



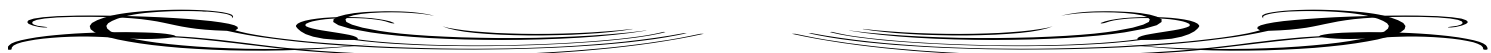
Sunday, August 29, 2021

Celebrant: 10:00 am The Rev. Dr. Julie Smith

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, and
 10:00 am Worship, via live streaming 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



A Building Family & Friends (BFF) donation
 was given in celebration of Larry Flick's 80th Heavenly Happy Birthday, from Judy.

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.

Senior Warden's Corner

"Change is inevitable—except from a vending machine." This saying (attributed to Robert C. Gallagher, the one-time director of the Green Bay Packers) has lost some of its punch, because today's vending machines increasingly accept only credit cards—which of course reinforces precisely the common-sense point that Gallagher was making in the first place!

It's not always easy to accept the changes that come our way. The familiar is reassuring. We like to say that "we know where we stand." Indeed, one aspect of the Episcopalian tradition that many (but not all!) find attractive is the very fact that it is "traditional," with roots running back through the centuries and a way of using the English language that often echoes a bygone era.

At St. Brendan's, our sense of the familiar is going to be tested in the coming months. The splendid white oak at the south end of the Sanctuary, which was struck by lightning two years ago, is becoming a threat to the building and has to come down. The view through the windows behind the altar will not be what we see today (and will remember for a while). Meanwhile the work of the Discernment Committee, culminating in a call to a new priest-in-charge, will inevitably lead us towards other changes—some easy to accept, some perhaps more challenging.

What we trust is that God will ultimately provide both the spiritual leader St. Brendan's needs so that we can fulfil the role God wants it to play and some inspiring ideas about how to repurpose the outdoor chapel after the oak is gone. Change is indeed inevitable—but it need not depress us if we focus on what lies ahead.

Senior Warden, Tim Austin



We celebrate the September birthdays of:

1 Ethan Burdette
11 Phoebe Juel
13 Jason Konley
15 George Latta
18 Anelisa Tarrant

1 Tony Turo
12 AJ McKenna
14 Even Basehor
16 Wesley Sands
22 Melinda Bell

3 Luke Cerra
13 Sylvia Affleck
14 Tash Zukowski
17 Ida LaQuatra
23 Michael Donadee

8 Griffin Wick
13 Bobby Cerra
15 Max Karn
18 Rory Sands
26 Lauren Chappo

Children's Corner

Signs & Rules

How do we know which side of road to drive on? What about when to sit, when to kneel, and when to stand in church? And now how do we know when and where to wear our masks? When I was a little girl, there was a song called *Signs*, and the refrain was

Sign, sign
Everywhere a sign
Blockin' out the scenery
Breakin' my mind
Do this, don't do that
Can't you read the sign?



So we have signs that tell us what to do and where to go. With school starting, you may have noticed even more signs – which way to walk in the hall, how to be quiet in the hall, where the cafeteria is. Although that one may be obvious – the big room with food and tables to eat at is probably the cafeteria. But now there are more signs there, how close to sit and maybe even “Did you remember to wash your hands?”

Hand washing is very important. The CDC tells us we should wash our hands frequently. Some people carry hand wipes, disinfectant wipes, and disinfectant lotion with them to keep their hands as clean as possible.

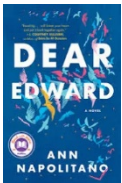
In Jesus' day, we read about similar rules and the group of people who enforced the rules – the Pharisees. These people thought they were the bosses of everyone and like to get in peoples faces about the rules – especially if they thought the rules were being broken.

They said to Jesus, hey we noticed your disciples are eating without washing their hands. So they asked, "Why don't they follow our tradition of washing their hands before they eat?" And this made Jesus angry. He thought they were more concerned about the rules than the meaning of the rule or why the rule existed. Jesus thought hand washing was good, but wanted people to do the action for the right reason, not worship the rule but to honor God.

Jesus said, “Hmmm. I think Isaiah must have been thinking of you when he said, ‘Some people honor me with their lips but their heart isn't even close to me.’” Then Jesus said to the people and said, “I want you all to understand that there is nothing that will make you dirty from the outside. It's what's inside you that makes the difference.” Those things inside us like envy, lying, sneaking around, stealing, cheating, the bad things we might think of doing.

Jesus wants us to think about which is more important - clean hands or a clean heart. While clean hands help to keep us healthy, a clean heart keeps our spirit healthy.

Peace,
Julie+



Mark your calendars! The next meeting of the **Book Club** will be held at the church on **Thursday, September 2, 2021** at 7pm. Please join us as we discuss "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano. It is the story of a 12-year-old boy who is the lone survivor of a plane crash that tragically results in the deaths of 191 passengers including his family. As Edward struggles to cope, letters from others affected by the crash spark a journey of healing and self-discovery. Feel free to join us as we share our thoughts and perspectives on this work of fiction inspired by true events! For more information about Book Club, contact Chris Botti via email at shadypatch@msn.com. Hope to see you there!



A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor a special day or loved one while supporting unbudgeted building needs of our church. BFF funds have been used to purchase various items.

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Hospitality Hour Volunteers Needed! St. Brendan's has re-instituted Hospitality Hour! We are therefore looking for individuals, couples or families who plan to be at church for the 10:00 Sunday Eucharist in the coming weeks and would be willing to host. This is not a big deal. Numbers are modest at the moment (perhaps 25 people) and we urge you to keep the refreshments simple (coffee or lemonade, doughnuts or cookies). You can set up outdoors if the weather is nice or in the Social Hall if it is not. To volunteer, contact Katie. (stbrendanskatie@gmail.com).



Brendan's Boots, the parish hiking group, will hit the trail at Fall Run Park in Shaler on **Tuesday, Aug. 31**. The shady, wooded gorge contains a stream and a 30-foot waterfall. Participants will meet at the church at 9 a.m. and carpool to the park. After the walk, the group will enjoy lunch at Bonefish Grill at McCandless Crossing. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Waseleski (twaseleski@comcast.net).



St. Brendan's Adopt-a-Highway crew will hold its next trash pickup on **Saturday, Sept. 4**. Anyone age 14 and up may take part by meeting at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpooling to the Camp Horne interchange of I-279 in Ohio Township. The cleanup is over by 10:45 a.m. Please contact Tom Waseleski (twaseleski@comcast.net) if you'd like to help.

THIS Saturday, the Transition Committee, is inviting all parish members to a farewell party **for Bishop Dorsey & Betsy McConnell**.

At the Bishop's request, they are holding a Pig Roast (with other foods, too) at Christ Church, North Hills, on Saturday the 28th from 4 pm to 7 pm. Friends are invited to drop by for as little or as long as they wish, and there is no charge for this event. And kids, of course, are welcomed! Here's the link to the invitation: <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/a-pig-roast-and-more/>

The event will take place rain or shine, they have tents.



Requested Prayers:

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Karen Peters, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Larry Tarrant, Matthew, Mark Shoemaker, Larry Toler and Mark Kinley.

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

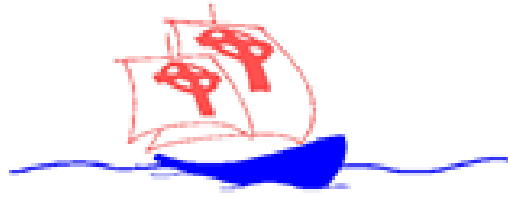
For our family members, especially; Mike Dixon, Jennifer Archer, John Barie, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Patrick Schantz, Steve Parsons, Marie Hazelton, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

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



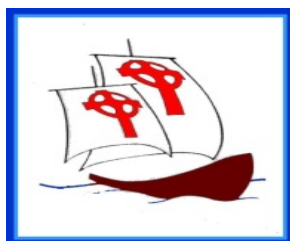
August 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
August 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd AJ McKenna P Kate Heston	Dottie Antonucci Shari Tarrant	~	~	Eric Helmsen Michael Donadee	Donna Aiello	Linda Limberis
August 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Donna Aiello (virtual) P Mary Bertucci	Sylvia Affleck Libby Juel	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Tim Austin	LuAnn Aldridge
August 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Tony Turo (virtual) P Tony Turo	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	~	~	John Appledorn Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Linda Limberis
August 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Nate Boyd 2 nd Linda Limberis (virtual) P John Appledorn	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Tim Austin Donna Aiello	Janice Moore	Megan Overby Tim Austin
August 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 5th	8 George Snyder 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	~	~	~	Larry Toler	Kathy & Dave Miller



September 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
September 1 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Alan Schneider P Linda Limberis <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Joan Klinefelter 10 Shari Tarrant	~	~	Tim Austin Michael Donadee	Larry Toler	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati
September 8 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Nancy Snyder 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Annemarie Malbon P Kate Heston <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Libby Juel	~	~	Dale & Anthony Bertucci	Cameron Grosh	Kate & Keith Heston
September 15 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Kate Heston P Tony Turo <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Ellen Groves 10 Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Donna Aiello John Appledorn	Janice Moore	Need volunteer
September 22 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children) <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Kathy Miller	~	~	Allyson Baierl Eric Helmsen	Donna Aiello	Need Volunteer
September 29 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~



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: Tim Austin
Jr. Warden: Janice Moore
Adult Formation: Ron Ladick
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Lauren Ramakrishna
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Larry Toler
Inreach & Hospitality: Tim Austin
Newcomers: Tim Austin
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Safety & Security: Ron Ladick
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Stewardship: Larry Toler
Worship: Cameron Grosh

Treasurer: Ellen Groves
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Botti

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

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

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: Karen Dennis
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
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Parish Profile: Inactive
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: George Snyder
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
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 Debbie Jennings
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 Annemarie Malbon

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Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
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ESL: Tim Austin
 Joyce Donadee
 Linda Schneider
Garden of Hope: Open
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Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

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