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Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk



“If someone encountered the Christianity I practice—not merely the Christianity I profess—would they glimpse something that looks like Christ?”

Every year, Pentecost arrives with a certain electricity, as the imagery of wind and flame captures our imaginations. We

sit together with a wild story from Acts, reminding us that the Church was never meant to be static or hidden away from the

world, but to stand at the margins of society as a counter-cultural community animated by the Spirit of God.

And yet what has always struck me most about Pentecost isn't the dramatic celebration itself, but what happens afterward. The feast day ends. And the Church calendar turns toward what we call "Ordinary Time"—that long green season stretching through the summer months, where much of Christian life is lived not in spectacle, but in practice. In repetition. In relationships. In the small and ordinary choices that slowly shape the architecture of the soul. I'd like to think that's precisely where Pentecost was always meant to lead us.

Because the miracle of the Spirit risks being cheapened into mere emotional intensity or religious excitement. The Pentecost story is, after all, about transformation. About becoming people capable of embodying the life of Christ in the world around us. Which is why the Church, in its wisdom, so often pairs this season with Saint Paul's words from Galatians: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." I like that Paul calls them fruit, not accomplishments. Fruit grows gradually when something is rooted deeply and tended intentionally. It

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emerges through cultivation. Through attention. Through nourishment.

The spiritual life works much the same way. We become what we repeatedly practice. And so Ordinary Time invites us to ask a deceptively simple question: What kind of fruit is my life producing? Not merely: What do I believe. Not merely: What group do I belong to. But what spirit radiates outward from my life into the lives of others? Because Jesus consistently taught that this is where discernment begins: "By their fruits you will know them."

That question feels increasingly important in our present cultural moment. We live in a time saturated with opinion, performance, branding, outrage, and ideological certainty. Christianity itself is often reduced to identity markers, political affiliation, or cultural symbolism rather than the difficult work of discipleship and spiritual formation.

And perhaps one of the greatest dangers facing the modern Church isn't open hostility toward Christianity, but superficial Christianity—a version of faith more interested in belonging than becoming. More interested in appearance than transformation. More interested in defending tribes than cultivating Christlike character.

This is especially visible in forms of Christian Nationalism that attempt to merge the Gospel with political power, exclusion, cultural grievance, and domination while invoking the language of Jesus in ways that often stand in tension with his lived witness. Because whatever Christianity may be, it cannot meaningfully be called Christian if it consistently produces contempt instead of kindness, hostility instead of peace, arrogance instead of gentleness, or perpetual reaction instead of self-control. The Gospel doesn't ask us merely to admire Jesus. It asks us to follow him. And following him requires initiative. Intention. Responsibility for the condition of our souls.

This is where an ancient Christian idea known as the *via negativa* can be deeply helpful. Of-

ten translated as "the negative way," the *via negativa* invites us to grow spiritually not only by asking what we should cultivate, but also by asking what we must release. What habits diminish love? What forms of media, speech, or behavior erode our capacity for compassion? What keeps us from becoming more generous, more grounded, more gentle?

Adopting a practice like this can remind us that sometimes spiritual growth begins not by adding more religious language to our lives, but by honestly examining the perspectives we embrace that obstruct the fruits of the Spirit from flourishing within us. Such examination requires effort and willingness on our part. It beckons us to acknowledge that authentic discipleship is never passive.

The early Christians understood this well. They possessed no cultural dominance or political control. And yet they transformed the moral imagination of the ancient world because they cultivated a radically different way of being human together. They cared for the vulnerable. They crossed boundaries society considered fixed. They welcomed outsiders. They proclaimed the dignity of people the empire considered expendable. They attempted—however imperfectly—to embody the love they encountered in Christ. That witness still matters. Especially now.

Because in every generation, Christians face the temptation to substitute ideology for discipleship. To settle for public declarations of belief while neglecting the inner work of becoming loving people. But the Spirit continually calls us beyond that reduction. The Spirit invites us into depth rather than performance. And importantly, the Spirit often works quietly—not only in mountaintop moments, but in ordinary acts of practice and attention. In practicing self-control in a culture that rewards impulsive reaction. In speaking truthfully when addressing falsehood is deemed impolite. In cultivating joy and generosity amid a world increasingly shaped by apathy and cynicism.

Perhaps this is one reason the Church gives us Ordinary Time. Because most of life is ordinary time. Most spiritual formation happens not in dramatic moments of revelation, but in kitchens, workplaces, vacations, neighborhood encounters, and in the thousand unseen choices that gradually shape who we become.

And so perhaps Pentecost really is less a single celebration than an ongoing invitation. An invitation to become more intentional about the kind of presence we bring into the world. And as we move into the summer months together, perhaps these questions are worth carrying with us: Where are the fruits of the Spirit becoming visible in my life? What habits or influences are working against them? Am I actively cultivating a life of discipleship, or merely assuming it happens automatically? How might I become more deeply rooted in the teachings and example of Jesus rather than in the noise and tribalism of the surrounding culture?

And perhaps most importantly: If someone encountered the Christianity I practice—not merely the Christianity I profess—would they glimpse something that looks like Christ? That may be one of the defining spiritual questions of our age. Because the credibility of the Church has never depended solely upon how loudly Christians speak. It depends upon whether the fruits of the Spirit remain visible within us. And that cultivation begins, as it always has, in ordinary time. Through ordinary faithfulness. Through ordinary acts of courage, compassion, humility, and responsibility. Through the quiet and sacred work of allowing the Spirit to bear good fruit through our lives—for the healing of the world. Travel well, friends!

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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.



By Ethel Lawrence

As I sit here trying to decide how to start a report on a meeting I was unable to attend, due to ongoing health challenges of my own, they seem small compared to the things that many of our church family deal with on a regular basis.

This brings me to a feeling of profound gratitude for the church family we have all created and nurtured over time and, with hard work, personal sacrifice of time and resources, and dedication to ministry. . . By all of YOU!

I am pleased to see the choosing of Julie Hoff as senior warden, by Father Rick, and the election of Mary Gibson, by the vestry, as junior warden, and last but certainly not least (!) the re-election of Mike Freshwater as our vestry clerk! And, I am so happy to know, and report, that the first quarter of this year had a strong financial showing.

As you know, we have said goodbye to far too many of our members in the recent

months. Thankfully, we are blessed with many new members who have joined us! This is the perfect opportunity to let folks know that we have a beautiful “family wall” of 4x6 photos in assorted frames in our narthex. Each photo is labeled with each person’s name, so we can connect with one another beyond just a “wave” of the hand on Sunday. Is your photo on our family wall??? If not, we encourage you to bring one in and we will frame it. Or just ask Father Rick to take your picture on Sunday (he takes great photos!) and we will get it printed and framed. This wall is so important to our community and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Our new members are stepping up to support our Faith In Action ministry, and all of the projects they engage in throughout the year, by their generosity of spirit in supporting the many missions.

Susan Murray and Bruce Lynch are wonderful additions to our vestry, beginning their 3-year term this spring. Both Susan and Bruce are very active in many capacities and are a faithful and hard working part of our church family.

Of course, the departure of Karen Waddill is profound, but our choir is up for the challenge! Stay tuned for more news on that subject as the summer unfolds and we engage in a new church season come September.

We look ahead, now, to the fundraising events ahead of us! We have a robust and ambitious calendar of events that begin in May and run through December. But it is our hope that through support, innovation,

creative suggestions, gentle space and timing between events, and congregational participation (no participation is ever too small!) we will successfully meet our budget goal which is so vital to the ministry and mission of St. Edward’s (and is part of the budget we approved, as a parish, at our Annual Meeting in March). Some fundraisers are essential to the proper stewarding of our campus and some are infused with creativity and inspiration, but our goal is to engage and be engaged with a spirit of fun in our FUNdraising!

Our main summer endeavors are: The sidewalk, our 10k Extra Give with work being completed to upgrade our Memorial Garden. You can read about the sidewalk and 10k in our pages that follow and we will keep everyone informed on how our Memorial Garden transforms in monument updating and new benches.

In conclusion, thank you for your generous continuous financial support and the amazing energy you all have put into our parish life! If you have any concerns, questions, requests for information or needs, Father Rick’s door is always open, Julie Hoff, senior warden, is a fount of knowledge, Mary Gibson, our “people’s warden” is an amazing resource, and Michelle are all here to listen and to help!

It is my pleasure to serve you and this amazing, generous, and loving church. Peace be with you!

Ethel



Military News

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

Please advise Michelle Bentley in the Parish office or HJ_Miller@Outlook.com if any of these names should not remain on our list:

- Justin Carnahan
- Gordon Frankenfield
- Matt Fuhrman
- Jack Hawk
- Drew Johnson
- William Justice

- Anthony Koser
- Alex Kube
- John Lewis
- Richard Mutari
- David Peck
- Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- Morgan Prigmore
- Mike Spurr
- David Sternberg
- Clayton Tennes
- Connor Tennes
- Evan Westgate
- Seamas Whitesel
- 1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Parishioners Outside the Pews



Jeanne Mosebach, daughter and son



Jeanne Mosebach's brother's award winning song "Thirteen"



Rosie, Randy, Meredith Westgate with Muska Rahim at Himalayan Grill



Jodi Good and Mary Snyder celebrate their anniversary at Rehoboth Beach



Maisie helps celebrate Donna Ray's Birthday



Kim Kline in the Shenandoah Mountains



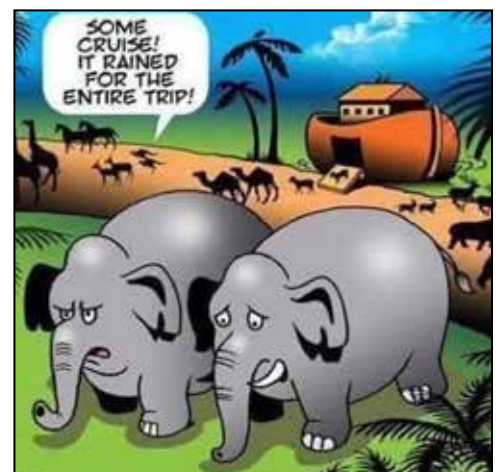
Gail and Richard Irons met with 3 couples, lifetime friends of theirs, who are all celebrating 50th anniversaries. (1976 weddings) They gathered with their children and grandchildren... (32 total) at Long's Park pavillion for food, photos and lawn games.



Stauffer twins turn six



Emma and Sadie go to vote with Rayelenn Casey



Kid's Corner

Donohue's granddaughter, Skye's baptism in DC on Mother's Day



WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

PUZZLE

REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

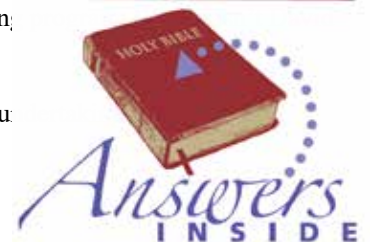
Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!



Bible Quiz

David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building, allowed the honor of building the temple?

- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.



Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)

White Oak Quilters



WHITE OAK QUILTERS cheerfully support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

By Donna Holwager

White Oak Quilters are a small group of the larger Red Rose Quilt Guild and have found a home in the St. Edward's Fellowship Hall. Prior to Covid, we were able to meet in each other's homes, then resorted (weather permitting) to gathering outdoors under the huge white oak tree in the Village Grande development. This meant lugging porch chairs, quilts in the making and miscellaneous items to the park dragging them thru the grass in order to stay together. Father Rick generously brought us in from the cold two years ago; and we've been happily stitching away ever since- chattering as we go. You may not know we contribute handmade items as well as money to the annual Christmas Craft and Cookie sale. Word also has it members found our way to the November

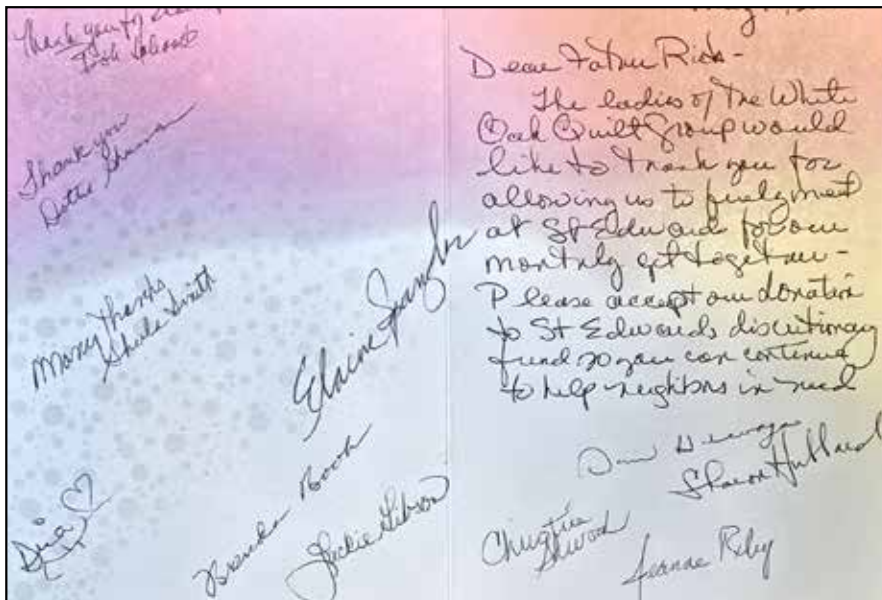
basket sale! The St. Edward's members (Sharon Hubbard, Dina Cerase and Donna Holwager) are always part of the warm welcome to the group. You have seen our work in the narthex where wall quilts have been displayed throughout the year. Father Rick, Michelle and our own Needle Arts group drop regularly into our gatherings to cheer us on and enjoy our projects. Last month, a little bird whispered Rector's Discretionary Fund was getting low, and some cold hard cash may be just the thing to express our appreciation! As we quilters are famous for piecing fabric scraps together to create something beautiful and useful, we used those same piecing skills to create our financial gift to Gift to Father Rick's Rector's Discretionary Fund helping those in need.



Christmas quilt that group will donate to the Christmas craft sale



Some of the quilters doing their thing



Thank you note that accompanied the gift



Community Safe Disposal Event

June 15th, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Many people have unwanted firearms with no trusted way to discard them. They might have a gun that was inherited, or maybe a gun that was used in a suicide. Or perhaps a gun stored in a home with children or grandchildren. There are many reasons why people want to dispose of unwanted guns. We are here to help.

Dispose of your unwanted guns in a safe and loving environment. Guns are dismantled by trained volunteers with power saws. Pieces from the guns are given to local blacksmiths from RAW tools for the purpose of creating garden tools and art.

Bring your unloaded firearm(s) stored in the trunk of your vehicle to:

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
301 Saint Thomas Road
Lancaster, PA

"...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more." Isaiah 2:4

We have an opportunity to participate in a Community Safe Disposal Event of unwanted firearms, hosted by St. Thomas Episcopal Church, on June 15th. This is a very open, gentle, invitational way to consider disposing of an unwanted firearm with the knowledge that it will be lovingly transformed into useful garden tools and art. If you would like more information, please connect with Bruce Lynch.



Coffee Hour

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.



Mother's Day



Mary Gibson hosted May 10th coffee hour



Mother's day gift bag

During the May 17th Coffee Hour small gifts were created to send to home bound parishioners. The signed notes read:

May your summer months
Be filled with Hope, Peace,
Joy, and Love!

We hope the enclosed craft
finds a special place in your
home.

We wish you every blessing on
behalf of your St. Edward's
family



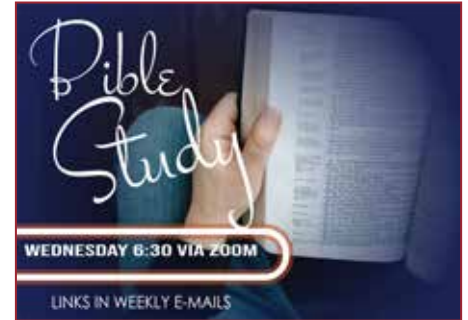
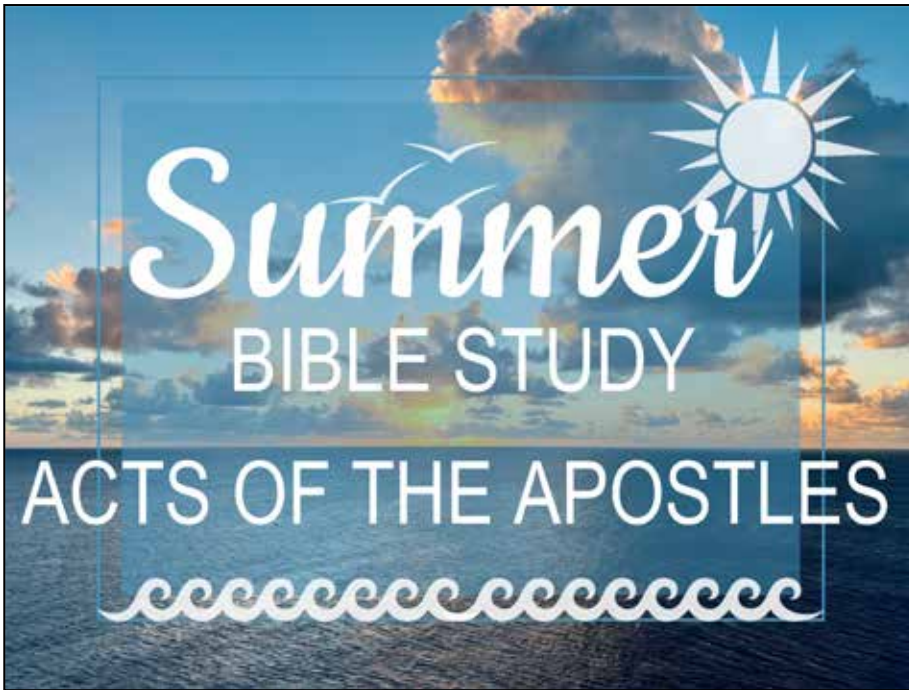
The included
craft

Q: How does Moses
make his coffee?
A: Hebrews it.

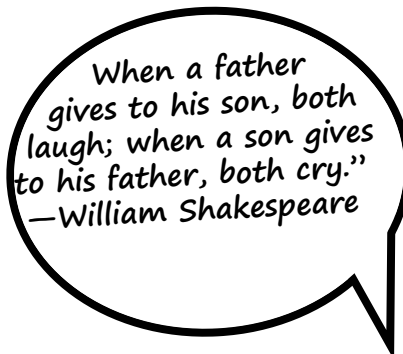
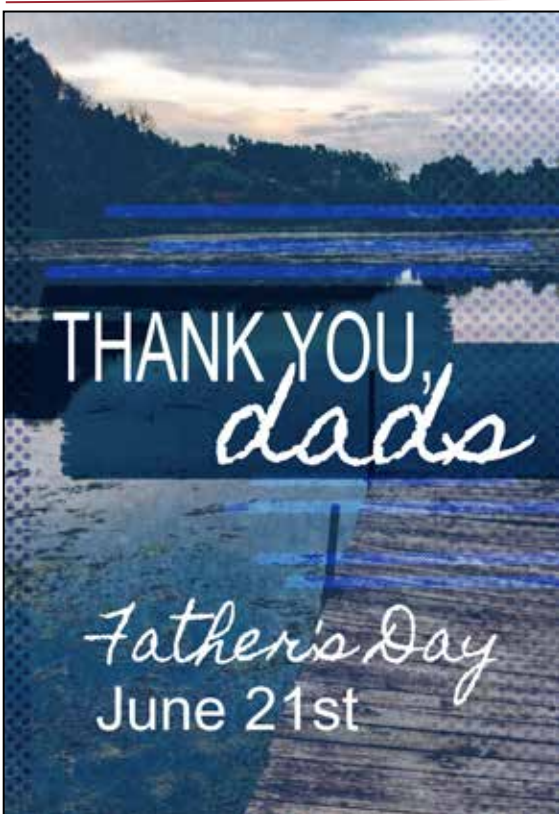
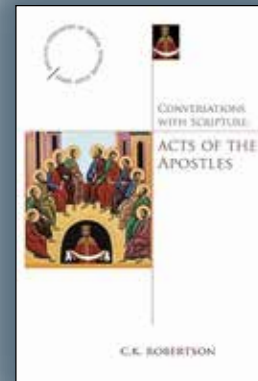
Volunteer to host
COFFEE



Betsy and Tim Small visit with Irene Achey



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.



Karen Waddill Final Sunday as Music Director May 3rd



During Covid, Patrick Ishler and Karen provided the music for the telecast services



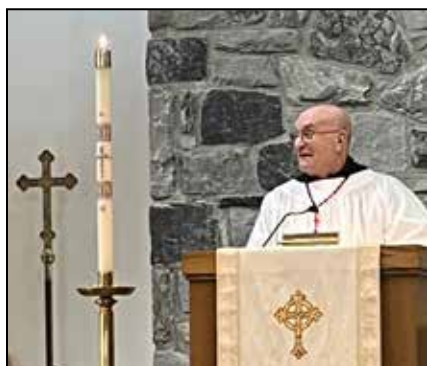
Anthem after anthem Karen accompanied the choir, she is an exceptionally gifted pianist



Season after season she provided organ preludes



Daughter Jackson and Karen



Buddy Yeager thanked Karen on behalf of the choir



Fr. Rick presented Karen with a farewell gift of flowers

Graduations



Harrison Kline graduated from Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Lynchburg, VA on May 14. He will practice emergency medicine with an area of specialization in toxicology at Penn State Hershey Medical Center where he has matched as a resident.



Ethan Kim, Harrison, Sasha and David Kline



Congratulations, Daniel Smith, on obtaining your MBA from The Darden School of Business of the University of Virginia!!



Daniel Smith



Daniel with mother, Peg Reiley, and Sister, Rachael Jones





5 weeks remaining until our goal date of

JULY 5, 2026

81 SQUARES REMAIN AT \$275/EACH

WE ARE THREE WEEKS INTO OUR SIDEWALK "BUY-A-SQUARE" FUNDRAISER AND HAVE RECEIVED COMMITMENTS FOR 19 SQUARES! A VERY, VERY GOOD START!

THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT TO OUR CAMPUS, NOT JUST AESTHETICALLY, BUT FOR HOW WE ARE CALLED TO STEWARD SAFETY AND HOSPITALITY FOR ALL WHOM WE WELCOME TO OUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: WE WILL HAVE TWO RAFFLES AS A WAY TO ENGAGE AND THANK PARTICIPATION IN THIS AMAZING FUNDRAISING PROJECT. IT IS VERY SIMPLE, WE WILL SUBMIT ONE TICKET FOR EACH SQUARE PURCHASED FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SPECIAL BASKET DRAWING IN OUR 5TH WEEK AND A BASKET IN OUR FINAL WEEK! AND. . . WE WILL BE HOSTING A SUMMER COOKOUT AND LIVE MUSIC EVENT ON SATURDAY, JULY 11TH FROM 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM TO CELEBRATE THE CLOSE OF OUR FUNDRAISER AND TO ENJOY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER OVER HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, AND SUMMER PICNIC FOOD. THE MUSIC, FEATURING FATHER RICK AND JAY MILLER, WILL BE GREAT! THE FOOD WILL BE GREAT! AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL SIDEWALK PROJECT AND THE SUMMER SEASON IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED. SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX THROUGHOUT JUNE.



ENDS JULY 5, 2026
FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$10,000
WE HAVE \$8,600 REMAINING TO MEET OUR GOAL

IN 2025 WE INTRODUCED THIS "EXTRA GIVE" AS A WAY OF PROVIDING A CUSHION DURING THE LEAN GIVING MONTHS OF THE SUMMER SEASON. BECAUSE, WHILE MANY FAMILIES TRAVEL DURING THE SUMMER OR TAKE TIME AWAY FOR REST AND RENEWAL, OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY DOES NOT STOP.

WE REMAIN OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK, FULFILLING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THOSE IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY WHO DEPEND ON OUR CAMPUS FOR GATHERINGS AND ESSENTIAL MEETING SPACES. WE RECEIVED SUCH AN AMAZING RESPONSE IN 2025, SURPASSING OUR GOAL BY OVER 10%.

IT IS OUR HOPE, IN 2026, THAT WE CAN MEET OUR GOAL, LEAVING ROOM FOR FOLKS TO SUPPORT OUR SIDEWALK CAMPAIGN AND DISCERN TO DONATE A LITTLE EXTRA FOR OUR EXTRA GIVE.

VIA CHECK OR CASH IN THE OFFERING PLATE ON SUNDAY, VIA THE DIOCESAN PORTAL, PAYPAL, OR OUR ZETTLE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD IPAD APP SET UP IN THE PARISH HALL AND NARTHEX DURING WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP. MANY CONVENIENT WAYS TO PARTICIPATE!

CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO ST. EDWARD'S AND MARKED "10K FUNDRAISER"

Needle Arts

The Needle Arts Ministry meets Tuesday at 1 PM in the lounge area.

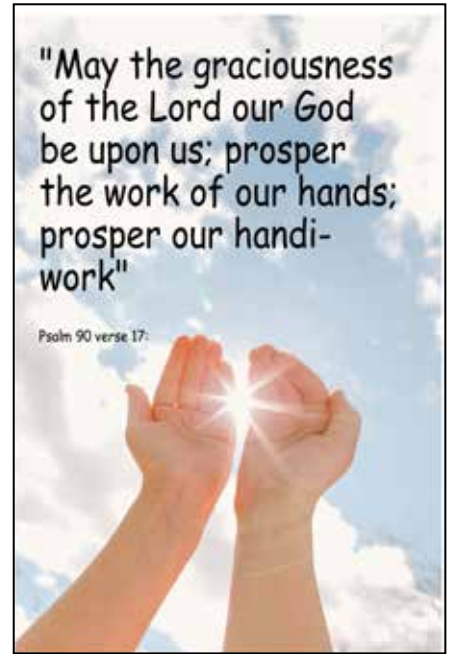
Members of this group, make items such as prayer shawls and baptism blankets, as well as hats and scarves to be donated to any in need. and quilted and embroidered items.

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.



Donna Holwager does wonderful, quilted projects.



Debbie McGuigan created a set of seasonal dishcloths.



Donna's cat with yarn ball and flower pillow



Irene Achey created all these unique hats from donated yarn.



One for each season. A candy cane, a pumpkin, a shamrock and a rocket with fireworks.



Jeri King models the hat Irene made that was inspired by the colors Jeri chose for the blanket she is knitting with the colors of University of Illinois and the University of Virginia.





Thank you for the 68 pounds of food contributed to the pantry in April.

In APRIL, we served:

536 children
 966 adults
 382 seniors
 For a total 1,884 people served

17 NEW families were registered in April!
 56 volunteers gave 698 hours in April.

Current food items requested:

- Canned fruit (all kinds 15 oz.)
- Bagged dry beans (16 Oz.)
- Canned baked beans
- Canned garbanzo beans
- Canned peas
- Canned potatoes
- Canned cream of mushroom soup
- Large creamy peanut butter
- Canned chick peas
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned spinach
- Crackers
- Mac / cheese
- Cereal
- Granola bars



ONGOING MINISTRIES:

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

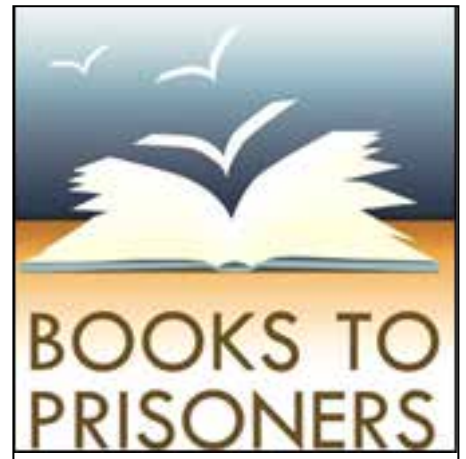
UPCOMING MINISTRIES:

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
April 2027	Race Against Racism



Rahim Supplies

The sign-up sheet in the narthex for April - June for our collection of hygiene, paper products and cleaning supplies for the Rahim family. Please consider purchasing an item on the list for our monthly collections. Monthly needs are: paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, body wash, hand soap, laundry detergent, laundry softener, dish soap, dishwasher tablets, kitchen garbage bags and hand sanitizer, Mac and Cheese, Cooking oil, and bags of potatoes.



By Randy Westgate

Many thanks for your generosity in contributing to our program which purchases books for prisoners at Lancaster County Prison. The books are delivered directly from Amazon to the chaplain's office for distribution to prisoners. This month we purchased a total of 15 copies of three of ten-requested books:

Unashamed-- Rap artist, Lecrae, writes of his recovery through faith in Jesus from abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, and a suicide attempt. He "powerfully models how to be a Christian in a secular age."

Tattoos on the Heart--The author runs a gang-intervention program in LA, and recounts "a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith," true stories of redemption and healing for young people held captive by failures and shame.

Cross Addicted--Broken by trauma and addiction, this women writes of her "raw, stumbling journey toward freedom." It offers reader renewed hope and describes practical steps of recovery.

Through these books we to plant seeds that can lead to healing and freedom for these incarcerated beloved children of God.



Faith in Action

First Reformed Dinner

By Beth Lynch

On Tuesday May 12th our congregation served dinner to over 129 people. The dinner consisted of pizza, applesauce or mandarin oranges, carrots, dessert, and water. The pizzas were provided by HotZPizza, Dominion, Parma, Domino's and donations from our parishioners.



Pictures by Gail Irons



St. Edward's crew: Rick Dombach to the left with desserts and above Gail Irons, Bruce Lynch, Mary Dorsey, Beth Lynch, Blair Lord, Richard Irons and Freda Dombach

Community Blood Drive By Meredith Aul

The folks at our sister church across the street - Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, are taking a turn at hosting a blood drive on August 5. They have been a very supportive co-sponsor of our drives in our parish hall for the past two years, supplying volunteers and the vast majority of donors. They are looking for some volunteer help from our congregation to be available during the drive - mainly to greet donors and represent us as a co-sponsor.

The blood bank hours are the same as they have been here at St. Edward's: 2-7 p.m. You don't have to stay the whole time -- volunteers came in two shifts to our drive: 2-4:30 and 4:30-7 p.m. would be wonderful, but if you have just an hour that would also be appreciated. Also, please consider donating on that day if you are able.

Please contact me at 717-575-2119 or Beth Lynch at 336-707-0140 if you are able to help.



Thanks to parishioners and these Pizza shops for donating the pizzas



LANCASTER GENERAL HEALTH

Community Blood Drive hosted by St. Edwards & The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health Blood Donor Team is hosting a community blood drive near you!

Our blood drives aid in supporting patients at Lancaster General Hospital, Women's and Babies Hospital and the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute. We thank you for your support in helping to save Lancaster lives!

Requirements for Donation

- Must bring a valid form of ID
- Feel well and healthy at least 3 days before donation
- Age 16-79 and be at least 110 pounds
Age 16 must have parental consent
- Hydrate well and eat a full meal at least 4 hours prior to donation

Donor Thank You Gift

As a thank you, all donors presenting will receive a \$10 gift card to Sheetz or Wawa and Lancaster Stormer ticket vouchers while supplies last!

**August 5th (Wednesday)
2:00pm – 7:00pm**

▶ LOCATION

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1136 Sunwood Lane
Lancaster, PA 17601

▶ APPOINTMENTS

To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code, call the Blood Donor Center Team at **717.544.0170, Option 1** or visit us online at

PennMedicine.org/givebloodLGH



Paris

By Michelle Bentley



Ian and Miriam and our blended families had a most fantastic experience in Paris at the end of April. Here we are with Ian's French friend, Lucas, celebrating his birthday with, what else??? Great French food and wine! Sunny and 70 degrees every day it was all so fun and amazing!



Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris



River Seine



Jardin du Luxembourg



Pyramide du Louvre at Night



Versailles



Galerie des Glaces



Panthéon

The Middle Wife

Contributed by Liz Yeager



a few years back.

When I was a kid, I loved show-and-tell so I always have a few sessions with my students. It helps them get over shyness and usually show-and-tell is pretty tame. Kids bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it in to school and talk about it, they're welcome. Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds up a snapshot of an infant. 'This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday. 'First, Mum and Dad made him as a sym-

bol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mum's stomach, and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord.'

She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me. The kids are watching her in amazement.

'Then, about two Saturdays ago, my Mum starts going, "Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh!"' Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans. 'She walked around the house for, like an hour, "Oh, oh, oh!"' (Now this kid is doing a hysterical duck walk and groaning.)

'My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Domino's man. They got my Mum to lie down in bed like this.' (Erica lies down with her back against the wall.)

'And then, pop! My Mum had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshheew!' (This kid has her legs spread with her little hands miming water flowing away. It was too much!)

'Then the middle wife starts saying 'push, push,' and 'breathe, breathe. They started counting, but never even got past ten. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff that they all said it was from Mum's play-centre, so there must be a lot of toys inside there. 'When he got out, the middle wife spanked him for crawling up in there in the first place.'

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest.

Ever since then, when it's show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder, just in case another 'Middle Wife' comes along.

Note:

"The Middle Wife" has become a classic example of children's literal and imaginative storytelling. It is often cited in discussions about funny things children say, and many teachers and parents share it as a lighthearted anecdote about how kids perceive adult experiences.

Lunch With the Chosen



Hosted by Blair Lord

We continued our “revisit” of The Chosen’s genesis with season 1, episode 2, “Shabbat.” As the title suggests, the story centers on the role of Shabbat in the lives of the people of Capernaum, but the significance delves deeper. For Mary Magdalene, celebrating Shabbat marks a return to her sense of Jewishness and a new life redeemed from darkness. She not only honors the occasion with friends, but she makes connections with Thaddeus and Little James, who are already students of the mysterious rabbi who helped her. For Simon (not yet Peter), Shabbat has a different meaning. It’s an opportunity to

betray Jewish merchants who use this alleged “day of rest” to make a profit that the Romans won’t know to tax. He makes excuses to leave his family during Shabbat dinner in order to save them from financial ruin. While Mary’s experience of Shabbat pulls her away from darkness, Simon sails deeper into it.

The lunch and episode conversation prompted us to reflect on how narratives inspired by Scripture can help us appreciate the real-world context of the lives of the characters we briefly meet in the Gospels. At the same time, it was worth pausing to wonder if the narratives align with the truths Jesus sought to teach, or if they can sometimes distract. The discussion offered insightful perspectives on the question!

We hope you’ll join us for the last viewing of the season: “Jesus Loves the Little Children” on June 7th. As usual, we will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:45am with bagged lunches.

After summer break, we will return to The Chosen on October 4th. It will be a jump from the start of Jesus’s ministry to its looming conclusion, heralded by Holy Week.

If you want to watch The Chosen outside our monthly luncheon, you can access it for free at thechosen.tv 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.

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.



Wednesday Noon



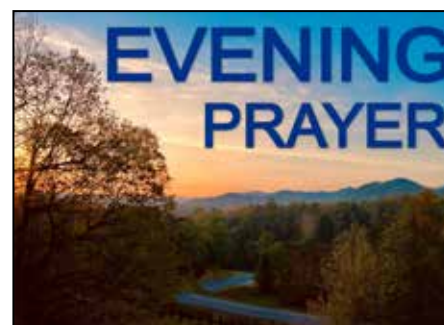
Looking for a meditative complement to Sunday services? Need a peaceful break mid-week? Join us for the Wednesday Noon Contemplative Eucharist and Meditation in the Parish Hall chapel. Each Wednesday, about 16-20 of us gather for reflection, meditation, and Eucharist, led by Father Rick. It truly is 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.

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, June 13th



Sunday Evening Prayer, at 7:00 PM

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

Anyone interested can send me an email to be put on an email distribution list: drutledge1225@gmail.com

Sunday Evening Prayer@ 7:00pm
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84700614072>
Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072

Passcode: SunEP



Joseph Chapin Hurlburt

Editor's note:

A few years ago, Joe and Sue were guests at a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner at my home. During the evening, Joe explained some of his many patents for farm equipment. Having spent many of my younger years on a farm, I was very interested in Joe's inventions for International Harvester. He invented a cab that was interchangeable across several tractor models.

I thought St. Edward's parishioners might not be aware of Joe's accomplishments, so I asked him to write something about his life for the Scepter. This month, he finally wrote it for us. Thank you, Joe, and thank you, Sue, for encouraging him. The graduating grandsons are a bonus..

By Joe Hurlburt

I was born in a CT hospital and grew up on a nearby progressive MA dairy farm having some CT land. When farmer dealers were allowed, John Deere and New Holland equipment was sold from the farm. But, milk production and improvement of the purebred Holstein herd was the focus. Animals competed very well in New England, Regional and National shows. Driven by my father's and my health issues, a herd dispersal occurred in 1958. At that time, the herd held an all time production

record and the sale prices set a record for herds larger than 40 head. The animals went to several states and Canada. Over many years, Hurlwood Holsteins also went to several other countries.

During high school, I created my first important farm tool. A second was presented in a national college student competition. On 08/20/60 Susan Ann Suhr and I were married in Myerstown, PA. Following my graduation, I had expected to return to the farm. However, out of concern for more spine problems, I chose engineering at New Holland and started full time employment in March 1961. While testing products, I had twice worked there previously. While full time, I worked on many different products and traveled extensively in North America and Western Europe. I accepted early retirement, created Innovation by Contract Inc. and returned for several thousand hours while also supplying other retirees. For many years, I was New Holland's worldwide patent leader. During retirement, I also created a unique trailer and was granted two patents for it. During recent years I've only innovated while woodworking. Sue and I have traveled extensively and have three children, four grandchildren and are very close to an

extensive Vietnamese family.

When coming to Lancaster County, we first lived in New Holland and joined St Thomas Episdcopal Church. There, we sang in the choir and I served on the Vestry. Then, when we moved from Leola to E. Hempfield, we transferred to St Edward's. But, our daughter wanted to be married in a church, so we transferred to St John's. Now, we are very happy with our September 2019 final move to Woodcrest Villa and return to St Edward's.

This year, grandson twins Joe and Gus Hurlburt graduate.

Sue added:

We love these boys so much! They are so different in looks, personalities and interests. They don't even look like brothers. Their common bond has been basketball and they were on their college teams. Gus majored in finance and has an internship in Chicago which he hopes leads to a job. Joe majored in communications and has plans for a master's degree while continuing to play basketball next year. They are close friends but didn't even consider going to the same college.



Sue, grandson Gus and Joe Hurlburt. Gus just graduated from Northwestern University



Sue, grandson Joe and Joe Hurlburt. Grandson Joe just graduated from Davidson College

VIRTUAL



VIA FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE

NEED TO DECLUTTER? DO YOU HAVE SOME HOUSEHOLD AND/OR COLLECTIBLE ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL TO BENEFIT ST. EDWARD'S MINISTRY AND MISSION? WE ARE HOLDING A VIRTUAL YARD SALE BEGINNING JUNE 7TH - JULY 12TH.

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS: UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF BETH LYNCH, WE WILL ACCEPT SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF GOODS THAT WE KNOW WILL SELL ON THIS VIRTUAL PLATFORM.

CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

HOUSEWARES - SMALL APPLIANCES IN GOOD WORKING ORDER AND CLEAN

DISHWARE SETS WITH A THEME - FROM FIESTAWARE TO PFALTZGRAFF (AND ANYTHING IN BETWEEN) - NO CHIPS OR CRACKS

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT - WORKING ORDER WITH ANY MANUALS, PLUGS, ETC. (CHECK WITH BETH FIRST)

TOOLS - TOOL BENCH ITEMS AND YARD TOOLS

ART AND COLLECTIBLES (CHECK WITH BETH FIRST)

VINTAGE GAMES/TOYS

FURNITURE IN VERY GOOD CONDITION (MUST KEEP UNTIL SOLD VIA PICTURE)

- BRING YOUR ITEMS INTO CHURCH BETWEEN MAY 27 - JUNE 7 (YOU CAN CONTINUE TO BRING ITEMS IN DURING THE VIRTUAL YARD SALE DATES AS WELL)
- IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTED PRICE, PLEASE INFORM BETH
- ITEMS WILL BE UPLOADED TO FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE
- UNSOLD ITEMS AFTER 45 DAYS WILL BE DONATED TO COMMUNITY AID

WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE FUNDS TOWARDS OUR 2026 BUDGETED FUNDRAISING GOAL WHILE SHARING TREASURES WE NO LONGER WANT OR NEED THAT MAY FIND JOY IN NEW HOMES! **QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT BETH LYNCH. NEED TO DROP ITEMS OFF? PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE M-F, 12 - 3 OR CALL TO RELAY A TIME THAT WORKS FOR YOU OUTSIDE OF THOSE DROP-OFF HOURS.**

Pentecost and Baptism

Pictures by Beth Lynch and Mary Snyder



Beth Lynch lights Baptismal candle



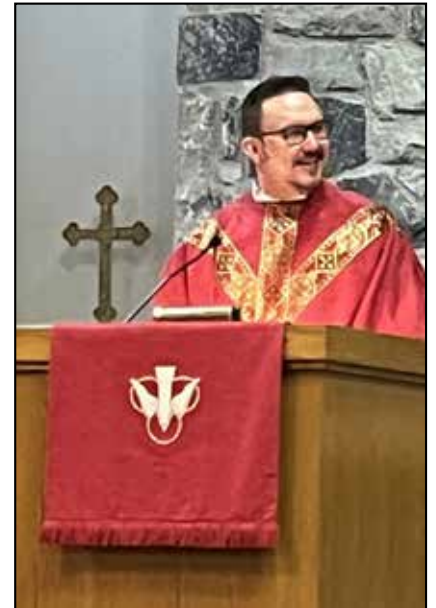
Beth Lynch assists Father Rick with baptismal water



Mike and Kerry Lamarque with Robbie



Celebrating the baptism of Robert Michael Lamarque, grandson to Mary Dorsey and son to Michael and Kerry Lamarque



Sermon



Peter Weber



Buddy Yeager



Donna Burkholder guest organist and Pianist and St. Edward's Choir

April Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder and the Live Stream



Fr. Rick



Beth Lynch



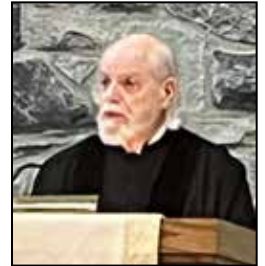
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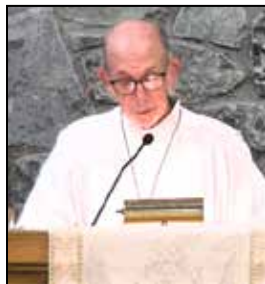
Beth Hake



Bob Mosebach



Donna Burkholder
Guest organist



Art Hagan



Recessional



Services are live streamed



Susan Murray and Kevin
Milligan bring offertory

Worship
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Amy Yovanovich leads the choir in their first rehearsal without Karen Waddill. They managed a beautiful anthem with just one practice.

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Staff

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)
Junior Warden
- ✦ Julie Hoff (2029)
Senior Warden
- ✦ 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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