



Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



“There is always beauty in sorrow and sorrow in beauty. But it’s such a gift to be alive, to watch and to experience it all on display: before, around, and within us. God is everywhere, and God is love.

There’s a fantastic book by Franciscan Sister and American theologian, Ilia Delio called *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being* in which she writes: “To love is to risk being rejected by others...God’s love respects the independence and freedom of the other because love does not seek to control, dominate, or manipulate; rather love seeks to empower the other for the flourishing of life.” Indeed, we discover in our journeys that love is risky, that we’ve got no control over whether or not it flows back to us when we give it away. As such, our freedom to love invites in us, an adventurous mix of courage and the willingness to take risks, but what becomes of our attempts to love often tests our deepest senses of resiliency, forgiveness, and faith. We

know all too well that human relationships are tough. But it may shift (and expand) our thinking to consider that God’s love for the world, and for each of us, could be just as risky as the emotional chances that we ourselves take in relationships with others. Could it be that our choices have the capacity to wound God as we exercise the freedom that we each possess? Do we ever pause to think about what Jesus, in his humanity, might have felt as he was rejected, beaten, and handed over to death by his own people? Part of what speaks to me about Ilia Delio’s take on love, is that it invites me to think about handing over and accepting things that cannot be controlled, dominated, and manipulated... like the love we hold and extend to other people. She invites me to wonder about how we get to the purity of heart that reflects Christ’s own love, a place that wants for the fullness and healing of those who hurt us.

I had discovered Delio’s work, and become a fan, while engaging research for my doctoral writing on the ways that we comprehend the Divine through the natural world and a posture of inward silence. Like my favorite theologian, the late Jesuit priest and paleontologist

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Reflection

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gist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Delio contends that evolution drives the enterprise of Creation and witnesses to Christ through the myriad ways that nature strives toward more life in a still-becoming and an ever-expanding direction. That may sound like a mouthful, but I think these wonderful thinkers simply invite us to pay attention to the world around us and to learn how to see God there, to understand what God is like through what's revealed every day in the rhythms and the changes of our natural world. Embracing such insight, I do my best to pay attention to what the streams and the trees around have to say to me. And I've found this to be particularly helpful as literal and figurative seasons change. So, what might the colors and the cooling winds of Autumn have to whisper to us about the stuff of love?

I slipped away for an overnight retreat on a day off to "pay attention" to this question, deep within the forests of George Washington National Park in Virginia. Without another human being in sight, I took a long hike through a multi-colored carpet of crunchy, fallen leaves. Cold and wisping winds that swirled around me pulled down shades of dying reds and browns, yellows, and oranges, from the thousands of trees that blanketed all I could see in every direction. A couple of hours into the walk, a little tired, I stopped in my tracks and realized that almost all the sounds that I had been hearing were coming from me. The dead leaves crunching underneath my feet had been like a rude dinner guest chewing with an open mouth at table with the silence and stillness of the forest. I had been dominating the conversation, where in the chatter of my head, nature hadn't been able to get a word in edgewise. And so, I won-

dered how much of my life was just like that walk...making noise, trampling, interrupting the silence.

A bit later, feeling bold in my assurance that no one could see or hear me, I decided to talk, out loud, to God. I decided to verbally request a "sign" from the Divine, asking for an audible or a visual verification of (his/her/its) presence. I stopped in my tracks once again, to quiet the cacophony of chomping hard cereal under my feet. I waited for a while. I listened for the song of a bird, the thrust of a wind. I looked for a buck to appear through the trees or a snake to slither near my feet. But the only thing that I saw or heard, was the falling of the leaves, colorful and dead. Two things descended upon my heart and mind in that moment. Firstly, that the language of God is silence: ambiguous, spacious, and watchful silence. The second, that a God of love revealed in nature is one that bears witness to change. The disrobing trees in that forest had been at their annual ritual since time immemorial. They've stood in silent witness, almost invisible in their collective, as tactile expressions of the way it is. It's so obvious and apparent, so ever-present and all around us, that we can easily miss it.

I think that we're all like trees. We each have our seasons and the changes in colors that come with them. And I think that experiencing love isn't unlike standing in a vast forest and watching nature's majestic unfolding with absolutely no power to manipulate or control the spectacle. All that any of us can do is appreciate our moments of presence to it and learn how to accept the changes as they come. But I also think that we forget to pay attention, that even when we set aside time to listen and to watch, the noise of our stomping through crunching leaves can easily swallow the

silence and the simplicity of God's revelations in nature, of God's revelations in love. Yes, love is free, as free as falling leaves. And yes, the stuff of Cross and the Resurrection reveals itself across God's Creations with the highest level of intelligibility for any who have eyes to see the death and the rebirth that dance in all seasons. Season changes can sting, like cold and crisp winds that strike us unprepared. But they come nonetheless, and we might as well celebrate the freedom of the shifting wind, like love. There is always beauty in sorrow and sorrow in beauty. But it's such a gift to be alive, to watch and to experience it all on display: before, around, and within us. God is everywhere, and God is love.

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Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

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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.

By Karen Grant



Greetings from the Vestry,

The ministry of St. Edward's is a responsibility of each one of us, as we strive to walk in love and share the good word of God in Christ. Each vestry meeting reveals the faith and service of our members to the church and its community. Our major projects are completed and we are praying for "long-term health and vitality" financially. Reflection was on the good works of the faithful people of St. Edward's last season. We've been able to introduce our church to new neighbors through invitation to worship, social outreach and word of mouth. Connecting people with our faith and welcoming new comers is easier as our attendance is growing. There are several points of hope for more "Apostolic forward thinking" as we change seasons. We look toward our future as a congregation capable of forming meaningful con-

nections in order to grow a thriving and connected church. St Edward's is poised to grow and we pray while we are on this path for more ways to connect and attract new members. The next season upon us will be Stewardship. We will seek to prayerfully grow our faith through the generosity and commitment to giving. Generosity enables the church's mission to grow and thrive. How we give to and care for others is a reflection of how God gives and cares for us. We look forward to showcasing this year's Stewardship campaign as a way of life. Every member is encouraged to give of their time, skills and resources. Together we will be able to carry out our mission work with vision. We look toward strengthening our faith and making giving to God our priority by continuing discussions on Stewardship with the congregation in the coming weeks.

Please be encouraged to serve one another and support our future cultural events and spiritual fellowship.

Respectfully,
Karen

"When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude."
—G.K. Chesterton

Military News

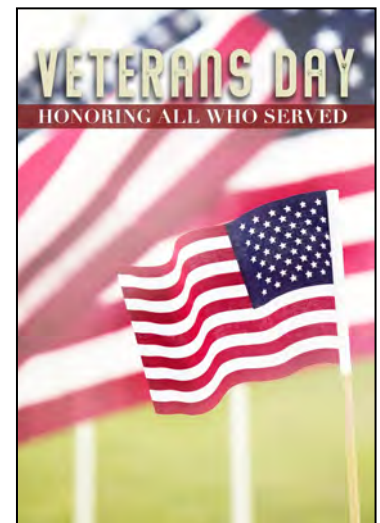
Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★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
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennies
- ★Connor Tennies
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Mike Freshwater doing the semi-annual maintenance of the wood crosses.



Annual Jesse Tree Project Set to Begin



For many, Thanksgiving and Christmas represents a 'season of giving'. Giving to the foster children of COBYs during the holidays has been a long-time favorite of this parish.

This service is known as the Jesse Tree project.

The Jesse Tree is a unique Advent custom and the tradition traces back as far as the Middle Ages.

The earliest Jesse Trees were made of tapestries, carvings, and stained glass. These visual displays allowed uneducated people who could not read or write to learn about the

Scriptures from the time of Creation until the birth of Jesus.

What Is a Jesse Tree?

The word advent means "arrival." Because Advent is a time to anticipate and prepare for the arrival of Christ at Christmas. The Jesse Tree represents the family tree, or genealogy, of Jesus Christ. It tells the story of God's salvation plan, beginning with creation and continuing through the Old Testament, to the coming of the Messiah.

The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1. "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." (NASB) The verse refers to King David's father, Jesse, who is in the lineage of Jesus Christ. The "shoot" that grew from the "stem of Jesse," that is, the royal line of David, is Jesus Christ.

Within your own family, you can make and add ornaments to a tree that represent the story of Jesus.

The St. Edward's Jesse Tree

The St. Edward's Jesse Tree provides a peaceful spot under its branch for gifts that will be given to children in foster care to make Christmas a little brighter. Through COBYs Family Services we obtain a list of children in foster care, their ages, and their Christmas wishes. We don't take the place of Santa. Rather, we act as Santa's helpers by adding another gift or two for a child to open on Christmas morning.

How Can You Participate?

First, you have two options: buy gifts for a child or make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase gifts. *(Suggested amount to spend or donate: \$40 -\$50 per child)*

You will note your option when you complete a sign-up form and deposit in the box in the church or complete the online form **(Link is available through Leslie Arnold or in the church's weekly emails form Michelle.)**

Next, you will give a check to Michelle, if you are donating, or you will receive a "child assignment" with a wish list included from the Jesse Tree committee.

If you are buying gifts for a specific child, you will bring your wrapped gifts to the church and place under our Jesse Tree by an assigned date.

When will this happen?

Signup forms will be available beginning October 30. A downloadable form should also be on our website at that time.

Signup forms or monetary donations will be due November 13

Parishioners who are opting to shop for a child will receive the name(s) of child and the "wish lists" by November 21 *(to be placed in your parish mailbox)*

Wrapped gifts will be due December 6

Questions?

Please direct questions to Leslie Arnold Larnold897@aol.com



Donohue Wedding



Eliza Donohue married Matt Elgin in Rochelle, Virginia. Saturday October 8th, with Fr. Rick officiating.



Steve walked Eliza down the outdoor aisle.



Marielle was Eliza's matron of honor.



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.

November 9th – Game Night

November 16th – Celebration Night

Please look for news on the start of our 2023 Pokémon Camp after January 1st!



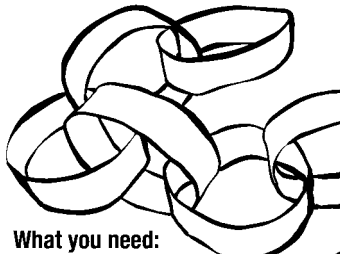
Ricky Bauer and Anfal Rahim Trivia Night



Athena Donohue's wedding wish for Aunt Eliza

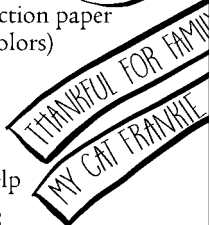
Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help



What you do:

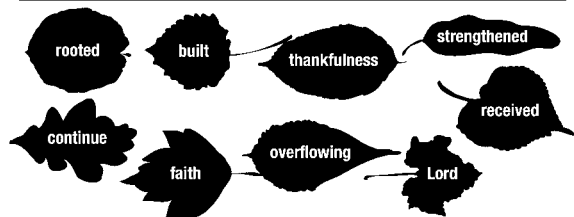
1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves. What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,
 _____ to live your lives in him, _____ and
 _____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you
 were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness.



Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" — but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness

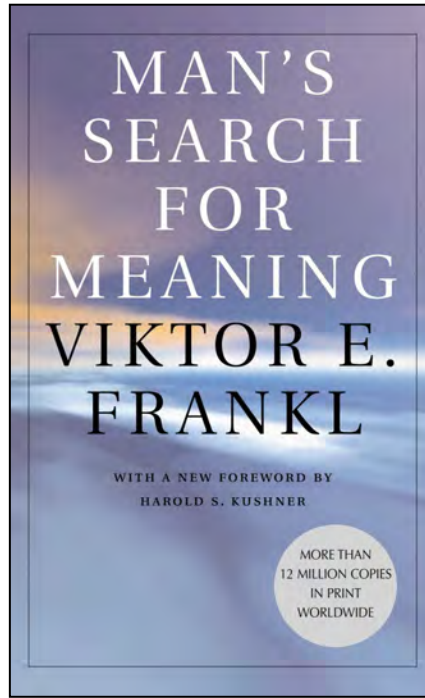
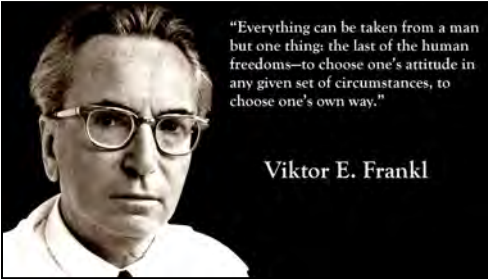


Answers INSIDE

Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

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.

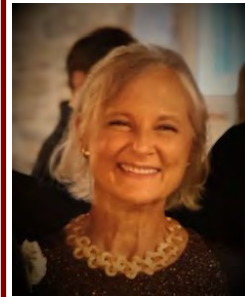


Stephen Ministry



Why I Became A Stephen Minister by Linda Bruce

During difficult times in my life, I have been blessed by the presence of supportive people who listened to me with patience and grace. As I voiced my anger, fear, hopelessness, despair, frustration, and confusion, they listened without judgement. They were spiritual companions, walking with me.



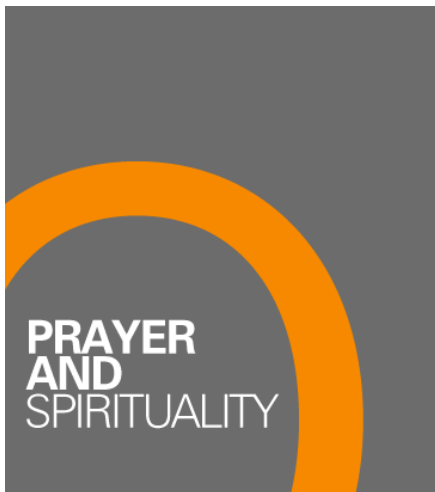
Linda Bruce

Conversations with these patient friends allowed me to unburden myself by putting words to my emotions. Their calm presence allowed me to formulate my direction forward, when the road ahead seemed dark and full of despair. The questions they asked illuminated my path but didn't direct it.

I wanted to offer the same kind of support I've been given, but I knew I lacked the skills. I became a Stephen Minister to learn how to offer comfort without judgement and provide presence without preaching. Meeting regularly with other Stephen Ministers offers fellowship as it reinforces our training.

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 Spirituality



This new group meets the first Saturday of the month, from 10AM till noon. It is now in a discerning formation place, with the group still figuring out the look and feel of it, going forward.



Brochures are available in the Parish Hall

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, November 12th

Widow's Group



Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at the church.

All widows are invited. Come to a place where sharing is caring.

For more information contact:
Peggy Hanzelman:

717.390.4944

phanzelman@comcast.net or:

Ethel Lawrence:

717.314.8993

ethell748@gmail.com

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

Passcode: SunEP



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

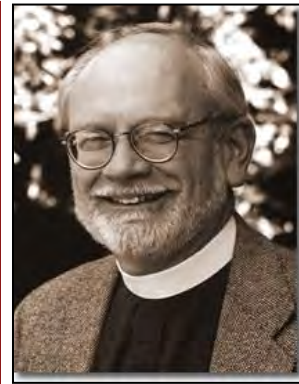
Due date for December will be:

November 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.

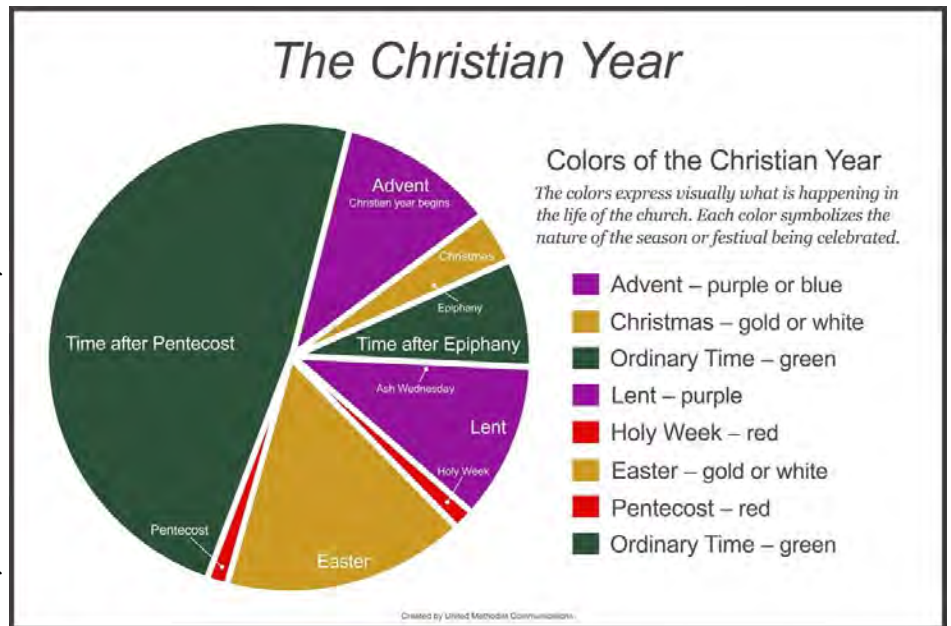


First Sunday of Advent, November 27

The journey begins at Advent

When Advent begins on November 27 this year, so does a new church year for liturgical congregations. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

“Like a great waterwheel,” writes Joan Chittister, “the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime.”



Recent Fun Stuff



The Kline Clan in Pittsburgh for a Steelers game.



Pokémon dress up night



Beth Lynch's Pokémon mask(s)



Engine 2102 arrives at Port Clinton for the ride to Jim Thorpe on a gorgeous fall day– Saturday Oct. 29th.—Mac Miller

Coffee Hour

Pictures by Mary Snyder

We offer our parish family a time of fellowship at our coffee hour from 9 AM – 10 AM each Sunday. This is a time to gather, as one community of faith, to strengthen our relationships with each other.



November 13th we have an Advent craft



December 11th we have a Christmas craft activity.



We invite folks to participate in a very easy ministry, which is serving as a coffee hour host! There is a sign-up sheet in the pass-through each Sunday or you can reach out to the parish office.



November 20th and December 11th we have our Coffee House Band.

Trivia Night

Pictures by Mary Snyder and Joyce Kamm



Father Rick opens with a blessing.



Mike Horn awards a prize from his "trash bag"



There were great door prizes at the event!



The teams were gearing up with some great food!



What a selection of delights, including Malalay's cooking!



Anfal and Kyle were great assistants!



Father Rick and Anfal.



The evening was filled with fun and fellowship.



Some of those questions were tough!!!



We had some awesome trivia buffs!



And the winner is. . . thank you, Anfal!



Always a bountiful table!



STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

ST. EDWARD'S STEWARDSHIP 2023

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work

– 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

**November 27th -
December 18th Sunday
Testimonies by our St.
Edward's Parish Family**

**Be on the lookout in early
December for your 2023
Stewardship letter &
Pledge Form**

**Fourth Advent December
18th Pledges Ingathering**

**We request your
prayerful
consideration for your
2023 pledge. We give
our deepest thanks to
you for your past
giving.**



**ST. EDWARD'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Concert Series



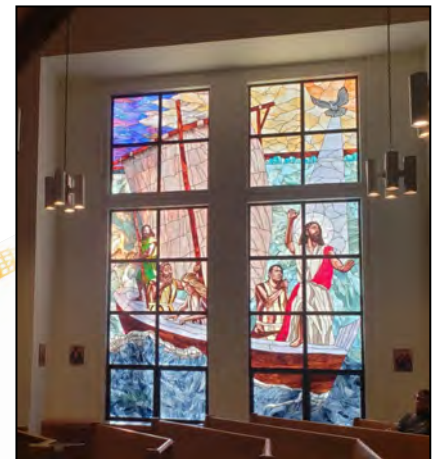
Volare Brass Quintet and Dr. Robert Horton



Dr. Robert Horton Organist
September 24th.



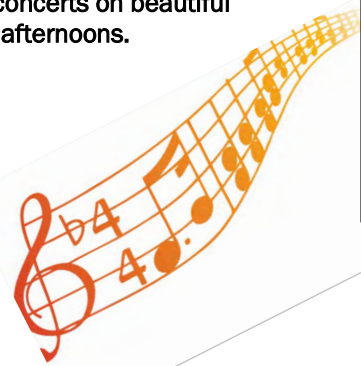
The audience enjoyed both concerts on beautiful afternoons.



The stained glass window, in the afternoon sunlight, was stunning.



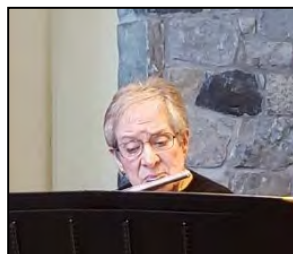
valleyphonics October 30th



Robert Mains, Clarinet



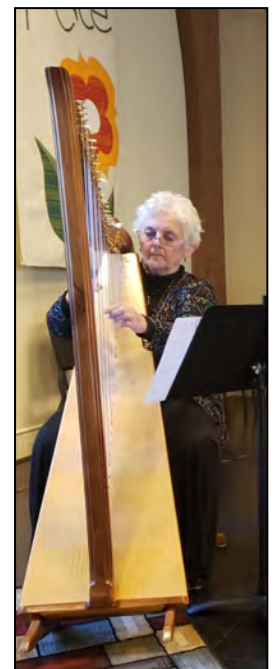
Four Hands!!



Allison Smith, Flute



Larry Sweger, bassoon and piano



Linda Mains Piano
and Harp



Items requested for November are:

Penne pasta

Large jelly

Large peanut butter

Canned mixed vegetables

Canned carrots

Canned potatoes

Canned sweet potatoes

Canned vegetable soup

And always cereal!



Annual Jesse Tree Project

For more about this Advent project [see page 4.](#)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, "I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. -Matthew 25:36-40



Collected groceries ready to deliver to the food pantry.

The Annual Turkey Drive for the Hempfield Food Pantry

Starting November 1 thru November 13th Faith In Action will be collecting turkeys for the Hempfield Food Pantry.

When donating a turkey here are a few tips:

1. Several local supermarkets offer free turkeys by cashing in points.
2. Place the turkey in the freezer in the kitchen.
3. If donating money please mark your check note "turkey 2022."

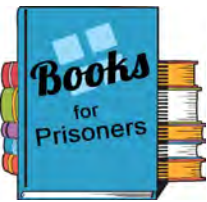


Turkeys stored in the Casey freezer at the Food Pantry



Earn points for a FREE TURKEY at Weis or Giant

Books for Prisoners



It's time to restock our bookcase with "Books for Prisoners." You may purchase from a favorite bookstore or through our Wishlist on Amazon.

Spanish editions are especially welcomed. No Bibles are needed at this time.

Please drop donated books off in the church narthex. Money is also welcomed. If you donate money, please note "Books for Prisoners" on the memo line. Thank you!

The Amazon Wishlist can be found at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/K6N2OXW5AFVE?ref=wl_share

Books To Consider:

Prayers by a Prisoner: for Peace, Healing and Hope by Aubrey Lee Price

Unlocked: Keys to Getting Out and Staying Out by Chance A. Johnmeyer

Unconfined: Lessons from Prison and the Journey of Being Set Free by Lily Taylor, Bill Cornelius

Prison Saved My Life by Louis Dooley, Heidi Gruber O'Very

Healing Neen: One Woman's Path to Salvation from Trauma and Addiction by Tonier Cain

Doing Time With God: Stories of Healing and Hope in Our Prisons by Bill Dyer

Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen

Tell The Prisoners I Pray For Them (In Spanish and English) – Pope Francis

Her True Worth: Breaking Free from a Culture of Selfies, Side Hustles, and People Pleasing to Embrace Your True Identity in Christ

The Men We Need: God's Purpose for the Manly Man, the Avid Indoorsman, or Any Man Willing to Show Up by Brant Hansen, Sherri Lynn

Fathered by God: Learning What Your Dad Could Never Teach You by John Eldredge

Prisoner Of The Mind by Jeff Hairston

Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul. - Henry Van Dyke

Support For Prison Ministries Brownstown, PA

"Bringing hope and encouragement to those within prison walls in Lancaster County and beyond."

Support for Prison Ministries, is a growing inter-denominational ministry that contracts chaplain services to Lancaster County Prison (LCP) and Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center (YIC). SFPM also does training and educational programs for local churches and community groups.



One Way You Can Help

Please take time to **pray for the work of the chaplains, volunteers and those incarcerated** that they minister to daily.

For prayer needs that are updated each month, visit:

<https://www.supportforprisonministries.com/prayer-list>

Please include Father Rick and Randy Westgate in your prayers. Father Rick serves as a chaplain and he and Randy lead worship services. Also please remember these we care about who are incarcerated: Mike, Matt, Charlie, Joey and those loved ones not named.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please see Bruce Lynch or Joyce Kamm

Did You Know?

"The United States is called the Incarceration Nation. We have 25% of the world's prison population despite having only 5% of the world's overall population.

According to Google, the cost of incarceration is \$31,000 a year per prisoner. There is a better way!

Sentencing laws need to change to make alternatives to prison the default penalty for certain lower-level crimes like drug possession, petty theft, or selling marijuana. Consider instead Probation (10 times cheaper than incarceration), Mental Health Treatment, Drug and Alcohol Treatment or Community Service as some alternatives. I invite you to find ways to get involved in prison reform.

Learn About The Lancaster County Bail Fund

The Lancaster Bail Fund creates an option for people who would otherwise languish indefinitely in the Lancaster County Prison due to an inability to pay their bail. **Remember, we are innocent until proven guilty.** On an average day, anywhere from **60-75%** of the people in our county jail are not serving sentences. They are being detained pretrial, many because they cannot post bail. This puts them at risk of losing their job, their home, their family.

The Bail Fund posts the full amount of an accused person's bail. Then, when their case is closed, the bail money is returned by the court, paid back into the Bail Fund, and recycled to help additional people. The same donation can be used repeatedly, creating an impactful force multiplier. By completing an online form or making a phone call to the Bail Fund, bail can be posted as soon as the same day.

To learn more about this new prison reform venture, visit:

<https://lancasterbailfund.org/>

For Prisons and Correctional Institutions—Book of Common Prayer

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. *Amen.*

Pictures contributed by Joyce Kamm, Meredith and Randy Westgate



Important Call-to-Action by Meredith Westgate

The "Education Committee," responsible for homework help and English Language support for the Rahim boys, is in need of additional volunteers. The three boys, ages 8, 10, 12, are great kids, very smart, and learning English well. When we visit they are attentive and engaged. As per "Safeguarding God's Children" policy we must go in pairs, and appropriate clearances need to be obtained (if you don't already have them). You would be paired up with a present volunteer. Their mother and younger sister are there when we visit as well.

We are now going to their home once a week on Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m. or 5-6:30 p.m. as suits your schedule. We are also in need of a once-a-month volunteer (or two to alternate months) to accompany Ellen Milligan on a Saturday afternoon.



Anfal isn't left out as she plays with finger puppets

As the boys do not always have homework (or have finished it in school), tutors take something along that we can do to help them improve their English. We try to keep it light and fun, incorporating some reading with comprehension activities or an indoor (or outdoor) game that

gets them thinking and talking in English, or practicing verb tenses, grammar, or vocabulary. If you need some help with ideas or materials, I have lots of resources and will be happy to share with you.

While language support is our "vehicle," another important component of this effort is to stay connected with the Rahim children and parents, to build relationships, and to serve as role models and support as they navigate their way through a new and different culture.

If an "inner voice" is whispering to you that this might be a ministry for you, please email Meredith Westgate at miamessages@gmail.com or phone 717-575-2119

Another Call-To-Action by Joyce Kamm—Drivers Needed

If you are willing to help transport the Rahim boys to soccer, please contact Joyce Kamm at 717-327-0248 or kammjel@gmail.com.



Riding in this car is a special treat for the Rahim boys after tutoring with Randy Westgate. I hear there is some competition for that front seat!

Practices are Monday and Wednesday evening and Saturday mornings. Saturday— 9 to 11AM. Evening hours are currently 5:15 to 6:45 but will change to a later time after Nov. 12. Their home is near the Manor Shopping Center on Millersville Pike. Practice is held on S. Duke Street. It's a very short drive. You have the option of staying to watch or provide one-way transportation. Background clearances required. Please don't let that deter you. I will help you process the clearances. You will fall in love with these boys! Be a blessing! Receive a blessing!

We Are Family! Come Out And Support Our Boys



1st Annual AFC Lancaster Lions Cup Soccer Tournament Nov. 12, 7:30am to 2:00pm

AFC Lancaster Lions will be hosting its 1st Annual Lions Cup. The Lions Cup is a family-friendly soccer tournament in the city of Lancaster, PA that features a round-robin youth soccer tournament.

Location:
McCaskey East Complex
1051 Leigh Ave.
Lancaster, PA

Admission is free



Sohaib



Khateeb — Let's Get This Tournament Started!!



Tayab

Needle Arts Ministry

Meet a few of the gremlins working together to create surprises just for your easy Christmas shopping. Note" if you have not had an urge to come and buy cookies at the annual cookie sale (maybe you ate too many of

the cookies you were baking?) you will be surprised at the range of gifts available for purchase, might you be looking for one of a kind stocking stuffers; or maybe a table runner or placemats which could brighten your holiday table? How about a selection of handmade inexpensive Christmas or all occasion cards? A nice knitted scarf may be just the thing for the cold weather

ahead. You may enjoy looking at the small quilt Gloria completed just for this sale.

If you are one of the treasured folk now working at home on something you would come to donate, we can't wait to see what you have. All crafts are due in the church office no later than November 18.

So, save the date : Saturday, December 3rd. Come to buy cookies; come to shop!!! How could you NOT support the work of the wonderful team pictured above??!

Questions?

Contact Donna Holwager (717) 892-1331 ddholwager@aol.com, or

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

Our Creative Arts/Needle Arts meets Tuesday at 1 PM in the lounge area. **NOTE: We will not be meeting the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (Nov.22)**

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.



Pictures by Mac Miller



Gail Irons assembles Nutter Butter stocking stuffers.



Knit Wits assemble note cards.



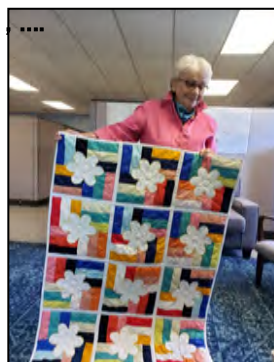
Donna Holwager's wall hanging



Barb O'Brien, Sue Bianco, and Irene Achey assemble glove hatted, snowmen stocking



Sometimes, Fr. Rick joins the fun.



Barb O'Brien's quilt



Peace Pals for EMT's, police and healthcare providers to give children experiencing trauma.



Gloria Kacinko - Super Organizer!!!

Krist Kindling

By Meredith Westgate



It's almost time! Krist Kindling visits begin on **Sunday, December 4**. Here's how it works:

Each family **secretly** delivers a gift to the receiving family once each week during the three weeks prior to Christmas. They also remember that family in their daily prayers during the Advent season. Gifts may be delivered any evening during the week.

It is best to deliver gifts in the evening because you are more assured that the family will be there to receive it and you'll need the cover of darkness to make your "get-away" unseen. If you are not absolutely sure that you are at the correct house, print the name and address of the recipient on a card and leave it with the gift; or, call me on your cell phone and I will try to help you out! Try to deliver your gift when the recipient is at home – the fun is running to the door when the bell rings (or hiding to avoid being seen) as opposed to finding the package at a later time (or delivering it to an empty house). It isn't always possible to return later if no one is at home, but please keep things in

the spirit of Krist Kindling.

*Keep in mind that children (OK, adults too) anxiously await the secret gift each day until it arrives. **On the first week, try to deliver early in the week to be sure there are no mix-ups with directions, etc. Please make every effort to deliver your gift within each week's time period. I can't emphasize this enough. Disappointment is not one of the anticipated outcomes.**



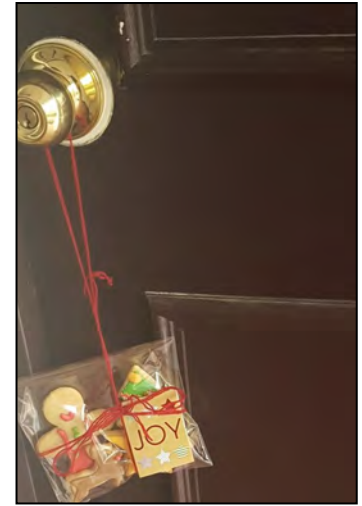
For fun and safety, no one should be leaving their home to discover the identity of Krist Kindle! Some gift ideas: a Christmas ornament, book, holiday music, or a treat to eat.

When you receive your gift, be assured that your Krist Kindle will be remembering you in prayer during this joyful, busy season.

The weeks of gift giving are:

- December 4- December 10**
- December 11- December 17**
- December 18- December 24**

Sunday, January at 5:30 p.m. is the tentative date and time for our (hopefully) pot luck supper in the multi-purpose room or 6:30 p.m. for our Zoom reveal. At that time, we will reveal our secrets! Watch for more details in the Scepter and bulletin.



IMPORTANT! If there are food allergies in your family, please email or text me a list before Sunday!

*If you have any questions or problems locating the home (or if Krist Kindle has not come to your doorstep by Friday of the first week) please call me (Meredith Westgate) at 898-9245 or email me at miamessages@gmail.com so I can investigate. Happy Krist Kindling!



Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Names and ages of children _____

If you are a new participating family or if you've moved, Please include a note to help Krist Kindle identify your home once they have GPSd their way to your street!



Trunk or Treat

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Dina Ishler, Joyce Kamm, Mike Freshwater, and Mac Miller



Fr. "rocker" Rick



Randy Westgate's Bear was a favorite.

A perfect night for Halloween fun.



Catherine C3PO Donohue



Christian Bauer



Hakes



Blair Lord



Julie and Caroline Hoff



Yes that's Mark Jakiell!!



Anfal and Fr. Rick



Christian and Scarlett Breneman and new calf



Lots of hosts and Trick or Treaters!!



Mike Freshwater and granddaughter



Trunk or Treat



Professor Rayelenn McGonagall



Dottie helping tiny tiger "toss"



Father and son having fun



Amy Alton and Harley



Karen Grant and spider toss



Bowling



Malalay Rahim and Sister Peggy Hanzelman



Dina Ishler and friend



Lots of furry friends



Basket Raffle

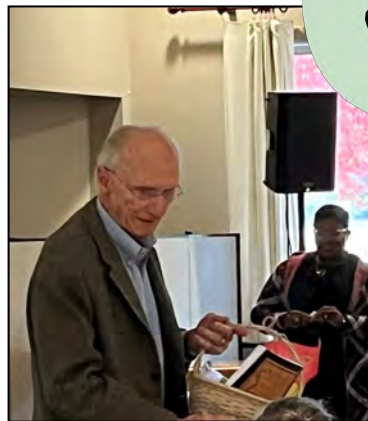
Pictures by Mary Snyder



All the baskets



Julie Hoff, Michelle Bentley, Beth Lynch pulling winners.



Bill Hopwood



Christian Bauer won a great kid's basket.



Hank Spire was a basket winner!



Hoff's winning basket



Lori Miller won a cozy blanket



October Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder



All are welcome



Fr. Rick, LEM Beth Van Aulen and Jack Van Aulen



Fr. Rick celebrates.



Blair Lord



Seth Hake



Beth and Jack Van Aulen



Wanda's back!!!!

Worship SERVICE



Kevin & Ellen Milligan bring the Offertory



The Gospel



Fr. Rick processional



Karen Waddill and the choir



Announcements are important!



Sally Lederer and Kevin Milligan bring the Offertory



Jay Miller, Wanda Stoltzfus and Fr. Rick



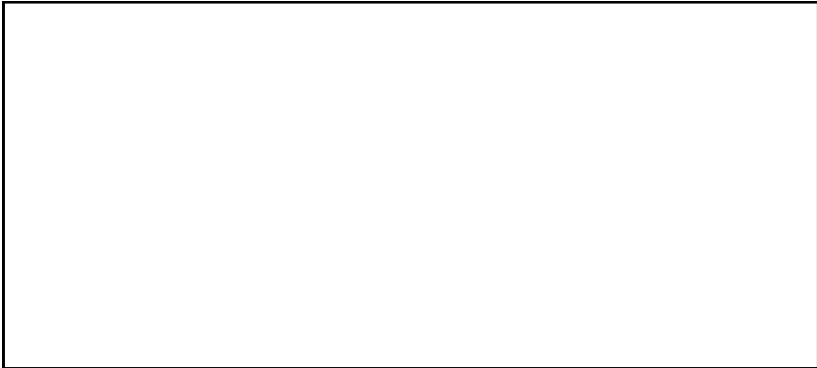
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Parish Office Hours

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

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Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

12 Noon: Contemplative Eucharist,
Meditation, and Healing Prayer

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