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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter



## Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



**“No matter where you go, there you are”.**  
Near the Syria border while standing in awe of 12,000 years of human religious history at Gobekli Tepe.

The day after Easter, my friend Melissa and I hopped a plane to Istanbul for a ten-day exploration of Christian history, Islamic mysticism, and the birth of neolithic religious observance. Renting a car, we set out to travel more than 2,000 miles across Turkey, from the northwestern capital along the Black Sea, all the way to the southeastern corner of the country's border with Syria. With stays in eight hotels, we managed to spend time in the ancient confines of Constantinople while visiting museums and mosques, cruising down the Bosphorus that bridges Europe with Asia, sharing in the worship of whirling dervishes, and exploring the streets and bazaars of Istanbul on foot. We

headed southward toward Ephesus and took in the ancient Roman city where the Apostle Paul wrote letters, visiting the fabled House of Mary (where legend reports Jesus's mother lived out the final years of her earthly pilgrimage), and we stayed overnight next to the fallen ruins of St. John's Basilica, where the mortal remains of the 'beloved disciple' rest beneath a marble slab.

We then began a journey into the East, visiting the ancient city of Hierapolis where the apostle Philip was martyred, Cleopatra famously bathed, and the snow-white travertine pools of Pamukkale still beckon modern travelers. With the road ahead deeper into the Middle East, we

made a pilgrimage to the tomb of Mevlana (Rumi, the renown poet and founder of the Sufi order of whirling dervishes). There, in the Islamic center of Konya, we shared in the celebration of pilgrims ending their fasts for the holy month of Ramadan. After visiting the 9,500-year-old archaeological site of Catalhoyuk, we continued East to the birthplace of early Christian monasticism in Cappadocia. In cave churches dating back to the third-century, I embraced the chance to worship and pray where St. Basil once held services, and I even mustered up the courage to float in the open air, a kilometer high, over the Cappadocian landscape in a hot-air balloon.

This is the point at which most of Turkey's tourists head back toward Istanbul. But I had committed Melissa and I to maintain our course southward, and eastward. A full day of driving brought us along one of the most breathtaking landscapes that I had ever seen, the Kurd Mountains separating Turkey and Syria. Stopping in the city of Gaziantep, we took in one of the world's premier mosaic museums and recognized that we were the only westerners to be found. At this point, our GPS and phone service became unreliable, but we got back in our car and journeyed on toward Sanliurfa. This was to be our final des-

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# Reflection

tionation, the farthest from our point of origin in the itinerary that I had meticulously crafted. No matter what, I had wanted to get us to this city, to visit *Gobekli Tepe*.

Now, it's well worth asking why I would feel compelled to drive to the Syrian border to see sculpted, organized rocks with some animal carvings on them. But this is a place like no other. Back in 1995, archaeologists started to uncover Stonehenge-like temples that had been buried in southeastern Turkey. As the structures were unearthed, scientists were baffled by the dating of the ruins that pointed toward 10,000 B.C.E. Nowhere on earth had a neolithic complex like Gobekli Tepe ever been discovered, dating back some 12,000 years. After all, the pyramids at Giza were only 4,500 years old, Stonehenge maybe a thousand years older than that. But this site was challenging everything that we thought we knew about our past, about the development of human civilization and worship. Because the running theory had always been that agriculture developed some six-thousand years ago, helping to plant our hunter-gatherer ancestors in places where early societies developed, giving way to early forms of organized cultic practices, organized religions. But the find at Gobekli Tepe not only doubled the length of historical evidence of neolithic settlement, but it also inverted the assumption that agriculture gave way to religion. Because the site may suggest that it was the other way around. Perhaps our hunter-gatherer ancestors first settled down around worship complexes, and agriculture developed out of people's desire to stay close to their sacred structures. In any event, Gobekli Tepe was a must-see for me, and it did not disappoint. But by the time Melissa and I had finished up at the site, we were more than ready to head back to Turkey's capital for a final day of rest along the shores of the Black Sea. Our adventure was complete.

This was my twenty-first trip overseas and it may have been the most transformative journey that I've ever taken. From Peru to Cambodia, Iceland to India, Egypt to Central Pennsylvania, I've seen and experienced many different kinds of people in many different kinds of places. But something about the experience of Turkey at this stage of my life brought concepts that I had understood in my head...down into my spiritual heart. There's an old cliché that says: "No matter where you go, there you are". It refers to the concept that we can never take a vacation from ourselves, that we're bound to who we are (and how we are) wherever we go. When we're close to home in familiar surroundings, we tend not to make very much of this idea. And when we're in a travel group on a bus, we can go to distant and exotic places without having to adapt a great deal. But traveling by car across the Middle East as an American inevitably forces a person to account, very carefully, for who we are and how we act.

As guests in a Muslim nation, Melissa and I did our utmost to show our authentic respect for the religion and culture of our gracious hosts. And in return, we were treated with respect and taken care of. Driving across the Middle East with a set of tasbeeh (Muslim prayer beads) hanging from our rearview mirror, our outward conveyance of spirituality and humility may have even saved us in a compromised moment of credible threat. Because: we got lost in a densely populated enclave along the Syrian border where our GPS wouldn't respond. We ended up trapped in an alley between two tractors, surrounded by folks on their way to evening prayer. Lone westerners, stuck like sitting ducks in a place crying out for justice against the slaughter of Muslims in the region, we could have been scapegoats for aggression, accepting that our vicarious participation in geo-political strife as Americans made us reasonable targets. But in the chaos of our moment, I looked at Melissa

and knew: "This is just something unfamiliar and new. We're going to be alright." And while my knees were shaking beneath the steering wheel, we navigated our anxieties as we watched our circumstances unfold. A middle-aged man approached our car, and though annoyed by our journey down a street neither intended for cars nor tourists, he began to coordinate with the pedestrians and the tractor drivers to get us 'unstuck'. The man used his cell phone through Google Translator to tell me: "you are now in a very different place, and you need to be very careful. I will direct you to the main road...do you understand me." Placing my hand over my heart to convey thanks, we moved backward and forward for thirty minutes in a dance with tractors, eventually making our way out.

We recognized that things could have gone differently for us that evening. But we trusted that the love of God we shared with the Muslim hosts surrounding us was clothing us in safety and in peace. And by simply being able to roll down the window and say: "Salaam, Habibi" (Peace, Brother), I believe that we were able to invoke the protective presence of prayerful goodwill that sustains all lovers of the Holy throughout the world. Letting others know that we come in peace can diffuse a great many tensions wherever we find our ourselves. In the end, Melissa and I took our truest selves where we went as we travelled together, and we found what we were looking for...God's presence in all things and in all people. It was quite a trip!!! (Thank you ALL for your prayer support...it mattered more than you know!!!)

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.**



# Trip to Turkey and Beyond



Melissa and I inside of the great Constantinople cathedral built by Emperor Justinian in the 5th Century (now a Mosque) *Hagia Sophia*.



On pilgrimage, outside of Ephesus, at the tomb of the Apostle John.



The entry-way mosaic at Hagia Sophia: depicting the mother of our Lord with an infant Jesus, flanked by the founder of Constantinople (Emperor Constantine) and the great architect of the Eastern Holy Roman Empire (Justinian).

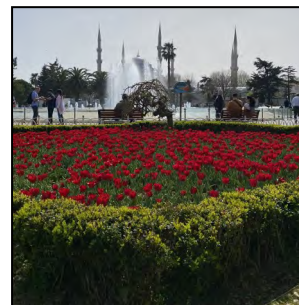


The fabled "House of Mary" where Christian tradition venerates the post-crucifixion home of our Lord's mother. (As the story goes: John brought Mary here to Ephesus, where they both lived out the remainder of their lives.)



My wooden cross makes another journey....nestled in Muslim prayer beads (tasbih) outside of Mevlana's Tomb in Konya.

Celebrating the birth of Mystical Islam at Konya with a trip to Mevlana's Tomb (Rumi), the spiritual father of the Sufi movement and the whirling dervishes.



Tulips in bloom outside of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul



The famed "Gypsy Girl" mosaic from the Zeugma Museum in Gazientep.



# Trip to Turkey and Beyond

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Atop the ancient Roman city Hierapolis at the martyrdom site and tomb of the Apostle Philip.



High above Cappadocia in a hot-air balloon.



A tranquil evening on the southern edge of the Black Sea, as Ukraine's war with Russia rages along its northern shore.



The famed Library of Celsus at Ephesus.



Inside of St. Basil's third century cave church in the Cappadocian wilderness where early Christian monasticism came to life.



A Cappadocian "fairy chimney".



Melissa and I in Cappadocia.



By Beth Lynch



The Vestry met on April 21st and selected Beth Lynch as the senior warden, Jay Miller as the junior warden and both Mike Freshwater and Blair Lord as the Vestry clerks.

Saint Edward's membership has increased over the last 4 years. Saint Edward's has chosen not to leverage significant resources toward youth ministry right now, but has instead focused on attracting the newly retired who are looking for community and purpose. However, the youth program is still intact. We have Christian formation on Sundays, led by Leslie Arnold and Dottie Gschwend. We offer programs such as Trunk or Treat for our community youth and the Pokémon League that meets on Wednesdays throughout the year to attract youth who have a shared interest in Pokémon, and in spending time with friends in a space where they feel welcome and safe. The program has expanded in organic ways to include crafts

and games which has increased the interest of a wide community of youth. Off campus outings also occurred during the year, such as trips to Hershey Park, bowling lanes, miniature golf courses, and small picnics. The youth are welcome and have joined the Faith In Action group in the Race Against Racism and also the Feed My Starving children activities.

The fiscal aspects of Saint Edward's is strong. After the first quarter, the budget is not in a deficit, as projected by the financial committee, but has achieved a solid financial footing leading into our second quarter.

Watch for many different projects around the campus. First and most important is the improvement of the parking lot. You will see items such as new and expanded handicap parking spots, refreshed lines as well as improvements to the landscaped island spaces. A new shed will be placed at the end of the parking lot to store many of the items that are currently in the cubicle areas. Besides the parking lot please be aware that the church will be repairing the roof from the winter storm that caused water damage in the narthex. Items that will be renewed include: New ceiling tiles in the nursery and hallway, new flooring in the narthex, new ceiling/fresh paint in western portion of the narthex, and painting and refurbishing of the bathrooms are expected to be completed in the near future.

To continue our fiscal responsibility with the budget, we are creating a very "doable" short list of interior and exterior tasks that our parishioners can do (in concert with our outside contractors for cleaning and landscaping), so we can stay on

top of "stewarding of our campus." Therefore, be aware that we will be calling upon our parishioners to help us with many small items that can be done on our own, such as cleaning of the pews, sorting through cabinets and cupboards, painting of walls in the parish hall, etc. We also invite our parishioners, who are able, to help us with the grounds, such as weeding, laying mulch, helping us with other items such as planting. So, please be aware that a sign-up board is in place in the library area for all who are able to contribute their help. Just sign up next to something that is of interest to you and we will provide any tools, supplies, and answer any questions you may have.



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



# Graduations



From preschool through graduate degrees, please send pictures of your family's graduations to HJ\_Miller@outlook.com for the June Scepter.

# Our Red Bud Tree

Pictures by Sally Lederer



"Walk lightly in the spring; Mother Earth is pregnant."  
—Native American proverb

# Pokémon



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**St. Edward's Episcopal Church hosts a Pokémon Club on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Activities include: card battles, trading, crafts, games, giveaways, and much more.**

The Spring Dates will be from April 17<sup>th</sup> through June 5th.

April 17 – Learn to Battle and Pokemon Sunbeans

April 24 – Pokémon Bingo and Paper Lanterns

May 1 – Pokémon Memory and Coloring Contest

May 8 – Pokemon Battle and Pokemon frames

May 15 – Pokemon Outdoor play

May 22 – Pokemon Uno and Labrinyth and Sewing projects

May 29 – Pokemon Battles and Snow Globes

June 5 – End of Year Party

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



# Lent Madness Winner



Congratulations to 2024 Golden Halo winner Julian of Norwich! In the final battle of Lent Madness XV, Julian defeated Albert Schweitzer to take this year's crown. Both of these last remaining saints, one modern and one ancient, captured the imagination of the Lent Madness voting public, but only one can wear the golden headgear. And that is Julian of Norwich, 14th century English writer and mystic.

Julian joins previous Golden Halo winners George Herbert (2010), C.S. Lewis (2011), Mary Magdalene (2012), Frances Perkins (2013), Charles Wesley (2014), Francis of Assisi (2015), Dietrich Bonhoeffer (2016), Florence Nightingale (2017), Anna Alexander (2018), Martha of Bethany (2019), Harriet Tubman (2020), Absalom Jones (2021), José Hernández (2022), and Jonathan Daniels (2023).

2024 GOLDEN HALO WINNER

Would you like to nominate a saint for Lent Madness 2025? Tim and Scott will be opening up the week-long nomination process (aka Nominatontide) in the coming weeks. While many are called, only 32 are chosen. Stay tuned for details!







Fr. Rick helps Meg Zapata's granddaughter Gia place the stepping stone that Meg made.



Never too old for an Easter basket Joel Kline and girlfriend

## a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

**What you need:**

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



**What you do:**

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about 1/2-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



# PUZZLE

## UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment. How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong. Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

- flower, stem, bee, leaf
- pink, red, yellow, blue
- mother, sister, brother, aunt
- purple, dress, skirt, blouse
- necklace, ring, bracelet, braid
- diamond, emerald, heart, ruby
- orange, cherry, potato, kiwi
- my, our, she, your
- faith, family, love, hope
- sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature
- cookie, cake, pie, sandwich
- silver, white, gold, bronze

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"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a g\_\_\_\_\_ and qu\_\_\_\_p\_\_\_\_, which is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

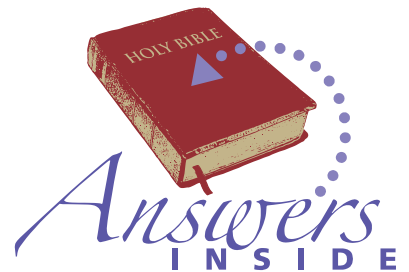
Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, bracelet, heart, emerald, cherry, kiwi, our, she, your, family, love, hope, sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature, sandwich, white, gold, bronze



## Bible Quiz

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

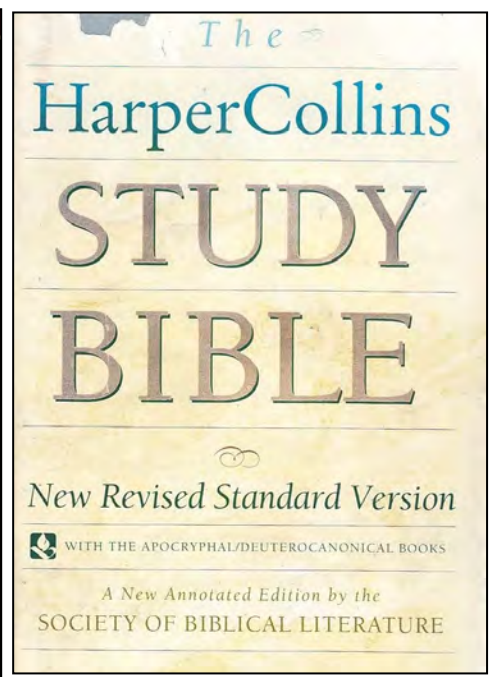
- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates



Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14.)



# Join The Challenge!



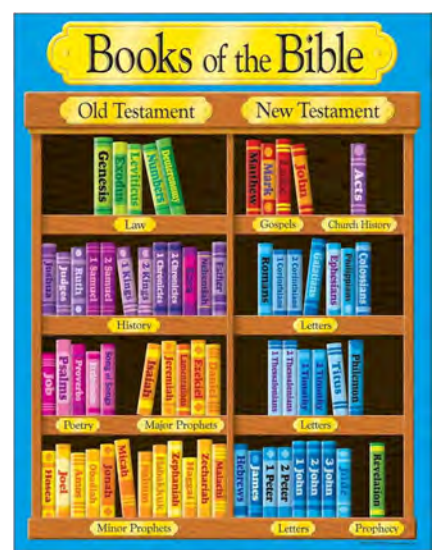
**OUR NEW YEAR BIBLE CHALLENGE:** We are well into the "Challenge" now!! If you have not purchased your Bible, yet, please look for the *NRSV Harper Collins Study Bible*. We invite EVERYONE in our spiritual home to share in, and learn from, Father Rick's passion for sacred texts by engaging for 30 minutes 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 May 2024

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 3-May 1Chronicles 23:12-26:19           | 20-May Nehemiah 11:22-13:22         |
| 4-May 1Chronicles 26:20-29:19           | 21-May Nehemiah 13:23-31; Esther 1- |
| 5-May 1Chronicles 29:20-30; 2Chronicles | 22-May Esther 5-10 13-              |
| 6-May 2Chronicles 4:11-7:22             | 23-May Job 1:1-5:16 14-             |
| 7-May 2Chronicles 8:1-11:12             | 24-May Job 5:17-8:22 15-            |
| 8-May 2Chronicles 11:13-15:19 29-       | 25-May Job 9:1-12:12 16-            |
| 9-May 2Chronicles 16:1-20:13            | 26-May Job 12:13-16:10 17-          |
| 10-May 2Chronicles 20:14-24:14          | 27-May Job 16:11-20:11              |
| 11-May 2Chronicles 24:15-28:27 2-       | 28-May Job 20:12-24:12              |
| 12-May 2Chronicles 29-31                | 29-May Job 24:13-29:13              |
| 13-May 2Chronicles 32:1-35:19 4-        | 30-May Job 29:14-32:10              |
| 14-May 2Chronicles 35:20-36:23;         | 31-May Job 32:11-35:16              |
| Ezra 1-3                                | 1-Jun Job 36:1-39:12                |
| 15-May Ezra 4-7 6-                      | 2-Jun Job 39:13-42:9                |
| 16-May Ezra 8-10; Nehemiah 1            | 3-Jun Job 42:10-17; Psalms 1:1-5:7  |
| 17-May Nehemiah 2-5 8-                  | 4-Jun Psalms 5:8-8:9                |
| 18-May Nehemiah 6:1-8:8 9-              | 5-Jun Psalms 9-10                   |
| 19-May Nehemiah 8:9-11:21               | 6-Jun Psalms 11:1-17:5              |





# Coffee Hour

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Irene Achey, Eric Sandblade, Sharon Gromis, Michelle Bentley in the kitchen and Jackie Sandblade



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,

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.



Karen Grant



Always a good time for fellowship and munchies



Roger Kloepping, Bill Haynes

# Ripples of Kindness



"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."  
—Mother Teresa



We are all just walking each other Home

Ram Dass

## Happy Day Recipe

Contributed by Liz Yeager

- 1 C. friendly words
- 2. C. understanding
- 4 Tsp. time and patience
- Pinch of warm personality

Measure words carefully. Add understanding. Use generous amounts of time and patience. Keep temp. low. Do not Boil!!! Add dash of humor and a pinch of life. Serve in individual molds.

This recipe is guaranteed not to fail.



### Contributed by Rayelenn Casey

You have heard of collateral damage. Now hear of collateral renewal. Every time we act in kindness, in mercy, in love: the impact of our actions radiates out to touch many more lives than the ones in our immediate vicinity. Others we do not know will be affected. The reverberations of our compassion will circle the world. Collateral renewal – healing rippling out, never ending."

Steven Charleston

"In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers."

—Fred Rogers



## 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.



Barb O'Brien shows Sue Bianco a quilt she made for a homeless child



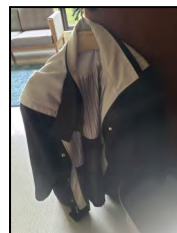
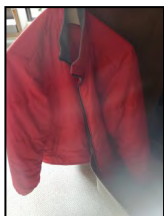
From Sue Purdy: "Daddy got a cozy prayer shawl in the mail today from church. We both like it a lot. See? Pretty colors." Shawl was made by one of the Knit Wits for the Prayer Shawl Ministry



Gail Irons is learning a new way to cast on from Irene Achey



## Are any of These Items Missing You?



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

## Taizé Worship



Interested in experiencing meditative worship with candlelight, chanting, scripture and a short period of silence?

Join Brother David Rutledge as he leads worship at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 209 South Market St. Mount Joy, PA at 5PM the first Saturday of each month.

## 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

## Widow's Group



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

**For more information contact:**  
Peggy Hanzelman: 717.390.4944  
[phanzelman@comcast.net](mailto:phanzelman@comcast.net) or:  
Ethel Lawrence: 717.314.8993  
[ethell748@gmail.com](mailto:ethell748@gmail.com)



# Lunch with the Chosen



**Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord**

Our latest episode of *The Chosen*, "Reckoning," brought on quite the discussion, full of questions and reflections that could be challenging as we watched the disciples wrestle with uncertainty and anxiety, especially when Jesus is detained by the local Roman authority. The episode is mostly speculation rather than direct adaptation of Scripture, but many of our fellow viewers shared insights inspired by both the episode and the Bible to examine our understanding of sacred history and how it affects our faith. To what extent do we need empirical facts to cherish certain truths? The answer to that varies from person to person, yet we make space to share our perspectives in love and support of one another.

other. A special thank-you to Meredith Lord, Ethel Lawrence, and Donna Ray for bringing in such delicious quiches that we enjoyed for lunch!

On **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will watch the finale of Season 2, "Beyond Mountains." We hope you won't miss the exciting conclusion to the season! Please bring your bagged lunch to the parish hall at 11:45am.

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](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.



# 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.

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. **Next meeting** Saturday, May 11th at 8 AM

# Stephen Ministry



Our **Stephen Ministry** program is a confidential and prayerful resource to support those in need during the challenging times we encounter in our personal lives.

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister, please contact our Pastor Care Coordinator, Peggy Hanzelman at phanzelman@comcast or 717-390-4944. There are brochures in our narthex and in our sanctuary pews. Our Stephen Ministers are also identified by special name tags at our Sunday worship.



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



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.

Due date for June will be:

**May 20th.**

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





# Guess Who's Coming to Dinner



Melissa, Freda and Rick Dombach, Vince and Barbara Czepukaitis, Dan Sanders and Fr. Rick

### By Rick Dombach

This was our second time hosting and it didn't disappoint. We started off with hors d'oeuvres and talk, catching up with old friends and getting to know those we may have only seen in church but didn't have the chance to talk. Our game was 2 truths and a lie, even though a few were confused on what to write down, this made for a fun evening at the end of dinner. We had salad, chicken breast stuffed with asparagus and a strawberry trifle. No leftovers at this house.

Our guests were Rick Bauer and Melissa, Dan Sanders and Mark Espie (Mark was not feeling well so he stayed home, we hope he is feeling better), Vince and Barb Czepukaitis and of course Rick and Freda Dombach (Host). Note: no one knew who was coming till they came to our house, so it truly was a surprise for all.



Dottie, Beth Lynch, Susan Clough, Kim and Jean Havens, Bruce Lynch was taking photo.

### By Beth Lynch

We supped on salmon, rice, vegetable medley topped off with apple crisp.

We played the penny game. Beth drew 1991 when she lived in Seattle and working on her master's degree. She talked about her internship with the Seattle Mariners. Dottie pulled 1992 and reminisced about living in Philly with 2 young girls and her husband doing his residency. Bruce talked about a life changing decision to return to the University of Tennessee to complete his doctorate degree in psychology in 1994. Jean remembered relocating from Colorado to Lancaster and the "horror house" they rented in 2014. Kim pulled 1973, his high school graduation year and the first car he bought, 1967 BelAir. Susan talked about raising her 3 sons in New Jersey.



Peggy Hanzelman, Deann Buffington, Mary Gibson and Jeanne Neff

### By Mike Freshwater

Deann Buffington and I hosted a Mexican themed "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" at my house. Deann offered Grace before dinner. Main faire, which Deann created, was pork carnitas with a toppings bar. We had salsa, guac, sour cream, onions and cheese. For sides, refried beans and spicy black beans. All this was served in my Mexican Talavera serving pieces. The guests caught the spirit and brought Mexican sides. Peggy Hanzelman brought a five layer dip appetizer. Jeanne and Ed Neff brought ceviche camerones. Mary brought flan and tres leche cake with little Mexican flags. We broke the ice over a choice of Mexican cervesas, margaritas and wine (or teas.) We played the lucky penny game, each choosing a penny at random and telling a story about their life in that year. From that point forward, we had no problem coming up with lively conversations. However, we learned that our lives touched outside St. Edwards. Mary is a family friend and joins us often for family events. Peggy is a friend of one of Deann's former Moravian pastors. Ed was the symphony director in Wheeling, WVA when I was living there as a trainee at Wheeling Steel out of college. I told him I attended the Carlos Montoya concert in the fall of 1978. He said he booked Montoya for that concert. Un pequano Mundo!



Deann Buffington, Jeanne and Ed Neff, Peggy Hanzelman and Mary Gibson, Mike Freshwater took the picture.



Mexican style desserts



A Mexican themed dinner



# Guess Who's Coming to Dinner



**Donna Ray, Sandra Klick, Irene Achey, Ethel Lawrence and Mary Snyder**



**By Mac Miller**

Our group played the 3 "truths" game as we enjoyed Meredith's appetizers before dinner. Career choices were interesting, Bob Mosebach thought he'd like to be a butcher, Donna Esbenshade ran a credit union, Joe Hurlburt designed a single cab that could be used on several different New Holland farm machines. Jeanne Mosebach was concierge manager at the famous Canyon Ranch Spa Resort in Lennox MA. Mac Miller taught AP Pascal and Sue Hurlburt taught ESL at McCaskey HS and some of her Vietnamese students became like family.

Bob said Grace and during dinner we heard that Meredith spent a semester in London, Donna was a school bus driver when TMI occurred and was assigned to evacuate folks, which fortunately didn't become necessary. Jack was in the audience for "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" at the PBS studio in Chicago. Joe wrestled heavyweight at PSU, and Randy finished a NYC marathon and when he was at Jefferson, made regular trips to visit Meredith that required a walk-through Newark when that was a rather dicey area.

It was lovely to have the opportunity to enjoy this fun evening together.



**Rayelenn and Donna Ray and the barrel of monkeys**



**Mac's Food Hall Staff**



**Our toys**

**By Mary Snyder**

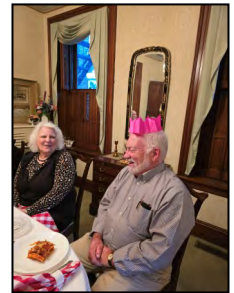
Our evening started with everyone having a smiley puzzle. We went around the circle sharing what made us happy. Some things that made people happy were family, friends, belonging to St. Edward's. Rayelenn gave the prayer before dinner. After dinner we then sat around the table talking and trying out the Rubik's cubes, and the barrel of monkeys. It was a very fun informal evening.



**Sandra, Ethel, Irene and Mary work the Rubik's cubes**



**Sue and Joe Hurlburt, Meredith and Randy Westgate, Jeanne and Bob Mosebach, Mac Miller, Donna and Jack Esbenshade**



**Jeanne enjoying Jack's "cracker" hat**



**Meredith, Randy and Sue**



**Randy and Joe pulling crackers**



**Dessert: Panna Cotta and Jeanne's cookie/brownie**



**Joe and Jack and Meredith's appetizers**



**Donna and Sue**



**Bob, Randy and Jeanne**





## HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for the 196 pounds of food items donated to the pantry March 4 !

In February, the pantry served 1,624 people which included 474 children; 795 adults; 355 seniors. The pantry registered 19 new families in February.

*Current food items requested are:*

- Canned tuna
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned red beets
- Pancake mix
- Canned chicken
- Cereal

Forty six volunteers gave 595 hours in February!

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.

## FIA Matching Quiz

By Beth Lynch

During March and April there were many FIA activities. To catch everyone up I am presenting a quiz.

Questions:

- 1-Food donated to Hempfield Food Pantry in April \_\_\_\_ lbs.
2. Miles walked at the Race Against Racism was \_\_\_\_ miles.
- 3- Meals packed at Feed My Starving Children by the entire group \_\_\_\_.
- 4- St. Edward's team packed \_\_\_\_ packets at FMSC. \_\_\_\_
- 5- Pairs of shoes collected for Soles for Souls. \_\_\_\_

Answer Choices:

- A. 756
- B. 245.8
- C. 667
- D. 34,128
- E. 56.1



(Answers: 1.B, 2.E, 3.D, 4.A, 5.C)

## 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.



## Blood Drive

By Meredith Westgate



The spring blood drive sponsored by the Faith in Action Ministry will take place on Thursday, May 16th from 2 pm-7 pm in the parish hall. Knowing that blood that is collected stays in Lancaster County to benefit people in our community, please plan to support this effort by donating blood and by inviting friends and neighbors to do the same.

Volunteers are needed to assist as needed and to give tours to interested donors for these time slots: Two people are needed for the first slot:12:45-3:00. One person is needed from 3:00-5:00; and one person from 5:00-7 p.m. Please call or text Meredith Aul at 717-575-2119 to volunteer.

The United States is currently experiencing a shortage of blood supplies. Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health encourages all eligible donors to make a donation at one of their community blood drives, or at their blood donor center. Blood donation is safe, including for those who have received a Covid-19 vaccination.

The Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health Blood Donor Center encourages people to donate blood and platelets as often as possible. Donations can be made at locations through throughout the county and at the Blood Donor Center at the Suburban Pavilion.

Blood donors must be in good health (free of flu, cold and nausea symptoms for at least three days), 16 years of age (with parental consent) to 80 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, be well hydrated, eat a substantial meal within four hours before donating, and bring a form of ID.

Appointments are encouraged and will receive priority. To make an appointment, please call 717-544-0177, or schedule online at [LGhealth.org/giveblood](http://LGhealth.org/giveblood). Walk-ins are also welcome.



# Faith In Action Recent Projects



**Pictures by Mary Snyder & Bev Achey**



The final collection ready for delivery. Delivery of all the shoes required a truck and two cars.



Final tally:  
667 pairs



This year's collection was a great success. Bev Achey spearheaded this project. Shoes were paired and packed in labeled boxes then delivered to St. John's in Lancaster for distribution to those in need.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the global work of Soles4Souls.



Blessing of the Backpacks Coming August 2024



**By Ellen Milligan**



Bill and Jan Deegan

On Saturday, April 6, St. Edward's participated once again with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). FMSC, through its MobilePack events, packs and then distributes meals to hungry children worldwide. Manna Packs contain rice, soy protein, dehydrated veggies and vitamins. Each team forms an assembly line to fill, weigh, seal and box the 'Manna Packs'. St. Edwards was blessed to have the Rahim children helping again this year. The time went quickly and by the end of our shift, enough pouches had been made to feed 93 children for one year!

The annual MobilePack event is hosted by Willow Street Mennonite Church and lasts all weekend long. Many different groups volunteer their time to help stamp out world hunger. It is truly an uplifting experience. If you would like to see a FMSC MobilePack in action, consider joining us next Spring!



Jerry and Seth Hake and Beth Lynch



Beth Hake and Khateeb Rahim



Back: Seth and Jerry Hake, Bruce Lynch, the Milligans, front: Peggy Hanzelman, Beth Hake, Beth Lynch, Dottie Gschwend, Khateeb and Sohaib Rahim.



## 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](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.

## 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 Goods Collection

We are accepting donations for April, with a due date of Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. 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

## Race Against Racism



For the last 4 years St. Edward's has had a team participate in the YWCA's Race Against Racism. We gather together to unite against oppression and celebrate our community's commitment to justice

Below is a picture of this year's team.

From LNP 4/28

Runners laced up their shoes Saturday morning to benefit racial and gender equity initiatives. The YWCA's 26th annual Race Against Racism kicked off Saturday morning from Musser Park. The 5K looped through the east side of Lancaster city. Several streets were closed to accommodate the race. A 200-yard kids' fun run preceded the 5K. Awards were announced in Musser Park following the 5K's completion. All proceeds from the Race Against Racism support the Center for Racial and Gender Equity and the YWCA's community education, training, advocacy and change programs. To learn more about the YWCA and its initiatives, visit [ywcalancaster.org](http://ywcalancaster.org). For more photos, go to [LancasterOnline.com](http://LancasterOnline.com).



Michelle Bentley, Bruce and Beth Lynch, Malalay and the Rahim boys

## Our Family Gallery

Picture by Mary Snyder



Our family picture gallery is growing, Is your picture here?



# Running Slowly

At a track meet, we sat in the stands, cheering for our son. I chuckled as a young sibling of an athlete asked, “Why are they running so slow, Mommy?”

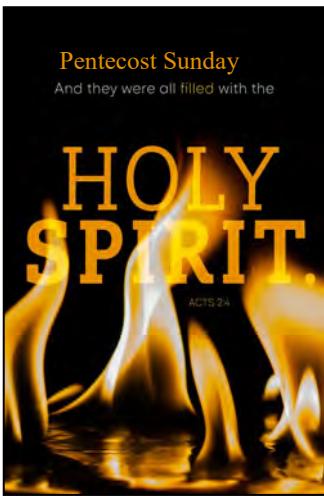
These athletes had been training for years, and many were setting personal best times and even state records. Most spectators would provide little competition for the runners. But the child was comparing how he’d felt while running at the park, sprinting to a soccer game.

Along the track, dozens of teammates and coaches cheered. Each time an athlete passed, she heard strong, pointed encouragement. “You’ve got this!” “Someone’s approaching; time to pick up the pace!” “Great stride — keep going!” The coaches and runners knew what was helpful and understood how hard the athletes were working.

My point: Consider who you allow to speak truth into your life. Do you listen to loved ones who “train” alongside you? Or do you give sideline critics too much space in your thoughts? Heed Proverbs 2:2 (NLT), which advises, “Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.”



**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.  
 Romans 8:16-17, ESV  
 Trinity Sunday May 28th



**Pentecost Sunday**  
 And they were all filled with the

**HOLY SPIRIT**

# Spring Cleaning

**Pictures by Michelle Bentley**



As we look to steward our spiritual home for the spring and summer seasons, there are a wide variety of opportunities for volunteer participation. We have posted a sign-up board in the library area listing chores for inside and outside! We invite you to take a look at the board and sign up for one item that works best for you. We will supply the cleaning tools you will need. Here you will find a short list of tasks we are seeking to complete:

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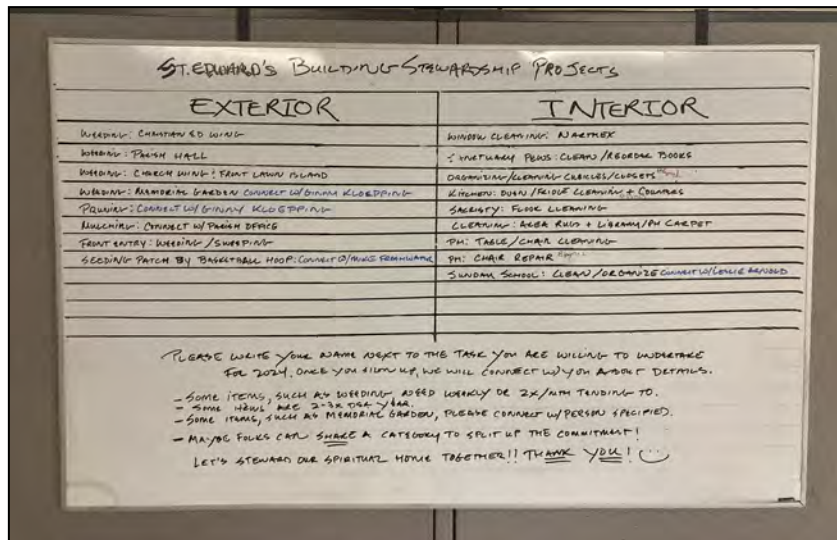


Please check with Ginny Kloepping for direction on these items.

- Weeding – Areas surrounding the Christian Ed Wing; Parish Hall; Front Entry; Front Lawn Island
- Memorial Garden – Weeding, Pruning, Leaf Cleaning
- Pruning shrubs

## Interior:

- Interior windows in Narthex, Front Entry, Sanctuary
- Kitchen cleaning – Oven, Fridge, Counters (Check with Beth Lynch)
- Sacristy – Floor Cleaning
- Area Rugs - Cleaning
- Parish Hall – Chair/Table Cleaning
- Sunday School – Clean/organize cubicles (Check with Leslie Arnold)
- Sanctuary – Clean pews and arrange books

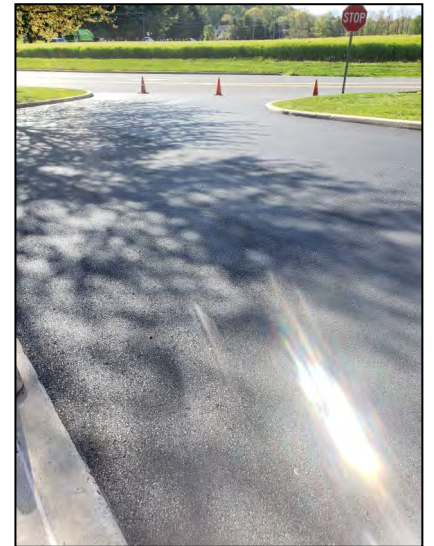
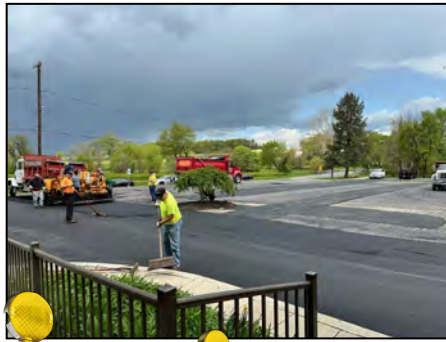


Sign Up Board



# The Parking Lot Project

Pictures by Michelle Bentley, Mike Freshwater and Beth Lynch





# Services in April

Pictures by Mary Snyder



The Reverend Eleanor "Ellie" Hart



Carol and Carl Cotnoir receive communion wafer



The breaking of the Bread



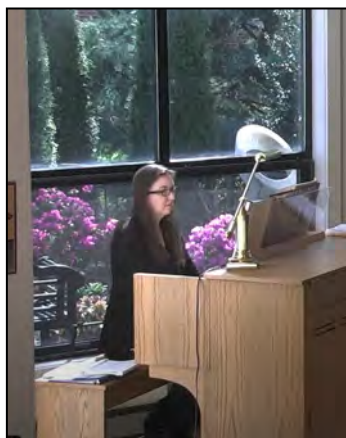
Jay Miller, Bob Mosebach and Fr. Rick recess



Bob Mosebach, preaches



Deborah Fast and Rev. Ellie Hart



Karen Waddill



Eileen Laurence guest organist



Fr. Rick's Sermon



Rayelenn Casey

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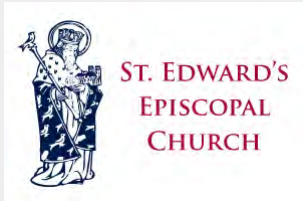


Linda Jones



Lori and Jay Miller and Ellen Milligan





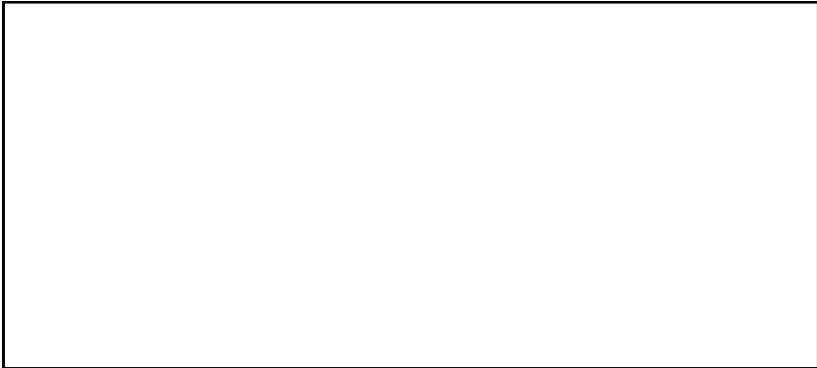
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### Parish Office Hours

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

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