



Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



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At this year’s convention, the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania took a bold and exciting step into the future, affirming a resolution to reunite with the Diocese of Bethlehem. And while most of those who voted on this important matter share great enthusiasm for what is to come, some are asking: “why”? Because for many of us (who attend churches with robust programming and full-time ministry professionals), we seldom confront the administrative dynamics that unfold at a distance. And yet, our affiliation with traditional Episcopal ethos and identity reminds us: that we are a *parish* situated in a *diocese*;

a body that is, itself, part of a *national church*, situated within a *worldwide* Anglican Communion. While St. Edward’s functions as a largely independent, self-directed, non-profit church, we do so in relation (and subject) to a larger body (whose name itself derives from the presence of bishops, of overseers). And though individuals banded together here in East Hempfield to found our spiritual community, families working together to plant, build, finance, and pay off the mortgage debt on our physical structures, the diocese in which we are situated actually owns our property and possesses the right to as-

sume control over our mission and ministry if (or when) we fail to sustain adequate levels of stewardship or leadership. Indeed, in the great spirit of the “BOTH/AND”, we’re quite beholden to the canons and the structures of the Episcopal Church, supremely interested in how we’re governed from above. And so: this relationship expresses the imperative of our involvement in matters beyond our campus, the importance of keeping ourselves aware of the changes in our midst. So, what IS going on at the diocesan level?

Having split into two distinct bodies more than a hundred years ago (due to rapid growth in membership and expansion throughout our denomination) the sister communities that make up the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Bethlehem have now found ourselves sharing a narrative of decline. Though St. Edward’s is part of a handful of churches where more than a hundred folks gather for worship every week, most of our parishes are shrinking at a dramatic and an alarming pace. Rounding the numbers: our diocese reports that we currently have just over 9,500 active baptized members spread out over 60 parishes here in Central Penn-

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Reflection

sylvania, with fewer than 2,500 Episcopalians attending church on any given week. And the diocese to our northeastern flank has found itself in a similar situation. For while the history of the Episcopal Church in our area goes back to the American Revolution, it now faces an uncertain future, in the sobering acknowledgement that only .5% of adults in America now identify as Episcopalian. Yes, a mere one-half of one percent of people in the United States share our stated beliefs about metaphysical reality, common prayer, and the claim to apostolic authority of our bishops. This means that if any one of us were standing in a crowd of a thousand people, equally distributed among national demographics, we could anticipate that only four other people in the group would worship on Sundays with a Book of Common Prayer. This data is incredibly humbling, and profoundly relevant, to the dedicated souls who've been called to administrate on the diocesan level, our bishops.

In light of church closures, shrinking and aging congregations, coupled with the rising costs of doing business, I must wholeheartedly confess that it has been quite a thing to observe the strategic collaboration of two committed bishops with a shared vision for responding to the challenges faced by the Episcopal Church. And I believe that we have before us: a pathway for potentially strengthening the larger church in rural and suburban Pennsylvania through the consolidation of administrative resource and energy. Indeed, over the past couple of years, we've observed an intensive process of research and discernment blossoming around us, rooted in a balance of data-driven pragmatism and aspirational visioning through dialogue and prayer, between our bishops and their most trusted, inner circles. In light of the process quality, I also trust the intention and the direction that we've leaned in toward through

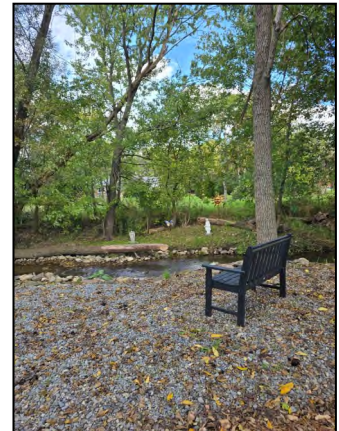
the mutually agreed upon resolution to reunite two bodies that were once a single entity. When I cast my own vote, in affirmation of the resolution at convention, I did so with sincere excitement over how this move to BOTH expand AND consolidate might better facilitate our parent organization's mission to model a way of being in the world, one based on a socially-minded and inclusive understanding of the teaching and lived witness of Jesus Christ.

But on a more granular level, I've been inspired personally. Observing the work of bishops Scanlan and Nichols in their own examples of open-minded mutuality, they've afforded all of us the chance to watch their own interpersonal relationship develop in the many shared addresses that they've made together to our wider communities. In doing so, they've shown us how a radically new understanding of who we are, and what we do, can evolve organically out of a sincere willingness to actively listen, engage, and collaborate. And in a time when our body politic has never been more divided across artificial boundaries, I think that our bishops are helping us (right now) to experience the possibility of cultivating better relationships on inter-personal and parish levels. Because it would be easy for two people with authority and control over collections of parishes to want to maintain their influence and power over them, to preserve and protect boundaries that lend them voice and relevance. And yet, both of these leaders have opened themselves to letting go in the pursuit of a greater good. They've courageously asserted that we have far more in common than we have in difference, while affirming that our greatest strength might very well be leveraged in the presence of our diversity.

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tionships across boundaries: in order to foster unity and mutual understanding in a diverse, and an often divided, region. To me, this exercise reflects the manner in which our Lord's own life invites us to embrace 'a way of love' characterized by servant leadership, rooted in self-giving humility and service to others. Undoubtedly, building relationships across boundaries is challenging, but it's unquestionably essential for promoting peace and understanding in an area so deeply divided around the salient socio-political and economic issues that shape our common lives. And given the data on membership decline across the Episcopal Church, building relationships across diocesan boundaries may prove essential for the very survival of the denomination. Jesus' teachings provide a powerful framework for this process: emphasizing inclusion, humility, and other-oriented concern. And it is a blessing to have bishops around us who are showing forth their willingness to follow suit, opening all of us to new possibility, to new relationship. May our Lord bless the rebirth of the Diocese of the Susquehanna!!!

Rick+



Our Swarr Run empties into the Susquehanna, thus we are directly connected to the namesake of the reunified diocese

Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator
Michelle Bentley

Scepter

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H. J. "Mac" Miller
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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 Kathy Spencer



explored in the Catholic Church. * And only very recently have women been included in the conversation.

One of the functions of a delegate to the convention is to vote on resolutions that have been prepared and shared before the meeting.

I was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church at Saint Monica's in South Philadelphia in August of 1944; and in May, 2009, I was received into the Episcopal Church at Saint James, here in Lancaster. You may ask, "Does she still hold a place in her heart for the Catholic Church after all these years? Nostalgia and gratitude, support the answer, "yes." "Is she really committed to the Episcopal Church?" Community and gratitude, support the answer, "yes." So, it is from the perspective of 65 years as a Catholic, and only 15 as an Episcopalian that I feel called to share with you my reflections on the recent 154th Diocesan Convention in State College.

I was overwhelmed from the outset with the affability and communality between the clergy and the laity. The bonds between the two groups come, I believe, from a long history of working together as a team toward goals that both groups have agreed are not only important but essential. Sadly, it wasn't until the late 20th century that this sort of collaboration began to be

RESOLUTION #3: PARISH ENGAGEMENT REGARDING CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

RESOLVED, that the 154th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania encourages parishes to prayerfully consider becoming educated and consider taking appropriate action regarding the ideology of Christian Nationalism by recognizing the violence, intimidation, racism, and distortion of scripture associated with the ideology. ~~Christian Nationalism embraced by organizations including but not limited to: New Apostolic Reformation, Dominionism, Seven Mountain Mandate, Project 2025, Black Robed Preachers;~~ We encourage parishes to identify the presence of Christian Nationalism in the area served by the parish.; advocate and take appropriate action to counteract Christian Nationalism in their parish community and the area served by their parish; and exploring the historical role of The Episcopal Church in creating what is today Christian Nationalism.

Note that in the revised text the naming of specific organizations and intellectual/social movements have been eliminated.

As a first-time attendee, I was amazed to learn that I had a vote. And it was the discussion surrounding Resolution 003 that touched me deeply.

Vestry, October 20, 2024

Our Vestry met on Sunday, October 20, one day after the Convention. The Agenda included reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, a financial report, the Administrator's updates, and the Rector's report on the Convention.

It was the welcome changes to the original Resolution "003" that sparked a deep and personal conversation among your Vestry that was moving and emotional. It revolved around the tenants of Christian Nationalism especially with regard to race and ethnicity. We lamented the historical role of the Episcopal Church in the institution of Christian Nationalism, but considered it to be very important to maintain in the official statement. Also discussed with concern and empathy were personal reflections regarding divisive issues confronting our country as it becomes ever more diverse as the world grows smaller and international conflicts accelerate the movement

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Father Rick initiates conversation around concern with the resolution at Convention

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



Veterans Day 2025: Monday November 11th



By Mike Freshwater

Our own Jamie Alton and Meno Fast sang in the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra presentation of Mozart's Requiem as part of the Lancaster Choir. It was a fabulous performance getting a long standing ovation Friday night when we attended.



By Beth Lynch

Thank you to the popcorn giver. It is greatly appreciated and definitely being enjoyed.

The Lynch Family



2024-25 Pokémon Schedule

Fall - Wednesdays

September 11th to November 20th

(No session on October 9th)

Winter - Wednesdays

January 22nd - March 26th

Spring - Wednesdays

April 30th - May 18th



Another Milestone for Liam!

Contributed by Meredith Westgate



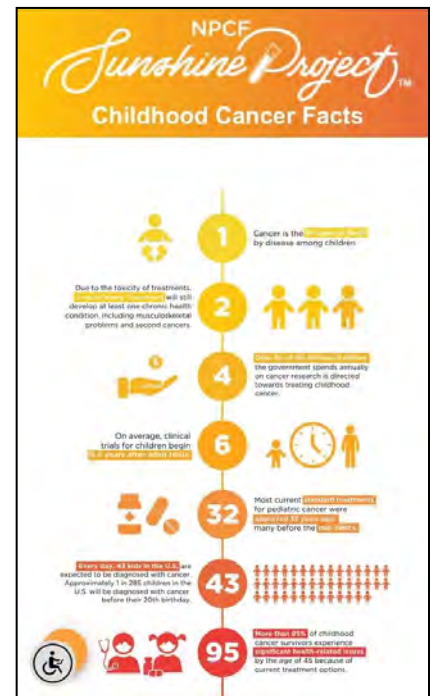
On September 21, 2023 Liam rang the bell to signal the end of treatment and being cancer free. We weren't off the hook yet, though, as Burkitt's Lymphoma is most likely to relapse within the first year after successful treatment.

Friends, Liam had his one year post-treatment appointment today and he is still in the clear!! All of his blood markers were good and his appointments will now be every 3 months instead of monthly. We are praising God for bringing us this far!

That being said, it is still Childhood Cancer Awareness month and while I know all of you are aware that it happens, I am sharing some facts that you may not know about childhood cancers. In the graphic I've attached, it mentions that cancer is the

leading cause of death by disease for children. It is in the top 3 leading causes of death in children for any age group. (Guns and car accidents are the other two but that's for a different day.)

Because cancer is such a big cause of death, you might think that it's being researched and funded as much as any other cancer. You're wrong. Less than 8% of the national cancer research budget goes towards childhood cancer research, which is why many children's cancer protocols are the same as the adult protocol. (Breast cancer research outpaces any other type.)



Trunk or Treat



Crafts for even the tiniest of Trunk or Treaters!



Three princesses at Trunk or treat.



GOD ROCKS!

Wise

Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.

What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.

PUZZLE

BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV

Psalms 145:8	SGAICURO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Job 36:5	HGIYMT	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Psalms 90:2	LTAVREENISG	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2 Peter 3:9	INETTPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
1 Thessalonians 5:24	FUFHIATL	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Isaiah 40:25	OYHL	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Help me, Lord my ___od;
save ___e ___ccording ___o
your un___ailing l___ve.

Psalm 109:26, NIV



November

Bible Quiz

Shortly after the birth of the church at Pentecost, which apostle(s) taught an Ethiopian official about Jesus and then baptized him?

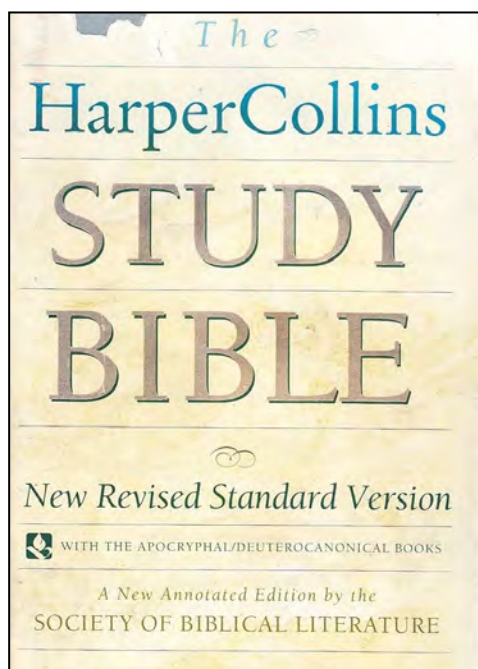
- A. Philip
- B. Peter and Andrew
- C. James
- D. Paul and Silas



Answers
INSIDE

Answer: A (See Acts 8:26-40.)

Join The Challenge!



Bible Reading Plan Nov. 1 to Dec. 1

1-Nov	Luke 12:13-14:11	17-Nov	Acts 2:14-4:37
2-Nov	Luke 14:12-16:31	18-Nov	Acts 5:1-7:29
3-Nov	Luke 17:1-19:27	19-Nov	Acts 7:30-9:22
4-Nov	Luke 19:28-21:9;	20-Nov	Acts 9:23-11:30
5-Nov	Luke 21:10-22:46	21-Nov	Acts 12-13
6-Nov	Luke 22:47-24:23	22-Nov	Acts 14:1-16:10
7-Nov	Luke 24:24-53; John 1:1-2:11	23-Nov	Acts 16:11-18:28
8-Nov	John 2:12-4:38 4	24-Nov	Acts 19-20
9-Nov	John 4:39-6:51	25-Nov	Acts 21:1-23:25
10-Nov	John 6:52-8:20	26-Nov	Acts 23:26-27:8
11-Nov	John 8:21-10:18	27-Nov	Acts 27:9-28:31; Romans 1:1-15
12-Nov	John 10:19-12:11	28-Nov	Romans 1:16-5:11
13-Nov	John 12:12-14:1	29-Nov	Romans 5:12-8:25
14-Nov	John 14:12-17:13	30-Nov	Romans 8:26-11:24
15-Nov	John 17:14-19:42	1-Dec	Romans 11:25-15:33
16-Nov	John 20-21; Acts 1:1-2:13-		

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of peoples across borders. Again, the Holy Spirit was in the room. And to quote the eloquent words of Michelle's Monday Message of October 21st:

"It IS a blessing to be able to gather in this beautiful spiritual home, in the community of family and friends and center ourselves in a faith that grounds us, enlivens us, and always brings us hope for what tomorrow may bring."

* <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/cooperation-of-priests-and-laity-is-essential-to-fostering-parish-life-8920>

"The Vatican is hosting a conference this week on promoting a key teaching from the Second Vatican Council and a fundamental part of being a "synodal church": Helping Catholic clergy and Catholic laity recognize that baptism calls all of them to share responsibility for the life of the church, each according to his or her vocation, talents and time." Taken from *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly Edition in English, 5 February 1997.



Trivia Night

Picture by Rayelenn Casey



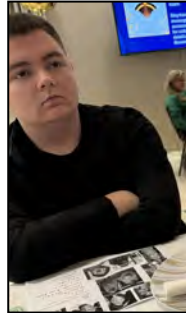
A great time was had by all!! Great food, fellowship, and Fundraising!



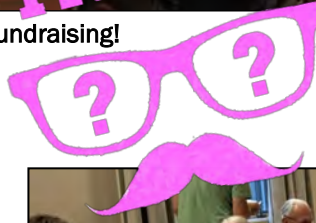
Mike Horn stumped us with some great trivia!



Father Rick and Ricky



John McClain



There were some very competitive teams!! All in great fun!



What was great is every table was laughing - so important!



Had to keep selling tickets!



Mark Jakiel



This table looks like a true "brain trust"!



Everyone kept the evening in a very tight race to the finish!

Blessing of the Animals October 4th

Pictures by Rayelenn Casey, Sue Purdy and Mac Miller



Fr. Rick



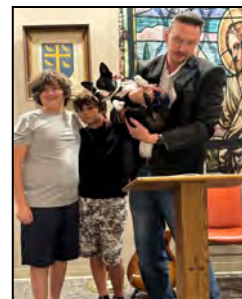
Mary Gibson



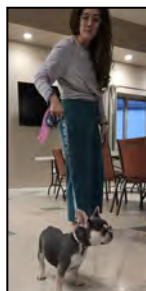
Bob Mosebach



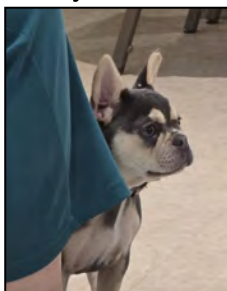
...in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.



Ricky, Christian,
Bowie and Fr. Rick



Elizabeth



And Betty



Blessing Betty



The Hakes and Louie



Louie greets
Betty



The Keeners brought their beloved dogs



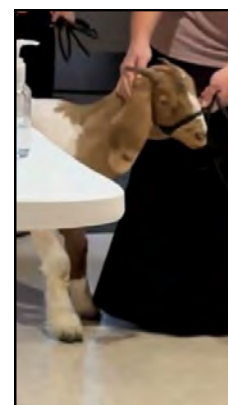
Sue Hurlburt



Fr. Rick
blessed Bree in
the car with Joe
Hurlburt.
Sue came
inside for the
service



The goats arrived



Mac Miller and
GW



↵ Vanessa
Hessel and
Qui and ↷
Vanessa's
daughter
Justine and
Ringo



Swarr Run St. Francis



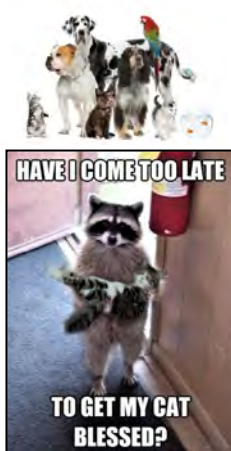
Rayelenn and Missy



Gabby and
Sue Purdy



Blessing Gabby



In memory of Spencer



In memory of a
beloved kitty.

Krist Kindling 2024

By Meredith Westgate



Krist Kindling is going to look a little different this year! Father Rick, Michelle, and I discussed several ideas for new ways to make it work. Last year we abandoned home delivery and had gifts brought to the church during Advent. This year, we agreed that we didn't want to abandon this long tradition altogether, but explored ways we could simplify the tradition, while still keeping the "spirit" of Krist Kindling.

Many of us are finding ourselves trying to minimize our belongings. We don't need more stuff and we also want to shorten our lists, especially in preparation for the holidays. We'd like to drive to less, shop less, and think less about what gifts to get for friends and family who already have everything they need and want.

Thus, we have decided to eliminate the gift buying, and instead keep the part about praying and caring for one another. You will be given the name of another participating family. Or, if anyone would like to send cards to a shut-in, they can contact Michelle or me.

Once each week during Advent, you will communicate with that family in a way that is most convenient for you: with a card, a note, or an email. You can mail it U.S. mail or even place it in their parish mail box. In this communication, you will



share some caring thoughts and encouraging words. Also during Advent, you will commit to praying for this family – for a peaceful Advent or for a special need you may happen to know about. Rest assured that another family is doing the same for you.

The first week, the sender of your message will be a surprise. After that, you will know who is "matched" with you. As last year, there will be no need for a "reveal". In January, we will have a Krist Kindling pot luck lunch on a Saturday or possibly an afternoon tea/coffee and dessert in the parish hall. (if you have a preference, let me know). This eliminates night driving which many of us prefer not to do. Since you will already know who you are connected to (at least after week 1), there will be no "reveal." Instead, we will intentionally seat you with your "matches," so that you can get to know each other (or know each other better) - a small step in building community.

Here are the weeks to deliver messages: Week 1: December 1 – 7, Week 2: December 8 – 14; Week 3: December 15-21.

I hope you'll agree that this a good way to keep the spirit of Krist Kindling alive, but in a new and still meaningful way. If you want to participate, please fill out the form below and put it in the Krist Kindling box in the Narthex by Sunday, November 17. I will send you an email in a week or so, with the name of your not-so-secret person or family and further instruction.

Should anyone have any questions.

Call or text: 717-575-2119

Bike Trip

By Randy Westgate

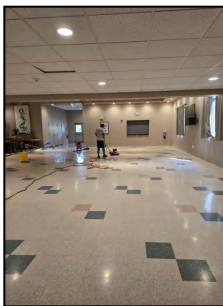


Randy Westgate, Mike Freshwater, Bill McGuigan, and 6 other friends biked the 60 mile Pine Creek Trail through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon over 2 days in October. A highlight for Randy was catching a fish in Pine Creek, one of the best trout streams in the eastern U.S. (Photo is AI enhanced!)

Did You Know?

By Michelle Bentley

Did you know that in the month of October our parish home was improved in these ways:



Polishing the Parish hall floor

✦ Stripped and waxed the parish hall and bathroom floors.

✦ Established a new station for the parish mailboxes that provides better access and lots of storage!

✦ Completed the tinting of our sanctuary and sacristy windows completed by Scottish Window Tinting (the company that created and installed our magnificent stained glass window). Not only will it reduce glare and protect our stained glass window panes from excessive sun exposure, it should reduce our energy consumption in the sanctuary.

✦ Held our 1st seminar on wellness and caregiving.

✦ Reached our fall fundraising goal of \$7,000.

✂

Names of everyone in your household

Address (street, town, zip code)

Email _____

Phone _____



Seth Hake Graduates

Pictures by Mike Freshwater and Seth Hake



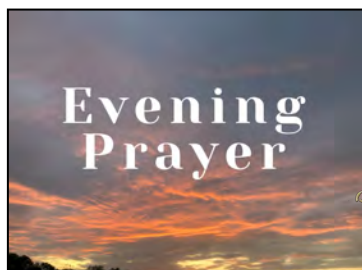
By Beth Hake

Seth graduated from University of Phoenix. We had a luncheon at Ferrarelli House of Wine on Sunday. I didn't take pictures during (I was busy and forgot 😊). I have some pictures of the room and decorations.

We don't know if there will be a ceremony in Phoenix at some point. His classes were online. He has a degree in accounting. He plans to take the CPA test. One area of accounting he is interested in is forensic accounting.



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>

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. Next meeting Saturday December 7th.

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

Men's Group

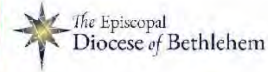


Saturday Men's Group: 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 AM -10 AM. **Join us for two hours of fellowship**, including Morning Prayer. Coffee and donuts will be served. **Next meeting** Saturday, November 9th

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for December will be:
November 20th.

Send articles and announcements to:





"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

We welcome to St. Edward's
The Rt. Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan, XI Bishop
The Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania

As is customary
Bishop Audrey will be our Officiant, Preacher, and Celebrant
at our Rite I and Rite II services.

Our Rite II service will be a service of
Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation.

We will host a coffee hour at 9 AM, filled with
music, crafts, and conversation as we gather to welcome Bishop Audrey.

Our vestry will meet with Bishop Audrey following our Rite II service.

Please mark your calendar and join us on this most special day
for our Confirmands and in the life of our parish!

*Our loose plate offering on the day
will be designated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.*



STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

ST. EDWARD'S STEWARDSHIP 2025

"As living witnesses of God's abundant mercy and love, made known to us through the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we're sincerely blessed as a community, entrusted with the privilege of bearing something of our Lord's holy and eternal light to one another, and to the world beyond the physical boundaries of our parish home. And in this upcoming season of repentance, anticipation, and preparation, in a time where we're each invited to look inward, reassessing the room that we make for the stuff of God, it feels right that we also ponder the practical matter of how we each contribute to our shared life in the stewardship of our spiritual home." – Father Rick

As we enter the month of November let us thoughtfully and heartfully contemplate our upcoming stewardship campaign. Our "Stewardship Stories" kick-off on First Advent, Sunday, December 1st with Father Rick speaking with us at our 8 AM and 10 AM services.

During the subsequent three Sundays in Advent we will hear from members of our parish family at both services.

Please join us during these important moments of shared parish life.

**December 1st -
December 22nd Sunday
Stewardship Stories
from our St. Edward's
Parish Family**

**Be on the lookout in late
November for your 2025
Stewardship Letter &
Pledge Form**

**Fourth Advent
December 22nd Pledge
Ingathering**

**We request your
prayerful
consideration for your
2025 pledge. We give
our deepest thanks to
you for your past
giving.**



**ST. EDWARD'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**sainteds.org
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Basket Raffle

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Michelle Bentley, Ethel Lawrence, Beth Lynch and Dick Irons



Ethel names a winner



Hopefuls share coffee hour



Fr. Rick draws a name



Beth with rainbow light



Mike Freshwater



Bruce Lynch and Seth Hake



Leslie Arnold



Steve Donohue



Beth Hake



Mary Ann Franck



Gail Irons

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.



A knit-wit prayer shawl given to Mac Miller's nephew, Allen. Allen had his elbow operated on to reattach a torn muscle. He will have a 16-week recovery. Prayer shawls are available for anyone who could use one. This one was made by Irene Achey.



Sparkling snowmen ornaments

Christmas Crackers and Other Items for the Craft Sale



Finished Christmas Crackers



Inside each cracker is a snap, a paper crown, a riddle or proverb, a trivia question, one toy and one personal item



How the chicken toy works



Clockwise from the top Debbie McGuigan, Gloria Kacinko, Sue Bianco, Ethel Lawrence and Sue Purdy were some of the women who put the crackers together. It's not as easy as it looks!



A cozy Christmas quilt



Tree ornaments



An Advent Calendar



Tiny bucket stocking stuffers



A wooden Santa



Pet toys



A very wise owl fabric picture



Christmas sweater ornaments

Lunch With the Chosen



Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord

Thank you everyone who came back to eat lunch and engage in viewing and discussing *The Chosen*! We had a long break to reflect

on how the start of Season 3 began and left us for the summer, then our return to continue witnessing the stories of Jesus and his disciples in the aftermath of the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew stepped into the question of forgiveness and reconciliation with his family, Simon tried to balance family connection and the Lord's mission, and Little James wondered about God's calling for him as a disciple with a physical disability. And, of course, there's the next big step for the disciples: going out two by two to preach, heal, and cast out demons like Jesus. The episode gave us rich material to wrestle with in many ways.

November's episode, "Physician, Heal Thyself," Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth for a reunion for his family and community. For those familiar with the story, what starts as sweet as honey takes a sharp turn for the bitter. We are coming together to view this episode on **Sunday, November 3rd**, at 11:45am in the parish hall. Please bring your brown-bag lunch!

The following episode will be viewed on **December 1st**.

If you would like to catch up on seasons 1 and 2, you can access *The Chosen* for free at this link: new.thechosen.tv

You can also download *The Chosen* App to your Amazon FireTV, Apple TV, or Roku, and on your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play Store. It is available for streaming on Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Peacock.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Blair



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, guitar), scripture interspersed with short periods of silence? Join us as Br. David Rutledge, Br. A. J. Robins or The Rev. Martha Harris lead worship.

Upcoming musicians:

November 2 - Rev. Catherine Williams
December 7 - Beth Warren

Saturday Eve Mass



Saint 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 Nov. 9, 5:00 PM

Saturday Eve Mass



340 Locust Street
Columbia, PA 17512

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:

✦ November 16

Prayer Series



If you missed this series from Saint James Lancaster, you have one more opportunity to join live on November 5: An Election Night Vigil | Music and readings to connect us | Embodied prayer

You can listen to all five of the podcasts at:

<https://www.saintjameslancaster.org/about/podcasts-from-saint-james-the-urban-well/>

Each session stands alone with a 15-minute talk on how we can, as Christians, build more personal and national unity in a time of entrenched political division and anxiety. Each session presents a democracy-strengthening idea or practice that can be implemented in our own way, regardless of our political perspective. A prayer practice follows. This is a free series!

Widow's Group



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

For more information contact:
Peggy Hanzelman: 717.390.4944
phanzelman@comcast.net or:
Ethel Lawrence: 717.314.8993
ethell748@gmail.com





HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY

Current requests

- Canned Black Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Yams
- Canned Kidney Beans
- Dry Black Beans
- Spaghetti Sticks
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal
- Canned Tuna

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

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



Books for Prisoners	Now thru mid-Dec.
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.

Clothing	Electronics
Shoes	Toys
Accessories	Household goods

Need for Space

We have been looking for a house that could fit the Rahim family comfortably when their three children arrive from Afghanistan. If you have any knowledge of a 4-bed, 2-bath home, contact Beth Lynch or Randy Westgate

UTO Thanksgiving Campaign Nov. 3-24



Collect your small change and engage in a season of gratitude. Last year, St. Ed's donated \$249.50 to the United Thank Offering Ingathering. 100% of your gift supported water projects. We will begin the UTO Thanksgiving campaign on November 3 and hold the Ingathering on November 24. Supplies will be in the narthex.

Turkey Drive Coming November 10-17



The Annual Turkey Drive for the Hempfield Food Pantry will be held November 10 - 17th. Please place your donation in the freezer by the 17th since delivery of the turkeys is scheduled for early morning the 18th.

"Over the last several drives, I used the voucher I earn at Weis/Giant to donate to the pantry," said Beth Lynch. Weis, Giant and Stauffers often run specials starting Nov. 1st.



Annual 2024 Jesse Tree Project Begins Anew

Our annual and traditional "season of giving" is upon us and this also heralds the start of the Jesse Tree Project. This program is the seasonal focus of our Community Outreach ministry when giving to the foster children of COBYs during the holidays has been a long-time favorite of this parish.



This service is known as the Jesse Tree Project. What Is a Jesse Tree?

The Jesse Tree is a unique Advent custom and the tradition traces back as far as the Middle Ages. The earliest Jesse Trees were made of tapestries, carvings, and stained glass. These visual displays allowed uneducated people who could not read or write to learn about the Scriptures from the time of Creation until the birth of Jesus.

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

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

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

The St. Edward's Jesse Tree

The St. Edward's Jesse Tree provides a peaceful spot under its branch for gifts that will be given to children in foster care to make Christmas a little brighter. Through COBYs Family Services we obtain a list of children in foster care, their ages, and

their Christmas wishes. We don't take the place of Santa. Rather, we act as Santa's helpers by adding another gift or two for a child to open on Christmas morning.

How Can You Participate?

FIRST, you have two options: buy gifts for a child or make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase gifts. (Suggested amount to spend or donate: \$50 to \$60 per child)

NEW THIS YEAR – You are to choose the name of a child by selecting a "mitten" ornament from our tree. The ornament will identify items on the child's wish list. After you select the mitten ornament, you will remove the part of the mitten labeled as the "Participant" form.

NEXT, you are to complete the form and return it to the drop-box in the Narthex. (The form will allow you to indicate whether you are opting to attach a check for the "elves" of St. Edwards to purchase items on the child's wish list.)

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

When will this happen?

The mitten ornaments for selection will be hanging on our tree from November 10 to November 24. (If you are unable to pick an actual ornament from the tree, please let me know and I will choose one for you.)

All monetary donations should be made by November 25, if not sooner. Thanks!

Wrapped gifts will be due December 8. We will aim to deliver the gifts to COBYs on December 9.

Questions? Please direct questions to Leslie Arnold at Larnold897@aol.com

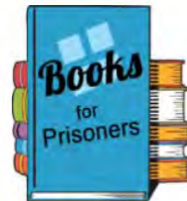
Do You Need A Ride To Sunday Worship?



If you have a long-ing to be at St. Ed's in person to worship on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office and a driver will pick you up.

If you are willing to add your name to the schedule to be a driver, please contact the parish office.

Books For Prisoners Requested Now Thru Mid-December



There is a limited collection period this time so please help fill our bookshelves. As stated by one prisoner, "Books are an outlet, a way for us to keep our minds free."

Thank you for your support of this important ministry. See books below:

- 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/K6N2OXW5AFVE?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_3

Prayers for incarcerated relatives of parishioners:

Joey (nephew of parishioner)

Saskita (niece of parishioner)



Pictures by Beth Lynch

Feeding Lancaster's Homeless

By Ellen Milligan

When St. Edwards learned that First Reformed Church in downtown Lancaster could use a little help with their Tuesday dinners, the response was tremendous! In a beautiful show of putting faith into action, parishoners baked ziti and cookies for our homeless brothers and sisters in need. Over one hundred people received a warm meal, fresh apples and homemade cookies thanks to all of the generous people who donated their time and effort. We received many thank-yous that night, but none were needed. The opportunity to serve was thanks enough.



Freda Dombach, Meredith Lord, Donna Ray, Leslie Arnold, Lori Miller, Rick Dombach, Melissa Kealy, Father Rick. Kneeling: Beth Lynch, Ellen Milligan, Bev Achey



Leslie Arnold, Beth Lynch, Lori Miller



Donna Ray, Bev Achey, Meredith Lord



24 pans of Ziti baked by loving hands and hearts from St. Ed's.

A Few Reflections.....

By Lori Miller

Serving the meal for the homeless left me with some mixed feelings. It feels good to help people, but it is also sad to see so many people in my community in need. These kinds of experiences really make you think more deeply about the issues.

There was a man who came through the line. I was handing out desserts so I was near the end. I gave him his cookies and he told me a joke. It was a play on words kind of like a pun. It was funny and he was smiling and I laughed. Then he told me another one. And another one. While he was in the other room eating, he kept coming over to me to tell me another one of his jokes. Sometimes he was laughing so much I couldn't understand his words, but I kept laughing because it seemed to make him happy.

When he was leaving, he was trying to thank everyone for the meal then he stopped next to me. I thought I was going to hear one more joke. Instead he talked about his daughter. Somehow we had made a connection. I may never see that man again, but I will never forget meeting him.

By Donna Ray

It was an exhilarating team project. I came home so pleased to have been part of this effort. We had great team work during the serving of the dinners and clean up. I was awed by the gratitude shown by everyone who came for dinner, they were all so pleasant and grateful for our efforts. I am definitely looking forward to the next time we have the opportunity to serve again.

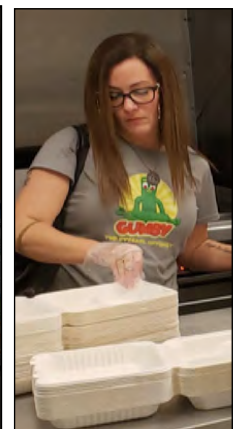


By Meredith Lord

With the dedicated leadership of Ellen Milligan, her crew served a community dinner to 102 residents of Lancaster City at the First Reformed Church on Tuesday evening, October 22. It was a joy and a privilege to meet our guests and provide them with a hearty meal. And thanks to all the folks who prepared the ziti casseroles, we had enough for second helpings. Thanks be to God!



Father Rick



Melissa Kealy

Coffee Hours

Pictures by Mary Snyder

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,

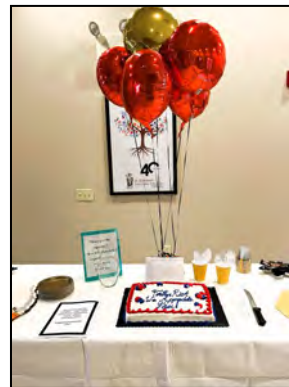
Join us at a coffee hour, sign up to serve as a coffee hour host, participate in our craft activities, or, if you hold musical gifts, contact Randy Westgate about joining the Coffee House Band.



The coffee hour band returned on Sunday October 20th



Ornaments to be made Nov. 17th



Sunday October 13th



November 17th, between services and while the Coffee House Band plays, join us in the parish hall to make a wooden ornament. These ornaments and notes will be given to our parishioners who can not attend church in person.

“Better Together – Balancing life, caregiving, and living well”

By Michelle Bentley



Our inaugural seminar, in partnership with Samaritan Counseling Center, on aging and caregiving was held in our parish hall on Saturday, October 26th from 1 PM – 4 PM.

We had 40 people attend this intimate, informative, and empowering seminar which covered a very comprehensive range of topics related to aging, wellness, and how we care for others in our community of faith. It was very experiential for the attendees as we shared our questions, concerns, stories, and insights. It was a beautiful thing to see so many folks have the courage, and to take the time, to visit

with one another and to soak in the information we were presented with (a lot of note-taking!!!) There was an air of thankfulness for not only having the space to express our questions, but to share in some ways that we found could help others. Samaritan Counseling professionals did an extraordinary job at keeping the topic session on point and providing very productive resources while delivering their knowledge with a calm, a beautiful caregiving manor, and a sense of humor that really put us at ease to experience navigating this space of aging, caregiving, and maintaining balance in our lives.

We have established a resource area in our narthex, and on our website, with materials that include the seminar materials (with their own links, etc. to resources) for a wide variety of aging and caregiving options, books to help guide people in organizing their document roadmaps, and seminar slides that detail *8 Dimensions of Wellness: Preventative Mental Health Strategies*. We will continue to have conversations within our parish community on how

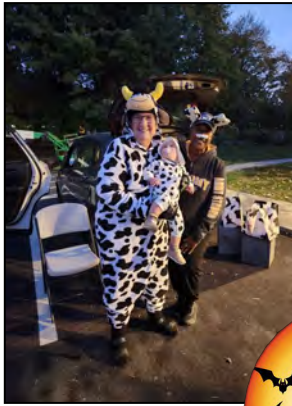
we can all navigate this season of our lives and/or the seasons those in our families – here and at home – are encountering. We feel there is enough interest and material to cover to consider offering a seminar in the spring of 2025, as we could have talked for at least two more hours!



Inaugural seminar Saturday October 26



Trunk or Treat



3 dogs: Rayelenn Casey, Karen Grant and visiting baby



Mike Freshwater



Eric and Valerie Weller



Christian and Ricky Bauer



Dogs like Halloween, too!



Games and crafts in the Parish Hall



Scarlett and Christian Breneman



Linda Lentz



Rayelenn Casey



Lori Miller



Second to candy, Halloween crafts are the best!!



Beth and Seth Hake



The trunks were just awesome!!!



Jay Miller and Fr. Rick provided live music

Trunk or Treat



Pretty costumes!



Kevin Milligan



Bountiful trunks!



Petting Zoo



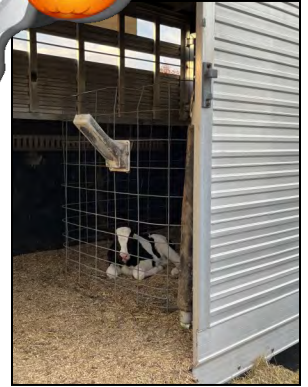
Mary Gibson's car



Blair Lord as the White Witch



Pumpkins everywhere!



Baby calf was restful



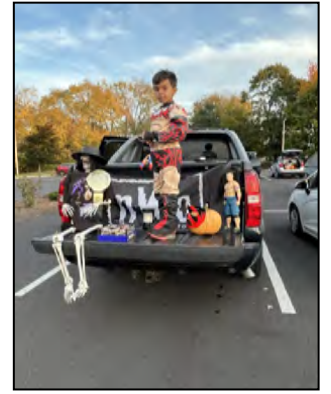
Night time lights!



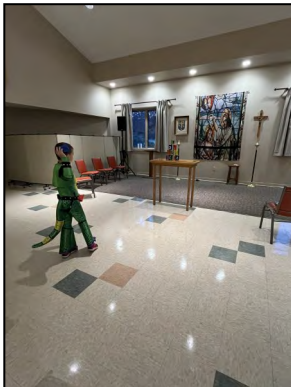
Linda Jones



Melissa Kealy



Our neighbors joined in!



Games galore!



Alan and Kathy Flowers with... is that 1 or 2 people!!

TRUNK
OR
treat

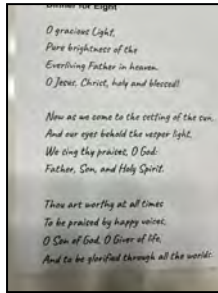


Jay and Rick+ sang up a storm! Great music!!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner



Dan and Mark's table



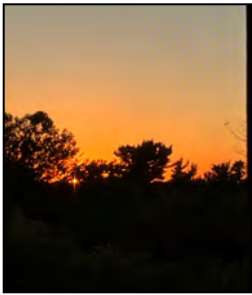
The prayer at each place

Dan Sanders and Mark Espie hosted Rayelenn Casey, Dorris Smith and the Shanks, Tina & Michael. Dan reported that: "We didn't play any games but I had everyone around the table say where they were born, places they lived and what they did for a living. Everyone seemed to like this better and we found out more about each other."



Steve and Catherine Donohue, Vanessa Helsel, Jeanne Mosebach, Ruth Yovanovich, Ruth Miller and Amy Yovonovich. Bob Mosebach took the picture

Jeanne and Bob Mosebach. We had a lovely, interactive, and lively group. Catherine and Steve Donohue, Vanessa Helsel and Ruth, Amy, and Ruthie Yovanovich, Bob and me. How could we not have had an amazing time! Ruth agreed to adopt 4 siblings, then told her husband!! And they had 12 kids and Amy said yes there were problems but Ruth said the Lord helped her with all of them.



A lovely sunset

Vince and Barb Czepukaitis hosted Linda Jones, Sue Purdy, Kathie Spencer, Irene Achey and Mary Snyder. They were able to enjoy a beautiful sunset from the Czepukaitis balcony.



An evening of Food and Fellowship By Meredith Westgate



Rick and Freda Dombach, Meredith Westgate Bill and Debbie McGuigan

"Strangers are friends just waiting to happen." Friends may be a bit of an exaggeration on the basis of a dinner, but if we were strangers when we arrived, we knew quite a bit about each other by the end of the evening. If getting acquainted with others in our church community wasn't enough of a bonus, there's something wonderful about a collaborative meal.

Mac Miller arrived with appetizers -- marinated shrimp and crackers and cream cheese with red pepper jelly. Sandra Klick brought a colorful tossed salad. Bill and Debbie McGuigan's provided garlic bread. I made lasagna -- one beef, one chicken, and Freda and Rick Dombach topped off the meal with homemade apple crisp and ginger cookies and pretzels with pumpkin dip.

Over dinner, we played "Lucky Penny" and "Guess and Confess." To play Lucky Penny, everyone draws a penny and shares something eventful that happened during that year. Sandra and her husband married in 1960 and moved into their first home. Rick was a student at Millersville University in 1984. Mac, who had been a student at Albright transferred to Juniata in 1959 because her mother thought she was "having too much fun."

For Guess and Confess, everyone answers a question on a paper and puts it in a bowl. The host draws a slip, reads the response, and everyone guesses who wrote it. In response to "What did you want to be when you grew up?" Bill wanted to open an "outdoor shop," to sell kayaks. Rick wanted to be an air traffic controller; Randy, a cartoonist. Debbie, Sandra, and Freda wanted to be teachers. I wrote journalist, and Mac thought it would be cool to be a switchboard operator. (Rosie said, "What's that?!").

In between, we shared some personal history and visited about work, family, and church. We had a lot to talk about!



It was a fun meal



Debbie McGuigan, Rosie Westgate



Rick and Bill



Bill tuning Meredith's grandfather's mandolin



Freda Dombach and Meredith



Sandra Klick and Randy Westgate

Services in October

Pictures by Mary Snyder and from the live stream



Bob Mosebach's Homily



Fr. Rick's Sermons



Wanda Stoltzfus's Homily



Seth Hake



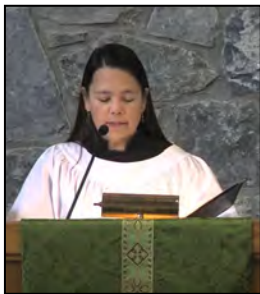
Rayelenn Casey



Jamie Alton



Linda Jones



Beth Hake



The Gospel



Prayers



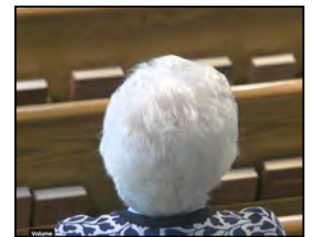
Recessional



Jay Miller, Kevin Milligan and Donna Esbshade



Bob Mosebach, Fr. Rick and Jay Miller



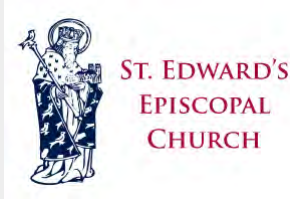
This is what happens to the live stream of the Gospel when Jamie isn't there!

Worship SERVICES



Karen Waddill and the Choir add so much to each service

Bishop Scanlan Will Visit November 17th



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The Bishop's first visit to St. Edward's 2015

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O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer,
Rector

Michelle Bentley, Parish
Administrative Assistant

Karen E. Waddill,
Director of Worship Music

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM

Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ 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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