



# Pentecost

## Sunday, September 26, 2021

**Celebrant:** 10:00 am The Rev. Regis Smolko

Participating and representing St. Brendan's in prayer and worship and receiving Holy Eucharist for all members and friends.

## Weekly at St. Brendan's

- Sunday** 8:00 am Worship, in person  
 10:00 am Worship, in person  
 10:00 am Worship, via live streaming [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc\\_nXXG7ew](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew)
- Monday** 7:45 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Saturday  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>  
 Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720  
 11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>  
 1:00 pm Bible-Lite Group <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
- Tuesday** 7:00 am AA meeting, via zoom Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252  
 8:00 am Staff meeting, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>  
 11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>  
 4:30 pm Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm Evening Service

## The Priest's / Children's Corner

### What is Children's Chapel? And why are we doing it?

This is probably more for the adults in your life than for you, but why do we want to have a children's chapel? After all, if we are at church shouldn't we be AT CHURCH?

Yes. Absolutely. But . . . .

Sometimes in church, the readings are in language young people don't really understand (and honestly, some older people don't understand it either) so one of the big differences between what the adults hear and what the children hear will simply be the translation of the Word – Children's Chapel will use the Children's Lectionary.

Also, in church we use the Book of Common Prayer or Bulletins. These assume everyone can read at a pretty high level. Do you remember two years ago, Pastor Julie printed the Children's Book of Common Prayer, Rite II for young people and let you color and put your names on your own version? We still have those AND I've printed more. The nice thing about these versions – they are yours. You can color in them and they have pictures to help you follow along with where we are in the service so you can match what is happening to the image you see.



And a third really big difference is we are explaining what is happening in church as we do church. For right now, we will try to be outside, except for the last Sunday of the month which will continue to be our Sunday inside the church. But for right now, we can be a little less formal, a little less structured while we learn about God, and Jesus, and how to be church together.

So, look for the canopy outside. Bring your lawn chair or a towel, mat, or a blanket if you want to lie down and come to Children's Chapel.

Julie+



**Brendan's Boots.** The parish hiking group will take on a series of trails at Knob Hill Community Park in Marshall Twp. on **Saturday, Oct. 2**, after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. An outdoor lunch will follow at Andora in Ohio Twp. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski ([twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net)).



**Public Forum Via Zoom –TONIGHT Thursday, September 23, 7:00 pm.**

The topic for the next Forum is Refugees Knocking at our Door: How Faith Communities Can Respond. The speaker is Kristin Witte, Director of Outreach at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in Baltimore MD.

To register, email Trinity Lutheran Church at [office@trinitywexford.org](mailto:office@trinitywexford.org). The zoom link will be sent in advance on event day. Last month's Watch Party was a great success, so we will again be holding a Watch Party in St. Brendan's Social Hall starting at 6:30pm. Come if you'd like with a treat and/or wine, and we can watch the Forum together and have fun socializing. This free Zoom event is sponsored by Faith in Action, a partnership of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, and the Trinity Lutheran Church of Franklin Park, educating for justice in the Pittsburgh area.

**(BFF) Building Family & Friends donations**

were given this week in celebration of the life of Karen Peters,

from Carol & Jon Walton, Kathy Jozefov, Michele Burns, Chris & Roger Botti, Julia & Mike Wick  
Kathy Jkozefov, Anastasia Koutoulakis, Judy & James Noble, Jr., Mary & John Peters and Roberta Carr.



Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor. Contact Katie if you are interested in making a donation [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com).



**St. Brendan's Blessing of the Animals.** Bring your animals, large or small to St. Brendan's Annual Blessing of the Animals event on **Sunday, October 3, 2021**. October is the month of the Feast of St. Francis where we celebrate our beloved pets and honor them with a special blessing service.

And yes, for first timers to our blessing event, you are permitted to bring your animals inside the sanctuary with you, where your pets can choose to 'people watch', 'meditate' or 'sing along' to St. Brendan's music!

**First Blessing Service: 10 am Worship Service**

The first Animal Blessing service will be held for parishioners' pets during our regular 10 am worship service. As requested in the past, please have your pets either on a leash or in a carrier for their safety. The Prayers for the Animals (both present and deceased) will be towards the middle of the 10 AM worship service.

**Second Blessing Service: 11:30 am Outdoor Parking Lot**

The second Animal Blessing service will be a short 15–20-minute service beginning at 11:30 AM. This is the service that we generally advertise to the public and the date you will see advertised on our Blessing of the Animals Banner. This will be held outdoors in St. Brendan's parking lot. Should it rain, we will move the blessing service into the Narthex.

Just as an update, the animal practitioners who participated with our Blessing Event in past years, regretfully declined participating on site this year, due to Covid concerns. We hope to bring them back next year!!

Melanie Popovich, Blessings Coordinator, [mkpopovich@comcast.net](mailto:mkpopovich@comcast.net) or 724 816-4564.



**Would you or anyone you know be interested in adopting Dean's 11 year old cats?** They have all of their shots, are house pets, and are very friendly and loving. Dean would like to keep them together if possible. Tony the Tuba is the male and Sadie the lady is the female. As everyone knows when Dean did zoom meetings one of the cats would lay on his shoulders. Contact either Dean [karenanddean67@gmail.com](mailto:karenanddean67@gmail.com) or Janice Moore if you or someone you know is interested. [chicago@zoominternet.net](mailto:chicago@zoominternet.net)



**It's time to make the cookies!** Every year Brendanites, their families and sometimes their friends make cookies for our famous Cookie Walk which is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This year that date is November 20, 2021. We will be doing both a drive through and inside pick your own cookies (details to follow). We are also adding 5 varieties of soup to our menu sold by the quart.

We have planned an exciting new raffle idea since we won't be adding the holiday vendors this year. We are going to raffle off a freezer full of meat! The freezer will be filled with \$500 worth of meat and we're including a \$100 gift card that the winner can use to purchase fixings for a thanksgiving dinner.

For now, we need bakers and volunteers. Last year we had about 1100 dozen cookies. Small gourmet cookies are always the most popular. Cookies can be made ahead of time, brought to the church and put in the "cookie freezer" in the kitchen. Please mark the container with your name, the name of the cookie, and whether or not there are nuts in the recipe.

The sign-up sheets is in the Narthex or send me an email at [Kdennis54@verizon.net](mailto:Kdennis54@verizon.net) or call me at 412-580-2755.

Thanks, Karen Dennis

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**Bible Lite** – Beginning Tuesday Evening October 12 – Bible Lite with Pastor Julie returns. At this time, we are going to read the prophecies in Isaiah and the fulfillment of the prophecies in Luke. That's right – we are getting ready for Advent and Christmas by reading in October, November and into December. We can do it! Let me know if you are interested by emailing [jlsphone1@gmail.com](mailto:jlsphone1@gmail.com).

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**CALLING ALL young people** – those between 12 and 18 or in grades 7 to 12 – do you have questions about the Bible (like Can I trust the Bible?) or God (why does God allow suffering or does God discriminate against women or gay people?). Then join us at youth group. Cameron Grosh and Pastor Julie will be leading discussions twice a month on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning on October 4. Let us know if you are coming so we can order enough pizza and books by emailing Pastor Julie at [jlsphone1@gmail.com](mailto:jlsphone1@gmail.com).

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**Greeters Needed:** We are in need of a few more greeters for the 10:00 Sunday service. A greeter is an easy and fun job. You get to say hello to the parishioners coming in for the service, make sure they get their name tags, welcome any newcomers and chat with them a bit. We also usually have one or two greeters open the door for folks coming in and greeting them as they enter.

We ask greeters to try to be at church by 9:30am to set up (we will show you how), and then after the service one of the greeters will stay for hospitality, collect all name tags while people are enjoying their coffee and snack, and put them back in the name tag box. If we have enough greeters (we would need 3 or 4 more than we already have), each person will be assigned to one service each month. If you are interested, please contact Katie at [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com). Thank You!

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**Help End Family Homelessness:** St. Brendan's is partnering with Bridge of Hope to come alongside a local family in need. Volunteers will be trained and equipped to be a good neighbor to a local family facing homelessness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1Xqn9mr1al&authuser=0>

Please consider if Jesus is calling you to be a good neighbor. For more information call Marilyn Mulvihill at 412-427-2715.

[Preview YouTube video From Mentoring to Neighboring](#)

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## Senior Warden's Corner

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My parents never owned a car (indeed, they never even learned to drive), so when I was a child, our family used public transportation all the time. We learned at an early age never to trust the printed bus timetables. Despite their black-and-white assurances that a given service ran "every twenty minutes," experience taught us that buses actually move around in bunches with seemingly endless, vacant intervals in between.

This sometimes seems like an apt metaphor for the way that life treats us—both as individuals and as communities. One crisis knocks us off balance and another comes along right behind it. We don't get the chance to regroup between blows, to regain our equilibrium, and so the next jolt is even harder to absorb and move past.

At St. Brendan's, we have encountered a number of unexpected turns in recent months as friends have moved out of state, fallen seriously ill, undergone surgery, passed away. Each moment would have presented challenges on its own, but their cumulative effect is considerable—on our clergy and staff, on those who knew them well or worked with them at church, and indeed on the parish as a whole.

We will, of course, continue our best efforts to support those directly impacted by each event, both in prayer and in practical ways. But let us also recognize that this is a time for us all to be kind to one another, to acknowledge what has been an exceptionally stressful period in the life of our parish, and to ask God for the gift of renewed hope and trust as we re-center our lives and move forward.

**Senior Warden, Tim Austin**

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**Hospitality Hour Volunteers are still needed!** We are looking for individuals, couples or families who plan to be at church for the 10:00 Sunday Eucharist in the coming weeks who would be willing to host. Numbers are modest at the moment. We urge you to keep the refreshments simple (coffee or lemonade, doughnuts or cookies). To volunteer, contact Katie. [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com).

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**Book Club Meeting:** The next meeting of the Book Club will be held at the church on **Thursday, October 7, 2021**, at 7 pm to discuss "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson. A New York Times #1 bestseller, it delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz—an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis.

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this one!

### **"The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine - 7 Week 1 Hour Zoom Study**

In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. Join us for a 7 week, 1 hour, Zoom study of this book facilitated by Ruth Getz at **1:30 pm on Tuesdays** beginning on Tuesday, October 19. Please send an email to Katie [StBrendansKatie@gmail.com](mailto:StBrendansKatie@gmail.com) indicating if you would like to participate. Books can be purchased from Amazon. A minimum of 4 participants is required.

Background: Jesus proved his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah as God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks damnations (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44). Amy-Jill Levine is a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. An internationally renowned scholar and teacher she is the author of numerous books. She is also the coeditor of *Jewish Annotated New Testament*.



**Haitian Project:** At St. Brendan's we have been supporting one of our members, Isaac, who is committed to helping people in his homeland of Haiti. We have been collecting clothes and other used items for him to send to Haiti. Last year, Isaac completely filled a used truck which he had purchased with many donated items. It was driven to Miami and then sent on a boat to Haiti. A few of the items were damaged by a leak in one corner of the truck, and Isaac has taken precautions to prevent leaks from happening again. Most of the items survived the trip and are now being used and appreciated by the Haitians. You can see pictures of children using items that were shipped on top of the donation box in front of the church.

Now Isaac has bought two used school buses. One is completely full for shipment to Haiti. We need donations of summer clothes and shoes for adults and children. The adult sizes are medium to small but all sizes of men's shirts can be used. Also needed are bikes, cookware, tools, gardening tools, sewing machines, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, cribs, towels, bedding, sleeping bags and comforters. If you would like to purchase something, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bars of soap are appreciated. We will be collecting for 6 weeks or so. If you cannot drop off items at the church to put into the donation box, call Joyce Donadee 412 849 9816 to make other arrangements.

## **Upcoming Events from our Neighbors**

**Support Bethlehem Haven.** The Social Justice committee is hosting a service project for [Bethlehem Haven](#) through October 10th. Bethlehem Haven's mission is to provide a continuum of care for homeless individuals that leads toward self-sufficiency.

### **Ways to Help**

- Shop Bethlehem Haven's [Amazon wish list](#). These items ship directly to Bethlehem Haven.
- Buy items from the attached *Bethlehem Haven Wish List* and drop them off at church on Sundays. Look for the bin labeled, Bethlehem Haven.

If sending items directly to Bethlehem Haven, please report your donations to Sara Byrne ([sas.byrne@gmail.com](mailto:sas.byrne@gmail.com)) so that we can total our impact! **Questions?** Contact Sara Byrne, [sas.byrne@gmail.com](mailto:sas.byrne@gmail.com)

## **Requested Prayers**

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Bill Spoonhoward, The Kinley Family, Larry Toler, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Matthew, Mark Shoemaker, Larry Tarrant and Mark Kinley.

For our parents, especially; Sandy Martin, Ray Militzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Lizzie, Greg Walton, Mike Dixon, Jennifer Archer, John Barie, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Marie Hazelton, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially; Tony Mascaro, Shari Mancini, Becky Horton, Dave Frazier, Jane Young, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

We pray for all who have died, especially Frances Kinley and Greg Walton.



# September 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
September 1 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> John Appledorn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alan Schneider P Linda Limberis <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Joan Klinefelter 10 Shari Tarrant	~	~	Tim Austin Eric Helmsen	Larry Toler	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati
September 8 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Nancy Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Bertucci 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annemarie Malbon P Kate Heston <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Libby Juel	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Cameron Grosh	Kate & Keith Heston
September 15 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kate Heston P Tony Turo <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Ellen Groves 10 Kathy Miller	~	~	Donna Aiello John Appledorn	Janice Moore	Megan Overby Tim Austin
September 22 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 <sup>st</sup> (Children) 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Children) P (Children) <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Allyson Baieri Michael Donadee	Donna Aiello	Need Volunteer
September 29 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~



# October 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
October 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Donna Aiello 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Turo P Michael Donadee  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Ellen Groves 10 Phoebe Juel	~	~	Tim Austin Ginny Volponi	Tim Austin	Need Volunteer
October 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
October 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> AJ McKenna 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ginny Volponi P John Appledorn  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Shari Tarrant	~	~	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Larry Toler	Need Volunteer
October 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
October 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Donadee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annemarie Malbon P Donna Aiello  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Joan Klinefelter 10 Janice Moore	~	~	Donna Aiello John Appledorn	Janice Moore	Need Volunteer
October 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
October 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Schneider 2 <sup>nd</sup> Linda Limberis P Mary Bertucci  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Kathy Miller	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Need Volunteer
October 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
October 31 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 5th	8 Nancy Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> (Children) 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Children) P (Children)	8 Dottie Antonucci 10 Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Allyson Baierl Michael Donadee	Cameron Grosh	Need Volunteer

