



**CRIS
Advocacy**

CRIS Advocacy, (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10:00 a.m. service where they determine the distribution of St. Brendan's 10% tithe of our pledged income. This week we are praying for the work of The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, who provides food to many local food pantries. The summer causes greater demand since children do not get food at school. **The next meeting is this Sunday after the 10:00 service.**



Volunteer to help with our church garden. The Garden of Hope, our church vegetable garden located in the back of our building, is a wonderful ministry that supports our neighbors in need of fresh vegetables!

We will be planting vegetables in the Garden of Hope **THIS Sunday, May 15**, about 30 mins after the 10 am service (we'll get a snack and change shoes first). Gardeners of all ages and abilities are welcome to help plant.

Also, remember that another way to help is to sign up for watering, weeding, and/or harvesting. Harvesting is usually done on Wednesdays, when we clean up the veggies, pack them in zip lock bags, and get them ready for Thursday's delivery to a local Food Bank.

To sign up to help, click "Garden Schedule Sign-up" on St. Brendan's website, or go to <https://www.stbrpit.com/> and click on "Garden Schedule". Enter your name and the days/weeks for which you will be responsible by typing directly onto the document. Ideally, we would like volunteers to take on a task a full week, or a specific day each week. But we will be happy for whatever you can give us.

Thank you! Any questions, contact Donna Aiello, 412-759-1521 donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.

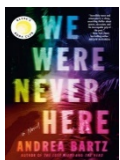


Face masks continue to be required in the Sanctuary and the Narthex. The social hall and small gatherings will be determined by the individuals involved.

Upcoming Wed. Evening Prayer and Taize services: The Wednesday Evening Prayer services in May will be on the 11th and the 18th. The Evening Prayer/Taize service will be Wed. May 25. Due to attendance attrition, these services will no longer be offered starting in June. In the fall, if there is interest and commitment, we will consider offering these services again. If you have any questions, please contact Darrell at johnsdj31@verizon.net or 412-337-3041.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will return to the trail on Tuesday, May 24, at Preston Park, a little-known gem in Butler County. Modeled after an English garden, the park features a large pond, meadows, footbridges and woods. Lunch will follow at W. Rick's Taproom. Participants will meet at the church at 9 a.m., then carpool to Preston. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



The **St. Brendan's Book Club** meets the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the church library. Please join us for our next meeting on **June 2nd**, as we discuss "We Were Never Here" by Andrea Bartz. It's a mystery-thriller about two best friends who embark on a backpacking trip in Chile only to meet with deadly consequences. Described as "a nail-biting, immersive whirl of a read" you won't want to miss this one! Feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you would like more info. Thanks!



Next Public Forum - Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. The topic of this forum will be How Safe Firearm Storage Can Reduce Violence. Beth Foringer, coordinator from CeaseFire PA and former co-coordinator of the Western PA BeSmart campaign will share insights into the rise in gun violence, its connection to increased firearm sales, and how safe storage can reduce racial violence.

To register for this Forum, email: office@trinitywexford.org.

This forum is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church in conjunction with Faith in Action, consisting of St. Brendan's, Trinity Lutheran Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills.



St. Brendan's will once again participate in the **Pride Parade** on **June 4th**. It begins at noon at the Boulevard of the Allies and Grant Street in downtown Pittsburgh. This a great way to show the community that we are an inclusive faith community and support our LGBTQIA brothers and sisters. A group of us will meet in our parking lot at 11:15 a.m. to carpool there. Please call Marilyn at 412-427-2715 or email her at mimi15143@yahoo.com to let her know you will join us or if you have any questions.

Children's Corner



Answer quick – what is the best color? What number do you love the most? Wow, what silly questions – without all of the colors we wouldn't know what the others look like (maybe a bit too much philosophy) and while my hero may be zero, I still like other numbers too.

So, why do I ask silly questions? Well in this week's gospel, near the end of the last supper, after Judas had left, Jesus gave us all a new commandment, that we love one another. What he said is pretty important for us to remember. "...that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you

are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

So, how do we show our love for one another? We take care of each other – like grow vegetables in the garden of hope. We can all help with that. Or clean the highways with Brendan's Boots (you have to be a bit older to do that). Or help around the church or in our communities.

And where can you learn about how to help around church? Well, how about FAMILY CHURCH. Let's try something new. It is looking like we may have people interested in coming to FAMILY CHURCH on Monday evenings. So, what is family church?



Using Journey Together, we will meet weekly during the summer in the evening, hopefully outside as much as possible to explore the Bible, the Spirit, being Disciples, our Church and how we can help our World. Each week we will end with a brief family Eucharist service. But what makes this a bit different from Sunday School or Sunday service, is . . . well not much except, we will be doing an activity before we think about what we have done during Eucharist. And what makes this different from Vacation Bible School is all of us will be doing this together – no separation of the adults, the youth, and the youngest ones. We all have special skills, talents, and gifts we can share with each other, outside, becoming (better) disciples together.

**Peace,
Mother Julie**

Neighborhood Events

Opportunities for assisting refugees and immigrants.

THRIVE and AJAPO are seeking ESL Friend Volunteers for Afghan refugees.

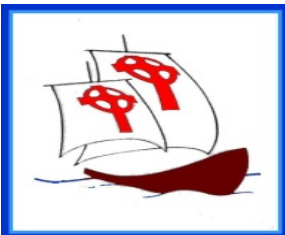
Volunteers are needed to mentor and teach ESL to Afghan refugees. *It is important to note that most of the Afghans needing this kind of mentoring/ESL are women, and it is not culturally appropriate for them to meet with male volunteers. So, the majority of the volunteers need to be women. Volunteers will receive training on how to navigate the relationship/cultural differences and easy ways to introduce more English into the conversation. The volunteer and Afghan would meet, hopefully weekly or bi-weekly at most, in the Afghan woman's apartment or in the community-use apartment (as desired), to share/learn about each other and work on some English. Some Afghans know more English than others, but the primary purpose is to establish a relationship between the volunteer and the Afghan woman, to lessen social isolation, and to establish a mentoring relationship which can bring understanding between two cultures. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact kganster@verizon.net or mhess@ajapopittsburgh.org.





May 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeter	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
May 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Tim Austin P Tony Turo <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Joan Klinefelter Libby Juel	~	Sharon Hlawati Dean Peters	Eric Helmsen Mick Wick	Donna Aiello	Kate Heston
May 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Mary Bertucci P A J McKenna <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	~	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	John Appledorn Allyson Baiert	John Appledorn	Volunteer needed
May 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Kate Heston P Donna Aiello <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Libby Juel	~	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Volunteer needed
May 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	~	Annemarie Malbon John Appledorn	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Volunteer needed
May 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Annemarie Malbon P Marilyn Mulvihill <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Dotti Antonucci Tammy Spoonhoward	~	Allison Baiert Joyce Donadee	Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Kate Heston	Volunteer needed



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: Cameron Grosh
Co-Jr. Wardens: Donna Aiello & Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: John Appledorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Sean Sweeney
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Kate Heston & Lauren Ramakrishna
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Newcomers: Kate Heston
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Roger Botti
Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

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

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl
Carol Meese
Kathy Miller
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: TBD
Memorial Garden: John Appledorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline
Ann Vinski
Mike Wick
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
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: Ginny Volponi
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello
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ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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