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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



“Any of us can appear as ambassadors of the Holy to another...just by being who we are... how we are...where we are.”

Welcome back friends!!

I hope that we find ourselves picking up our first Fall edition of the Scepter, having been refreshed and renewed by our summer travels and the slower pace of our shared life here at St. Edward's. As is always the case in the church...things

are about to pick up again!! Indeed, we're looking toward an exciting season ahead of us: as we relaunch ministries from choir to our discussion and viewing forum for "the Chosen", welcome kids throughout the community for another go at *Camp Pokémon*, while engaging our neighbors

through the Amos Herr Festival, 'Trunk or Treat' and our legendary Cookie Sale. We'll be back into the rhythm of enjoying monthly fellowship dinners together: through both casual gatherings and fundraisers, like our annual Basket Raffle and Trivia Night. We'll be honoring our ongoing commitment to 'Faith in Action': as we maintain our discipline of stocking the Hempfield Food Pantry, host a training forum on elder care and dementia (in partnership with Samaritan Center), while piloting a new meal-serving opportunity for our volunteers.

But as we look toward the near horizon in our shared life, it's also important for us to articulate the ways that we've maintained our faithfulness toward community and spiritual formation throughout the summer. With the benefit of a quality, and a highly accessible digital ministry model, we've managed to stay together, even as we've travelled this summer. Each week, we've kept up with corporate worship through Sunday services (in-person and online), gathered for meditation and Eucharist on Wednesdays, and continued to work through the Bible (on Wednesday evenings and Friday's 'Lunch and Learn') in our commitment

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

Reflection

to read through our canon, from cover to cover, here in 2024. And it's well worth noting: that through the dedication of our church family, we've managed to keep our budget in balance through the slower summer months, and we've updated our narthex and restrooms with generous help from capable volunteers.

In my own journey, I'm happy to report that the boys and I had an amazing summer together. Every Wednesday through Saturday, we rode bikes and swam together in Mount Joy. We hit Rehoboth Beach and Ocean City with Melissa and Nova. We mused over our plans for conquering Disneyland. And, indeed, our California adventure was a smashing success, encompassing all that we had hoped for...and more. It wasn't too long ago that Ricky and Christian refused to leave the hip of their mom or dad. But I watched Ricky growing up in real-time in California, as he wandered off on his own to explore history on Alcatraz, as he realized capabilities in himself that he didn't know were there. I observed the world expanding through Christian's eyes, as he looked out over the Pacific horizon at Big Sur in wonder, as he reverently touched the ancient red trees in the Muir Woods. And we also grew together in adversity, sharing in the humbling realization that sometimes we really do...need help.

On our first full day in California, we decided to begin with a trip to see the Hollywood sign from the Griffith Observatory. Hoping to get a photo together of ourselves with the landmark up close, we set out for a hike through the rocky and winding Hollywood Hills. As the sun climbed above us, the clear skies invited high heat that increased well into the nineties as we walked. A couple of miles in, the boys were exhausted, and we found ourselves in need of water. But the drinking station had

been neglected and was overwhelmed by a swarm of more than a hundred bees. Luckily, we found a small horse ranch off of the path that sold us bottles of water so we could keep going. But by the time we made it to the top of the hill, our photo opportunity had been compromised by our heat exhaustion. It had stopped being fun, and Ricky was in distress as we headed back. In a moment of desperation, he stopped walking and he just...laid down on the desert path. We had been trekking in the direct sun for three hours at that point, having climbed and descended some seven miles. I knew that we could make it, and I wanted this hike to challenge us. Truth be told, I was deeply frustrated that we were failing our chance at a lesson in physically rigorous self-sufficiency. But then, in a moment uncharacteristic of my typically disciplined approach, I flagged a work vehicle approaching us along the path. Stopping the driver, I explained that we had set out for the Hollywood sign and that my son was suffering from heat exhaustion as we tried to make our way four more miles back up to the observatory. And though they were prohibited from transporting tourists, this gentleman and his co-worker gave us all cold bottles of water and packed us into a municipal vehicle for a ride back to our car. Ricky cried, apologized, and expressed his profound thanks for being picked up. Christian told the man that he thought that God had sent him to help us. I humbly thanked our driver and asked him his name. He told us, his name was 'Manny'...Manuel Martinez. It turns out that Manny knew Lancaster pretty well. He had an adult son who taught digital music aesthetics at NYU, and he passed through our area when he visited him on the East Coast. During our drive together, the boys and I talked about faith with our new friend, and we agreed: that in life, any of us can appear to another as an

'angel', as a helping agent of the Holy, when they're in a bind.

Now, I wish that I could claim responsibility for teaching my sons a life lesson on the climb to the Hollywood sign, but as 'the universe' would have it...we were invited to learn something together. Because for all of our planning and all of the boundaries we committed ourselves to push as 'the Bauer Boys', we internalized (as a unit) our deep understanding that sometimes we need the help of other people along our path. We whole-heartedly acknowledged that Manny showed us a kindness that day that clothed the rest of our journey in a peace beyond our understanding. We knew, one way or another, that we'd have what we needed when we needed it...that if, and when, we couldn't figure it out on our own...we could seek, and we could accept...help.

Looking back, I think that a part of me was redeemed this summer in California. I became a little more open, in the embrace of a 'God-wink' that reminded me to let others help me...even as I look to help others. Because helpers need help too. And I pray that this anecdote, and my take-away from it, might serve as a reminder to all of us this Fall: that we're connected in ways that can surprise and enliven our spirits on any given day, that any of us can appear as ambassadors of the Holy to another...just by being who we are...how we are...where we are. The boys and I have added Manny to our prayers, and we hold him dear, as we hold all of you dear. Here's to a fantastic Fall!! In Christ,

Rick+



Note: See more pictures of the California trip on page 19

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 Bob Mosebach



Even though vestry was 'off' through June and July, activity did not slow down much. Renovations to our narthex, painting and new flooring are completed. In that process, the two lavatories were gutted, new floors, the walls and partitions painted, toilets and vanities replaced along with mirrors and lighting. All this (except the floors) carried out in less than a week by a small group of capable parishioners. This was added on to the project to repair recent roof leaks, which were covered by insurance. As with any structure, there is always something more that needs to be done; the wish list is not short.

The vestry is back to work in August (25th) anticipating the start of the 24/25 program year. Our September meeting will be at the Amos Herr festival, so please come out to support your parish in the local community.

Widow's Group



First Thursdays at 10 AM beginning in September

Fellowship Dinner



Thursday Sept. 12th at 5:30 PP

Men's Spirituality Group:



First meeting Saturday, September 14th at 8 AM .

Coffee House Band:



Fr. Rick will provide the music Sunday September 15th and the coffee house band will resume the third Sunday of each month beginning October 20th.

Amos Herr Community Event



September 15th 11 AM to 4 PM. The Vestry will man the booth in lieu of the next vestry meeting.

St. Edward's Choir:



Rehearsals begin Monday, September 16th at 6:30 PM

Blessing of the Animals



October 4th
Early evening

Basket Raffle and Trivia Night dinner/event



Saturday October 12

Women's Spirituality Gtoul



Will resume Saturday
October 5th at 10 AM

The Chosen



Fall Season begins
Sunday, October 6th at 11:45 AM



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

- ★Drew Johnson
- ★William Justice
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennes
- ★Connor Tennes
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Son's Award



Congratulations to Keith Gromis, son of Sharon and Jeffrey Gromis, Director of Eastern York on being selected as the 2023 Cavalcade of Bands Director of the Year! Sharon says this is indeed an honor as it was a peer selected award.

Pictured is Keith receiving this award from President Adam Nobile prior to departing on a two week tour of Europe with Youth Music Abroad.

Pokémon



2024-25 Pokémon Schedule

Spring - Wednesdays

Fall - Wednesdays

April 30th - May 18th

September 11th to November 20th

(No session on October 9th)

Winter - Wednesdays

January 22nd - March 26th



For the Love of Dogs...A Tribute to Spencer

By Mary Gibson

A tribute marks a special gift of service, gratitude, and affection. My little Spencer gave me the gift of his loyalty and "service" for many years and for that I will always be grateful.

My love of dogs began as a child when my dad brought home a rescued spaniel. From that point, dogs were special and much-loved members of our family. Over the years we were blessed to care for one or two at a time. We loved them all.

All pet lovers know that the special connection between animals and humans provides both with companionship, love, emotional support, as well as physical and social benefits. My little King Charles Cavalier Spencer, his litter mate Chloe, and I happily enjoyed for many years the healing power in all of those exchanges.



Spencer and Chloe

Several years ago, Chloe died on a Tuesday and a few days later my husband, Joe, passed away unexpectedly. Both our worlds fell apart that week. It was months before I could coax him to take even a short walk. He'd wait on the sidewalk for Chloe and Joe to come with us but they never did. We grieved together these last few years.

Spencer was a prankster and a cuddler. He was very much aware of how his humans were feeling and never ran out of the unconditional love that is so special... a healing experience for both of us after our loss. Pets can change lives and Spencer



Spencer

certainly made mine more meaningful.

Spencer passed away at the end of May and I've been gifted with some words from Father Rick to help ease the pain. To paraphrase, and in remembrance of our pets,

we thank God for creating them and entrusting them to our care for just a measure of time. It was a blessing to have Spencer and his sister Chloe. They gave so much and will live in my heart forever.



Mary and Spencer at a Blessing of the Animals 2023

Note: If this story reminds you of stories your family has had with a very special pet...including those trained as service dogs, please consider contributing your story to the Scepter.

*Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 4th*



Stepping Stones



Meg Zapata's granddaughter, Gia, placing Meg's Stone at Swarr Run

If you missed your opportunity to make a stepping stone for the Swarr River the good news is there are still supplies remaining. The stone can be a memorial to a friend or family member, a family project or for a ministry.

Contact Beth Lynch for the supplies.

Picnic at Swarr Run



Emma and Sadie Stauffer

First Day of School



Athena Donohue age 2 1/2

a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with

SUPERFOODS that promote a healthy body and mind.

What you need:

- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

PUZZLE

AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
YOUR A FEET
MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

September



Bible Quiz

Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli

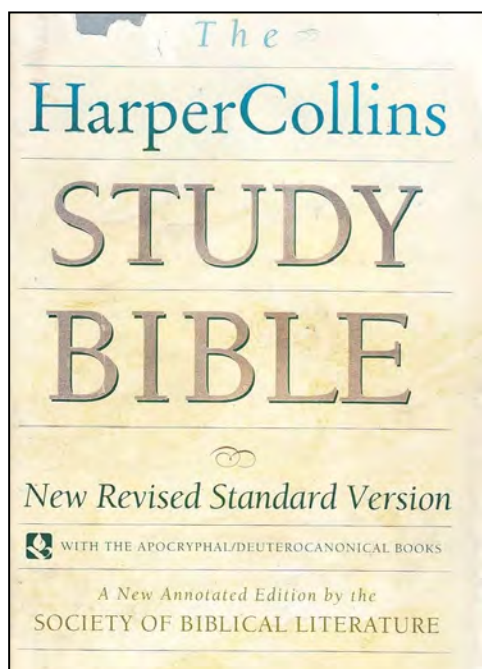


Answers
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Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10.)

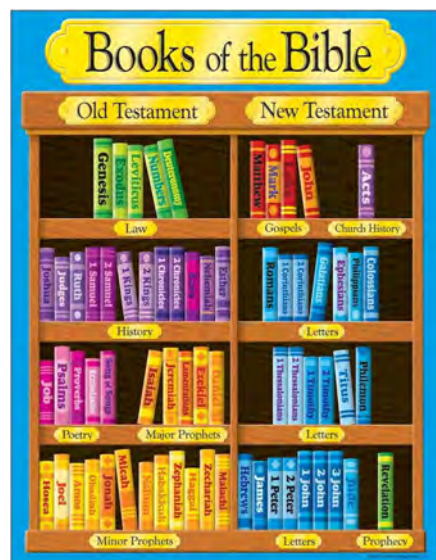


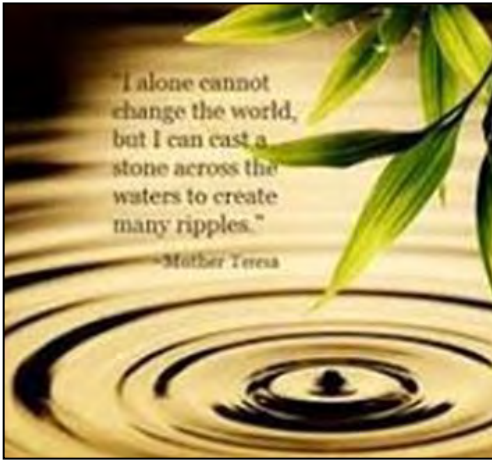
Join The Challenge!



Straight Through the Bible Reading Plan July and August

1-Sep	Jeremiah 34-36	18-Sep	Ezekiel 34:25-38:9	4-Oct	Zephaniah 1:14-3:20; Haggai;
2-Sep	Jeremiah 37:1-41:10	19-Sep	Ezekiel 38:10-40:49	5-Oct	Zechariah 1:1-11- Zechariah 1:12-7:14
3-Sep	Jeremiah 41:11-45:5	20-Sep	Ezekiel 41-43	6-Oct	Zechariah 8-13
4-Sep	Jeremiah 46-48	21-Sep	Ezekiel 44-47		
5-Sep	Jeremiah 49:1-51:10	22-Sep	Ezekiel 48; Daniel 1:1-2:30		
6-Sep	Jeremiah 51:11-52:34	23-Sep	Daniel 2:31-4:27		
7-Sep	Lamentations 1:1-3:51	24-Sep	Daniel 4:28-7:12		
8-Sep	Lamentations 3:52-5:22; Ezekiel 1-2	25-Sep	Daniel 7:13-11:13		
9-Sep	Ezekiel 3-8	26-Sep	Daniel 11:14-12:13; Hosea 1-3		
10-Sep	Ezekiel 9-12	27-Sep	Hosea 4-9		
11-Sep	Ezekiel 13:1-16:43	28-Sep	Hosea 10-14; Joel 1:1-2:17		
12-Sep	Ezekiel 16:44-20:17	29-Sep	Joel 2:18-3:21; Amos 1-4		
13-Sep	Ezekiel 20:18-22:12	30-Sep	Amos 5-9; Obadiah 1:1-9		
14-Sep	Ezekiel 22:13-24:27	1-Oct	Obadiah 1:10-21; Jonah; Micah 1-3		
15-Sep	Ezekiel 25:1-28:10	2-Oct	Micah 4-7; Nahum 1-2		
16-Sep	Ezekiel 28:11-31:18	3-Oct	Nahum 3; Habakkuk; Zephaniah 1:1-13		
17-Sep	Ezekiel 32:1-34:24				





From my Ring camera

By Mac Miller

Neighbors are SO kind!! A lovely man returned a birthday card that went missing the day before the birthday celebration for Irene Achey. I had spent a lot of time assembling this little gift for Irene. I had a sunflower plant and this card with a set of butterfly stickers. I wanted to wish her a lot more years of sunflowers and butterflies (two of her favorite things). When I got to the church Saturday evening to put the items in place, I could not find the card with the butterfly stickers. I searched everywhere. I decided I must have put the card on the roof of my car when I was putting the flowers on the floor in the back of the car. I thought I must have driven off with the card on the outside of my car. I searched my route several times, but I didn't see the card. Sunday afternoon this kind gentleman showed up at my door with the card. He found it in the bed of his pickup, about a block away from my house. Fortunately, my name and address were in the card and he took the time to return it to me. I was so excited to see the card, I forgot to ask his name. So, whoever you are, thank you for your kindness. You were literally the answer to my prayers, as I had said at least a hundred St. Anthony's. I told Irene that her card got to her, literally, with the help of an angel.

By Whitney Fleming
Writes#ParisOlympics2024
#TeamUSA #olympics2024
#Olympics

Contributed by Beth Lynch

"Aw, look how they hold hands when they go to the other side of the net?" my teenage daughter said. "I'm loving the women supporting women vibe of this Olympics!"

And as I watched Sara Hughes and Kelly Cheng, the United States' best beach volleyball pair, interlock their fingers as they walked to their bench, I totally got what my daughter was saying because



Sara Hughes and Kelly Cheng

beautiful moments like these are happening like rapid fire right now.

It's Alison Felix launching a first-of-

its-kind nursery for athlete mothers at the Olympics, and marathon runner Aliphine Tuliamuk and judoka Clarisse Agbégénéou advocating for breastfeeding space.

It's watching U.S. women's soccer coach Emma Hayes walking with her arm around Japan's Maika after a hard-fought loss.

It's Suni Lee and Simone Biles cheering on Brazil's Rebeca Andrade during the all-around, knowing what the three of them have overcome in the last few years.

It's rugby player Ilona Maher inspiring young girls to love their bodies no matter what the size.



Katie Ledecky and Paige Madden

It's Katie Ledecky sharing the podium with her teammate Paige Madden.

It's She'Carri Richardson walking

over to Julien Alfred after losing the 100m race and giving her a hug, then gleefully celebrating her Silver medal along with her teammate who won Bronze..

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Irene's rescued card and stickers

"The only thing of importance, when we depart, will be the traces of love we have left behind."
 —Albert Schweitzer

Two little boys were at a wedding when one of them leaned over to the other and asked, "How many wives can a man have?" His friend answered, "Sixteen... four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

What We Did in July and August

SUMMER



Westgates



Lynch clan



Stauffer twins' tea party



Irons at Phillies game

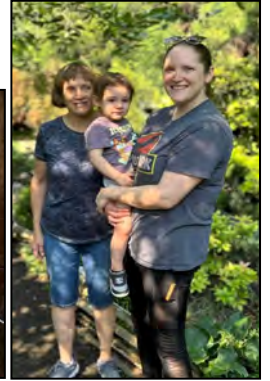
family



Westgate's' camp fire



Westgate's' cousin camp



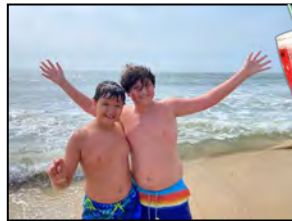
McCabes

A DAY AT THE BEACH



Barn smells

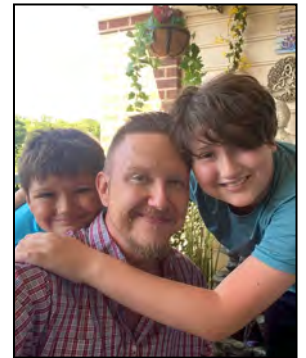
Four generations of Irons: Mom, son, grandson and great grandson



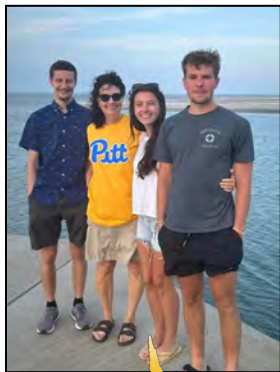
Bauers at the beach



Irons twins share a milk shake



Bauer Boys



Klines



Beth and Bruce Lynch



Mary Snyder



Westgate's' corn roast

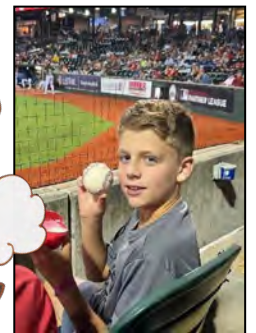
SUMMER MEALS



Mary Snyder dog sitting



Dan Sanders and Mark Espie



Harrison Irons got a foul ball

What We Did in July and August



Holwagers and friends from St. James



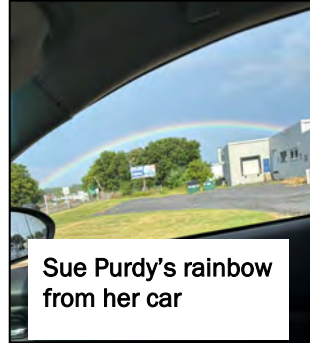
Mary and Jodi's



Sunflowers and pumpkins



Sandblades, Irene Achey, Ethel Lawrence, Mac Miller and Mary Snyder



Sue Purdy's rainbow from her car



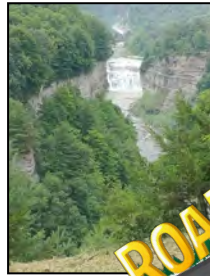
Lynne and Joe McCabe



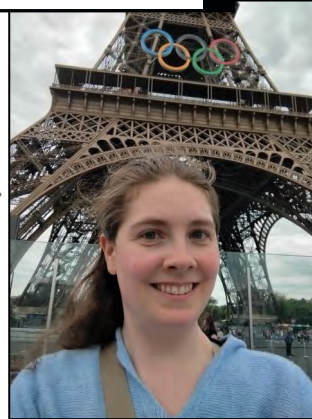
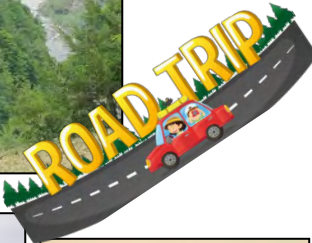
Catherine and Steve Donohue on Waterfall Trail



Lynch's 25th anniversary Niagara Falls rainbow



Waterfall Trail



Blair Lord in Paris



The Seine and Notre Dame



Paris Opera House



Bruce and Beth Lynch at Niagara Falls



Kim Kline's beach sunset



Disney World



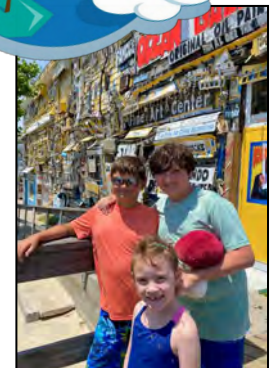
A helicopter ride



Jodi and Mary



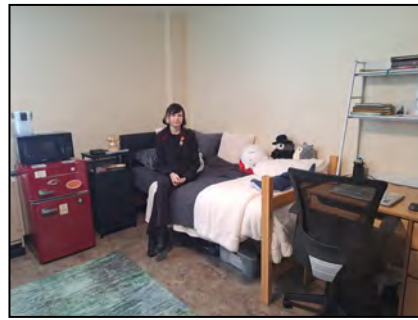
Mary's house from the helicopter



Christian, Ricky and Nova



Harrison Kline beginning at the hospital above



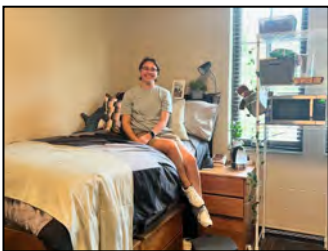
Karen Waddill's daughter Jackson, moving into her room as a Susquehanna University freshman



Peg Reiley's son Daniel, begins an MBA



Joel Kline and friend back at Penn State



Sue and Phil Purdy's granddaughter Eva, moving into her room as a Sewanee Freshman



Eva, in blue shirt, signing the Sewanee honor code.



Kim Kline and friend celebrate first "Not" Back to School day.



Mac Miller's Grandniece Madison Sneath, moving into her room as an LVC freshman

Contributed by Sue Purdy:

At Sewanee, we share a commitment to honor. Each of us is proud to pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. This spirit defines our character, influences our decisions, and covers everything from coursework to conduct. Every member of the incoming class commits to this pledge by signing our Honor Code.

More about this interesting tradition:

<https://new.sewanee.edu/academics/the-honor-code/#:~:text=At%20Sewanee%2C%20we%20share%20a,by%20signing%20our%20Honor%20Code>

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Millions of women seeing women supporting women. It is so powerful. It spreads like wildfire.

It's Adele stopping a concert to watch the women's 100m race last night.

It's Shannon Miller jumping for joy when Simone Biles broke her medal record.

It's Michele Kang contributing to lesser-known sports and women's teams, and the first stadium built for women's sports in KC. (And shout out to Flavor Flav for helping out the women's water polo team because he's a "girl dad.")

When we see women supporting women instead of cutting them down, it's when the game changes, it's when we can meet our potential, and it's when we become unstoppable forces in this world.



Ye-Je Kim

It's South Korea's shooting Silver medalist and maybe the coolest person at the Olympics Ye-ji Kim carrying around a stuffed elephant that her daughter gave her.

Sports has always had a direct effect on society on multiple levels, from supporting vulnerable and marginal groups and rallying a nation in transition to building confidence and creating opportunities for youth.

We are living change right now, and dang, girls! You are killing it!

Even if you are not a sports fan, there is something electric about what's happening right now. Use it as a spark to engage with your daughters and with your sons.

And when you have an opportunity to lift a girl up, take it. There is enough success for all of us.

So, when I saw those two teammates walking hand in hand back onto that sandy court, I felt the vibe that my daughter was talking about.

And I want to see more of it, too. Love hard. It's the only thing that matters.





**TICKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE AND TRIVIA
NIGHT EVENT/DINNER ARE ON SALE FROM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

Dinner/Event Tickets: \$15/pp (Kids are free)

Basket Raffle Ticket Bundles:

\$25/15 tickets

\$55/40 tickets

\$75/55 tickets

This is SO EXCITING. . .We have 36 baskets to support our most important fundraiser of the year! We look forward to having some great fun while working to achieve our goal of \$7,000 to support the mission and ministry of St. Edward's! Weekly prize drawings for raffle ticket purchases!!





THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th AT 5:30 PM

Potluck supper - bring your favorite dish - main course, salad, bread, or dessert - enough for 4-5 people

Bring your own place setting - plates, utensils
We will provide beverages and cups

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex



Friday, October 4th – early evening

(details to follow in September)

Mark your calendars as we celebrate creatures great and small
at St. Edward's

Sunday August 18th Dina and Patrick Ishler Returned

Pictures by Irene Achey and Jeanne Mosebach



You are fantastic. Enjoyed seeing and talking to you. Enjoyed your sermon. Great having you at St Edward's Please return
Dorris Smith



Leslie Arnold

Loved seeing you this morning. Wonderful service. Joyce Kamm

Jane Young



Rick Dombach



Bob Mosebach

So blest to have Dina come and serve as our Priest today. A very uplifting sermon and Patrick's voice from behind.
Peggy Hanzelman



Wonderful having the Ishler's back with us. Uplifting sermon. Irene Achey



Seth and Beth Hake



I was so grateful and glad to be there- to come 'full circle' in a way thanks to Father Rick's generous invitation- to serve as a priest in what will always be one of our family's spiritual homes- and to see so many dear friends. Blessings and love~ Dina+



Dan Sanders and Mark Espie



Inspiring service & sermon!
Sharon Gromis



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 explains a quilting technique to Donna Holwager



Irene Achey makes these prayer pockets for Dina to offer to her parishioners



Craft Sale Items



Barb O'Brien made these adorable doll beds and Mac Miller made the dolls



More dolls



Donna Holwager finished this counted cross stitch as a pillow for the craft sale

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.

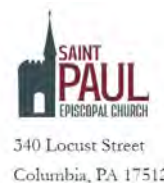
Saturday Eve Mass

St. James Episcopal Church
Lancaster



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.

Saturday Eve Mass



St. Paul Episcopal,
340 Locust St., Co-
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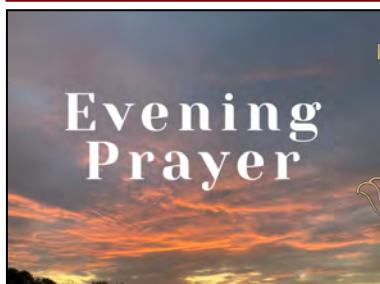
Rev. Martha Harris conducts a Saturday evening eucharist at 5 PM one Saturday each month. Dates for upcoming Saturday evening services are:

◆ September 21

◆ October 19

◆ November 16

Sunday 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

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

By Meredith Aul Westgate



The popular Guess Who's Coming to Dinner dinner is on the schedule for Saturday, October 5 at 6 p.m. I hope everyone who came last spring will sign up for another opportunity to mingle with a new mix of old and new friends and that people who have not yet taken part in this experience will join in for fellowship and a delicious dinner.

For now, I am looking for hosts! That way I have an idea of how many people can be accommodated on a first-come, first served basis. I have never had to turn anyone away, but I've found it less stressful to know ahead of time the number of hosts available. It would be wonderful to have some new hosts so that those who have opened their homes on multiple occasions can enjoy an evening out.

If you are interested in hosting, your role is to set a table for six or eight (whichever you can accommodate) and provide the main dish and beverages. Guests bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert or rolls or wine as best complements your meal. The fun is in the mystery. Guests don't know who else will attend the dinner until they arrive at their designated home. Hosts will be given a guest list in advance so that they can coordinate the menu.

If you would like to host an informal dinner for six or eight in your home – or if you prefer to attend a dinner, please complete the form below and return it to the box in the Narthex (or call or text Meredith Aul at 717-575-2119) no later than Sunday, September 15th. I would appreciate hosts signing up by September 15. If you would prefer to be a guest, please sign up by Sunday, September 22th.



Yes! I will participate in the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Dinner on October 5th at 6 p.m.

Name(s) _____

I am/We are able to host 6 ____ 8 ____ people.

I am/We are happy to either host or be a guest _____

I/we would like to attend as a guest _____

I'm a single, please seat me with _____

Your host will get back to you the week of September 29 to discuss details. Please call or text me _____ at 717-575-2119 if you have any questions.



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 October will be:
September 20th.
 Send articles and announcements to:
 HJ_Miller@outlook.com





HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY

Current requests

- Cereal
- Canned chicken noodle soup
- Canned chicken rice, soup
- Canned corn,
- Mac & cheese.
- Canned kidney beans

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



Amos Herr Fall Festival	September 15
Books for Prisoners	Now thru mid-Dec. 2024
CROP Walk	October 20
First Reformed Dinner	Tuesday October 22
United Thank Offering	Nov 3 - 24
Turkey Drive	Nov 10 – 17
Jesse Tree	Mid-November thru early Dec.
Soles for Souls	March 5 – April 13, 2025
Feed My Starving Children	March 27-30, 2025
Race Against Racism	April 2025
Blood Drive	May 2025
Collection of food for the Hempfield Food Pantry in the narthex is ongoing.	

Community Aid News

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

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Clothing | Electronics |
| Shoes | Toys |
| Accessories | Household goods |

UTO Thanksgiving Campaign Nov. 3–24



Dear St. Edwards Episcopal Church,
 Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$249.50 to the United Thank Offering Ingathering. 100% of your gift will support water projects. We are so grateful for your support.
 Sincerely, The UTO Board and Staff



The recap “Thank you” above of monies donated via UTO for last year, is a good reminder of how important it is to participate in this ingathering each year. We are going to begin the UTO Thanksgiving campaign on November 3 and the **Ingathering** will be on **Nov. 24**.

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

By Ellen Milligan



Backpack Collection



Hempfield social workers accepting contributions from St. Ed's parishioners

A HUGE thank you to everyone for supporting the Back-to-School Collection.

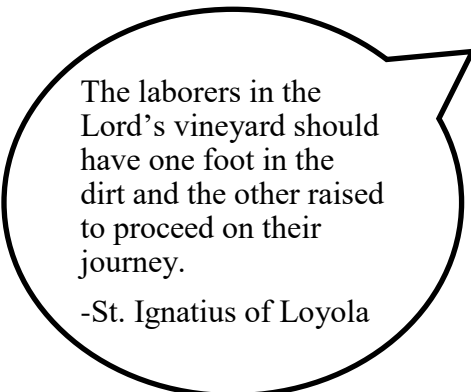
Thanks to your support, St. Ed's contributed 34 backpacks and \$900 worth of Giant and Walmart gift cards to Hempfield students in need. They will be distributed by the school social workers who support these students.

Thanks for making their school year a little brighter.



Parents, grandparents, relatives of students joining in with Fr. Riick's blessing of the backpacks

Prison Ministry Prayer Opportunities At St. Ed's



The laborers in the Lord's vineyard should have one foot in the dirt and the other raised to proceed on their journey.

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Prayers for relatives of parishioners:

Joey (nephew 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.

Books For Prisoners Requested Now Thru Mid-December

- Healing from Codependency: A Devotional with Prayers and Practices for Healthy Boundaries—Wendy Lehnertz
- The Esther Anointing: Becoming a Woman of Prayer, Courage, and Influence—Michelle McClain Walters
- The Ruth Anointing: Becoming a Woman of Faith, Virtue, and Destiny—Michelle McClain Walters



- Woman Evolve: Break Up with Your Fears and Revolutionize Your Life—Sarah Jakes Roberts
- Healing Neen -Tonier Cain
- Save Me from Myself: How I Found God, Quit Korn, Kicked Drugs, and Lived to Tell My Story—Brian Welch
- The Big Hussle—Jim Walberg
- Washed by Blood: Lessons from My Time with Korn and My Journey to Christ—Brian Welch

Please shop at your favorite bookstore or online at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/K6N20XW5AFVE?ref=wl_dp_view_your_list

Thank you for your support of this important ministry

52nd Lancaster CROP Walk Oct. 20

Walk begins at 2:00 pm

Start line is at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
64 Hershey Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/lancasterpa>



Nuggets For The Journey

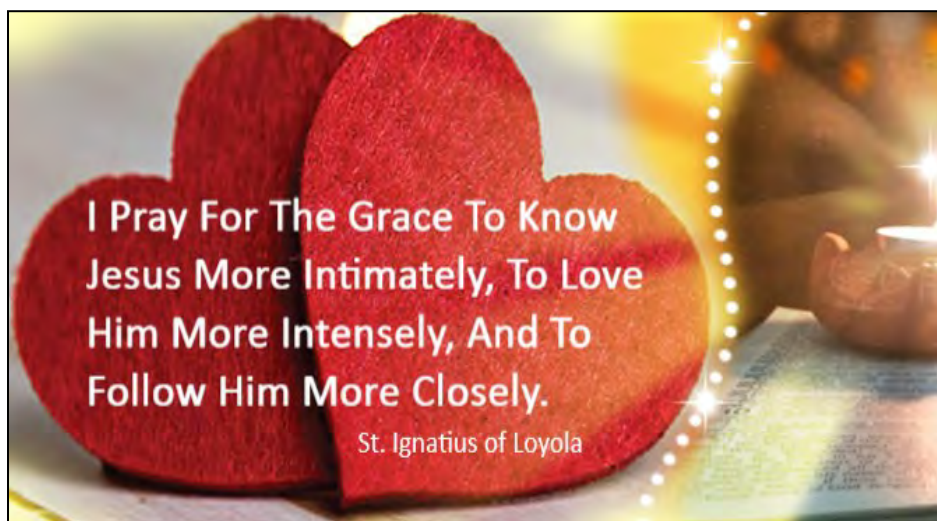
Holy Wound

By Michael Meade:
Michael Meade Mosaic Voices

The path of the wounded healer leads to a connection to the deep self within, which is our connection to wholeness, which is the root of the human capacity to heal. There's an old idea that says that in the same way something greater than ourselves wounds us early on, something greater than ourselves seeks to awaken through the specific wounds we carry. In that sense, denying the inner wound means also denying the presence of the deep soul or the centering self, which holds the exact medicine we are looking for.

In some mythic stories, the wound inside a person is called the sacred affliction, or the holy wound. There's another play on words in which the wound, which can be seen as a hole, can also be seen as a holy element that secretly holds the natural antidote, the inner medicine that we also brought to life.

The wounded healer is ever wounded, and ever able to find ways of healing. It's an archetypal condition. The point has never been to become perfect, or perfectly healed, or completely whole. The point has always been to become holy. That is to say, complete with our vulnerabilities and our wounds, because the wound becomes a womb from which we are intended to be reborn again and again. And that's why the old saying was, the afflicted are holy.



California Vibes

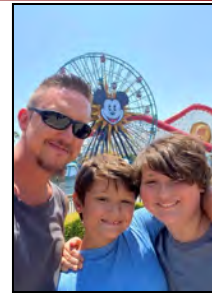
Pictures and captions by Fr. Rick



Posing with Mickey!!



Worn out and wonderfully happy together!!!!



Pixar Pier at California Adventure Park



Christian loved the Matterhorn!!!!



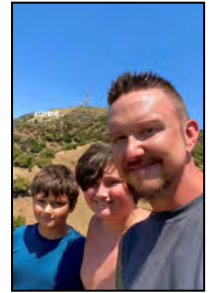
We all agreed.....this one was our favorite!!!



Showing the love on the Hollywood Walk of Fame



All smiles after Guardians of the Galaxy!!!



Heat exhaustion after a 5-mile hike to the Hollywood sign



Taking a walk down Santa Monica pier



Shooting the breeze with Jack at Madame Tussaud's



Strolling on Venice Beach



Ricky preparing to feast!!!!!!



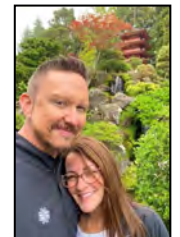
The beach at Pfeiffer National Park in Big Sur



Melissa Kealy joins us for our San Francisco leg!!!!!!



Cruising the Bay to take in the Golden Gate Bridge



Selfie time at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park



Christian approaching The Rock



We're growing like redwoods!!!!!!



We love the sea lions!!!!!!



Sharing my favorite spot on earth with loved ones!!!!

Coffee Hours

Pictures by Mary Snyder



The Sunday David Bateman visited



Bev Achey arranged for a special coffee hour to celebrate her mother Irene's 90th birthday.



Consider hosting one of these fellowship opportunities



Sept 8th we will be making this welcome back craft

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.

Summer Maintenance Projects

Pictures by Mac Miller and Michelle Bentley



Bob Mutari working on electrical



Mike Freshwater painting



Toilets waiting to be reinstalled



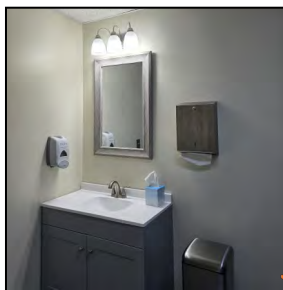
An unexpected rain storm



Roofing



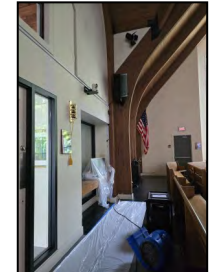
Repainted doors



New vanity and lights



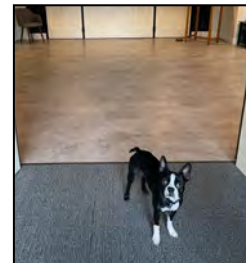
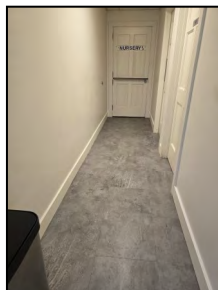
Drywall repair



Ceiling repair



New floor in halls and narthex



Bowie showing off the new floor



Services in July and August

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Fr. Rick



Gina Bautista+



David Bateman +



Wanda Stoltzfus



Bob Mosebach



Jamie Alton



Seth Hake



Kathy Spencer



Kiki Davis-Brugmann



Peter Weber



Linda Jones



Vanessa Helsel



Jay Miller



Blair Lord



Beth Hake



Buddy Yeager



Fr. Rick, Wanda Stoltzfus and Deborah Fast

Worship SERVICES



Jonathan Jones, Guest Organist & Pianist



Communion at 8AM service



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The 154th Annual Diocesan Convention will be held as a joint convention with the Diocese of Bethlehem, **Fri. October 18th and Sat. Oct. 19th, 2024**, at The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, PA.

LOOK FOR US ON THE WEB!
www.sainteds.org

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

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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