



## Sunday, September 5, 2021

**Celebrant:** 10:00 am The Rev. Dr. Julie Smith

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

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## The Priest's Corner

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**With school starting and the sudden, cooler, weather, my thoughts turn to fall.** Growing up in farm country, Erie County PA, late summer meant haying, and with school starting fall was a time of harvesting, hayrides, and preparing for winter. For the first time in 53 years, this fall I am not preparing to go to school. I recently quit being a college professor and took a full-time job as a hospice chaplain. So, this means for me, no more early morning drives watching the sun rise, no more late nights driving home watching the sun set. But more time with my family, more time for church, more time for just thinking and being. What this time gives me is more space just to be.

The first space is visual, my back yard. We have worked for years to reshape and reshape our back yard and we now have amazing flowers. The flowers attract butterflies and birds, so we have this sense of being in the garden as morning breaks over the trees.

Recently, I've been captivated by the morning fog rising off trees with columns of fog clinging tenaciously to the top branches. This creates a sense of other-worldliness. And I think, the clouds, the fog, the trees, and the light seem to be arranged just for me – and I hold my breath for a few moments hoping the moment doesn't end. It's a sight I see in mornings with heavy, dark gray clouds where the sun is breaking behind the clouds. I try to capture these mornings on my camera, but I realized I can only take a mental picture – but that way I have it with me always. With my time and lack of rush, I can say a prayer as I gaze on this vision. I wonder how anyone could question if there is a God or if creation is anything other than an outpouring of God's love for us, and sunrises and sunsets are daily expressions of that love.

The next space is sound – a lot of my memories link songs with events. This week, the hymn that keeps popping into my thoughts is "Morning has Broken" but Sinner Man (the Nina Simone version) is a close second. Each song reflects a different part of God's grace. These hymns remind me to be grateful to God for a wide variety of gifts. More importantly, these songs remind me that rest and sleeping are also gifts from, and gifts to, God. Resting rejuvenates me for labor and praise. The growth we get from sleeping is the physical growth of youth and the rejuvenating growth as we age.

I also think about how when we are helping others, caring for our neighbor, we are doing God's will. So as we prepare meals for others (the Merry Meal Makers and Meals for Myriams), collect food for North Hills Food Bank, or share meals at the Men's Breakfast our ministries are responding to how we started living into the commandment to help our neighbor in Deuteronomy that we find and aid those in our community or any town of the Lord who needs help and give them help. And we are to give this help with a joyous and open heart. By doing so, we live into Paul's prayer for us in Philipians that our love overflows more and more to help us determine that what is best is that which comes from God.

I find these songs comforting but they also allow us to acknowledge that some things confuse and confound us. Then just when we think we have the answer, almost any answer, it slips away or changes shape. But if we continue to seek those answers together, even if the truth still confounds us, we will find that love has found us. Thanks be to God.

It is in our making spaces that we find answers and peace then seek more answers. The intentional way we use music or a sunrise to bring us closer to God, also creates opportunities for us to be closer to and with each other.

Peace,  
Julie+



### (BFF) Building Family & Friends donations

were given this week in celebration of the life of Karen Peters from Toni & Joe Passarello and Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati.

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)

## Senior Warden's Corner

St. Brendan's is **seeking a volunteer to take on the task of preparing the Bulletin** for our 10:00 am Sunday Eucharists.

For most of the year, this job demands about three hours of work a week and requires a certain degree of competence and confidence in using Word. The basic outline of the service changes little from one week to the next, but the readings cycle and Daniel's music selections naturally vary too. The appropriate materials are either provided by other Brendanites early in the week or are readily available to copy and paste from online sources. Once the first drafts have been assembled, a small group of proofreaders stand ready to read through them with eagle eyes.

Some bulletins can be more complex: those for services that include a baptism, for example; those for services on feast days like Christmas, Easter and Pentecost; and those for liturgies during Advent, Lent and Holy Week. These naturally involve additional time, but for these weeks, we also draw on a wider pool of volunteers to support whoever is serving as the primary coordinator.

Do you have a few hours a week at your disposal? Would you appreciate the ability to make a contribution to St. Brendan's worship services on your own schedule? Do you have average word processing skills? Do you work carefully and methodically? Then please give me a call. I am happy to answer questions and explain the process!

Senior Warden, **Tim Austin**



### We celebrate the September wedding anniversaries of:

8 Linda & Jason Konley

8 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

14 Linda & Tom Limberis



### We celebrate the September birthdays of:

1 Ethan Burdette

1 Tony Turo

3 Luke Cerra

8 Griffin Wick

11 Phoebe Juel

12 AJ McKenna

13 Sylvia Affleck

13 Bobby Cerra

13 Jason Konley

14 Even Basehore

14 Tash Zukowski

15 Max Karn

15 George Latta

16 Wesley Sands

17 Ida LaQuatra

18 Rory Sands

18 Anelisa Tarrant

22 Melinda Bell

23 Michael Donadee

26 Lauren Chappo

## Children's Corner



### Shhhh. Can you keep a secret?

Have you ever heard someone say, "my lips are sealed"? I'll tell you but you have to keep it zipped?

And sometimes, when you do have a secret, if someone looks at you, you know they know exactly what you are thinking and the secret you have!!! And you think your brain will explode if you keep this secret any longer????

Maybe the secret is good news – maybe you are going on a vacation to Disney or to visit your favorite book location – like Prince Edward Island where *Anne of Green Gables* took place or Chincoteague where *Misty of Chincoteague* happened. Maybe the secret is something that is troubling, like you are going to move between the school year. And that is really hard, but all of these secrets are kind of easy to not tell and no one would know about them until they happened or until you told people.



But in the gospel this week, we read about some people are changed – not just their lives but how they moved in the world. First, Jesus was asked by a mother to help her daughter. But it wasn't just any mother and it wasn't just any daughter. The mother was

someone other people didn't like because of who she was AND her daughter was a little girl who had demons. And the man was poor, maybe he smelled, and the man could not hear – he was deaf. But suddenly after meeting Jesus, the little girl was free of her demons and man who was deaf could suddenly hear.

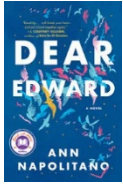
But to all of them - the little girl, her mother, the man who was deaf and his friends, Jesus said, "shhh, don't tell anyone."

Now how can anyone keep that secret? Especially because everyone could see their lives changed because of Jesus.

What do you think the healed people and their friends did? What about their family and friends? Do you think anyone followed Jesus' instructions? No! They told everyone about Jesus. They told people who Jesus was, that he did everything well and helped everyone – even people others didn't like!

Now Jesus had more people following him and wanting to be healed, but Jesus wanted to spread the message of God and love. What could he do? You have to check back in to find out what Jesus did.

Peace,  
Julie+



The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be held at the church **TONIGHT Thursday, September 2, 2021** at 7 pm. Please join us as we discuss "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano. It is the story of a 12-year-old boy who is the lone survivor of a plane crash that tragically results in the deaths of 191 passengers including his family. As Edward struggles to cope, letters from others affected by the crash spark a journey of healing and self-discovery. Feel free to join us as we share our thoughts and perspectives on this work of fiction inspired by true events! For more information about Book Club, contact Chris Botti via email at [shadypatch@msn.com](mailto:shadypatch@msn.com). Hope to see you there!



**St. Brendan's Adopt-a-Highway crew** will hold its next trash pickup **THIS Saturday, Sept. 4**. Anyone age 14 and up may take part by meeting at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpooling to the Camp Horne interchange of I-279 in Ohio Township. The cleanup is over by 10:45 a.m. Please contact Tom Waseleski ([twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net)) if you'd like to help.



**"Spring" Cleaning in September Saturday, Sept. 18 @ 10:00 and again Sunday, Sept. 26 @ 11:45.** At St. Brendan's we are lucky to have a large area to worship in. However, we do not have much storage space, so we must be particular about the items we save.

On September 18, Regis, Julie, Wardens and vestry members who are present will decide what should and should not be saved.

If you know of items that could all too easily be swept up in that process but, in your opinion, need to be retained, you have two options:

- Come along as a helper and participate in the decision-making process.
- Send an email to Tim Austin ([austover@gmail.com](mailto:austover@gmail.com)) as soon as possible, explaining your concern.

On Sunday, September 26, following the 10:00 Eucharist, we will re-organize what is left, assigning it to its appropriate location and recording where it was placed.

We will need some willing helpers to make this happen. Some items are heavy and/or awkward. Please can you set aside an hour or two to come into church and lend a hand?



**Our English as a Second Language conversation classes** at St. Brendan's have started. If you think that you might be interested in volunteering, we would be happy to have you join us. You do not need to know a foreign language as the classes are in English and you do not need to be a teacher. We will help you to learn how to do it. We meet Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30, Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 and Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30. Our volunteers schedule themselves every month and so they can be flexible as to when they want to volunteer. If you should have any questions, you can contact Ginny Volponi at [gabby4045@gmail.com](mailto:gabby4045@gmail.com), or 412 491 8130. Or Joyce Donadee [jdidonadee@gmail.com](mailto:jdidonadee@gmail.com), 412 849 9816.



**Hospitality Hour Volunteers Needed!** St. Brendan's has re-instituted Hospitality Hour! We are therefore looking for individuals, couples or families who plan to be at church for the 10:00 Sunday Eucharist in the coming weeks and would be willing to host. This is not a big deal. Numbers are modest at the moment (perhaps 25 people) and we urge you to keep the refreshments simple (coffee or lemonade, doughnuts or cookies). You can set up outdoors if the weather is nice or in the Social Hall if it is not. To volunteer, contact Katie. [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com).



**A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund** is the perfect way to honor a special day or loved one while supporting unbudgeted building needs of our church. BFF funds have been used to purchase various items.

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).



**Haitian Project:** We are starting again to collect items that are needed by the people in Haiti. A receptacle is placed outside the front door of St. Brendan's where you can put your donations. The donations will fill up the bus and will be transported to the Miami harbor. From there the items will be shipped to Haiti. We want to fill up the second bus quickly so please ask your friends to help. If you have something that needs to be picked up from your home, please contact Joyce Donadee 412-635-2312.

The Haitian people need new or used clothing for adults and children, shoes and boots. Haitians are smaller than typical U.S. people so the women wear size 14 or smaller. The men wear medium sizes or smaller. However, Haitians can use men's shirts of all sizes. The larger sizes are made into dresses for the little girls. Other items that are greatly appreciated are: bikes, cookware, tools, gardening tools, sewing machines, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, cribs, pencils and pens, towels, bedding, sleeping bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste and bars of soap. You can also help by praying for the people of Haiti.

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## Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

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### How Your Church Can Fight Climate Change and Save Money – Sunday September 19, 3pm

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill will present a panel discussion. And here is the link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81306520902?pwd=dWFXRk5LVTJ5eIc1JocjVGOTdXUT09>  
If required: Meeting ID: 813 0652 0902 Passcode: 839245

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Volponi at [gabby4045@gmail.com](mailto:gabby4045@gmail.com) or 412 491 8130.

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### Requested Prayers:

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

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

For our family members, especially; Greg Walton, Mike Dixon, Jennifer Archer, John Barie, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Patrick Schantz, Steve Parsons, 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 Karen Peters.

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# September 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
September 1 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	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	~	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	~	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	Need volunteer
September 22 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	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 Baierl Michael Donadee	Donna Aiello	Need Volunteer
September 29 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~



**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: Tim Austin  
Jr. Warden: Janice Moore  
Adult Formation: Ron Ladick  
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney  
Communication: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Finance: Mary Bertucci  
Fundraising: Larry Toler  
Inreach & Hospitality: Tim Austin  
Newcomers: Tim Austin  
Outreach: Donna Aiello  
Safety & Security: Ron Ladick  
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Stewardship: Larry Toler  
Worship: Cameron Grosh  
  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves  
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Botti

**WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant  
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel  
                                  Sylvia Affleck  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

**PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS**

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Chris Botti  
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: Karen Dennis  
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski  
Parish Profile: Inactive  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: George Snyder  
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
                                  Debbie Jennings  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra  
                                  Annemarie Malbon

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Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
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ESL: Tim Austin  
                                  Joyce Donadee  
                                  Linda Schneider  
Garden of Hope: Open  
Justice Ministry: Ginny Volponi  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

**ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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