



THE CANTERBURY CROSS

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV

April 2015

Holy Week Begins at St. Thomas

Holy Week has begun at St. Thomas à Becket! Last Sunday was Palm Sunday and because it was so cold (20 degrees!) in the morning, only the Altar party and children processed in the Nave of the church. It was really fun for the children to carry the large palm leaves and wave them as they walked around the pews.

It is such a tight space, that Mother Julie opted for the smaller group. While the children processed, the ushers handed out the remaining palm strips to the congregation who also waved them with the music. This way everyone participated and stayed warm!

Please remember that we are having our Easter Vigil beginning at the Lutheran Chapel, processing up the street to Trinity Episcopal Church where the Eucharist will be celebrated by our own Bishop Mike Klusmeyer.



Top left: the church altar just before the Palm Sunday service as parishioners began to arrive.

Top right: The cross in the Narthex prepared for Palm Sunday.

Left: Finn Thornton, crucifer, and Katherine Henneberger, first server, lead the choir and altar party at the beginning of the service.

Pick Dates for Habitat's New Interfaith Build

by The Outreach Committee

The 2015 dates are set! So, we should plan now to be part of Habitat for Humanity's interfaith home build in the new Decker's Creek area in Jerome Park.

Through Mon County Habitat for Humanity, our congregation is among many faith communities in Monongalia County planning to come together in fellowship to fund and build the Ray home in the new Decker's Creek area in Jerome Park.

Kathy Fedan, our representative to Habitat, said that the interfaith project is grounded in the fact that "all faiths share a common call to help those who are in need."

Although additional details will be released later, Kathy said that St. Thomas à Becket parishioners may put the following dates and events on their calendars now.

- Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.—Ground blessing at the site of the future Ray home
- End of April/early May—Wall raising at the Ray home
- Saturday, May 2 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)—Interfaith Build Day on the Ray home
- Saturday, June 6 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)—Interfaith Build Day on the Ray home
- Saturday, August 1 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)—Interfaith Build Day on the Ray home
- September 6-12, Building on Faith Week—A full week of building the Ray home
- Fall 2015—Complete and dedicate the Ray home!

Because St. Thomas à Becket is a partner in the interfaith project, we all can be involved, Kathy said. Her suggestions include:

- —Pray for the success of this special project.
- —Attend some or many of the Interfaith Project events.
- —Help build the Ray home.
- —Provide food for build volunteers.
- —Raise funds to build the Ray home.

"The total cost of this home is \$80,000, but \$50,000 will be covered by a grant. Therefore, we (the interfaith community) need to raise \$30,000 by fall 2015 to complete this home. More than \$9,000 has been raised since January," she said.

Learn more about the interfaith project on Habitat's website (<http://moncountyhfh.org/about/habitat-for-humanity-a-christian-ministry/interfaith/>).

If you have fund-raising ideas for or questions about the project, Kathy invites you to contact her at intothewoods@frontiernet.net.



2 Planned Giving Seminars Planned for You April 29

What: Choose from one of two seminars to answer your questions about planned giving.

(A light meal will be served at both.)

When: Come at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.

Or come at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.

Where: St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church.

For Whom: Hold the date for yourself and tell your friends, too.

Details and registration forms will be mailed to you soon.

By Whom: Hear answers from Beth Fuller and Robin Schooley from WesBanco.

Questions? Ask Jerrey Hoyt (jhoyt13025@aol.com).

Sunday School and VBS Plans for Future

by Amy Robbins, director of Children's Ministries

In April, the Sunday School will be collecting individually wrapped snacks to donate to children in need through Scott's Run Settlement House and their backpack feeding program. You may leave your donations on the table in the Sunday School room.

The Sunday School donated six full (nearly overflowing) Easter baskets to Scott's Run Settlement House in March. These baskets were sent with food donations from the church's outreach committee to help families in need with their Easter celebration.

Miles of Pennies will be on May 3—please leave any pennies you wish to donate in the Sunday School room. Thank you for your support!!

The VBS lock-in will be on June 27-28 and we have lots of fun activities planned. (See details on page 3) Please contact Amy with any questions or to register at amyLmrobbins@comcast.net

Youth Church Has Fun Activities and Learns Bible Stories

by Lilah Claycomb

In Youth Church, we've been doing a lot of fun activities. Some examples are last week we went outside and planted seeds and the week before we discussed what the meaning of certain animals are in the Bible.

We've had a lot of odd classes too, like when the Girl Scouts came and there were like nine new kids in class.

We've also been doing a lot of interesting Bible stories that I've heard but these have extra details that were left out, like the time Jesus lit up on the hill [the Transfiguration], I didn't know that it happened that way.

And the tempting [of Jesus by Satan] I thought it was very interesting to learn what fasting was and I wouldn't have expected those words from Jesus.

Special Events Has New Chair and Plans Future Activities

by Laura Christian and Linda Yost

Laura Christian has stepped forward to be chair of the Special Events Committee—no easy task with work and a new baby, but with help and support, she will do a great job.

After transitioning to the leadership of new personnel, the Special Events committee hosted the first of four parish luncheons planned for the year. "Breakfast for Lunch" on March 15th raised over \$600 to contribute to the Capital Projects fund.

Thank you for your donations of time, food, and funds, and thank you to Kathy and Jeff Fedan and Aurie Acciavati for making sure the lunch ran smoothly! Our next lunch will be in June, and we will be assisting with the next Becket Arts concert reception on April 12th.

Another event that we are planning for the first time: **Mother's Day flower arranging on Saturday May 9th** (the day before Mother's Day). We will be inviting families to come and create a flower arrangement to give to the mothers in their lives. **Yes, this means husbands and sons, too!**

No fear, Linda Yost will be on hand to give instruction and encouragement. Remember, it's the thought that counts! Look for more information to come in next month's newsletter, future Parish Posts, and announcements during services.

The cost of this event will be \$20.00 per vase arrangement. The cost will cover the flowers and vase with the remaining amount going to the Capital Projects Fund of St. Thomas à Becket.

Becket Arts

April 12, 2015

WVU Bluegrass Ensemble
with members of Zucker family

Season tickets are \$60.00 and individual tickets are \$8.00 (\$6 for seniors). A season ticket enables the purchaser to bring two guests. Students of all ages are admitted free. Tickets are available at the door.

All concerts begin at 3:00 p.m. and are followed by a reception for artists and guests.

Come join us for the last of our concerts in the 2014- 2015 series!

SECRET AGENT

UBS Training Camp Lock-in
June 27-28, 2015



at St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church

Time

12PM Saturday, June 27 - 10:30AM Sunday, June 28 for ages 8+
12PM - 4PM Saturday, June 27 for ages 4-7

Children will

- go through secret agent training and explore Mark 12 bible verses
- learn how to crack codes and decipher hidden messages
- create disguises
- act as secret service agents to help our church and community

Cost is \$10 per child (\$8 per child for two or more from the same household)—
please contact us if you need financial assistance

Contact Amy Robbins at amyLmrobbins@comcast.net or 304.594.2180 with questions
or to register. Please include the following information to register by June 1, 2015
(registering after this date will not ensure a UBS tee or supplies):

Child's name and age, child's t-shirt size, any food allergies or other concerns

Help Needed

- **Volunteers to help run planned activities**
- **Volunteers to sleep at church**
- **Volunteers to help setup coffee hour on Sunday**
- **Volunteers to help clean up coffee hour on Sunday**
- **Monetary donations to help with food and supplies**



Linda Hall's Turkish Bazaar at Euro Suites

Monday, April 13 - Wednesday, April 15
11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 16
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$1.00 admission charge donated to Empty Bowls

Antonio's Fundraising Dinner

Friday, April 24
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Reservations Suggested [304 241-1139](tel:3042411139)
Percent of sales donated to Empty Bowls
Guest donations accepted

Maintaining Our Home

by Linda Yost, Parish Administrator

The roof is almost finished—we just need a few more spring days and no more snow! The roofers were stopped by inclement weather a few times, but now seem to be right on track!

It will be wonderful for me, personally, not to run around the church looking for leaks (and finding them) during rain storms! I know there is a lot to do around here with repairs and such, but maintaining our church property is just like owning a home. I was reminded of the joy of home ownership just the other day when our home drains clogged. We were able to fix the problem with a plumber, but learned that we will need to replace pipes within the next couple of years. Better to find out now and take care of it before we have something worse happen!

Since I am both on staff and a parishioner, I am aware that we are working on, and planning to do, significant drainage and other work on quite a bit of our church property. I know it's disconcerting to have to plan to spend more money on these projects, but our spiritual home requires the same love and upkeep as our own home.

So, with the understanding in mind, I look at the workmen on our roof and am grateful we can do all of this important work at this time.



Pictured above are roofers from J Brock Construction Company working on our roof.

Vestry Offers Congratulations to Suncrest United Methodist Church

At the March meeting, the Vestry of St. Thomas à Becket resolved to offer our congratulations to Suncrest on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Suncrest's sanctuary. The beautiful church has a special place in the hearts of our parish because in St. Thomas' earliest days, the congregation was invited to worship in the new sanctuary.

In honor of the 50th anniversary, Mother Julie made a \$100 Discretionary Fund contribution to the Scott's Run Settlement House Backpack Feeding Program -- a program which is important to and has been well-supported by Suncrest UMC.

In a letter to Suncrest, we offered our sincerest thanks for the opportunity given to St. Thomas to worship in Suncrest's sacred space, and our continued prayers for the life and ministries of the church.

Our Worship Schedule

The Very Rev. Julie B. Murdoch, Rector
The Rev. Dn. Al Prichard



Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Rite I, spoken)

10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with music)

Nursery care and Sunday School with children's worship are offered during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Tuesday - Saturday

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. *(except in the Rector's absence)*

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon (Chapel)

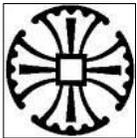
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Noon Eucharist in Chapel	2 Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m. (Overnight Vigil)	3 Good Friday- Stations of the Cross - Noon Good Friday Liturgy 7 p.m.	4 Centering Prayer 9 a.m. Great Easter Vigil Begins at Lutheran Chapel 8: p.m.,
5 Easter 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday School * Light coffee hour following each service Easter Egg Hunt	6 "Coconuts" Group 10 -11:30 a.m.	7	8 Noon Eucharist in Chapel SRSB Backpack Feeding Program 1 p.m.	9 Vestry Mtg. 7 p.m.	10	11 Community Kitchen (Trinity)
12 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir Outreach Comm. Mtg 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday School Finance Comm Mtg. Spiritual Parenting Mtg. Becket Arts! 3:00pm	13	14	15 Noon Eucharist in Chapel	16 Retirees' Luncheon 11:30 a.m. (The Pines)	17	18 Centering Prayer 9 a.m.
19 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 9:30 a.m. Stewardship Comm. Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday School Sp. Events Comm. Mtg. Columbarium Comm. Mtg Girl Scouts (Robbins) 6 - 8 p.m.	20	21	22 Noon Eucharist in Chapel Planned Giving Seminar 1 p.m. with Lunch 6 or 6:30p.m. with dinner	23 Women's Grief Support Group 6 p.m.	24 <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Stewardship Conference</i></div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Peterkin Work Weekend</i></div>	25 P Hall Rsvd Elmes
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