



THE CANTERBURY CROSS

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St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church | Morgantown, WV



Easter Processional. Photo by Jeff Fedan.

2019 ECM PETERKIN SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

by Bob Acciavatti, ECM President

The Episcopal Churchmen at St. Thomas à Becket announce the award of scholarships to seven young parishioners planning to attend Peterkin summer camps.

Each of the following who are registered for Peterkin camps this summer will receive a \$50 scholarship.

- Madelyn Carver
- Samantha Carver
- Collin Claycomb
- Ian Claycomb
- Lilah Claycomb
- Anna Robbins
- James Robbins



Thanks to the support of all members of the parish who attended the ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper as your participation had made it possible to award these scholarships again this year.

END-OF-LIFE PLANNING

The Stewardship Committee will host its stewardship kick-off with an information session for the parish to discuss planned giving, funeral planning, living wills, and terminal care this Sunday, May 5, after the 10:30 service. This day is also Cinco de Mayo and a sumptuous celebration will be held before the session, with food provided by the committee.



“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

—2 Timothy 4:7-8



Deacon Al leads parishioners in Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

MEALS FOR MAY

Alice Frost continues to have health issues and cooking meals is something with which she can use help. We are now looking at a schedule of meals for the month of May. According to her daughter, Susan, items that can be heated easily in the microwave are preferred. Susan is on leave from her work and is staying with Alice and neither of them eat heavy meals. Neither Alice nor Susan have any food allergies. At present, meals for three days per week will be very helpful. Meals can be dropped off at Alice's house located at 481 Rotary Street. Susan has placed a cooler on the front porch in which meals can be left if no one is at home when deliveries are made. Meals may be brought to church on Sundays for Alice and Susan to take home with them.

Alice enjoys visits so if you wish to spend some time with her as well as leave a meal please call Susan (614-783-3615) to arrange for a good time. With folks visiting it gives Susan an opportunity to go out and do errands while knowing Alice has someone with her. If you are not a cook but wish to visit that is also most welcome just give Susan a call to arrange a good time.

If you are interested in helping with meals please contact Cheryl Prichard via email at clprichard@mail.wvu.edu

Cheryl is coordinating the meals and will update what is needed & which days are covered as we receive volunteers. Knowing who is cooking and what is coming helps to avoid a backlog of meals. Thank you for helping with this ministry to each other.



Full moon above St. Thomas à Becket during Easter Vigil. Photo by Aurie Acciavatti.



Parishioners working on Blue Jean Sunday. From left: Lynda Waggoner, Kate Robbins, Bob Acciavatti. Photos by Aurie Acciavatti.

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

By The Stewardship Committee

Life is an opportunity. Life is a journey. A journey to saying “yes” to God who calls us the Beloved. Life is a journey to love; a journey to welcome; a journey to peace; a journey to generosity.

On our journey to generosity, we learn from our parents and other family members. We learn from friends and church members. We learn through our own actions and from hearing the stories of other generous people.

The gospel stories of Jesus inform, challenge, and inspire us. Whether it’s the story of the Good Samaritan, the rich young ruler, or Zacchaeus, Jesus invites us into what the journey to generosity looks like.

“Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but most of all, to say “Yes” to the One who calls us the Beloved.” –Henri J. M. Nouwen

PETERKIN SUMMER CAMPS

- May 29 - June 1 — College and Young Adult Camp
- June 2 - 8 — Counselor Training
- June 9 - 12 — Mini Camp (ages 3-8, with adults)
- June 12 - 15 — Beginner Camp (entering grades 1-4)
- June 17 - 21 — Day Camp (entering grades K-6)
- June 23 - 29 — Senior Camp (entering grade 9 - graduated seniors)
- June 29 - July 3 — Hallelujah Hike (entering grade 9 - graduated seniors)
- July 1 - 2 — Day Camp Overnight (entering grades 3-7)
- July 7 - 13 — Family Camp (all ages)
- July 14 - 20 — Intermediate Camp (entering grades 5-8)
- July 21 - 27 — Music, Art, Drama Camp (entering grades 4-12)

2019 registration forms available [here](#).
Visit [here](#) for more information.

WORKSHOP: SPIRITUAL WRITING FOR BEGINNERS

The Rev. Cynthia Byers Walter will present a workshop called *Confessions of a Reluctant Journaler: Spiritual Writing for Beginners, Dabblers and Enthusiasts* at Sandscrest in Wheeling on Saturday, May 25, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The cost is only \$20 (bring your own lunch - drinks will be provided.) Register by contacting Jessica at Sandscrest at 304-277-3022 or Barb Hinkle at 740-296-5548.

Journaling has long been practiced as a way of deepening a person’s relationship with God by accessing one’s deepest thoughts, feelings and creativity. *Confessions of a Reluctant Journaler* is a workshop designed to support followers of his fertile spiritual discipline. Fundamentally, a spiritual journal is a form of communication, with one’s deepest, truest self, and with God. While journaling is obviously a private matter, sharing with like-minded people not only allows the cross-pollination of ideas, but affirms a person’s individual style. The Sharing Circle provides a safe place in which to explore new practices and ideas. Many of us have attempted to keep a journal only to give it up after only a short while. *Confessions of a Reluctant Journaler* will address some of the more common pitfalls of keeping a journal, and provide many resources to maximize the benefits of this spiritual practice. No prior experience with journal-keeping is necessary, although veteran journal-keepers will find encouragement and new inspiration.

Tentative Schedule

9:00 Meet and Greet
9:30 Introductions
9:45 Body and Soul
11:00 Solo Work
11:30 Sharing Circle
12:00 Lunch
(Please bring a sack lunch)
12:45 Bugaboos and Blessings
1:45 Solo Work
2:15 Sharing Circle
2:45 Pens, Paints and Crayons
3:30 Sharing Circle
4:00 Benediction and Dismissal



The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Byers Walter is an Episcopal priest recently retired from twelve years serving as Rector at Lawrencefield Parish Church in Wheeling, WV. Her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry in Christian Spirituality degrees are from Virginia Theological Seminary. She is a trained spiritual director with a certificate from the Shalem Institute in Washington, DC. Having just completed a Nineteenth-Annnotation Ignatian Retreat through the West Virginia Institute of Spirituality, she is still canonically resident in the Diocese of West Virginia, while living and serving as a supply priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. An avid knitter, she also paints icons in her spare time and sings in the South Hills Chorale.

Our Worship Schedule

The Rev. Tony Setley, Interim Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Al Prichard, Deacon



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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