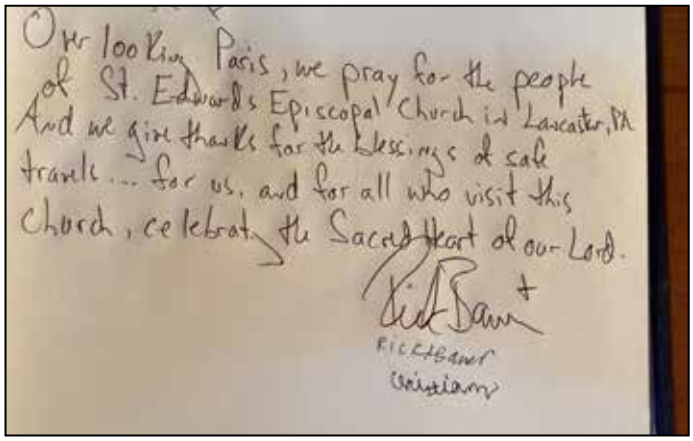
St. Edward's Episcopal Church Lancaster, PA

Scepter

July/August 2026

Reflection From the Rector's Desk

Above: Christian, Fr. Rick and Ricky sit in front of Sacré Coeur in Paris, France. Below: The hand written note Fr. Rick and the boys left in the Basilica's guest book.



Here on Father's Day, while aboard a EuroStar train out of Paris and bound for London, it's a felt grace to pause from the demands of a frenetic pace and invest in the opportunity to write to our community. It's my heart's hope that we'll each find ways to explore the world around us this summer. And whether close to home, or from a distant place, I trust that our journeys will keep us humble and curious, inspired and grateful.

As my book Travel Like a Hero begins to circulate, I've been reminded of a spacious framework that informed much of the writing. It's this: We are different people, at different times, in different places. Apropos of the moment, I've recognized how different it is to take a trip oversees, with a robust itinerary as a single parent….with two adolescent boys….with special social, emotional, and dietary needs. And even though I've left the US some thirty times, I've truly felt like a beginner over this past week.

The ease with which I normally travel, I've recognized, has largely been a luxury of taking a break from the responsibility of other-oriented concern. When I go on a trip alone, I'm quite comfortable with my own company. I can pivot in real-time, be spontaneous, and focus inward as I take in the wonder of our world. But I've got to admit…I'm a different person as I facilitate the wants and the needs of my sons. I'm a protective, alpha, papa bear. Like Moses parting the seas before the people, I've felt like I've been carving a path through an ocean of humanity as we've made our way from place to place.

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My water is their water. My resources are their resources. And the real world threats that I normally pay little mind to have taken on a character of immediacy as I don a dispositional vigilance, maintaining an alert sense of situational awareness for Ricky and Christian's health and safety. This led to an illuminating experience that humbled me, while inviting me to embrace a deep wellspring of thanksgiving.

A heatwave covering Europe had prompted Paris to cancel outdoor sports and sell discounted day-cards for the Metro to keep people off the streets. The hottest day on record descended upon France. But intrepid as we are, the boys and I still decided to spend a full day outdoors at Disneyland Paris. Pounded by the sun as we rode coasters and hopped between amusement parks, I had been doing a good job of keeping the boys hydrated and happy. (I had even managed to climb the stairs up the Eiffel Tower with them, the day before).

But into our seventh hour at Disneyland, my heart started to palpitate. I got dizzy and felt like I could pass out. My first thought was: Am I about to have a heart attack? The completely unfamiliar physical tightness in my chest and the swimming in my head consumed me in a moment of profound fear. Because as a single parent with two boys outside of Paris, in a crowd of thousands…I was all that Ricky and Christian had.

Without causing them any alarm, I let them know that I wasn't feeling great and wanted to sit down for lunch. While they enjoyed a chance to relax, I retreated inward….focusing on my breath….gently rubbing the cross I carry. With a mantra-like rhythm, I silently repeated….I have to be OK, for them.

And after about an hour, the fog passed and I was able to escort them onto the last couple of rides they wanted to try. But I kept my feet on the ground for the remainder of the day. I had reached my limit and I had to mind my own health in order to be there for them.

Humbled by new limits on my body, here on the other side of fifty, the brush with heat exhaustion inspired a wave of gratitude that's hard for me to overstate. I thought about how they tell you to put on your oxygen mask first, before helping others, during the safety presentation on airplanes. Because, yes….we can't help anybody else if we aren't breathing, ourselves!

The experience resonated with me of the true freedom we have in Christ. Because discipling ourselves to the great Teacher, we nourish our hearts and minds…so we can contribute to the nourishment of others. It's the Way.

In the new book, I talk about how our journeys often invite us, in our own time, into lived experiences of Ubuntu….the recognition that "I am, because WE are." And for me, the gateway into deeper communion with my personhood, on this trip, has been through an enhanced and more nuanced awareness that my sense of individual personhood is filtered through my role as a father. "I am, because THEY are."

But for as heavy as that can sound, the lightness of it all has come through in an abiding state of radical joy. It feels amazing to be with the boys on this adventure. I'm so thankful that we're able to share in this experience together. Their worlds are expanding before my eyes as I watch them take in art and architecture, new ideas and echoes of faith.

I was Ricky's age the first time that I traveled to Europe. Traversing London and Paris with my high school French Club, the boys and I have been retracing steps that I took thirty-six years ago. It's like an intergenerational spiral or the passing of a torch. Echoes of past experience are being met with something completely new.

And as the Spirit would have it, I was met with a grace that almost sounds too serendipitous to be true. And yet, it is. Because in the challenge of going at this as a single parent, it just so happened that my sister and my niece were in Paris. Relatives in Florida, that Christian hadn't ever met, and that Ricky last saw when he was a toddler….we met up with each other before a street cafe and had a family reunion overlooking the Eiffel Tower. It was the first time that my father's two children, and three grandchildren, had ever gathered together. And what a place for it!!

And so, as I reflect on our unfolding European adventure, I leave us with a commendation for the summer. Please, friends….let's listen to our bodies. They have a way of telling us when something isn't quite right. And sometimes, heeding a warning can make a great deal of difference. Please, friends….let's live for the love of someone or something beyond our own selves. We're relational beings and we discover ourselves in the meeting of that which we hold dear.

Perhaps most importantly: Please, friends…. let us trust that none of us are ever as alone as we may feel, particularly when worry and fear clutches at our heels. The Spirit is always with us, and we'll find our way, in safety, when we're in need.

May the love of God in Christ bless and keep us all, as we embrace the gifts of summer. Humbly,

Rick+

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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

VESTRY

By Mike Freshwater

Every month a different Vestry member gets to address the congregation via The Scepter. If you haven't had the time to read Ethel Lawrence's report in the June issue, please take a minute or two and read it. She brings you right to the point and catches you up with what has happened for the past several months. Also, due to her health challenges that she mentioned, her absence from recent meetings has been felt. We all wish her continued healing.

As thorough as her report was, there are just a few updates to mention. Yes, to begin with, I was reelected as Clerk of the Vestry. My horrible handwriting and selective lack of memory in no way disqualified me for this position. Going forward with this report, I referred to my notes from the May meeting. It appears summer is construction season at St. Edward's.

Our Parish Administrator also carries the title Construction Manager and, quite frankly, we could not get along without Michelle. She deserves her own white hard hat. She will be overseeing the repair of the parish hall doors to close the gaps. We welcome all visitors; it even says so on our sign out front. However, insect and rodent varieties do not fit that category. Neither does winter cold air.

One long overdue project is the addition of more walking path in the memorial garden to allow visitors access to the new plaques on the stream side of the monument. As we have discussed, there is no front and back. One side faces the sanctuary, the other the Celtic cross.

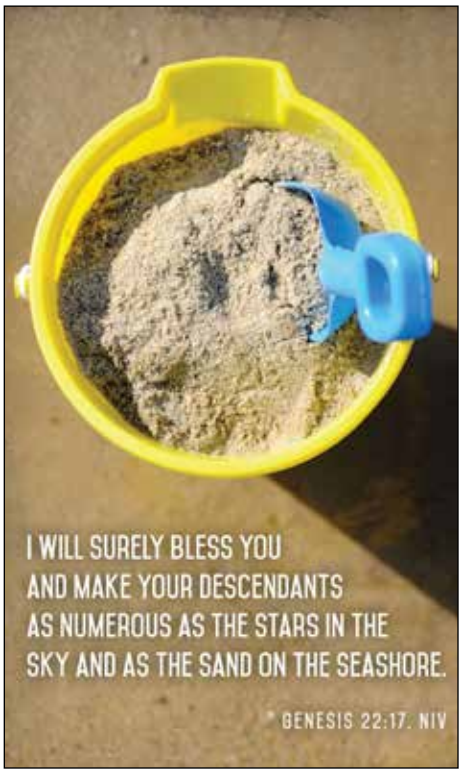
The most visual project is by far the largest project . Michelle had taken multiple bids, and we should soon be starting the replacement of the broken and uneven sidewalks. There is still time to purchase your square and get your name in the hat for the raffle-drawing.

When you attend church, you will be seeing many new faces behind the organ or piano. In addition to her "hard hat" duties, Michelle has been searching on the web in order to find weekly replacements for Karen Wadill. The music has been beautiful, and we all appreciate the talent of the supply organists.

Lastly, and not least of importance, our 10K summer fundraiser is ending soon. As of last week's Scepter, we were just a few hundred dollars short of our $10,000 goal.

I sincerely hope your summer is fun, exciting and restful. We all welcome Father Rick back from his time in Europe with Christian and Ricky. From his Instagram posts, it sure looks like they had a jolly good time "walking in the footsteps of the Beatles." We also wish Father Rick all the best in his move to a new house later in June. I know, having just helped my daughter and family move from York to Lancaster, that is not an easy undertaking.

I am grateful to be a member of this church and look forward to seeing you all soon.



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 Tennies
•Connor Tennies
•Evan Westgate
•Seamas Whitesel
•1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel

Parishioners Outside the Pews

Gail Irons at boat museum

Richard and Gail Irons Boldt Castle in the Thousand Islands

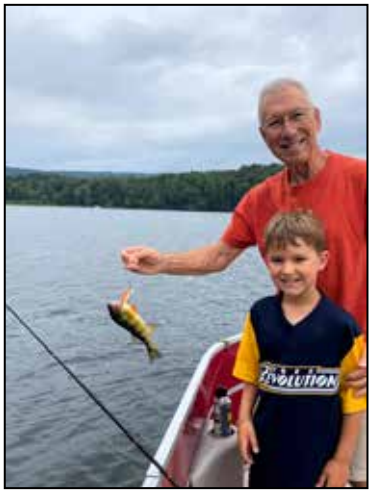
Leslie Arnold volunteering at 3rd hole at Hospice Golf Tournament

Mary Snyder and astronaut friend in Florida

Mary and Jodi in Florida

Birthdays (Clockwise from upper left): Rosie Westgate, Westgate grandson, Ethan Kline and Joel Kline

Betsy Small and Irene Achey



Randy Westgate and grandson

Sally Lederer took this in Dorwart park

Bruce, James and Beth Lynch at Steamtown National Historic Site and the Grand Canyon of PA

Max Irons now has a custom made sofa all his own

Meredith's home church St. Stephens Episcopal, Olean NY

Kid's Corner

Piper Brugmann 2015 and today

Freda Dombach and granddaughters

Make a Postcard Puzzle

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)

What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.

Puzzle

Footsteps with God

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)

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Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."

Bible Quiz

Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."

Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:

A. their way and not stumble.
B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
D. in their darkness.

Answers INSIDE

Answer: C (Matthew 5:16,

Building Strong Foundations

Firstly, many, many thanks to our community for supporting us in raising funds to complete this project. Whatever the size of the donation, all donations have been so helpful in completing this much needed renovation to our spiritual home. We are all a part of this home in the many ways we support each other and please know that we feel the energy of kindness and love and support for these improvements from every person here! The project is proceeding without a hitch! The weather has cooperated. The team from Concrete Authority continue to do a great job even through the heat! And phase one was finished right before the July 4th weekend. Phase two, which entails the front entrance, will be completed the week of July 6th and (weather permitting!) will be completed before our July 11th summer picnic. As of this Scepter date, we have commitments for just over 60 "squares" which is fantastic! Let us celebrate together on July 11th!! All are welcome and please sign up by this weekend!

Each donor will have a chance to win this beautiful basket

A Grateful Thank You

The word "concrete" often symbolizes strength, durability, and permanence…. as well as the foundation of modern society. At St. Edward's, we seek to improve the "foundational" ground beneath our feet with the support of our parish family.

The word "concrete" also symbolizes the shift from abstract ideals (like peace, love, faithfulness, or kindness) to grounded, real-world action. Spiritual truths become "real" when they are materialized through physical actions toward observable good by taking the necessary "concrete" steps to achieve them.

The fruit of the Spirit, the visible attributes of a Christian life, are collectively demonstrated here at St. Edward's through our many ministries and the stewardship of this spiritual home. Acts of concrete service are the ultimate physical manifestation of God's abstract love. Let us continue to translate His love into service for all to see.

Blessings to All

Summer Drinks

Watermelon Punch

½ seedless watermelon or enough to make 6 C. Of watermelon juice
2 ½ C grapefruit juice
1 ½ C rum
2/3 C lime juice
½ C sugar

Cut watermelon into chunks and blend. Strain and remove pulp and foam.
Combine all ingredients and chill covered for at least 3 hours.
Garnish with lemon slices and mint
Makes 4 to 5 large glasses.

Rhubarb Drink

8 C Diced Rhubarb
2 C Sugar
3 Lemons
1 Qt. Ginger ale
5 C Water
6 Oranges or Frozen Orange Juice

Simmer rhubarb in water until mushy. Strain, measure and add 1/3 C of sugar for each cup of juice. Stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Cool. Add juice from lemons and oranges. Just before serving add ginger ale.

Meadow Tea Concentrate

2 Qt water
1 C fresh mint leaves
1/2 to 2 C sugar
1 T lemon juice (optional)

Wash mint , bring water to a boil. Add sugar and boil for about 5 minutes to dissolve Remove from heat, stir in mint leaves, and press down to submerge them Cover let steep for 2.5–4 Strain the liquid To serve, mix 1 part concentrate with 2–3 parts cold water and pour over ice.

Coffee Hour

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.

Liam Update

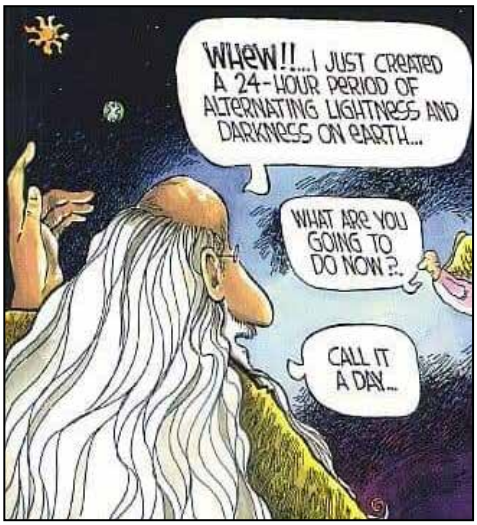
Liam Deberry

For those who have been praying for Liam, here is an update from his mother.
Three years ago today Liam was one week into recovery from his amputations surgery. Today he was back in the operating room at TCH.
Last night Liam slipped and fell onto his right knee. We took him to the ER just to make sure things were okay and it turns out his femur had broken at the base, near the knee. He just got out of surgery to fix it and it went well. They put a plate and screws in so he won't need a cast. Yay!
We'd appreciate your prayers for a smooth recovery with minimal pain. He won't be able to bear weight on that leg for quite some time, which is sad because he got brand new very cool looking prosthetics YESTERDAY!

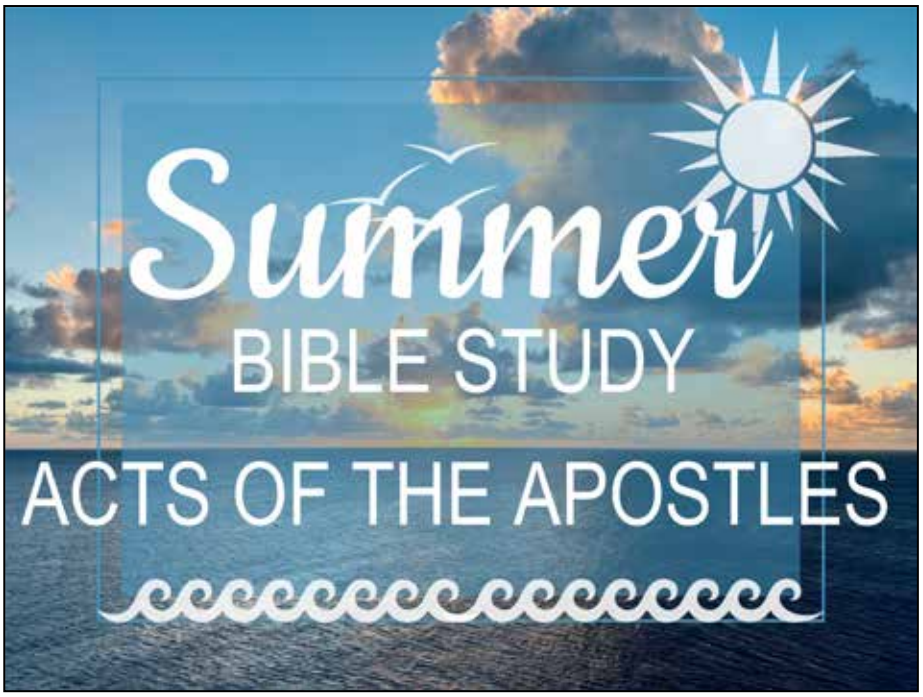
God's Bonus Days

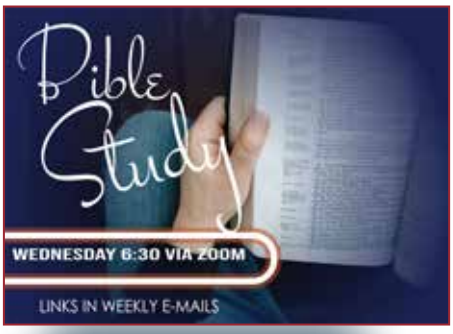
By Marion R. Vuilleumier, Meditations by the Sea

An author writing in Guideposts magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special.
She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days."

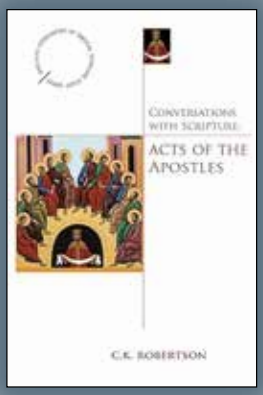


Bible Study Led by Bob Mosebach





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.



Lunch With the Chosen

Hosted by Blair Lord

Thank you to all our Chosen luncheon attendees for another beautiful season of viewing, discussing, and eating! Early in June, we gathered for our final episode from season 1, "Jesus Loves the Little Children." It takes a different track from the storylines we have followed so far. Instead of Simon, Matthew, or Mary Magdalene, Jesus comes into focus in the company of children from Capernaum. Led by the loquacious Abigail, the children eagerly inquire about this mysterious traveler who crafts tools and toys but also speaks about God's will and love. They become his students, forerunners to the disciples He will soon meet and bring into His ministry. He responds to their questions with wisdom, honesty, gentleness, and humor. When it's time to say goodbye, He leaves them with these words: "And I hope that my next students ask the same questions you do, and that they listen to my answers. But I suspect they do not have the understanding you do. And I hope that when the time comes, they will tell others about me, like you have."

Many of us shared in the post-episode discussion how the faith of children is both precious and challenging to retain. As we head into our summer break, I pray that our childlike faith is enriched, whatever adult concerns may come our way, and that we are emboldened in love to share our faith with others.

Summer is also the perfect time to catch up on The Chosen, as we will return on October 4th to watch the first episode of season 5. Yes, season 5! You can access the show for free at thechosen.tv or 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.

The Chosen

Fall Season begins Sunday October 4th after the 10 AM service

Scepter Newsletter

There will be no August Scepter. September contributions will be due August 20th

Men's Group

No meetings June, July or August will resume the second Saturday in September.

Coffee Hour Band

No practices or performances June, July or August. Band will return to coffee hours in October

Choir

The choir will not meet over the summer. Rehearsals for the new season will begin in September.

Lunch and Learn

Will resume in the fall.

Bible Study

Will continue to meet Wednesday at 6:30PM via ZOOM until the study of Acts of the Apostles is completed. Then it will be on break.

Needle Arts

Will continue to meet Tuesdays at 1 PM in the lounge

Faith in Action

Will continue to follow their yearly schedule See pages 14 and 15 for details.

Wednesday Noon Service

Will continue over the summer

Sunday Evening Prayer

Will continue over the summer

By Michelle Bentley

We often go on hiatus with much of our Spiritual Formation and often phrase it as "off for the summer." But what if we thought about it as a "pause that refreshes" in our hearts and minds. A time for us to take the formation we have experienced through Bob's Bible Study (which we know still holds space in summer months) and Men's Spirituality Group; Blair's Lunch with The Chosen; our Friday Lunch & Learn led by Bob and Rick+; and the teachings we continue to experience in our weekly worship and apply it to our own way that can continue to cultivate transformation. Maybe it is in exploring more books of a different nature (history, fiction, Father Rick's book, poetry), or listening to books versus reading books (a truly different experience), or challenge ourselves with books we read when we were at a different stage of life and are curious how we interpret them through the lens of our older selves. We read some great books in high school and as young adults and they may truly resonate with us in our modern world! Maybe it is cooking new recipes with new flavors, or going for walks at times of day that are different (you would be amazed at the cycle of nature that is alert at 6 AM versus 3 PM or 8 PM!) Explore new music: Father Rick introduced our Wednesday Contemplative Eucharist and Meditation service to "drone ambient soundscapes" that are meditative and produce a deep calm that is quite transformative. And connections! Create connections in the many ways a smile, a "hello" opening a door for someone, a wave, a recognition that we are alive. It is just amazing how it can transform a day for someone. All this is to say that a self-initiated "summer school" that one crafts for themselves can be so fulfilling to refresh us throughout the summer! Enjoy your imagination, curiosity, and transformation!

Rahim Update

By Beth Lynch

The family is living in Lancaster at 1609 A&B Chadwick Circle. The two units are side by side with the boys in one and the parents and girls in the other. This is not ideal.

Najibullah continues to work as an Uber Driver. The other adults are concentrating on education. Two of the boys have part-time jobs. One at Millersville University and the other at McDonald's on Columbia Avenue.

Everyone is excelling in school.

Malalay is working towards her GED.

Haseeb is at Millersville University. He finished one year. Majoring in Accounting and minoring in finance.

Muska just graduated from IU13 with her GED. She attended HAAC in the spring with a 4.0 GPA and is studying to transfer to a 4-year college with the goal of becoming a doctor. Recently Muska was asked to speak at the IU13 graduating ceremony.

Moseeb will be a Senior at McCaskey High School. He is an honor student. This summer he is in an English immersion program to help with his conversational English.

Ty will be a Junior at McCaskey High School. He is trying out for the soccer team this year.

Khaheeb will be a freshman at McCaskey High School.

Saheeb will be a seventh grader.

Anfal will be a second grader.

Pictures by Beth Lynch and Meredith Aul

The Rahim family celebrated Muska's graduation from IU13's GED program

Muska is taking courses at HAAC

Muska was asked to speak at the graduation

Muska and Saheeb

Muska's goal is to become a doctor

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.***

OUR ST. EDWARD'S 2026 BASKET FUNDRAISER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13th

Let's have another year of amazing FUNDRAISING success as we embrace our theme, The Fruit of the Spirit, in support of St. Edward's ministry and mission!

Your incredible creativity and support always deliver amazing basket offerings! A sign-up sheet will be in narthex beginning July 19th with baskets due by Sunday, September 6th.

We are seeking to create 20 baskets this year for our raffle.

Create a basket or donate funds and we will create one for you!

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.

Five of the Knit Wits met for lunch at Lombardo's before Needle Arts met at the church. Donna Holwager, Mac Miller, Irene Achey, Gail Irons and Gloria Kacinko

Donna Holwager creates beautiful and fun quilted items

Taizé Worship

Saint Luke Episcopal

209 South Market St.
Mount Joy, PA.
The first Saturday of every month @ 5pm
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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.

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

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 0z.)
- 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:

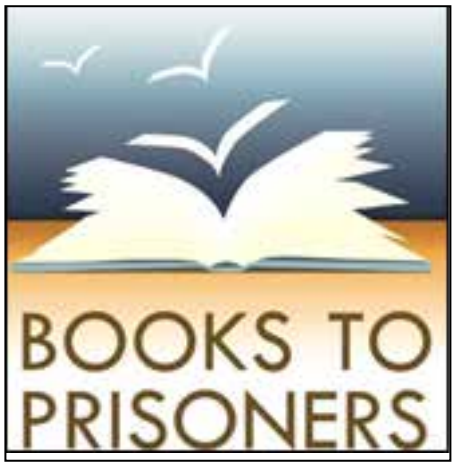
Books for Prisoners
Hempfield Food Pantry
Collection areas are in the narthex

UPCOMING MINISTRIES:

July-Aug.	School Supply Drive
Sept. 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 often-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.

Community Blood Drive

By Meredith Aul

Together with The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, St. Edward's will be co-sponsoring the next blood drive at their location. They have invited us to support their effort as they have so graciously done for ours. They actually have two on the schedule, but the first one is coming up on August 5. I am in search of volunteers to greet donors and assist as needed. The people from the blood bank are well organized and don't require a lot of assistance, but as sponsors, our efforts to recruit volunteers and welcome donors is important.

We are looking for hosts to work a shift - 2-3:45; 3:45-5:30; and 5:30-7.

There is also a drive scheduled for October. We'll be looking for volunteers for that in September.

Please consider donating an hour and 45 minutes or so of your time to helping to save lives in our community. If your are able, please contact me by phone or text at 717-575-2119.

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!

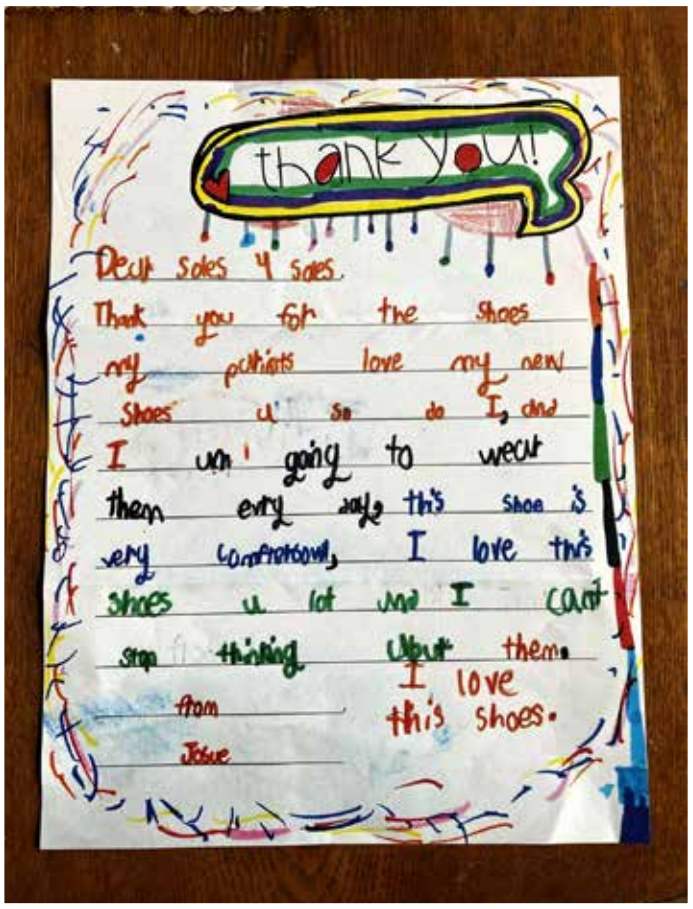
August 5th (Wednesday)
2:00pm – 7:00pm

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**



SOLES 4 SOULS

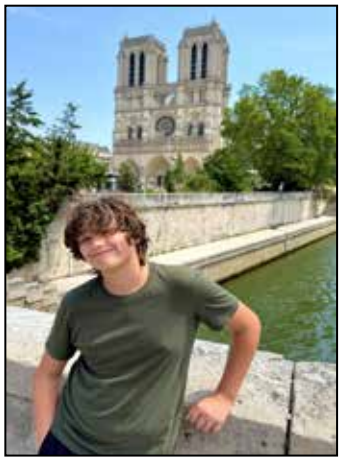
Contributed by Bev Achey

Barb, from Saint John's, got this Thank you note for the shoes that were donated.

St. Edward's collected 798 pairs of shoes packed in 46 boxes and they were delivered to St. John's, Lancaster, last April.

Bauer's European Visit

Disneyworld Paris


Notre Dame along the Seine

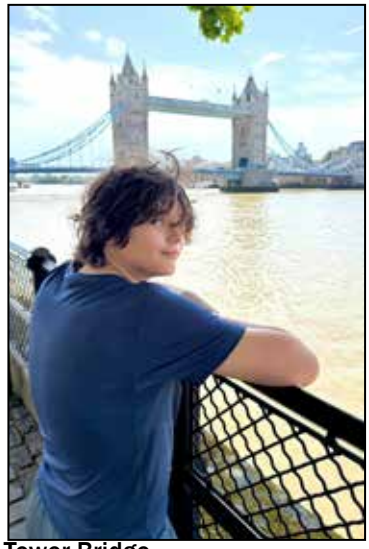
Mona Lisa at the Louvre

Stonehenge

The Eiffel Tower

Arc de Triomphe

With Yoda


Tower Bridge

Red phone booths have found new uses

Westminster Abbey

Family Meet in Paris

Memorial Garden

Earlier this year, the vestry approved our expansion of the Memorial Garden monument so that we could fulfill our commitment, as originally planned, to complete the east side of the monument when the time had arrived. That "time" was this late winter. We enlisted the craftsmanship of The Hunt Guild, the son of the landscaper (who has since retired) who created our original Memorial Garden. What we built was a complete 360-degree stone walk space for visitors to access the monument from all sides. It is truly a lovely way to pay respect to those who are interred in this peaceful space and for the friends and family who come to sit in quiet meditation with their loved ones. We are now in the process of ordering the two additional perpetual plaques to install on the east side. We are also ordering new benches of durable all season/all-weather material to replace the current wooden benches (that served us well for 5 years!) We also thank Ginny Kloepping and her "team" for so lovingly tending to gardening this most sacred space with such care and compassion. To Bob Mutari who is my go-to fountain assist, and to Mike Freshwater who quietly and reverently has prepared the space for interments.

If you are interested in learning more about the Memorial Garden in your life-planning, please contact Michelle or Father Rick. If you would like to donate to the Memorial Garden in any of your planning, we welcome your support.

Holy Quack!! Duck Nest Beside the Parish Hall

When the duck was sitting on the nest that was near the door to the Parish Hall it was well camouflaged. There were eight eggs and while the nest was empty on June 17th, you may be able to see the ducklings on Swarr Run.

By Michelle Bentley

Well. . . The duck and ducklings are gone! I saw one of the ducklings last night poking out from the momma duck and thought it would take another day, but this morning they had gone on their way! I missed "the march."

It led me to be curious of the hatching process so I included it here.

Hatching and Leaving the Nest

•The Hatch: Ducklings use an "egg tooth" (a temporary hard point on their beak) to pierce a small hole in the shell, a process called pipping. It can take up to 48 hours from pipping to fully hatch.

•Independence: The ducklings dry off and are ready to walk and swim within hours of hatching.

•Departure: The mother immediately leads the entire brood away from the nest toward water, where they will forage and grow.

When ducklings hatch, you often see no shells because the mother duck eats them. This instinct serves two purposes: it removes evidence of the nest to hide vulnerable ducklings from predators, and it provides the mother with a vital hit of calcium to help her recover after laying.

A duckling march of statues in a Boston park, recently sporting the trademark of the invasion of the Tartan Army. (Scottish Soccer fans)

SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 11

4:30 t0 6:30

Parish Hall

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!! THIS IS A SUMMER GATHERING FOR ALL TO CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY! ***Lots of food. Great Music by Father Rick and Jay Miller. Rain or shine we can gather together to celebrate our community!***

Come Enjoy ...

Hot dogs, hamburgers, fried chicken, picnic salads, dessert

& More!

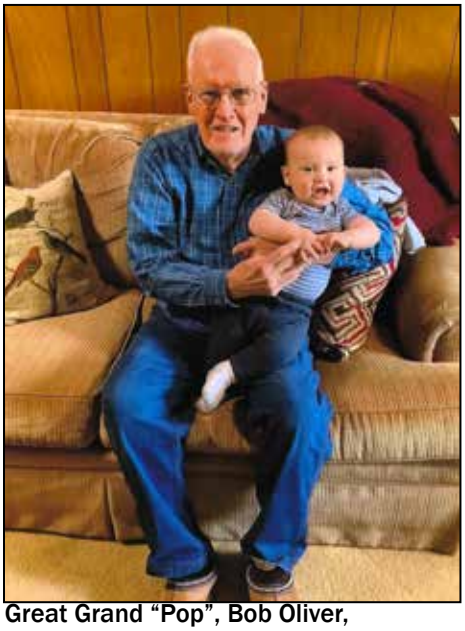
Olivers

Pictures by Bob Oliver

Grandson Mathew Oliver, his son Alex, and great-grandmother Nancy Oliver

Clayton Tennies (Lt. Navy) Polly Oliver Tennies, Nancy Oliver, Connor Tennies (Captain Air Force)

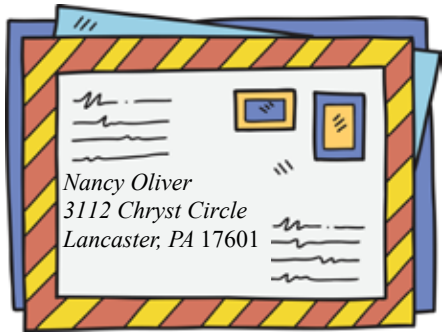
Polly Tennies. Bob Oliver, Connor Tennies and Clayton Tennies



Great Grand "Pop", Bob Oliver, and Alex

Clayton lives in the state of Washington, he saw Shady Maple on the Internet and wanted to go there

Shut-ins to whom you might like to send a note or card:



Ginny Kloepping

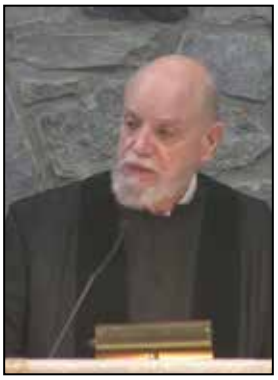
Flower Arrangements Available and Gardening Help Appreciated

We are so blessed to have Ginny Kloepping as our "in-house" gardening expert AND flower arranger. You may (or may not know) this, but it is Ginny who recreates beautiful arrangements for the week from the Sunday altar flowers. Please let the office know if you have a person in need of a little "pick me up," perhaps one of our homebound parishioners, and we would be more than happy to have an arrangement grace their home. Please contact the office to make arrangements. We request that if you have an individual who you think would like flowers, please make arrangements to pick up and deliver. Flowers are usually available after 2 PM on Mondays. And those seasonal front planters??? Ginny! The Memorial Garden? Ginny. But, she also knows that a great gardener with landscape the size we have surrounding our spiritual home needs helpers to maintain it properly. And Ginny has wonderful help with Valerie Weller and Gail Irons during all seasons. But, a little birdie told me that Ginny welcomes anyone willing to devote 1-2 hours per month to keep up with pruning and weeding. We have a great lawn care and larger project landscaper with Vincent's Lawn Care and he has been very kind to St. Edward's - not raising his fee for us in the 10+ years he has been tending to our property. But, St. Edward's (and Ginny) welcome help from those who feel so called. Please connect with Ginny directly to learn more: 717-314-8274 is her cell number or kloeppingv@gmail.com.

May/June Worship Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder and the Live Stream

Sermon Fr. Rick


Bob Mosebach

The Reverend Dolores Smith

Holy Eucharist

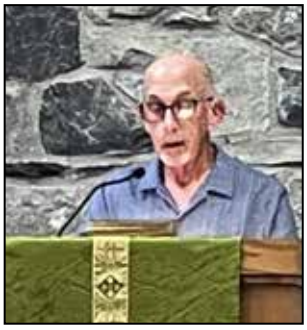
Beth Hake

Kiki Davis-Brugmann

Cindy DiStefano

Seth Hake

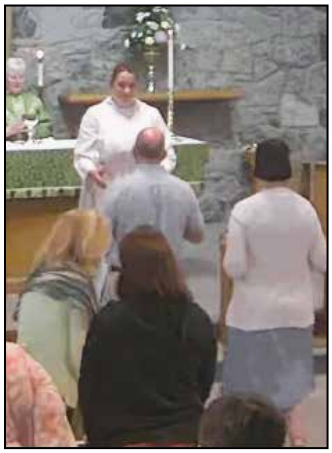
Blair Lord


Art Hagan

Communion Procession

Donna Burkholder

Adam Lefever Hughes


Vanessa Helsel, Kevin and Ellen Milligan

Donna Esbenshade and Lori Miller

Jay Miller Recessional

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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. (said)	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

12 Noon:	Contemplative Eucharist and Meditation

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https://sainteds.org/