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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter



## Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



“More than ever before in my life, I believe that I’m a part of a church that can make a difference in the lives of its members,

As we embark on another liturgical year, beginning again our three-year lectionary cycle as a church, I’m profoundly humbled in the recognition that we’re creating something quite wonderful together here at St. Edward’s. Every time I enter our sanctuary, I can feel the presence of our living Lord in the reverent beauty of our sacred space. And as our relationships evolve and deepen through the mutual trust we earn with time, consistency, and other-oriented concern, my spirit rejoices in the privilege of being here...now...as pastor, priest, and administrator. Through disruptive hardship and unprecedented challenge, in times of socio-political turmoil and global

pandemic, we’ve managed to persist and to grow in number through our shared commitments to our spiritual home in our first three years together. This is well worth naming, and well worth celebrating.

Here in Advent of 2022, it feels right to reflect upon what we’ve built, and what we’re building, as individual disciples and as a faith com-



“sharing Christ’s light and love with those around us....”

munity. From the dignity of our memorial garden to the majesty of our stained glass, and from the spiritual formation that we engage in groups to our congruent messaging rooted in the teachings of Jesus, I see our church standing with skill and poise in a social landscape largely overwhelmed by distrust and pervading cynicism. I see us standing in defiance of a dominant cultural narrative that would have us place the individual

over the collective and the will to power over the way of love. And through the life-giving empowerment of our mutual ministries and shared leadership, we’re exercising initiative to feed the hungry, to welcome the stranger, to advocate for non-violence, and to question the underlying attitudes that separate us from one another. We have a story, and together we’re helping one another to trust the future, to place imperishable stock in the blessed assurance that all shall be well if we lean into the fundamental principles of our discipleship. In words spoken through prophets, we’re recalling together that: “He has told you, O mortal, what is good...to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8) And



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# Reflection

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we're honoring the call of our Lord as we strive to love God with all that we are, and to love one another as Christ has loved us. (Matthew 22:37-39)

In light of the work we've engaged together thus far, I've found myself invited to revisit some of the conceptual frameworks that I studied during my doctoral work down at Duke in Christian Leadership. Because it occurs to me that I've been watching my academic study come to life as our senses of shared purpose evolve at St. Edward's, that we've been working skillfully together in the realm of (what scholars call) "traditioned innovation." This is a place from which people commit to learning and a growth mindset, to shifting "we can't because" to "we can if". It's a place from which people commit to living in tensions that integrate the counterpoint of stability and change, where folks curate together a sense of culture with a communication style, a message of substance, and a "vibe" that can be experienced and felt. As I ponder the stuff of "traditioned innovation", I think that we're asking ourselves how our church can make a difference in our wider community, and that we're cultivating a public witness that communicates the values of Jesus as a teacher beyond the confines of our worship space. I think that we're headed somewhere good with God's help.

At the heart of this evolving sense of shared identity and purpose, I'm drawn to the essence of Jesus' message as articulated through the Ubuntu adage: that a person is a person through other persons: that "I am...because we are." And as we embark on a new liturgical year, a new lectionary cycle, and the planning of a new budget, I'm starkly reminded that our path as a

parish is forged through our collective efforts and our shared commitments to the mission and the ministry that we engage as a body. Together, we keep our local food pantry stocked, provide a place for those in recovery from addiction, hold safe space for our neighborhood children to gather and be kids, and we provide for, and visit with, those in prison. We support and encourage artistic expression, provide skilled counseling services, offer up a breadth and depth of spiritual formation programs, and we commit ourselves to cultivating authentic relationships in community, where we're each known by name. More than ever before in my life, I believe that I'm a part of a church that can make a difference in the lives of its members, sharing Christ's light and love with those around us. I love our church! And it's my heartfelt hope (and my spirit's prayer) that we'll all embrace, with renewed passion, our shared commitment to this spiritual home that shelters, affirms, and instructs us along our journeys as disciples in the Jesus Movement. As we lift up the importance of stewardship this month, articulating the financial resource needs required to maintain our current levels of ministry, it will be up to each of us to freely choose whether we'll play a role in the present and future mission of St. Edward's through the practice of pledging. Under the guidance of a talented and fiscally conservative Finance Committee, we carefully craft our annual budget based on the pledge commitments of our parish community. And through the sharing of our collective resources, prayerfully discerned, we do our very best to balance our income and our expenses. As a non-profit organization without a sizable endowment to draw upon, caring for our physical plant, paying our employees, and funding our ministry efforts is entirely up to us. And with the

rising cost of doing business, particularly sharpened in a time of high inflation, we need the help of every member of our parish family to meet our financial obligations as a church.

Please pray friends. Please thoughtfully and heartfully contemplate stewardship this month and ponder what the life of our parish means to you. If you currently pledge financial support to St. Edward's, we thank you, and we ask that you please wonder about the feasibility of a 10% increase in your annual giving. If you're new to our parish family, please consider helping us to persist through supporting our mission and ministry in the form of a financial pledge. We have it in us to balance our budget. And I trust that our shared life matters deeply to each of us, that our collective awareness and generosity will raise our senses of necessity, enabling us to close the gap between our income and our expense. I trust that we're invested in our relationships, in our discipleship, and in the flourishing of our spiritual home. And so, may the Lord bless our efforts and continue to enliven our hearts through the abundance of our shared lives in Christ.

With love and appreciation,  
Rick+



## Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:  
11:00 – 4:00PM

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Michelle Bentley

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

By Beth Lynch



I have a story to share. It is 61 years old and continuing. It is about a woman who has found family in many different places.

I was raised in an Irish Catholic family with nine siblings and a multitude of cousins. It was a loving family. We never were in need of food, shelter, or clothing. We played outside all day until dinner when we would gather for dinner at one table. We each had our own assigned seats and said grace at each meal. Like most children you follow the religious beliefs of the faith of your parents. I was in my early thirties when I realized Catholicism was not agreeing with my social beliefs.

I left the church and worked on being the best person I could be and sharing my gifts with those in need. I felt I did not need a physical building or a certain doctrine to espouse my faith in Jesus. Then the last day of the year in 2002 a new life was handed to me as Bruce and I welcomed our son James. It felt like something was missing in my life. I met James'

best friend's mom – Mother Jamie aazL'Enfant. As the two of us grew closer we would have theological discussions and thought-provoking conversations. Mother Jamie told me she had grown up Catholic as well but converted to the Episcopalian faith when she realized that she could keep her social justice views and the religious rituals and sacraments she greatly missed. This hit a cord with me. That is exactly what I was feeling. I was invited to attend her church in Greensboro, St. Francis. I immediately knew I belonged. I had found a place where my sister and her partner would be welcome, my divorced sibling could receive communion, and the color of your skin was not an issue. I found an accepting place to worship. I even got the privilege of listening to several of Bishop Michael Curry's rousing sermons.

We moved from Greensboro to Mount Joy at the very end of 2013. We visited several churches closer to us before attending St. Edward's in the spring of 2015. I had a friend who once told me the secret of locating a house to buy when searching for a new home – "You will know it is the right one when you walk in the front door." This truism has served me well in not just buying a house but also in finding new spiritual homes. I found St. Edward's to be welcoming and had a bright atmosphere. When Father Casey announced that a confirmation/receiving class was forming, I signed up. The power of the spirit flowed though me when Bishop Scanlon received me into the Episcopal Church. A justice of the peace married Bruce and I, soon after being received I wanted our marriage blessed by the church. We met with Fr. Casey who agreed to perform the

ceremony. As we got up to leave the rector's office an English accented voice spoke behind us and said, "Now you can do something for me." That is how we became involved with the Faith In Action ministry.

It was in a time of great grief that St. Edward's held me in its arms. In 2016 a great friend of mine lost her only child. Karson was a young boy of fourteen. He was someone I had taken care of for years and loved dearly. How could this happen! Fr. Casey sat with me in the sanctuary for close to an hour delaying a family outing comforting and praying with me. Then in 2018, my mother passed away on May 21 and exactly one week later my father also died. The grief was heavy, and Fr. Casey reached out over the internet from his yearly retreat to comfort me and envelope me in St. Edward's arms and tightening my connection to this community.

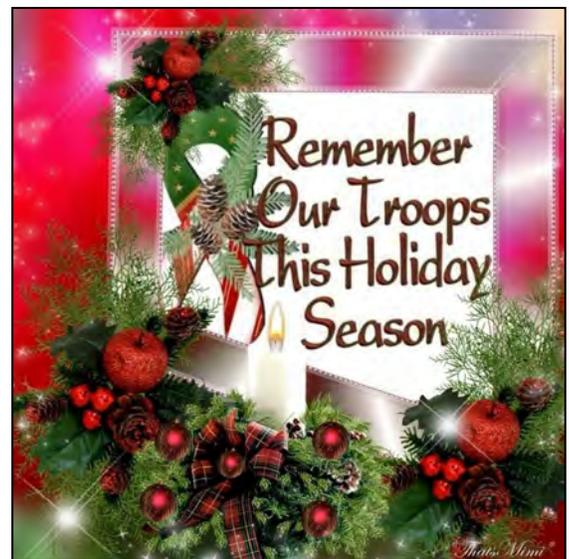
Since then, I have volunteered at many events that would reach into people's lives to show the majestic, loving, faithful, welcoming home I belong too. I have taken part on two discernment committees, I was on the search committee, I chair the FIA ministry, I give of my time to offer crafts at events, and I play Pokémon with the children every Wednesday night. I look forward to this continuing story that I have with St. Edward's. During this time of Stewardship, I hope that everyone that reads this article can reflect on the profound and loving story that St. Edward's has been to you and that you prayerfully discern your 2023 stewardship pledge.

## 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
- ★1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Whitesel



# Stephen Ministry



## Why I Became A Stephen Minister by Ethel Lawrence



**Ethel Lawrence**

“I was drawn to this ministry because I love meeting people and hearing their stories. My prayer is to help people who need a caring ear to listen and be there for them at a time when they need to process what they are going through or what they have just gone through. I look forward to giving back in a small way to our church family to love and nurture those suffering heartache, loneliness and fear. I always very much appreciate it when someone spends their time with me to help me process things from time to time. I would love to meet you and ask “What’s happening”.

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

To become connected to a Stephen Minister, please contact:

Peggy Hanzelman at 717-390-4944

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Brochures are available in the Parish Hall

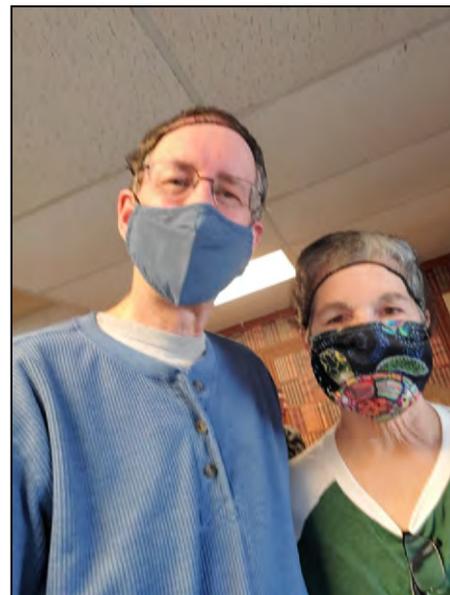
# Raffle Winners

Many thanks to our event volunteers, our basket creators, and to everyone who supported this important fundraiser through ticket sales and donations. WE, as a parish, through your generosity of spirit and robust participation, raised over \$6,200 to support the ministry and mission of St. Edward’s!!!

- Sharon Hubbard
- Donna Ray
- Nancy Mannion
- Janet Rumer
- Caroline Hoff
- Kevin Milligan
- Leslie Arnold
- Bill & Carol Hopwood
- Kiki Davis-Brugmann
- Wayne Maloney
- Bruce Lynch
- Hank & Linda Spire
- Lori Miller
- Kim Kline
- Chad Reiner
- Meredith and Randy Westgate
- Christian Bauer
- Mike Freshwater
- Sharon Gromis
- Tony & Elizabeth Watts
- Herb Johnston



# Thanksgiving



Bruce, James and Beth Lynch helped serve 706 Thanksgiving Dinners in Mt. Joy.

# Clean-Up Crew



Christian Bauer



Ricky Bauer

# POKÉMON

By Beth Lynch

Pokémon winter session is Jan 18 thru March 29. Learn to battle, travel, play games, do crafts and so much more.



Wednesday nights  
6:30 to 8 pm.



Helping "Granny" Casey decorate the advent tree.

## Leaf Fun



Christian Bauer



Ricky Bauer

# Story stones



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



### What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.

# PUZZLE

*Seeking the story*  
Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.



### WORD BANK

Shepherds  
Child  
Nazareth  
Census  
Baby  
David  
Mary  
Travel  
Town  
Register  
Born  
Night

T	B	W	Y	A	Z	K	E	S	H	N	G	D	J	K
Q	O	Y	A	P	R	A	L	B	F	P	I	C	Q	L
N	R	W	X	B	E	Y	R	M	B	D	M	O	E	E
S	N	O	N	W	G	A	I	B	A	C	D	O	T	D
R	G	X	J	F	I	W	M	V	B	R	R	C	E	O
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R	U	V	Y	K	N	I	R	T	K	G	E	Y	I	R
K	V	A	Z	X	L	S	H	Y	T	P	T	J	S	K
L	L	E	S	M	J	Z	L	Q	R	U	H	V	W	X

"Today in the town of David a \_\_\_\_\_  
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV

Answer: Savior



## Bible Quiz

Complete this Bible verse: "The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the (3) \_\_\_\_\_, and the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ has not overcome it."

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- E. None of the above



Answers  
INSIDE

Answer: B (See John 1:5)

## 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, December 10th

## 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:**  
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717.390.4944

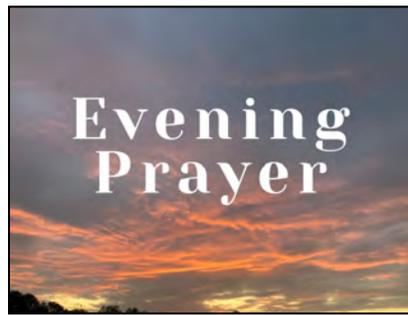
[phanzelman@comcast.net](mailto:phanzelman@comcast.net) or:

Ethel Lawrence:

717.314.8993

[ethell748@gmail.com](mailto: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. :

**Note: There will be no Evening Prayer on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Anyone interested can send me an email to be put on an email distribution list:

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

Sunday Evening Prayer @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072

Passcode: SunEP

"Christmas is a box of tree ornaments that have become part of the family."

—Charles M. Schulz

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for January will be:

**December 20th.**

Send articles and announcements to:  
[HJ\\_Miller@outlook.com](mailto:HJ_Miller@outlook.com)



## Krist Kindling

By Meredith Westgate

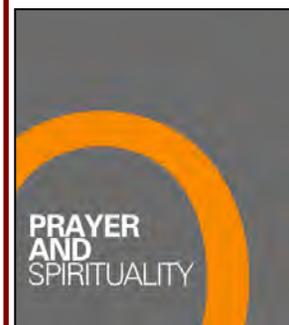


The weeks of gift giving are:  
**December 04 - December 10**  
**December 11 - December 17**  
**December 18 - December 24**

Sunday, January 15th at 5:30 p.m is the date and time for our pot luck supper in the multi-purpose room . At that time, we will reveal our secrets! Watch for more details in the Scepter and bulletin.



## 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.

# New Wednesday Evening Bible Study Series “The Parables”

A new Bible Study series will begin January 4<sup>th</sup>

Our St Edward's Wednesday night Bible study offers an in depth look, in this case at Jesus' parables. Our approach to Bible study has been to use the 'Conversations with Scripture' series as a guide through the topic. We travel at our own pace with the intention to delve into the scripture, recognizing its social-historical meaning for its initial hearers, as well as its modern-day readers. Please join us on our spiritual journey. Bob Mosebach



William “Bill” Brosend

## Conversations with Scripture: The Parables by William Brosend

Overview from Barnes & Noble: *From the very beginning, human beings have loved to listen to stories. And Jesus loved to tell them. The parables are vivid, rich, arresting stories that make us think and teach us lessons about our relationship with God and others. From talents to mustard seeds, from shepherds to Samaritans, Jesus used common reference points to teach important truths.*

*But the parables are filled with ambiguity and room for interpretation. With histori-*

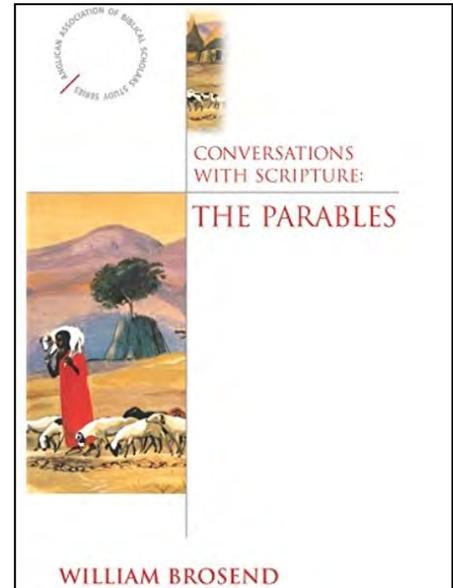
*cal and cultural background, and careful scholarly detail, this book helps readers explore their beauty, richness, and joy.*

The author is uniquely qualified to have written this book. As he says in the introduction:

The parables of Jesus are important to me for many reasons, most of which will be obvious by the time you finish this book, so only a few need be noted here. First, the parables were Jesus' favorite way to preach and teach, and as someone who preaches and teaches about Jesus I believe content and form are both important. Better understanding how Jesus taught will help us better understand what he taught. Second, I have found that the Gospel of Mark is correct in saying that parables are the way the people of God best hear the Word of God (4:33–34). In a variety of settings, from seminary to Sunday school, classes on the parables of Jesus are consistently appealing. Finally, as I explain in the last chapter, I also believe that learning how to interpret the parables helps us in

our interpretation of the whole of Scripture. So the work we do together on the parables may help you be a better student of the Bible in unexpected ways. I have been preparing most of my life to write this little volume on the parables, and I have to admit that I had a marvelous time doing so. I pray that you will be informed and formed by it, and hope that you will enjoy it a bit in the process. Blessings!

Bill Brosend



**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:**  
**6:30 PM to 8:00 PM:** Zoom invite in your weekly emails. For questions, please contact:

Bob Mosebach at:

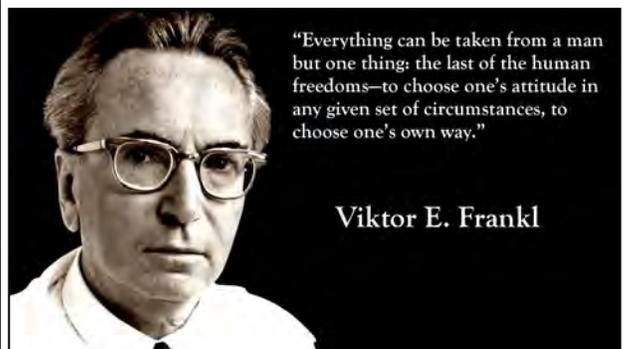
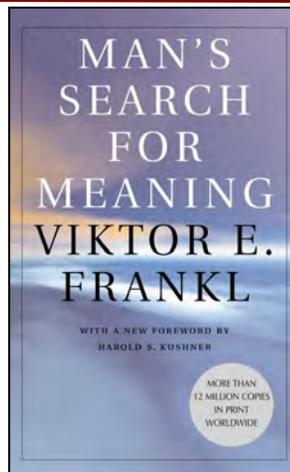
[rcmosebach@comcast.net](mailto:rcmosebach@comcast.net) or

Leslie Arnold at: [larnold897@aol.com](mailto:larnold897@aol.com)

## 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.



Viktor E. Frankl



# Holiday Services

“How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.”



Slow Down,



Be Quiet,



It's Advent

## Why Advent?

Waiting can be hard, and not just for children. But I do love Advent: this four-week time when the Christian church prepares for Christmas.

Maybe I like Advent so much because it involves active waiting, not thumb-twiddling. It is a gift the church offers the world, to be active (which isn't the same as busy) in ways that open our hearts — and the hearts we touch — to the true meaning

of Christmas.

Mother Teresa said, “At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own love and concern.”

When I take time during Advent to remember in prayer and with gifts of money and time those who have less food than I do,

those who are lonely, those without a home; when I pause to share love with a child or an elder, or gratitude for a healthcare worker, pastor or teacher; when I wait for justice to replace oppression but, while I wait, find ways to work for that result ... the Spirit’s warmth fills my waiting heart. I am ready to welcome Jesus.

—Heidi Mann



Sunday Dec. 4th



Sunday Dec. 11th



Sunday Dec 18th



December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM Prelude Music  
8 PM Rite II service



December 25<sup>th</sup> 9 AM Christmas Coffee Hour – Celebrate Christmas Day with some holiday cheer  
10 AM – Rite II service

January 1<sup>st</sup> 9 AM New Year's Day Coffee Hour – Celebrate ringing in the New Year with a light breakfast



# The Advent Wreath



Patrick Ishler offers the reading for the first week of Advent Nov. 27th.

The Advent candle tradition, involves four candles around the wreath. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary, at St. Edward's, the first, second, and fourth candles are blue the third candle is rose-colored.



Sarum Blue Alter Hangings

## Christmas Flowers



A clipboard sign up sheet will be available in the Parish Hall during coffee hour, and in the Narthex for services.

Each order is \$25.00

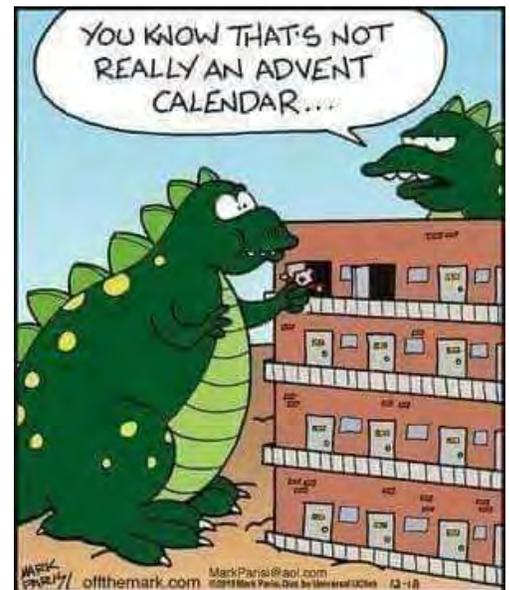


**The first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The Sarum Rite was the original basis for the liturgy of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer and blue was used for the color of Advent. It was to represent the darkness before the birth. Shades of blue symbolize royalty, the coming of the King, hope, the night sky before the dawn, the sea before creation, and Mary.

**The second candle** represents **faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy. Tradition puts the rose-colored candle in the Advent wreath--not to symbolize Mary, but to reflect the lessening emphasis on penitence, the nearing of the end of the fast, the pending birth, and the second coming. The 3rd Sunday in Advent marks the half-way point, and we are allowed to be excited for the coming event. It is called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin for "rejoice." It takes its name from one of the traditional readings from Philippians which begins, "Rejoice in the Lord always."

The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.



## Bishop Scanlan's Friday Advent Videos



lives, just as we envision a planned visit of guests.

Her Advent series will continue to prepare us for the coming of Jesus.

These short videos are a wonderful way to take a few minutes each week to think about how our Episcopal faith can be applied to our everyday lives.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPpHbivzejU&t=31s>

Bishop Scanlan began her Friday Video series for Advent from her kitchen, where she was preparing for her family's Thanksgiving Feast. She plans that her 4 videos during advent will relate to how we prepare for the visit of guests, to our home.

Her first week of Advent messages addressed how we envision the arrival of Jesus in our



ADVENT Bible Reading Plan				
1 Luke 1:1-4	2 John 1:1-5, 18	3 John 1:1-5, 18	4 Isaiah 9:6-7 & 11:1-5	5 Micah 5:2-4
6 Matthew 1:1-17	7 Luke 1:5-25	8 Luke 1:26-38	9 Luke 1:39-45	10 Luke 1:46-56
11 Luke 1:57-66	12 Luke 1:67-80	13 Luke 2:1-7	14 Matthew 1:18-25	15 Luke 2:8-21
16 Matthew 2:1-12	17 Luke 2:22-40	18 Matthew 2:13-15	19 Matthew 2:16-18	20 Matthew 2:19-23
21 John 1:6-8, 15	22 John 1:9-14	23 John 1:16-17	24 Isaiah 52:13-53:12	25 Revelation 21:1-8

# advent CALENDAR

1 Perform a random act of kindness	two Donate food to a local food bank	three Have a coloring contest	four Buy socks for a homeless shelter	5 Watch a favorite holiday movie
6 Make or buy a new Christmas ornament	seven Let someone go in front of you in line	8 Clean out and donate outgrown toys	9 Build a snowman out of cotton balls	10 Take cupcakes to your local fire department
eleven Decorate a gingerbread house	12 Help wrap a Christmas present	thirteen Leave a happy note for someone to find	14 Have a game night in your PJs	15 Make paper snowflakes
16 Drink hot cocoa	17 Make Christmas cards	18 Bake Christmas cookies	19 Sing Christmas carols	twenty Take a family photo in front of the Christmas tree
21 Read your favorite Christmas story	22 Take a car tour of your local light displays	23 Deliver Christmas cards to your neighbors	twenty-four Watch or attend a Christmas Eve service	25 Read the Nativity story



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)*

Please thoughtfully and heartfully contemplate stewardship this month and ponder what the life of our parish means to you. I trust that our shared life matters deeply to each of us, that our collective awareness and generosity will raise our senses of necessity, enabling us to close the gap between our income and our expense. I trust that we're invested in our relationships, in our discipleship, and in the flourishing of our spiritual home. – *Father Rick*

### Stewardship Stories Calendar

November 27 <sup>th</sup>	8 AM & 10 AM	Father Rick
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	8 AM Beth Lynch	10 AM Randy Westgate
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	8 AM Herb Johnston	10 AM Nancy Mannion
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 AM Julie Hoff	10 AM Bob Mosebach

**November 27th -  
December 18th Sunday  
Stewardship Stories  
from our St. Edward's  
Parish Family**

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

**Fourth Advent  
December 18th Pledge  
Ingathering**

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



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*As we enter the month of December, please note on your calendar the following events in the life of St. Edward's. There is much to engage in and celebrate!*

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| <b>NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> –<br/>DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup></b>          | <b>ST. EDWARD'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN</b><br>STEWARDSHIP STORIES AT 8 AM & 10 AM WORSHIP &<br>MAILING OF PLEDGE FORMS TO PARISH |
| <b>DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 8 AM</b>                                     | ST. EDWARD'S ANNUAL COOKIE & CRAFT SALE  |
| <b>DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 3 PM</b>                                     | LANCASTER CHAMBER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT –<br><b>VISIT THEIR WEB SITE TO PURCHASE TICKETS</b>                               |
| <b>DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 3 PM</b>                                    | FIRE IN THE GLEN CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT <b>FREE-<br/>WILL OFFERING</b>   |
| <b>DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 4 PM</b>                                    | DINA CARTER ISHLER ORDINATION – ST. STEPHEN'S<br>EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL – HARRISBURG  |
| <b>DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 9 AM</b>                                    | COFFEE HOUR CRAFT – CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS  |
| <b>DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 9 AM</b>                                    | COFFEE HOUSE BAND  |
| <b>DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM</b>                                 | CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – PRELUDE MUSIC WITH <b>SERVICE<br/>BEGINNING AT 8 PM</b>  |
| <b>DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 9 AM<br/>DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 10 AM</b> | CHRISTMAS DAY COFFE HOUR<br>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE  |
| <b>JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 9 AM</b>                                      | COFFEE HOUR: JOIN US AS WE WELCOME IN THE NEW<br>YEAR!   |
| <b>JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 10 AM</b>                                     | NEW YEAR'S DAY SUNDAY SERVICE – RITE II  |
| <b>DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> –<br/>JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup></b>            | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED   |

# Forward Day By Day



and [Good Book Club](#), a program of daily scripture reading and reflection. On occasion they have hosted conferences for lay leaders and clergy. Spanish resources can be found at [venadelante.org](#), and you can write to them in Spanish at [informacion@venadelante.org](mailto:informacion@venadelante.org).

**Note: The Forward Day by Day App offers a convenient way to follow the daily office. In addition to the printed office, audio for Morning and Evening prayer is conveniently offered.**

## Who publishes *Forward Day by Day*?

*Forward Day by Day* is published by Forward Movement, a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Forward Movement's mission is to inspire disciples and empower evangelists, and we do this work by offering *Forward Day by Day*, books, pamphlets, courses, conference, apps, and digital tools. Forward Movement is a self-sustaining non-profit based in Cincinnati, OH. We rely on sales and [donations](#) to fund our ministry.

They are widely known for the popular daily devotional *Forward Day by Day*, which provides daily meditations based on scripture readings from the lectionary. *Forward Day by Day* is printed [for subscribers](#) in Spanish and English—both pocket-size and large print editions. In addition, the daily devotion is available as an eBook or in Braille. They also offer a free [podcast](#) and smartphone app (for [Apple](#) or [Android](#)). In addition, the [daily meditation is also available for free, online](#).

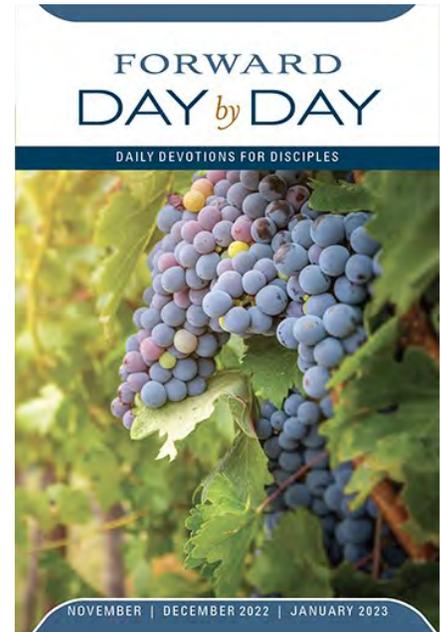
Forward Movement publishes books and courses, both print and online, for use by individuals and congregations. They also offer free resources such as [Grow Christians](#), an online community for those trying to raise children in the faith,

Though based in downtown Cincinnati, Forward Movement's staff of roughly twenty people is spread across the United States. They welcome suggestions from congregations, readers, and donors about how they can support you, or your church, in your growth as disciples of Jesus.

Forward Movement has been a ministry of the Episcopal Church since 1935. They are financially independent, relying on sales and the generosity of donors to support their mission and expand their reach. Each year they supply tens of thousands of free copies of printed booklets and books, mostly to prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, and military bases. They invite you to support the ministry of sharing the Good News of Christ around the world by [donating online](#) or mailing a check to their office.

You can [learn more about their work on the website](#), write [by email](#), or send a letter at 412 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. You may also call 800-543-1813 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday).

You can also follow them online on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).



*The printed booklets, in regular and large print (a favorite of many parishioners) are available to all. Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer.*



## Ripples of Kindness



### The Power of Kindness

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.

—Amelia Earhart





**Items requested for December:**

- Cereal
- Canned carrots
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned corn
- Canned peaches
- Canned mixed fruit
- Canned vegetable soup
- Canned broccoli soup
- Canned mandarin oranges
- Noodles
- Roman noodles

Thanks!  
Diane



**Jesse Tree Project**



Wrapped gifts for the Jesse Tree Project are due December 6.

Questions? Contact Leslie Arnold at [Larnold897@aol.com](mailto:Larnold897@aol.com)

**Turkey Drive**

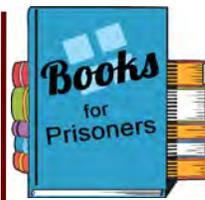
We delivered a total of 20 turkeys to the Hempfield Food Pantry. Thank you, St. Edward's, for spreading the love this Thanksgiving!



**James Lynch**



**Pantry Volunteers**



**Books for Prisoners**

We would like to have a selection of books ready for pickup on December 13.

Will you help us by purchasing from your favorite book store or through our Wish-list on Amazon?

**Spanish editions are especially welcomed. You will find several Spanish editions on the Amazon Wishlist.**

No Bibles are needed at this time. All books must have a Christian theme to be accepted.

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](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/K6N2OXW5AFVE?ref_=wl_share)

**Books To Consider:**

*Una vida con propósito: ¿Para qué estoy aquí en la tierra?* (The Purpose Driven Life) (Spanish Edition)

*Oraciones Poderosas en el Cuarto de Guerra* (Powerful Prayers in the War Room) by David Lancaster

*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 El-dredge

Support For Prison Ministries  
Brownstown, PA  
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. **Prayer needs are updated each month. Visit:**

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



If you would like to know more about, or be involved in this ministry, please speak to Bruce Lynch , Joyce Kamm or Father Rick.

Pictures by Joyce Kamm and Rayelenn Casey

# Happy 13th Birthday Tay



A Happy Moment In Time!



Anfal blowing out Tay's candles



Rayelenn and Anfal "Selfie"

In the words of Najib, "We don't celebrate birthdays in Afghanistan for many years. We've had other deeper things to be concerned about for long time."

But here in America, they are all smiles when that birthday cake and ice cream come through the front door....even Najib. No presents needed, a birthday card or two in the mailbox, cake and ice cream seem to be enough.



See that mischievous little smile? He's getting ready to turn the candles around so they say "31".

Tay has "Americanized" himself. He now wants to be called Tay (pronounced Ty)



Ellen Milligan, one of our tutors, helping Tay count change.



*By the Grace of God,*

The Right Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan  
XI Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Will Ordain

*Dina Carter Ishler*

To The Sacred Order of Deacons  
In Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

On Sunday, December 11, 2022  
At Four o'clock in the Afternoon

At

*St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral*  
221 North Front Street, Harrisburg Pennsylvania 17101

Your prayers and presence are requested and so appreciated.

Reception will follow.

Clergy are invited to vest and process (red stole).

If you are unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/saint.stephens.cathedral>

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, November 30** to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AEAF23A1FAC25-dinas>



Beth Lynch – Bullseye!

## Axe throwing at Stumpy's Hatchet House



Bruce Lynch – Bullseye!



James Lynch – Bullseye!



Joyce Kamm – Not a bullseye but at least the axe hit the target!



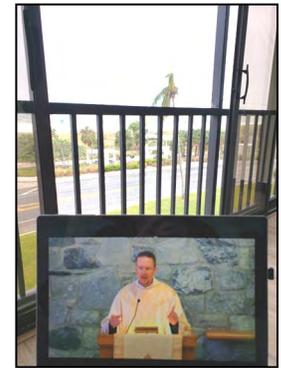
Katie Scheurich – Looking dangerous!



An "anonymous" note left on Fr. Rick's desk.



Hakes making apple dumplings



On a rainy Sunday morning, Fr. Rick was back on a Florida beach, "sort of".

## Christmas Chuckles and Notes to God

Enjoy these kid-friendly holiday jokes!

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

*It's Christmas, Eve!*

What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?

*Cookie sheets.*

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

*"Freeze a jolly good fellow!"*

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?

*Ornamints.*

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?

*Santa walking backward.*

Why did Rudolph get a bad report card?

*Because he went down in history.*

What is an elf's favorite kind of music?

*Wrap music!*

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

*Nothing. It was on the house!*

What kind of photos do Santa's helpers take?

*Elfies*

Dear God,  
Please Send Dennis Clark  
to a different camp  
this year.  
Peter

Dear God,  
I think about  
you sometimes even  
when I'm not praying  
Elliott

Dear God,  
I think the stapler  
is one of your  
greatest invention  
Ruth M.

Dear God,  
Thank you for  
the baby brother  
but what I prayed  
for was a puppy  
Joyce

Dear God  
Maybe Cain and Abel  
would not kill each so much  
if they had their own rooms.  
It works with my brother  
Larry

Dear God -  
Please put a -  
nother holiday  
between Christmas  
and Easter.  
There is nothing good  
in there now.  
Ginny

We read Thos. Edison  
made light.  
But in Sun. School they said  
you did it.  
So I bet he stole  
you & I dea.  
Sincerely,  
DONNA

Dear God  
I went to this wedding  
and they kissed right in church  
Is that ok?  
Neil



# ST. EDWARD'S DECEMBER CONCERTS

Sunday, December 4th – 3:00 PM

Lancaster Chamber Singers Christmas Concert featuring  
the music of Thomas Tallis, Francis Poulenc, and Stephen  
Paulus, along with lush carol arrangements by  
contemporary composer Dan Forrest.

This is the first in-person performance of this group since  
2019. We invite you to support LCS via their \$10 advance  
ticket fee or \$15 ticket fee at the door. Visit  
[lancasterchambersingers.org](http://lancasterchambersingers.org) to purchase tickets. Concert  
brochures are in the narthex.

Saturday, December 10 - 3:00 PM

*Free-will offering.*

**Fire in the Glen  
Celtic Christmas**

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# Needle Arts Ministry Prepares for Cookie/Craft Sale

## Pictures by Mac Miller

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

Members of this group, plus volunteer crafters, worked all year to create a variety of items for the cookie/craft sale.

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.



Sue Bianco, Irene Achey and Gail Irons



Gloria Kacinko



The skills of the crafters and the variety of items was amazing!!



Barb O'Brien



Donna Holwager



Cone gnomes lined up ready for the sale.



Many items were knitted or crocheted.



Items were priced, tagged and arranged.

## Coffee Hour

### Pictures by Mary Snyder



Coffee Hour Craft allowed parishioners to create advent calendars to be given to shut-ins.



Catherine Donohue and Linda Jones work on craft.

# Baptisms November 6, 2022

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Sponsors present Kyle Scheurich and Benjamin Shaub



Father Rick prays with the newly baptized



Ben and his sponsors



Benjamin's baptism



Fr. Rick congratulates Ben



Kyle's baptism



Fr. Rick congratulates Kyle



Kyle's sponsors Beth and Bruce Lynch



Father Rick reads the Gospel for All Saints' Day, Nov. 6, 2022



Fr. Rick greets Kyle and his sister after the service.

# November Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Jack Van Aulen



Elizabeth Van Aulen and Fr. Rick



Jack Van Aulen, Jay Miller and Bob Mosebach



Fr. Rick Bauer



The Eucharist



Buddy Yeager



Nancy Mannion



Jamie Alton



Rayelenn Casey



Bob Mosebach



Meredith Lord and Beth Van Aulen at The Offertory

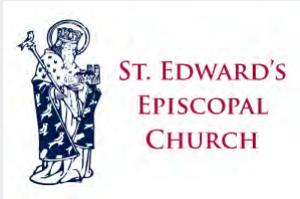


Fr. Rick Reads the Gospel on Christ the King Sunday

## Worship SERVICE



Karen Waddill, Jackson and the choir provide beautiful music



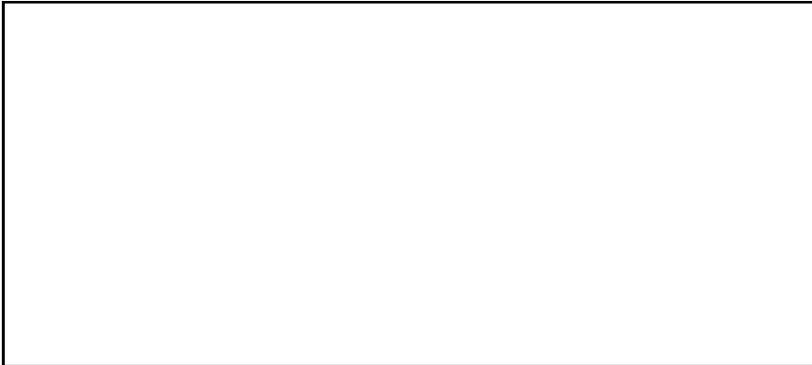
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**Michelle Bentley, Parish**  
Administrative Assistant

**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

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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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