



### This Week at St. Brendan's

<b>Sunday</b>	(8-4)	8:00 a.m.	Worship in outdoor Chapel
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
<b>Monday</b>	(8-5)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
<b>Tuesday</b>	(8-6)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		9:00 a.m.	Brendan's Boots
		12:30 p.m.	Tai Chi
<b>Wednesday</b>	(8-7)	7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	(8-10)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

### Serving Sunday, August 4, 2019

<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Regis Smolko
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	8:00 a.m. Joan Beatrous
	10:00 a.m. Debbie Wunsche
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Acolyte team
<b>Prayers:</b>	Alan Schneider
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>	Richard Gordon & Debbie Wunsche
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Sylvia Affleck & Betsy Smith
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Summer Break
<b>Nursery:</b>	Stacy Connifey & Pat Carl
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joyce & Michael Donadee
<b>Vestry:</b>	Larry Toler
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Angela & Michael Schlumpf
<b>LEM:</b>	Stacey Coyle

## The Priest's Corner

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### How Does One Spiritually Lead in the Age of Trump?

Two of our Episcopalian Bishops from the Baltimore/Washington areas signed this LETTER TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP FROM THE LEADERS OF MARYLAND'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES on July 29, 2019.

In this letter The Ecumenical Leaders' Group of Maryland reprimanded the president for his slur regarding Baltimore and its representative in the House, calling it "horrible, demeaning and beneath the dignity of a political leader who should be encouraging us all to strive and work for a more civil, just and compassionate society."

After listing several factual truths about the worth Baltimore brings to the nation, the leaders denounced the president's destructive tweets and other negative and questionable rhetoric. They express a need for visionary leaders like Jeremiah. In an open society of honest disagreements and political differences, it's especially imperative that leaders do not insult, demean, dehumanize and divide people and communities. Good leaders lift up, call people together, and bring out the best in them. Slamming individuals and whole communities is not leadership; it's regression – for everybody.

The leaders conclude by imploring the president, in the name of all that is good, healthy and decent, to stop putting people down. "Enough of the harmful rhetoric that angers and discourages the people and communities you are called to serve –more than you know."

I posted the entire letter on Facebook and supported the contents of this letter as well as praised the brave ecumenical leaders, particularly our Episcopalian bishops, for their clear condemnation of the president's negativity and name calling.

A friend of mine, who has dedicated the last decade of his life to teaching English to children in Thailand and South Korea, wrote in response to my post the following:

"In all honesty, Regis, how is Trump less an existential threat than the Vietnam War? During that time you had a number of clerics marching against the war - its violence, its destruction. Why shouldn't the true Christian church rise up (I do not mean denominations but true believers in a Jesus that did not die for dollar bills)? I find the lack of action particularly galling.

"In Hong Kong tens of thousands to millions protest against the heavy-handed tactics of the mainland government. Those people are risking livelihoods, wealth and personal/familial safety to stand up for what is right. How can the Christian church sit down when the clarion call goes out to stand up and march? This is as clear as the situation that drove Bonhoeffer's decision to take a mortal stand against Adolph Hitler. Why isn't the church standing up to this? How can any denomination say they view everyone as a child of God while allowing people to be derided viciously, to treat the poor inside this country, the multi-ethnic neighborhoods as repositories for racist venom, for creating immigrant/refugee camps which are no better than Auschwitz? Please give me some indication why the Christian church is so bereft in its responsibilities."

This weighs heavily on my heart. I am often examining myself and feeling I do not speak out enough against the many sinful abuses and horrifically evil verbal put-downs and name-calling coming out of the mouth and pen of the leader of this nation. I ask forgiveness for my omissions and ask your prayers that I spiritually lead as God's will requires on this matter. I am very open to receiving feedback and ideas from all of you in this regard. Let's have a coffee and reflect together.

Regis+

## Announcements

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Are you experiencing some pain or suffering that you can't understand? You know Job had lots of it too. Starting soon, you'll have an opportunity to explore this gnawing, senseless experience in a safe environment with some of my trusted friends. **STAY TUNED: JOB IS COMING!**

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**Brendan's Boots.** (Tuesday, Aug. 6) The parish hiking group will head to the woods for its next outing after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. After a walk along trails at Hartwood Acres, participants will enjoy lunch at nearby Hartwood Restaurant. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski, [twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net).

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**North Hills Food Pantry.** For the month of August we are asking you to donate food items that can be used in school lunches. The North Hills Food Bank needs any kind of non-perishable food. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, [ldtoler@aol.com](mailto:ldtoler@aol.com). Thank you for your support.

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**Easy Funds for St. Brendan's!** You may not know it, but St. Brendan's earns 5% for each gift 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 gift cards in the narthex each Sunday after the 10 a.m. service, buy a gift card for Kuhn's and/or Giant Eagle, do your usual grocery shopping or gasoline pumping, then pay for it with the card purchased at St. Brendan's! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!

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**CRIS Advocacy.** Christian Response In Emergency Situations meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes.

This week we are praying for A. T. Children's Project, an organization that raises money for research and patients needs, [www.latcp.org](http://www.latcp.org), and Bethlehem Haven, a women's shelter in Pittsburgh offering psychiatric care, job training, shelter and meals, <https://bethlehemhaven.org/>. The next meeting is **Sunday, August 18**. All are welcome.

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A donation to the **Brendan's Family and Friends** is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex and make a donation today. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor.

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We need old magazines with colorful pages for a **Sunday School Craft**, such as Better Homes and Garden. Please drop them off in the narthex. Thank you.

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Let's get St. Brendan's free money while shopping on line. It's simple, all you do is...



- In your browser, search: Amazon Smile
- Sign in to **Amazon Smile** just like Amazon (email and password). (Create a login, if you are new).
- After signing in, you will go to a screen where you select a Charitable Organization. Type in St. Brendan's and scroll to find St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, Sewickley, PA.
- Click on St. B's as your organization to get a 0.5% donation on every order you place.

**Please tell family friends, co-workers and neighbors to think of St. Brendan's when they are shopping on Amazon by going to Amazon Smile.**

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### Used ink cartridges

St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridge in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.

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**Book Club** is on summer hiatus until September 5, but if you want to plan your beach reading, we'll be comparing two books, Jane Austen's classic "Pride and Prejudice" and "Eligible," a modern take on the story by Curtis Sittenfeld. Both are easy to borrow from the library in print or audio formats. (Feel free to cheat with the PBS series starring Colin Firth.) For more information, email Pat Carl at [pkarrcarl@gmail.com](mailto:pkarrcarl@gmail.com). Happy reading!

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**Under One Roof Support Ministry.** (for adults who unexpectedly find themselves Under One Roof with other adults—adult children, parents, other family members and friends). This ministry assists individual in navigating the oftentimes complex pathways of these living situations and relationships.

Contact Jim Evanochko for information and support, 609-577-6459 [Jme555@comcast.net](mailto:Jme555@comcast.net).

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**Do you have a special prayer request?** You can write one and leave it on the prayer plate by Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to [stbrendans.coh@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendans.coh@gmail.com). Community of Hope members will include those persons in daily prayers or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.

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**Please visit our website:** <http://www.stbrendans.org>

**Join us on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

**Recommend us on Nextdoor:** <https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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**Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry.** Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis's office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

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**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's public address. (Saturday, October 5)**

Would you be interested in going to Wheeling, W.Va., to hear and see Presiding Bishop Michael Curry? In celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wheeling, the church will feature a special presentation by the presiding bishop at Wesbanco Arena at 3 p.m. Wheeling is about one hour and 30 minutes from St. Brendan's. Tickets are \$5. Click on the link to purchase yours:

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/5841774/bishop-michael-curry-wheeling-wesbanco-arena>. Contact Regis or Frances Kinley if you're interested or sign up in the narthex.

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**Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule and the August ministry calendar.**



# August 2019 Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
August 4 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Debbie Wunsche P Alan Schneider C Debbie Wunsche C Richard Gordon LEV Stacey Coyle	Sylvia Affleck Betsy Smith	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Larry Toler	Angela & Michael Schlumpf
August 7 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
August 11 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Dean Peters P Anne Hunt C Dean Peters C Janice Moore LEV Joyce Donadee	Terry Dezort Brigid Christenson	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Sarika Sethia	Chris Fleissner Eric Helmsen	Janice Moore	Joan & Paul Klinefelter
August 14 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
August 18 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Annemarie Malbon P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Richard Gordon	Ellen Groves Janet Fesq	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Silvia Bertucci	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Chris Botti	Allison & Phil Burdette
August 21 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
August 25 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Sheila Bigelow LEV Ruth Horton	Chris Botti Anelisa Tarrant	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Mike Wick Bob Smith	Annemarie Malbon	The Sunday School children
August 28 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~

# Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2018  September 2019

## October 2018

- 7 Nancy & George Snyder
- 14 Pat Carl & Joan Beatrous
- 21 Animal Blessing
- 28 Gail Gagnon & Karen Dennis

## November 2018

- 4 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 11 Darrell Johnson & Ruth Horton
- 18 Eric Helmsen & Joni Reis
- 25 Nancy & Wilder Bancroft

## December 2018

- 2 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 9 Chris & Roger Botti
- 16 Anelisa Tarrant & Janet Fesq
- 23 Julia Wick & Ken Parsons
- 30 Rob & George Latta

## January 2019

- 6 Kate & Keith Heston
- 13 Anne & Jno Hunt
- 20 Julia & Mike Wick
- 27 Mary & Jim Evanochko

## February 2019

- 3 The Fleissner family
- 10 Janice & Dan Moore
- 17 Ken Parsons & Regis Smolke
- 24 Amy & Kevin Boyd

## March 2019

- 3 Mary & Dale Bertucci
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Mesko
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Lauren Chappo & Becca Sands

## April 2019

- 7 Karen & Dean Peters
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aielle
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Pot Luck

## May 2019

- 5 Kelli Cerra & Ellen Groves
- 12 Mother's Day/Bishop's visit
- 19 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 26 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

## June 2019

- 2 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Celebration

## July 2019

- 7 Rob & George Latta
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

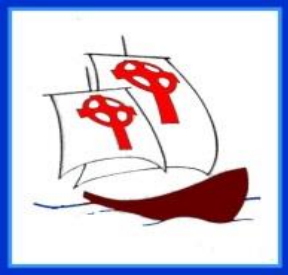
## August 2019

- 4 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 11 Joan & Paul Klinefelter
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 25 The Sunday School Children

## September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelus
- 8 Laureen & Todd Douds
- 15 The Aretz & Kinley family
- 22 Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich
- 29 Jean Pett-Ridge & Marge Marine





### **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.

### **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS**

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Pat Carl  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen  
Green Thumb Gang: Roger Botti  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant  
Invite Welcome Connect: Brad Thompson  
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski  
Nursery: Stacy Connifey  
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: Mark Shoemaker  
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
Debbie Jennings  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski  
Jr. Warden & Education: Ruth Horton  
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin  
Fundraising & Clerk: Chris Botti  
Finance & Technology: Kevin Boyd  
Communication: Annemarie Malbon  
Inreach/Hospitality/Secretary: Janice Moore  
Newcomers: Dean Peters  
Invite/Welcome/Connect & Outreach: Larry Toler  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Tammy Spoonhoward  
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck  
Libby Juel  
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS**

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
English as a Second Language: Joyce Donadee  
Elizabeth Murphy  
Linda Schneider  
Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson  
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton  
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
Janice & Dan Moore  
Stacy Connifey  
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee  
Jim Evanochko

### **ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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