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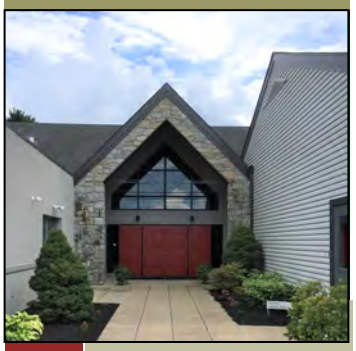

ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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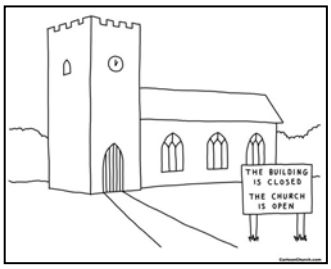
Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



> "What are the mindsets, habits, and core work that can help us find our way into God's future, and rediscover the delight of journeying with Jesus, together?"

The day after our community celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, I headed up to Danville for the first combined Clergy Conference of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem and the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Assembled by our bishops to engage a program called: "*Rekindling the gift that is in us: Navigating a Season of Change*", the deacons and priests serving in the region had been invited to get to know one another through prayer, table fellowship, and guided dialogue, as we inch closer toward a proposed reunification. Encouraged to sit with folks that we didn't know, and to explore our wonderings with prospective new colleagues, the guiding question proposed at our conference asked: "What are the mindsets, habits, and core work that can help us find our way into God's future, and rediscover the delight of journeying with Jesus, together?" Facilitating this program, the Rt. Rev. Craig Loya had joined us from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to recount his experience of holding together small churches spread out over large geographical distances as a bishop.

Speaking with humility, sincerity, and curiosity, Bishop Loya leaned courageously into a vision for the future of the Episcopal Church that is both small, and increasingly local. It's a vision that considers a "lay-led and a clergy-supported" model of ministry that largely lets go of the post-WWII conditions that led to rapid expansion for mainline churches, in order to embrace the present realities now faced by our institutions. Because, as most of us have recognized by now, there are lots of beautiful Episcopal Churches around the United States with very few people in them, buildings that cost a lot of money to maintain, worship spaces with less and less folks engaging in active ministry between the walls. Described to us as an expression of 'monoculture', Bishop Loya complimented this traditional image of the church (as a building with a full-time, professional parish priest leading a congregation) to make way for the already-emerging landscape of a more diverse ecology. Because, while there are still Episcopal Churches where traditional ministry models are able to flourish, more and more, faith communities are trying to figure out how to maintain an identity in the absence of full-time clergy and/or a building. Sure, there are still plenty of places that will run out of people before they run out of money…but the conversation at

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Reflection

our conference refreshingly entertained the possibility: that our institution might not exist for the purpose of its own survival. Instead, we explored the way that death naturally gives rise to new life in a theology balancing the relationship between Cross & Resurrection, and the essential role of cultivating (and maintaining) robust faith for God's people in the midst of destabilizing change.

With a helpfully non-anxious presence at the helm, it was interesting to observe Episcopal clergy professionals at various stages of career, and investment in the craft, express varying degrees of discomfort (and ambivalence) about the material presented to us at conference. Many pensioned priests with little 'skin in the game' were seemingly unphased by the inevitable consolidation of the institution, happy to trust that God had a plan for the new church of tomorrow. But a number of younger clergy persons, still building careers and hoping for upward mobility, strongly defended the institution and the imperative of maintaining its current structures. One outspoken colleague from Bethlehem put it to our gathering: "I like my job and I want my pension". But helpfully, in the '*both/and'* spirit of our ethos, the inter-relationship of these contrasting sentiments lent expression to a broader, and a more inclusive vision for the future our shared work. A metaphor arose from our discussions, evolving through the image of a great oak tree in a forest that seeds smaller trees around it. After all, forests do have big trees and small trees; and the seeds of large oaks often spread over great distances, some of them taking root and growing in brand new places. Thereby, considering the core work of a community that nurtures a root system, this organic language helped us to appreciate the essential role of large churches that lead the way in modeling strong and effective ministry for smaller communities, while also lifting up the unassailable significance of organic new offshoots that find expression beyond traditional forms. This inspired our clergy to embrace the mindset: that a parish could very well close its doors and sell its building…but it wouldn't cease to be a church until two or more no longer gathered in the name of our Lord. This consideration led us to the large and looming question behind the first combined gathering of our dioceses clergy. **How could we redesign the engine of the diocese to refine the institution to the end of vitality in discipleship?**

As our program continued, we were then presented with a potential framework for sharing language around how we can identify and assess leading indicators of vitality in our parishes. Because while strong attendance numbers and solid finances serve as helpful lagging indicators for assessing the health of our congregations, there may very well be preconditions that aid in facilitating positive, measurable outcomes. To this, it was proposed that healthy communities naturally arise (and grow) where people *share life together deeply,* by *apprenticing lives to Jesus* and *building community with the poor and marginalized* in a *culture of experimentation*. In light of this expressed paradigm, I found myself both analyzing and then contemplating the nature of our shared life here at St. Edward's with profound gratitude. Because, while I cannot speak to the charisms of other communities, I was able to clearly (and definitively) identify the organic becoming of our parish, shining forth in the attributes expressed to our clergy as leading indicators of vitality. Because, indeed: through heartfelt intentionality and small groups to support relationships, many of us have connections here in our church that are among the most significant in our lives. We actively strive to be with, and to become like Jesus, forming ourselves in daily spiritual habits, locating our shared stories in the larger arc of our sacred narratives. We reach out to our surrounding community and respond to need, stretching our collective understandings about 'justice' in light of our biblical witness and the good fruits of the Spirit. And we have certainly allowed ourselves ample room to play at the edges of the inside, where we faithfully innovate around spiritual formation, faith in action, and corporate worship. We are, indeed, a vital spiritual community.

Walking away from the conference, I have more questions than ever about how the structures of our diocese and the episcopacy might influence (and impact) our future work as a spiritual community. I fully assume that changes are coming as we approach an official vote on reunification at Convention in October. But I don't think that the people of St. Edward's need to feel anxious about the shifting sands around us. Because it is my sense that we're among the strongest of the oaks in the forest, and that we have significant gifts to continue to share with the changing (and the emerging) communities around us. As I look back on the gathering, it was no small thing for me to name and to claim the blessing of sharing my own spiritual journey in the strength and resolve of our parish while gathered with other clergy in Danville. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else at this time in my life, and I look forward to where the Spirit is guiding us, in Christ, as we keep exploring together.

Rick+

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.

Vestry

By Mike Freshwater

As we gathered for business during our celebration of Pentecost, on May 19th, we were guided in opening prayer and pastoral words from Father Rick: "We find ourselves navigating a full complement of pastoral, communal, and administrative work. Reminded that all we engage, flows through our attempt to faithfully mirror the love of God in Christ, we're presented with considerations this month that call for some Spirit-based discernment as a vestry unit."

After opening prayer, our agenda outlines for us an orderly flow of review from current projects to financials, ministry updates to open discussion of our individual wonderings spanning a wide variety of topics. For the month of May, we were able to assess the completion of our major capital improvement to the parking lot. What we discovered was that we need to address some reworking of the front entrance/front drive due to some level issues and flow of water. This work will be completed in June. We also approved the addition of a floodlight installation at the peak of our parish hall wing that will supplement our motion-activated door level lights and our perimeter PPL light posts.

The month of June will be very busy as we work with a variety of contractors to complete our exterior and interior work which is the result of a submitted insurance claim from this past winter to cover water damage. Once completed, we will have a freshly painted narthex; new flooring throughout the narthex, hallway, bathrooms, and Family Wall areas; new ceiling tiles in the nursery, hallway, and Family Wall area; and a freshly cleaned nursery carpet. The vestry approved some much-needed facelift work for our two bathrooms in our main building and we couldn't be more excited! We will be installing new flooring, new vanities, lighting, adding a fresh coat of paint to the walls, and restoring the stall dividers.

Each of our vestry members is connected to our ministry activities which gives us a broad perspective on what is happening from adult spiritual formation to the finance committee, Faith-in-Action to pastoral care, serving the altar to stewarding our campus grounds and building. We are blessed to have a true working vestry who not only cares, deeply, for our spiritual home and its people, but who have diverse and insightful perspectives, and solutions, to the many challenges we encounter throughout the year. It may be hard to imagine that a vestry meeting can be serious and fun, but the bonds of relationship make it so.

As we look forward to our summer worship and the improvement of our campus, we also look to spread the Good News by supporting our Hempfield Area Food Pantry, the Rahim Family, and by participating in the Lancaster Pride event on June 15th. As Father Rick reminded us at the close of our meeting: *"As we focus on the virtues that undergird our shared life, I trust that we'll do everything that we can to walk in love, with God's help."*

Saturday June 15th

Pridefest 2024: St. Edward's is participating in this community event at the Convention Center/Downtown on Saturday June 15th. We need 10 volunteers (2 per shift) to take 90-minute shifts for this afternoon event. Shifts available: set-up (this is a morning opportunity); event hours 12 PM – 7:00 PM (5 shifts); the last shift is one hour + breakdown. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Military News

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

★Richard Mutari

Please advise Michelle Bentley in the Parish office or HJ Miller@ Outlook.com if these names should remain on our list:

★Justin Carnahan
★Brandon Fox
★Gordon Frankenfield
★Matt Fuhrman
★Jack Hawk
★Benjamin Jenkins
★Drew Johnson
★William Justice
★Anthony Koser
★Alex Kube
★John Lewis
★David Peck
★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
★Mike Spurr
★David Sternberg
★Clayton Tennies
★Connor Tennies
★Allison Tomich
★Evan Westgate
★Seamas Whitesel
★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel

Indy Honor Flight

By Beth Lynch

Dad (Jim Doyle) (a cousin of Beth Lynch's father) had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Washington DC with Indy Honor Flight, an organization that takes Veterans to tour the war memorials and then gives a rousing homecoming with family and friends. Eighty-six veterans traveled this trip, each with an assigned 'guardian' and other support staff. Two of those, including Dad, served during WWII. (He was also honored as the oldest veteran on this trip). The rest were from the Korea and Vietnam wars. Thousands of veterans have had this experience over 42 trips from Indy alone. Other cities have similar programs. All the people who put this on are volunteers. Looks like they had an amazing time!

Evening Prayer

Sunday Evening Prayer, at 7:00 PM:

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

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

drutledge1225@gmail.com

Sunday Evening Prayer@ 7:00pm
Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072

Passcode: SunEP

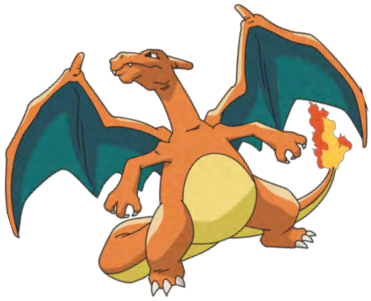
Pokémon

June 5 End of Year Party

Check with Beth Lynch to see what you can contribute for the party.

Intensely interesting activity

Ricky teaching his father how to play



Fr. Rick learning how to battle in Pokémon

Bishop Scanlan's Friday Video Message

Bishop Scanlan's weekly videos are available each Friday on YouTube.

These short, informal videos are informative and very interesting. She does them from a variety of places and she often includes guests. Topics are far ranging but always of interest to fellow Episcopalians.

Watch at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_owE-ceRlqA

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Kid's Corner

Sadie and Emma

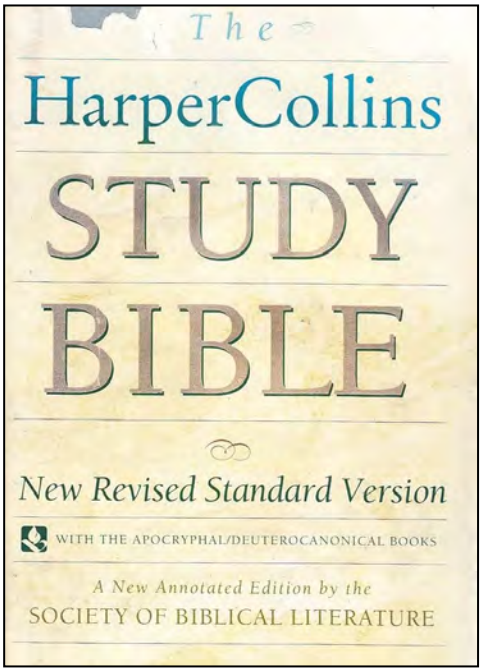
Ice Cream truck fun!!

Graduations

Please send your favorite pictures of this year's graduates to HJ_Miller@outlook.com

PUZZLE
FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL
Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?
Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words. Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.
Coordinates
T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6
F A T H E R
1 Father them the believe that who
2 have will if heart to live
3 perish whoever everyone shall shall give
4 God eternal send into Him believes
5 in come him Son rest with
6 looks and forever Where life hope
"For my Father's will is that _____ _____ _____

Join The Challenge!



OUR NEW YEAR BIBLE CHALLENGE: We are well into the "Challenge" now!! If you have not purchased your Bible, yet, please look for the ***NRSV Harper Collins Study Bible.*** We invite EVERYONE in our spiritual home to share in, and learn from, Father Rick's passion for sacred texts by engaging for 30 minutes per day in reading through the Bible, from cover-to-cover, from Genesis through Revelation, throughout 2024. ***We are excited for this journey*** as we encounter life-changing opportunities to discover so much about historical settings and original sources that influenced and shaped these texts. We will offer two intentional spaces each week, via Zoom, for conversation so you can keep current with weekly discussions and offer your questions. Let's engage in our discovery, in community. Father Rick and Bob Mosebach will guide us, ***"With the Spirit's help"*** as we uncover new possibilities for what the Living Word has to say to us in the here and now. We hope you will join us! ***Schedules are available in the narthex.***

Straight Through the Bible Reading Plan June 2024

1-Jun	Job 36:1-39:12
2-Jun	Job 39:13-42:9
3-Jun	Job 42:10-17; Psalms 1:1-5:7
4-Jun	Psalms 5:8-8:9
5-Jun	Psalms 9-10
6-Jun	Psalms 11:1-17:5
7-Jun	Psalms 17:6-18:36
8-Jun	Psalms 18:37-21:13
9-Jun	Psalms 22:1-24:6
10-Jun	Psalms 24:7-27:6
11-Jun	Psalms 27:7-31:5
12-Jun	Psalms 31:6-33:5
13-Jun	Psalms 33:6-35:21
14-Jun	Psalms 35:22-37:26
15-Jun	Psalms 37:27-39:13
16-Jun	Psalms 40-42
17-Jun	Psalms 43:1-45:12
18-Jun	Psalms 45:13-48:14
19-Jun	Psalms 49:1-51:9
20-Jun	Psalms 51:10-54:7
21-Jun	Psalms 55:1-57:3
22-Jun	Psalms 57:4-60:12
23-Jun	Psalms 61-64
24-Jun	Psalms 65:1-68:4
25-Jun	Psalms 68:5-69:4
26-Jun	Psalms 69:5-71:16
27-Jun	Psalms 71:17-73:20
28-Jun	Psalms 73:21-76:7
29-Jun	Psalms 76:8-78:24
30-Jun	Psalms 78:25-72
1-Jul	Psalms 79-82
2-Jul	Psalms 83-86
3-Jul	Psalms 87:1-89:37
4-Jul	Psalms 89:38-91:13
5-Jul	Psalms 91:14-94:16
6-Jul	Psalms 94:17-98:3

Coffee Hour

Pictures by Mary Snyder , Beth Lynch and Meredith Aul

Mike Freshwater channels Willie Nelson

Seth and Beth Hake

The coffee house band on Pentecost Sunday

One of the foundations of our weekly fellowship is our Sunday coffee hour. From 9 AM to 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,

Time for fellowship

Ripples of Kindness

Thank you to St Edward's beautiful community. Since Phil's first stroke in January and his second one in April, you have lifted us up. We appreciate and feel every prayer, message, card, offer of help, the soothing prayer shawl, and the love and concern you have surrounded us in during this challenging time. It truly is faith and community in action. May God bless each of you. Remember to tell those you love that you love them. Tomorrow isn't promised and we all need to spread that love around every day.
-Phil and Sue Purdy

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

—Sally Koch

Needle Arts

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.

From Beth Lynch

Joyce arrived today for dinner in her new shirt not knowing I also had a new shirt. What a laugh we had!

When we play games, Irene always says she can't see the cards. Beth Lynch found some cards Irene can see!!

Taizé Worship

Saint Luke Episcopal
209 South Market St.
Mount Joy, PA. The first Saturday of every month @ 5pm.

Interested in experiencing meditative worship with candlelight, chanting with live musicians (harp, piano, flute), scripture and a short period of silence? Join us as Br. David Rutledge or The Rev. Martha Harris lead worship.

Saturday Eve Mass

St. James Episcopal Church Lancaster
Saturday Night Mass
June 8 @ 5:00 PM

Featuring the Music of Neil Young

Presented once a month, these masses offer something new and surprising to inspire and challenge you in your faith journey. A broad array of live music features favorite artists from the past, contemporary artists and contemplative themes while being integrated into traditional Episcopal liturgy.

SAINT PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
340 Locust Street
Columbia, PA 17512

Rev. Martha Harris conducts a Saturday evening eucharist at 5 PM one Saturday each month. Dates for upcoming Saturday evening services are:

- June 22,
- July 20
- August 17
- September 21

Lunch with the Chosen

Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord

May's viewing of *The Chosen* closed out season 2 with the final episode, "Beyond Mountains," which offered a glimpse of the Sermon on the Mount. In the episode, Jesus prepares his "manifesto" to the world, and for the world, with the combined efforts of his followers. The episode captures the prospect of this momentous event—well, certainly the lead-up is momentous! While the episode doesn't portray the sermon directly, it proposes that Jesus's relationships with his followers become reflected in the Beatitudes, and the disciples invite the crowds to hear his message. The show raises questions about how we imagine such events from Scripture in the context of historical accuracy and modern expectations. Not only this, but, SPOILERS, we meet Judas Iscariot. A bit of a jaw-dropper for those of us seeing the episode for the first time.

Fortunately, on **Sunday, June 2nd,** we will have the opportunity to follow up on the actual Sermon and the aftermath with the first episode of Season 3, "Homecoming." Then Lunch with The Chosen will go on break until **Sunday, October 6th**. We're excited to see you one more time before summer vacation in the parish hall after the 10am service. Please bring a bagged lunch. Dessert will be provided!

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

- new.thechosen.tv
- 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.

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

Saturday Women's Group: We meet the first Saturday, each month, from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, in our lounge area. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another a bit better through Morning Prayer, reflection, and refreshment.

The next gathering will be in the Fall. Stay tuned for the date.

Perhaps you would like to lead a conversation segment one month? Maybe you have an idea for future gatherings? Bring your wonderings, and ease into 90 minutes of prayerful time that is engaging and restorative.

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.

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

Sue and Tony Bianco

Pictures by Mac Miller
Sue is an amazingly gifted and prolific quilter. Tony is a master gardener.

This quilt has pictures of Sue and Tony's family. Sue has made a quilt for each child, grandchild and great grandchild pictured, and some that weren't in these pictures

Each quilt is signed and dated

Sue loves to do the needle turn applique technique that she uses to create her quilts.

Living room quilt

Sue uses a hoop to do the quilting

Butterfly quilt

Barb O'Brien and Irene Achey help display a quilt

This is Sue's current project.

Tony in his garden

Sue and Tony hold a picture of Tony's mother and father's wedding picture

The wedding picture taken in Brooklyn

Kitchen Quilt

Tony's potato patch

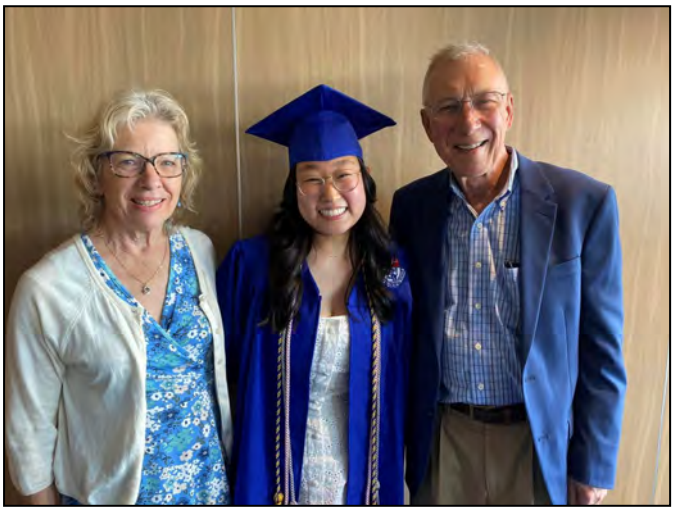
Tomatoes

Strawberries

Lettuce

Bedroom Quit

Rosie Westgate



Meredith, Rosie and Randy Westgate

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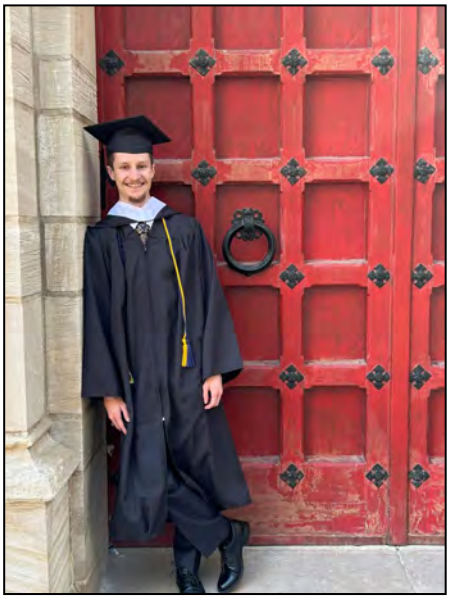
Ethan Kline

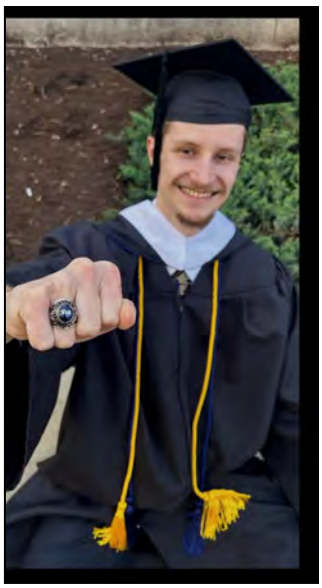
Ethan with his parents

University of Pittsburgh

Pitt



Ethan graduated Summa Cum Laude!



HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for the 246 pounds of food items contributed to the pantry in April.

Stats for the month of April :
535 children, 932 adults, 388 seniors for a total of 1,855 people served in April.

51 volunteers gave 619 hours

Current items requested:

- Cereal
- Large spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti sticks
- Mac/cheese
- Peanut butter
- Canned kidney beans
- Canned tuna

The mission of the Hempfield Area Food Pantry is to show the underserved the gracious love of God by feeding the body, mind and soul of it's clients with dignity!

The pantry is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

The FIA group will meet Sunday June 2nd at 9 AM. Anyone interested in the various activities this group sponsors is welcome to attend.

Blessing of the Backpacks Coming August 2024

Community Aid News

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	Electronics
Shoes	Toys
Accessories	Household Goods

Rahim Household

We are accepting donations on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Our next collection due date is Sunday, June 16th. Donations needed are:

2 Large Laundry Detergent (Tide)

1 Large Fabric Softener

Bar Soap

Dish Soap

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

(adult & child)

Toilet Paper

Paper Towel

All-purpose house cleaner

Microfiber cleaning cloths

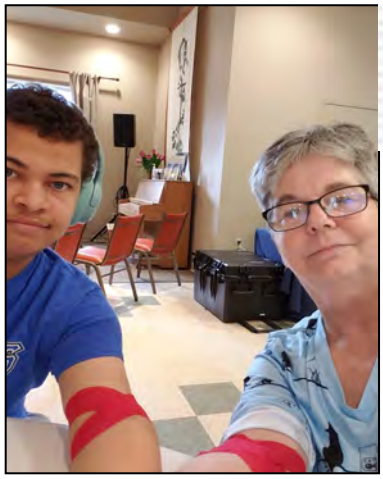
Need for Space

We have begun to look for a house that could fit the Rahim family comfortably or at least not as tightly packed as they are currently. With 3 adult children about to arrive in the United States we are hoping that someone that has any knowledge of a property that could house such a large family would come forth and talk to either Randy Westgate or Beth Lynch.

Faith In Action Blood Drive

Pictures by Meredith Aul , Beth Lynch and Rayelenn Casey

James and Beth Lynch



James and Beth survived with smiles

Gail Irons

Dottie Gschwend was a volunteer and a donor

We had 20 eligible donors. That is enough to help 60 patients. Thanks to Ellen Milligan, Bill Deegan and Dottie Gschwend for volunteering to help and to Meredith Aul for organizing this year's drive.

Meredith Aul's badge of honor

Rayelenn, Emma, and Sadie

From Rayelenn's Facebook:

Took the Two Little Corkers to the blood drive at my church. They were curious and attentive and calm throughout. They asked good questions ("Will it hurt you?" and "When you're done donating will you still be alive?") and assured on both scores, watched with eagerness. It was clear they basically understood the process (proved by my eavesdropping on their game later — helping their bears sign forms and answer questions ("Bearald, did you go on a airplane to England with Granny?") and then submit to a four-year-old phlebotomist's expert ministrations.

Sadie, when asked "what did you learn today?" just glowed with new knowledge: "Granny Granny Granny — your blood isn't red. It's PURPLE."

They asked why all of us would just give away our blood like that, which gave us a chance to talk a lot about Granny's favourite word: Lovingkindness

Rayelenn and the hat each donor received

Books For Prisoners

If you are planning to donate, see the list of suggested books below. Please drop donated books off in the church narthex. Money is also welcomed. If you donate money, please note “Books for Prisoners "The book list can be found on top the bookcase in the narthex or you can purchase through the Amazon Wishlist at:

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

Books Requested:

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

Prayer Opportunities Within St. Ed’s

Prayers for incarcerated family or friends of our parishioners:

Joey (nephew of parishioner)
Jeremy (friend of parishioner)
Saskita (niece of parishioner)

Prayers for:

Father Rick, Chaplain & Music Ministry at Lancaster Country Prison
Randy Westgate, Music Ministry and Leader of Celebrate Recovery at LCP.

Widow’s Group

Mary Gibson, Ethel Lawrence, Susan Murray, Linda Jones, Mary Kathryn Bradley, Peggy Hanzelman, Mary Snyder, Ruth Yovanovich

Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at the church. Next meeting Thursday, June 6th All widows are invited. Come to a place where sharing is caring.

For more information contact:
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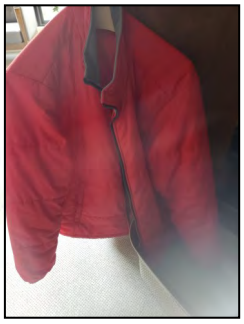
Did You Forget Something?



Items can be found in the coat closet or above the puzzles.

Mike Freshwater

Excerpt from a May 8th article in LNP

Mike is one of the many retirees who educate visitors from all over the world about the Amish way of life at the Amish Farm and House.

Mike Freshwater, 72, of East Hempfield Township, enjoyed a long career in industrial sales of construction pipe for stormwater management. Freshwater says he got bored a month into retirement.

Freshwater has had everyone from a YouTube blogger to the leader of the Muslim World League on his bus. He says he used to keep a spreadsheet to track the different countries represented by guests on his tour bus, but he lost it at 108.

Guides who give bus tours, like Gerber and Freshwater, must be a little more flexible based on weather and what they may encounter along the way.

Spotting a farmer in the field, for example, might prompt a discussion about why the Amish don't use tractors, Freshwater says. He also draws on his experience in stormwater management to share how the Amish are trying to use best management practices like no-till farming to improve the creeks and streams leading to the Chesapeake Bay.

Ever the salesman, he likes to tailor his bus rides to his audience, which sometimes leads to pleasant surprises– like the time he stepped off the bus briefly and returned to discover that his 14 passengers (all strangers to one another) had decided they wanted to get black raspberries.

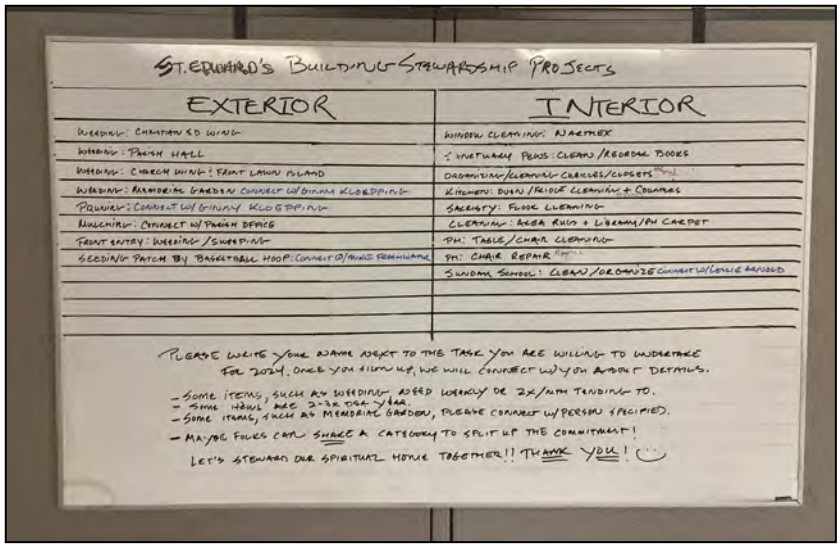
Just when the search seemed fruitless, they happened upon a farm stand where a young girl told them she had sold out of berries but there were more at her farmhouse, and they were welcome to stop there. The house wasn't on the tour, but Freshwater drove there nonetheless, and the girl's slightly surprised brother invited the whole group inside.

"I had 14 very happy passengers on my bus that day who had a story to tell," he says.

The goal is always to educate and entertain, the guides say. Clearly, they are also having some fun themselves.

Spring Cleaning

We have had amazing participation in the stewarding of our campus – both inside and out. To everyone who has volunteered, to date, we thank you! From carpet cleaning, to pew cleaning and reorganizing, kitchen cleaning, and window cleaning, we are making great strides in keeping our home beautiful. We will be keeping the list active, for to keep our home beautiful, our care is ongoing and people can sign up for revisiting these items in September. Our outdoor gardens and landscaped areas – from Swarr Run to Harrisburg Pike are always in need of weeding, pruning, and mulching. Please check with Ginny Kloepping or the parish office.



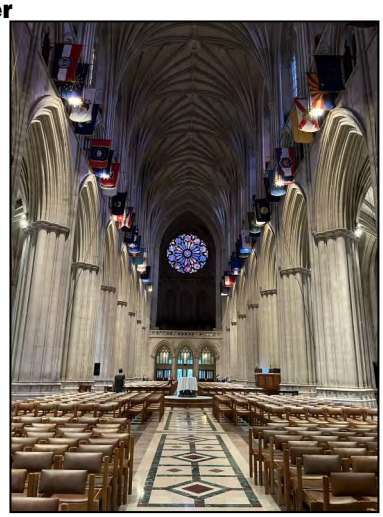
Sign Up Board

Sign up sheet in the narthex

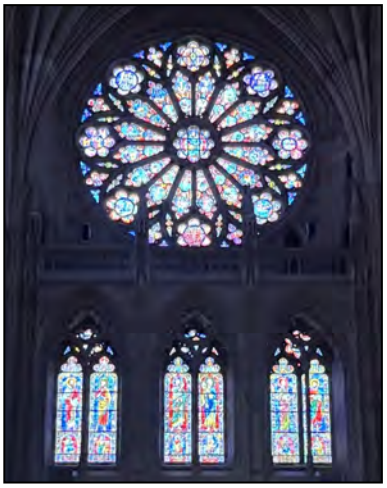
Washington National Cathedral

Pictures by Mary Snyder

On Saturday May 18th Mary Snyder went with a group from St. Paul's Manheim to visit the Washington National Cathedral. The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, says it strives to serve God and our neighbors as agents of reconciliation, a trusted voice of moral leadership and a sacred space where the country gathers during moments of national significance.



The largest Cathedral in the world

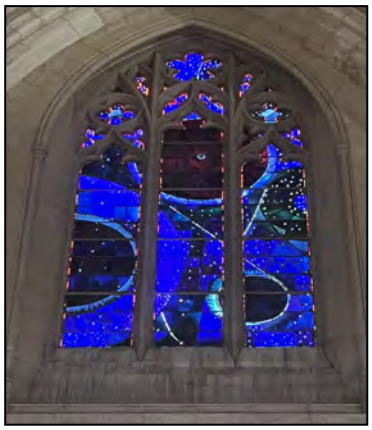


The stained glass windows are magnificent

For the full effect watch A time lapse video of sunlight moving through the stained glass windows: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sYpGQGjDoI

Looking northeast at the Canterbury Pulpit at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Resurrection Chapel The half-domed ceiling above the altar features a mosaic that portrays the Resurrection,.



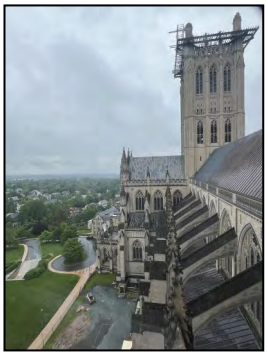
The Washington National Cathedral has 215 stained glass windows but by far the most unusual is the Space Window which features a 3.6 billion year-old rock brought back from the moon by Apollo 11 astronauts.

The Space Window was inspired by photographs taken during the Apollo 11 mission and created by artist Rodney Winfield. The window was funded by NASA administrator Thomas O. Paine. The Space Window includes blue and red circles set among a background of stars. The thin joining the large upper red circle to the lower blue circle represents the trajectory of a spaceship.

Near the center of the large red circle is a small white circle. Within the smaller circle is a basalt rock that was brought back from the moon. The rock contains the mineral pyroxferroite which was first discovered in 1969 in lunar rock samples.

St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel on the crypt level of the Washington National

The High Altar is the culmination of the Cathedral's creation narrative, pointing toward the redemption of the world through the triumphant Christ.



Church officials said the earthquake caused some $34 million in damage and after 10 years, about $15 million in repairs have been made. Repairs are still underway, though, and could take another decade to complete .

Piece of the Appian Way

Stone from Mount Sinai

Crypt crucifix

Anglican Chaplains

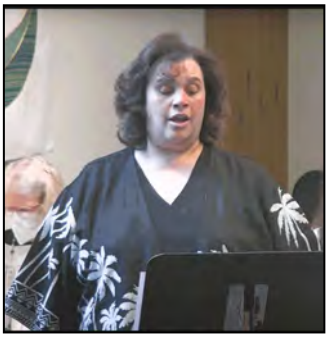
Services in May

Pictures by Mary Snyder

Wanda Stoltzfus

Fr. Rick preaches

Blair Lord

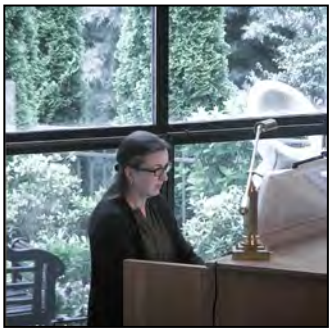


Amy Yovanovich solo

Nancy Mannion LEM

Fred Cluck, Nancy Mannion (EM), Donna Esbenshade

Buddy Yeager



Karen Waddill

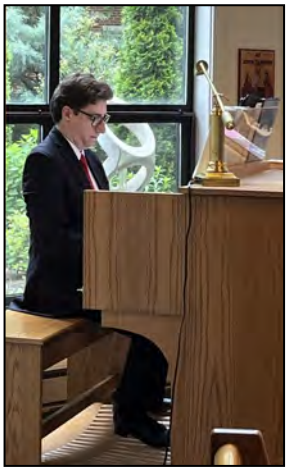
Jeanne Mosebach

Lots of red

Choir

Fr. Rick's sermon

Antique crucifix donated by Liz Yeager



Jonathan Jones played an awesome postlude

Peter Weber

Bob Mosebach

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Michelle Bentley, Parish Administrative Assistant

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry
(year term ends)

- **Mike Freshwater(2027) Vestry Clerk**
- **Richard Irons (2025)**
- **Ethel Lawrence (2027)**
- **Blair Lord (2026) Vestry Clerk**
- **Beth Lynch (2025) Senior Warden**
- **Jay Miller (2026) Junior Warden**
- **Bob Mosebach (2026)**
- **Mary Snyder (2025)**
- **Kathy Spencer (2027)**

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