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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter



## Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



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This time of year, I always find myself caught off guard by the impact of the Fall on our circadian rhythms and our sleep cycles. It’s interesting to observe the shifting of disposition and mood, in ourselves and those around us, as clothed in cooler air, a quickening darkness encroaches upon our days. It’s as if a kind of pragmatic solemnity comes with harvest time; where we, like squirrels, scurry about to stock up on food stores before the ground freezes and the snow falls. Indeed, from our Thanksgiving feasts to the presents we’ll buy for Christmas, dips in tempera-

ture and the advancing night seem to compel us, like the squirrels, to fill our bellies and our homes with stuff that we may want or need for the colder and shorter days ahead of us.

But as is so typically the case, in the balance of the forces that shape our experiences, we may also feel the Fall inviting our movements in an opposite direction. Because Autumn also represents the season of nature’s divestment, a time when the trees shed their leaves and the birds fly south. It’s a time for letting go. Observing the world around us,

trees survive the winter, in part, because they conserve energy by shedding leaves, retaining moisture within their trunks that keep them from drying out. Letting go of their greenery, the wind blows through the branches of naked trees, helping them to withstand winter storms and gales. And in the balance of nature’s signal, to *both* store up *and* to let go, I wonder how each of us might be nudged this time of year to take on a bit more of some life-giving things, while divesting of some other life-consuming things.

For me, this Fall invitation has taken form through a deeply personal liturgy, a private ritual that has brought me closer to St. Edward’s, while pointing me toward a new horizon in my ‘letting go’. For a bit of context, I’ll share that my mother left when I was two-years old and took her own life through an intentional drug overdose when I was eight. But my father and I were blessed to have someone very special step into our lives in her absence, a woman who helped us to try and forge a normal and a stable nuclear family. But she struggled with her own demons. She was chronically anxious, depressed, and prone to addiction, engaging the profoundly difficult task of mothering a child that

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

# Reflection

wasn't her own and being the spouse of a man who may not have had the resiliency to fully love and trust another woman in the aftermath of his first wife's abandonment and suicide. And so it was, that my stepmother struggled with alcoholism, often manifesting in violent behavior and verbal abuse. To say that I had a complicated and difficult relationship with her would be an understatement. We never fully broke down the walls that we had built in our relationship; and I'm saddened to acknowledge that when she died of cancer in 2014, our dynamic was still strained.

For years, I hadn't known what to do about the unresolved and unreconciled feelings I walked with toward my stepmother. But this year, as her September birthday approached, I made the decision to take the remainder of her ashes from the bookshelf in my apartment and scatter them once and for all. Maybe I had come to empathize with her personal struggles. Perhaps I just came to feel like I couldn't approach greater fullness in Christ while continuing to hold old resentment and blame anymore. Either way, I came to recognize that the time had come for me to let her go. But I could not unceremoniously dispose of the mortal remains of the woman who helped to raise me as her own, a woman who had done the best that she could to love a child who had lost his mother, a woman who was not loved as she should have been loved. And so, I laid Holly Bauer to rest in our St. Edward's Memorial Garden, placing a plaque upon our stone monument in the silence and solitude of an Autumn morning. And here, my "mom" will remain. I entrust her memory, her belovedness as a child of God, to the life and legacy of our parish home.

Placing Holly in our garden, I express, what is for me, a deep level of confidence

in the future of St. Edward's: not only as a spiritual community, but as a physical space. Indeed, in loving memory of all of those we've laid to rest, and in the conviction of we who plan to have our mortal remains interred here at our church home, we actively commit ourselves to the future vitality of this parish, communicating a profound trust in the promise of all that is yet to come for St. Edward's. And there is, perhaps, no more significant measure through which we spotlight the necessity of our parish plan for tomorrow, than by acknowledging our obligation to honor our loved ones whose ashes blanket our grounds through appropriate stewardship over the long term. And so it is, that with a great deal of prayer and reflection, I have come to believe that the season is upon us to discern, as a community, how we might begin building an endowment that will provide for the legacy of generations to come in this, our parish home.

I imagine a day when Ricky and Christian will come to our church to tell their children about their memories of St. Edward's and to share stories about their grandmother. I picture the children of our children telling their kids about the way our parish came together to build our Memorial Garden, the role that every member played in stewarding our monument and donating a tree. But we who are here, now, will play an instrumental role, with God's help, in providing for the financial resources required to care for what we've been building together. So, let us be open to discerning, together, how we might each help to secure for the future of St. Edward's in our present time. Let's start to talk about legacy and endowment gifts and consider the possibility of a capital campaign in 2024. Because as Autumn continues to invite us to *both* store up *and* to let go, I trust that the Spirit has a wonderful plan for our parish,

a plan for its thriving. And we can all play a part in co-creating that tomorrow. In Christ,

**Father Rick**

## When You Can't Be Here In Person

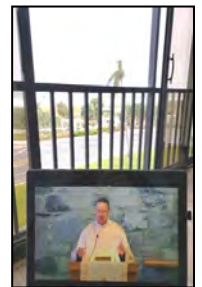
**Contributed by Rayelenn Casey**



Elaine Radcliffe watching a service via our live stream. Parishioners who are unable to attend services often view the services from home or from vacation spots. If you are attending services via live stream don't forget to send a picture for the Scepter.



Bob Mosebach at home, recovering from knee surgery



Mac Miller watched on a rainy Sunday in Florida

## 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  
Joyce Kamm



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



By Jay Miller

VESTRY



Your vestry, along with Father Rick and Michelle met on Sunday, October 15. A variety of topics were discussed and considered. The financials were reviewed and we believe, as a parish, Saint Edward's is in fairly good financial shape as we begin the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year and move toward the beginning of the new church year marked by the start of Advent, which is Sunday, December 3rd. To that end, our upcoming 2024 pledge drive was discussed and with a returned pledge, parish members will be encouraged to share a framed 4x6 or 5x7 photo to be hung as a reminder that we are all one large family that cares about one another as well as caring for our faith home, Saint Edward's.

Several new and ongoing parish projects were noted; the replacement of the front doors, installing dimmer switches for the sanctuary lights, contracting of a snow plow service for the winter months to keep our walkways and parking area safe and cleared of snow and the continued need for

a new and larger storage shed. We learned of new growth within our Saint Edward's family with five new members over the past few months. Father Rick was very excited by this as we all should be. In a time when some parishes are declining, the fact that we are growing speaks very highly of our welcoming and vibrant St. Edward's family. Back to the topic of Advent, which leads us toward Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our savior, we discussed the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service plans. Please keep an eye out for those announcements in the coming weeks.

We learned of upcoming events with the various ministries. Faith-in-Action filled us in on the Jesse Tree plans as well as the upcoming annual turkey drive. ALERT has the sock/hat/glove drive. We had a successful basket raffle and discussed the upcoming annual cookie sale. If you enjoy baking, this is the fund raising event for you! Plans are being made for a Friday after Thanksgiving kids camp in our parish hall from 9am to 4pm for ages 6 through 16. Activities include making Christmas cookies, ornaments, Christmas cards, games, and a holiday movie/play as just a part of the fun-filled plans. Space will be limited, so please be sure to contact Beth Lynch to register by November 20. A flyer with additional information will be available shortly. On Friday October 27, our second annual Trunk-or-Treat will take place providing a safe and fun filled space for those within and outside of our parish.

In summary, it is a busy and eventful time within our parish with many activities to participate in and be a part of. We all have

much to be thankful for. Your vestry continues to work on your behalf focusing on the present, but also keeping an eye toward the future.

Our next vestry meeting is planned for November 19. Please reach out to any vestry member with any questions or concerns.

## In the Narthex



Information and sign-up sheets for a variety of ministries and activities make it simple to volunteer.



Day by Day booklets, prayer pockets, and consecrated wafers are available for your use.

## 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





# Pokémon League



Fall 2023

August 30th– November 8th

November 1 – Pokémon Holiday

November 8 – Good-bye party until January 2024

## Winter 2024

Pokémon winter session are

January 5 - March 13th.

Wednesday Nights 6:30 – 8 p.m.

For more information you may call Beth Lynch @ 336-707-0140

The league provides a safe and free space for kids and teens to play Pokémon in all forms. It provides crafts, trading, games, and socialization.



### Pictures by Beth Lynch



Jacob and Grant



We celebrated Fall birthdays



Bryson and Gage playing Pokémon Go



Tay, Sohaib, and Khateeb Rahim will participate in the 2023 Lions Cup on November



LIONS CUP U-14			
TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	FIELD
9:00 AM	MTS - WICKED TUNA FC	AFC LANCASTER LIONS U-14	MCCASKEY EAST FIELD C
10:10 AM	MYSC ELITE	HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL HAWKS	MCCASKEY EAST FIELD C
11:40 AM	MYSC ELITE	MTS - WICKED TUNA FC	MCCASKEY EAST FIELD C
12:50 PM	HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL HAWKS	AFC LANCASTER LIONS U-14	MCCASKEY EAST FIELD C
2:20 PM	HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL HAWKS	MTS - WICKED TUNA FC	MCCASKEY EAST FIELD C
3:40 PM	AFC LANCASTER LIONS U-14	MYSC ELITE	MCCASKEY EAST FIELD C

Location: The fields are behind McCaskey East Complex, 1051 Lehigh Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17602 and at the Lincoln Middle School field, situated at 1001 Lehigh Avenue, Lancaster, PA.



# Kid's Corner

## Pets Arriving



Elizabeth, Emma and Sadie bringing pets to the Blessing of the Animals.

## Trunk or Treat

More pictures next month



Mark Jakiel handing out treats



Iron's grandson trying for a "ringer" on Beth Lynch's witch's hat.

### Woven WITH Gratitude

Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.

**What you need:**

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

**What you do:**

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

## PUZZLE THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

**Directions:** Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_

The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_

The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_

Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_ of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be \_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

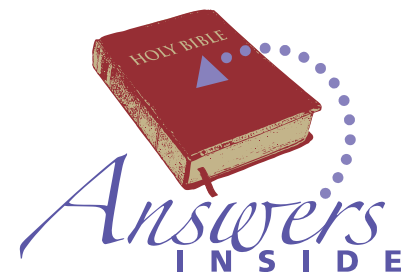
Answers: seed, harvest, generous, thanksgiving



## Bible Quiz

Fill in the blank: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give \_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

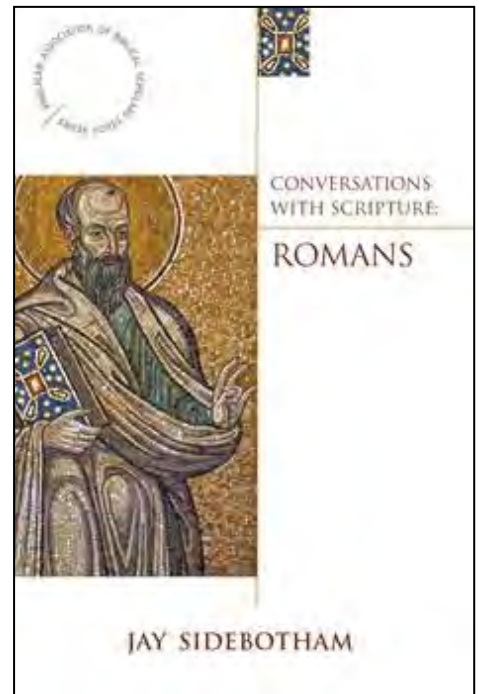
- A. alms
- B. praise
- C. thanks
- D. offerings



Answer: C (See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.)  
12:47, NIV.)



# Wednesday Evening Bible Study Series—"Romans"



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 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



Jay Sidebotham

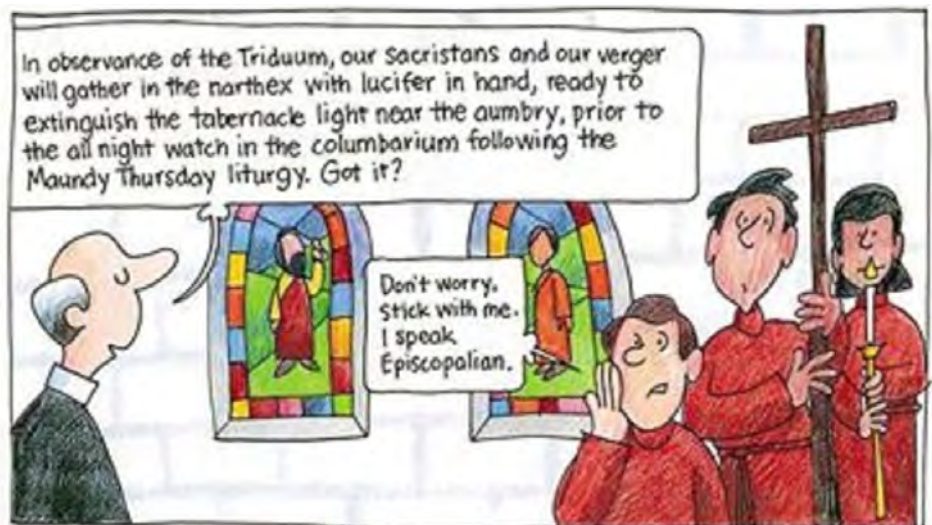
Jay Sidebotham, an Episcopal priest, serves as director of Renewal Works, a ministry of Forward Movement. Renewal-Works seeks to build cultures of discipleship in Episcopal congregations through a singular focus on spiritual growth. Jay has served in parish ministry in New York,

Chicago, North Carolina, DC, and Rhode Island. He also does a lot of church cartoons, because there is so much material.

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: [rmosebach@comcast.net](mailto:rmosebach@comcast.net) or Leslie Arnold at: [larnold897@aol.com](mailto:larnold897@aol.com)



Cartoon by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham

# Ripples of Kindness



## People are more generous than many of us think



*“Human beings are more generous, less selfish than we assume.”*

**By David Brooks**  
**New York Times**  
**From LNP Sept. 3rd**

Are human beings fundamentally good or fundamentally bad? Are people mostly generous, or are they mostly selfish?

Over the centuries, many of our leading lights have taken the view that people are basically selfish. Machiavelli argued that people are deceitful, ungrateful and covetous. Classical economics is based on the idea that people relentlessly pursue their self-interest. "The average human being is about 95% selfish in the narrow meaning of the term," economist Gordon Tullock once wrote. In his book "The Selfish Gene," evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins argued, "We are born selfish." In the public at large, only 30% of Americans say they can trust the people around them, suggesting quite a grim view of human nature.

But what if this dark view of our nature is not true?

In a recent experiment led by psychologists Ryan Dwyer, William Brady and Elizabeth Dunn and TED curator Chris Anderson, 200 people in seven nations around the world were each given \$10,000, free, and then reported how they spent the money.

Did they keep it all themselves? No. On average, the participants spent more than \$6,400 of it to benefit others, including almost \$1,700 on donations to charity. Of that spending, \$3,678 went to people outside their immediate household, and \$2,163 was spent on strangers, acquaintances and donations to organizations.

People used the money to take friends out for meals or to support families who had lost loved ones or to support an organization that provides construction training to marginalized people. Sounds pretty generous to me.

But wait a second, the cynic says. Maybe they were just spending that way so they could selfishly win status and applause. Not likely. Some of the people in the experiment were told to record their spending on Twitter (now rebranded as X), and the rest were told to keep their spending private. There was little difference between those who publicized their outlays and those who didn't.

Overall, the researchers concluded that people find it rewarding to spend money on others.

This study is not an outlier. Over the past few decades, social scientists have devised many situations in which research subjects are given the chance to behave either selfishly or cooperatively.

In his book "The Penguin and the Leviathan: The Triumph of Cooperation Over Self-Interest," Yochai Benkler of Harvard University summarized the findings. In any given experiment, he reported, about 30% of the people do, indeed, behave selfishly. But, he continued, "fully half of all people systematically, significantly and predictably behave cooperatively."

Benkler stepped back to hammer home the core conclusion from this vast body of research: "The point is, across a wide range of experiments, in widely diverse populations, one finding stands out: In practically no human society examined under controlled conditions have the majority of people consistently behaved selfishly."

Humanity hasn't thrived all these centuries because we're ruthlessly selfish; we've thrived because we're really good at cooperation.

But suppose you're a nice person and you have to compete with ruthless, selfish

jerk. Aren't you forced to play by the rules of dog eat dog? Well, not necessarily.

For his book "Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success," organizational psychologist Adam Grant identified other-centered people in organizations (the givers) and self-centered people, the ones who are always on the lookout for what they can extract for themselves (the takers). He found that many of the low-performing workers were givers. They allowed themselves to be walked over, taken advantage of.

But when Grant looked at the top performers in organizations, he found that givers dominated those ranks, too. These givers had golden reputations, wider social networks, better relationships? people wanted to work with and collaborate with them. It's best to be a giver who knows, in extreme cases, how to stand up for oneself.

I'd say that a lot of our public thinkers have vastly underestimated the importance of the moral and social motivations woven into human nature. We tip at restaurants we'll never return to. We leap to help one another during natural disasters. We yearn not only to be admired but also to be worthy of admiration.

I'd say that many of our public thinkers have wound up creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. By telling people that they are innately selfish and surrounded by others who are innately selfish, we have encouraged one another to magnify the selfish side of our natures.

I'd also say that we in the West draw too sharp a distinction between gifts and transactions. In his classic essay "The Gift," sociologist Marcel Mauss argued that many cultures do not make this stark distinction. In those cultures, people see themselves embedded in a network of material, social and spiritual care. People give one another a hand; they lend one another an ear; they borrow and lend. They see these exchanges not as cold, zero-sum transactions but as ongoing supportive and reciprocal relationships.

Finally, I'd say we in the West have gone overboard in building systems that try to motivate people by appealing mostly to their economic self-interest. We build inhumane systems in which material incentives blot out social and moral incentives. And we've made ourselves miserable along the way. Humanity hasn't thrived all these centuries because we're ruthlessly selfish; we've thrived because we're really good at cooperation.



# In Loving Memory of Arch Cross



Come to me, all who labor  
and are heavy laden, and I will  
give you rest. Matthew 11:28



Dolly and Arch

In  
*Loving*  
MEMORY



Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep  
by Mary Elizabeth Frye

Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there; I did not die.



Arch as Thurifer



# Housewarming to Support Habitat for Humanity

Pictures by Joyce Kamm



Bob and Jeanne Mosebach and Mary



Joyce Kamm, Mac Miller, Irene Achey and Jodi Good



Mary, her mother and Jodi. Eric Sandblade in back.



Scott Gockley, Mary Snyder, Beth Reeves, Leah Bonetti-Horst, Rayelenn Casey



The front yard swing was a big hit with Mary's grand-nephew, Everett.



October 14th, Mary and Jodi invited everyone to their new home to support Habitat for Humanity. Mary said they raised \$250.



Jodi, Mary, Beth and Bruce Lynch

## Mark Jakiel Celebrated a 65th Birthday October 8th



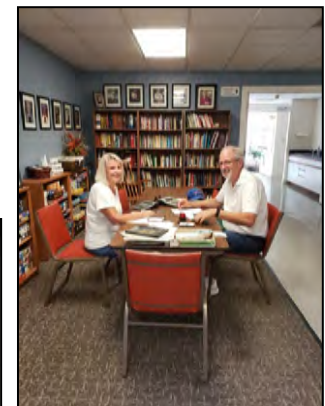
Mark, on his birthday, with his granddaughter Keira.



Barb showing Mark his special Coffee Hour cake!!



The flowers were given in honor of his birthday



Barb and Mark counting money on Tuesdays





# 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.



Beach Themed



Decorated trees



Santa Suit Candy



Christmas gnomes



Dick Irons volunteered to untangle Gail's yarn.

## Barbara O'Brien's Quilt Made for Granddaughter's Wedding Gift



Donna Holwager helps Barb show the quilt to the Needle Arts group.



Barb points out the tent and campsite to Sue Bianco. The quilt is a real piece of art.



Barb explains the pictures on the back of the quilt



Each part of the quilt depicts a meaningful event in the couple's lives. Here is a "chalet" and the "Swiss Alps" where they spent their honeymoon



Another example of Barb's artwork is how she turns the garden behind her apartment into a living canvas.



The label for this truly special gift is sewn on the back.



## Swarr Run

By Beth Lynch

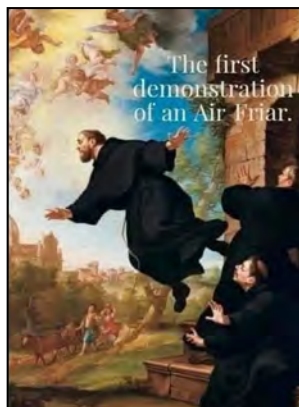


The Stepping Stones have been placed at the Swarr Run Sanctuary space. Trek down to see them in their new environment.

It is not too late to create a stone for your ministry or self. Supplies are available.



Beth's black walnut harvest. Beth said she spent about an hour picking up the walnuts and sticks, etc. Anyone who has a bit of time is welcome to tend the area, whenever it suits their schedule.



## Adulting is hard!

By Beth Lynch

Watching my parents raise my siblings and I, I thought this will be a snap. Wrong! The responsibilities add up to mind blowing items: bills, caring for another human, juggling schedules, health care...to name a few.

Lately my family took a hard look at what the future will be for our child when both Bruce and I pass. To be clear our child is an only child who also has special needs. My husband is an only child, but I am from a large family. When it came down to figuring out who would be a guardian, trustee, executer it became clear we would be looking at my family. Our nomadic life has not allowed us to anchor into a community in which such strong relationships have occurred that we can ask for such huge requests.

I got stuck with the future instead of living in the present. How can we pick a sibling that will age at the same rate I do to take care of my child in 20 years? Which of my nieces/nephews knows and understands James to take on this role? Anxiety filled my body. The solution became that of course we just wouldn't die. Yeah. Right.

Slowly, with the guidance of my husband and a lot of prayer I came back to the present. The anxiety ebbed. I found in my heart and mind the answer. Live in the now. *"There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live."* – Dalai Lama. We chose from the known and will continue to choose from the known we gather each day.

As I said earlier Adulting is hard, and it seems to be harder to Adult in the present. Who has not projected a life they want for their child even when in utero. We add expectations and over schedule a child in hopes that they excel in an area we see for them. Did we stop and listen? Did we stop and ask? Are we living in the past through our child because of something we feel we missed? It is extremely hard to let your child be themselves and voice what they need if we are living their life instead of them living their own. I learned the hard way (and still am). Anytime James showed an interest in something, suddenly we had him signed up for classes, going on trips, buying books, signing up for camps to reinforce this sign of interest. In reality we took that interest

(fleeting or real) and moved faster than James' interest was and set ourselves up to be living in the future again instead of traveling with James in the present. Now I focus on the present with a tether around my waist to haul me back when I wander into the future. My hopes and dreams for James must be tamped down as James shows me his path. How do I do this? I meditate, communicate, pray, and self-reflect. Who is taking the wheel? Hopefully it is a collaboration of Jesus and us.



## Widow's Group



Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at the church. Next meeting Thursday, December 7th. All widows are invited. Come to a place where sharing is caring.

**For more information contact:**  
Peggy Hanzelman: 717.390.4944  
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Ethel Lawrence: 717.314.8993

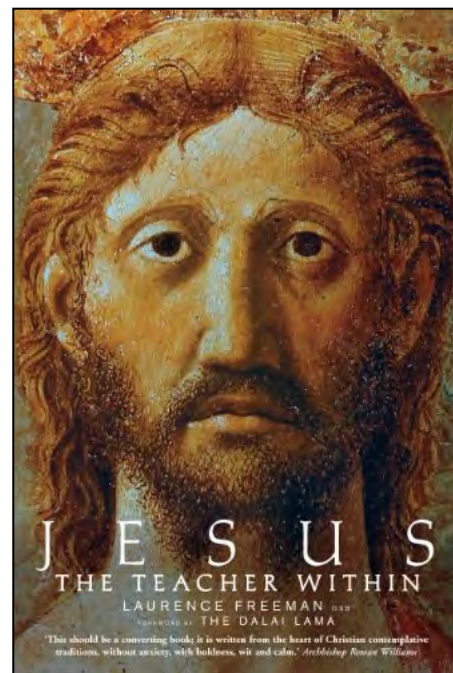




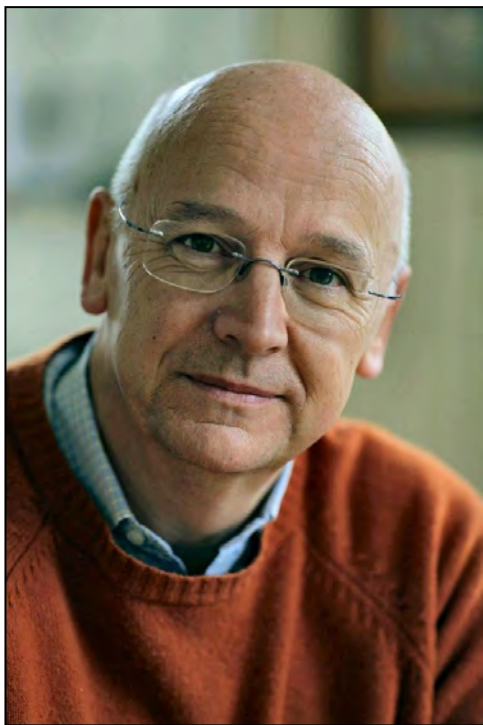
## Lunch and Learn Fridays at Noon



Our fall *Lunch and Learn* season, which began on September 8, begins at 12 Noon. A zoom link will be in the Monday, email message. We are very excited to introduce the book, *Jesus the Teacher Within* by Laurence Freeman. We hope you will join Bob Mosebach and Father Rick as we journey into the person of Jesus, and the essential unity and simplicity at the heart of Jesus' teachings.



From Amazon: Embarking on this journey of rediscovery, this book takes as its starting point a question that Jesus himself asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' For the many Christians who have never taken this question seriously, Laurence Freeman explores this question in the light of some of the big issues of religious understanding: the historical reality of Jesus, the experiential reading of the Scriptures, personal conversion, the inner journey.



Laurence Freeman

Laurence Freeman is a Benedictine monk of the Congregation of Monte Oliveto Maggiore in the Abbey of S Maria del Pilastrello, Lendinara Italy. With Irish and English roots, Laurence Freeman was educated by the Benedictines and studied English Literature at New College, Oxford University. Before entering monastic life, he worked with the United Nations in New York, in Banking and Journalism.



The Dalai Lama and Fr. Laurence Freeman







STEWARDSHIP  
*A Way of Life*

## ST. EDWARD'S STEWARDSHIP 2024

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)*

*"We, who are here now, will play an instrumental role, with God's help, in providing for the financial resources required to care for what we have been building together. I trust that the Spirit has a wonderful plan for our parish, a plan for its thriving." – Father Rick*

As we enter the month of November let us thoughtfully and heartfully contemplate our upcoming stewardship campaign. Our "Stewardship Stories" kick-off on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> with Father Rick speaking with us at our 8 AM and 10 AM services. During the subsequent three Sundays in Advent we will hear from members of our parish family at both services. Please join us during these important moments of shared parish life.

**November 26th -  
December 17th Sunday  
Stewardship Stories  
from our St. Edward's  
Parish Family**

**Be on the lookout in late  
November for your 2024  
Stewardship Letter &  
Pledge Form**

**Third Advent December  
17th Pledge Ingathering**

**We request your  
prayerful  
consideration for your  
2024 pledge. We give  
our deepest thanks to  
you for your past  
giving.**



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**Let all that you do be done in love.**

*1 Corinthians 16:14*

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

**UTO Boxes.** Collect your spare change and engage in a season of gratitude. Supplies are in the narthex. Ingathering November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**November 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**HAFP Turkey Drive** – Deliver to our freezer.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**ALERT collection** of socks, hats, scarves ends. Prayerfully consider bringing in a donation.

**November 12<sup>th</sup> 9 AM**

**Advent Craft** for homebound parishioners. Join us to make a special craft for others!

**November 26<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Edward's Stewardship Campaign**  
**Stewardship Stories at the 8 AM & 10 AM**  
worship, mailing of pledge forms.  
Ingathering on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**November 26<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Krist Kindling at St. Edward's** – Get your forms in by November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**December 9<sup>th</sup> 8 AM**

**Christmas Cookie & Craft Sale** – Set-up on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for volunteer activities, baking, and craft-making!

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Jesse Tree Project Gifts due.** Please get your participation forms in by November 17<sup>th</sup> with your option for gift giving. Assignments will be given out November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**December 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

**Holiday Party/potluck supper/Krist Kindling Reveal.** ALL are welcome for this Christmas Season event!





# **NOVEMBER 24, 2023 FRIDAY-AFTER- THANKSGIVING KID'S CAMP**

The Friday after Thanksgiving is one of the busiest shopping days of the holiday season! So much to do. . . so little time! St. Edward's is offering a fun and safe space for kids to enjoy a supervised program day of crafts and games. Our program features include:

1. Christmas cookies
2. Various types of ornaments
3. Winter wonderland scene on vinyl records
4. Christmas cards
5. Wrap a gift for Jesse Tree
6. Games including a Secret Santa gift
7. Create Holiday Carols
8. Holiday Play/Movie

**Friday**

**November 24th**

**9 AM – 4 PM**

**For children ages**

**6 – 16**

**Bring your own**

**lunch & drinks**

**Cost: \$30**

**To register, contact:**

**Beth Lynch**

**[bethlynchgggators@gmail.com](mailto:bethlynchgggators@gmail.com)**

**336-707-0140**

**Register by**

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Space is limited!!!**



**ST. EDWARD'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**2453 Harrisburg Pike**

**Lancaster, PA 17601**



# ST. EDWARD'S COOKIE & CRAFT SALE DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

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**JOIN US IN MAKING THIS THE BEST COOKIE & CRAFT SALE EVER!!!**

**THE CRAFTS ARE ABUNDANT, BUT WE COULD ALWAYS OFFER MORE TO SELL!! THINK WOODWORKING, CARD-MAKING, JEWELRY ARTISANS. AND...WE NEED COOKIES!!! THIS SEASONAL FUNDRAISER IS A GREAT SUCCESS BECAUSE OF THE BAKING & CRAFT CREATIVITY OF ALL OF YOU!!**

**SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX FOR ADDING MORE CRAFTS, BAKING, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THE NIGHT BEFORE SET-UP, AND TO VOLUNTEER THE DAY OF THE EVENT.**



## Lunch with the Chosen



Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we enjoyed another engaging, discussion-filled

viewing of *The Chosen*. Last month's episode, "I Saw You," introduced two disciples to the cast: Nathaniel and Philip. Simon (aka Peter, eventually) and Matthew (former tax collector) continued to deal with friction and difficult adjustments to life as a follower of Jesus. The follow-up conversation addressed some of the history behind the writing of the gospels and questions about how we grapple with the truths the gospels convey. We also reflected on how the show portrays selected moments in the gospels and creatively expands on them to examine discipleship. A big thank-you to everyone who joined the dialogue!

Our next luncheon will be **Sunday, Nov. 5**. Please join us after the 10am service in the parish hall with your bagged lunch. We look forward to seeing you then!

If you would like to catch up on all of season 1 or the start of season 2, you can access *The Chosen* for free at these links:

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

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.

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for December will be:

**November 20th.**

Send articles and announcements to:

HJ\_Miller@outlook.com



## 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.

## Women's Spirituality Group

By Michelle Bentley

We will meet on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Lounge area. Please join us for Morning Prayer, led by Wanda Stoltzfus, reflections and discussions, and fellowship refreshments. Our gathering will conclude by 11:30 AM. We will meet again in January, 2024.



"People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them Benjamin Franklin said it first."

—David H. Comins

## 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. **Next meeting Saturday November 11th..**





**In September the pantry served:**  
**500 children**  
**839 adults**  
**413 seniors**  
**For a total of 1725 people served!**  
**13 new families were registered**  
**42 volunteers donated 547 hours.**  
**For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2023,**  
**St. Edward' donated \$1,500.**  
**Thank you to all!**

Current Requested Food Items:

Grape Jelly  
 Strawberry Jelly  
 (prefer non-glass containers)  
 Canned mixed vegetables  
 Canned Corn  
 Canned Tuna  
 Canned Chicken Noodle Soup  
 Canned Chicken Rice Soup  
 Cereal



## ALERT: All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team 2023 Cold Weather Collection

*Jesus said, "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the sick. . ."* (Matthew 25:36)



Our 4th Annual Hat and Sock Drive collection, in support of our homeless brothers and sisters, is from Sunday, Oct. 1 thru Sunday, Nov. 12.

*"We do this for the homeless so they know they are not forgotten."*

-Deacon Stacey Catigano, St. John's Lancaster

**How can you provide blessings of warmth:**

**Knit hats** -They are stretchy to any size head; they are affordable; they are unisex.

**Winter Socks** – Please match socks prior to donation. No dress socks.

**Winter Gloves**

No fashion scarves. No children's clothing. Gently used is appreciated.

**Where to bring your donations?**

There is a donation box in the narthex of St. Edward's. We will bring all donations to St. John's, Lancaster, where prayers and notes of inspiration will be attached to the garments and all donations will be blessed by clergy before being delivered to local shelters or distributed during St. John's community breakfasts and food pantry.



## 2024 Events

Feed My Starving Children—April 6 or 7  
 Race Against Racism - April 27

## Turkey Drive for the Hempfield Food Pantry November 5-13



Two grocery chains are giving away turkeys. Giant and Weis run this promotion during late October and November. Shoppers are able to use their shopping points to get a certificate for a turkey.

How does this benefit the Hempfield Food Pantry?

1. If you are not cooking the Turkey this year (maybe you are going out of town or been invited to someone's house) cash in for the Turkey and donate it.
2. If you shop like I do, at both stores, then donate one of the turkeys.
3. Some individuals may just wish to purchase a Turkey and donate it to HFP.

The turkeys will be delivered to the pantry Monday, November 13th. Turkeys can be placed in the freezer in St. Edward's kitchen.



*"We absolutely need conflicts, relationship difficulties, moral failures, defeats to our grandiosity, even seeming enemies, or we will have no way to ever spot or track our shadow self. They are our necessary mirrors. Isn't that sort of a surprise? And even then, we usually catch it out of the corner of our eye—in a graced insight and gifted moment of inner freedom."*

- Breathing Under Water by Richard Rohr



By Leslie Arnold

## Annual 2023 Jesse Tree Project Set to Begin

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

**This service is known as the Jesse Tree project.**

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

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

### What Is a Jesse Tree?

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

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

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

### The St. Edward's Jesse Tree

The St. Edward's Jesse Tree provides a peaceful spot under its branch for gifts that will be given to children in foster care to make Christmas a little brighter.



Through COBYs Family Services we obtain a list of children in foster care, their ages, and their Christmas wishes. We don't take the place of Santa. Rather, we act as Santa's helpers by adding another gift or two for a child to open on Christmas morning.



### How Can You Participate?

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

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

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

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

### When will this happen?

Signup forms will be available on **October 29**. A downloadable form should also be on our website at that time. Signup forms or monetary donations will be due **November 17**.

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

Wrapped gifts will be due **Dec. 4**.

### Questions?

Please direct questions to Leslie Arnold [Larnold897@aol.com](mailto:Larnold897@aol.com)

By Joyce Kamm



## Green Cards Received. Family Reunification Process Started October 18!!

After a two-year + wait, the Rahims were finally able to petition for reunification with their three children in Afghanistan on October 18. Thank you for your prayers and for your financial support. We can't give you a time frame but we are all hoping it is very soon. In the meantime, we will be exploring how to help the Rahims find a larger house to accommodate nine family members!! This might also be a feat that requires a lot of prayer. Any leads would be appreciated. Again, thanks for all the love and support given to this family.

## Rahim Food Collection Update

Our next food delivery to the Rahims is November 19th. Below are the items requested.

Laundry Detergent (Preference Tide)  
Fabric Softener  
Shampoo  
Bar Soap  
Dish Soap  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes (adults and children)  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towel  
All-purpose house cleaner  
Microfiber cleaning cloths

## Soccer Tournament

Join the Rahim boys on the Soccer Field on November 11. (See page 4 for schedule and details.)



# Prison Ministry



## Prayer Opportunities Within Our Community

### Prayers for family or friends of parishioners:

**Joey (nephew), 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.

Prayers for Father Rick and Randy Westgate as they minister at LCP

## Celebrate Recovery now at LCP

Randy Westgate and a team of 4 other men are leading a Celebrate Recovery "Inside" meeting every Wednesday morning at Lancaster County Prison. The goal is to introduce incarcerated men to this program and invite them to attend a Celebrate Recovery meeting after their release, and to change these statistics: 70% of those released from prison will return, and 10% will be dead within a few years. Your prayer support for this ministry is appreciated.

## Improving the Jail in Lancaster County

In September, the Lancaster County Commissioners took action on measures to improve life within our Lancaster County prison system. They approved a four-year contract with Kansas City-based TranSystems to design a new jail to replace the current dilapidated prison that was built in 1851.

Beginning in 2020, Lancaster County began planning for the construction of a new Correctional Facility. In February 2022, the County acquired an 83-acre site for the new facility off Willow Street Pike behind the county park.

Warden Cheryl Steberger-Simione says the new prison will provide staff for parking, climate control and much more space for mental health treatment. **Construction is expected to start in 2025, and the new prison is due to open in 2027.**

At that time, the name of the Lancaster Country Prison will be changed to Lancaster Country Correctional Facility.

They also unanimously approved the expansion of a program aimed at helping people transition back into society. The Lancaster County Reentry Coalition serves to cultivate community engagement, which is working to ensure successful reentry opportunities exist for every reentrant returning to their communities from jail or prison.

Joyce Kamm and Linda Mamourian from St. Luke's will be participating in the LCRC reentry simulation on November 3. More details next month.

## 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

### Prayer Requests from Support for Prison Ministries

**Pray for two inmates** - who both lost a brother this month unexpectedly. Pray for each inmate as well as for the families on the outside who are grieving.

**Pray for new SFPM chaplains at LCP** - Louis Davis & Deepak Rai as they adjust to working in prison. Also pray for blessings for their families as they take on this new role of service.

**Pray for an inmate's family** - who is struggling to pay the bills during his incarceration.

**Pray for LCP & YIC Administration** - Pray for continued wisdom for administration as they make decisions on behalf of the inmates and for the good of the prison.

**Pray for an LCP staff person** - whose marriage is struggling. Pray for wisdom and an openness to counseling.

**Pray for an inmate** - who has not been able to contact her family since being arrested and is starting to lose hope

**Pray for an inmate** - whose wife has stage 2 breast cancer and is going through chemo treatments. Pray for healing and also peace for the inmate who can't be there with her right now.

**November 17 Extra Give** - has become an important part of SFPM income, please pray that people will feel led to give on-line to Support for Prison Ministries November 17 for the Extra Give Day.

## Books For Prisoners

**It's that time again!** Below are some suggested books that are very popular

and have been worn down to one or none. The prison is especially full come the colder months so it would be a tremendous gift if we can get several copies of each. Gently used are appreciated too! **Spanish editions welcomed.** Please drop donated books off in the church narthex. Money is also welcomed. If you donate money, please note "Books for Prisoners" on the memo line. Thank you!

The Amazon Wishlist can be found at: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/K6N2OXW5AFVE?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/K6N2OXW5AFVE?ref_=wl_share)

### Books Requested:

A Journey Through Grief, Loss, Hope And Recovery by Deb King  
Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul  
God's Prescription for Addiction by Nick Elliott  
The Jesus Revolution by Greg Laurie  
Healing Neen - Tonier Cain  
Save Me from Myself: How I Found God, Quit Korn, Kicked Drugs, and Lived to Tell My Story - Brian Welch  
Washed by Blood: Lessons from My Time with Korn and My Journey to Christ - Brian Welch  
The Big Hustle by Jim Walberg

Everything can be taken away from us but one thing...the last of the human freedoms...to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances...to choose one's own way. It is the spiritual freedom that makes life meaningful and purposeful.

-Victor Frankl



# Blessing of the Animals

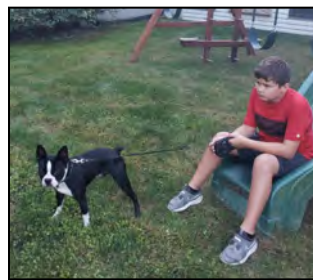
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Praise Band added appropriate music



Fr. Rick welcomed everyone



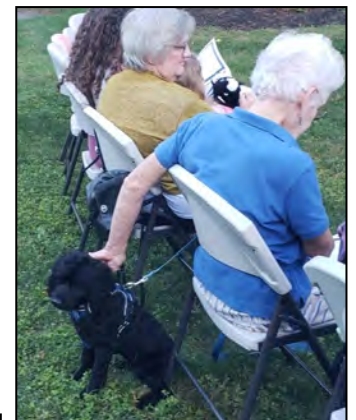
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Michelle Bentley, Harley and Amy Alton



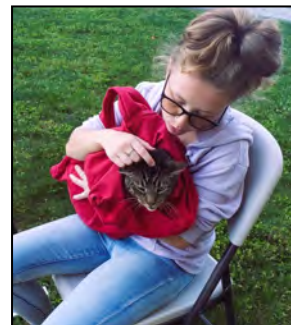
Sue Purdy, Gabby and Susan Clough. Maisy is behind them.



Maisy behind Susan



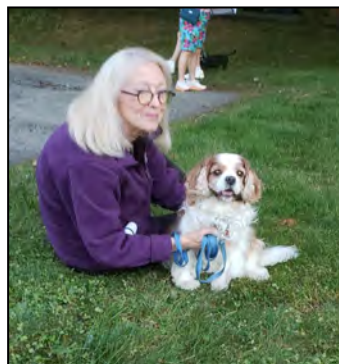
Seth Hake and Louie greet Phoebe and Dick Irons



Sarah holds Sir George Waldo Jenkins the 4th, Mac Miller's cat. Sarah pet sits.



Deb Dickinson & Marge Binner and Hans



Mary Gibson and Spencer



Dick Irons takes Phoebe to visit St. Francis



Angel stayed in the car with Liz and Buddy Yeager



Sadie and Emma look on as Fr. Rick blesses Missy, Rayelenn's cat, and Pollyanna held by Elizabeth



By Meredith Westgate

After 33 years of home deliveries for this Advent activity, we have decided to transform our beloved tradition to a more church-centered activity.

The purpose remains the same: Krist Kindling is an activity where one family (or single person, or couple) gives another family a gift anonymously during each of the three weeks prior to Christmas. The family (or single person, or couple) you give gifts to is not the same family that gives gifts to you. Throughout Advent, remember this family in prayer and rest assured that someone is praying for you.



In this photo from an early Krist Kindling, Fr. Stephen Casey with daughters Elizabeth and Emily share hot chocolate and a book from the Westgates

Instead of delivering gifts to a home, you will be bringing your gifts to the church. You can do this any day or evening, Sunday through Thursday during the week. Be sure to mark your gift clearly with the name of the recipient (but not your

name!) and place it in one of the two decorated bins outside the red doors of the church. They will be moved into the church each morning.



## Tree ornaments are great gifts

The dates for delivery are:

**November 26-30;**

### December 3-7:

**December 10-14.**

Gifts will be placed on a table in the Parish Hall on Sunday December 3, 10, and 17 during coffee hour. You will find your gift and take it home.

Gifts are not intended to be expensive or burdensome. Some gift ideas are: a jar filled with chocolates; a Christmas book, decoration, or ornament; or some hot chocolate or holiday tea and homemade cookies/treats.



## A Casey gift from the Radcliffe's

In place of our January potluck, we will have a holiday party/pot luck in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m. We'll enjoy some festive music and find out who our Krist Kindle families were. (Dinner details to follow).

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with one another in this unique activity of fun and fellowship as we celebrate together the season of advent!

TWO LIMERICKS FOR THIRD ADVENT

There once was a church called St. Ed  
where there's love and true service, it's said,  
But come Advent tide  
Krist kindle does hide  
Small gifts on your doorstep, outspread.

So here is your third Advent gift  
we've dropped it and run away swift.  
Enjoy your mint sundae  
we'll look innocent Sunday  
You won't guess us, if you get my drift ....

**Krist Kindling is a lot of fun. One year,  
Rayelenn wrote these little Limericks to  
accompany the Casey gifts**

**Please complete the form below (or one in the church bulletin) and place it in the decorated box in the Narthex by Sunday, November 12. You'll get details about your "match" within a week or so by email. Sign up today or email it to Meredith Aul at [miamessages@gmail.com](mailto:miamessages@gmail.com). Questions? Call Meredith at 717-575-2119. questions.**




Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_







## 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

## Swarr Run Heron



You never know what God's nature invites us to see! We are quite a wildlife habitat!



## "Blessing for Peace"

**Contributed by Rayelenn Casey**

As the fever of day calms towards twilight  
May all that is strained in us come to ease.  
We pray for all who suffered violence today,  
May an unexpected serenity surprise them.  
For those who risk their lives each day for peace,  
May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.  
That those who make riches from violence and war  
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.  
That we might see through our fear of each other  
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.  
That those who enjoy the privilege of peace  
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.  
That the wolf might lie down with the lamb,  
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares  
And no hurt or harm be done  
Anywhere along the holy mountain.

~ John O'Donohue

## Reunification



As promised at Diocesan Fall Convocation Meetings, a video presentation from The Reunification Discernment Committee regarding the Potential Reunification between The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem and DioCPA is now available. Click above to watch. This committee has been tasked with the important work of exploring opportunities in the areas of general operations, formation, finance,

pastoral care, stewardship, social justice ministries, staffing, and children and youth ministry, as well as the gifts, strengths, and priorities of each diocese

Click here to view the video.

[\(1\) Potential Reunification between The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem & DioCPA - 2023 - YouTube](#)



# Trivia Night

Pictures by Mary Snyder



What a great crowd of 44+ folks all vying for that coveted "Trivia Winner 2023" title!



Wanda Stoltzfus got to pick a prize from the fun "grab bag"!



Mike Horn, our Trivia host, and Mike Wickenheiser



Liz Yeager won a gift card!



Mike Horn and Bruce Lynch with another fun trivia prize



Jeanne Mosebach got some Tastykakes!



Folks were buying raffle tickets up to the last minute!!!



# Basket Raffle

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Bruce Lynch and Gail Irons



Mark Jakiel picks a winner



Beth Lynch hands a winning basket to Meredith Lord



Fr. Rick and Michelle



Another winning raffle ticket!



Bob Mosebach



Bill Deegan



Beth Lynch



Coffee hour goodies for everyone



Bruce Lynch



Joyce Kamm won the card basket



Janet Rumer won a basket!



Sue Purdy was a winner!



# 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, 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. Join us at a coffee hour, sign up to serve as a coffee hour host, participate in our craft activities, or, if you hold musical gifts, contact Randy Westgate about joining the Coffee House Band.

Join Us for  
**COFFEE HOURS**

# Advent Craft

By Beth Lynch



Please join us between services on November 12th to create advent crafts. We will be sending these to parishioners who are unable to attend in person. Also for individuals that you know would appreciate an advent gift.



# UTO Boxes

By Ellen Milligan



November ushers in a season of gratitude. United Thanks Offering (UTO) is a small but wonderful way to incorporate gratitude into our daily lives this month.

Did you know that 100% of UTO offerings are given away the following year to support innovative mission and ministry projects around the globe?

Currently, all grants awarded are within the focus of Matthew 25, welcoming the stranger.\*

To participate, just pick up a little blue box. Place it in your home next to the UTO 30 Days of Gratitude Calendar.

Then, every day from November 1-19, reflect on the day's question and place a little change in the box as an offering. On Sunday, November 19, bring your box to church for an ingathering.

Enjoy your journey of thanksgiving!

## NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Welcome to the November Gratitude Journey with UTO. Each day, you'll see a question to help you spend a moment giving thanks for something in your life. You can journal your answer, take a photo and share with us on social media, or discuss over dinner with friends/family.			1 This week, we're giving thanks for nature. Give thanks for your favorite spot in nature.	2 Give thanks today for your favorite fall fruit and/or vegetable.	3 Give thanks today for your favorite outdoor experience.	4 Today we invite you to rest & reconnect with nature by doing something kind for the earth.
5 This week, we're giving thanks for ourselves. Give thanks for the amazing person you are.	6 Give thanks today for at least one way you are creative.	7 Give thanks today for a physical activity you enjoy doing.	8 Give thanks today for something you learned recently.	9 Give thanks today for something you are proud of.	10 Give thanks today for your personality.	11 Today we invite you to rest & reconnect by doing something kind for yourself.
12 This week, we're giving thanks for community. Give thanks for the best thing in your town.	13 Give thanks today for your favorite outdoor spot in your town.	14 Give thanks today for your favorite non-profit.	15 Give thanks today for a favorite spot only the locals know.	16 Give thanks today for your favorite town tradition/event.	17 Give thanks today for your favorite place to go for fun in your town.	18 Today we invite you to rest & reconnect by doing something kind for your community.
19 This week, we're giving thanks for others. Give thanks for those who matter the most to you.	20 Give thanks today for your neighbors and neighborhood.	21 Give thanks today for your community leaders.	22 Give thanks today for your family/friends.	23 Give thanks today for those you are gathered with.	24 Give thanks today for those who work while others rest on days off.	25 Today we invite you to rest & reconnect by doing something kind for others.
26 This week, we're giving thanks for home. Give thanks for your favorite thing about home.	27 Give thanks today for something you fixed or created at home.	28 Give thanks today for your favorite outdoor spot at home.	29 Give thanks today for the most comfortable spot to relax.	30 Give thanks today for your favorite way to celebrate the holidays.	<p>What's next? We hope you'll consider adding gratitude practices to your daily routine. UTO offers more gratitude resources at <a href="http://www.unitedthankoffering.com">www.unitedthankoffering.com</a></p>	

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# Services

Picture by Mary Snyder



Fr. Rick preaches



Bob Mosebach preaches



The Gospel



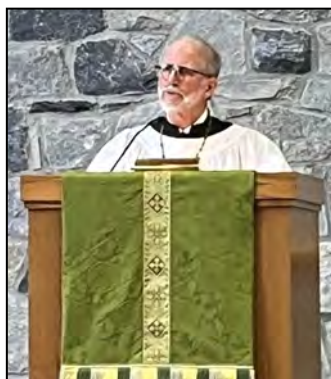
Kevin and Ellen Milligan collecting



Jeanne Mosebach



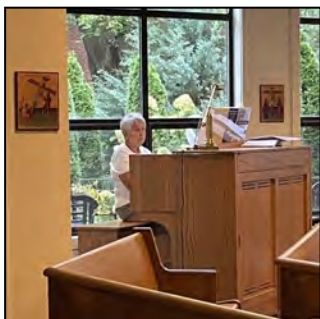
Blair Lord



Peter Weber



Deborah Fast



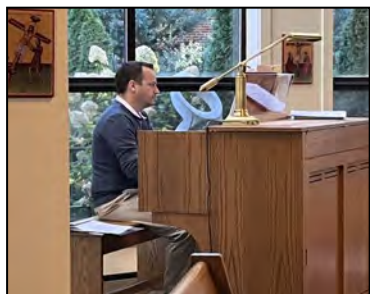
Guest Organist Donna Burkholder



The choir before they process



Michelle sells raffle tickets



Guest Organist Phil High

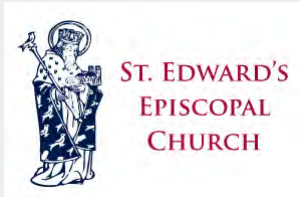


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**The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer,**  
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**Karen E. Waddill,**  
Director of Worship Music

### 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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