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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Scepter



## Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



“The wounds remain. The world isn't suddenly fixed. Empire still stands. And yet—something has shifted.”

Some years, our Eastertide arrives gently—carried on the first warmth of spring, echoed in birdsong, wrapped in the quiet promise of renewal. But other years, like this one, Easter breaks in against a harsher backdrop: war that grinds on, public trust eroded by corruption, and a steady hum of anxiety that settles into our collective bones. The alleluias don't erase these realities... but they still manage to sound within them. And so the question becomes not whether we believe in resurrection as an idea, but whether we are willing to live it. Because our Holy Week experience reminds us that resurrection life, in

the way of Jesus, isn't an escape from suffering in our world. It's a response to it.

The Gospels don't present Easter as a triumphant reversal that cancels out Good Friday. They frame it as something quieter, more subversive, and far more demanding. The wounds remain. The world isn't suddenly fixed. Empire still stands. And yet—something has shifted. A new possibility has entered the human story: that love can endure violence without becoming it, that truth can persist even when buried, that life can be lived differently where death seems to dominate.

This is the heart of resurrection—not resuscitation, but the emergence of a new way of being. And if we take seriously the life and teachings of Jesus, this way is inseparable from nonviolence, courage, and the refusal to let injustice have the final word. We see this pattern echoed in those who have chosen to live resurrection within systems that denied it.

Consider Mahatma Gandhi, who faced British colonial rule not with armed revolt but with disciplined nonviolent resistance. Gandhi understood that violence may win compliance, but it can't

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# Reflection

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transform hearts. Through marches, fasting, and civil disobedience, he exposed the moral contradictions of empire, inviting both oppressor and oppressed into a different kind of power—the power of truth enacted through costly love.

Or think of Martin Luther King Jr., who stood in the shadow of American racism and declared that “darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.” His vision was forged in jail cells and under threat. And yet he insisted that the way forward couldn’t mirror the hatred it sought to overcome. His leadership was, in its essence, an Easter witness—a refusal to accept that injustice, no matter how entrenched, was immovable.

We might also recall Desmond Tutu, whose laughter and moral clarity helped guide South Africa through the end of apartheid. Through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he helped cultivate a path that held together accountability and mercy—truth-telling without vengeance. It was an audacious embodiment of resurrection: the belief that a society could face its past honestly and still choose a future not defined by retaliation.

These figures aren’t mythic heroes. They’re companions on the same road we’re asked to walk. Because the call of Easter isn’t simply to worship resurrection, but to participate in it—and that participation begins, often, in small and unremarkable ways.

It begins when we refuse to let cynicism dictate our expectations of one another. In a culture that rewards outrage and division, choosing to engage others with patience and integrity becomes a quiet act of resistance. It takes shape when we tell the truth—especially when it’s inconvenient.

Corruption depends upon silence and complicity. To speak honestly, to insist on transparency, is to align ourselves with the light that Easter proclaims. It grows when we commit ourselves to the well-being of others in concrete ways: supporting the vulnerable, advocating for dignity and equity, tending to wounds in our communities. These are the daily practices through which resurrection becomes visible.

And it deepens when we examine our own participation in the patterns we wish to change. Because if resurrection is real, it must take hold not only in systems but in hearts. The call to love one’s enemies, to forgive, to turn the other cheek—these are not passive instructions. They’re invitations into a reorientation of how we understand power and identity.

To live nonviolently in a violent world is to accept vulnerability. To pursue truth in a culture of distortion is to risk misunderstanding. To seek reconciliation in the face of division is to walk into complexity without guarantees. And yet, this is precisely where resurrection takes root—not in the certainty of success, but in a commitment to engaging the difficult work.

The early followers of Jesus understood this. They weren’t powerful by the standards of their time. What they carried was a way of life—grounded in shared resources, mutual care, and a conviction that the values embodied by Jesus were worth living, even unto death. Their witness didn’t change the world overnight. But over time, it introduced a different imagination of what human community could be. And that imagination is still available to us.

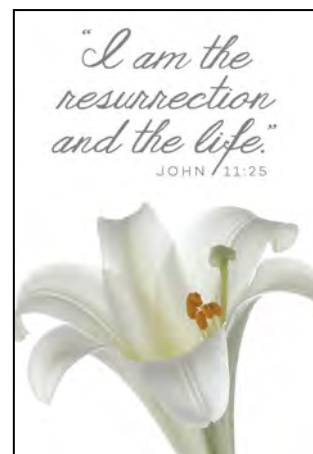
In a time of war, it calls us to be peacemakers—not merely in sentiment, but in practice. In a time of corruption, it calls us to integrity—to align our actions with the

values we profess. In a time of despair, it calls us to hope—not as denial, but as defiance.

In *Travel Like a Hero*, I wrote about the journey not as a straight line toward triumph, but as a series of thresholds—moments when we’re invited to let go of what no longer serves us and step into a deeper way of being. Easter is one of those thresholds. It doesn’t ask us to leave the world behind, but to re-enter it differently—to carry within us a quiet refusal: the refusal to accept that violence is inevitable, that corruption is normal, that despair is the final word.

As the Easter people of a Good Friday world, we’re called to replace that refusal with a commitment: to live, as best we can, in alignment with the way of Jesus—who met hatred with pity, power with humility, and death with a life that could not be extinguished. It’s a sacred summon to become, in our own time and place, witnesses to the possibility that something new can emerge—even here, even now. Because resurrection isn’t only what happened...then. It’s what can happen...now. It’s the substance of who we’re invited to become...and it’s a beautiful thing!! Happy Easter,

Rick+



## Parish Office Hours



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

VESTRY



### By Michelle Bentley

With our new vestry members officially elected at our March Annual Meeting, we are looking forward to our first vestry meeting with our new member slate on Sunday, April 19th at 12 noon. We are so thankful to Julie Hoff, Bruce Lynch, and Susan Murray for their willingness to serve this next 3-year term. We also want to thank our outgoing members: Blair Lord, Jay Miller, and Bob Mosebach for their incredible ministry on vestry over the past three years, as well as taking on additional roles as vestry clerk (Blair), junior warden (Bob), and senior warden (Jay). Their leadership and insights were instrumental in the care and feeding of our spiritual home on every level.

And now we turn to a new season of lay leadership. And with Father Rick's leadership and pastoral guidance we will have new projects and goals to ponder and enact on behalf of our community to ensure we continue to thrive. We will be looking at the many ways we can enrich our parish

## Retiring Members Served 2023-2026



Jay Miller  
Sr. Warden



Bob Mosebach  
Jr. Warden



Blair Lord  
Clerk

## New Members for 2026-2029



Julie Hoff



Bruce Lynch



Susan Murray

community in stewarding our building, our resources, our campus grounds, and our parish life with faithful attentiveness and thoughtful discernment. We look forward to serving our parish community!



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





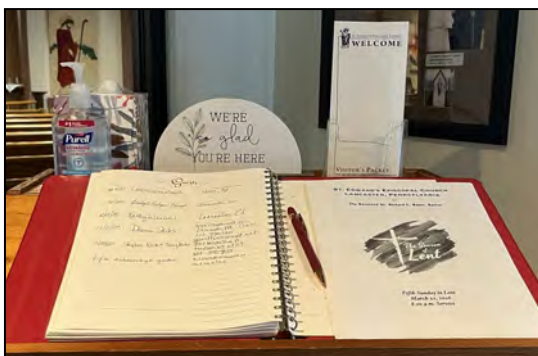
We have a photo wall in our narthex area. This beautiful wall depicts, you, our St. Edward's family. Each photo we have labeled with names so you can easily get to know fellow parishioners. We know there are many new folks who have come to St. Edward's and we would love to have your picture added to our family wall. All we need is a 4x6 photo of you. We will provide the frame! This is an invitation to all to please join our family wall! It is a beautiful way to build community.



**Picture from Mary Gibson**  
Bible Study group celebrated finishing their study of Revelation with a meal at Ciro's. Blair Lord, Rick and Freda Dombach, Mary Gibson, Bob Mosebach, Randy and Meredith Westgate and Leslie Arnold. For information on the Spring Bible Study of Acts see page 8.



Mac Miller on a sail boat in Florida. The dolphins swam right up to the boat



Guests are invited to sign our Guest Book!



Emma and Sadie on a spring day adventure



Emma and Sadie and Piggy friends



Westgates visited a maple syrup farm. Maple Syrup is sweet and so are daughters and grandsons. Ian (left) is six; Aubrey and Wesley (right) is eight.



Christian, Ricky, and Fr. Rick at Universal theme park



Rayelenn's love of books seems to have rubbed off on her granddaughter



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

### What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



### What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

## PUZZLE

### FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners
5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart	5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

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Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV



## Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?



- There was a flood on both days.
- There was an earthquake on both days.
- There was a huge fire on each day.
- There was complete darkness on both days.



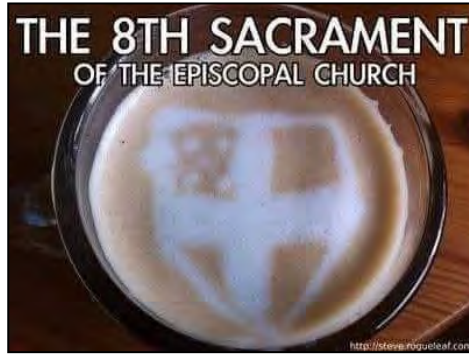
Answers  
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Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)

# Coffee Hour

## Pictures by Mary Snyder

A great way to ease into ministry at St. Edward's is to sign up to host a coffee hour on any given Sunday! The sign-up sheet is always on the coffee service table. This is a fun way to meet your fellow parishioners and to serve a very vital element to our community - fellowship! Coffee hour hosts have lots of support, too. Our 8 o'clock parishioners make the coffee and set the service table for you. If you prefer to create your own table, we will just put out the basics and you can decorate and serve in your own style. Bring your favorite sweet, savory or anything in-between goodies by 8:50 AM to set out on the service table and you are set to go! We will also help you with the clean-up so you feel comfortable with navigating the kitchen. We hope you will give it a try! A good number to plan on serving (so you do not over purchase) is 30.



Coffee House Band: Bob Mosebach, Jay Miller, Betty Simora, Rick Dombach, Randy Westgate



There are always great treats to choose from



As Fr. Rick said when Kathy Spencer won, "Come to St. Edward's and be a winner."

## 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.



# Curt Franck



Not just Curt, but Mary Ann as well always asked, called, prayed for Liz and Me. They have always been there for us. Buddy

One of his favorite stories to tell was when he and Mary Ann sang with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. He would joke that the sheer scale of it would mask any mistakes he could make. "You can't sing bad with that choir because they're that good." Both the jokes and the tales gave some light and warmth to our rehearsals. And we'll never forget all the smiles he gave us. Beth and Seth



One of his favorite sayings was line up from the tallest to the d.....t



Besides his vocal gifts, he was a trombonist, a perfect instrument for him.



## Limericks

Curt was the master of Limericks, a great many I never heard, but he always put a smile on our faces. I believe he wrote the lyrics for the change to daylight savings time and the Choir sang it before we processed that week. We so loved and miss him all the time and his up there writing more limericks! We love you buddy!!!



Curt and I could go through the entire lineup without skipping a beat. He so bragged to me how he attended game 7 of that World Series! I was so jealous, but good for him.



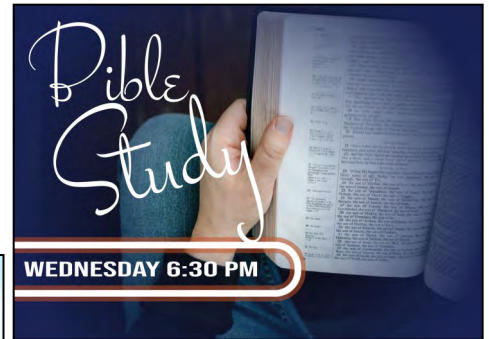
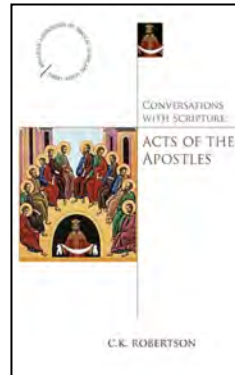
He and I loved the Oldies, music that you could dance to!



The thing that we will always remember about Curt is the dad jokes. He seemed to never run out of them. The choir doesn't wear the cotta on Good Friday. Easter morning when we were robing Curt would always say "Welcome back cotta". We knew it was coming, but it made us laugh anyway.



Curt was a master organizer of musical celebrations, always on the light side. Here are two photos of Curt, as the ringleader, of a choir surprise serenade of Patrick Ishler on Patrick's birthday. He was a marvel when he shared his up-tempo wit. It could be that his humor was honed by being a school music teacher. Besides his vocal gifts, he was a trombonist, a perfect instrument for him. And he and Mary Ann have been pillars in our choir. Peter and Robin



Author C.K. Robertson presents a well-researched, yet highly readable exploration of the Acts of the Apostles. Robertson is an alumnus of Virginia Tech, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Durham University, and for ten years has served as Distinguished Visiting Professor at The General Theological Seminary. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and recently was named Honorary Canon in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Dr. Robertson and his family currently live in a town just outside New York City.



Link to Robertson's sermon on Trinity Sunday June 2023  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DiKfgU8jFQ>

This is a very interesting sermon in which he does address the Trinity and the Nicene Creed, but he also recounts a dinner conversation he had with Jim Lowell about Apollo 8 and taking the infamous photo EarthRise.



More than 50 years after it was shot, Earthrise continues to be seen as one of the most iconic environmental photographs ever taken.

The Earthrise photograph, taken by Apollo 8 astronauts has had a profound impact on the global environmental movement. It was the first color image of Earth seen from space, capturing the Earth rising above the lunar horizon. This image led to the founding of Earth Day in 1970. The photograph served as a catalyst for environmental awareness and activism, inspiring millions to participate in Earth Day activities each year. It emphasizes the fragility of Earth and the importance of caring for our home in the face of a cold and infinite universe. The Earthrise photograph continues to inspire awe and responsibility for the planet, reminding us of our place in the universe and the need for environmental stewardship.

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# TRAVEL LIKE A HERO

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WE'RE MEANT TO BE

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# A Hymn Mix-Up With a Message



C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn't have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting.

When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled "Just As I Am, Without a Clue."

Whether it's "without a clue" or "without a plea," the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him.

Yes, I can!

I cannot end poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot stop war, but I can offer peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of someone who is dying.

These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change. Christ reminds us of their worth: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, NIV).



# Guess Who's Coming to Dinner-April 18



**By Meredith Aul**

The semi-annual Guess Who dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th at 6 p.m. Please mark your calendar for an

informal evening of a shared meal and interesting conversation.

For now, I am looking for hosts! That way I have an idea of how many people can be accommodated. While I have never had to turn anyone away, it's helpful to know how many hosts are available ahead of time. It would be great 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 your home best accommodates) and provide the main dish and beverages. Guests bring an appetizer, salad, dessert, 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.

Yes! I will participate in the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on April 18th 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 \_\_\_\_\_

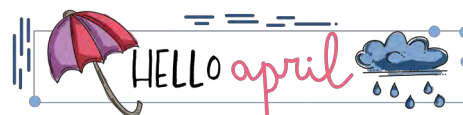
Your host will get back to you about a week in advance to discuss details. Please call or text Meredith Aul at 717-575-2119 if you have any

# Addressed to God

A letter written in a childish scrawl arrived at the post office addressed simply to "God." Unsure what to do, a postal employee opened it and read: "Dear God, my name is Jimmy. I am 6 years old. My father is dead, and my mother is having a hard time raising me and my sister. Would you please send us \$500?"

Moved by the boy's plea, the employee shared the letter with coworkers, and together they collected \$300 to send to the family.

A couple of weeks later, another letter arrived. Jimmy thanked God for the money and added one final request: "Next time would you please deliver the money directly to our home? If you send it through the post office, they deduct \$200."





**Hempfield Food Pantry**  
Current items requested:

- No jars.....No expired items
- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Canned Mixed fruit
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Mandarin oranges
- Spaghetti sauce. (No glass jars)
- Egg noodles
- Salmon (15 oz.)
- Canned Cream of chicken soup
- Dried beans (bags)
- Raisins
- Crackers
- Cake mix...icing
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Salad dressing

The pantry is looking for volunteers for: The bread table Wednesdays and some Mondays. . . training provided. and

A volunteer with an SUV or pick-up truck to get donations at Giant in Mount Joy on Mondays.

Any interest/more details? Call Diane Gerlach 717-862-2206



**ONGOING MINISTRIES:**

Books for Prisoners  
Hempfield Food Pantry  
Collection areas are in the narthex

**UPCOMING MINISTRIES:**

- |             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| April 25    | Race Against Racism       |
| May 12      | First Reformed Dinner     |
| July-Aug.   | School Supply Drive       |
| Sep. 1      | First Reformed Dinner     |
| Nov         | Turkey Drive              |
| Nov-Dec     | Jesse Tree                |
| Nov-Dec     | ALERT Sock Drive          |
| Lent 2027   | Soles4Souls               |
| Spring 2027 | Blood Drive               |
| Mar 2027    | Feed My Starving Children |



All suited up



Khateeb Rahim and Kevin Milligan

## Feed My Starving Children

**By Beth Lynch**

St. Edward's participated in 2 sessions on Saturday March 21st. During these 2 sessions we helped prepare 53 boxes of meals which contained 36 meals each for a grand total of 1908 meals that Saint Edward's helped prepare. During the 2 sessions alone a total of a 194 children will be fed for one full year. These 2 sessions were able to pack 70848 meals in 4 hrs.

L to R: Bruce and Beth Lynch, Jan and Bill Deegan, Ricky, Christian and Fr. Rick Bauer, and the Rahims.



## Feed My Starving Children Thank You

I want to say a huge THANK YOU!

for your support of the 11th Lancaster County Feed My Starving Children MobilePack that took place on March 20-22, 2026.

It is absolutely amazing what our community can accomplish when we come together to work and pray! Check it out....

Final totals for the event are as follows:

Our goal was to pack 500,000 meals....we packed 440,208 meals!

This will feed 1,206 children a nutritious meal a day for an entire year! Though we didn't reach our packing goal in person, don't fret. We will still provide 500,000 meals with a little help from machine packing to make up the difference. Ultimately, we will provide 1,370 children a nutritious meal a day for an entire year! Praise God!

Our goal was to have 2,000 volunteers.....we had 1,535 volunteers! This was around 100 less than last year. But you are all amazing and packed far more than expected for the number of volunteers present, surpassing the 412,000 meals that we packed last year! WAY TO GO!!!! See below for the details of how your specific packing shift performed.

Our goal is to raise \$147,000 to cover the cost of the meals that will be provided.... so far we have raised approximately 70% of our goal or \$103,000! Please dig into your couch cushions and bank accounts and donate today. Thank you for every penny that has been donated so far!

Donations may be submitted on-line for our event at the following link or QR code:

[Click here for the link](#)

or mailed to:

Feed My Starving Children

ATTN: MobilePack #2603-022MI

1000 Kreider Drive, Suite 200 <> Middletown, PA 17057

Make checks payable to FMSC. Write "MobilePack #2603-022MI" in the memo line.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Lancaster Co. Food Hub. As a community, we were able to donate 401 lbs. of food to be used by local community members.

In 1-2 months, I will be sending out an

## March Blood Drive by the numbers:

**LANCASTER GENERAL HEALTH**

**Community Blood Drive hosted by  
St. Edwards & Church of Latter-Day Saints**

**By Meredith Aul and Bruce Lynch**



**Catherine Donohue**



**James Lynch**



Date: 5th

Time: 2-7

Sponsors: St. Edward's and Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints

Came to donate: 25

Eligible: 23

Donors from St. Edward's: 5 (Thanks to Catherine and Steve Donohue, James Lynch, Meredith Aul and Rosie Westgate)

Volunteer helpers: 2 (thanks to Bill Deegan and Beth Lynch)

update to let you know the final destinations of our meals from this year's event as well as any details for future events.

Thank you again for participating in our 11th Lanc. Co. Feed My Starving Children MobilePack. May God bless your generosity! 'till all are fed....

Lora Mangus Wenger,

Lanc. Co. FMSC MobilePack Chairperson

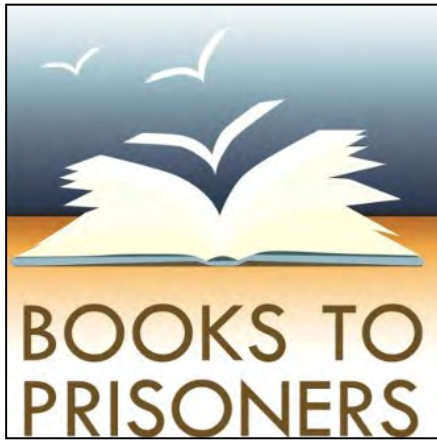
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Every prayer, person and penny count in the effort to alleviate world hunger



This is an activity that we encourage parishioners and their friends and family to sign-up for as "Team St.

Edward's" but we have found everyone likes to navigate the course at their own speed. It does not matter how fast you run, or how leisurely you walk, what is important is to prayerfully consider supporting this community event, taking steps, together, as one human family.



**By Randy Westgate**

Because of your generosity we were able in December to purchase more books for prisoners in Lancaster County prison. We purchased 4 copies of the Life Recovery Bible, a bible which links to the 12 steps of recovery for addiction to drugs, alcohol, and other personal issues. According to the chaplain's office at the prison, these bibles are given as a reward to prisoners who memorize 10 bible verses, and are well-loved: "We are always running low! These would be a big help to us!" The vast majority of prisoners there are dealing with addiction of one sort or another, and recovery is the key to reduce recidivism and allow a change of heart and a return to long term health and freedom for those who are incarcerated.

If you would like to contribute to this cause you may put a check in the offering plate and write "Books for Prisoners" on the memo line.

Many thanks!



Pictures by Mary Gibson



**Fr. Rick's Report**



**Fellowship followed the Annual Meeting Reports**



**Susan Murray and Donna Ray**



**Comments and Questions**



**Sharon Hubbard, Fr. Rick, Ethel Lawrence, Blair Lord**



**Good food was plentiful for our "light luncheon"**



### Hosted by Blair Lord

We closed out season 4 last month with "Humble," which opened with a shot of King David riding into Jerusalem on his war horse—and ended with the King of Kings riding on his donkey into the same city. In the same episode, Shmuel the Pharisee takes a chance to meet Jesus for a heart-to-heart, only to shut down at the actions of Mary, sister of Lazarus, when she anoints Jesus's feet. Political tensions start to boil with Pilate, Caiaphas, and the religious leadership in Jerusalem in anticipation of Jesus's arrival. Our discussion involved reflecting on the historical reality of Jesus's controversial position as the humble king, bringing a kingdom so many people didn't understand or embrace.

Please join us on April 12th in the parish hall at 11:45am for the first episode of Season 1. That's right! Before we continue to the next season for Holy Week, we will take a look back at where it all began in the episode "I Have Called You by Name." Come see Simon before he was Peter, James and John before they were Sons of Thunder, and Mary Magdalene before she was called by name. Plus, there will be quiche!

For those looking ahead, our viewing of episode 2, "Shabbat," will be on May 3rd.

If you want to watch The Chosen outside our monthly luncheon, you can access it for free at [thechosen.tv](http://thechosen.tv) [Click here for link.](#)> You can download The Chosen App to your Amazon FireTV, Apple TV, or Roku, and on your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play Store. Additionally, the show is available on Amazon Prime.

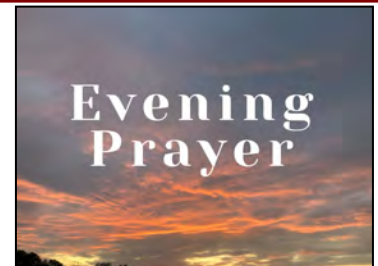


**Saturday Men's Group:** 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 AM -10 AM. **Join us for two hours of fellowship**, including Morning Prayer. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Next meeting Saturday, April 11th



## Sunday Prayer



**Sunday Evening Prayer, at 7:00 PM**

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

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

[drutledge1225@gmail.com](mailto:drutledge1225@gmail.com)

Sunday Evening Prayer@ 7:00pm  
Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072

Passcode: SunEP



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



## Wednesday Noon



Looking for a meditative complement to Sunday services? Need a peaceful break mid-week? Join us for the Wednesday Noon Contemplative Eucharist and Meditation in the Parish Hall chapel. Each Wednesday, about 16-20 of us gather for reflection, meditation, and Eucharist, led by Father Rick. It truly is a refreshing reset to the week. For some, this is their weekly service they attend. We welcome donations to our free-will offering plate at this service.



Nancy Oliver, Julie Hoff, Bev, Fr. Casey, Jill Bell



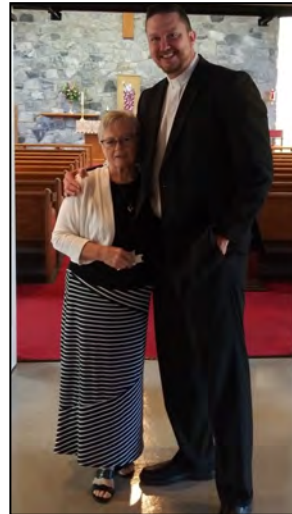
On Altar Guild with Julie Hoff



Larry and Bev



80 and still sassy



Sometimes all you need is someone who's always there when you look up



Maundy Thursday foot washing



It was a COVID thing



Eddie who was named for St. Edward



Altar Guild



With Michelle Bentley



Bev dressed up for Halloween Knit Wits visiting Dolly Carter



Bev and Jan Warshawsky



Another Easter with Nancy Oliver and Fr. Casey



# March Services

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Announcements



Bob Mosebach's homily



Fr. Rick and Beth Lynch



Fr. Rick and Vanessa Helsel



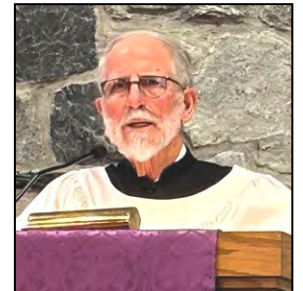
Kim Kline 8 AM



Kathleen Spencer



Blair Lord



Peter Weber



Jay Miller



Jamie Alton



Faith, Hope, Love prize made by Beth Lynch



And the winner is Kathy Spencer



Eucharist



Prayers



Karen Waddill





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**The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer,  
Rector**

**Michelle Bentley, Parish  
Administrator**

**Karen E. Waddill,  
Director of Music**

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:  
11AM – 4:00PM

### Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Mike Freshwater(2027)  
Vestry Clerk
- ✦ Mary Gibson(2028)
- ✦ Julie Hoff (2029)
- ✦ Ethel Lawrence (2027)
- ✦ Bruce Lynch(2029)
- ✦ Susan Murray(2029)
- ✦ Donna Ray(2028)
- ✦ Dan Sanders(2028)
- ✦ 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 and Meditation

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