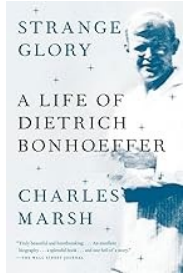




The Priest's Corner

Seizing My Bonhoeffer Moment

I think it was this article that put me over the edge in the current election cycle: [‘The Most Important Election of Our Lifetime’ - Christianity Today](#). But the beginning of my possible “Bonhoeffer moment” happened right before the 2016 election.



What’s a Bonhoeffer moment? It’s a time when a leader must face up to doing the right thing, particularly when that right thing is a difficult thing or a risky thing or, in some cases, a dangerous thing.

Eight years ago, my colleague and priest friend thought it would be a fine idea to read “Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer” by Charles Marsh for our small book club. I read it with half an eye, primarily because this privileged white woman did not even consider that Hillary Clinton might lose the election. Then the unthinkable happened: Donald Trump won the electoral college and, suddenly, I was thrown into a kind of uncertainty that I had never experienced before.

I have spent much of the time since trying to decide if my Bonhoeffer moment has come.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (4 February 1906 – 9 April 1945) was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who was a key founding member of the Confessing Church, a group of Christian Protestants who refused to march in lock step with Nazi ideology. His writings on Christianity’s role in the secular world have become widely influential. Bonhoeffer was known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship, including vocal opposition to the genocidal persecution of the Jews. He was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo and imprisoned at Tegel Prison. Bonhoeffer was accused of trying to assassinate Hitler and was tried along with other accused plotters. He was hanged on 9 April 1945 during the collapse of the Nazi regime.

Considering the formidable consequences of next Tuesday’s election, the Christianity Today article states:

“For Christians, nothing is truly a threat to our survival or existence. We are a people who believe Jesus Christ when he promised to return to his fallen creation, to wipe every tear from every eye and to make all things new. We believe that this story we are living does not end in violence, chaos, and strife — it ends with perfect righteousness, justice, and peace.”

While that is true, it almost suggests that Christians shouldn’t be alarmed or take action when violence, hatred or injustice threaten daily life. Many Christians consider it “un-Christian” to tell someone who to vote for, but it is also “un-Christian” to remain silent about the existential challenges of our day, including the outcome of a critical election.

In his own time, faced with the unbelievable evil of the Nazi regime, Bonhoeffer wrote:

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”

I have said many times that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not political. Other Christians under the guise of White Christian Nationalism continue the aims that Bonhoeffer fought so hard against. As your Priest-In-Charge, it would be wrong for me NOT to seize my Bonhoeffer moment and denounce anyone who would sow division among God’s people, who would seek scapegoats for our problems, who would cast out and turn their back on the very ones Jesus exhorted us to feed, clothe and house.

If you haven’t already, please vote on Tuesday. Make your own Bonhoeffer moment – reject silence, speak through your ballot and let your Christian voice be heard.

Faithfully, Mother Robin+

Announcements



Friendly reminder to turn your clocks back one-hour late Saturday evening and enjoy the extra hour.



Mask up reminder that it will be Mask-Up Sunday (first Sunday of the month) at this week's 10 o'clock service. Please be considerate of those who want to worship with us in person but can't do so without the extra health protection that masking provides. Please, wear your mask!



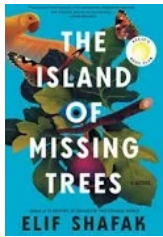
Calling all fiber crafters for Sticks and Strings! Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other hand-held fiber arts? Let's get together for fellowship, fun, and handcrafting! Sticks and Strings meetings are on the **first Friday and third Wednesday of each month, 6-8 pm**, in St. Brendan's library.



The next meeting is **TONIGHT, Friday, November 1st** at 6 pm. The following will be **Wednesday, November 20th**. Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Sherri at sherri.angeletti@gmail.com, or text 412-689-0737 to be added to the email list for the most up-to-date information, or if you have questions.

THIS Sunday, November 3, following the 10 am service, **Dr. Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, New Testament scholar and Professor Emerita from Virginia Tech**, will speak on the topic "Distinctly Luke: Structure and Themes," as an introduction to Luke's Gospel for Lectionary Year C. She will overview the distinctive temporal schema and geographical schema of Luke (and the two-volume work Luke-Acts), and, with the help of some volunteer readers, introduce a number of Luke's distinctive theological themes. At the close, she will raise two complications of reading this first-century Gospel in the twenty-first century. Lectionary Year C begins on the first Sunday of Advent, which this year is December 1.



St. Brendan's Book Club will meet Monday, **Nov. 4 at 1 pm** in the library to discuss The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak. All are welcome! Upcoming titles:

Dec. 2: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Jan. 6: The Women by Kristen Hannah

Feb. 3: The Beauty of Dusk by Frank Bruni

Mar. 3: The Great Stewardess Rebellion by Nell McShane Wulfhart

Please contact Anne Semmler annegsemmler@gmail.com with any questions.

Cookie Walk



SIGN UP NOW TO HELP WITH HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS ON NOVEMBER 23



There are many ways to help the day before and day of the event. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Please review them and sign up where you can. We can't make this event successful without your help!

Weekly update on "Happenings":

880 dozen cookies have been promised and some have already been made and brought to church. We need just 120 more dozen! Can you help?

Raffle tickets for the gift card baskets are available after each service or by emailing Kathy Miller at komiller747781@yahoo.com. Look for our beautiful gift card baskets in the Narthex this Sunday.

More than 300 quarts of soup have been made, are frozen and ready to sell.

All of our vendors are busy with their crafts and waiting to arrive on November 23!

Holiday Happenings flyers are available in the Narthex for anyone who is able to take several and post them in various businesses.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped already!

Contact Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com with questions.



"Brendan's Boutique" is our church's annual sale table in the Holiday Happenings craft vendor room. We are looking for donations of all kinds of handmade crafts, including knitting, crochet, and other textile work, as well as jams and jellies, pottery and other small items. If you are interested in contributing, contact Pat Carl at 412-427-3442 or pkarrcarl@gmail.com. Handmade is the best!

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



- **Looking ahead:** The next two Children's Worship Services will be held on:
Sunday, November 24
Sunday, December 22 (this is the date for the annual children's Christmas pageant).
- **Volunteers needed for the nursery!** If you enjoy interacting with the youngest members of St. Brendan's, please consider obtaining your clearances required for working with children and volunteering in the nursery. Thanks so much as always to my current volunteers and teen helpers! The following Sundays need filled: December 8, 15, 22 & 29. If interested, please contact Liz MacDonald via text at 412-865-6486 or Liz702988@gmail.com.

St. Brendan's Youth Group

St. Brendan's Youth Group reset and began a new season of learning, praying, and serving. The group consists of young Brendanites from grades 6 through 12 -- who had some great insight and ideas for the group! The facilitators, John Appeldorn and Allison Kline, will be utilizing some lessons from the J 2 A program, but the youth will be taking the lead in planning service and social activities. Below are the activities for this fall planned by the youth.

DATE	THEME	PROJECT/EVENT
November 17	God's Harvest	Thanksgiving Cards Angel Tree Planning
December 15	Wise people still follow the Star	Angel Tree Social Outing – Bowling



GENTLY USED" COATS NEEDED

St. Brendan's Justice Ministry received an urgent request for winter coats for men and women from the Neighborhood Resilience Project. We are requesting "gently used" coats from you, your family and friends -- ones you no longer wear because they don't fit, you no longer like or whatever the reason. Please don't rush out and buy new coats to contribute.

They are also looking for gloves/mittens, hats, and scarves. Please place any coats, etc. in the bin in the Narthex. As always, thank you for anything you can contribute and for your love to those in need, in Jesus' name. Contact Annie Koch at reshiesmom@gmail.com with questions.



For the **month of November, the food bank** is asking for food items like stuffing mix, canned yams and other vegetables, cranberry sauce, and biscuit mix. All other non-perishable donations are gladly accepted. Thank you.

Please be sure there is no glass, and the expiration dates are not past.

Supper Club

2025 Supper Club will be meeting 3 times next year. The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex through December, please sign up. We will start in January.

If interested text 724-713-6470, call 412-203-1252 or email naperville@yahoo.com.



Handel's Messiah with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Saturday, December 7, 7:30, Heinz Hall. We are putting together a group to attend Handel's Messiah at Heinz Hall on Sat. December 7. We would like to get an idea of the interest before purchasing the tickets. Tickets would probably be in the \$35 -\$50 range.

Please email Kate Heston at kmheston71@gmail.com with questions and to let her know how many tickets you may like. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Signing up does not commit you to tickets. This is just to have an idea of how many are interested.



We celebrate the **November birthdays** of...

2 James Aldridge	5 Debbie Jennings	13 Kathleen Ganster	15 Steve Horton
17 Janet Fesq	18 Kristen Bailey	23 Jonathan Bigelow Roche	24 Bob Grotevant
24 Dan Moore	29 Bill Spoonhoward		



We celebrate the **November wedding anniversaries** of...

7 Mary & Dale Bertucci	24 Judy & Mark McKarnin	29 Linda & Alan Schneider
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Prayer Requests

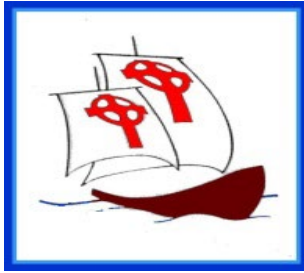
For our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Joan Beatrous, Charlotte Pierce, Alice Butterworth, Rosie Wood, Matthew, Jim Gray, Derek Wimmer, Dave Miller, Margie Davies, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Ruth Haider, Bill Spoonhoward.

For our parents, especially; Margaret Nagel, Lenora, Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian.

For our family members, especially; Tom Payne, Neil Amor, Carol Schmitz, Daniela, Carol and Guy Estes, Bee Ward, Joann, Pat Schulze, Karl Haider, Marie Hazelton, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Frank Nagy, Paula Watson, Margaret and Lawrence Czerpak, Diane Brackus, Rich, Jay & A., John, Nathan Schlumpf, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Steve Getty, Sue Burchill, Christian, Robert Donato.

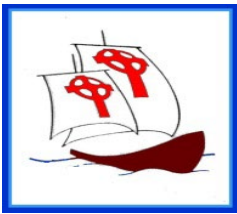
For our friends, especially; Patty Herrington, Patty Walker, Terri Hockenberry, Mike Colavita, Jordon Medlin, Connie Geiger, Josh, Mark Hubert, Heidi Sherwin, Susan N., Laurie, Cindy & Bob Getty, Nancy Baker, Debbie and Dale Kline, The Silveira family, Cindy, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

If you know someone who would like a visit from Mtr. Robin, please email her at robin@stbrendans.org.



November Ministry Calendar 2024

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
November 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Alan Schneider P Dean Peters LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Allison Kline Doorkeeper: TBD	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Linda Limberis Kate Heston	Tim Austin	John Appeldorn	Meg Overby Tim Austin
November 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Paul Quinn 2 nd Ellen Groves P Marilyn Mulvihill LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Kayla Tweedle Fish: Janice Moore Doorkeeper: Susan Shields	Liz MacDonald Dawn Day-Quinn	Sylvia Affleck Barb Fure	Kathy & Dave Miller	Allyson Baierl Dan Moore	Richard Munsch Donna Aiello	Frances Harpst	Kathy & Dave Miller
November 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Kate Heston 2 nd Tony Turo P Tim Austin LEV Sylvia Affleck Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Dawn Day-Quinn Fish: TBD Doorkeeper: Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald Evie Mathie	Dottie Antonucci Janice Moore	Annmarie Malbon John Appeldorn	Julia Wick Mike Wick	Paul Quinn	Kate Heston	No Hospitality Setup for Holiday Happenings
November 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st Sunday School 2 nd Sunday School P Sunday School LEV Malanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Children's Worship Service No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Joan Klinefelter Kathy Miller	Dean Peters Kate Heston	Kate Heston	John Appeldorn	Sandy Nagy	Kate Heston



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
Communication/Technology: Sandy Nagy
Children & Youth: John Appeldorn
Finance: Frances Harpst
Fundraising: Frances Harpst
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: Melanie Popovich
Pastoral Care: Melanie Popovich
Outreach: Richard Munsch
Secretary/Clerk: Kate Heston
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Kevin Boyd

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: Mary Bertucci
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl~Carol Meese~Barb Fure
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Facebook: Annemarie Malbon
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Finance Chair: TBD
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>
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

Wednesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm
1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
Katie's office hours from home

Friday: 9:00 am Katie office hours from home till noon then in office after 1:00

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