



I grew up in a church where things were closed-door and top-down. The budget decisions were made by the priest. The new priest was chosen by the bishop. The bishops met in private and decided what was best for countless congregations. As a young adult, I said goodbye to all that.

The Episcopal Church, I soon learned, is a church of opportunity — the opportunity to voice your opinion, the opportunity to offer ideas, the opportunity to serve in ways that don't exist in other churches. But with all that opportunity and, yes, freedom, comes responsibility. Because so much of the operation and guidance of our church relies on its lay people, not just its clergy, it's necessary for us to take on whatever tasks we can.

I'm reminded of this major life transition —from the church where I was to the church where I am —every year when I read the call put out for candidates for diocesan offices. It's that time of year again, and the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is inviting you to consider if you'd like to contribute your time and talent to your church at the diocesan level. You'll never know if you've got what it takes until you try.

This year, at the annual convention on November 11, elections will be held for a slate of offices, all of which are essential for the smooth functioning of our diocese. While clergy will also be needed for some positions, these boards or committees have openings for laypersons:

Standing Committee (acts as the council of advice to the bishop)

Board of Trustees (is responsible for all real and personal property of the diocese and the financial resources received by the diocese)

Committee on Constitution and Canons (makes recommendations for additions and revisions to the canons of the diocese)

Cathedral Chapter (has a voice on the mission and availability of Trinity Cathedral to the entire diocese)

Commission on Ministry (assists the bishop in matters regarding persons entering ministry, particularly Holy Orders)

Growth Fund (makes grants from a fund generated by parish contributions)

Regional Disciplinary Board (tries cases brought against clergy charged with offenses).

Talk about opportunity! And the benefits to serving include the satisfaction that you are giving back to your church, the knowledge of how the church operates at the diocesan level and the stake your presence gives St. Brendan's in diocesan affairs. Give it some thought, pray about it, but don't sell yourself short. If you think you'd like to be a candidate or recommend someone else as a candidate, please contact Mtr Robin or me. We would then submit a recommendation to the convention's Nominating Committee by the August 31 deadline.

Whether you jump into the race or not, let's relish the fact that we're part of a church where your voice counts, your opinion matters and you can make a difference.

Yours in faith,
Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden
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Welcome to our newest Brendanite!

Elowen Thompson, daughter of Annemarie Malbon and Daric Thompson, and sister to Archer Thompson, was born on July 5! Everyone is doing well and we are all enjoying being a family of four. Thanks for all your prayers and well wishes.



THIS Saturday, July 15, we will once again be making lunches for children at the NRP (Neighborhood Resilience Project) on the Hill. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Annie, reshiesmom@gmail.com. We need 12 to 15 people to help. If you are able to join us at 7:30 am, we will be making 120 lunches (240 sandwiches). We would love to have you.



A BFF donation was given

in thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Robin Jarrell and Deacon Darrell Johnson,
from Joyce and Michael Donadee.



First Aid, CPR and AED Training. Several months ago, Saundy Waseleski suggested that we should look into arranging training in first aid for anyone who wanted it--and especially for our stewards, ushers, Sunday school teachers, etc. I have looked into what is available and found that organizations like the Red Cross offer group training sessions but only at considerable cost (around \$120 per person). I am therefore suggesting instead that those who would like to be trained or to refresh their skills consider attending one of the free classes offered by UPMC. The Web page to visit is <https://www.upmc.com/patients-visitors/classes-events>. Click on Visit the Classes and Events Page, then on Health Education Classes (in the left-hand margin), and finally on CPR & First Aid. I myself have signed up for the afternoon class at UPMC St. Margaret on Saturday, September 16 and it might be fun if some other Brendanites chose the same session. But there are many choices. Any questions, please contact Tim Austin.



These are high needs for the **North Hills food bank** this month.

- Cereal; particularly kid's cereal
- Crackers
- 14 oz. diced tomatoes (not puree or crushed)
- Salad dressing, especially Ranch, French, and Italian

Of course they will always accept non-perishable food items. **Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars.**



Hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, potato salad!! Is your mouth watering yet? If so, you need to head to Giant Eagle to get your favorite summer picnic foods!! Did you know that St. Brendan's earns 5% for each grocery card that we sell? Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for our church! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling grocery cards in the narthex each Sunday, buy a Giant Eagle card, then go shopping for those delicious picnic foods! Kuhns cards, by the way, are very limited. Our card sales are way behind budget, so your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

Guest speaker: On **Sunday, July 30** during the social hour following the 10:00 service, Gary Landrio will be our guest speaker. He will discuss his recent mission to Kyiv, Ukraine and some related topics. Gary has been a 'friend of St. Brendan's' and a member of our Bible Study group for many years. He has been involved in some projects in his hometown of Warren, PA to find homes for Ukrainian immigrants. This engagement led him to visit Kyiv earlier this year. Mark your calendars for this social hour and come hear all about his experiences. It promises to be an educational and motivating hour!



Don't Miss This Event! On **September 7th** St. Brendan's will hold "**A Blast from the Past,**" a live music concert featuring popular local vocal talent, Keely Singer. Come and hear her sing your favorite tunes from the 60s and 70s. Several church folks have heard her perform and can tell you that Keely puts on a show not to be missed! Price of admission is \$15 and includes light appetizers, refreshments, and a ticket for a basket raffle. BBQ platters and wine will also be for sale. Doors open at 6 pm and the show is from 7 – 8:30 pm. Tell your families and friends! Post it on your social media pages! Tickets will be for sale after church on Sundays. Vintage attire is optional, but you may just want to dust off those leisure suits and go-go boots for what is sure to be an evening of fun and nostalgia. See Chris Botti or Donna Aiello if you have any questions. See you there!



Gift Basket Donations Needed! Please sign up to donate a basket of goodies for the basket raffle that we will feature at the upcoming "Blast from the Past" concert event. Anything will do! Some theme ideas include a coffee/tea basket; bath and body; chocolate lovers; ice cream sundae fixings; lottery tickets; movie night; wine/cheese; gluten-free snacks; breakfast goodies; gardening; beach essentials etc. You can even put together one with a friend. Just let us know your theme using the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Baskets can be valued at around \$25. We have large cellophane bags if

you need one and bows for the top! Please bring your basket donation to church anytime between now and Sunday, Sept 3rd. Baskets can be left in the first office down the hallway near Katie's office. See Chris Botti or Donna Aiello if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your help in making this raffle and concert a huge success!

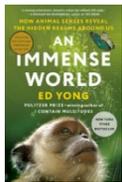


St. Brendan's Justice Ministry will be providing 25 filled backpacks for students in 2 elementary schools in the Hill District. **A total of 50 backpacks will be provided.** We felt the need to help financially struggling families meet educational needs.

Two bright collection boxes for items are in the Narthex, and a poster nearby that lists what we are hoping to put in the backpacks. Please mark the number of items you are donating to the backpacks to the item donated so we can keep track of what we will need to purchase, should we fall short. Thank you!

Here is the list of items needed:

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| 50 2 packs of glue sticks | 50 boxes of colored pencils | 50 boxes of washable markers |
| 50 boxes of 24 Crayons | 50 2 packs of Highlighters | 50 folders |
| 50 notebooks (wide ruled) | 50 erasers | 50 pencil sharpeners |
| 50 pencil cases or bags | 50 pencils (one box of Dixon/Ticonderoga or other pencils that do not smear) | |



Book Club News The next meeting of the St. Brendan's Book Club will be held on **Monday, September 11th** at 3 p.m. in the church library. We will be discussing "An Immense World" by Pulitzer Prize winning science journalist, Ed Yong. It is described as an ingenious account of the radically different ways that living organisms perceive the world that will fill you with wonder and forever alter your perspective (The New York Times). Please put this most astounding book on your summer reading list and join us in September! For more information, please contact Anne Semmler at annegsemmler@gmail.com. See you then!



BFF = Building Needs. Would you like a way to acknowledge a special occasion like a baptism or a birthday or to remember a departed loved one? A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friend's (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs which might otherwise derail our budget. Air conditioning units, technology, kitchen and playground equipment, acoustic panels, security window film, exterior painting and much more have been made possible through your generous donations. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex or donate online via [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly). Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!]

Children and Youth



- **Nursery Volunteers** are still needed for the following weeks: **July 16, and 30** and **August 6, 13, 20, and 27**. Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer on various Sunday's. Your help is greatly appreciated! Anyone who already has their necessary clearances and is willing and able to help out with our little ones during the 10am worship service, please reach out to me, Liz MacDonald via text/call at 412-865-6486 or email Liz702988@gmail.com. If there is anyone interested in becoming a Nursery Volunteer, I would love to hear from you and give you the necessary information in obtaining the necessary clearances! Thank you, Liz.
- **Sunday School volunteers needed for the 2023-2024 school year:** We've begun planning for the next Sunday School year and need your help! Please consider volunteering your time as a teacher or doorkeeper. We'll help you get clearances if you don't have them, and we'll provide you with materials and guide you through the curriculum. All that is needed is a little time on occasional Sunday mornings and a commitment to providing our children with a Christian foundation. Please consider helping us next year. The kids at St. B.'s are great, and you'll enjoy working with them and watching them grow in their faith. Contact Sandy at swaseleski@comcast.net to learn more.

Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Linda & Alan Schneider, Mark Shoemaker, Kate Heston, Ruth, LuAnn Aldridge, Susan Shields, Bill Spoonhoward, Joyce Donadee, Jim Gray, Matthew, Margie Davies, Rosie Wood, Geoff Wood, Mark Kinley, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Alice Butterworth.

For our parents, especially; Adele and Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian, Diane Davis, Ray Miltzer, Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Eric Darde, Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Chris Sensenich, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, Carol Schmitz, Frank Nagy, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Bob Kiehl, Marie Hazelton, Ray Maas, Robert Donato, John, Rebecca Peters, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick.

And for our friends, especially; Phil & Bernice Bollman, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst and family, Josh, Rena Feingold, Pat Reiner, Cindy & Bob Getty, Josh, Ron Neurohr, Vivian, Steve Parsons, Nancy Baker, Maggie Cervone.

We pray for all who have died, especially Beverly Sanker, Carman Lorcias and Denise Bupp.

July Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
July 2 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd John Appledorn P Mike Donadee	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Anelisa Tarrant Ellen Groves	Donna Aiello Annie Koch	Allyson Baierl Mike Donadee	John Appledorn	Mike Wick	n/a
July 9 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Parish Picnic	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Marilyn Mulvihill 2 nd Cindy Koszarek P Tony Turo	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Saundy Waseleski	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	n/a	n/a	Sandy Nagy	n/a	n/a
July 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Paul Quinn 2 nd Ann Vinski P Michael Donadee	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Joan Klinefelter Kathy Miller	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Janice Moore Dan Moore	Ruth Horton	Dave Miller	Chris & Roger Botti
July 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Tim Austin P Linda Limberis	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Dawn Quinn	Sylvia Affleck Phoebe Juel	Allyson Baierl Wesley Bell	John Appledorn Tim Austin	Neil Galone	Mike Wick	The Kline/Mesko family
July 30 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Aidan McKenna P Sandy Nagy	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Dottie Antonucci Susan Shields	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Kate Heston Mike Donadee	Chris Botti	Tim Austin	Kate Heston

August Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
August 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Michael Donadee P Marilyn Mulvihill	Summer Break	Volunteer needed	Sylvia Affleck Kathy Miller	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	John Appledorn Mike Wick	Kate Heston	Linda Limberis	Neil & Deborah
August 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Kate Heston 2 nd Linda Limberis P Mary Bertucci	Summer Break	Volunteer needed	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	Kate Heston John Appledorn	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Tom Waseleski	Dave Miller	TBD
August 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Marilyn Mulvihill 2 nd Tony Turo P Tim Austin	Summer Break	Volunteer needed	Dottie Antonucci Janice Moore	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Donna Aiello Allyson Baierl	Dan Moore	Mike Wick	TBD
August 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children & Youth Sunday	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Aidan McKenna P Donna Aiello	Summer Break	Volunteer needed	Ellen Groves Susan Shields	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Tim Austin Kate Heston	John Appledorn	John Appledorn	TBD



ST. BRENDAN'S MISSION

Jesus said, "I have come to give life – life in all its fullness." John 10:10.
Our mission is the realization of fullness through:
the worship of God; service to the world;
active concern for each other;
and education to expand mind and spirit.

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski
Jr. Warden: Dan Moore
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sandy Nagy
Communication: Sandy Nagy
Children & Youth: Ruth Horton
Finance: Lauren Ramakrishna
Fundraising: Chris Botti
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: Chris Botti
Outreach: Ruth Horton
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Roger Botti
Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Greeter: Donna Aiello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl & Carol Meese
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Finance Chair: Lauren Ramakrishna
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings/Cookie Walk: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline
Ann Vinski
Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Monday: 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

Tuesday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
4:30 pm Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>

Wednesday: 1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm
6:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

Friday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

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Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVImIqjCQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing> (authorization required for access--apply online)

Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ johnsdj31@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com