



The Senior Warden's Corner

I can remember from my earliest days of church-going the coins I got from my parents to drop into the brown wicker basket at collection time. Each basket was attached to a long wooden pole, and the ushers in the center aisle would run that pole along half the length of the pew. On the side aisle was another set of ushers who had their own wicker basket, also at the end of a long wooden pole. Between the two groups of ushers, no one in church on any given Sunday escaped a collection basket passing right under their nose.

My parents, of course, had envelopes to hold their contributions. I liked peeking into the basket, when it went by, to see the pile of envelopes and dollar bills heaped inside. When I started grade school, I was issued my own child-size box of envelopes and I began putting my coins in there. I felt all grown up with my church envelopes until the day my parents told me that I would have to start taking part of my \$2-a-week allowance to put in the envelope. Ouch — it was my first lesson in stewardship.

Nowadays I'm more invested in my church. I know what it does for me and what it does for others. I try to live into its mission and take part in its ministries. You could say that I believe. During this season of stewardship I'm inviting you to consider what you believe and what you can offer — not just in funds but also in time and talent — to sustain the church that gathers us together at least once a week. We're no longer the wide-eyed kids in the pew who peek into the wicker basket. We're the grown-ups charged with the future of St. Brendan's and how rich that future will be, not just for us but for those wide-eyed kids who come through our doors.

Yours in faith,
Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden
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Diocesan Convention. The following is a recap of last Saturday's Diocesan Convention written by Anne Semmler, one of St. Brendan's lay deputies:

St. Brendan's delegation of Mother Robin Jarrell, Deacon Darrell Johnson, Ralph Tajak, Anne Semmler, Phoebe Juel and Dean Peters attended the 2023 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh on Nov. 11 at Trinity Cathedral. Complete information about the convention's work, including approval of the diocesan budget, committees, and district structure are available at episcopalpg.org (look for the 2023 convention tab at the top right under "resources"), but here are some notable highlights of Bishop Ketlen's address and committee reports:

- Look for a new diocesan website coming in 2024 with a new logo and mission statement "Grounded in Christ — Growing Anew";
- Mark your calendar for a new diocesan event, May 18, 2024, the Diocesan Day of Ministry Celebration. More information will be available on the diocesan website; be sure to subscribe for updates if you don't already;
- Upcoming 2024 diocesan events also in preparation include "Holy Hikes," new worship and lay leader initiatives, and a new lay formation program "Preach the Word" in coordination with the Stevenson School for Ministry (a formation program based in the Central Diocese of Pennsylvania);
- The Abbey of St. Nicholas, a new intentional Christian community in Brookline. Watch for more information in 2024.

Note the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held June 20-28, 2024, in Louisville, Ky. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's tenure will expire and the election of his replacement will mean candidates (likely three to five) should be announced within the next few months. The General Convention will address a number of issues, including possible (eventual, not imminent) revisions/additions to the Book of Common Prayer. Lots of information will be available on the national website, episcopalchurch.org.

St. Brendan's is in District 1 of the diocese which also includes St. Barnabas (Brackenridge), All Saints (Brighton Heights), St. Paul's (Kittanning), Christ Church (North Hills), Emmanuel (North Side) and Trinity Cathedral. Our District 1 chair is Maximillion Elliott (from Emmanuel church) with whom we are in conversation for possible district-wide events, both online and in person. News of any events will be posted in the Navigator's Log, of course!



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

- Followed recommendations by Treasurer Ellen Groves and Finance Committee member Kevin Boyd and approved moving portions of parish funds into interest-bearing certificates of deposit at two local banks;
- OK'd the reservation of the Maple Grove Pavilion at Blueberry Hill Park in Franklin Park on July 28 for next year's annual parish picnic;
- Took steps to appoint a Nominating Committee, as required by parish bylaws, to seek vestry candidates for January's election.



The Rev. Dr. Brenda Gregg joined us for worship and brunch this past Sunday. We look forward to more meaningful connections with Destiny of Faith Church.



These are high needs for the **North Hills Food Bank** this month:

- Pasta – spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, penne
- Canned vegetables – corn, beets, carrots, green beans, peas
- Jelly and peanut butter (not in glass jars)

Of course they will always accept other non-perishable food items.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS THAT ARE PAST THE EXPIRATION DATE – THEY CANNOT BE DONATED.



St. Brendan's Book Club will meet **Monday, Dec. 4** at 1 pm in the church library. Join us for a discussion of *Open Carry* by Marc Cameron, a thriller set in the Alaskan wilderness. (If you have a Kindle and Amazon Prime, this title is apparently available to download for free). Looking ahead, our January 8 meeting at 1 pm will feature *Four Seasons in Rome* by Anthony Doerr. All are welcome! Contact Anne Semmler annegsemmler@gmail.com with questions.

Children and Youth



- **November brings to mind** Thanksgiving, a time when we reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us. Once again, the children are constructing a "Gratitude Tree" in the narthex. All children and adults of the parish are invited to write something for which they are thankful onto one of the tree's leaves. Leaves are available in the narthex near the Gratitude Tree bulletin board. Let's show how much we have to be grateful for!
- **Parents: please check the pink box on the narthex table** (same table as where name tags are placed on Sunday). There are many photos and projects belonging to the kids that are ready to be taken home.

Dates to keep in mind:

- **Sunday, November 26:** Children's Worship Service. There will be no Sunday School classes that day. Children will be involved in various ways in the service.
- **Saturday, December 16:** 10 am to 12 pm. Christmas pageant practice and costume fittings.
- **Sunday, December 17:** during the 10 am service: Christmas Pageant. We hope that all of our children and teens will be able to participate. More information to follow.

Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Sharon Hlawati, Kelli Cerra, Judy McKarnin, Alice Butterworth, Larry Tarrant, Mark Shoemaker, Nancy Snyder, Mark Kinley, Jim Gray, Matthew, Charlotte Pierce, Sherri Angeletti, Rosie Wood, Margie Davies, Nancy Bancroft, Joyce Donadee.

For our parents, especially; Ken McCormack, Ray Militzer, Lenora, Diane Davis.

For our family members, especially; Will Cummings, Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Jay & A, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Sue Burchill, Bob Kiehl, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Carol Schmitz, Kirk Latta, Marie Hazelton, David Pingree, Frank Nagy, Nathan Schlumpf, John, Robert Donato, Joann.

And for our friends, especially; Mike Colavita, The Silveira family, Rena Feingold, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Ellen Kuntz, Josh, Cynthia Chapman, Jordon Medlin, Cindy & Bob Getty, Ron Neurohr, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst & family, Maggie Cervone, Vivian, Pat Reiner, Nancy Baker.

We pray for all who have died, especially Betty Moore.



November Ministry Calendar 2023

| Date | Lectors | Sunday School Leaders | Nursery | Altar Guild | Greeters | Ushers | Stewards | Vestry | Hospitality |
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| November 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am | 8 Ellen Groves 1 st AJ McKenna 2 nd John Appledorn P Tim Austin | Lambs Dawn Day-Quinn FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Ellen Groves | Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk | Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore | Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello | Allyson Baiert Donna Aiello | Julia & Mike Wick | Neil Galone | Kate Heston |
| November 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children & Youth Sunday | 8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Children | Children's Worship | Liz MacDonald Pat Carl | Ellen Groves Kathy Miller | Susan Shields Kate Heston | Kate Heston | John Appledorn | Tom Waseleski | Kathy & Dave Miller |

December Ministry Calendar 2023

| Date | Lectors | Sunday School Leaders | Nursery | Altar Guild | Greeters | Ushers | Steward | Vestry | Hospitality |
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| December 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 1 st Sunday of Advent | 8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Tony Turo P Kate Heston | Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Katie Costa | Liz MacDonald TBD | Joan Kleinfelter Anelisa Tarrant | Annie Koch John Appeldorn | Mary & Dale Bertucci | Linda Limberis | Kate Heston | Janice Moore |
| December 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday of Advent | 8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Derrek Wimmer 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Steve Minegar | Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Susan Shields | Liz MacDonald TBD | Sylvia Affleck Phoebe Juel | Kathy & Dave Miller | Julia & Mike Wick | Tim Austin | Sandy Nagy | Sandy Nagy |
| December 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Christmas Pageant 3 rd Sunday of Advent | 8 Ellen Groves 1 st Children 2 nd Children P John Appledorn | Children's Pageant | 2 Volunteers needed | Janice Moore Ellen Groves | Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati | Allyson Baiert Donna Aiello | Dave Miller | Neil Galone | Kathy & Dave Miller |
| December 24 Sunday 9:00 am 4 th Sunday of Advent | 8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Mary Bertucci P Marilyn Mulvihill | Christmas Eve No Sunday School | Liz MacDonald TBD | Tammy Spoonhoward Kathy Miller | Toni Passarello Wesley Bell | TBD | TBD | John Appledorn | No Hospitality |
| December 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm | 1 st Kate Heston 2 nd Ann Vinski P Paul Quinn | Christmas Eve No Sunday School | Liz MacDonald TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | Dan Moore | No Hospitality |
| December 31 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am | 8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Tim Austin P Tony Turo | New Year's Eve No Sunday School | Liz MacDonald TBD | Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant | Allyson Baiert Dean Peters | Mary & Dale Bertucci | Linda Limberis | Tom Waseleski | Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello |



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: TBD
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: TBD
Outreach: Ruth Horton
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

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: Anne Semmler
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
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
11:00 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>
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm
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: 1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist
Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm

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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

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