



## Pentecost

### Sunday, October 10, 2021

**Celebrant:** 10:00 am The Rev. Regis Smolko

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

## The Priest's Corner

### A Little More on Our Afghan Connection

Our persons of concern are a mother and her four children. What I can gather is that her youngest daughter is 15 and very well educated. She is no longer allowed to go to school because she is in Grade 12. Girls who arrived at that level of education are refused further education by the Taliban. Educated men and women are a threat to the current government; especially, educated women. According to our friend, the Taliban will "kill the educated." They pose too many challenges to their religious culture and belief system.

She has another daughter who went to India and received her Master's Degree in the medical field. She has been accepted at another out-of-Afghanistan college to get her second MA; she has received her visa but cannot get out of the country. Both of our connection's sons have attended universities in America and are now back in Afghanistan. They are in hiding due to threats on their lives—one has not been heard from for some time now. Our friend has a motherly intuition about his safety, and it's troubling.

Our friend is highly educated and has served as an advocate for women. She has celebrity recognition among many in Afghanistan because she worked for women's and children's rights on TV and in radio for nearly 20 years. She worked for UNICEF for over 16 years. She is quoted in literacy materials, comic books and various news and human interest publications. She is well recognized in the media and the community. Some of the issues she worked hardest on were women and children's rights, ending child marriage and campaigns for education of young girls.

She and her children are at high risk of being found and killed. They are very nervous. She begs us to help her and her family escape Afghanistan before it's too late. Please let me know how you feel about this? Please pray for these people who are so scared and so in danger. If you have any desire to learn more or want more of a "hands on" involvement in this ministry, let me know. There's lots of room here to get involved. Please start with "targeted prayers" for the Afghan people, may these concerns be blessed and may God direct our steps moving forward.

All good to you,  
Regis+

### A (BFF) Building Family & Friends donation

was given this in celebration of the life of Karen Peters, from Carol Meese.

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).





**Book Club Meeting:** The next meeting of the Book Club will be held at the church **TONIGHT, October 7, 2021**, at 7 pm to discuss “The Splendid and the Vile” by Erik Larson. A New York Times #1 bestseller, it delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz—an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis. Mark your calendars! You won’t want to miss this one!

**All Saint’s Day** is **Monday, November 1**. For St. Brendan’s that means our tradition of reciting the Necrology by naming all who have been part of our prayers who have died in the last 12 months. All former members will automatically be included in the reading of the Necrology during the service. Contact Katie [stbrendansKatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendansKatie@gmail.com), if you have name/s of people you would like to have remembered.



We celebrate the **October wedding anniversaries** of:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3 Emily & Brad Zupancic        | 4 Ruth & Steve Horton         | 17 Mary & Karl Haider           |
| 17 Kelli & Bobby Cerra         | 17 Brigid & James Christenson | 22 Saundy & Tom Waseleski       |
| 24 Shellie Hipsky & Ken Judson | 25 Joan & Paul Klinefelter    | 31 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet |



We celebrate the **October birthdays** of:

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| 1 Kate Heston        | 1 Ken Parsons            | 2 Annemarie Malbon | 3 Michael Long      |
| 6 Nicholas Fleissner | 7 LuAnn Aldridge         | 15 John Riley      | 17 Mary Haider      |
| 18 Conor Wick        | 20 Michael Newton        | 21 Judy Flick      | 23 Anthony Crawford |
| 23 Gail Gil          | 23 Archer William Malbon | 24 Caitlyn Schantz | 29 Karen Dennis     |
|                      |                          |                    | 31 Darrell Johnson  |

**Bible Lite.** Beginning **Tuesday Evening, October 12 at 6:00** – Bible Lite with Pastor Julie returns. At this time, we are going to read the prophecies in Isaiah and the fulfilment of the prophecies in Luke. That’s right – we are getting ready for Advent and Christmas by reading in October, November and into December. We can do it! Let me know if you are interested by emailing [jlspone1@gmail.com](mailto:jlspone1@gmail.com).



**It’s time to make the cookies!** Every year Brendanites, their families and sometimes their friends make cookies for our famous Cookie Walk which is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This year that date is **November 20, 2021**. We will be doing both a drive through and inside pick your own cookies (details to follow). We are also adding 5 varieties of soup to our menu sold by the quart.

We have planned an exciting new raffle idea since we won’t be adding the holiday vendors this year. We are going to raffle off a freezer full of meat! The freezer will be filled with \$500 worth of meat and we’re including a \$100 gift card that the winner can use to purchase fixings for a thanksgiving dinner.

For now, we need bakers and volunteers. Last year we had about 1100 dozen cookies. Small gourmet cookies are always the most popular. Cookies can be made ahead of time, brought to the church and put in the “cookie freezer” in the kitchen. Please mark the container with your name, the name of the cookie, and whether or not there are nuts in the recipe.

The sign-up sheets is in the Narthex or send me an email at [Kdennis54@verizon.net](mailto:Kdennis54@verizon.net) or call me at 412-580-2755. Thanks, Karen Dennis

**CRIES Advocacy, (Christian Response In Emergency Situations)**, meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service where they determine the distribution of St. Brendan’s 10% tithe of our pledged income. This week we are supporting the work of two organizations. The first is Operation Safety Net, a local ministry that provides food, blankets and medical care to homeless persons living under the bridges in Pittsburgh. [www.pmhs.org](http://www.pmhs.org). The other is Southern Poverty Law Center, a national organization that fights racism, white supremacy and intolerance through legislative and educational efforts. [www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org).

Each person present has an equal voice and vote. The next meeting will be **Sunday, October 17**. All are welcome.

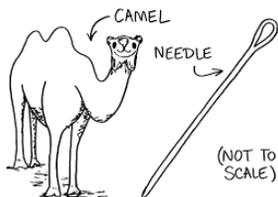
**2021 September CRIES Distribution**, always posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Brother’s Brother Foundation (hurricane IDA relief)	\$ 500.00
Episcopal Relief & Development (hurricane IDA relief)	\$ 500.00
Miryam’s Kitchen	\$ 300.00
Re Visions (fair learning environment)	\$ 615.00
POWER PA (aid women with addiction)	\$ 650.00
Light of Life Rescue Mission (Thanksgiving dinners)	\$ 615.00
Operation Safety Net	\$ 680.00
Southern Poverty Law Center	\$ 730.00
Brother Andre’s Café (Jobs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities)	\$ 410.00

We still have several open squares on our **FOOTBALL POOL** for **October 17**, when the Steelers play the Seahawks. All white squares are available and are being sold for \$10 each. In addition to participating yourselves, please try to involve family, neighbors and friends. Please call or email Katie [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com) to make arrangements to purchase empty squares.

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		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
SEAHAWKS	a	AS	Ba	CM	TP	Ea	AK	MS	LL	la	PM
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	c	EK	LT	AS	SH	Ec	AB	RB	KC	lc	GV
	d	RT	LM	Cd	AS	KG	Fd	LT	Hd	AK	Jd
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	f	GV	MS	Cf	GS	KG	AS	Gf	KP	If	SB
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## The Children's Corner



**Have you even gotten up late**, tried to get dressed in a hurry only to find a hole in your sock, or a button missing from your shirt? We can fix these problems by darning the sock or sewing a new button onto our shirts.

It's pretty easy if you know how, and have the right equipment – a needle, some thread, and the ability to get the thread through the eye of the needle. Now look at this picture. Can you imagine how a camel can go through the eye of a needle? By the way, the eye is part of the needle that has a loop, where we put our thread to sew.

It can be hard to get the thread through the needle. The thread is kind of flimsy, so we might wet the thread, and the eye of the needle is pretty small. And they seem to get smaller the older I get.

In our Gospel this week, a young man asked Jesus what he needed to do to go to heaven. Jesus said you already know, follow the commandments. Don't do the bad things and make sure you do the good ones – don't kill any one, don't steal, cheat or lie, make sure you honor your father and your mother.

The young man said, great – I've done all of these things since I was a little boy, so I'll go to heaven. He even kind of boasted that he had never broken a commandment. (Think about that – never broke a commandment. Never lied, or rolled his eyes when his parents said to do something, or said he had already done something but hadn't.) Then Jesus said, not so fast – you need to do one more thing – sell all you have and give the money to the poor.

Instead of being joyful, the young man walked away – sad. He was not willing to do that one last thing to go to heaven.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven."

And you might say – what??? That's impossible.

But Jesus then said - "With man this is impossible, but not with God. With God, *all* things are possible."





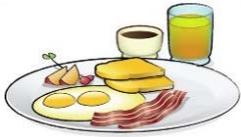
Coming soon (next week) **Storymakers NYC**. The diocese purchased a new curriculum for children across the diocese and we are participating in using this curriculum. Beginning next week, Pastor Julie will be distributing 'zines for young ones – ages 6-12. If you are interested, this is a program that is easy for parents and church leaders to use, with little to no outside preparation needed. Contact Pastor Julie ([jlsphone1@gmail.com](mailto:jlsphone1@gmail.com)) for more information.



**CALLING ALL young people** – those between 12 and 18 or in grades 7 to 12 – do you have questions about the Bible (like Can I trust the Bible?) or God (why does God allow suffering or does God discriminate against women or gay people?). Then join us at youth group. Cameron Grosh and Pastor Julie will be leading discussions twice a month on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning on October 4. Let us know if you are coming so we can order enough pizza and books by emailing Pastor Julie at [jlsphone1@gmail.com](mailto:jlsphone1@gmail.com).



**The North Hills Food Bank** is currently running low on supplies. They particularly would like boxed potatoes, pasta, and canned chicken. Please bring non-perishable food items/donations when you come on Sunday or any time the church is open, and you can leave them in the shopping cart in the narthex. Go to their website at <http://northhillsfoodbank.org/donations/> for a full list of what they need right now. Anything you can give will help. Thank you!



**St. Brendan's Men's** breakfast for October will be at the Bob Evans in Cranberry on **Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. I hope you will join us then. Please e-mail Steve Horton ([stephenshorton@gmail.com](mailto:stephenshorton@gmail.com)) by Sunday dinnertime so that can give them a number to expect.

Located at 932 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046 ([\(724\) 776-4190](tel:7247764190)). Menu: <https://www.bobevans.com/menu>



**Next Public Forum: Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 pm** via zoom. Our next Public Forum is entitled "**See Us For Who We Are: Life After Incarceration**". Terry Minor Spencer, a formerly incarcerated community activist, will speak on her experiences in the criminal justice system, and the various work she does. She wears a number of hats, including PIIN's (Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network) paid organizer for their Ex-Prisoners Organizing (EXPO) project. To register and receive the Zoom link, email [sregistration@uucnh.org](mailto:sregistration@uucnh.org). This Forum is planned by the Unitarian Universalists of the North Hills, one of the three churches in our newly-formed group, Faith in Action. St. Brendan's and Trinity Lutheran Church also participate in this group.

Come to St. Brendan's Watch Party: We will be holding a Watch Party in our Hospitality Room for anyone who would rather watch the Forum with other Brendanites. Just come to St. Brendan's around 6:30 - 7:00. Bring a snack and/or a beverage if you'd like. Hope to see you there!

## Senior Warden's Corner

**It can be surprisingly challenging to recall just what life was like before COVID.** Almost two years ago, we were forced into adopting new routines and new behaviors that at first seemed strange but rapidly became a "new normal." (And I'm not at all sure which of those two phases unsettled me more!) But it is important sometimes to look back to the way things used to be, so that we do not unwittingly allow what was rich and generative in pre-COVID times to slip permanently out of sight.

For example, early fall was the season when St. Brendan's used to run its **Ministry Fair**. After the 10:00 service, most of the congregation would stay for a half hour or more to visit each of a series of tables set out around the perimeter of the Social Hall. At each table sat a Brendanite or two ready and eager to explain an activity or ministry that they led or in which they participated. New members of the parish gained an appreciation for the richness of the faith community they had joined, and everyone was encouraged to think prayerfully about how best to match their talents and experience with projects sponsored by the church.

Today, attendance at our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist is steady at around forty, but only fifteen or so of those folks are comfortable staying for Coffee Hour. Holding a Ministry Fair now would reach at best a small fraction of those whom we need to inform about St. Brendan's many opportunities to serve others. I therefore plan to devote my Senior Warden's Corners throughout October to highlighting just a few of those opportunities. This cannot be a comprehensive review but I hope it will whet your appetite to learn more. Fr. Regis, the wardens, and the members of the Vestry would all be delighted to chat with you about ways in which you too can become a member of the parish in the fullest and most rewarding sense of that word.

Look for my first "**Ministry Spotlights**" in next week's Little Log!

**Senior Warden, Tim Austin**



**Hospitality Hour Volunteers are still needed!** We are looking for individuals, couples or families who plan to be at church for the 10:00 Sunday Eucharist in the coming weeks who would be willing to host. Numbers are modest at the moment. We urge you to keep the refreshments simple (coffee or lemonade, doughnuts or cookies). To volunteer, contact Katie. [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com).

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**“The Difficult Words of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine - 7 Week 1 Hour Zoom Study.** In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. Join us for a 7 week, 1 hour, Zoom study of this book facilitated by Ruth Getz at **1:30 pm on Tuesdays** beginning on **Tuesday, October 19**. Please send an email to Katie [StBrendansKatie@gmail.com](mailto:StBrendansKatie@gmail.com) indicating if you would like to participate. Books can be purchased from Amazon. A minimum of 4 participants is required.

Background: Jesus proved his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah as God’s word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks damnations (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil’s children (John 8:44). Amy-Jill Levine is a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. An internationally renowned scholar and teacher she is the author of numerous books. She is also the coeditor of *Jewish Annotated New Testament*.

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**Support Bethlehem Haven.** The Social Justice committee is hosting a service project for [Bethlehem Haven](#) through October 10th. Bethlehem Haven’s mission is to provide a continuum of care for homeless individuals that leads toward self-sufficiency.

#### Ways to Help

- Shop Bethlehem Haven’s [Amazon wish list](#). These items ship directly to Bethlehem Haven.
- Buy items from the attached *Bethlehem Haven Wish List* and drop them off at church on Sundays. Look for the bin labeled, Bethlehem Haven.

If sending items directly to Bethlehem Haven, please report your donations to Sara Byrne ([sas.byrne@gmail.com](mailto:sas.byrne@gmail.com)) so that we can total our impact! **Questions?** Contact Sara Byrne, [sas.byrne@gmail.com](mailto:sas.byrne@gmail.com)

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**Would you like to be a banner bearer?!** As we hope you already know, Reverend Dr. Ketlen Solak will be consecrated as our new bishop on Saturday morning, November 13 at Calvary Episcopal Church. Each parish in the Diocese has been asked to name one of its members to carry a banner in the procession that precedes the service. The Vestry considered who to nominate and decided to invite any member of St. Brendan’s who is interested to submit her/his name. We will then draw a name at random from the pool of names submitted. **To be considered as our banner bearer, please send your name to Katie by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8. A name will be drawn early the following week and announced in the Little Log for Thursday, October 14.**



**Haitian Project:** At St. Brendan’s we have been supporting one of our members, Isaac, who is committed to helping people in his homeland of Haiti. We have been collecting clothes and other used items for him to send to Haiti. Last year, Isaac completely filled a used truck which he had purchased with many donated items. It was driven to Miami and then sent on a boat to Haiti. A few of the items were damaged by a leak in one corner of the truck, and Isaac has taken precautions to prevent leaks from happening again. Most of the items survived the trip and are now being used and appreciated by the Haitians. You can see pictures of children using items that were shipped on top of the donation box in front of the church.

Now Isaac has bought two used school buses. One is completely full for shipment to Haiti. We need donations of summer clothes and shoes for adults and children. The adult sizes are medium to small but all sizes of men’s shirts can be used. Also needed are bikes, cookware, tools, gardening tools, sewing machines, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, cribs, towels, bedding, sleeping bags and comforters. If you would like to purchase something, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bars of soap are appreciated. We will be collecting for 6 weeks or so. If you cannot drop off items at the church to put into the donation box, call Joyce Donadee 412-849-9816 to make other arrangements.

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## Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

Please join **Our Right to Clean Air – Tuesday October 12, 2021** Noon via zoom. Fourth Virtual Grassroots Town Hall.

[Sign Up on Eventbrite!](#)

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## Requested Prayers

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan’s, especially; Larry Toler, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Larry Tarrant, Matthew, Mark Shoemaker and Bill Spoonhoward.

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

For our family members, especially; Mike Dixon, John Barie, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Tom Groves, Marie Hazelton, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially; Tony Mascaro, Shari Mancini, Becky Horton, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

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# October 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
October 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> John Appledorn 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Appledorn P Michael Donadee <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Ellen Groves 10 Phoebe Juel	~	~	Cameron Grosh Tim Austin	Tim Austin	Need Volunteer
October 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
October 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> AJ McKenna 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dean Peters P Donna Aiello <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Shari Tarrant	~	~	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Larry Toler	Ken Parsons Regis Smolko
October 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
October 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Donadee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annemarie Malbon P Donna Aiello <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Joan Klinefelter 10 Janice Moore	~	~	Donna Aiello John Appledorn	Janice Moore	Need Volunteer
October 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
October 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Schneider 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Appledorn P Mary Bertucci <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Kathy Miller	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Allison Kline
October 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
October 31 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 5th	8 Nancy Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> (Children) 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Children) P (Children)	8 Dottie Antonucci 10 Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Allyson Baierl Michael Donadee	Cameron Grosh	Need Volunteer

