



# THE CANTERBURY CROSS

June 2019

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church | Morgantown, WV

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear St. Thomas Family,

I am very pleased to inform you that through the tireless work of the Vestry, we have recommended to Bishop Mike a call to John Elliot Lein, a graduating seminarian from Virginia to come to St. Thomas a Becket. After three years of searching, we are confident that John Lein will be the right spiritual fit for us and that he reflects the values that we care most about as a parish. John and his wife Miriam, along with their four children, will be



coming to visit us this Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, to introduce themselves and their family. We have not determined his official start date as there are logistical concerns that are still being worked out, and which the Bishop is assisting us with. If you are able, please come out and welcome John and his family to St. Thomas a Becket.

Also, this search could not have been done without the tireless work of our Vestry, both past and present. If you see a member of our Vestry, please let them know how much you appreciate their efforts in working so diligently to find someone. If you have previously served or been a part of this search, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your efforts and dedication to our congregation. We are excited about John and his family joining our Parish and if you have any questions, please let a me or a member of the Vestry know.

Sincerely,

Richard Morris  
Senior Warden

## SUMMER PICNIC - JUNE 2

# Summer Picnic



Sunday, June 2

- after the 10:30 service -

bring a side dish or dessert to share

The Fellowship Committee is providing hot dogs and hamburgers, veggie burgers, and buns. Please bring a dish to share. Food-based fellowship has long been a hallmark of St. Thomas and this is one more chance to indulge. Please email Aurie

— [auriebob@comcast.net](mailto:auriebob@comcast.net) — to let her know what you are bringing.

This Sunday's Parish Picnic will have an added extra. We will have our first opportunity as a parish to meet our new priest and his family. We are looking forward to good food and fellowship.

*"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near."*

--Mark 13:28

## BACKPACK FEEDING PROGRAM ENDED FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR



Aurie Acciavatti, Shelly Duncan, Linda Yost, Grace Ayscue, Margot Racin, and Christine Shaw help with the SRSB Backpack Feeding Program.

By Aurie Acciavatti

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Scott's Run Settlement House (SRSB) Backpack Feeding Program this past school year. The second and fifth Wednesday of each month volunteers from St. Thomas, and some friends, helped pack food into bags to be distributed to school children in 7 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 2 high schools that are served through SRSB. Other facilities serve the rest of the schools. Over 850 children served by SRSB take home a bag of food every weekend. For some children, this bag of food will supply them with food over the weekend and keep them from being hungry until they return to school on Monday.

This program will start up again on September 11. For further information contact Aurie Acciavatti at [auriebob@comcast.net](mailto:auriebob@comcast.net).

## EASTER BASKETS FOR SRSB

By Aurie Acciavatti

The Outreach Committee, with the help of the Sunday School/Youth Group, prepared Easter baskets for SRSB families. The Outreach Committee filled three laundry baskets with food staples, as well as dental supplies. Each family also received a \$50.00 gift card to purchase meat and other items such as butter, milk, eggs, etc. The Sunday School/Youth Group made up four kids' baskets which also included dental supplies.

Nursery Volunteer  
Needed



Sunday, June 23



If you can help,  
please email the  
office.

## 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

*Stewardship Reflection:*

*What does God owe us?  
What do we owe God?*

## PICTURES FROM KIDS' FEST IN MAY



## PETERKIN SUMMER CAMPS

- 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) **CANCELLED**
- 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.

## 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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