



### This Week at St. Brendan's

<b>Sunday</b>	(6-2)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:15 a.m.	Miryam's preparation
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		2:00 p.m.	Miryam's delivery
<b>Monday</b>	(6-3)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		6:00 p.m.	Rite 13 Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	(6-4)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		2:00 p.m.	Tai Chi
		7:00 p.m.	Love Teach Heal
<b>Wednesday</b>	(6-5)	7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	(6-6)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Book Club
<b>Saturday</b>	(6-8)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

### Serving Sunday, June 2, 2019

<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Regis Smolko
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	8:00 a.m. Charlotte Pierce
	10:00 a.m. Alan Schneider
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Acolyte team
<b>Prayers:</b>	Theresa Bryant
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>	Stacey Coyle
	Alan Schneider
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Tammy Spoonhoward
	Brigid Christenson
<b>FISH:</b>	Allison Kline
<b>Godly Play:</b>	TBD
<b>Door:</b>	TBD
<b>Nursery:</b>	Stacy Connifey
	Libby Juel
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joyce & Michael Donadee
<b>Vestry:</b>	Tom Waseleski
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Linda & Alan Schneider
<b>LEM:</b>	Joyce Donadee

## The Priest's Corner

### What Does It Mean When Your 300-Year-Old Tree Gets Struck by Lightning?

I'm sure everyone who attends St. Brendan's knows that we have a special tree right outside our church that is hundreds of years old — I've heard estimates ranging between 250 and 350 years. This stately oak stands as our natural-stained-glass window mosaic, just to the left of the altar as you gaze to the front of the sanctuary from your seats. It fills two or more windows, depending on your angle of vision.

It supplies the canopy for our outdoor worship space during the summer months. It serves as a choir loft for birds, squirrels and an occasional sleep-deprived owl every Sunday. It supplies a rustling-of-leaves melody to our worship and shares parts of itself all over the benches and altar to remind us that we are renting space from a benevolent landlord. It takes on the burden-share of the sunlight, saving us from the inconvenience of sunscreen as we praise God. It provides an interesting, intriguing diversion from a sermon that might forget that its awesomeness is sermon enough on most Sundays. What a buffer it is from the cars that travel up and down McAleer Road on early Sunday mornings. We have come to presume it will always be there because it always has been — it seems.

St. Brendan's has been good to that tree over the years. We have an arborist who looks after it fairly regularly and gives us professional advice as to how we should treat our massive gift. When construction of the current worship space and downstairs rooms was undertaken about two decades ago, Brendanites insisted that no heavy equipment drive over our great oak's roots. This inconvenienced the construction workers and cost a bit more money and some extra time, but we love our tree. Ask a few of our tree huggers — some are known and many are anonymous. I don't believe anyone named our massive oak, but a few swear they found the face of Jesus in it more than once. We know that it is a work of God. We love our tree.

And our tree loves us! This past week it took a lightning bolt and spared our church from potential destruction. Our tree is so much taller than the church and serves us as a lightning rod — a protector. How we love it! How it loves us! When I took a walk out to see the damage to our mighty oak, my heart broke a little because our dear tree was wounded. When lightning hits a tree, the water in the cells beneath the bark is heated and boils. According to Texas A&M University's Agrilife Extension, the lightning strike itself can produce temperatures greater than 50,000 degrees and an electrical charge of 100 million volts. Steam is generated along the path of the strike and there's a cell explosion in the wood, leading to strips of wood and bark being blown off the tree. The pathway of the strike on our tree is from the top of the tree straight down to the roots. It's very sad to see this trauma.

There's good news and bad news awaiting us, according to Wayne K. Clatterbuck, professor of forestry from the University of Tennessee. Here's the good news: If only one side of the tree shows evidence of a lightning strike, there's a good chance the tree will survive and the wound will eventually close. However, many trees are severely injured internally below ground despite the absence of external symptoms. There can be major root damage. Our junior warden, Ruth Horton, is in touch with our arborist and we will soon get a diagnosis and treatment plan.

I announced last week that we would begin outdoor services under our beloved tree this Sunday. As we await the professional's recommendation, we will postpone our outdoor services until we are certain of safety for all our beloved Brendanites. Let's pray that our tree will survive. If the time has come for our tree to participate in another form of nature, let us ask the Lord to be with us as we get used to that possibility.

Sincerely, Regis+

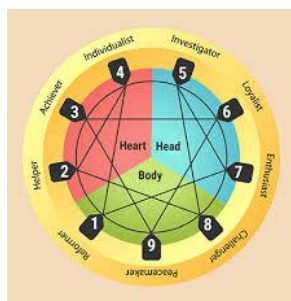
## Announcements



Contributions to the Brendan's Family and Friends fund were made by:  
Marcy Little, wishing St. Brendan's a happy birthday.  
Cat Munz and Bill Phelps, also wishing St. Brendan's a happy birthday.

### Speaker Series

What a fantastic team effort! Whether you invited your friends and families, donated or created a beautiful basket, supervised parking, shuttled guests, sold entry tickets, took registrations, publicized the event, helped with set-up and clean-up, you contributed to making Tuesday night's fundraiser with speaker Rob Rogers a huge success with a net profit over \$2,100.



### A Contemplative Exploration of the Enneagram: (THIS Saturday, June 1) A retreat to deepen your union with God

"The Enneagram is an ancient spiritual tool given renewed energy." – Rev. Richard Rohr

The purpose of the Enneagram is the transformation of consciousness so that we can realize our essence, our true self. Personality development and character building will happen as a corollary but are not its primary goal. The primary goal of any spiritual tool is union with God and Truth. We get united with ourselves in the process! This is a guide to self-understanding and love; a tool for personal growth and development with personal insight into our deepest motivations, fears and desires.

All adults are invited to attend on Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. here at St. Brendan's. Lunch will be served. A donation of \$10 to \$20 would be appreciated to cover the costs of this retreat.

### Presenters of this retreat:

**Maria Hooper, MD**, is a primary care physician in Pittsburgh for over 25 years who believes in and works toward whole-person health and wellness. She has also been trained under Richard Rohr and attended the Living School at the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Timothy St. Onge, PsyD, PhD, Sensei**, has been a professional counselor in private practice, spiritual mentor and educator for 40 years. He has studied and practiced a variety of meditation methods including Mindfulness, Centering Prayer and other eastern and western practices. His current research interests are in best practices for secular contemplative living, educational approaches and meaning centered psychotherapy.

To register for the retreat, contact Katie at 412-364-5974 or [stbrendans@comcast.net](mailto:stbrendans@comcast.net).

St. Brendan's  
Supper Club

### St. Brendan's Supper Club

There was not enough interest, so we will take a break and try again next year.



### Book Club (Thursday, June 6)

The Book Club is reading "American Princess: The Many Lives of Allene Tew" this month by Annejet van der Zijl, a Dutch writer who looks at the life of a small-town American girl who climbed the international social strata in America and Europe in the Gilded Age. One of her stops is Pittsburgh! Join us as we meet to discuss, have some fun and work on next season's reading list at 7 p.m. in the church library.



**St. Brendan's 32nd birthday bash** has come and gone, and a good time was had by all! Brendanites generously donated over \$3,800 towards a birthday gift of social hall acoustic tiles. That is 48% of our targeted \$8,000 goal. If you would like to help improve the sound quality in the social hall, please consider making a BFF donation today. Donation cards can be found on the birthday poster or on the sign-up sheet table in the narthex. Please complete a card and place it, along with your donation, in the collection plate or in Katie's basket. Thank you for your support!



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### **Pittsburgh Pride Equality March (Sunday, June 9)**

- Meet at the church at 10 a.m. if you'd like to carpool to the event. Sign up in the narthex to participate.
- Line up on the Boulevard of the Allies in downtown Pittsburgh between Grant Street and Commonwealth Place by 12:15 p.m. The march begins at 12:30.
- You may purchase a T-shirt for \$10; sizes are Youth through Adult 3x. Style is rainbow colors with a design on front that says "I ♥ my church"; on the back is the St Brendan's logo. To purchase, sign the sheet in the narthex.
- For more info, please contact Larry Toler, [LDTOLER@aol.com](mailto:LDTOLER@aol.com) or 256-710-5487.



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### **Wear red! (Sunday, June 9)**

On Pentecost we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, they were followers of Jesus, but there was no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." So Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. We wear red on Pentecost to remind us of the Holy Spirit.

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**Help wanted.** Looking for a way to pitch in at St. Brendan's but not sure how? Here's a place where your help is needed.

*Merry Meal Makers.* Our parish is expanding, and so is the need to help members during a trying time with a delivered meal. The MMMs are volunteers who prepare (or purchase) a meal and take them to a parishioner who has been ill, lost a loved one, delivered a baby, etc. Volunteers are notified when a parishioner's need arises and receive a list of dates from which they can choose to bring a meal to that member. This is a simple but important ministry, and most of the work is done at home. For more information please contact Saundy Waseleski at 412-741-8727 or [swaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:swaseleski@comcast.net).



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### **St. Brendan's Picnic (Sunday, June 23)**

The annual parish picnic will be held once again at Latham Shelter in North Park. The day's regular 10:00 a.m. church service will be replaced by an outdoor 11:00 a.m. service at the picnic site, where food and fun will follow. If you'd like to participate, please sign up in the narthex.

The 8:00 a.m. Eucharist service will be held at the church as usual.

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### **Blast Off on an Epic Adventure with Us! (June 24-28)**

At this summer's Vacation Bible School, To Mars and Beyond, children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

VBS includes high-energy opening assemblies, Bible stories, interactive Bible lessons, art projects, music, snacks, and recreational time. All children ages 4 to 11 are welcome to join the adventure.



- Where: St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
- When: June 24-28, Monday through Friday
- Time: 9 a.m. to noon
- Cost: \$20 for first child; \$5 for each sibling.

Registration forms are available on-line at [www.stbrendans.org](http://www.stbrendans.org) or in the narthex.

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### **VOYAGER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Vacation Bible School is not just for children! There are a number of ways adults and youth can help with To Mars and Beyond.

- Lead music and worship
- Coordinate crafts
- Facilitate games
- Lead Bible stories
- Prepare and serve snacks
- Serve as prayer partners

See Allison Kline if you are able to volunteer or sign up in the narthex.

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**CRIS Advocacy.** (Christian Response In Emergency Situations) meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote.

This week we are praying for the work of Society of St. John the Evangelist, an Episcopal monastery in Boston that ministers through workshops, retreats, prayer and spiritual direction ([www.SSJE.org](http://www.SSJE.org)) and Operation Safety Net, a local ministry that distributes food, blankets and medical care to homeless persons in Pittsburgh ([www.pmhs](http://www.pmhs)).

The next meeting will be **Sunday, June 16.** All are welcome.

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**Do you have a special prayer request?** You can write one and leave it on the prayer plate by Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8:00 a.m. worship service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope, and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to [stbrendans.coh@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendans.coh@gmail.com). Community of Hope members will include those persons in daily prayers, or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.

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**North Hills Food Pantry** In celebration of St. Brendan's Birthday, our focus this month is on collecting birthday items; such as cake mix, flour, sugar, icing, etc. As always, all non-perishable food items or paper products are welcome. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, [ldtoler@aol.com](mailto:ldtoler@aol.com). Thank you for your support.



### Used ink cartridges

St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridge in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.

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We all find ourselves back at the grocery store every week, right? Do you know that you can help raise funds for St. Brendan's when you shop?! Purchase your groceries using Giant Eagle or Kuhn's gift cards bought at church. Because St. Brendan's buys the cards in bulk, the church makes 5 percent on every sale. Cards are sold after both services on Sundays. You can also purchase them during business hours in the church office. **It's the no-sweat fundraiser!**

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**Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry** Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel-size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis's office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

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### Healing Communities

There will be a Healing Communities training Saturday, June 22, 1-6 pm, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 600 Pitt Street in Wilkinsburg.

Healing Communities training, a proven national model, equips congregations to become stations of hope by building relationships of healing, redemption, and reconciliation. Here is a link that describes the results of this training elsewhere in powerful detail. <http://www.aecf.org/resources/balancing-justice-with-mercy/>.

Congregations are encouraged to send a group of at least three leaders/active members in order to effectively implement the model in their setting. The training is open to all and free to Episcopalians, and no one will be excluded for inability to pay.

The training, arranged through the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be given by Rev. Sandra Strauss, Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. She is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She can be reached at [s.strauss@pachurches.org](mailto:s.strauss@pachurches.org) or 717-545-4761. Feel free to contact Regis if you're interested.

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**Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule and the June ministry calendar.**



# June 2019

## Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
<b>June 2</b> Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Alan Schneider P Theresa Bryant C Stacey Coyle C Alan Schneider LEV Joyce Donadee	Tammy Spoonhoward Brigid Christenson	Fish Allison Kline Godly Play TBD Door TBD	Stacy Connifey Silvia Bertucci	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Tom Waseleski	Linda & Alan Schneider
<b>June 5</b> Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
<b>June 9</b> Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Nate Boyd P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Sylvia Affleck Janet Fesq	End of year celebration	Stacy Connifey Sarika Sethia	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Janice Moore	Susan Shoemaker Margie Davies
<b>June 12</b> Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
<b>June 16</b> Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Susan Shoemaker P Anne Hunt C Tim Austin C Debbie Wunsche LEV Darrell Johnson	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Chris Botti	Annemarie Malbon Janet Fesq
<b>June 19</b> Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
<b>June 23</b> Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Debbie Wunsche P Susan Shoemaker C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Stacey Coyle	Terry Dezort Anelisa Tarrant	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Annemarie Malbon	Parish Picnic
<b>June 26</b> Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
<b>June 30</b> Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck L Children P Children C Theresa Bryant C Debbie Wunsche LEV Joyce Donadee	Chris Botti Shari Tarrant	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Larry Toler	Jillian Mooman Cameron Grosh



# Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2018  September 2019

## October 2018

- 7 Nancy & George Snyder
- 14 Pat Carl & Joan Beatrous
- 21 Animal Blessing
- 28 Gail Gagnon & Karen Dennis

## November 2018

- 4 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 11 Darrell Johnson & Ruth Horton
- 18 Eric Helmsen & Joni Reis
- 25 Nancy & Wilder Bancroft

## December 2018

- 2 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 9 Chris & Roger Botti
- 16 Anelisa Tarrant & Janet Fesq
- 23 Julia Wick & Ken Parsons
- 30 Rob & George Latta

## January 2019

- 6 Kate & Keith Heston
- 13 Anne & Jno Hunt
- 20 Julia & Mike Wick
- 27 Mary & Jim Evanochko

## February 2019

- 3 The Fleissner family
- 10 Janice & Dan Moore
- 17 Ken Parsons & Regis Smolke
- 24 Amy & Kevin Boyd

## March 2019

- 3 Mary & Dale Bertucci
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Meske
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Lauren Chappo & Becca Sands

## April 2019

- 7 Karen & Dean Peters
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aielle
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Pot Luck

## May 2019

- 5 Kelli Cerra & Ellen Groves
- 12 Mother's Day/Bishop's visit
- 19 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 26 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

## June 2019

- 2 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Jillian Mooman & Cameron Grosh

## July 2019

- 7 Stacy Connifey & Mary Haider
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

## August 2019

- 4 Joan & Paul Klinefelter
- 11 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 26 Theresa Bryant

## September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelus
- 8 Laureen & Todd Douds
- 15 The Aretz & Kinley family
- 22 Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich
- 29 Jean Pett-Ridge & Marge Marine



### **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.

### **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS**

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Pat Carl  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen  
Green Thumb Gang: Roger Botti  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant  
Invite Welcome Connect: Brad Thompson  
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski  
Nursery: Stacy Connifey  
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: Mark Shoemaker  
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
Debbie Jennings  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski  
Jr. Warden & Education: Ruth Horton  
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin  
Fundraising & Clerk: Chris Botti  
Finance & Technology: Kevin Boyd  
Communication: Annemarie Malbon  
Inreach/Hospitality/Secretary: Janice Moore  
Newcomers: Dean Peters  
Invite/Welcome/Connect & Outreach: Larry Toler  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Tammy Spoonhoward  
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck  
Libby Juel  
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS**

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
English as a Second Language: Joyce Donadee  
Elizabeth Murphy  
Linda Schneider  
Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson  
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton  
Garden of Hope: **Open**  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
Janice & Dan Moore  
Stacy Connifey  
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee  
Jim Evanochko

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