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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



“We’ve just taken an important step toward implementing a vision for the intentional and expanded use of our campus, a movement to embrace the land we’re blessed with, inviting folks to gather in prayer and in reverent celebration of nature, beside the flow of living water.”

As I sit to write this reflection, the muscles in my forearms are sore and a dull pain radiates from my lower back, up my spine and down my legs. I’m on my third cup of coffee this morning; and I’m still tired. But what I’m experiencing, is a wonderful sense of physical discomfort, aching that reminds me of the twenty-two hours of manual labor I’ve invested over the past three days: clearing dead wood, hacking through thorny bramble and vine, sawing fallen trees, and moving stone and debris from Swarr Run to open pathways for community gathering. Working with an unrelenting fervor to actively steward neglected areas of our property, even my dreams last night were consumed by a kind of continuation of the labor, still cutting through vines and branches, still covered in saw dust and earth in my sleep. And as I ponder, it seems to me that last night’s dreams whisper of a kind of wilderness preparation: drawing me into a tactile experience of Lent, where clearing the banks along our creek sets the stage for

something new to be born for the glory of God.

And so, this morning, I exhale with a smile on my heart, in the awareness that a personal Lenten discipline, that an exercise in purging and pruning, might invite an outwardly visible resurrection of a key feature of our shared space here at St. Edward’s. Because with the help of Michelle’s hard work and tireless efforts, we’ve just taken an important step toward implementing a vision for the intentional and expanded use of our campus, a movement to embrace the land we’re blessed with, inviting folks to gather in prayer and in reverent celebration of nature, beside the flow of living water. And with some resourcing through shared investment, we can now collectively contribute to landscaping this beautiful area in stone and greenery, providing seating areas for quiet contemplation and conversation alike, holding space for holy encounters in nature. We can open our minds to increased possibilities for how we’re invited to serve God in Christ in ways that are unique to our 5-acre campus and to the relational charism of our parish family. And it’s exciting to entertain our shared imaginings about the potential for

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- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

Reflection

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garden spaces and prayer paths, for youth events and campouts on acreage that we've yet to touch.

Like the famed quote from Kevin Costner's beloved film *Field of Dreams*, it occurs to me that we've been working with our physical plant together through a mode of deep listening, a place from which something has been calling to us, as if to say: "Build it and they will come." And it's amazing to name how true this sensibility has been for us over these past few years, where our digital ministry has increased our engagement by 50% per week, where our Memorial Garden has become a meaningful and dignified place of prayer and remembrance, and where the extravagant generosity of our membership, made manifest in the art of stained-glass, has inspired our wider community and led new folks to join us. Ever-becoming, I trust that we'll continue to exercise visionary courage, discerning together where the Spirit is leading us as we faithfully serve in our church and community, stewarding our spiritual home and the land that we've been entrusted with.

But I also experienced another palpable sense while engaging the clearing work down by Swarr Run that I'd like to share. Because for all the inspired ministry that we're engaging together, I think that our campus also speaks to us, with an undeniable and an organic wisdom, about the consequences of neglect. Untended, most of the trees down by the creek have now been choked to death by rogue vines that have, for decades, squeezed life from trunk and branch, sucking away the nutrients needed for health and vitality. Broken glass and concrete remnants have sprinkled the waterfront ground, coated with bramble and weed, behind a field of detritus that we

haven't had the eyes to see through. While we've tended to other things, parts of our campus have been overwhelmed and have died. To this: blanketing walls of thorn proliferating all around, we uncovered an original St. Edward's road sign, some thirty-plus years-old, that had been unceremoniously discarded under piles of brush and dirt along the bank of our creek. And though it was perhaps the find of our project, Michelle and I found ourselves wondering 'why' such a parish artifact had been tossed aside, discarded, and forgotten. But I think that we also playfully recognized that our literal sign greeted us with the symbolic power of a theological 'sign', speaking to the difficult work that precedes resurrection experiences in real, lived, and incarnate life. Because we must do a bit of digging if we're ever going to uncover something new, or rediscover something old and forgotten. And perhaps, in like manner, we've got to be willing to be pierced by thorns in order to clear the overgrown tracks obscuring our sightlines, to forge our paths toward the living water that flows on the other side of the bramble before us. And yes, I believe that we've got to tend the wild vines that take hold of our hearts and minds, that threaten to overwhelm and suck the life force out of our relationships and experiences. Indeed, this week's work has reminded me that Creation consistently invites us to realization, awareness, and grounding reorientation. This week's work has reminded me that things both tactile and abstract can squeeze us to death, preying upon the graces that connect us to God, nature, one another, and ourselves.

Leaning into the metaphor, I wonder what symbolic vines might be strangling any of us as we look to embrace the resurrection promise of Eastertide. What are the physical and spiritual forces that prevent us from growing, that threaten to choke us until we

are, ourselves, dry and lifeless, like neglected trees along a quiet creek? As we ponder this question, I hope that we'll each be able to recognize the subtle invitation of Easter renewal and resurrection, of hope in Christ, through our Swarr Run project. Because we are, quite literally, clearing the way for new and abundant life here together at St. Edward's. We're reclaiming sacred space that has been entrusted to us, and we're doing so with a commitment to share what we've been given in godly love with our neighbors. And how perfect it is, that our Lenten project along the creek has led us to explore both our campus and our spirituality...in, down, and further. It has served us well, as a reliable witness to the truth: that our lived experience in the Lord teaches us that there is so very much that we can do with what we already have. We're meant for abundance, and we've been blessed with it. And so may we participate in the work of co-creation this spring, facilitating resurrection in our shared spaces. May we acknowledge the signs we uncover, endure the thorns we encounter, and free our spirits from the entanglements that cut us off from the nourishment of God's love. In Christ,

Rick+



Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

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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.

Celebrate Recovery

By Randy Westgate



Celebrate Recovery, or “CR” for short, is a Christ-centered 12 Step recovery program. It originated at Saddleback Church in California over 25 years ago, and now boasts over 50,000 local chapters in churches in the U.S. and around the world, and has become a very active recovery program in prisons as well.

I personally have attended the CR meeting at the LCBC Church in Manheim for the past 10 years, having sought help there for my own struggle with alcohol. I now continue participation there, assisting as a leader and rotating with others as worship leader.

CR has at its core 8 principles, each of which is based on one of the beatitudes, and 12 steps similar to the 12 steps of other recovery programs but each of which is also paired with a Bible verse. CR offers help for people with “hurts, habits, and hangups,” so it is not only for those dealing with a chemical addiction. People can find healing and freedom at CR who are struggling with codependency, past physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, pornography addiction, gambling addiction, as well as

alcohol and drug problems. There is also a support group for returning veterans.

A CR meeting starts with an hour-long opening session with a worship time followed by recognizing participants who are celebrating milestones in their recoveries. What follows is either a teaching based on the principles or 12 steps, or a personal testimony. That hour ends with a closing worship song and jointly praying the long form of the serenity prayer.

The second hour we break into small groups of 6-10 folks for “open share.” These groups at CR are gender specific and subject specific and are led by persons who have completed extra training who enforce our CR guidelines, including confidentiality and anonymity. Each person in these circles is allowed to share their thoughts without interruption, or to simply listen. During the open share hour, newcomers can attend a “Newcomers 101” class which provides more detailed information about the program.

The amazing power of these small groups mystifies me, although certainly some of it can be attributed to the support and acceptance from others who are dealing with similar issues. And there is also a Biblical basis for this power as it says in James: “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, so that you may be healed.” Relationships which grow out of these small sharing groups often evolve into friendships with others who form an “accountability team” and eventually a sponsor who agrees to be a guide and supporter during recovery. Over the years I have served as sponsor for several men and continue to do so. “Giving back” summarizes the 12th step and is an essential part of

recovery.

Many denominations are represented by those attending our CR meetings at LCBC. However, CR came out of an evangelical church and there is a definite fundamentalist flavor to the program. But for me, the color of the life preserver that was thrown to me when I walked through the door for the first time did not matter. And I continue to see miracles of healing for suffering and broken people happen at CR. There are always plenty of new folks showing up looking for a new start, and often they find it at Celebrate Recovery.

If you, or someone you know, or someone you love, is struggling with any of the issues I listed, please let them know about Celebrate Recovery. For me, the key to a successful recovery was finding a program with people who share my world view and were speaking my language as a follower of Jesus. When we introduce ourselves up front or in open share at CR, we identify ourselves as a child of God, who struggles with something; for example, “My name is Randy. I am a grateful believer and follower of Jesus Christ, and I struggle with alcohol.”

I would be glad to speak to anyone with any questions, and to shepherd anyone who would like to attend a meeting. As Jesus said to some of the first disciples, “Come and see.”

Thanks for letting me share,

Randy Westgate

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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



Sally Lederer

Sally Lederer fosters kittens. She does an amazing job of turning unadoptable felines into lovable kittens who are ready for their fur-ever homes.



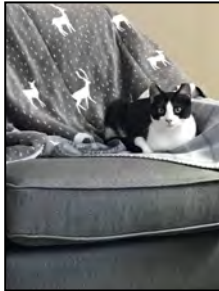
Smooch liked TV



Smooch ready for adoption



Mochi



Mochi was adopted



Sissy was a feral cat



But not anymore

Sally says, "Smooch also has been adopted and it makes me feel so proud when my babies graduate and then get adopted."

St. Edward's Crown

Contributed by Rayelenn Casey

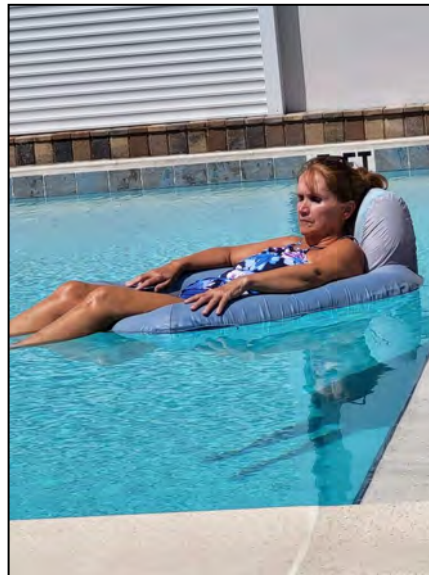
St. Edward's Crown, the historic centerpiece of the Crown Jewels, has been removed from the Tower of London to allow for modification work to begin ahead of King Charles' Coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023.



Beach Days?



Joe and Donna Holwager with their friends in Ocean City, Md. Donna said, "These are not our bathing suits!"



Peg Reiley celebrating her birthday at her new home in Florida.

As per tradition, The King will be crowned with St Edward's Crown during the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey.

St. Edward's Crown is the crown historically used at the moment of Coronation and worn by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth at her Coronation in 1953. It was made for Charles II in 1661, as a replacement for the medieval crown which had been melted down in 1649. The original was thought to date back to the eleventh-century royal saint, Edward the Confessor – the last Anglo-Saxon king of England.

Pokémon



By Beth Lynch

The spring dates will be April 19 - June 7.

Wednesday nights
6:30 p.m.
to 8:00 p.m.



New Grand Baby



Bruin Taylor Hallabrin Alton

The attached photo is from when he was a week old. That's his dad, Matt, for whom our prayers for healing were answered. I am so grateful to my St. Edward's family for their prayers.

Bruin is the 6th generation of the Alton family to have Taylor as his middle name.

Jamie



Happy Birthday



Christian turned 9 on March 11.

Stream Project



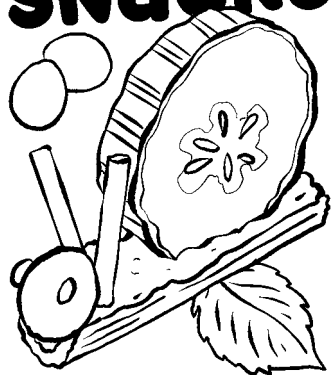
Ricky Bauer

Story Time



Emma woke up first so she gets a story.

SPRINGTIME SNACKS



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

What you need:

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

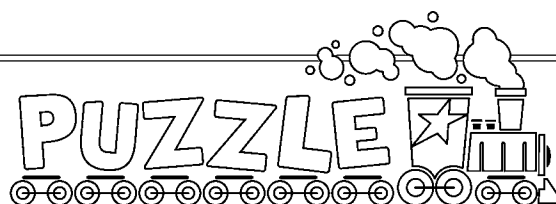
What you do:

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!

Bible Quiz

In the Gospels, Jesus raised several people from death. Which of the following was not one of them?

- A. Tabitha
- B. Jairus's daughter
- C. A widow's son
- D. Lazarus



A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● plants grow here ✱ to coil and jump (also a season of the year) ● to expand and get bigger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● seeds are planted in this ● when watered, these make plants ● another word for seedling |
|--|---|

For as the _____ makes the _____

come up and a _____ causes

_____ to _____, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise _____ up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring



Answers
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Answer: A (See Acts 9, Mark 5, Luke 7, John 11.)

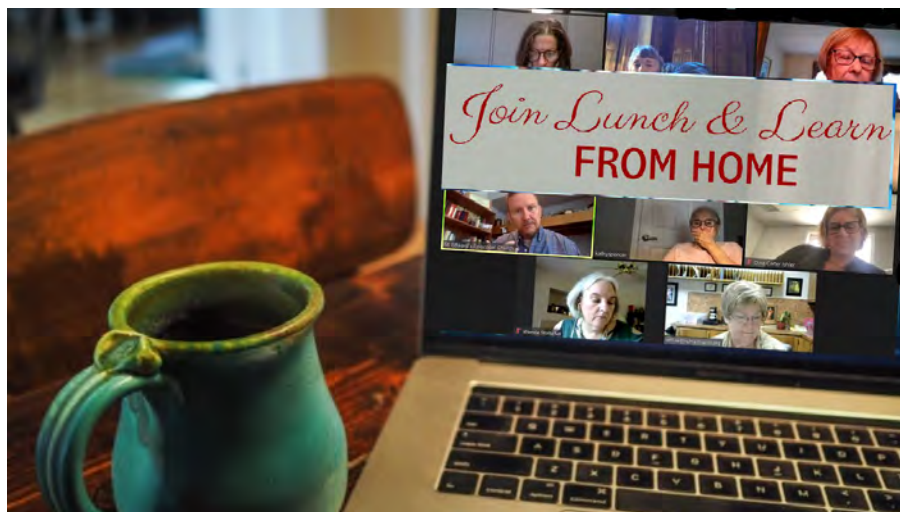
Men's Group



Saturday Men's Group: 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 AM -10 AM. **Join us for two hours of fellowship**, including Morning Prayer. Coffee and donuts will be served. **Special Day for April – Saturday, April 15th**



Lunch and Learn



Beginning Friday, April 21st at 12 noon, we will be engaged in *Life Together – The Classic Exploration of Christian Community* written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This book may be compact in text – 122 pages, but it is overflowing in insight as Bonhoeffer speaks to us during his time spent in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. As detailed on the book jacket: “*Life Together* reads like one of Paul’s letter, giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical words. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.” Please join us for this next Lunch & Learn session as we delve in to the very essence of what it means to each of us to experience the joy of living together in Christ. We meet via Zoom and details will be in the weekly emails beginning April 17th. The book is available on Amazon or at your favorite bookstore.

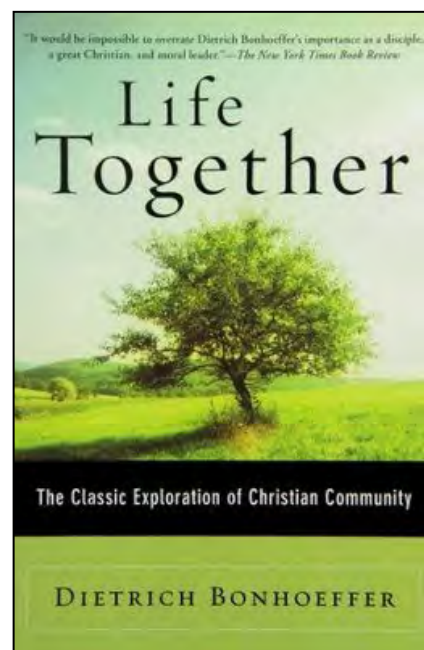


Dietrich Bonhoeffer

After his martyrdom at the hands of the Gestapo in 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer continued his witness in the hearts of Christians around the world. In his book *Life Together* we learn of Pastor Bonhoeffer’s experience within Christian community

.Join Zoom Meeting
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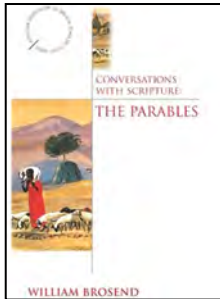
“Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection.”
 —Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Wednesday Evening Bible Study Series “The Parables”



William “Bill” Brosend



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

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 im-*

portant truths.

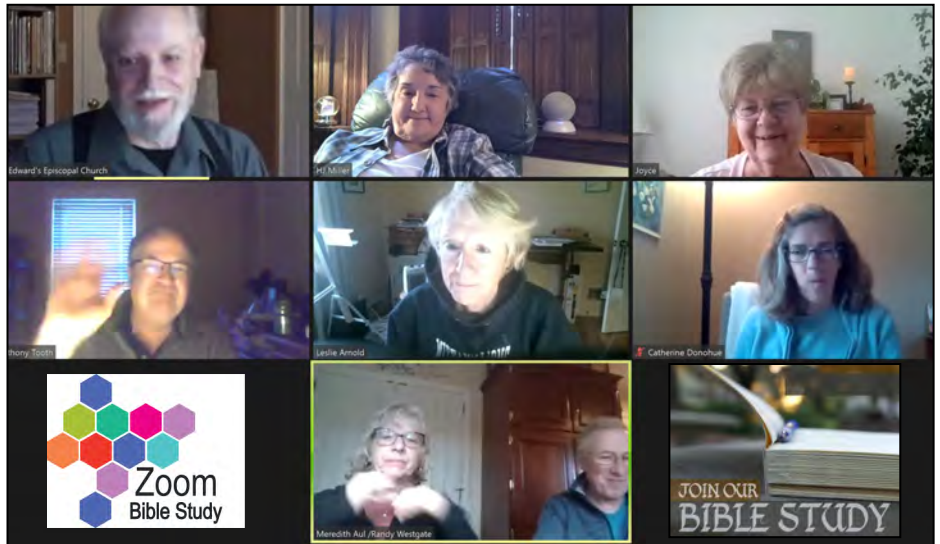
But the parables are filled with ambiguity and room for interpretation. With historical and cultural background, and careful scholarly detail, this book helps readers explore their beauty, richness, and joy.

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

ently 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



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 consist-

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

Bob Mosebach at:

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Leslie Arnold at: larnold897@aol.com

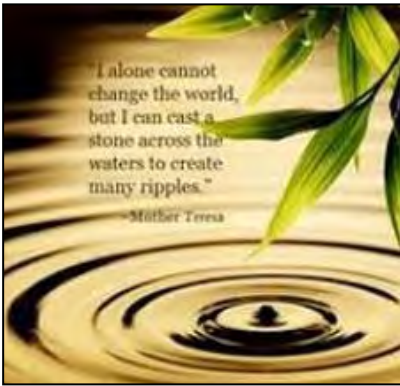
Women's Spirituality Group Story



On the first Saturday of each month, women gather in the parish hall for Morning Prayer, refreshments, fellowship, and. . .

reflection. Our group of between 12-15 women share in the practice of Morning Prayer and we have incredible conversation surrounding the teaching we are gifted to receive through the scripture readings. It is so life-giving to be in community with parishioners (and visitors!) during this time as it leads us to be curious about how our spiritual paths may converge and diverge. It allows us to better understand ourselves and to open our hearts and minds to the wider community. For our April 1st gathering we undertook the ministry of stripping the palms for Palm Sunday. Through our prior months' meetings we

have established the desire to hold additional coffee hours after the 10 M service and new ministry opportunities, for anyone, will be introduced in the ensuing months related to that. If you have attended past gatherings, we invite you to join us, again, on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10 AM. If you have considered attending the Women's Spirituality Group but have been unable to attend, we wholeheartedly invite you to join us! Participation is what makes us stronger in our collective faith journeys! For more information, please contact Barb Czepukaitis at: barbc43@gmail.com.



From Facebook

"I pulled up to the hardware store and watched this take place right in front of me. This guy sees two kids walking in the pouring rain while one is pushing his broken bicycle and he stops everything he is doing and spends 5 minutes getting drenched with rain while he fixes this little boy's bike. These kids rode off so happy and the man left with a smile on his face from ear to ear. This is the America that I know. High five to you good sir!"



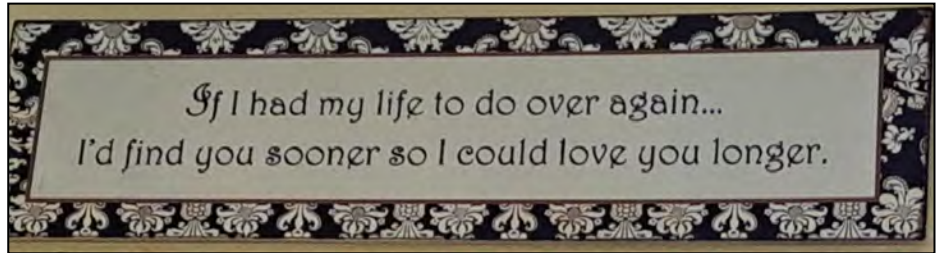
From NextDoor:

To the lady at BJs yesterday who turned in the \$100 gift card I left in the cart....THANK YOU! I really appreciate it. So happy there are honest people around here.

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

—Sally Koch

As told to a Parishioner Used with permission.



It was meant to be!

The sign above hangs over a doorway in the Yeager home. "If I had my life to do over again....I'd find you sooner so I could love you longer." Who wouldn't want to hear those words.

Buddy and Liz met through a dating service, a service from which Liz had removed her name. Imagine her surprise when she received a call from Buddy. They talked for two hours! That was the end of June.

- They met in person on July 5.
- Buddy put a ring on her finger on July 9!
- They were married four months later on November 22!!
- This November, they will have been married 37 years!!!

How's that for a whirlwind romance?

Liz said, "Buddy is my angel. God knew what he was doing when he put us together."

Congratulations Buddy and Liz.

On another note, have you ever noticed Buddy giving a little wave before reading Scripture? Whenever you see it, it's for Liz, of course, who is under the weather and had to stay home that Sunday.



Liz and Buddy Yeager



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



Maunday Thursday

to be divested of all that is not essential,
my dross to consume;
to make ample room for all that is vital and life-giving

divested of
everything peripheral
everything external
everything not at the core,
everything
that used to seem essential
defining
curated so carefully all that time
but proving,
in this changed and wiser time,
to be of little importance at all,
not for holding on to.

In my church,
on Maundy Thursday,
after the busy coming and going
and the porcelain basins
and the feet bared
and the water poured
and the square blue towels
and the piercing homily
and the somber harmonies.
and the last Amen,
straightway the church goes dark --

and in that dazzling darkness
and bone-deep quiet,
the altar is stripped
by quick and silent reverent hands,
and everything that all year long
was so important to our worship
is just stripped away
and what is left
is only what is essential what is central
what is at the core:
and every year
we see, as if for the first time,
the hard wood of the altar,
like Jesus there, laid bare,
divested of his garments,
divested of all but love --
concentrating the spirit admirably
fixing our focus on Love,
calling out our deepest Eucharist,
our Dayenu --
'this alone would have been enough.'

What if we already have all we need?

o let me be stripped of all beyond my need
and live guided by a new commandment:
that Love be all

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January 2022



Lunch with The Chosen

Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord

Thank you to everyone who once again (or for the first time) joined us on March 5th for "Lunch with The Chosen." Picking up where we left off with this show about Jesus and his disciples, we watched episode 5, "The Wedding Gift." Not only did we witness the miracle of water into wine, but this episode marked the introduction of Mary, the mother of Christ. There was even a flashback to 12-year-old Jesus and an anxious Mary following the former's 3-day sojourn at the Temple. The wedding at Cana also introduced Thomas (the disciple known for

his doubt) while Jesus's growing group of followers learned more about each other. At the same time, the Pharisee Nicodemus had his tense encounter with the imprisoned John the Baptist. Great observations and discussion followed!

Our next Chosen luncheon is **Sunday, April 2nd** right after the 10am service in the parish hall. Yes, Palm Sunday! We're proceeding to episode 6, "Indescribable Compassion." Jesus and his students return to Capernaum but find that word of his first public miracle at Cana is spreading, which sets the stage for some remarkable moments of healing and a first brush with disgruntled authority.

If you would like to catch up on episodes 1 through 5, you can access The Chosen for free at these links:

- new.thechosen.tv
- angel.com

You can also download The Chosen App or the Angel Studios App to your Amazon FireTV, Apple TV, or Roku, and on your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.



Our **Stephen Ministry** program is a confidential and prayerful resource to support those in need during the challenging times we encounter in our personal lives. 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. There are brochures in our narthex and in our sanctuary pews. Our Stephen Ministers are also identified by special name tags at our Sunday worship.



Brochures are available in the Parish Hall and also in the sanctuary pews.



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. :

No Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

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





*Holy Week & Easter
Services
at St. Edward's*

JOIN ST. EDWARD'S
AS WE CELEBRATE
HOLY WEEK & EASTER
2023

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ST. EDWARD'S
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Sunday, April 2nd: *Palm Sunday* – Rite I at 8:00 AM & Rite II at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 5th: *Contemplative Eucharist with Meditation & Healing Prayer* at 12 Noon

Thursday, April 6th: *Maundy Thursday Service* at 7:00 PM

Friday, April 7th: *Good Friday Service - Veneration of the Cross* at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 8th: *Easter Vigil Service* at 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 9th: *Easter Sunday Service* – Rite I at 8:00 AM and Rite II at 10:00 AM

Please note: *Our 10:00 AM services on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday will be livestreamed.*



JOIN OUR ST. EDWARD'S TEAM

WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 5K RACE ON
SATURDAY – APRIL 29, 2023 | 9 AM
DOWNTOWN AT MUSSER PARK

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

Father Rick+ and our Faith in Action ministry invite you to join us in participating as "Team St. Edward's" for the 2023 Race Against Racism event.

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

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

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

Now through April 5: \$35 Adult Registration

Now through April 5: \$12 Child Registration

Registration includes a t-shirt and a reusable Race Against Racism water bottle, while supplies last. **(Must be registered by 11:59 p.m. on April 5th to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Registration fees are non-refundable).**

You can: CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR FIA PAGE WHERE YOU WILL FIND LINKS TO REGISTER AND TO DONATE

Needle Arts Ministry

The Needle Arts Ministry meets Tuesday at 1 PM in the lounge area.

Members of this group, plus volunteer crafters, work all year to create a variety of items for the cookie/craft sale. They also make items such as prayer shawls and baptism blankets, as well as hats and scarves to be donated to any in need.

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.



Barb O'Brien and Amanda Campbell's "Fly Eagles Fly" hat.



Gloria Kacinko going through some of the hundreds of patterns that were donated.



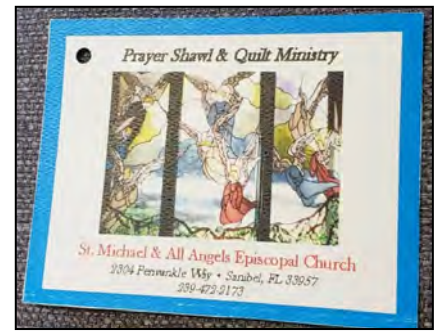
FREE!! There are crochet patterns for every imaginable project from dog coats to crocheted jewelry. Please help yourself.



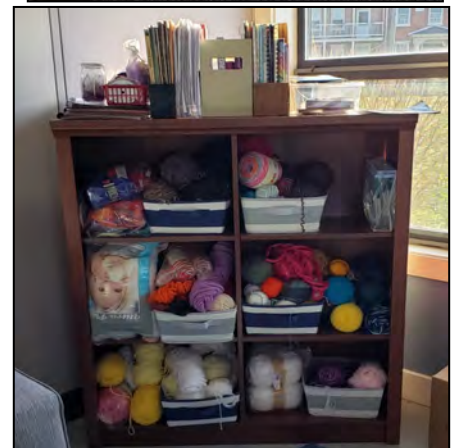
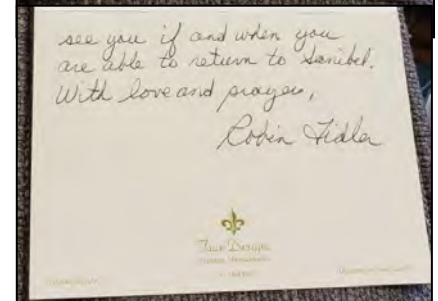
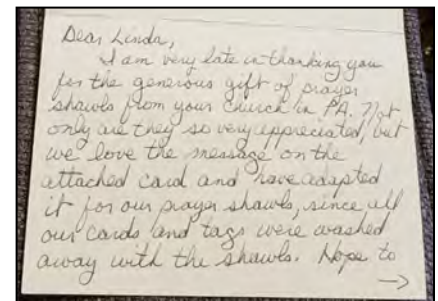
Bowie decided to take up needle work.



This is his apology for not having quite the outcome he intended.



St. Michael and All Angels is the church the Spires attend on Sanibel Island in Florida. The church was completely destroyed by Hurricane Ian. St. Edward's sent prayer shawls to replace shawls that they lost in the hurricane. This is the front of the tag they attach to their shawls. It is a picture of their Stained Glass Window. On the back of the tag they have copied the prayer we attach to all shawls we donate. Below is the thank you note they sent for the shawls we gave them.



Supplies and instructions are available in the lounge.



In February the Food Pantry served:
 441 children
 793 adults
 325 seniors
 For a total of 1,559 people

They registered 8 new families
 35 volunteers gave 485 hours

Food items currently requested:

Canned vegetable soup
 Canned cream of celery soup
 Canned cream of broccoli soup
 Canned carrots
 Canned mixed vegetables
 Large jelly
 Large peanut butter

We prefer no glass containers.

Thanks!

Diane



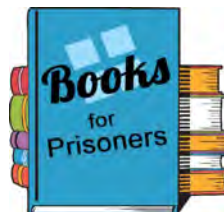
Collecting shoes now through next Sunday, April 2

So far we have collected 200+ shoes. Check with family and friends and see if you can find more to donate!

St. Edward's is working with St. John's collecting new and used shoes over Lent. When people lack the resources to get through today, it's difficult for them to focus on tomorrow. Soles4Souls turns shoes into opportunities for education and employment so they can have a more hopeful future.



Books For Prisoners



Books for Prisoners has concluded for this season. We will now be collecting once a year. Thanks to all who bought books or donated money.

It is greatly appreciated.

If you decide to purchase before the next drive, please remember **these books must be inspirational or true stories and must have a Christian theme. Your favorite novels will not be accepted into the prison.** Please put any donated books in the bookcase in the church narthex. You will find a list of requested books on the top of the bookcase in the Narthex. You may also shop through Amazon. The Amazon Wishlist can be found at: [https://](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/K6N2OXW5AFVE?ref=wl_share)

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Lord Jesus you know what it is to be held captive. We pray for all those resident in prison and their families. May they be aware of your presence with them and may your spirit bring them peace and the hope of new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.



**St. Ed's Blood Drive
 May 18 2:00-7:00pm**



We are partnering with Lancaster General Hospital. Thursday, May 18th. The drive will be held in the Parish Hall. It begins at 2 and ends around 7 pm. All blood collected goes back into their local Hospitals. Ages 16 to 74 are eligible.

Pray for Incarcerated Family and Friends of St. Ed's Parishioners



Prayers requested for: Joey (nephew), Mike (son), Jeremy (friend) and Saskita (niece).

Please contact us if you have someone in your life who is incarcerated. We will add them to our prayer list. **If they would like to receive cards or letters,** please contact Bruce Lynch, Catherine Donohue or Joyce Kamm.

Support For Prison Ministries, Brownstown

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

Support for Prison Ministries, with offices in Brownstown, PA, 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.

How You Can Help:

Pray for an officer whose wife passed away a few months ago and their teenage daughter is really struggling.

Pray for wisdom for the officer and that God will be speaking directly to this young lady.

Pray for former chaplain – Vernell Hightower as she continues to deal with the loss of husband and former chaplain Tyrone. Tyrone's story is presented in the latest addition of our SFPM "Freedom Focus Newsletter."

Pray for an inmate's family who is struggling with financial issues while he is incarcerated. Pray for peace for his 4 children.

Pray for ex-lifers - Joe Bennett, Lewis Lee, and Greg Womack who were on the Ex-offender panel at the prison conference and were released from their life sentences due to special circumstances. Pray that after the many years of incarceration they would be able to adjust and continue to be productive members of society and continue to lift Christ up.

Pray for an inmate whose brother has a heart condition and is waiting for surgery.

Pray for Emily Sensenig, 20-year-old daughter of SFPM office administrator, Jewel, as she was just diagnosed with leukemia. Pray for healing and peace and strength as they go through this process.

Please pray for continued financial resources - for SFPM in the Spring months. Traditionally this is a slower giving time for the ministry and expenses stay the same year around. Pray that giving would cover expenses for this time of year.

Pray for Father Rick and Randy Westgate as they minister at LCP.

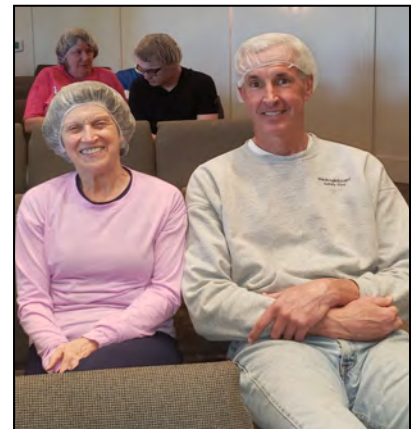
Saint Edward's participated in the 8th Lancaster County Feed My Starving Children on Sunday, March 29. Our table packed 22 boxes. Each box contains 36 meals. Each box is 7 months of food for a child. Overall the entire session packed 188 boxes with 153 volunteers. This is equivalent to 110 children being fed for an entire year.



Front: Beth VanAulen, Beth Lynch, Khateeb Rahim, Michelle Bentley, Sohaib Rahim, Tay Rahim. Second row: Beth Hake, Dottie Gschwend, Finn Milligan. Back Row: Seth and Jerry Hake, Wanda Stoltzfus, Brother David Rutledge, Kevin Milligan, Ellen Milligan, Father Rick, Bruce Lynch. Missing from the photo are the Achey's, Deegans and Beth Lynch's brother, Dan Keelan.



The Hakes



Bev and Scotty Achey



Ellen Milligan, Brother David



Mrs. Deegan, Bill Deegan, Father Rick

Bowling With The Rahims—Najib Got A Turkey! A What?

Pictures by Joyce Kamm

We went bowling again this month and Najib left Malalay and everyone else in the dust. He bowled seven strikes! This was only his second time bowling!! At one point he bowled three strikes in a row. I understand this is called a “turkey”. Just a little history on that strange terminology. Tournaments in the 18th and 19th centuries featured major prizes such as food baskets and hams for outstanding accomplishments. While no one really knows who or exactly where it started, tournament runners started giving out live turkeys to bowlers who managed to score three consecutive strikes. So now we know!



Najib's highest score for his second time bowling was 157. I read that an average bowler can score between 130-150. 200 points is considered professional level. Keep practicing Najib!



Some male bonding. Herb Johnston, Father Rick, Najib and Stephen Donohue. Missing from the picture is Seth Hake.



Najib and Herb Johnston



Malalay Rahim



Kyle Scheurich, Tay Rahim in the background. Tay had quite a few strikes. He might be following in his father's footsteps.



Father Rick and Anfal. Up in the air she goes! She couldn't stop laughing.



Malalay and Catherine Donohue



Khateeb and Sohaib

Widow's Group

Pictures by Mary Snyder



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.

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Meeting in the lounge



Mary Snyder's selfie with Mary Kathryn Bradley, Peggy Hanzelman, Carol Carey, Sue Dohren, Ethel Lawrence, Susan Murray, and Nancy Brautigam.

Coffee Hour

Pictures by Mary Snyder



One of the foundations of our weekly fellowship is our Sunday coffee hour. From 9 AM – 10 AM each Sunday, we offer folks a chance to gather, as one community, between the services. It is our hope that this will help forge new friendships and relationships with those whom we may not otherwise get an opportunity to meet! Not only has this coffee hour arrangement helped with how

we engage ministry participation with volunteers to serve as coffee hour hosts, but it allows us to have special events, such as intergenerational

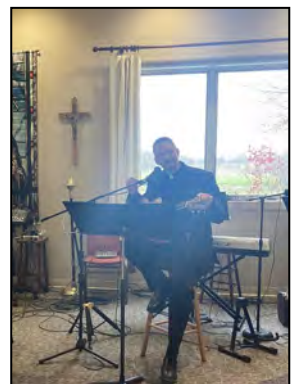
craft Sundays, as well as the space we hold for our fantastic Coffee House Band to perform, and have us participate in, a wide range of music. May 2023 stir your heart to join us at a coffee hour, sign up to serve as a coffee hour host, participate in our activities, or, if you hold musical gifts, contact Randy Westgate about joining the Coffee House Band.



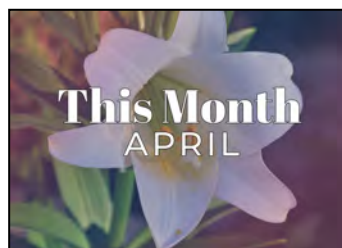
Fr. Rick and Randy



Marsha Shirk



Fr. Rick



Swarr Run Project

Pictures by Fr. Rick, Michelle Bentley, Mac Miller and Joyce Kamm



Fr. Rick attacking the tangles



Michelle clearing brush



Michelle Bentley



Reflection is everywhere in this natural space



Fr. Rick working in the stream



The tranquility of the creek is life-giving



These vines make a perfect bench

Swarr Run Project



Christian tests his balance



Mike Freshwater, Joyce Kamm and sign



Does anyone know where this sign was originally located?



Cleared area



Collected brush will be chipped and used for mulch.



Fr. Rick is knee deep into the project.



Bass, trout and blue gill are caught here. You can see one of the stocked fish is an albino trout.



Fish Brain lists the amenities for Swarr run as Family friendly, fly fishing, bank fishing, peace and quiet.

Video of fishing in Swarr Run creek caught a bass:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT6iE1sV3tA>

Swarr Run empties into the Little Chiques on its way to the Susquehanna River and finally the Chesapeake Bay.

Map <https://www.anyplaceamerica.com/directory/pa/lanaster-county-42071/streams/swarr-run-1189141/>



Clearing brush and vines

Annual Meeting

Picture by Mary Snyder



It was a well-attended gathering!



Tony Bianco



New Ministry booklets were available.



Faith-in-Action had a wonderful display.



Fr. Rick introduces the new Vestry members



Blair Lord



Jay Miller



Bob Mosebach



Stephen Ministry



As always, there was great food!



Great food, music, and ministry!



Leslie Arnold won the jelly bean count.



People lingered! A wonderful day!

March Services

Picture by Mary Snyder



Fr. Rick



Fr. Rick and Deborah Fast



Philip High, guest organist



Wanda Stoltzfus



Lenten Altar



Choir processes



Bob Mosebach



Fr. Rick reads the Gospel



Rayelenn Casey



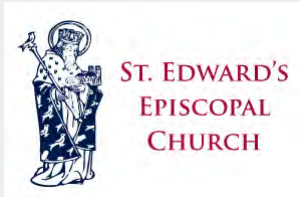
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Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Karen Grant (2024)
- ✦ Peggy Hanzelman (2024)
- ✦ Richard Irons (2025)
- ✦ Joyce Kamm (2025)
- ✦ Blair Lord (2026)
- ✦ Jay Miller (2026)
- ✦ Bob Mosebach (2026)
- ✦ Mary Snyder (2025)
- ✦ Randy Westgate, Sr. Warden (2024)

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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