



THE CANTERBURY CROSS

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV

June 2017

International Dishes Were Delicious Success



The *Around the World* parish luncheon on May 21 was a delicious and educational success. We sampled cuisines from about 10 countries.

Thank you to all who

made food and to all who came to eat. Pictured are just some of the talented parishioners who contributed to the menu! Our chefs included (left to right) John Zaniewski, Debbie Zaniewski, Cary Johnson (seated), Aurie Acciavatti, Laura Christian, Lynda Waggoner, and John Beall.

Keeping Up Our Church Home . . .

Join the Altar Guild: 'Servants of God'

by Alice Meehan, Altar Guild Chair

What is it? As defined by the Episcopal Church, the Altar Guild is "a volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards."

(We also have a Flower Guild, whose members "supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers.")

The only "job" requirements of the Altar Guild are to have a reverence or deep solemn respect in handling holy elements and things used in services and to have a willingness to learn how to do so.

I view the Altar Guild in a practical sense that we prepare the sanctuary for parishioners and guests, set the table, and make sure lessons, hymns, and books are in their proper place for the rector, according to his or her instructions.

How do we do this? We have four teams of folks that participate in any one or more of the three activities—setting up for Sunday services, changing/refreshing the altar between services, and cleaning up after the 10:30 a.m. service. Each team (usually) has one Sunday per month.

We have exceptions during the holiday seasons and when there are five Sundays in a month. The team leader coordinates the team members by email or phone. They figure out who's available for each activity. We have a minimum of two people for setting up and cleaning up; so no one works alone. A lot of times we have more than two people, which just makes the job quicker.

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Sunday School and Youth Church Making Plans for Summer

June 4: Dessert Fundraiser and Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic on Sunday, June 4, will include a Cookies vs. Bars Dessert Fundraiser for Scott's Run Settlement House.

The picnic will begin after the 10:30 a.m. service and will feature games and activities for kids, including eating donuts on a string, tossing water balloons, painting faces, and more.

Sunday School: 4-S (Children pre-K to 3rd grade)

Starting June 11, kids will begin worship service in church with their family. After the opening hymn, they will be dismissed to Summer Session Sunday School (4-S).

Everyone is invited to be a 4-S volunteer for at least one Sunday this summer. Each Sunday, one teacher needs one assistant. Lessons and crafts are prepared for each Sunday. The teacher shows the volunteer what to do.

Youth Church (Children 4th grade to 8th grade)

There is no Youth Church during the summer. But we encourage Youth Church members to volunteer to help with Sunday School—when their parents are not leading—so that they can improve their leadership skills.

Backpacks for Scott's Run

We will be collecting backpacks for Scott's Run Settlement House throughout the summer. Early in the summer after school is over, you can find great prices on them! Put new backpacks on the round table in the Sunday School room.

In 2016, our Sunday School donated 150 backpacks and four bags of school supplies—thanks to the generosity of our congregation.

Miles of Pennies

Thank you to everyone who donated coins for Miles of Pennies. The Sunday School counted \$59.75 for the Church Periodical Club. The club helps supply books to seminarians and others in need.

Below are candid photos of the Sunday School's Miles of Pennies project—featuring creative counting!



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What do we offer? Sometimes I/we just appreciate silence to be reverent, give gratitude, and pray to God while fulfilling the duties. Other times we just talk about the day, share what's on our minds, or tell funny stories. It depends on the group. Occasionally, someone talks about personal matters to render opinions and draw from others' wisdom.

Out of respect for our members, we have a rule that what we talk about with our group stays with our group. Our sanctuary is a wonderfully nice, safe space to do this.

"Hints from Heloise" has nothing on this highly skilled group of stain removers, cleaners, and polishers. I've learned lots of cleaning tips over the years, and I am still learning.

We have an annual brunch during Advent not only to meet, greet, and celebrate us, but to also give gratitude to our retired members who have passed along these tips and life skills.

If you're interested in learning more, we would like a few more willing folks to help us out. Please let me or Linda Yost in the church office know. I will be happy to talk with you about it.

Easter Baskets Filled with Food, Treats For Scott's Run Settlement Families



Aurie Acciavatti reported to the Outreach Committee that she and Bob filled Easter baskets (laundry baskets) with food staples for Easter dinner for three families.

Each basket also contained a \$50 gift card for the family to purchase

meat, eggs, and butter. The Sunday School children also collected enough Easter goodies to fill four regular Easter baskets (above left) for the families. Bob and Aurie delivered the baskets to Scott's Run Settlement House on April 5.

Our ECM Awards Peterkin Scholarships To Six St. Thomas Summer Campers

by Bob Acciavatti, ECM President

The Episcopal Churchmen at St. Thomas à Becket would like to announce the awarding of Peterkin Scholarships to six children from our parish this year.

The following children are registered for Peterkin Camps this summer, and each will receive a \$60 scholarship: Madelyn Carver, Samantha Carver, Lilah Claycomb, Collin Claycomb, Kate Robbins, and James Robbins.

Thanks are extended to all members of the parish who helped make it possible to send these children to Peterkin Summer Camps by supporting the ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Congratulations to Our 2017 Graduates!



Joshua Broadman

Josh graduated from Morgantown High School in May. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

He is taking a gap year before starting college. He will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand and is planning to go on a medical mission trip.



Megan Henry

Megan graduated in May from West Virginia University with her master's degree in mathematics.

She will be starting her Ph.D. in mathematics at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, this fall.



Kevin Meehan

Kevin graduated from Morgantown High School in May. He is going to West Virginia University this fall.

He is planning to major in fashion merchandising.

Conner Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to this year's Mark Conner Memorial Scholarship Award winners: Katherine Henneberger, Kevin Meehan, and Kasey Yost.

This is the second Conner award for Katherine (who attends Bowdoin College in Maine) and for Kasey (who attends Radford University in Virginia). It is the first for Kevin, who will be a freshman at West Virginia University in the fall. The presentation on May 21 marked the 11th year Marian Conner has awarded scholarships to students in our parish.

Quick Service: Unload Goods at Rock Forge



"No problem," Jose Oquendo appears to say as he unloads supplies at the Rock Forge Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. His willingness to spend a few minutes moving boxes is a blessing to the two women—in their mid-70s—who weekly serve as the pantry's volunteer staff. Grace

Ayscue organizes "unloading" teams from among our parishioners. The pantry provides food and supplies to 13 families in the Rock Forge area.



June 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">  Be sure to join us for our Annual Picnic and Sunday School Bake Sale June 4. Bring a side dish.  </p>				1	2	3
<p>4 Bishop Black 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch.</p> <p>Annual Picnic and Sunday School Bake Sale</p>	<p>5 Parish Hall Rsvd - Spears</p>	6	7	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vestry Mtg. 7 p.m.</p>	9	10
<p>11 Bishop Black 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir Outreach Comm. Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Rite II 4-S</p>	12	13	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Backpack Feeding Program at SRSH 12:30 p.m.</p>	15	16	17
<p>18 Bishop Black 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II 4-S</p>	19	20	21	22	23	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish Hall & Kitchen - Rsvd</p>
<p>25 Bishop Black 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II 4-S</p> <p>Special Celebration Honoring Acciavatti, Beall, and Nelson Anniversaries</p>	26	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Article Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Women's Grief Support Group 1 p.m.</p>	29	30	

Our Worship Schedule

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.

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