are building new lives in Lancaster.

As we mark the one year anniversary of the largest humanitarian evacuation in U.S. history, read one story from a new Afghan neighbor building new lives in Lancaster in this article from One United Lancaster.

THE FOLLOWING STORY IS NOT UNLIKE DR. RAHIM'S

"Sitting at the dinner table in his house in southeast Lancaster, Rafi reflected on the dramatic changes in his life over the past 12 months.

"I'm very happy now," he said.

A year ago, Safi was working for the U.S. military in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was serving as a deputy section chief when the Afghan capital fell to the Taliban on Aug. 15, 2021.

Given his role, he was in danger. Shortly after the Taliban entered Kabul, he took shelter at Kabul Airport. Toward the end of his month, his wife and children joined him. The family was flown to Bahrain, then to Washington, D.C., then to a refugee camp at a base in El Paso, Texas.

They were treated well and people were friendly, he said, but they had to live in tents and it got cold with the approach of winter.

In early December, they were flown via Chicago to Harrisburg International Airport. There, they were greeted by a welcome team and driven to their new home: Lancaster.

TAKE ACTION NOW!



Tayab, Khateeb, Coach Brian and Sohaib
AFC Lancaster Lions

in educating through athletics, also that skill begets skill and motivation begets motivation. We believe sports to be an excellent method of reaching and teaching today's youth! Learning how to apply the positive lessons inherent in hardship and failure, and gaining the mental, emotional and physical strength to work hard, persevere, study and practice are all necessary parts of an adolescent's healthy maturity that helps them to seek and secure a productive future." - Coach Brian

Vacation Reflections

Pictures contributed by parishioners and from Facebook

Contributed by Gail Irons

From: Pastoral Services, Lancaster General Hospital.

Adapted in part from "The Spirituality of Vacation" By Anne Husted Burleigh in Magnificat, July 2002.

Vacation time, at long last, is upon us. The respite for which we have pined for a whole year has arrived. Our suitcases, fishing gear, bathing suits, sunscreen, and anticipated books to be read are rounded up and packed in the car. Glee-filled children are safely buckled in. We are off.

Yet a specter of guilt arises in our minds. By what right do we take this vacation? In the scheme of our work and responsibilities, how do we justify taking time off? Is vacation an excuse for laziness?

These are legitimate questions indeed if we define vacation as entertainment or as a restorative to repair our exhausted minds and bodies for a return to what we really are supposed to be doing. If our work, mental or physical, is the highest thing we do, then we have reason to doubt the moral rectitude of the frothy luxury of vacation.

If, however, work does not define and explain us, then vacation offers the possibility of something more, far more. Holidays may then truly become "holy days" during which we honor what is sacred to us. In contemplation, we look and listen in a state of simplicity and openness ... an ocean, a flower, a baby, a seashell ... perhaps experiencing beauty with awe and wonder for the very first time. These are truly our highest moments.

And these moments are free. We do not earn these free moments of understanding, nor can we struggle to receive them. They are a gift that we accept and embrace with humility. The essence of vacation is loving what has been given to us for its own sake.

What then can we do to allow our vacations to be true leisure, to renew our love of our existence, to see deeply into things? We can enjoy the peace of quiet and meditation. With the television turned off, we can really converse with family and friends. We can behold our children and grandchildren. We can delight in good literature or music. We can feel our bodies again in exercise and fun.

On this vacation we will read, talk, play, daydream, and be silent in our hearts.

We will look at our family gathered on the beach at sunset. We will listen for affirmation of life in a screen door opening, a child laughing, an owl hooting, a loon calling, a wave crashing.

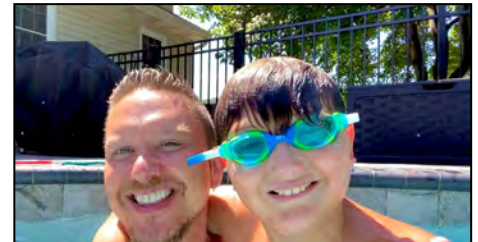
We will love what we are given. This confirmation of God's creation, this amen, this acclamation of things for their own sake is our vacation.



Karen Waddill and Jackson NYC



Fr. Rick , Christian



....and Ricky in the Bauer pool.



Meredith's Kayak



Hake's at Camden Yard



Irene in her brother's Scottish garden



Barb O'Brien's catch



Concerts



Habitat For Humanity crew

Vacation Reflections



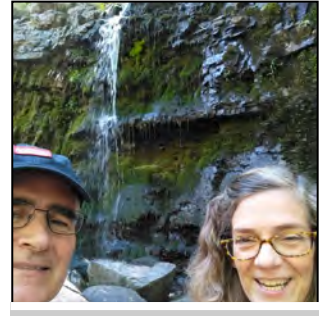
Ishler's at the beach



Rayelenn and Emily in Kansas City



Rosie's Birthday



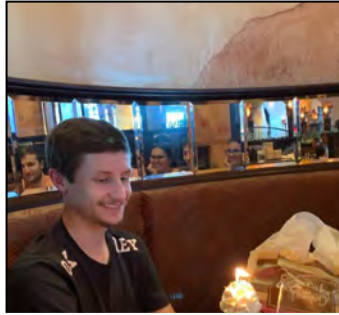
Donohue Hike



Joyce Kamm / Jim Thorpe



Fred Cluck relaxing



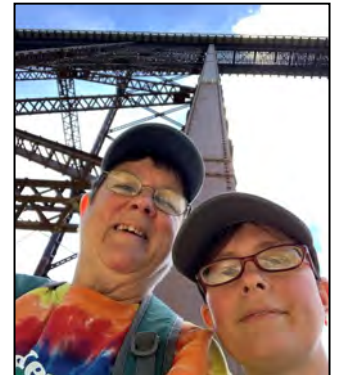
Harrison's 21st



James Lynch volunteering



Leslie's Birthday



Mary and Jodi at Kinzua Viaduct



Beth Lynch Northwest



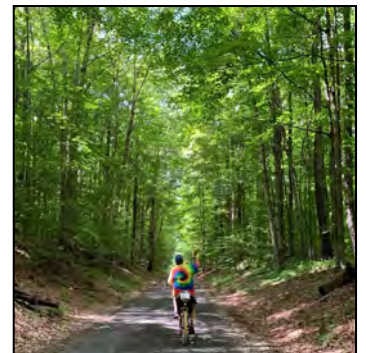
Ethan Kline's White Coat



Jill Bell's Crab dinner



Westgates in Australia



Mary Snyder on bike trail

Westgates Australian Pictures



Stanley Chasm near Alice Springs



Rosie and Meredith at Uluru



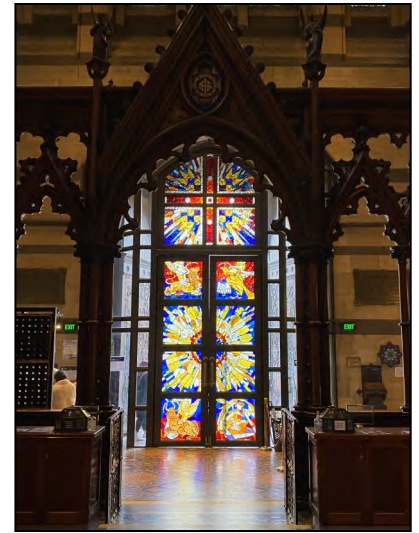
Meredith and Randy in Rainforest



Caroline, our granddaughter with a new friend - it rained torrentially for 5 days and nights in Sydney



Meredith, Randy and Rosie at Desert Springs



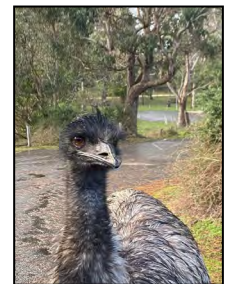
St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne



Great Ocean Road, Lorne

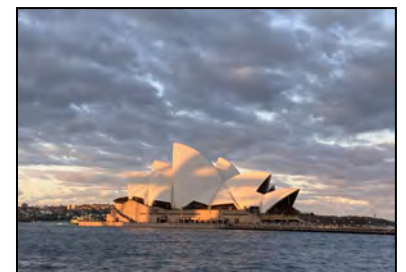


Darling Harbor, Sydney by night



Limu Emu?

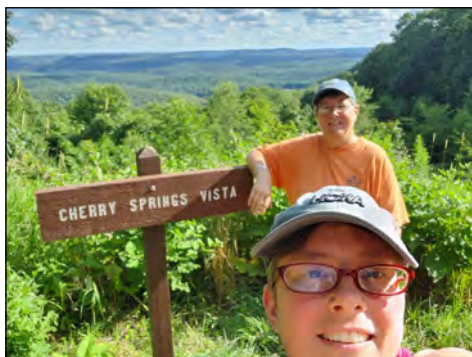
Meredith writes: The primary reason for going to Australia (although of course sightseeing was certainly part of the plan), was to visit our son Evan and family. Evan is an intelligence officer, U.S. Army, on assignment there. He's based at Pine Gap, a base jointly operated by Australia and the U.S. Evan, his wife Lauren, and daughter Caroline live in Alice Springs, Northern Territory in the center of Australia.



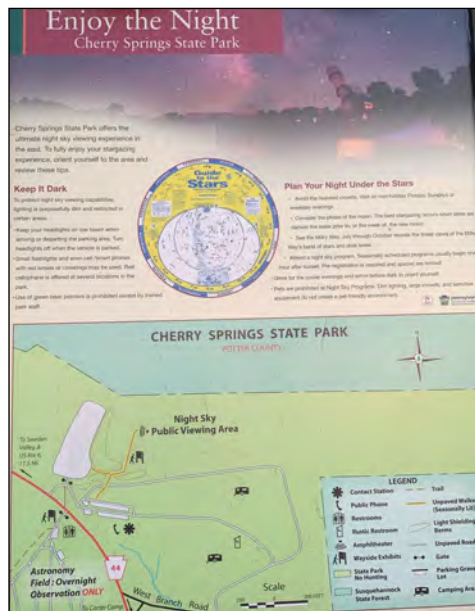
Sydney Opera House

Possible Destination for a Fall Road Trip

Pictures by Mary Snyder



This summer, Mary Snyder and Jodi Good visited two state parks, Cherry Springs in Potter County and The Kinzua Bridge State Park, located in McKean County. The parks include bike trails, hiking, a historic trestle, camp sites and night sky watches. The two parks look like ideal destinations for a fall leaf peeper road trip.



Needle Arts Ministry

Cookie/Craft Sale

By Donna Holwager

Can you see any of your handmade craft items fitting into any one of these sections at our Christmas Cookie and Craft sale?

How about "Set the tables: Placemats, napkins, table runners, mug rugs; or;

Home Decorations...Christmas tree ornaments, festive Santa lites, small paintings, small hooked rugs or wall quilts or panels

Dress Toasty in Style: knitted hats, mittens socks or scarves.

Imagination unleashed!!!!We look forward to whatever you'd like to make and contribute!!!

For more information, contact Donna Holwager (717) 892-1331 ddholwager@aol.com,

Or Gloria Kacinko (717) 572-6558 frank.gloria1@comcast.net.



Donna Holwager with a panel she will make into a wall hanging for the cookie/craft sale.

Our Creative Arts/Needle Arts meets Tuesday at 1 PM in the lounge area.

In the Annual Report, Gail Irons quoted an appropriate scripture for this group: Genesis 21 God brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.

God has sent JOY; we glorify him with laughter.

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.



July Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Wanda Stoltzfus preaches



Jack Van Aulen's first time as acolyte



Deborah Fast LEM



Beth Hake



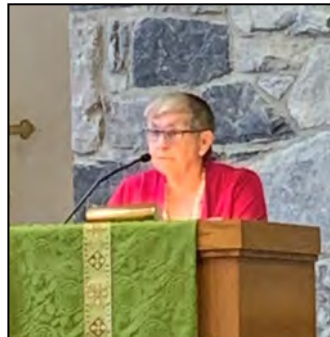
Dottie Gschwend



Peg Reiley farewell



Jay Miller



Peggy Hanzelman



Karen Waddill

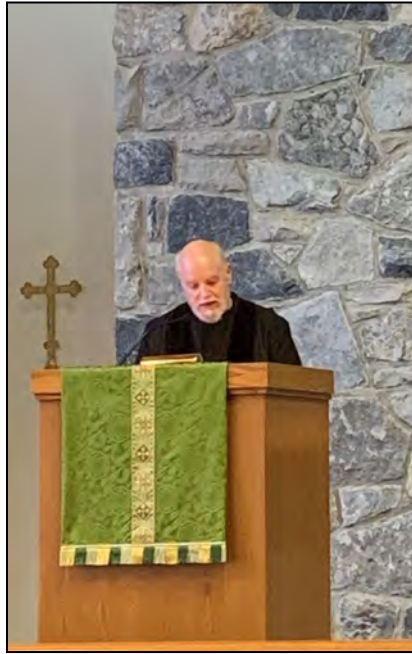


August Services

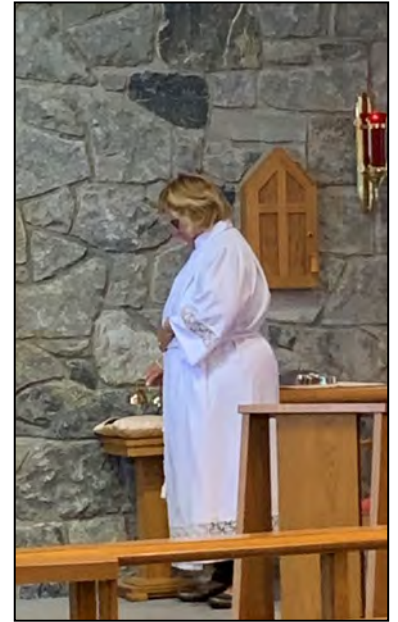
Pictures by Mary Snyder



Fr. Rick



Bob Mosebach preaches



Dina Ishler LEM



Barbara Czepukaitis

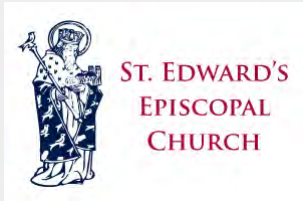


Buddy Yeager



Nancy Mannion





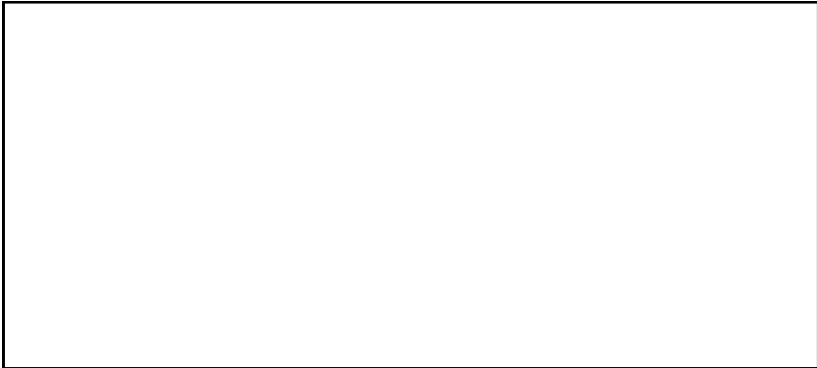
2453 Harrisburg Pike

Lancaster, PA 17601

Phone 717-898-6276

Email: stedsoffice@comcast.net

www.sainteds.org



LOOK FOR US ON THE WEB!
www.sainteds.org

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer,
Rector

Michelle Bentley, Parish
Administrative Assistant

Karen E. Waddill,
Director of Worship Music

Parish Office Hours

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

[HTTPS://SAINTEDS.ORG/](https://sainteds.org/)

