



Sunday, October 31, 2021

Celebrant: The Rev. 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
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 3:00 Office hours
11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
4:00 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** 11:00 am 3:00 Office hours
3:00 pm Deacon hours
7:00 pm Evening Service
- Friday** 11:00 am 3:00 Office hours

The Priest's Corner

“Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words.”

This definition of prayer is from The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) on page 856. I love this definition of prayer. It is “responding” to God. Notice this carefully chosen word. It’s not “initiating” a communication with God; it’s responding to an “urge,” a “call,” a “pulse.” Choose your own word here as long as it doesn’t mean that you are starting or igniting the prayer relationship between you and God. God has started it, and when you find yourself praying; know that you are experiencing a response to something God has created in you. God goes before all that we do. This way of seeing it will rock your life and situate you already in a robust relationship (conversation) with the divine. You didn’t decide and initiate this prayer—when you find yourself praying you have “answered the divine phone call.”

This alone will transform you and it has for centuries been held as true by the BCP. It takes the weight of prayer off our shoulders. You and I simply respond. And our response is evidence that God is at work in our lives. We get stuck on whether the actual content of our prayer comes to pass and then we think our prayer has been successful. The success of your prayer has occurred way before it’s answered or not. If it’s answered, this is simply “icing on the cake.” If it’s not answered according to your interpretation of what the answer should be, the experience has already been ultimately worthwhile for you because you responded to the God pulse within—and you never could have done that without the divine pulse getting into you and you recognizing it.

Savor this new, old way of looking at prayer this week. More reflection on prayer according to the quoted BCP definition will follow next week. Let me conclude by offering a comment or two about the BCP. The Book of Common Prayer was first published in 1549, credited to Thomas Cranmer, then Archbishop of Canterbury. This book came about because those who split from Rome held a basic, yet extraordinary idea. The idea was that the prayers we say in worship should be held in common. In other words, they should be available to all people in their native language. This was revolutionary and in practice totally opposite from what the Roman Church held. Books for worship were mostly reserved for clergy and those in monasteries. These books were largely written in Latin—a language spoken only by the educated elite. Cranmer and others believed that prayer, like Scripture, should be available to all people. All should be able to read and understand the prayers of the church in their own language. Sounds like “inclusion” of all to me.

So here's today's take-away: prayer is God "including" Godself in us before we start praying. Prayer is evidence that God set in motion within us a divine pulse. How great is that! And this comes from the Book of Common Prayer which came into being because significant people in the 1500's believed that this BCP should be available, within the reach and understanding of all people, not just the exclusive learned few who showed off their Latin skills. Oh Episcopalians, how ordinary, regular and inclusive "thou art!"

All good,
Regis+

All Saint's Day is **Monday, November 1**, and we will be celebrating it on November 7. 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, if you have name/s of people you would like to have remembered.

Please scroll towards the end of this and every Little Log for the updated version of the **Ministry Calendar**.

Please use this link for the **Parish Directory** and book mark it as the directory is updated often!

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Bible Lite. Bible Lite with Pastor Julie has returned **Tuesday Evenings, at 6:00**. At this time, we are reading 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 jlsphone1@gmail.com.



Help for Inner City Children. Once again, St. Brendan's, through the Justice Ministry, is partnering with Blessed Be Educators, to provide gifts to needy children in the Pittsburgh area. Families will be served in Homewood, Wilkinsburg and the North Side. Blessed Be Educators is faith-based ecumenical non-profit, working in the Pittsburgh area to lift up teaching as a ministry and support teachers. Hats and gloves are needed for children 1 year old to 14 years old, sizes XS to XL. The older children are in often forgotten, so let's make an effort to include them. A bin will be set up at the entrance of the church. Please be generous, as you have in the past. Call Marilyn at 412-427-2715 with questions. Thanks in advance!

Children's Corner



That's not fair!!! As a little girl, because my next older sister is four years older than me, whenever she got to do something I was not allowed to do, I would say, "That's not fair!" Why can't I do whatever it was too?

And our mother would say, you know the rules, when you get older you can do the same thing. But, she was always older than me and she always got to do the fun things and it felt like I was stuck doing – the baby things.

So, whenever we played games, I would read the rules and check for loopholes. Were there rules that only I could find – or were there house rules I could invent to try to get an advantage? But is that fair?

So, what was the greatest or hardest rule for me to learn? It was to be fair and take my turn but not take advantage of others. Not to cheat. And who wants to play a game with a cheater? And I like to play games – I like to play sports, but not with people who want to hurt others or foul and I like to play cards and board games but not with cheaters.

So, when we play games, especially with people who have never played the game before, we try to explain the rules, so everyone knows what to do.

On board games, it is easy because winning and losing are just temporary – you learn from your mistakes and play the game again. In life we have rules too. God gave Moses 10 rules – the 10 Commandments. And later in the Bible, there is an entire book – Leviticus – that has a lot more rules. And there were judges, and religious leaders in Jesus' time who liked to sit around and discuss the law.

We hear about them occasionally in our gospel lessons because they would sometimes ask Jesus questions about the law to try to trick Him into saying something that would cause people to turn against Him. One day, they were questioning Jesus, and He answered them with one good answer right after another.

One Jewish teacher asked Him, "Of all of the commandments, which is the most important?" Jesus answered him, "The most important one is this, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

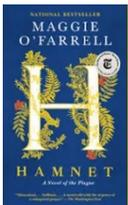
There are a lot of rules in the Bible and in life. Sometimes, it may seem difficult to remember all of them. But if we can just remember to obey these two commandments that Jesus said were the most important, all of the rest would follow. Then we would enjoy life the way God intended it.



Peace,
Julie



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will hold its next outing on **Monday, Nov. 1**, with a trek along Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park. After meeting at the church at 9 a.m., the group will carpool to the lake. Lunch at the Log Cabin Inn near Harmony will follow the hike. Everyone invited; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



The St. Brendan's Book Club will meet on Thursday, **November 7th at 7pm** to discuss "*Hamnet*" by Maggie O'Farrell. The book tells a fictionalized story of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes and the death of their son Hamnet. It is described as a "luminous portrait of a marriage, a shattering evocation of a family ravaged by grief and loss, and a tender, unforgettable reimagining of a boy whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays of all time." Please join us as we discuss this extraordinary novel! Feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you have any questions.

Cookie Walk Update ~ Save the Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021 ~ Walk-In: 9 am - 12 pm ~ Drive-Through: 1 pm - 5 pm

This year, we will be allowing for both a drive-through method, as well as a return of our traditional inside sales.

Cookie Walk FAQ:

- **All** cookies are home-baked by members of St. Brendan's and their friends—the same talented chefs who baked for you in previous years.
- One dozen cookies will be sold for \$5.00.
- If you arrive on the day of the event, you are asked to wear a mask and be vaccinated to walk around the cookies and select your own dozen between the hours of 9 am and 12 pm.
- If you order ahead for drive-through pick-up, you will be given a pre-selected seasonal assortment of one dozen holiday-appropriate cookies. You will select your pick-up time (between the hours of 1 pm and 5 pm) when you place your order. Orders are due by November 16, 2021
- In addition, we will be selling soup by the quart for \$8 or 3 for \$20. Soup sold will be made in St. Brendan's kitchen all Wednesdays and one Thursday leading up the day of the event. See below the chart. We have many openings for helpers, let Katie know your choice.
- Soup Selections consist of Cabbage, Ginger Carrot, Chicken Noodle, Wedding & Stuffed Pepper. Sign up in the narthex or send Katie an email of when you're available. StBrendansKatie@gmail.com. Schedule below.
- Since we will be purchasing soup ingredient and not making them in our own kitchens this year, please consider making a donation for the ingredients, either Giant Eagle gift card, cash or check.
- This year we're raffling off a Pre-Paid Holiday Dinner which consists of \$500 of frozen meat along with a \$100 gift card. Tickets are \$25 each and the winner will be selected on the day of the event.
- To order your cookies, make payments, and reserve your pick-up time, order form available soon. Please stop back.
- Questions or concerns can always be addressed to Karen Dennis 412-580-2755 or kdennis54@verizon.net as well as, Katie Cervone 412-364-5974 or StBrendansKatie@gmail.com.

Day	Date	Soup	Time	Leader	Helper	Helper	Helper	Time	Leader	Helper	Helper	Helper
Wed	11/3/2021	Chicken Noodle	12-4	Janice Moore	Karen Dennis			5-9	Julia Wick	Ken Parsons		
Thurs	11/4/2021	Ginger Carrot	12-4	Janice Moore				5-9	Julia Wick	Ken Parsons		
Wed	11/10/2021	Wedding	12-4	Janice Moore				5-9	Julia Wick	Ken Parsons		
Wed	11/17/2021	Stuffed Pepper	12-4	Janice Moore				5-9	Julia Wick	Ken Parsons		

Senior Warden's Corner

This week's grouping of ministries at the heart of St. Brendan's is too easily overlooked. Full disclosure: my own involvement over the years in learning more about the faith I profess each week has been "uneven" (what a useful weasel-word that is!) When one is a parent, a wage-earner, a home-maker, a care giver, and/or a volunteer, it can seem nearly impossible to find time for group discussions of scripture or religious issues more generally. At the same time, I think that if we are honest most of us have questions that bother us from time to time and really deserve answers—or at least some serious reflection. St. Brendan's offers several educational programs for adults and teens that attempt to satisfy our curiosity and address our doubts. Our clergy are of course closely involved but lay leaders are taking an increasing role in leading these ministries.

This Corner would not be complete without a mention of the important ministries we provide for our youngest members. Although we have sadly been deprived of their presence for too long during the pandemic, we look forward to their return. Pr. Julie has been staying in touch with families and supplying materials for them to use at home each week. But soon, we trust that pediatric vaccines will make it possible for us to welcome pre-teens and youngsters back to the Sanctuary and to their Sunday programs in the Nursery and in Sunday School downstairs. Serving their needs demands a corps of dedicated volunteer teachers. No particular skill level is required, because we provide pretty straightforward materials for the weekly lessons, but teachers do have to take the online safeguarding course and undergo routine background checks before they start.

If you feel moved either to participate or to contribute to adult or children's programs, please take a moment to contact Fr. Regis, Tim Austin, Katie Cervone or any member of the Vestry. They'll make sure your name goes to the right person.
Next week: Education Ministries!

Senior Warden, Tim Austin



Use of Pronouns on our name tags.

As you all know, St. Brendan's is a welcoming church; we welcome ALL. So, what does Welcome look like? A friendly smile, a warm welcome or any way to make all feel included.

Another way to make all feel welcome in our church is to include pronouns on our name tags, so that anyone that feels a need to use them, transgender, or gender non-conforming, will not feel singled out.

What are personal pronouns and why do they matter? Pronouns have an implied gender, such as "he" to refer to a man/boy or "she" to refer to a woman/girl. Sometimes, people make assumptions about the gender of another person based on the person's appearance or name. These associations are not always accurate, and making an assumption could send a potentially harmful message -- that people have to look a certain way to demonstrate the gender that they are or are not.

You may wonder what's the big deal about using pronouns. For a person whose gender is in alignment with the sex they were assigned at birth, it's easy and there is little to no risk in sharing your pronouns. For a person who is transgender or non-conforming, sharing pronouns can be a bit riskier. When someone asks you to use their pronouns (whether it be he, she, they or ze), they are asking you to respect their identity. Using someone's correct personal pronouns is a way to respect them and create an inclusive environment, just as using a person's name can be a way to respect them.

Pronoun stickers will be available on a voluntary basis for our name tags beginning October 24: Because International Pronoun Day this year was October 20, we will begin providing stickers with pronouns the following **Sunday, October 24**. The stickers will be on the table where you find your name tags. If you choose to use pronouns on your name tags, simply take the appropriate sticker and affix it to your name tag. This is strictly on a volunteer basis. No one will encourage you either way -- it's totally up to you.

Using appropriate pronouns is a step toward respecting gender identities of all persons, creating a more welcoming space for people of all genders.

How do I use them? If you're one of the many people who are not familiar with how to use pronouns when talking with someone, here is an example. In this example, one of Sue's pronouns is "them".

"Hello, Mary. This is Sue. I've been meaning to introduce you to THEM for weeks, because I think you are both teachers. THEY just started teaching at Marshall."

For those of us who grew up learning singular and possessive pronouns, this make may not make a lot of sense, and may take a little while to get used to. Just do your best and don't worry if you make a mistake.

There is additional information next to the pronoun stickers when they are displayed.



Mark your calendars: Next Forum, Thursday, November 18.

Our next Forum will be held on Thursday, November 18 at 7:00pm via Zoom. In honor of Native American Heritage Month, our topic Native Americans Today. Our speaker is Mike Simms from the Seminole Tribe in Pennsylvania. More information to come.

Reminder: **Another alternative Bible Study** option is available to all Brendanites on Tuesdays from 11:00 to 12:15 PM. This is a small group that has had experience with Bible Study, but no one in the group is a "Bible scholar". Discussion is informal and no experience is required. Typically, the meetings begin with intentional, intercessory prayer. Often discussion will include reference to contemporary events that are in the news. If you would like to consider this option, just click on the Zoom link below at the appointed date/time. All are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83037652502?pwd=RFBmRXFPTmtLS3RaWHlrWHcxNFE0QT09>

CRIES 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 supporting the work of two organizations. One is Brother's Brother Foundation, the other is Episcopal Relief & Development. All donations go towards natural disaster relief.

Next meeting, November 21, in the library after the 10:00 service.



Haitian Project: At St. Brendan's we are supporting one of our members, Isaac, who is committed to helping people in his homeland of Haiti. We continue to collect clothes and other used items for him to send to Haiti. Donations needed are summer clothes, medical assistive devices, sewing machines and shoes for adults and children. You can also purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste and bars of soap. Gently used household bedding and towels are also appreciated. We will be collecting until November 15. 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.



We celebrate the **birthdays in the month of November.**

24 Nathan May	2 James Aldridge	3 Theo Sands	5 Debbie Jennings	6 Avery Kline
	13 Kathleen Ganster	15 Lizz Helmsen	15 Steve Horton	17 Janet Fesq
	17 Bradford Thompson	19 Hadley Zupancic	23 Jonathan Bigelow Roche	24 Bob Grotevant
	24 Dan Moore	29 Bill Spoonhoward		



We celebrate the **Wedding Anniversaries in the month of November.**

7 Mary & Dale Bertucci	14 Meghan & Robert Karn	15 Sharon & Gary Basehore	29 Linda & Alan Schneider
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Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

AHN and UPMC – Prevention is preferable to cure!

A plea to our healthcare leaders to lead.

We hope you will join us for the fourth virtual SWPA Grassroots Air Quality Town Hall

Thaddeus Popovich will be a panelist

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, Noon via Zoom ecstatic

Sign Up on Eventbrite! See below.

THINC30 Youthquake will virtually bring together higher schoolers and teachers to give them a voice during COP26 global climate discussions.

What is THINC30?

Since 2017, Covestro has held nine THINC30 summits to address some of the world's most pressing issues, using the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) as a framework. THINC30 stands for transforming, harnessing, innovating, navigating and collaborating for a purpose-driven, sustainable future by 2030. Its mission is to introduce and accelerate sustainable development and business practices, public-private partnerships and social innovation.

The event is free and runs Nov 1 through Nov 5. See the link below for more information. You may attend all or certain sessions.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thinc30-youthquake-2021-inspiring-next-gen-climate-changemakers-tickets-168761679727>



Requested Prayers

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

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

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

And for our friends, especially; Dennis Ranalli, Becky Horton, Sherri Hilbert, the family of Kelly Chiccitt, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

We pray for all who have died, especially Kelly Chiccitt.



October 2021 Ministry Calender

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
October 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd 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 st AJ McKenna 2 nd 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 st Michael Donadee 2 nd 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 st Alan Schneider 2 nd 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 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	8 Dottie Antonucci 10 Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Allyson Baierl Michael Donadee	Cameron Grosh	Need Volunteer



November 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
November 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 st Michael Donadee 2 nd AJ McKenna P Need Reader <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Janice Moore	~	~	Kate Heston Allyson Baierl	Tim Austin	Angela Schlumpf
November 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Tim Austin 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	n/a	n/a	Eric Helmsen Michael Donadee	Larry Toler	Tim & Megan
November 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Mary Bertucci P Kate Heston <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Phoebe Juel	n/a	n/a	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Need Volunteer
November 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 George Snyder 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Children	8 Ellen Groves 10 Libby Juel	~	~	John Appledorn Mike Wick	Janice Moore	Need Volunteer

