



**This Week at St. Brendan's**

<b>Sunday</b>	(7-21)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	CRIES meeting
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
<b>Monday</b>	(7-22)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
<b>Tuesday</b>	(7-23)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		12:30 p.m.	Tai Chi
<b>Wednesday</b>	(7-24)	7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	(7-27)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

**Serving Sunday, July 21, 2019**

<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Regis Smolko
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	8:00 a.m. Joe Macklin
	10:00 a.m. Susan Shoemaker
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Acolyte team
<b>Prayers:</b>	Debbie Wunsche
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>	Stacey Coyle & Darrell Johnson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janice Moore & Joan Klinefelter
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Summer Break
<b>Nursery:</b>	Julia Wick & Annemarie Malbon
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Smith & Eric Helmsen
<b>Vestry:</b>	Tim Austin
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
<b>LEM:</b>	Ruth Horton

**The Priest's Corner**

**Have You Noticed God Doing Any "Weaving" in Your Life?**

In Psalm 139 we get the image of God as Weaver: "You hem me in from all sides ... For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. For I am fearfully and wonderfully made. For my soul was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth." God has a way of making everything about us connect if we let God, and we come into being and renewal.

But the Weaver-God knits together so much more. I came upon a spiritual writer who was reflecting that she must not be the only one who often paused to wonder what the "me" of 5, 10, and 15 years ago would think of where that same "me" was now. She found herself presently in graduate school in Australia believing she never imagined ever living abroad at all. Just a week later while flipping through her high school and college journals, she saw notes written in the margins about possible grad school programs and the lists of places she'd like to travel and possibly live. One of those places was Australia — 10 years previously one journal entry spoke about how wonderful it would be to attend school in Australia. The spiritual writer realized how God had been creating in her a heart for adventure. Do you recognize God weaving your present with your past as well?

I was talking to a person last week who shared, "I've seen God weave together some of the more broken parts of my story with the brokenness of my dear friends, allowing us to speak the Gospel into each other's lives from a place of experience." He went on to tell about the pangs of personal anxiety he suffered. Then a friend of his had his first anxiety experience; my friend recalled how helpful he was to his friend because he was able to explain what to expect based on his earlier experience of anxiety. From the time of his anxiety's first onset, it was a mere three weeks until he was connected to a friend who was helped tremendously by this very new anxiety experience. God knows how to weave us together when it's most needed.

This is happening for new guests at St. Brendan's fairly often. For example, one little girl who was at our church for only her second visit told her daddy when they were driving into the parking lot that she recognized the car that had pulled into the lot in front of them. It was her close friend from school. They were so happy to meet each other at church. Her daddy knew the parent of the other little girl, and this weaving and connection just made a good experience of liturgy for all four of them.

One last example of connection of the past for some newcomers to St. Brendan's happened last Sunday. A couple who've been coming for close to a year now saw a lady who arrived by herself at the 10:00 am service. They thought they knew her, but weren't sure. At one point their eyes locked from across the church and both planned getting together at the Sharing of the Peace to explore further. Sure enough this new lady was the fourth-grade teacher for the couple's two children. Their paths hadn't crossed for years until God gathered them last Sunday at St. B's. The joy of their reconnection was palpable.

All this thanks to the Weaver-God. Theologian Richard McBrien describes this weaving, this God connecting, as "God gathering God's darlings." What a joy that we are seeing these little moments of joy and togetherness — these little miracles of love.

Keep coming back! God knows who you'll meet again at St. Brendan's!

**Regis+**

# Announcements

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**, be sure to lock the front door and turn the lights off if you are the last one to leave the church.



**Thank you to the Garden of Hope** for preparing this month's meal for Miryam's. Ken Parsons, Joe Macklin, and Larry Toler made chicken salad croissants, five bean salad, fruit bowl, chips, and dessert. Thanks to the Lattas for delivering the meal.

## Fun Facts about the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) Fund

Did you know ...

- ~ The BFF fund began in 2017 as a way to honor St. Brendan's 30th birthday?
- ~ BFF funds are designated toward unbudgeted building needs.
- ~ A total of \$32,066 has been donated to BFF by generous family and friends of St. B's over the past two years.



### Ways BFF funds have been used include:

- Restoration of the social hall sound system
- Purchase of sanctuary AV equipment including screen, camera, cart, accessories
- Installation of wireless transmitter to enable wireless video recordings
- Purchase of kitchen items – shelving, microwave, flatware, knives, etc.
- Installation of solar reduction film on windows in social hall
- Installation of security film on glass doors and some windows
- Replacement of an air conditioning unit
- Pending project – acoustic tile treatment of the social hall – over \$6,400 has been donated of the \$8,000 needed for this project.

Over the past two years, faithful family and friends of St. Brendan's have routinely donated to the BFF fund in celebration/memory/honor of loved ones as well as for special life events. You can support St. Brendan's unbudgeted building needs by becoming a BFF donor any time during the year. Donation cards are available on the table in the narthex. Just complete one and place in the collection plate. Thank you for being a BFF!



Front



Back

**St. Brendan's T-shirts** are available in a variety of colors and sizes for only \$10. If you'd like to purchase one, please see Larry Toler or Brad Thompson on Sunday or Katie any day during the week.



**Easy Funds for St. Brendan's!** You may not know it, but St. Brendan's earns 5% for each gift card that we sell! Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for our church! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling gift cards in the narthex each Sunday after the 10 a.m. service, buy a gift card for Kuhn's and/or Giant Eagle, do your usual grocery shopping or gasoline pumping, then pay for it with the card purchased at St. Brendan's! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!

**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 on where the money goes.

This week we are praying for Christopher's Kitchen, a local volunteer effort to provide snacks and drinks to parents and caregivers staying with patients at Children's Hospital ([www.christopherskitchen.org](http://www.christopherskitchen.org)). We also pray for the Summer Program at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, a summer enrichment program for grades K through 5 ([www.elallianceinc.org](http://www.elallianceinc.org)). The next meeting is **THIS Sunday, July 21**. All are welcome.

An electronic version of the **parish directory** will be available soon. Please be sure your e-mail address(es) and phone numbers are current with the office. Thank you.

Also, please update the church office e-mail address and be sure you are using only [stbrendans@comcast.net](mailto:stbrendans@comcast.net).



**Quiet Evening Prayer** (Wednesday, July 31). The next candlelight Evening Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. on July 31. Please add this date/time to your calendar. The service includes Taize music and silent prayer, reflection, or meditation – with Communion afterwards for those who wish to remain. This is a perfect way to recover from a busy and, perhaps stressful, day. Bring a friend and enjoy this quiet time with the Lord.



**Brendan's Boots.** (Tuesday, Aug. 6) The parish hiking group will head to the woods for its next outing after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. After a walk along trails at Hartwood Acres, participants will enjoy lunch at nearby Hartwood Restaurant. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski, [twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net).

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Let's get St. Brendan's free money while shopping on line. It's simple, all you do is...



- In your browser, search: Amazon Smile
- Sign in to **Amazon Smile** just like Amazon (email and password). (Create a login, if you are new).
- After signing in, you will go to a screen where you select a Charitable Organization. Type in St. Brendan's and scroll to find St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, Sewickley, PA.
- Click on St. B's as your organization to get a 0.5% donation on every order you place.

**Please tell family friends, co-workers and neighbors to think of St. Brendan's when they are shopping on Amazon by going to Amazon Smile.**

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### 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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**North Hills Food Pantry.** During the summer when schools are closed, many families who depend on the free or reduced meals provided to students turn to food banks for assistance. Unfortunately, donations tend to decline at the same time the need is greater. This week, please add an extra box of cereal, jar of peanut butter, tube of toothpaste or can of fruit/vegetables to your grocery list and bring it in to church. The North Hills Food Bank needs any kind of non-perishable food. 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.

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**Book Club** is on summer hiatus until September 5, but if you want to plan your beach reading, we'll be comparing two books, Jane Austen's classic "Pride and Prejudice" and "Eligible," a modern take on the story by Curtis Sittenfeld. Both are easy to borrow from the library in print or audio formats. (Feel free to cheat with the PBS series starring Colin Firth.) For more information, email Pat Carl at [pkarrcarl@gmail.com](mailto:pkarrcarl@gmail.com). Happy reading!

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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 a.m. 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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**Recommend us on Nextdoor:** <https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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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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### Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's public address. (Saturday, October 5)

Would you be interested in going to Wheeling, W.Va., to hear and see Presiding Bishop Michael Curry? In celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wheeling, the church will feature a special presentation by the presiding bishop at Wesbanco Arena at 3 p.m. Wheeling is about one hour and 30 minutes from St. Brendan's. Tickets are \$5. Click on the link to purchase yours:

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/5841774/bishop-michael-curry-wheeling-wesbanco-arena>. Contact Regis or Frances Kinley if you're interested or sign up in the narthex.

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



# July 2019

## Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
July 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
July 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Richard Gordon P Tim Austin C Debbie Wunsche C Richard Gordon LEV Ruth Getz	Ellen Groves Betsy Smith	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Libby Juel	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Tom Waseleski	Rob & George Latta
July 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
July 14 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Sheila Bigelow P Dean Peters C Tim Austin C Sheila Bigelow LEV Richard Gordon	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Sarika Sethia	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Janice Moore	Judy Flick Marcy Little
July 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
July 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Susan Shoemaker P Deb Wunsche C Stacey Coyle C Darrell Johnson LEV Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Summer Break	Julia Wick Annemarie Malbon	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Tim Austin	Debbie Wunsche Jim Gray
July 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
July 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Dean Peters P Tim Austin C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Darrell Johnson	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Silvia Bertucci	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Ruth Horton	Betsy & Bob Smith
July 31 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~

# 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 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Celebration

## July 2019

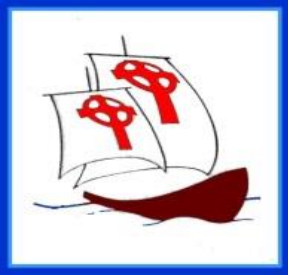
- 7 Rob & George Latta
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

## August 2019

- 4 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 11 Joan & Paul Klinefelter
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 26 Volunteer needed

## September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelius
- 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: Tim Michael  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
Janice & Dan Moore  
Stacy Connifey  
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee  
Jim Evanochko

### **ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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