

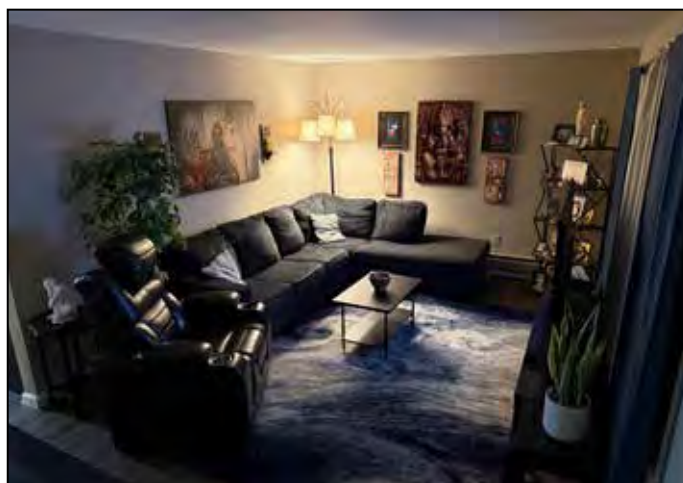
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Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk



This is one of the quieter truths of the spiritual life: we human beings are extraordinarily adaptable. Our minds can develop new maps. Our bodies can learn new rhythms. Our hearts can form new attachments. What initially feels foreign can, over time, become familiar.

As we return to St. Edward's and begin another program year together, I find myself thinking about what it means to "come home." Not simply to arrive at a particular address, or to carry boxes across a threshold, but to inhabit a place deeply enough that it begins to feel like an extension of our lives. My sons and I moved into a new house this summer. And if I'm honest, it took me more than a month to begin feeling settled there.

The practical work happened quickly enough. Beds were assembled. Dishes found their way

into cabinets. Clothes migrated from boxes into closets and drawers. I worked to set up rooms for Ricky and Christian that would feel unmistakably like their own—spaces reflecting their interests, their personalities, and the particular people they're becoming. Amid all the disruption of moving, I wanted them to know that they had a place: somewhere they could close the door, exhale, and feel secure.

But even after the boxes had been emptied and the furniture arranged, something in me remained unsettled. I knew where

I lived, but I didn't yet feel entirely at home. That distinction is more important than we might imagine.

Neuropsychology helps us understand that our brains are constantly creating maps of the environments through which we move. Without our conscious awareness, the mind learns where things belong, what sounds are ordinary, how light enters a room, which floorboards creak, and what we're likely to encounter around each corner. Familiarity allows the nervous system to conserve energy. It reassures the brain that the world around us is reasonably predictable and that, for the moment, we're safe.

A new home disrupts those maps. The routines that once operated effortlessly suddenly require attention. We awaken in the night and need a moment to remember where we are. We reach instinctively for a light switch that isn't there. Everyday objects seem to disappear because our minds haven't yet learned their locations. Even when a move is joyful and freely chosen, the brain still experiences it as a significant change. And change, by its nature, asks more of us. Perhaps that explains why I needed more time than I expected. I'd moved my belongings, but my inner world was still catching up.

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Gradually, however, the house began to change. Or perhaps I began to change within it. Pictures went up on the walls. Travel mementos emerged from their wrapping and found places on shelves. Objects gathered over years of journeys—small reminders of distant landscapes, sacred sites, shared adventures, and earlier chapters of life—began to tell our story within this unfamiliar space. The walls no longer felt anonymous. They began to bear witness to where we had been and to the people we had become.

I also began creating spaces for prayer and meditation: quiet corners where the pace of the day might slow, where breath might deepen, and where I could sit in stillness before the mystery we call God. These spaces didn't need to be elaborate. A chair, a fountain, a meaningful image, a little morning light—sometimes these are enough to remind the soul of what the anxious mind forgets: that we're held within something larger than the circumstances of any particular moment. In this way, settling into a home became more than a decorating project. It became a spiritual practice.

Our sacred stories are filled with people learning to inhabit unfamiliar places. Abraham and Sarah leave behind everything recognizable and journey toward a future they cannot yet see. The Israelites wander through the wilderness, learning how to become a people before they arrive anywhere they can call home. The exiles in Babylon are instructed to build houses, plant gardens, raise families, and seek the welfare of a city they never expected to inhabit. Jesus himself lives much of his ministry on the road, relying upon the hospitality of others while teaching his disciples to find belonging in relationships deeper than geography. Again and again, Scripture suggests that home isn't merely something we find. Home is something we learn to create—through faithfulness, attention, hospitality, and love.

This is one of the quieter truths of the spiritu-

al life: we human beings are extraordinarily adaptable. Our minds can develop new maps. Our bodies can learn new rhythms. Our hearts can form new attachments. What initially feels foreign can, over time, become familiar. What once demanded constant effort can gradually become second nature. But adaptation isn't the same as pretending that change is easy. Every new beginning contains some measure of loss. Even joyful transitions ask us to release familiar patterns, established identities, and versions of ourselves that belonged to another season.

The spiritual task isn't to deny that disorientation, but to trust that disorientation isn't the end of the story. We can honor what has been left behind while remaining open to what is now becoming possible. And perhaps this is where the image of unpacking offers us something more. When we move into a new place, we don't simply unpack possessions. We unpack ourselves. We bring our memories and hopes, our wounds and wisdom, our habits and lingering questions. We decide what still belongs in our lives, what deserves a prominent place, what needs to be handled with greater care, and what we may finally be ready to release. Some boxes contain treasures we had nearly forgotten. Others contain things we've carried for years without ever asking why. Communities do this, too.

As we return for another program year, St. Edward's isn't simply resuming a schedule. We're entering a new season together. Each of us returns having been shaped by experiences that others may not yet know about. Some return refreshed; others return weary. Some are carrying new hope, while others are quietly shouldering grief, uncertainty, or change. We come back to familiar rooms as people who are never entirely the same as when we left them.

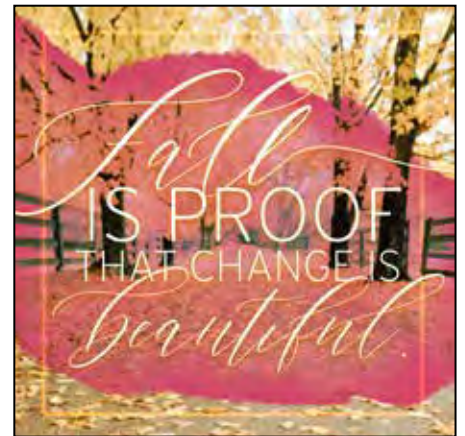
The invitation before us isn't to squeeze ourselves back into an old arrangement. It's to bring our fullest selves into the life we're

creating now. This is how a house becomes a home, and it's how a congregation becomes a spiritual community. We make room for one another. We hang the stories of our lives upon shared walls. We create places for prayer, laughter, learning, service, and rest. We allow new memories to gather beside the old ones. And, little by little, the strange becomes familiar—not because nothing has changed, but because love has taught us how to inhabit what has changed.

I'm finally beginning to feel at home in my new house. Not because every box is gone or every room is finished, but because our lives are becoming visible there. Ricky and Christian have spaces that belong to them. Our pictures and mementos remind us where we've been. Quiet corners invite me back to prayer. The house is beginning to carry our rhythms, our voices, and our presence.

As we begin this new program year, perhaps that's the grace offered to all of us: the assurance that we don't need to be completely settled before we begin living faithfully. We need only to keep unpacking—to bring forward the truest things we carry, to make room for the lives of others, and to trust our God-given capacity to adapt, belong, and flourish... Welcome home.

Rick+



Parish Office



Parish Office Hours

Tuesday- Friday: 11:00 – 4:00PM

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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 Mary Gibson

The Vestry was on hiatus for the month of July but will meet again toward the end of August. Even so, the summer has been a busy time and this report will recap some of our recent and successful events with thanks to all of you!

New vestry members (Julie Hoff, Bruce Lynch, and Susan Murray) participated at several vestry meetings before the short summer “refresh” and all of us will return with a renewed strength of spirit and energy to mindfully consider decisions related to the allocation of resources across various ministries and parish needs, to program planning, and to governance around the future needs of the St. Edward’s community.

We had an ambitious calendar of events for the summer months. While some ministries were “on break,” the energy of our parish community remained overwhelmingly enthusiastic in support of our two stewardship campaigns, which allowed us to provide for operational needs over the summer then in to the fall season while making much needed campus improvements.

The 10K Challenge launched on May 11th with a goal of \$10,000 and concluded after eight weeks. With the generosity of our parish, we exceeded our goal with support totaling \$10,429! The Sidewalk Replacement Project also began in May with a goal of raising \$27,500 to make

this vital improvement in our spiritual home. With humble and grateful thanks to our community, a total of \$36,300 was raised enabling this and other campus enhancements.

The Virtual Yard Sale, via Facebook Marketplace, ran from mid-June through July and helped many of you find a home for things you no longer needed. Thanks to the remarkable work of Beth, Bruce, and James Lynch, letting go of things was easier to do and proceeds from the yard sale netted over \$1600 toward the sidewalk project. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the sale!

In addition to a several smaller improvements around campus, the Memorial Garden received enhancements that help create a more welcoming visit. The walking path was extended around the monument creating a “360 degree” experience of the space and additional plaques have been added.

The Summer Picnic took place in the late afternoon on July 11th, offering hot dogs, hamburgers, fried chicken and other picnic staples! With music provided by Father Rick, Jay Miller, and Bob Mosebach it was a wonderful way to celebrate our church family and the love and appreciation we have for one another.

Rounding out the summer season were several events. The Community Blood Drive, sponsored by Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health, took place on August 5th and was co-hosted by our parish along with The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints at their location. The drive supports patients at Lancaster General Hospital, the Women’s and Babies Hospital, as well as the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute. Our thanks to Meredith Westgate and all of you who were donors or volunteers for the event.

The School Supply Drive, providing assistance for local students and families in need, recently concluded and our St. Edward’s family enthusiastically responded with \$1200 worth of \$25 gift cards to Giant, Walmart, and Target along with \$750 in donations, and 7 backpacks! This is a true gift of the heart for those in the local school district who might need some extra help at the start of the school year. Thank you!

As we head in to fall and the upcoming holiday season, our ministries will continue to benefit from the growing success of two important fundraisers, the Basket Raffle and the Christmas Cookie and Craft Sale. The Basket Raffle is coming up soon, with important dates in September culminating on October 31st when the raffle winners will be drawn!

In addition to our ongoing ministries such as the Hempfield Pantry Food Bank and First Reformed Dinner, we have many opportunities to participate in November and December. Have some fun and share your faith and love by marking your calendars for the Turkey Drive, Jesse Tree, ALERT Sock Drive and others. Watch the weekly announcements and issues of the Scepter for details on all the fall events!

The Vestry works to help secure the growth and legacy of our spiritual home, a portrait of who we are, what we believe, and how our ministries impact the lives of people in our community.

The Vestry remains mindful of the need for thoughtful deliberation and decisions impacting both operational and investment assets as we turn the corner on another new year. Your commitment and support make it possible. At the next meeting, vestry members will take a fresh look at initiatives on the agenda as well as how we might explore and create new ministries and energize sustaining ones.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our parish community and its leadership as a “Peoples Warden” and to be nourished by your strength of spirit and kindness. Your commitment, selfless service, and generosity define our character and make our many ministries possible. With humble thanks for each of YOU!

Blessings and Peace,

Mary



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

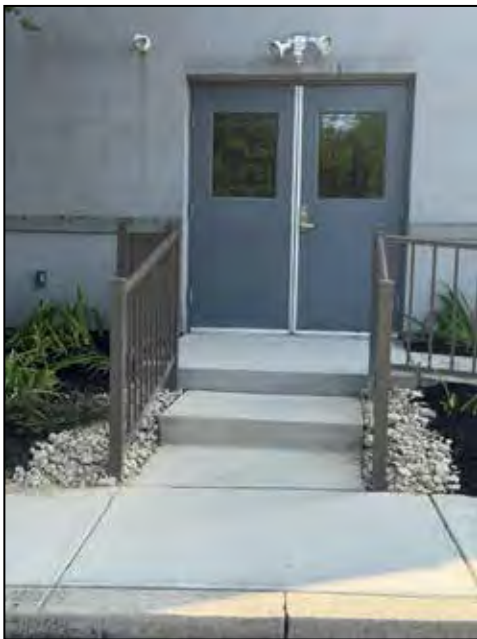
- Anthony Koser
- Alex Kube
- John Lewis
- Richard Mutari
- David Peck
- Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- Morgan Prigmore
- Mike Spurr
- David Sternberg
- Clayton Tennes
- Connor Tennes
- Evan Westgate
- Seamas Whitesel
- 1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Sidewalk Project

By Michelle Bentley

Our sidewalk project is nearing completion! Thank you, again, to our community for supporting this important capital improvement! We have a few small tweaks left to do over the upcoming weeks and hope to have those completed by late summer.



*In memory of Tom and Dorothy Barker by Ann Vail
In memory of Wally and Carol Vail by Ron Vail
In thanksgiving for Family by Mary Dorsey
In gratitude for our loving Family by Joe and Sue Hurlburt
In honor of Family by Mike Freshwater and Deann Buffington
In remembrance of Family by Bob and Jeanne Mosebach
In remembrance of Sargent Richard G. Lawrence, USMC by Ethel Lawrence
In memory of Harry F. Jones by Linda Jones
In thanksgiving for 60 years of marriage by Vince and Barbara Czepukaitis
In memory of P.C. Espie by Mark K. Espie
"Forever in our hearts" RDS by Bonnie Stoughton
In memory of Harry B. West III by The West Family
In memory of John P. and Pearl Hagan by Art Hagan
In memory of Brian Hagan by Art Hagan
In memory of Sandy Costa by Mac Miller
In memory of Nancy Doyle by Mac Miller
In loving remembrance of Donald Rumer by Janet Rumer
In thanksgiving for Family and Friends by Jeff and Sharon Gromis
In thanksgiving for Family and Friends by Gren and Jeri King
In honor of our parents by Kate and Mike Wickenbeiser
In honor of Wayne's parents, William and Gertrude Maloney, by Wayne and Barbara Maloney
In loving memory of Alice J. Will by Mary Snyder
In memory of Kathy Magbag, a great friend, by Dan Sanders
In memory of Joseph W. York by Mary Gibson
In loving memory of Jerry Hoff by Julie Hoff
In memory of Dorothy Brackett by Bob Brackett
In memory of Don Bartoo by Bob Brackett
In memory of Carolyn Bartoo by Bob Brackett
In memory of Jack Rux by Bob Brackett
In memory of Rod Rigby by Bob Brackett
In memory of Jack and Eileen Davis by Leslie Arnold and Kiki Davis-Brugmann
In thanksgiving for our community in their support of this worthy project that makes
the ground beneath are feet stable and sound.*

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*Every effort is made in spelling each name with accuracy.
Our apologies for any names that have appeared incorrectly.*



Rick Dombach playing house with granddaughters Lily and Dahlia.



Anna Rosenberg was a camp counselor at St. James' Creator's Camp. The Casey Stauffer children were enrolled. It wasn't until the end of the second day that Anna discovered that they were Elizabeth's children, Father Casey and Rayelenn's grandchildren. (Elizabeth had babysat the Rosenberg children when THEY were little! Sharon Hubbard is Anna's grandmother.) The children loved the camp and loved Miss Anna.

Dirt cups

A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)

What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about ¾ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

PUZZLE

Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 22 times in the puzzle? Look up, down, across, and even backward!

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Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times:

"Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter



Anna as an Acolyte

Answer: D (John 21:17)

Parishioners Outside the Pews



Ginny Kloepping in the Grand Tetons



Mary Snyder and a manatee in Florida



Richard and Gail Irons with grandsons at the beach



Jeri and Gren King at an Alaskan glacier and a totem pole



A Scottish Loch and Heather taken by Bev Achey



Vacation Reflections

Contributed by Gail Irons

Vacation time is at long last upon us. The respite for which we have pined for a whole year has arrived. Our suitcases, fishing gear, bathing suits, sunscreen, and anticipated books to be read are rounded up and packed in the car. Gleeful children are buckled in. We are off.

Yet a specter of guilt arises in our minds. By what right do we take this vacation? In the scheme of our work and responsibilities, how do we justify taking time off? Is vacation an excuse for laziness?

These are legitimate questions indeed if we define vacation as entertainment or as a restorative to repair our exhausted minds and bodies for what we are really supposed to be doing. If our work, mental or physical, is the highest thing

we do, then we have reason to doubt the moral rectitude of the frothy luxury of a vacation.

If, however, work does not define and explain us, then vacation offers the possibility of something more, far more. Holidays may truly become "holy days" during which we honor what is sacred to us. In contemplation, we look and listen in a state of simplicity and openness...an ocean, a flower, a baby, a seashell...perhaps experiencing beauty with awe and wonder for the first time. These truly are our highest moments.

And these moments are free. We do not earn these free moments of understanding, nor can we struggle to receive them. They are a gift we accept and embrace with humility. The essence of vacation is loving what has been given to us for its own sake.

What then can we do to allow our va-

cations to be true leisure, to renew our love of our existence, to see deeply into things? We can enjoy the peace of quiet and meditation. With the television turned off, we can really converse with family and friends. We can behold our children and grandchildren. We can delight in good literature or music. We can feel our bodies again in exercise and fun.

On this vacation we will read, talk, play, daydream, and be silent in our hearts. We will look at our family gathered on the beach at sunset. We will listen for affirmation of life in a screen door opening, a child laughing, an owl hooting, a loon calling, a wave crashing. We will love what we are given. This confirmation of God's creation, this Amen, this acclimation of things for their own sake is our vacation.

Pastoral services Lancaster General Hospital

Parishioners Outside the Pews



Rainbow in Beth Lynch's front yard



Bruce and James Lynch miniature golf

Westgate's Cousin's camp with campfire and toasted marshmallows



Sadie and Emma Casey Stauffer spent a lot of the summer with nature, & crafting,



Kline family at beach and celebrating Ethan's white coat ceremony



Fireworks over the lake



This Persian Princess has been fostered by Sally Lederer



Randy Westgate and Mike Freshwater are in a Bike Group that meet about once a week either for breakfast or to ride one of the local trails. Buddies left to right Dave Teply, Randy, Randy Riddell, and Mike.



Jodi Good and Mary Snyder also enjoy bike trails



Camp Washington-Carver in WV for Appalachian String Band Music Festival. Daughter Sam & Debbie McGuigan in front of Chestnut lodge where they square dance. ww Bill jamming & square dancing with Debbie



Sue Purdy's Gabby



Donna and Joe Holwager celebrate Father's day with the family



Donohues take 40th Anniversary selfie

Are You Gifted with Pareidolia?

By Beth Lynch

The ability to see shapes, faces, or familiar patterns in clouds, rocks, or other random visual stimuli is called pareidolia. If you can see these creatures or others in our Altar stone wall you also have this gift.



An ostrich



A masked dog

Lunch With the Chosen

Hosted by Blair Lord



The summer season is drawing to a close, but there's still time to catch up on projects we were hoping to finish before the fall—such as watching or rewatching The Chosen seasons 1-4.

Well, I might be speaking just for myself. My favorite part of Lunch with The Chosen is how, whether we're watching for the first time or the tenth time, there are new layers to peel back and unpack, especially with other viewers and the Bible for handy reference. Even when episodes explore extra-Biblical characters and storylines, they prompt discussions that lead to amazing insights into history, human nature, faith, and how we grapple with them.

At the risk of sounding solemn, it's only fair to mention that we are heading into the back half of the entire show. Right now,

season 6 is set to premiere on Prime on November 16, and season 7 will premiere in theaters in March 2028. Then the show will be complete. However, Lunch with The Chosen still has season 5, aka Holy Week, to look forward to.

Our viewing of season 5 starts with the first episode, "Entry," on October 4th.

If you'd like a recap of the past seasons before our viewing season resumes, The Chosen's YouTube channel is posting their own summary videos for each season. The Chosen website (thechosen.tv) and app (available on FireTV, Apple TV, Roku, the Apple Store and the Google Play Store) have Extras that delve deeper into its stories and application of Scripture, such as the Aftershow and the Bible Roundtable. You can also just watch (or rewatch) the episodes on the website, app, or Amazon Prime.



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



Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle; they cannot be separated.

Joseph Beaumont

**St. Edward's
is hosting its annual**

Cookie / Craft Sale

Saturday, December 5, 2026.

The 20 plus year fund raiser has been a consistent success from its inception bringing in close to \$3000 a year. We can all do the math which emphasizes the importance of this event.

This year a few new twists will be added:

- 1.)The sale will not be exclusively cookies. We are looking for pie makers and specialty bread makers.
- 2.)The sale is open to candy and whimsical treats.
- 3.)All parishioners will be given access to flyers and coupons to distribute to fellow workers, neighbors and friends advertising the sale.
- 4.)Post orders will be available on select items for delivery later in December.

We are excited to continue this long tradition and once again bring the Lancaster community to our beautiful campus.





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!

Raffle tickets go on sale on September 13th with same pricing and bundles as 2025. Check, cash, credit card are accepted.

These AMAZING and ABUNDANT offerings will astound you!

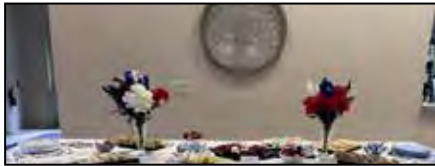
We have seven weeks to engage in this fun and important fundraising event with a goal of \$8,500.

Raffle concludes Saturday, October 31st with a potluck lunch and drawing at 1:00 pm at St. Edward's.

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.



Always a good time for nibbles and fellowship



Guns to Gardens



By Bruce Lynch

Community Safe Disposal Event
September 26, 2026, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is providing a service to the community by facilitating an event where people can choose to anonymously discard their unwanted firearms in a safe and positive environment.

Many people have unwanted firearms with no trusted way to discard them. 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.

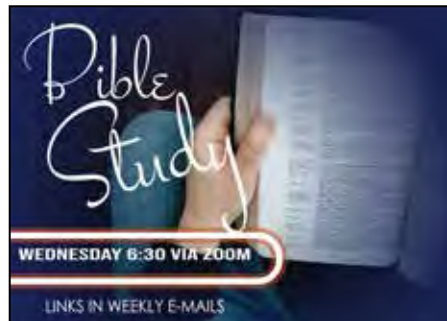
Guns to Gardens

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. Participants who bring their unwanted guns do not have to give their names or share any information about themselves.

People who choose to participate in the Saturday September 26 event will bring their unwanted firearm(s) stored in the trunk of their vehicle to:

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
301 Saint Thomas Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
Phone: 717-569-3241

Bible Study Led by Bob Mosebach



Our current session on Acts of the Apostles is finishing this intriguing book of the Bible. Keep an eye out for the next topic our Zoom group will explore. We warmly invite you to join us for this enriching and gentle journey through a fascinating book of the Bible. It's a wonderful chance to learn and grow together!



Recipes Return to the Scepter

Recipes were once a regular feature in the Scepter, and we are pleased to bring them back in response to reader requests. This marks the second month that favorite recipes have returned.

Going forward, if you would like to contribute a favorite or request a specific recipe, please send your ideas to HJ_Miller@outlook.com or text to (717)917-8716



Cheese Cake

Contributed by
Donna Ray

Crumb Crust:

1 ½ Cup Graham
Cracker Crumbs
1/3 Cup Sugar
6 Tbsp. Melted Butter
Mix thoroughly

Press on the bottom
and up 1 ½ inches of a
buttered 9 Inch Spring Form Pan

Filling:

3 Well-beaten Eggs
2 8 oz pkgs. Cream Cheese softened
1 Cup Sugar
2 tsp. Vanilla
½ tsp. Ground nutmeg
3 Cups Sour Cream

Beat all ingredients except sour cream.
Then blend in sour cream.
Pour into crust.
Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes
Cool



Thank you for the 323 pounds of food items contributed to the pantry in June. WOW !! In June, the pantry served 539 children; 922 adults; 392 seniors... for a total 1,853 people served. Fifty-four volunteers gave 682 hours to the pantry June.

Current requested items:

- Cereal
- Canned chicken noodle soup
- Canned tomato soup
- Canned carrots
- Canned mandarin oranges
- Canned pears
- Canned chicken
- Canned beef-a-roni
- Canned potatoes
- Canned beets
- 1 lb. bag dried beans
- Boxed pasta
- Cake mix
- Canned icing



ONGOING MINISTRIES:

Collection of food for the Hempfield Food Pantry, Rahim Family Donations, and donations for books for Prisoners in the narthex is ongoing.

UPCOMING MINISTRIES:

Jesse Tree-Mid-November thru early December

Turkey Drive-November 15-22nd, 2026

Soles for Souls-February 10 – March 21, 2027

Feed My Starving Children-Late March 2027 TBA

Race Against Racism-April 24, 2027

Blood Drive-Spring 2027

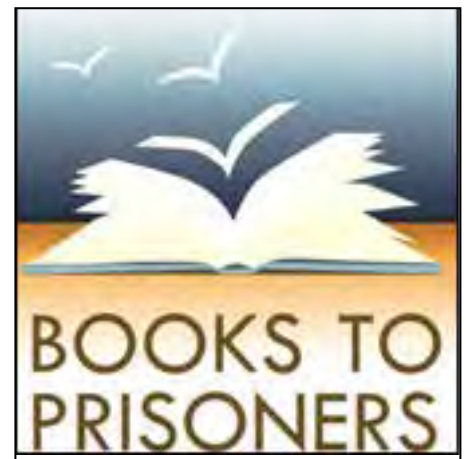
Back To School Drive-July/August 2027

First Reformed Dinner Three Tuesdays during the year TBA



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. : In our ministry, we are now accepting monetary donations for our Books for Prisoners program. Please place your donations, payable to St. Edward's designated "Books for Prisoners" in the offering plate, via mail, or PayPal. Please contact Randy Westgate with any questions. Often requested titles include:

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

Back to School Collection

By Ellen Milligan

Our Back-to-School collection concluded yesterday with a blessing of the backpacks at the 10 AM service. What an amazing response over the past two weeks with these final tallies from Ellen Milligan:

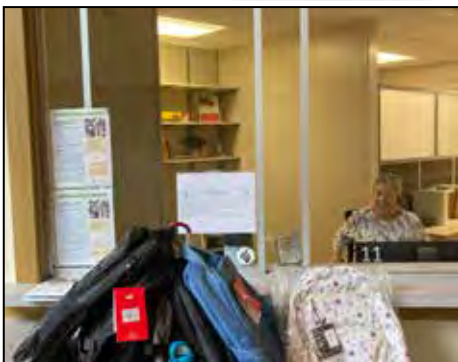
Our total contributions this year are:

Giant gift cards \$775
Walmart gift cards \$400
Target gift card \$25
Monetary donations \$750
7 backpacks

Thank you to ALL for making this such a success for those who are in need in our wider community.



Blessing the Back-to-School items



Drop off of items at Hempfield School



Blood Drive

By Meredith Aul



The August 5 blood drive, held in conjunction with the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (our neighbors across the street) was deemed a success. Emily Afutiti, organizer from "their" end, reported that 33 people volunteered to donate with nine deemed ineligible for various reasons, resulting in 24 usable units of blood which will be used here in Lancaster County. While I don't have a count of donors specifically from St. Ed's, the blood bank staff was very pleased with the turnout.

While there is not a lot for volunteers to do at the blood drive, (the blood bank has everything down to a science) it's important for the host organizations to be present and available. In our case, it's also a wonderful way to get to know and to work collaboratively with a neighboring church. Thanks to Donna Holwager, Lori Miller, Mary Dorsey, Peggy Hanzelman, and Beth Lynch for stepping up to represent us. Hearty thanks to Beth for helping organize our end of the event while I was out of town, and to Michelle Bentley and Mac Miller for handling publicity.



Thank God for Teachers

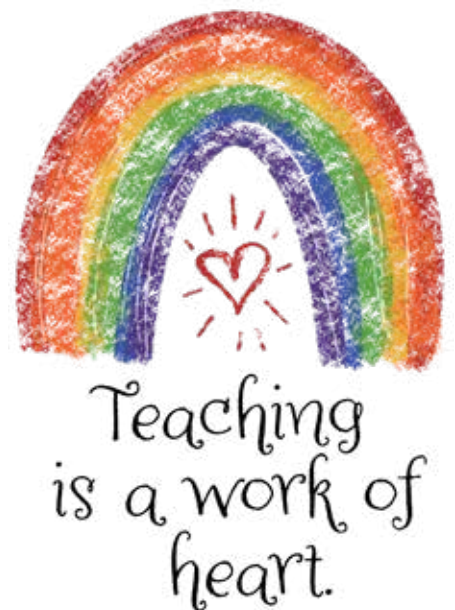
It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students.

Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.



Church Picnic

Pictures by Mary Snyder, Rayelenn Casey and Mac Miller



Chef Mike Freshwater



Prayer by Blair Lord



Julie Hoff and Michelle Bentley served Hot Dogs and Burgers



Saturday July 11th picnic was a well attended fun evening



Jeanne Mosebach



Basket won by a sidewalk donor



Jay Miller and Fr. Rick entertained with their favorite covers and Fr. Rick's original music.



Ethel Lawrence and Jodi Good dancing to the music



Bob Mosebach played a fun set of songs on the accordion



Game Night

Pictures by Bruce Lynch, Mike Freshwater and Mary Snyder



Five Crowns



Jeri King- UNO



Randy Westgate and Beth Lynch-Charades



Deann Buffington, Gren King, Mike Freshwater and Bruce Lynch- Golf game

Bruce and Beth Lynch hosted a wonderful game night, and it could be a great example for a parish-wide event held in our Parish Hall—maybe during the Fall Basket Raffle or as a fun standalone gathering. What do you think? Would you like to attend a game night?



A fun and relaxed evening

it's **Game** night

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

By Meredith Aul

For our semi-annual Guess Who Dinner on Saturday, October 17, we're going to try something a little different this time: no hosts and no cooking! Instead, we will be welcomed at your choice of one of three restaurants: *Ciro's* in East Petersburg, *Lombardo's Restaurant* in Lancaster, and *The Fireside Tavern* in Strasburg. Please fill out the card in the narthex or give me a call or send a text by Sunday, October 4 to reserve a spot – first come, first served to join a party of up to 8 at each restaurant. Arrive for dinner at 6 p.m. and enjoy dining in the company of fellow St. Edwardian's. Separate checks will be provided.
Meredith
717-575-2119



Needle Arts

In 2007 the Knit Wits created a quilt to commemorate St. Edward's 25th Anniversary

This article appeared in the June 2007 Scepter

Anniversary Quilt is Blessed on May 6



The anniversary quilt that was created by members of the knit Wits was blessed at each service. The picture on the left was from the second service and includes Jo Anna Hebberger, Barb West and Elaine Radcliffe. All the Knit Wits helped with the quilt. Major contributions were made by Barbara O'Brien and Sue Bianco. On the right R.B. Mullineaux is helping Larry Hess hang the finished quilt in the narthex just out side of the door to Fr. Casey's office.

Twenty Years Later



The quilt highlights images from St. Edward's first 25 years, which were transferred to fabric and appliquéd into the design. Everyone in the 2007 Knit Wits added at least a stitch or two, but Barbara O'Brien and Sue Bianco did most of the work. Barb designed and pieced the quilt, while Sue appliquéd the pictures and completed most of the hand quilting. Here, Barb and Sue are shown holding the quilt, which was recently found in storage and will now be displayed in the lounge where this group meets weekly.

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. They also create quilted, embroidered and craft items for the Cookie/Craft sale, and the Basket Raffle

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.



To avoid being home alone during a dreaded thunderstorm, Sharon Gromis's Maddie, joined the Knit wits for an afternoon.



Summer Worship Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder and the Live Stream



Announcements



Eucharist

Sermons and Homilies by Fr. Rick and Bob Mosebach



Peter Weber



Cindy DiStefano



Buddy Yeager



Beth Lynch



Kathy Spencer



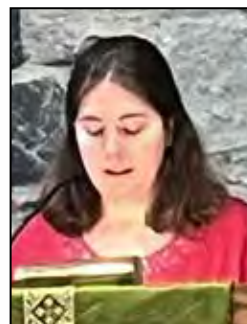
Jay Miller



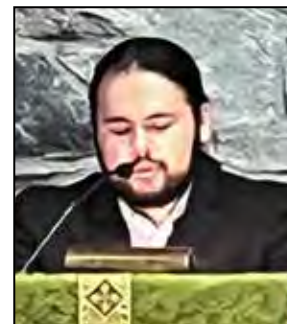
Kiki Davis-Brugmann



Art Hagan



Blair Lord



Seth Hake



Prayers: LEM Vanessa Helsel



Eileen Laurence, Guest Organist



The Gospel

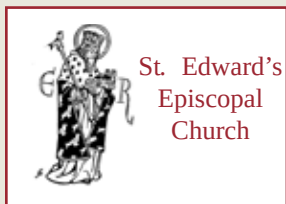


Michael Groff, Guest Organist & Pianist



Bob Mosebach, Jay Miller and Fr. Rick gifted us with a unique musical experience on August 23rd during organist hiatus.

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Picture taken by Bev Achey

A painting in the Colinton Tunnel in Edinburgh.

Not in a partying 'MOOD'

A Sunday school teacher shared the parable of the prodigal son with his class, pointing out how resentful the older son was when the father welcomed the wayward brother home with open arms and a party.

Amid the celebration, the teacher emphasized, someone in the story failed to share in the joy. "Can you tell me who that was?" the teacher asked.

Eagerly, a little girl raised her hand. "I know, I know!" she exclaimed. "The fatted calf!"

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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)
- ✦ 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

