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The Newsletter of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church



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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ:

We are contemplating a program year. Yes, by late July every year we begin thinking about education for all ages, youth group, Wednesday Spiritual Direction, EFM and inter-generational events around feasts and saints' days.

It will happen this year! How it will happen is another story. We are still determining what we can do on-line, and what we can do in person. In person events will probably be those we can do outside, like blessing of the animals. We keep the animals and the humans that come with them at least six feet away just to keep them from fighting. So that should work. Things like EFM and Children's Chapel may work best on-line. But they will still take place.

We are not only praying through a pandemic; we are being church through a pandemic. We remain a joyful community of faith that longs for people to grow in faith, care for one another, raise our children in the faith, and share the love of God with all. We will make it happen. Stay tuned.

Faithfully:

*The Rev. Dr. Stephen Smith*



## During the Summer -

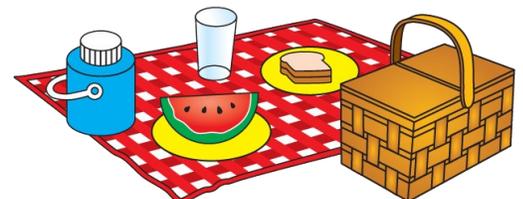


Please remember  
to keep your pledge  
current.

Thank you.

## Picnic with the Priests

On Wednesdays, starting with Wednesday, August 5, you may come to church and have a picnic with the priests at 12:30 pm. Bring your own lunch. If the weather is good, we will sit on the patio out back by the columbarium. If the weather is bad, we will go downstairs to the youth room, all with social distancing and wearing masks (except while eating, of course). We'll see how many people show up. If it gets too big, we may need to require pre-registration.



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**Parish Life Coordinator Update**

I have been taking time in the morning to enjoy the views in my garden with a cup of coffee. I have been thinking about the lyrics to one of my favorite songs, *Feelin' Groovy*, sung by Simon and Garfunkel. When I was a young girl I would climb a tree with my girlfriends and we would sing this song while hanging out in the summer time. These are precious memories for me. This summer is full of a lot of little things and remembrances as I spend time just hanging out at home. I guess it is a coping mechanism. I hope you are coping well and finding time to just hang out to feel groovy.

Here are the lyrics and a link to the song:

*Slow down, you move too fast  
You got to make the morning last  
Just kicking down the cobble stones  
Looking for fun and feelin' groovy*

*Hello lamppost, what cha knowing?  
I've come to watch your flowers growing  
Ain't cha got no rhymes for me?  
Doot-in' doo-doo, feelin' groovy*

*Got no deeds to do, no promises to keep  
I'm dappled and drowsy and ready to sleep  
Let the morning time drop all its petals on me  
Life, I love you, all is groovy*

[Feelin' Groovy](#)

~ Julie Righter

**Attention Ministry Leaders!**

Calendar Planning Meeting via Zoom on Thursday, August 13th at 7pm. We will discuss the upcoming program year in the midst of this pandemic. Please plan now to join this important meeting.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Jorge Celiz Garya & Liz Ferrer  
*Father and Mother of Liz Gunthorp*



*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy and grace of God, rest in peace.*

Invite • Welcome • Connect®

Members of the IWC team are taking this opportunity to participate in Zoom based Invite-Welcome-Connect learning through Sewanee. We are learning a lot and hope to bring new ideas and programing to you soon. We feel very blessed to have this resource as we have to physically distance, but strive to Connect with each other.

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## Tuesday Morning Men's Group

- T** Time for **sharing** and **community**
- U** Usually 12-16 guys
- E** Engaging **conversations** and **laughter**
- S** Simple format, **no homework**
- D** Done at 8:00 AM
- A** Always some type of **light breakfast** provided **when** we meet in person
- Y** **Young and old** participate
- M** Men with **varying thoughts and opinions**
- O** Organized and led by Lay Men
- R** Readings are read and discussed in **one hour**
- N** Not expected that you join in the discussion, some guys just listen
- I** **Inclusive** and very friendly
- N** Nice to share **spiritual journeys**
- G** Good company
- M** Meet **every Tuesday morning**, year round, except holidays
- E** Even attending once in a while works well, **regular attendance not required**
- N** Nice guys, lots of fun, no pressure, **supportive**, community



## August Clergy On-Call Schedule

In the case of any emergency situation where you desire the pastoral services of a priest, please call the main number at 614-766-2664 and notify the parish administrator immediately. If the emergency occurs outside of normal office hours, you can call the clergy directly at one of the numbers listed below. This information is also available on the church voicemail.

Father Stephen- 614-499-2872  
Mother Cameron- 706-506-1578

The on-call schedule for the week of:

August 2- Father Stephen  
August 9- Mother Cameron  
August 16- Father Stephen  
August 23- Mother Cameron  
August 30- Father Stephen

## Drive-thru Backpack Blessing August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30-1:30pm

The start of a new school year, much like the program year, is a new beginning. It is a time of yearly transition and ritual and is marked with new challenges and opportunities. This year, perhaps more than years past, brings with it a mix of anticipation and apprehension. Fear not, God is with you.

On Sunday, August 23, during the 9:30 service the clergy will bless charms for this year's backpacks. Then from 12:30-1:30pm, we'll be outside ready to greet you as you drive-thru the Church parking lot to pick-up a charm for your bag, satchel, briefcase, and more.

Students and Educators of all ages are encouraged to participate. If you are unable to come in person, simply email Mother Cameron and we'll get one mailed out to you the following week.

Additionally, you can **Be a Blessing** by bringing donations of single serve Mac & Cheese and Fruit Cups for the Weekend Food for Good Program serving students at Beatty Park and Trevitt Elementary Schools. Many of these students face both food and housing insecurity among other stressors. We'll arrange for your blessings to be delivered to Maggie Boggess, Coordinator of the program.

Let us pray. *Merciful God, We thank you for the opportunity to begin the 2020-2021 school year, and we ask that you bless teachers, students, and their families. We pray that you will guide them in all ways and that they will seek your will in everything they do. Make them hungry for wisdom tempered with love. Help them to discern the truth in all that they learn, in the people they meet, and in the choices they face each day. Keep their minds alert for the rigors of study and exams. Keep their bodies safe and well. Give them hearts bold to question, yet alive to your wonders. And assure them of your love and ours, through Christ your Wisdom made flesh. Amen.* (Faithful Celebrations, 38)

## The Magical World of Realm

I would like to take you on a magical journey, but since we are observing limited office hours and contact and travel restrictions, I would just like to invite you to join Realm! If you have a valid email address in our data base, you have probably already been invited (maybe up to 21 times) but some of you (184, as of this writing) seem to still be hesitant about joining. We tried to ease families into this new system but now we are 100% on board and would like you to join us! I try to send a reminder about every week to log in and set up your account and the reason for the repetitiveness is that the link that gets emailed to you is only valid for a day or 2 at most. Also, sometimes people have a particularly strong spam filter and your invitations and communications end up there. If you haven't logged in and created your account, I strongly urge you do so because it is truly easy and here are some of the highlights of the Magic in Realm:

- **You notice a friend from one of your groups is having a birthday in the Sunday News and you want to send them a card in the mail or a email to let them know you are thinking of them!** Log in to Realm, click on the magnifying glass icon and start typing their name. You can find their personal information that they have made visible to members of St. Patrick's, like their address or their email. We are no longer printing paper directories.
- **It's midnight and you are working on taxes and can't find your giving statement that Charlie sent and you just want to get them done!** Log into Realm, go to your personal profile and on the left there will be a giving tab. It will automatically tell you where you are on your pledge for the current year but if you click on the funnel icon, you can search past giving statements for any date range you need. You can print it off right from home and your taxes can be completed at your convenience!
- **You are a ministry leaders and you want to communicate with your group.** If you are a ministry leader and are not using Realm, you are definitely missing out on the easiest way to send a group message with everyone's most updated contact information.
- **Once in-person worship begins, you want to register to attend a service.** An email will go out with a link to the "Event" and you can click on the link and sign in to register yourself and anyone in your family to attend. This tracking makes keeping the group size at the appropriate amount easy and gives us a record of who was in attendance in case we have to do any contact tracing.
- **You decide you are no longer using a landline, you are moving, but still going to attend St. Patrick's, you got a new job and now have a different email and you don't want to miss out on church communication.** Don't wait to contact us and make a change, just log in to Realm and update your information as soon as possible so that you don't miss any communications from the clergy, staff, and your group leaders!
- **You need to ask the St. Patrick's staff a quick question and the office is closed.** Log in to Realm and go to the Community tab and click on Communications and then Chat. Click on the + sign and type in the name of the person you want to contact and then your question. These communications will come up on our phone and we can probably answer them quicker than waiting until we get to work and check our emails or phone messages.

So, if you have tried to set up your account in Realm and when you clicked on the link, you received an error message, please try again the next time you get the link in an email and join us! If you have any questions or need another email sent to you with a link to join, please contact Amy at [administrator@pats-dublin.org](mailto:administrator@pats-dublin.org).

Thank you! ~Amy O'Neill

**Next month: Realm Basics!**



Thank you to these amazing people for the gift of their time and talents in helping us to prepare for our first ever Virtual Bible School, and for those who donated supplies.

Arts Camp was possible because of them.

**Arts Camp Planning Team**

Eryn Kindelin  
Catherine Bratton  
The Rev. Cameron O’Riley

**Storytellers**

Alex Carter  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Smith  
Joy Smith  
The Rev. Cameron O’Riley  
Ann Semans  
Annie LaMonica  
Mathew LaMonica  
Mike Kennedy  
John Montgomery  
Tasia Sicker  
Jan Smith  
Fran Montgomery

**Arts & Crafts**

Vicky Bratton  
Maddison Pittsenbarger  
Michael Pittsenbarger  
Val Pittsenbarger  
Maggie Boggess  
Livie Boggess  
Evelina O’Neill  
Amy O’Neill

**Movement/Drama**

Charlie Cook  
Izzy Cook  
Robbie Cook  
Valerie Cook  
Emily DeAngelo

Ryan DeAngelo  
Kim DeAngelo  
Annika Russo  
Breanne Mooi  
Catherine Bratton  
Lori Mesaros  
Brooke Mesaros

**Musicians**

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Kellan Behrens  
Robert Behrens  
Rowan Behrens  
Sarah Behrens  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Smith  
Charles Bratton  
Alex Carter  
Catherine Bratton  
Landon Kubik  
Claire McCarthy  
Danny O’Neill  
Elizabeth Lewis  
Victoria Lewis  
William Lewis  
Matt Lewis  
Tawnya Lewis  
Betty Lyle  
Jennifer Bell  
Christopher Cofer  
Molly Herzog

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Olivia Cofer  
Elisha Cofer  
Beth Landers  
Casey Landers  
Amy O’Neill  
Evelina O’Neill

Vicky Bratton  
Lissa Barker

**Delivery**

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Amy O’Neill  
Charles Bratton  
Vicky Bratton  
Julie Righter

**Donations**

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Diana McCullough  
Pam & John Johanssesn  
Valarie Pittsenbarger  
Kay Grant  
James Ziolkowski  
Wade & Rondi Purcell  
Maggie Boggess  
Catherine Loveland  
Jan Smith  
Eric Ghiz



**St. Pat’s BBC Journey Highlighted**

Diocesan Becoming Beloved Community Coordinator **Amy Howton** has been a long-standing supporter of our BBC work at St. Pat’s. Ways that she has helped us shape our path include:

- Visioning work with the vestry.
- Inviting our clergy and congregation members to participate in diocesan BBC activities and on BBC-related teams.
- Ongoing enthusiasm, encouragement and support of our BBC ministries.

Recently, Amy acknowledged our progress in this key area by publishing an article on our BBC journey in the *Becoming Beloved Community: 7.11.2020 E-Newsletter*:

<http://dsobeloved.org/st-patricks-reflects/>

**Thanks** to our congregation, ministry leaders, vestry, and clergy for their input in helping create the article, especially: **Mother Cameron** for her inspired and passionate commitment to equality and our BBC walk.

**The congregation members, ministry leaders and vestry members who contributed many inspiring quotes – many more than we were able to include!!**

Please take a look at the article – you’ll be surprised to see how much we’ve done in a short period of time and no doubt agree that when it comes to fully realizing beloved community, while we have a long path ahead, at St. Pat’s we’ve made a fruitful start!

*~Mike Kennedy, Senior Warden*



# † August, 2020 †

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9:30 <b>Worship</b> 11:00 <b>Adult Forum</b> 11:00 <b>Sacred Circle</b> 6:30 <b>EYC</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 <b>EfM Extension</b> 7:00 <b>EfM Survivors</b>	<b>4</b> 6:45 <b>Men's Group</b> 10:45 <b>Staff meeting</b> 7:30 <b>Sacred Circle</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 <b>St. Arbuck's</b> 12:00 <b>Prayers</b> 12:30 <b>Picnic with Priests</b> O	<b>6</b> 10:00 <b>LITD</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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**Notes**

**Newsletter Deadline: 15th**

**Please Note: All events on the calendar are subject to change.**

**Color Code System:**  
**Red:** Event will be recorded and/or live streamed and available on our YouTube channel.  
**Blue:** Event will be meeting through Zoom.  
**Green:** Tentative plan to return to an in-person event if we are able based on current health guidelines. Watch weekly news and happenings for more details.  
**Black:** Event will be held in person with a limited number of participants and safety measures in place.

**Location Codes:**  
**P:** Parish Hall  
**S:** Sanctuary  
**O:** Outside on back patio

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## Wellness

**Wear Your Mask as indicated, Wash Your Hands for at least 20 seconds and do it often. Maintain Social Distancing.** This COVID-19 is not fake; it doesn't care about your political views, and it is VERY contagious, and it's killed a lot of people (especially those with other chronic illnesses or who are in the senior category). You don't have to have symptoms to spread the virus. Take this seriously even if you are sick and tired of hearing it and you're angry about the restrictions. OK, we've done our obligatory and very important COVID-19 wellness warning. On to other things.

As health professionals, we get daily updates on many issues, not just the latest COVID-19 things. One issue has to do with finding reliable information for your health. When we have our Wellness Bulletin Board back again, we will continue to post URLs for reliable information sites. In a recent (July 2020) Prescriber's Letter that Lissa receives monthly, one of the big topics was helping patients find reliable websites for good information. There are several things to ask yourself about information you are reading. Here are some questions to ask:

**Who wrote it?** Check the writer's expertise and credentials. There are people who claim to "know the REAL truth" but have no appropriate credentials in the specialty about which they are writing.

**Where is it from?** Social media posts, pop up ads, and headlines in news feeds aren't reliable. Often, the writers cherry pick a finding that isn't accurate but use it to support their "insight." Cross check what you read with reliable resources. Take social media and sensational headlines with a grain of salt. One of Lissa's professors in statistics used to remind them, "You can torture data until it says what you want it to." Be wary of erroneous interpretations. Most often, reliable sites will offer the straight scoop.

**What is being presented?** Reliable resources don't use terms like "clinically proven" or "the best". Don't rely on testimonials (people get paid to say what the advertiser wants them to say, yes even, sadly, healthcare "professionals.") If it sounds emotional or political, there is probably some conflict of interest or an author trying to promote a competing product. What works in the lab doesn't always work on humans- remember the hydroxychloroquine publicity as an example. Another is the publication about the validity and reliability of the COVID-19 tests.

**When was it written?** Clinical trials are a moving target. What showed in preliminary results may not stand the test of time and replication of the study. What was published about the pandemic's research a month ago may not be accurate today. Vaccines take time to perfect- there's no magic formula in the process.

So, what do you trust? Data reports that don't accept advertising for one. Reports that are not politically motivated may be another. Here's a list of reliable websites that Lissa and Rose trust:

- The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center- <https://patienteducation.osumc.edu>
- Ohio Health- <https://www.ohiohealth.com/in-the-community>
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)- <https://www.nih.org>
- American Diabetes Association-<https://diabetes.org>>diabetes
- Mayo Clinic- [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)>patient-care-and-health-information
- Medication Information- <https://www.drugs.com>
- Johns Hopkins Medicine Health Library <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health>
- Medline Plus-<https://www.medlineplus.gov>
- My Cleveland Clinic- <https://My.Cleveland.Clinic.org>
- Heart health information- [hearthub.ca](http://hearthub.ca)
- General health and illness information <https://familydoctor>

BE WELL, STAY SAFE, AND FIND SOMETHING FOR WHICH YOU ARE GRATEFUL EVERY DAY!

Virtual hugs to all,

~Lissa and Rose

# Vestry

## July Vestry Executive Session Highlights

By standard practice, there is typically no vestry meeting in July. However, the vestry elected to meet in an unrecorded executive session (without clergy, treasurer, secretary) on 7/8/20 **to align on steps to take to eliminate our starting each year with a budget deficit.** Due to the nature of the topic, the Treasurer was asked to attend as a resource.

For the past several years, our budgets have reflected an average deficit of \$40K. The deficit is then typically made up through a combination of dips into our cash reserves and ad hoc contributions through the year.

The vestry concluded that it is especially important that we address the deficit given that we:

- Approved another ~\$9K in to clergy compensation increases in 1Q20.
- Committed to continue aligning clergy/staff compensation with national standards during our 2021 compensation-planning in December and thereafter.
- Missed one of two planned revenue-generating garage sales and may miss further such revenue generating events pending the re-opening process.

and *continue to experience the ongoing uncharted operational and financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.*

To reduce the deficit, we must either increase revenue, cut costs, or a combination of both. For insight into our costs, here's a high-level breakdown of our annual 2020 budget:

As the numbers show:

Category	Annual Budget (2020)	Percent of Total
Salary	\$385,000	63%
Office Costs	\$25,000	4%
Building Costs	\$97,000	16%
Ministry Budget	\$33,000	5%
Outreach*	\$77,000	12%
<b>total</b>	<b>\$617,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

• because we are committed to redress historical Salary inequities and the Outreach budget is essentially fixed due to the mission share component, **only 25% of our budget is subject to cost cutting - Office, Building, and Ministry.**

• St. Pat's ministry leaders and their teams *have always operated in a spirit of frugality* and the ministry expense total is small relative to the overall budget.

To prepare for the meeting, the following tasks were completed:

1. Church leadership (Clergy, Treasurer, Stewardship leader, Vestry members) were asked to submit any/all suggestions/options to mitigate the deficit.

2. The Senior Warden then compiled all the input into lists by major category.

3. Vestry members were then asked to review the list and vote on their 3 favorite options.

4. The Senior Warden compiled the short list of preferred options.

The Vestry, Treasurer (Sarah Mackenzie), and Stewardship Chair (Mary Rasmussen) then met in the July executive session to align on which option or options to pursue in an initial effort to mitigate the deficit.

After opening prayer offered by Mike Kennedy:

• Vestry member Bill Fairweather offered prayerful prefatory comments on: the fearful impact of our uncertain times, the recent strong congregational commitment of giving for the pipe organ, and the need to remember that our gifts include time, talent and treasure.

• Treasurer Sarah Mackenzie then **shared the June finance report**, noting that:

◇ **Total income is over budget YTD by \$19.5K** and under budget for the month by \$5.3K.

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◇ Expenses were over budget for the month by \$7K due to our having paid the cleaning vendor for two months in June and a one-time \$8.4K landscaping payment.

◇ **Available cash (cash minus endowment and restricted accounts) is \$149K which is about 2.6 months of operating expenses (three months is considered ideal).**

• Discussion then turned to selecting the option or options to pursue in our initial effort to mitigate the deficit with an initial review of the 6 options that received the most votes from the list of over 30 items submitted by the team.

• Mike asked whether anyone wished to elevate and/or discuss any of the remaining options from the broader list – none did.

• After further discussion, the list of options to initially pursue was ratified by all as follows:

**1. Stewardship activity/campaigns to include focus on increasing revenue and broadening pledge commitments.**

**2. Where applicable, make more targeted funding requests.** For example, consider further adoption of the “micro-campaign” (i.e., SPMG funded patio table, CATCH Court funded wagon, fish fry’s for Habitat, etc.).

**3. Provide further budget/revenue/financial need reporting and/or information to the congregation in the form of periodic forums, Realm emails, etc.** to supplement what is currently provided: info in monthly Breastplate vestry summary and monthly financial reports physically posted in the church hallway.

**4. Look for possible savings to be gleaned in this year's budget from any Building accounts (i.e., office supplies, snow removal, etc.).**

**5. Re-negotiate equipment leases and/or insurance policies to reflect reduction in use/reduced risk.**

**6. Save as much of our \$70K PPP loan as possible as a hedge against future expenses.**

• Vestry members Lynne, Susan and Bill volunteered to work with Mary Rasmussen and the Stewardship Team to help brainstorm ideas to optimize our stewardship activities going forward to help increase revenue and make more targeted funding requests (options #1 and #2).

• Sarah volunteered to lead the reporting option (#3).

• Re #4/#5, as a start, Mike noted he is working with the office staff to see if we can renegotiate our copier contract to reduce office supply costs.

• Re #6, the PPP funds are designated to pay salary dollars, so we will only know later this year whether we were required to use it all to meet compensation funding or based on revenue receipt were able to manage without using the entire loan amount.

As next steps, Mike will be checking in with Mary on #1/#2 and Sarah on #3 as well as working with the staff on #4/#5 and report back to the vestry either at the August vestry meeting or as soon as there is an update to share.

**In the meantime, there is something we can all do to help reduce the deficit: Congregation members are encouraged to continue submitting their pledges and organ donations in a timely manner online and thru the mail!**

Vestry member Susan Jones closed the meeting with a prayer.

As always, please reach out to a vestry member or warden (over the phone or via zoom!) if you have questions or wish to discuss this update. ~Mike Kennedy, Senior Warden

## THE RECTOR, VESTRY & WARDENS OF ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Alex Shields**

**SAVE the DATE!**  
**EYC Mission Trip—June 13-18,**  
**2021**  
**Appalachian South Folklife Center**  
**Pipestem, WV**

This trip is available to youth in grades 6-12. Additionally, we need adults who are willing and able to assist with supervision, meal preparation, and work side by side with our team.



A Note from Tim:

"We have soooo many projects now that have piled up from us not being able to work this summer, that there will be much to do. This summer has taught me about how generous people can be towards the folklife center, as we got through the summer on donations alone without (yet) robbing our small long-term savings. We have even been able to work on some improvements to a couple buildings - notably the chapel (picture below) and Crystal's house (which was funded by the Town of Hinton). In addition to being on a skeleton crew and not doing our chosen work, we cannot let the place degrade!"

To learn more about the Appalachian South Folklife Center visit their website at , <https://www.folklifecenter.org/> and if you would like to give to the on-going efforts of the center: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/88hy4e-survive-the-summer?>

## Christian Formation and Planning for the 2020-2021 Program Year

Dear People of St. Patrick's,

Traditionally, in the days that immediately follow Labor Day the church begins to fill with people bringing with them a rhythm and bustle that is mostly silenced during the summer months. In a way, we are resurrected from these long laid back days by a renewed emphasis on planning and goal-setting. The ushering in of routines and anticipation and anxiety.

This year, like with so many things, we are in a liminal space. But rather than remaining frozen, we are attempting to move forward by scheduling programming for you, the people of St. Patrick's.

The following is a basic outline for Christian Formation for the 2020-2021 Program Year. It is implied that all things are subject to change. All scheduled events include the following caveat: In times of distancing, we will arrange to make resources available for your use at home and meet online utilizing Zoom, Facebook Live, and/or YouTube. In times of decreased threat levels and looser restrictions on gathering, we will meet in person. Sincerely, ~Mother Cameron

## Intergenerational Events

Each year we host a variety of special and seasonal events for children and youth, their families, and the whole congregation of St. Patrick's. These inter-generational activities are an innovative approach to faith formation for all members of our community including an activity and/or craft, worship service, and on occasion a shared meal. Additionally, they are a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and extended family to church and share the joy of St. Patrick's with others.

- *Drive Thru Backpack Blessing* on August 23, 2020 from 12:30-1:30pm
- *International Day of Peace Event* on September 20, 2020 at 5:30pm
- *Blessing of the Animals and St. Francis Event* on October 4, 2020 at 5:30pm
- *Celebration of All Hallows Eve, All Saints, & All Souls* on October 31- November 2, 2020
- *Thanksgiving Breakfast and Service* on November 26, 2020
- *2020 Advent Series on Sundays at 5:30pm*
  - November 29- Hawaiian Christmas and celebration of Saints Kamehameha and Emma
  - December 6- Feast of St. Nicholas
  - December 13- Our Lady of Guadalupe
  - December 20- Celebration of Mary the Mother of Jesus and Baby Shower
- *Epiphany Pageant* on January 3, 2021 at 5:30pm
- *Super Bowl Sunday Event & Soup Sale* on February 7, 2021
- *The Feast of St. Valentine and Annual Meeting* on February 14, 2021
- *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bury the Alleluia* on February 16, 2021
- *The Feast of St. Patrick Event* on March 14, 2021 at 5:30pm
- *Easter Egg Hunt* on April 4, 2021

## Children's Formation

*Children's Chapel-* At present, the Diocese of Southern Ohio has discontinued care and education of young children until further notice. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship, as they are full members of the Body of Christ. During the summer months, parents were emailed a resource from Forward Movement and Forma entitled Faith @ Home. It is a basic read, reflect, respond model of formation. Beginning in September, we will offer a Children's Chapel- Home Version. Much like this summer's Bible School, we will provide families with the necessary supplies to complete a weekly lesson at home and a link to a video on our YouTube page. We envision these packages being prepared monthly.

*Communion Class-* A Children's Communion Class is offered in the fall and spring of each year. This class is a family learning event in which children are able to tour the sacristy, learn about the elements, discover more fully how and why we celebrate eucharist, and participate in making communion bread for parish use. While available to all children of the parish, this class is considered an essential component in preparation for those seeking First Communion. Classes are scheduled for: October 18, 2020 and March 7, 2021.

## Youth Formation

*EYC Sunday Nights* at 6:30pm, at the request of our youth, has continued to meet throughout the summer months. This year we will continue to equip our youth to discover what they believe and why they believe what they do. Through the utilization of large and small group conversations, activities, videos, journaling, etc. we will discuss our faith community, the Bible, and core faith practices.

*EYC Adventures* provide a time for youth to be together in the abundance that is God's creation. Past adventures have included hiking, curling, bowling, and many others. These events will be scheduled as more is learned about our ability to gather.

*Youth Sunday* on February 28, 2021 (All Day)

*Youth Mission Trip* the week of June 13-18, 2021

## Adult Forum

Sundays at 11am. Forum continued through the summer months this year as a way to stay connected during this time of distancing. Videos are currently recorded by the Clergy and posted to our YouTube channel weekly. We will continue to engage a variety of topics that are of interest to and intellectually engaging for the adults of our worshipping community as well as provide the opportunity for spiritual and religious growth.

*Quiet Day of Prayer* on November 3, 2020 from 7am-7pm

*Faith & Film: Wednesday Nights in Lent* beginning February 14- March 24, 2021

*Ohio Pilgrimages* will resume as we learn more about safely traveling and gathering in groups. It is our desire to continue visiting sites that lead us into greater understanding and knowledge as we seek to become Beloved Community as well as religious sites and holy places. Additional information will be available in church publications.

Subscribe to the St. Patrick's YouTube channel for educational videos and worship

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6TwG\\_98itmzX9J1HzCSDEQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6TwG_98itmzX9J1HzCSDEQ)



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Share your St. Patrick's moments with us! We launched a church Instagram account as part of staying connected during VBS this summer. Since then other groups like the Sacred Circles have shared photos with us! Email to [assistant@pats-dublin.org](mailto:assistant@pats-dublin.org) or text Mother Cameron at 706-506-1578 and we will post your pictures on our private Instagram page. This is one way we can have a shared experience and see one another. Our account is private so only approved followers will see your photos or videos.

## This Month in Episcopal History

### David Pendleton Oakerhater

#### From Warrior to Saint ♦ August 31, 1931

We in America have always thought of ourselves as a freedom loving and freedom promoting people. Unfortunately, our use of our free will has sometimes resulted in what we now realize to be grievous errors. Such as, the genocide our forefathers and mothers committed against over 100,000 Native Americans and our slavery imposed on African Americans which reached four million souls by 1860. Adolph Hitler cited American genocide as an example to be followed in his extermination program of over six million Jews from 1939 through 1945. Joseph Stalin cited the same American example as justification for starving to death millions of Ukrainian farmers and their families in the 1920's and 1930's.

Fortunately, many of our ancestors sought to make amends for these past atrocities. One of these was Army Major, David Pendleton. As a soldier, he resolved not just to imprison Native American warriors who surrendered but to seek to assimilate them into our Anglo-Saxon culture.

One of the Native Americans Pendleton sought to assimilate was Oakerhater. Oakerhater was a member of a Cheyenne warrior society soon after he was born around 1847. He fought his first battle at the age of 14. He was a member of the Cheyenne tribe who lived on the Great Plains from present day Minnesota to Oklahoma. At their height, the Cheyenne numbered a little over 25,000 members. They fought the progression of White civilization across the continent for 40 years during the 1800's. Despite their technological inferiority of weapons, they won many battles against the White men including the Battle of the Little Big Horn against Col. Custer and his 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry in 1876.

By 1875, Oakerhater along with many of his fellow warriors, was exhausted. They surrendered. He was shipped from the Great Plains to a prison in Florida. At the prison, Col. Pendleton, the warden, developed a program to build relationships with and educate Native Americans rather than basic detainment. He began by teaching them the English language, basic skills such as reading and hygiene, as well as some of our basic beliefs. During this process, Col. Pendleton appointed Oakerhater as a sergeant to insure that his fellow men were partaking of the skills Pendleton was seeking to impress upon them.

The teaching of the Native Americans included religious training they began receiving from an Episcopal missionary in 1877. After four years of such training Oakerhater was ordained as an Episcopal deacon. From there he was released from prison and went back to Oklahoma where he preached to his fellow Native Americans about the greatness of God and his son Jesus.

In 1985, Oakerhater was the first Native American Episcopalian named as a Saint by our faith. A feast is held for him each August 31. That was the day in August when Oakerhater passed away in 1931.

~*Jim Westman*

## Celebrating August Birthdays

Cindy Adair	Butch Hunyadi
Michael Allen	Glenda Johnson
Kellan Behrens	Wolf Lant
Rowan Bethune	Val Lawrensen
Griffin Bihnmyer	Teri Leitwein
Hal Bradley	Matt Lewis
Catherine Bratton	Luke Mambourg
Bob Burnard	Patrick McFalls
Audrey Cline	Colette Miller
Elizabeth Coley	Viola Miller
Brittany Cray	Doug Nartker
Charlie Darrah	Sedona Newlon
McKayla de Bear	Jim Noteman
Kim DeAngelo	Matt Pollak
Susan Dumouchelle	Bryce Pound
Jessica Ebner	Hayden Rapp
Michael Ebner	Mary Rasmussen
Brenda Eddy	Jen Richert
Bill English	Jennifer Richert
Caitlin Faulkenberry	Justin Rinaldi
Jackie Faulkenberry	Sarah Robinson
Jan Foley-Orosz	Sommer Rogowski
Gay Forloine	Neal Seaborn
Ruby Fowler	Quinn Seaborn
Dick Gehman	Olivia Turner
John Hallermann	Ben Tuttle
Claire Haney	Sarah Walsh
John Hilt	Lori Wilson
Everett Hoseus	John Wood

## Celebrating August Anniversaries

Russ & Pam Austin	Dick & Catherine Loveland
John & Laura Barna	Kathy & Patrick McFalls
David & Luanne Beebe	David & Cory Rasberry
Pat & Paulette Borges	Donn & LuAnn Ross
Hal & Mary Bradley	Ted & Kathryn Scheid
Bob & Glenna Butler	Tom & Ann Semans
Mike & Nicole de Bear	Rick & Tasia Sicker
Michael & Jessica Ebner	Doug & Laura Sladoje
Roger & Jackie Faulkenberry	Dave & Nikki Smith
Michael & Charlotte Guastella	Ray & April Turner
Frank & Jonie Gyorkey	Lon & Marke Vickers
Scott & Sarah Immell	Carolyn Wagner & Dennis
Nancy & Larry Lab	McIntosh
Mat & Emily LaMonica	Jim & Bernadette Westman
Wolf & Susan Lant	Steven & Lynn Whitman
Randy & Theresa Leite	John & Susan Wood



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