The Senior Warden's Corner

Remember being new? New in the neighborhood. New on the job. New in a loving relationship. It feels like a burst of spring, like waking up refreshed, like being on the verge of something promising. There was a lot of "new" gathered around the table last Sunday after the 10 o'clock service at St. Brendan's Newcomers' Brunch.

The event, put on in the lower-level "Handprint Room" by vestry member Chris Botti and her crew, was meant to inform and educate recent arrivals about St. Brendan's and the Episcopal Church. Nine of them showed up and, over bagels, fruit and coffee, asked questions of Mother Robin, Deacon Darrell and various parishioners, including me. It was a friendly hour and a half, a time to talk about history, tradition and St. Brendan's many activities. It reminded me of when I was new here and trying to find my way.

I still have the small olive-wood cross that I received from Bishop Alden Hathaway when Saundy and I were received as new Episcopalians more than three decades ago. It was a big step for us after a concerted search for a new spiritual home. We found it at St. Brendan's and I remember that thrill — the thrill of being new, the thrill of having arrived at a special place. Today I get that thrill when I meet newcomers and listen to their story — what they're looking for, what brought them here, what they like about our church.

Their stories are original, yet familiar. They're a reminder that we were all new once and that St. Brendan's, after all these years, remains a place of hope, promise and possibility. So, welcome, newcomers. Thank you for being new and for rekindling in the rest of us the thrill of being home.

Yours in faith,

Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden

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Upcoming Spirituality Events:

Join us for Tai Chi

Next week, on Tuesday, June 20 at 12 Noon, Thaddeus Popovich will be conducting another Tai Chi class, this time right at St. Brendan's. Thaddeus is certified to teach a gentle, meditative version of Tai Chi.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention is based on the Sun style of Tai Chi and is easy to learn, effective and safe. It increases flexibility, muscle strength, and mental activity, heart/lung capacity, aligns posture, improves balance, and integrates the mind and body. Studies show this program to be safe and effective for people with arthritis, and is an excellent fall prevention program.

Tai chi has many benefits; it's a good way to improve your balance, decrease stress and anxiety and help you meditate, just to name a few. It promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements. Plus it's fun and relaxing.

Everyone is welcome; no experience necessary. A donation of \$5 per class is voluntary, and Thaddeus will give all donations back to St. Brendan's as he is offering this class as a special gift to the St. Brendan's community.

Please let me know if you would like to attend. Or just pop in. If you have questions, please contact Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.

A few other dates to remember:

Drumming circle at St. Brendan's -- Friday, August 18 at 6:30pm **Native American Pow Wow in Dorseyville** -- Sunday, September 24, leave St. Brendan's right after 10 am service Watch for more information on the Drumming Circle and Pow Wow soon!



SAVE THE DATE!

Yes, it's early, but you won't want to miss our 2023 Holiday Happenings event!

Saturday, November 18, from 9am to 2pm

Mark your calendars now for the ever-popular St. Brendan's Holiday Happenings and Cookie Walk! It's never too early to think about specialty Christmas cookies, delicious soup and the fabulous array of crafters. Come, shop and enjoy!

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!



Adopt-a-Highway. Volunteers from St. Brendan's will be picking up litter at the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279 in Ohio Twp. on Saturday, June 17. Anyone age 14 and up may participate. If you'd like to help beautify the environment, meet at 8:30 a.m. in the church parking lot and join the carpool to the site. The cleanup is finished by 10:45. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



Summer can be a difficult time for families who depend on schools for breakfast and lunch. **The North Hills Food Bank** is in particular need of these items.

- Cereal; particularly kid's cereal
- Jelly and Peanut Butter
- · Granola Bars, Applesauce and Fruit Cups
- Juice Orange, Apple, and Cranberry (32 to 96 oz.)

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

Children and Youth



- Nursery Volunteers are still needed for the following weeks: July 2, 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 <u>Liz702988@gmail.com</u>.
 - 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!
- 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 Saundy at swaseleski@comcast.net to learn more.
- Happy Summer: Thank you to all of the teachers, doorkeepers, nursery and youth group volunteers who gave up their time to support the programs we have for our children and youth. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you, also, to all of our great kids at St. B.'s. We're so happy to have their participation, and it's a joy to watch them grow in their faith. We wish everyone a happy, fun, and relaxing summer!



Please join us for the annual **Parish Picnic** on July 9 at 10:00 a.m. in North Park at the Latham Pavilion (Lake Shore Drive). The outdoor service will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by the picnic. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a dish to share. There will be no 8:00 am service that day.

After the picnic please plan to stay for activities, games, and prizes for kids and adults. All are welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex so we have a count for the day or email Kate Heston, kmheston71@gmail.com to let us know you are planning to attend.



Grocery Cards: Need groceries again? Before you head to Giant Eagle or Kuhns, be sure to buy a grocery card at St. Brendan's! Did you know that our church earns 5% for each grocery card that we sell? Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds to meet our budget needs! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling grocery cards in the narthex each Sunday, buy a grocery card for Kuhns and/or Giant Eagle, then go shopping for those weekly necessities. Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!



Vestry briefs. At Monday night's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry:

- Discussed details for this year's Parish Picnic, to be held Sunday, July 9, at North Park;
- Heard from Dan Moore about plans for a detailed interview with a potential contractor for the parking lot makeover;
- Learned that Saundy Waseleski will continue to serve in the fall as interim leader of the Sunday School.



Several copies of The Book of Common Prayer in large print are available in the back of the sanctuary.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will be rollin' near the river on Tuesday, June 13, with a trek on the Three Rivers Heritage Trail. After meeting at the church at 9 a.m., participants will carpool to Pittsburgh's South Side for a walk along the Mon. An outdoor lunch will follow at the Hofbrauhaus Brewery & Restaurant. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



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. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!]

Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Annie Koch, Dean Peters, Susan Shields, Bill Spoonhoward, Karl Haider, Joyce Donadee, Jim Gray, Matthew, Margie Davies, Rosie Wood, Mark Shoemaker, Mark Kinley, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Ruth, Alice Butterworth.

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

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

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

We pray for all who have died, especially Jean Whitehouse.

June Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
June 4 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Michael Donadee 2 nd Tony Turo P Tim Austin	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	The Bertucci family	Chris Botti	John Appeldorn	Kate Heston
June 11 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Kate Heston 2 nd Cindy Koszarek P Donna Aiello	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Dawn Quinn	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	Toni Passarello Donna Aiello	Kate Heston Mike Wick	Kate Heston	Tim Austin	Janice Moore
June 18 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd AJ McKenna P Dean Peters	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Kathy Miller Volunteer needed	Donna Aiello John Appeldorn	Tom Waseleski	Dave Miller	Megan & Tim
June 25 Sunday 8 &10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Aidan McKenna 2 nd Donna Aiello P <mark>Volunteer needed</mark>	Summer Break	Pat Carl Dawn Quinn	Joan Klinefelter Susan Shields	Barb Fure John Appeldorn	Kate Heston Tim Austin	Dan Moore	Linda Limberis	Donna & Sharon

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 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd John Appledorn P Alan Schneider	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Anelisa Tarrant Ellen Groves	Donna Aiello Annie Koch	Allyson Baierl Mike Donadee	John Appledorn	Mike Wick	Kathy & Dave Miller
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 Volunteer needed	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	TBD	n/a	Sandy Nagy	n/a	n/a
July 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1st Paul Quinn 2nd Ann Vinski P Michael Donadee	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Joan Klinefelter Kathy Miller	TBD	Janice Moore Dan Moore	Ruth Horton	Dave Miller	Chris & Roger Botti
July 23 Sunday 8 &10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1st John Appeldorn 2nd Tim Austin P Linda Limberis	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Dawn Quinn	Sylvia Affleck Pheobe Juel	TBD	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 AJ McKenna P Sandy Nagy	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Dottie Antonucci Susan Shields	TBD	Kate Heston Mike Donadee	Chris Botti	Tim Austin	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 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

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

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: Chris Botti

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

nings/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

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person

Tuesday:

10:00 am Worship, in person and via live streaming

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXIqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Monday: 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE10FFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09

10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm 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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Facebook ~ https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/

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