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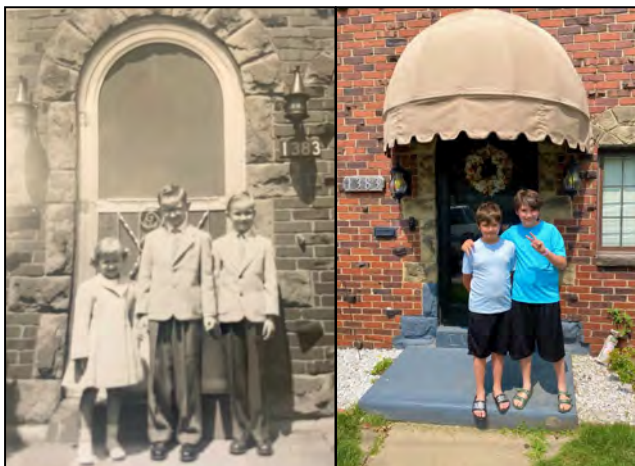
ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter



## Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



Circles everywhere...life carries on.

Picking up where we left off together last month, I've continued to ponder the stuff of circles unbroken, the ways that we reach across the veil of mortal death as a people of faith. Though it's something that we've got to experience for ourselves as true and real, I firmly believe that love is stronger than death. Perhaps this conviction ever-draws me into the story that we share about a Lord encountered by his followers beyond the grave. Because year after year, absorbing more and more of the nuance inherent to our biblical resurrection narratives, I've come to take profound comfort in the ways that the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples in hidden form...the ways that

he conversed with his followers through means that they missed at first. Mary Magdalene supposed that Jesus was the gardener when she first saw him. The disciples on the road to Emmaus journeyed and conversed with a man they couldn't recognize as their Lord until the time came to break bread together. These encounters suggest to me: that our Christian faith invites us to cast wide open nets when we fish for opportunities to experience those who we love and yet no longer see. Indeed, I think that those of us who are willing to try, can touch upon relationships that truly have no end. Because through religion, we 'bind again' things that are severed. We get chances to

make meaning out of the mundane and the ordinary, to clothe our worldviews in the stuff of resurrection possibility and hope.

When I venture into these expressions of faith, I recognize that I'm not an old man by any means; but that like those more advanced in age among us: I too have lost my parents, my partner, and my closest friends. When I look back upon forty-seven years of life, the foundational relationships that have mattered most to me can only continue if I lean into resurrection experiences. And so, as our community knows very well: I'm strongly committed to the relationship that I have with my father, feeling called to foster an ongoing experience of him in the lives of his grandsons. Ricky, Christian, and I talk about my dad a lot. We share stories from his childhood, his life as a musician on the road, and we reflect upon his exceeding talent for relating to me as his son. And at nine and eleven, it brings me a deep sense of joy and peace to know that my boys recognize how the bond of trusting love shared between my dad and I, now informs my committed attempt to nurture and relate to them as their father.

With these meditations at heart, I decided to take the boys on a special overnight

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# Reflection

trip to rediscover an important chapter in our family's history. As their summer vacation began, we headed to Pittsburgh. It was there that the Roman Catholic immigrant families of Radanovich and Bauer came together during the Second World War, where my grandfather and grandmother married and settled down when his time in the Army ended. Leonard, my grandfather, was the son of a family of grocers in the Stanton Heights suburb of Pittsburgh. He employed what he had learned in the military and his work at Bauer Grocery toward a career in real estate and had four children with my grandmother, Mary. She had come to the U.S. from Yugoslavia as a little girl with her mother in 1934, immigrating after her father had worked hard for several years in the industrial hubs around Pittsburgh to build a better life for his family.

My father and his siblings lived in the area until he was twelve, until doctors instructed my grandfather to move to warmer weather to combat his worsening heart disease. Unfortunately, he would only live to be forty-five. But he stayed around long enough to get our family settled in South Florida, providing for the quality education of his kids, and underwriting the musical equipment that got my dad and his older brother set up to start their first band. (I've always wished that I could have met him). But one thing that I know for certain about my grandfather, is that he instilled a love for Pittsburgh Pirates baseball in his sons. My dad never forgot Forbes Field, or that Game 7 dinger, hit by Bill Mazeroski that won the 1960 World Series for the club. He raised me on Pirates baseball: collecting cards with me throughout my childhood, coaching little league, and attending Bucs games with me every year, as an adult, when they came down to play the Miami Marlins. And when my dad passed

away in 2017, his Pirates jersey stood on proud display at his funeral next to his ashes.

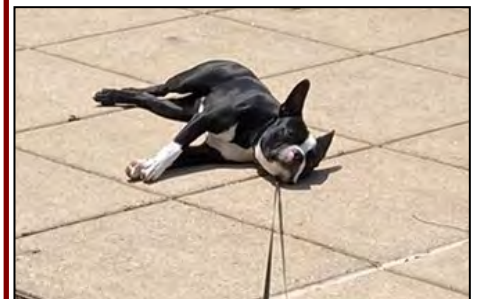
These links to the past in mind, bringing Ricky and Christian to Pittsburgh gave me an opportunity to invite them into the circle formed generations before, to explore our roots and to rediscover Pirates baseball for ourselves. And so, we got up early on June 9<sup>th</sup> and drove for four hours to the house that my dad grew up in. Though I had never seen the place before, I had gotten the old address from my aunt with a photo of her and her two older brothers standing on the front doorstep with the address visible behind them. Sixty-five years later, Ricky and Christian stood on the same doorstep and took the same photo. We then went to the Heinz History Center and saw the original sets from Mister Roger's Neighborhood while learning about the storied legacies of professional sports in Pittsburgh. And then, we went to our first Pirates game together. Decked in their matching t-shirts and Pirates caps, I walked hand-in-hand with my sons across the Allegheny River toward PNC Park wearing my father's baseball jersey. There, I became viscerally aware of his ongoing presence with us. As real as any conversation we had enjoyed or moment that we had shared on stage together, I experienced my dad there on that bridge, walking with us. The 'circle', like the love, felt unbreakable.

The game ended up being a blast. The Pirates scored fourteen runs and the park had fireworks after the game. By the time we made it back to our hotel, we were exhausted. Ricky led our prayers that night and offered up thanksgiving for our ongoing relationship with 'grandpa' as he watched over us from God's Kingdom. Snuggled in bed and sandwiched between them, the boys fell asleep under each of my

arms. I took a deep breath, realizing that I had just had one of the best days of my life. Who would have thought that a day in Pittsburgh could invite such a thing!?! It's my sincere hope that sharing this story will invite each of us to explore the legacies of love and connection that we have yet to fully discover or realize...because I trust that they're there. May we each have a chance to bind again things that have felt broken here this summer. And may we each experience little resurrection moments that prove to us...Love IS stronger than death. In Christ,

Rick+

## Dog Days of Summer



Instead of a walk, Bowie decides on a nap in the sun



"All you who are weary and burdened, I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

## Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:  
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator  
Michelle Bentley

### Scepter

Production Staff  
H. J. "Mac" Miller  
Mary Snyder



**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 Peggy Hanzelman



The vestry meeting for the month of June was held on June the 18th. Fr. Rick and our Sr. Warden, Randy Westgate had decided that our Father's Day gathering headed into summer hiatus would be short.

Our meeting convened with a prayer by Fr. Rick. We had received the financial statements for the month of May. We also receive, as we do, monthly, a comparative operating income showing month by month with previous years. The income for the month of May was very good. Fr. Rick announced that a substantial financial gift has been received which will be posted in June. That should help with the income during the summer. It is hopeful that a call to action letter will not be needed in the upcoming months.

The vestry members were to begin their acquiring a Safe Church: Safe Communi-

ties Training. A discussion ensued as to the benefits of this training module offered online. Several members have completed the course and have handed in their certificates of completion. All were encouraged to continue their studies.

Michelle will be on vacation from June 26th through July 5th and will be back in the office on July the 6th. We were reminded that we will have Fr. David Bateman on July the 2nd. This service will be an "in house" service with no live stream available for us. Please do make note of this.

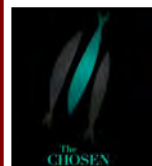
Discussion was held about the new front door project. The design is now a full glass front, eliminating our red doors. However, the solution is to paint the interior doors red and they will be seen through the glass doors. A motion was made that this new solution be accepted. There were questions about the handles on the doors, and Michelle will address this with the salesperson and design person. We should have a solution for our August meeting.

Ideas for a service to be conducted by children should be thought about, but currently will be put out for discussion. There will be a backpack collection again for the fall school session. Food for the Rahim family is being organized, so keep watch for further postings.

In closing....God himself guarantees those who believe in him that they will be capable of doing even greater things than the ones he himself did." John 14:12



Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord



We had a wonderful wrap-up of watching *The Chosen* before going on break for the summer. The finale of season 1, "I Am He," set Jesus and his disciples on the road to Samaria, but not before Matthew committed to joining the group, affecting Pharisees and Romans alike, while Nicodemus provided support to Jesus's ministry in a different way. We also had a memorable, often-forgotten moment with the healing of Simon Peter's mother-in-law. Once again, everyone found an entry point through which to dive deeper into questions about stories and traditions that might have surprised us and opportunities to share different perspectives and engage with the living Word. Suggestions were also offered up for the ministry's stepping-stone design for Swarr Run, which Blair has assembled and will set "in stone" in early July.

As we will be off for the months of July and August, the Chosen luncheon will resume on **Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** after the 10am service in the parish hall. We're so excited to continue these viewings and conversations! New and returning viewers are welcome to participate. In the meantime, if you would like to catch up on season 1, you can access *The Chosen* for free at these links:

- [new.thechosen.tv](http://new.thechosen.tv)
- [angel.com](http://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.

## 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 Tennes
- ★ Connor Tennes
- ★ Allison Tomich
- ★ Evan Westgate
- ★ Seamas Whitesel
- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Whitesel



# Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: the Sequel

By Meredith Aul



The date is November 4th, 6-9 p.m. ,

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A HOST?

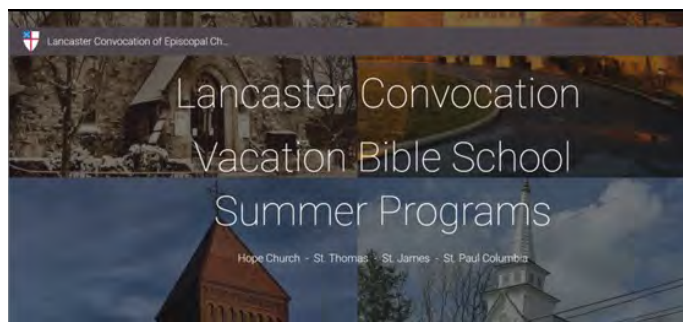
Hosts will be responsible for a main dish and beverages. Guests will bring side dishes, salad, appetizer or dessert. Guests don't know who will attend the dinner until they arrive at their designated home at the appointed hour of 6 p.m.! (Hosts will be given a guest list in advance so that they can coordinate the meal).

At this time we are establishing hosts and locations. If you would be interested in hosting an informal dinner in your home, please call or text Meredith Aul at 717-575-2119

## Camila Cabral & Harrison Hagelgans: the Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage



## Vacation Bible School



### [Kids Camp]

July 10th-12th  
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

### Saint James Episcopal Church

Children will gather for songs, games, meditation and movement, Godly play and crafts! Lunch will be provided. For children ages 4-10.

Registration for children is open now on [Realm](#)



### [Music Camp]

July 31st-August 3rd  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

### Saint Paul Episcopal Church in Columbia

Join us for a week of creative musical activities! Children ages 5-12 will enjoy bible stories, arts & crafts, fun games, music & dance and snacks!

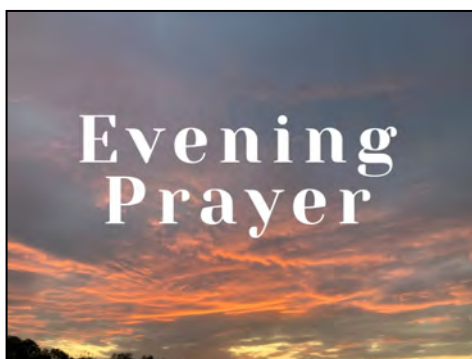
Click [HERE](#) register your child(ren) online!

For more information visit:

[Lancaster Convocation of Episcopal Churches](http://Lancaster Convocation of Episcopal Churches)  
([lancasterepiscopal.org](http://lancasterepiscopal.org))



## Evening Prayer



### Sunday Evening Prayer, at 7:00 PM:

We use the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* and the readings for the Sunday Lectionary. It is a quiet service and a good way to end the weekend and prepare for the week to come. :

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

[drutledge1225@gmail.com](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





## Gia and Bowie



Meg Zapata's granddaughter Gia playing with Bowie



## Donohue's 2nd Grandson



Patrick Donohue and his wife Paige welcomed their second son, Owen Patrick, in May

## Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



### What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

### What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

## PUZZLE

## SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion. What does God do for people who fear him?

Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.

FROM as is	Nearby from far	at the side
in two AS	at do far	the up as
WEST the East	far the WEST	THE the AS



so far has he removed our transgressions from us,

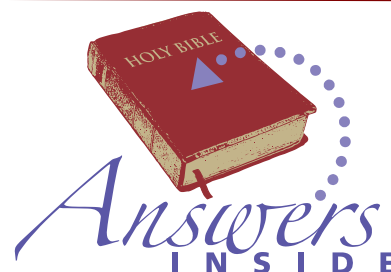
PSALM 103:12, NIV



## Bible Quiz

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)



## Lancaster Pride June 17th



Mary Snyder, Father Rick, Michelle



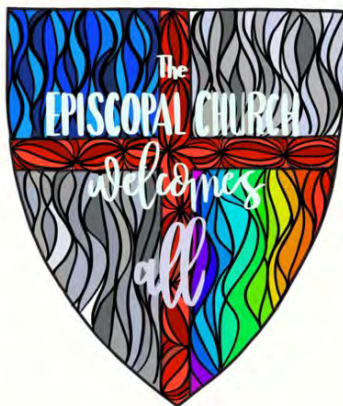
Mary Snyder



Rayelenn, Beth Lynch, Bruce Lynch, Joe McCabe, seated Lynne McCabe



Ellen and Kevin Milligan, Bruce, Beth and James Lynch. Eric Sandblade made the plaques



Sharon Gromis, Ellen Milligan, Lori Miller, Mary Snyder

## Bauers at the Bucks



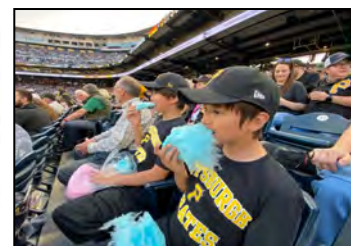
Fr. Rick, Ricky and Christian at PNC park



This game had a bit of everything that makes for a fun game home runs, a total of 14 runs scored and fireworks!!!



On the Andy Warhol Bridge, Roberto Clemente bridge behind



Snacks are an important part of the experience





June 4<sup>th</sup> 2023

One year ago today (except it was a Saturday) I made what I thoroughly expect is the last move of my life. Here to stay. What is now memorable about the move is not the overwhelming previous 3 months of offloading most of the contents of 12 rooms, not the tears, not the anxiety, not the grief — but the enormous and unbelievable generosity of SO MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY who pitched in during all those preceding weeks and on June 4 with seemingly tireless energy and effort and unmitigated goodwill to do for me what I mostly couldn't do for myself. I still don't know how to thank you, all of you, enough. Except to say thank you, and mean it from my heart.

Rayelenn



To My Saint Edwards Family

We would like to thank you all for all the thoughtful calls, prayers, and gifts while I was convalescing at home. You have brightened so many days for us. It has helped get us through this hard time.

On a brighter note, one day as I was cleaning out our closet, I said to Buddy, "Now all I have to do is run the lawn mower in here, and I will be finished!" Buddy replied, "What lawn mower? You meant the vacuum cleaner, didn't you?" Well, I don't think I need to tell you we had a good laugh for the rest of the day.

Again, we thank you all so much. Love and God Bless

Liz

Note: Yeagers have a power mower!!



Rayelenn Casey

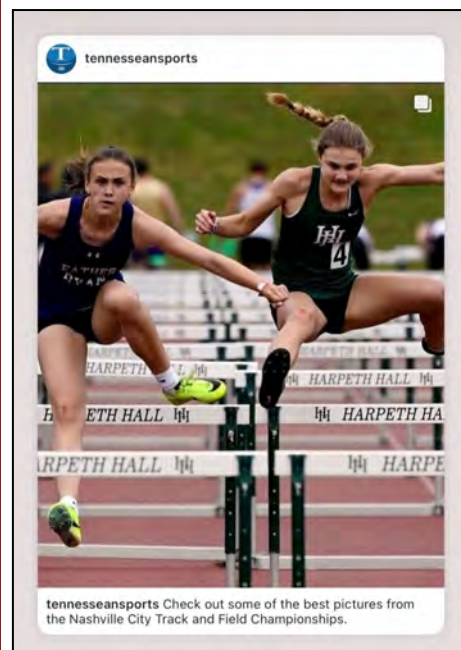


Family helpers

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



Donna Esbenschade's Granddaughter, Sarah Reynolds is a Junior in high school. She went to States for Field and Track in Nashville. Sarah is looking to go to the Air Force Academy.



Sarah placed 3rd in Hurdles at States. Her school placed first. For information about Granddaughter #1 see Graduations on page 15





# Peter Weber

By Peter Weber



Introducing Peter Weber at St Edward's  
June 2023

I'm in the 10:00 choir, and am one of the Scripture readers. My wife Robin is also in choir. We joined in 2016. So how did we land at St Ed's? Our two children had moved to central PA, and we decided to leave the Philadelphia area, where we had raised them, to be closer. Before we moved, we visited Lancaster Episcopal churches. It was Lent, and we dropped in on a Wednesday noon, of course the Lenten service had just ended, and of course Father Stephen was there to invite us. Providence was the catalyst for our life here.

You may not know that ants have been a study of mine starting in early elementary school years. In Florida, as a wee lad, I was learning from my father about ants, his specialty as a biologist. I became his assistant. Then it was time to do fieldwork in the Caribbean and South America, where these ants are most plentiful. That was my start in science, in particularly studying the attine ants (vegetarians who grow their own food by planting pieces of plants on a fungus garden which they maintain generation by generation). These leaf-cutter ants are a major and beneficial part of the landscape, sometimes with millions of members in one colony.

Because of this science and ecology upbringing, I eventually worked in environmental positions, such as proper environmental planning for low-income housing (once again, field work overseas) and in water protection at the US Environmental Protection Agency. I was able to use the technology of green roofing to vegetate a large flat roof at my home church where Robin and I were married. This was a leaky flat roof, so a vegetated retrofit was the technology to use. I'd love to come back decades later to see how the green roof is doing!

So if you hear me talking about gardening ants, and mentioning scientific names such as *Atta* and *Acromyrmex*, that's been one of my earliest experiences.

And we can turn to Proverbs 6, and "Go to the ant ...consider its ways and be wise!"

[Leafcutter ant](#) | [insect tribe](#) | [Britannica](#)

Here's a photo sequence of what my father taught me in fieldwork and laboratory (live colonies with a queen brought back for long-term study):



The 1950s one of yours truly looking for the ants in Florida, a wee lad. That was my start in science, in particularly studying the attine ants (vegetarians who grow their own food by planting pieces of plants on a fungus garden which they maintain generation by generation).



1970 in Guyana, South America,  
grasslands habitat, great ant country.



The 1970s at an ant city in Panama, each mound on that hillside being one ant colony, a tropical setting, with my father's field assistant, me.



My father (in the hat) with a Dutch colleague, picture taken by me, of a huge colony in Paraguay, that entire mound was one ant colony. There would be scores of ant chambers underground.



The ants crawling on fungus is a picture from a National Geographic article, the ants tending a fungus garden in their underground nest, which they grew from leaves and flowers, their source of food and drink. Really amazing how these gardening or leaf-cutting ants were vegetarians, hugely successful.



2009 weed picture is taken 30 feet up, the roof of Trinity Church Swarthmore education wing, the leaky roof which I championed for a vegetative retrofit. As you can see, I'm still tangentially involved with ants and their plants. A Britannica article for an introduction to these marvelous creations.



# What is an Ant Called that Repeats Itself?

Below is a 1939 list of these riddles that Peter's Dad came up with, on board a ship either to or from Africa.

1. An ant of more than usual size
2. A small dried ant but good to eat-
3. An annoying ant-I
4. An ant departing from his native land-
5. An ant accused in court-
6. A joyful ant-
7. An insolent ant -
8. A watchful ant-
9. This naughty ant stays home from class-
10. This ant can measure distance using stars
11. A whining beggar of an ant-
12. A servile ant, flattering to influential individuals-
13. In this ant refreshments may be had-
14. An ant arriving to settle in a strange land-
15. A green ant-
16. When other ants are done, this ant remains-
17. This ant is in a state of homeless begging-
18. A scoundrelly ant liking nothing good
19. This ant brings accused before the bar
20. A rural ant-
21. This ant is found in the army and navy-



Peter says ant jokes are easy to come by in his family. His latest inspiration: What is an enlisted ant's rank where she is a Non-commissioned Officer? Note that working ants are female. Answer: SERGEANT

And here are a few more recent ones:

22. A worshipping ant -
23. Brings life into the world-
24. Ant that likes to control- .
25. Carries ice cubes around-
26. What an ant staggering with a heavy load would likely do-
27. Pretty much goes on and on about anything, always as a monologue -

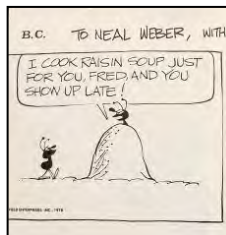
Answers:

- 1.GIANT,2.CURRENT, 3.IRRITANT,
- 4.EMIGRANT, 5.DEFENDANT,
- 6.JUBILANT, 7. ARROGANT, 8.VIGILANT,
- 9.TRUANT, 10.SEXTANT,
- 11.MENDICANT, 12.SYCOPHANT,
- 13.RESTaurant, 14.IMMIGRANT,
- 15.VERDANT, 16.REMNANT,
- 17.VAGRANT,18.MISCREANT,19.CO MPLAINANT, 20.PEASANT,
- 21.LEUTENANT, 22.COMMUNICANT,
- 23.PREGNANT, 24.DOMINANT, 25. COOLANT, 26. PANT, 27. RANT

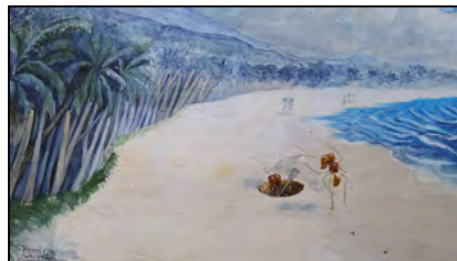
Answer to a an ant who repeats itself:-  
REDUNDANT

Peter also sent a couple more interesting items related to his life with ants:

1) Nationally-syndicated cartoonists such as Johnny Hart and his "B.C." catch the eye of ant students. I sent him, out of the blue, an article by my Dad on his ant studies. The cartoonist replied by sending a signed original cartoon inscribed to my Dad.



2) If you can imagine, a college English professor where I went to school (and did some part-time work for), was intrigued by these ants. I must have sent him pictures or actual ants from the lab, and indicated that one of my Dad's favorite collecting places in Trinidad 1934 was the Mayaro beach. Prof Reed thus painted this scene of pirate ants digging up fungus-garden treasures on that tropical beach.



Editor's note: So the next time you see Peter thank him for being such an entertaining INFORM"ANT". ☺

## Stephen Ministry



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 phanzelman@comcast or 717-390-4944. 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.

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for September will be:

**August 20th.**

Send articles and announcements to:  
HJ\_Miller@outlook.com





# Women's Spirituality Group

By Michelle Bentley



The Women's Spirituality Group is a wonderful opportunity for the women of St. Edward's to gather on the first Saturday of each month, at 10 AM for Morning Prayer, reflections, conversation, and light refreshments. We are led, faithfully, by Barbara Czepukaitis, to explore our scripture readings and to reflect on how they may intersect with our lives and what that may teach us about who we are and how we walk in this world. One of the ways we were able to express our wonderings was through a writing opportunity where we were challenged to write a psalm. While this may seem daunting, it was gifted to us in a way that was not laden with "rules" and allowed us to write in whatever style was comfortable to us, individually. It was not so much about tending to structure as it was about expressing what comes from our head and our heart. Over the next three months, we will feature the psalms that were written. For July/August, we feature a psalm written by RayeLenn Casey.

Our group continues to evolve, as we seek ways to come together and learn more about how our journeys, our spirituality, and our faith disciplines teach us and guide us on our individual paths in life, and as a community of faith. We will resume our gathering on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Please consider joining us as we come together for a new season and look ahead, refreshed and renewed, to new ways that we can bond and learn from each other.



In Response to the challenge to write their own Psalm, RayeLenn Casey wrote the following:

FRIDAY, JUN 2, 2023 AT 9:37 PM



1. Commit your way to the joy that lies deep within you, running like a steady continuo beneath the music of your days.
2. Whatever the changing refrains of your life, do not give up on listening for those undergirding notes of sacred joy that form your spirit's foundation, its framework, its depth.
3. If they seem hidden, still yourself, quiet yourself, the better to catch and know their holy strains.
4. Delight yourself in the melody of abundant joy, for harmony builds upon melody, and harmony needs melody to exist.  
Selah
5. Consider the ringed and ancient trees, the massive mountains, the vast and rolling oceans of this Earth. They are beauty and power; they have stood strong; they have endured. But know this: they are not eternal.
6. Be you so grounded in the Holy One, the Eternal, that you may hold fast to Love, the sacred power within you, that is from everlasting to everlasting
7. for God's unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor the covenant of peace be removed.  
Selah
8. May your strong central root reach down deep and deeper, and your myriad side roots stretch out wide and wider, for you are rooted and grounded in Love, as a taproot is deeply anchored,
9. ever seeking the true living water
10. ever holding a reservoir of that sacred water source within,
11. ever availing yourself of that nourishment in times of your own dryness and drought
12. ever ready to provide sustaining re-

freshment to others in the way.

Selah

13. Although your way often passes through darkness, do not fear the dark; trust that the more deeply you walk into darkness, as walking deep into a cave, the closer you move toward your Center, toward the heart of the Holy who dwells deep within.
14. Nevertheless, give all your trust to the Light. Live in unceasing gratitude for the Light. For that which you call God is Light. That which you call Light is God.
15. Let Light perpetual shine upon you; walk in that light always; dwell in the Light of Life, to the end of your days, forever and ever

Amen

## An Abundance of Gifts

In 2022, people set some amazing Guinness World Records. A Nebraska man paddled more than 37 miles in a hollowed-out pumpkin boat. A Vermont teen wearing 4-inch heels walked more than 600 feet across a tightrope. And an Oregon man found and alphabetized all 26 letters in a can of alphabet soup in 2 minutes and 8.6 seconds. (The toughest part, he says, is distinguishing subtle differences between letters such as M and W.)

Your talents might not earn you any world records, but they certainly can grow faith and change lives. Whether you're good at teaching, singing, writing, cooking or accounting, the church can put those skills to productive use. Romans 12 lists many more qualities you may not realize are spiritual gifts: graciousness, serving, generosity, acts of mercy, loving and honoring others, extending hospitality, rejoicing and weeping with people, making peace.

You might not be able to outperform the alphabet soup record. But God abundantly blesses each of us to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10, ESV) and in sharing his love.

—Stephanie Martin





# WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

FAITH. FOOD. FUN.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**  
**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

We invite ALL to a parish-wide potluck supper in the parish hall! This is a wonderful way to celebrate the coming together of our "active" church year and to share our summer stories of fun, family, and travel.

***How does it work?*** Bring a main dish, dessert, or salad/bread for 5 people. Bring your own place setting: dish, utensils, glassware, placemat. *We will provide the drinks.* And we will have paper goods available for folks. This makes for easy set-up and clean-up, allowing us to enjoy each other's company!

We will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex, beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>, so we can make certain the parish hall tables are set up for the group. Please add your name and whether you will be bringing a main dish, salad/bread, or dessert.





Please note the following ministries are on summer hiatus. Should there be additional ministries with summer schedules, we will keep the parish informed in our weekly emails.

## Scepter Newsletter:

**Scepter** There will be no August Scepter. Submissions for our September issue will be August 20th.

## Women's Spirituality Group:



Restart Saturday, October 7th

## Men's Spirituality Group:



No gatherings June, July, August. Restart Saturday, September 9th.

## Needle Arts Ministry



No meetings until after July 4th. Next meeting July 11th and will continue to meet over the summer.

## Coffee House Band:



No Sunday Coffee Hour sessions or practices June, July, August. Restart Sunday, September 17th with rehearsals to be scheduled two weeks prior

## St. Edward's Choir:



Rehearsals will begin, Monday, September 11th.

## The Chosen Viewing & Discussion Group:



Restart Sunday, September 3rd

## Lunch & Learn:



We finished our current book on Friday, June 30th, and we will resume sessions on Friday, September 8th.



Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at the church. However, in July, the first Thursday is during the week of the 4th, and as a number of our members will be out of town, we decided to meet on the following Thursday, July 13th.

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

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# Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

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DKFQROMTBHJOBSQEXZT  
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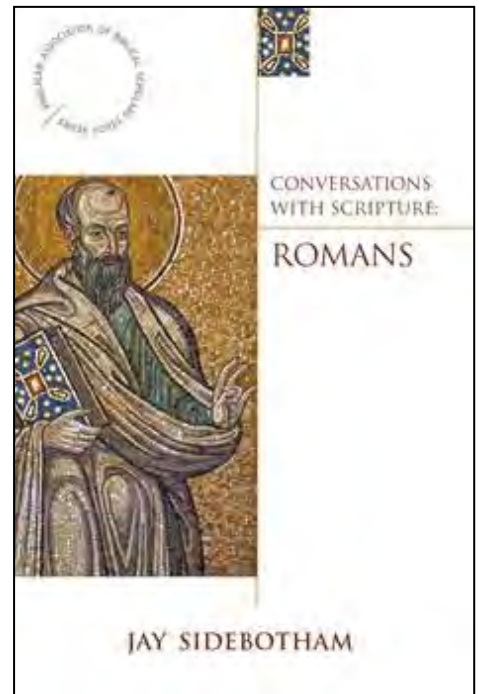
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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV



# Wednesday Evening Bible Study Series “Romans” Begins July 12th

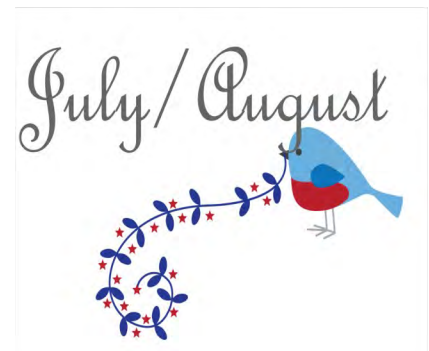


Our St. Edward's Wednesday night Bible study offers an in-depth look, in this case at Romans. Our approach to Bible study has been to use the 'Conversations with Scripture' series as a guide through the top-

ic. 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

This book guides readers into conversation with Paul's letter to the Romans. The author helps readers listen to what that letter said to the people to whom it was written and to hear what it says to us today. Readers will bring their own reflections, personal concerns, and questions to the table as we let this letter challenge us with meaning-letting it read the reader. The thesis of this book is that the letter has demonstrated transforming power to renew lives and the church through a focus on worship; a rigorous assessment of the human condition, especially the failure of human religiosity; a claim of transforming power in the ongoing life of Christ; an expansive vision of who is included in God's life and love; a call to practical application and proclamation of the gospel.

**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)



Jay Sidebotham

Jay Sidebotham, an Episcopal priest, serves as director of RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement. RenewalWorks seeks to build cultures of discipleship in Episcopal congregations through a singular focus on spiritual growth. Jay has served in parish ministry in New York, Chicago, North Carolina, DC, and Rhode Island. He also does a lot of church cartoons, because there is so much material.



Cartoon by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham





## BASKET FUNDRAISER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

*Help us to make this a successful event for St. Edward's! Our fundraising goal for this 2023 event is \$7,000 and it is your incredible creativity and enthusiasm that makes this possible! Sign-up sheet will be in narthex beginning July 16<sup>th</sup>.*

*Baskets are due September 10<sup>th</sup>.*



*Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>! Fun, food, and family! Let us come together to raise monies for the ministry and mission of St. Edward's and have a great time doing it! Mark your calendars. . . Tickets will go on sale*

*Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>!*

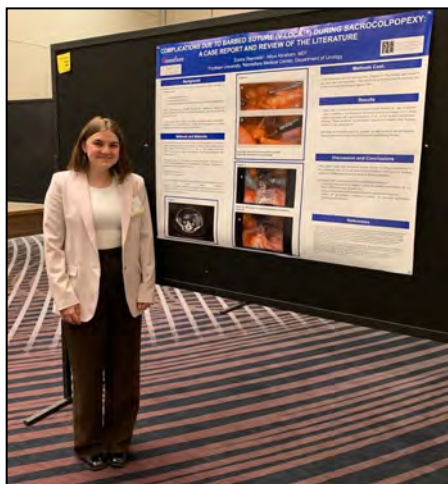
## Graduations

### Donna Esbenschade's Granddaughter Emma Reynolds



#### By Donna Esbenschade

My granddaughter, Emma Reynolds graduated from Fordham University. Emma received awards on Friday, the day before her graduation ceremony, which was a beautiful day. On Saturday, it rained and we had to shelter under trees for protection. Stevie Wonder was the graduation speaker. You couldn't hear or see for the rain and umbrellas; the graduates were drenched. Emma was in pre-med and is taking a gap year to work and take more classes. Penn State would be her choice of med schools.



### Alice Will's Granddaughter



Mary with Amber and Chelsea, Chelsea graduated from the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences, she will be working as Medical Lab Science Tech. They are Alice's granddaughters.

### Piper Brugmann



Piper as an acolyte



Piper with her mother Kiki



Piper graduated from Hempfield HS. She plans to attend St. Joseph's University and to continue rock climbing.



Piper's Aunt Leslie's favorite picture of Piper rock climbing. Yes she is upside down!



# Spring Clean-up



May 9th-through June  
Clean up was done when it  
fit volunteer's schedules.



The original pile of mulch



All that's left of the  
pile



Leslie Arnold working at moving the mulch.  
"We are always looking for volunteers to  
help us keep our outdoor spaces well-  
tended! Please email the parish office."



## Pot Luck is Back!!!

By Meredith Aul



Dinners will be at 5:30 p.m. - Bring your own table service and a main dish, salad, or dessert (serving 6-8 people) to share. Beverages provided

### Things to look forward to:

We are resuming the Wednesday Pot Luck Suppers on a quarterly basis:

- September 13
- December 13
- April 17



We forgot to draw for the Lancaster Barnstormer tickets during our Fellowship Dinner, so today

we drew for them and the winners of 2 tickets are. . . (drumroll): Eric and Jackie Sandblade! I have placed them in your parish mailbox and the tickets have instructions on how to redeem for a 2023 Barnstormers home game.



## Stepping Stones



Beth Lynch demonstrates how to make a stepping stone. Gail Irons is watching carefully, to get ideas for the Needle Arts Ministry's stone

Throughout our summer months: Our "Stepping Stone" project for installation by Swarr Run is up and running. It is our hope that our ministries and individuals will create stepping stones to beautify a designated pathway in our contemplative space.

Many folks and ministries have signed up to create a stepping stone! What is next? While many groups are still working out their designs, some people have their designs forged and are ready to set their stones with the cement mix, but do not know what to do next. Help is here!!! Please connect with Beth Lynch for guidance and/or assistance with your design and/or pouring the cement (each box mix can make 2 stepping stones). We will also have specific days and times in July and August.



# 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.

Remember, everyone's always welcome to pop up at a Needle Arts meeting on Tuesdays at 1 PM in the lounge. No reservations required-just bring your sense of humor with you.

## How many Episcopalians Does It Take To Drill A Tennis Ball? And how do we know!!!

**By Donna Holwager**

Just take a gander at pictures of a recent meeting of our Needle Arts team! We went amuck from our sewing and knitting and moved into making dog toys for our Christmas Cookie and Craft sale. ( We learned pet items are very popular this year).

Not to be outdone, Mac learned to make a strong tug toy requiring tennis balls to be attached to each end. Keep in mind, this is a ministry usually armed with knitting needles and sewing paraphernalia - so you can imagine the laughter as Mac pulled out Fr. Rick's trusty drill - ready to execute openings on the unwitting tennis ball! We had to get Michelle to come and

witness how far we were willing to venture in order to add creative items to our craft sale for the Saint Edward's community shopping pleasure in December! Barbara and Amanda tried to ensure the drill hole would be big enough as well as safely drilled. Alas, more tools needed ! A bigger drill bit!

Please note: We are NOT your mother's knitting circle: No. No. No!!!! Laughter, creativity and friendship abound; and we invite other Saint Edward's crafters to join in. Let us know what you'd like to make, and come see us sometime: Tuesdays at 1 PM in the lounge.



Barb O'Brien shows off her finished hat to Irene Achey and Amanda Campbell



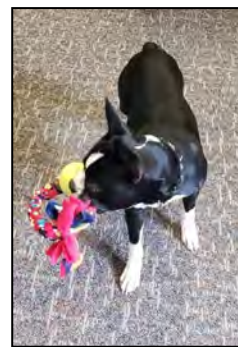
Amanda Campbell manning the drill to prepare the tennis balls.



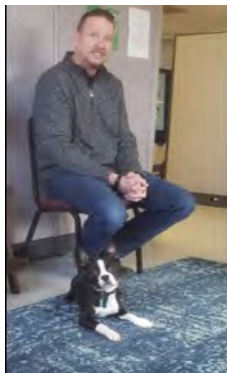
Barb and Mac supervising.



A finished tennis ball tug toy



Bowie doing "product testing"



It's always fun to have a visit from Father Rick and Bowie



Needle holders by Donna Holwager



Knitted purses by Irene Achey



Cat toys by Mac Miller





Many thanks for your partnership with feeding the Hempfield community!

Thank you for 353 pounds of food contributed in May. Great!!!!

Special thanks for \$1,200 contributed in June.

In May we served 670 children; 1137 adults; 446 seniors, a total of 2253 people served!

39 volunteers gave 588 hours in May!

Items requested for July are:

- cereal ( always)
- canned mixed vegetables
- canned corn
- canned green beans
- canned carrots
- canned potatoes
- spaghetti sauce
- large peanut butter
- large jelly
- Mac/cheese
- cream of broccoli soup
- cream of celery soup
- vegetable soup

Diane



## Community Aid News

Beginning May 15th, Community Aid began expanding the payouts to partner organizations for donated items!!! Below is a list of items you can bring to Community Aid, mentioning they are for St. Edward's Episcopal Church (***Our Partner Number is 40036***). We will receive credit for quarterly payouts that assist our Faith-in-Action ministry. Community Aid has always accepted these items, but in the past, they did not give credit to partner organizations for electronics, toys, and household goods.

clothing  
shoes  
accessories  
electronics  
toys  
household goods

## Food Collection For The Rahims

SNAP benefits for the Rahim family have been dramatically reduced and we are stepping up to provide them with essentials that their family needs. We are also forging a sign-up sheet/drop-off schedule to ensure that the food we collect on their behalf is fresh and sustains them in a regular fashion versus overloading one week and having nothing scheduled on a subsequent week.

There is a sign-up in the narthex with specific items and dates. Beginning July 9th we will go to regular weekly collections that can be received by and delivered on each Sunday.

4 gallons whole milk

Fresh vegetables: Tomatoes, spinach, okra, peas, corn on the cob, onions and any other fresh veggies you can harvest from your gardens

Fresh fruit: Apples, bananas, strawberries

Paper towel (3-6 rolls)

Toilet paper (4-6 rolls)

Paper Napkins (2 packs)

Laundry detergent (1 large bottle)

Bar soap (4-pack)

## Happy 4th Birthday Anfal!



Watching dad light the candles



Malalay painting at The Pottery Works. "I love this. I can forget all my worries."



Snuggle time with Anfal



## Prison Ministry



### Prayers requested for family and friends of St. Edwards:

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 or Catherine Donohue.

### 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 Co. Prison (LCP) and Lancaster Co. Youth Intervention Center (YIC). SFPM also does training and educational programs for local churches and community groups.

**Pray for Chaplain Marvin Lyons** - and his wife Liz who were involved in a traffic accident. They are praising God because it could have been a lot worse. Pray for healing for them as they recover from it.

**Pray for the LCP Bible Studies** - We are praising God for the increased interest in Bible Study on two of our men's blocks that typically have low attendance.

**Pray for stability in the prison** - July is a hot month in the prison and inmate tempers flare and staff and chaplains have more on their plate in bad conditions. Please pray that God brings a calm peace to the prison.

**Pray for a released inmate** - That God will provide needs as both he and mother are struggling since his release.

## Coffee Hour

Picture by Mary Snyder



Always great goodies



Joel and Kim Kline celebrate Joel's graduation



Buddy Yeager and Wanda Stoltzfus were color coordinated



The Coffee House band



Always time for fellowship

## Who Left the Cows Out?



On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 AM the neighboring cows decided that they might want to attend Rite II! They "broke free" early so they could get a good pew!



# Memorial Day at St. Edward's and in Easton May 27th-29th

Pictures by Mary Snyder and Liz Yeager



Mike Cardillo



Tony and Dina Cerase



Liz and Buddy Yeager



Buddy in Easton's Marine celebration



Parade - Easton Band



Float - Model of the USS New Jersey



Easton Program



## Memorial Day



Buddy's Marine Buddies



Buddy said he's too old to walk in the parade so he drove his car.



# Pentecost Sunday May 28th

Picture by Mary Snyder



Fr. Rick begins the service



Baptism gifts



Fr. Rick pours the water for the Baptism



Fr. Rick baptizes Giandra Teresa



Fr. Rick baptizes Gavin James



The Gospel



Jay Miller assists with Eucharist



The choir adds beautiful music



Dottie Gschwend



Seth Hake





# Dina Ishler's Ordination

My dear St. Edward's friends~ I am so excited to share this invitation from the heart of our St. Matthew's community, for my ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests AND our Celebration of New Ministry, which will be a glorious and love-soaked day of celebration! It is our longing on this day to honor our history and share our joy in this present season, together with our hope and prayers for a faithful future of worship and ministry. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Scanlan, who will be briefly back from her sabbatical to preside at this service and share in our joy, and we are hosting a glorious garden-party style reception afterwards. I hope you can all come and share in the fullness of this day- you have all been such a part of my journey throughout the years of discernment and formation and I would love for you to be there with me and meet my parishioners and see the beautiful place where I serve. I carry you all with me everywhere I go, believing through the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit that because we know and love each other we can never truly be separated.

All the information necessary is on the invitation, including the RSVP info- please reach out to me if you have any questions or need any further information. My phone number is the same as in our directory- 717-481-0708- but I do have a new email: [reverenddina@gmail.com](mailto:reverenddina@gmail.com).

Blessings and love to you always. All my gratitude for the good work, with Father Rick as your shepherd, that you continue as witnesses to God's mission in Lancaster County and every place you go- the Body of Christ alive and at work in the world.

Rev. Dina 🙏💕

**Pictures of  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Sunbury**





By the Grace of God,

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

Will Ordain

**Dina Carter Ishler**

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

And Preside at the Celebration of New Ministry  
For Reverend Dina and the Community of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
We invite your prayers and presence as we share our joy in new beginnings  
and our gratitude for God's steadfast and abundant love.

**Please join us on Saturday, July 15, 2023**  
**At ten o'clock in the morning**  
**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**  
**32 North Front Street, Sunbury Pennsylvania 17801**

A garden-party style reception will follow. Please dress comfortably for warm summer weather.  
Clergy are invited to vest and process (red stole).

If you are unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed  
(Livestream link will be provided).

Please RSVP to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAC23A3FAC61-ordination>  
Or you may call (570) 286-7002 and leave a message. We are looking forward to seeing you!



# May Services

Picture by Mary Snyder



Wanda Stoltzfus  
preaching



Fr. Rick preaching



Preparing Eucharist



Jay Miller, Fred Cluck and Nancy  
Mannion



Blair Lord



Nancy Mannion



Deborah Fast,  
Jay and Lori  
Miller



Jay Miller



Kathleen Spencer

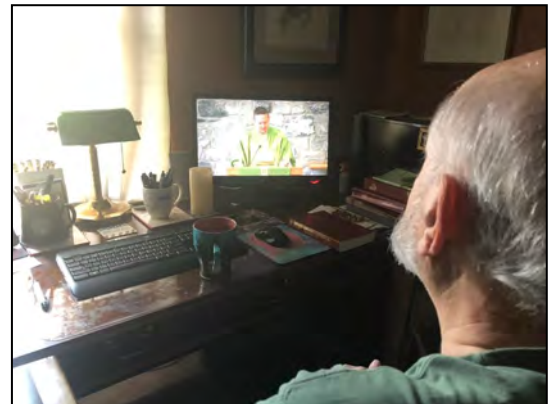


The Gospel



Recessional

Worship  
SERVICES



Bob Mosebach watching a live streamed  
service as he recovers from knee surgery  
contributed by Jeanne





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## Staff

**The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer,**  
Rector

**Michelle Bentley, Parish**  
Administrative Assistant

**Karen E. Waddill,**  
Director of Worship Music

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:  
11AM – 4:00PM

### Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Karen Grant (2024)
- ✦ Peggy Hanzelman (2024)
- ✦ Richard Irons (2025)
- ✦ Blair Lord (2026)
- ✦ Beth Lynch (2025)
- ✦ Jay Miller (2026)
- ✦ Bob Mosebach (2026)
- ✦ Mary Snyder (2025)  
Jr. Warden
- ✦ 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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