

June 2023

The Canterbury Cross

Monthly newsletter of St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church
Morgantown, WV

Afternoon Tea at Trinity

By Cheryl Prichard

Daughters of the King of Trinity Church held an afternoon tea May 20, 2023, and invited friends, family, and women from Becket. Tea flowed, tasty food was plentiful, hats were available, and games were enjoyed. Strider Hall, which is normally the dining room for the Community Kitchen, was transformed to a tearoom. Each table was decorated and hosted by one of the women from Trinity. In the past this was a yearly event but has been on hold for two years due to COVID. Aurie Acciavatti, Shannon Brown, Kathy Fedan, Karen Kostol, and Cheryl Prichard attended from St. Thomas.



Above: Becca Sinclair, Trinity's Senior Warden, adds finishing touches. Below: Tea table awaiting guests.



Karen Kostol, Shannon Brown, Cheryl Prichard, Kathy Fedan, Aurie Acciavatti.



Congratulations 2023 Graduates

Sam Carver graduated from Morgantown High School, and will attend WVU in the fall, studying in the Reed College of Media.

Katherine Henneberger, a 2020 graduate of Bowdoin College, recently earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Kentucky. She is now pursuing a doctoral degree, continuing her research in mathematics, with a focus on developing new algorithms to process large data sets. She also works part-time as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at UK.

Kate Robbins is graduating from University High School and will be attending Virginia Tech this fall. She enjoyed her senior year while performing in UHS's productions of *It Happens Every Summer* and *Frozen*. At Virginia Tech, she plans to double major in Creative Writing and English.

Alaine Lambertson graduated with distinction from the University of Georgia with a Master of Arts in art history and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management in May 2023. She completed an internship last summer in the Public Programming Of-



office at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and hopes to gain employment in a museum or with a nonprofit arts organization in Pittsburgh.

Jacob Mattozi, grandson of Bob and Aurie Acciavatti, graduated from the Institute of Culinary Education, New York City, in May 2023 with a Culinary Arts and Culinary Management degree. He was awarded a Top Toque award for highest academic achievement. He is now employed as a sous chef at Portale Restaurant in Chelsey, New York City.

Lauren Mattozi, granddaughter of Bob and Aurie Acciavatti, graduated summa cum laude in December 2022 from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree. In August she will enter Physical Therapy school at the University of Florida.

After what seemed an unlucky start to his college career during the pandemic year of 2020, **Joseph Urquhart Taylor** became one of the first two undergraduates to complete the new Robotics engineering major at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. Joseph received a BSE in Engineering with Highest Honors on April 29 and won the Robotics De-



partment's 2023 award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Joseph, the younger son of John Taylor and Grace Ayscue, started building robots with a Lego NXT kit when he was eight and later enjoyed being a part of FIRST Lego League teams and the high school robotics team MARS.



During his first semesters at UMich Joseph pursued basic engineering courses and used the forced time online to complete the required math sequence by the end of his first year. By his second year, he had decided to major in Mechanical Engineering while taking enough Computer Science, math, and Electrical Engineering courses to be able to pursue work in the growing field of robotics.

Joseph's academic career came into sharp focus in January 2022 when the UMich Robotics Institute announced that it would become a full department with its own faculty and a new undergraduate major. Joseph met with robotics faculty and interested students and changed his course schedule to include classes in dynamics, control, and robotics-related math. As one of the first students in the new department, he was able to get to know the faculty, staff, and graduate students at a level that is often difficult for undergrads in a large university. Working as a teaching assistant and lab instructor also gave him opportunities to meet people across the academic spectrum.

This summer Joseph is a second-year research intern at Amazon Robotics in Boston. He plans to return to Ann Arbor in the fall to pursue an MSE in Robotics. Over the next one to two years, Joseph hopes to refine his interests to a sub-field of robotics and to give his input on the continuing development of the new undergraduate program. Joseph deeply appreciates his department's commitment both to diversity among students and faculty and to applications of robotics that will be helpful to people in everyday life.

Rose Fedan is graduating from Amherst, Ohio's Marion L. Steele High School with an Honors degree. She

will be attending Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio this fall as a member of the Honors Learning Community. Rose has accepted an academic scholarship from Bowling Green as well as a Music Scholarship to participate in the university's Philharmonic Orchestra. She is also the recipient of the Joann Manley Scholarship.



Rose has been a dedicated musician in her school orchestra as well as the Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra. Her passion for ceramics is a new love which has blossomed in just this past year when she discovered the potters wheel. Rose plans to major in Visual Communication Technology and minor in Art with a concentration in Ceramics. She will be studying this summer at a weekend workshop in Pennsylvania with renowned British potter, Simon Leach.

Caleb Stephen Satterfield is the grandson of Betsy and Jim Sharley and son of Susan and Steve Satterfield. He is graduating with honors from Boardman High School in Boardman, Ohio on June 4, 2023. Caleb has earned National Academic All American status and High Honor Roll at BHS and is a member of the National Honor Society.



Caleb graduates with three varsity letters in baseball and four varsity letters in swimming. He is an OHSSA Division I swimmer and as a senior, Caleb is All Ohio for the 100 yard butterfly and is being considered for All American status. He is also a two-time AAC First team All-Conference and Male Swimmer of the Year. Caleb is a four time NEAC Conference All-Star. He has also earned Ohio High School Academic All State. Caleb was recognized by Youngstown's WYTV (Local TV Station) as Student Athlete of the week and was featured on the local news for his achievements. During

his Senior Awards Assembly, Caleb was awarded the prestigious Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. This is the highest honor an athlete can achieve from the high school. It is awarded for outstanding sportsmanship, integrity, and ethics. Caleb will continue his education at Kent State University, majoring in nursing.



Outreach Summer Collection

By Aurie Acciavatti

For many years the Outreach Committee has collected backpacks during the summer as do many non-profits and other school-related groups. So much so that there were quite a few backpacks that went unused. It has been brought to our attention that there is a greater need for underwear and socks (both boys and girls) for elementary children, especially pre-kindergartners and 3-year-olds in Head Start. This year the committee decided to focus the collection on that age group. Some larger-sized children could also benefit.

Anne Greza will distribute the underwear/socks at the end of the collection period which will run from **Sunday, June 4 to Sunday, August 13**. Donations may be left in the Ann Pahl cradle in the Sunday School room.

If you prefer not to go shopping, Aurie Acciavatti or Grace Ayscue will shop for you. Please give them a check, cash, OR you may send a check to the church with "Underwear/Socks" clearly written on the memo line. If you already purchased a backpack you can also put it in the Sunday School room and we will make sure it gets to Scott's Run Settlement House.

Let's see what St. Thomas can do this year for this new outreach project.



Save the Date: VBS at St. Paul's



Sunday, July 30 - Thursday, August 3

Join us in Babylon for Vacation Bible School 2023 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Morgantown.

This event is free and open to all!

Sunday-Wednesday will start with dinner at 5:00 pm then faith & fun from 5:30 - 7:30.

Thursday starts at 5:00 with a snack then faith & fun until 6:30 when friends and families are invited to join us for a cookout.

Register your child here: <https://forms.gle/8AGzmHXsudx53HHE6>



Shoe Drive

Quota Club of Morgantown is currently having a shoe drive. You can donate gently worn used and new shoes, which are shipped to micro-enterprises around the world. Due to the lack of jobs in developing nations, micro-enterprises add value to the economy and lives by creating small business opportunities, improving income and promoting commerce. These families are creating a path out of poverty by selling the shoes in their communities.

Collection boxes are at the Mountaineer Mall or call to schedule a pick up with Pat Stemple (304-680-1507) now through **June 9**. Any and all shoe pairs are accepted. Children's, babies, men's, women's--boots, sandals, tennis--any and all. Please unite the pairs by either tying the shoe strings together or wrapping with a rubber band.



Upcoming Clergy Supply Schedule

June 4 (Trinity Sunday) - DM II - The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen presiding and preaching; Dn. Al assisting

June 11 (2 Pentecost) - HE II - The Rev. Dr. George Moses presiding; The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen preaching

June 18 (3 Pentecost) - DM II - The Rev. Al Prichard presiding; The Rev. Dr. Lynn Cartwright preaching

June 25 (4 Pentecost) - DM II - The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen presiding and preaching; Dn. Al assisting

July 2 (5 Pentecost) - DM II - The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen presiding and preaching; Dn. Al assisting

July 9 (6 Pentecost) - HE II with Baptism - The Rev. Dr. George Moses presiding; The Rev. Al Prichard preaching

July 16 (7 Pentecost) - DM II - The Rev. Al Prichard presiding; The Rev. Dr. Lynn Cartwright preaching

July 23 (8 Pentecost) - DM II - The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen presiding and preaching; Dn. Al assisting

We are going to spend up to \$2,000 from the Sunday School Fund for snacks, materials, and decorations.

Junior Warden Jeff Fedan was absent but he had prepared a report. The foundation work will begin May 22, weather permitting. The grass cutting arrangements have been worked out; he is meeting with the plumber about the faucet in the kitchen; HVAC filters have been changed; arrangements have been made to illuminate the brick wall below the steeple; signs are being added or improved, including a new sign out on the big road, Route 857.

We are also going to spruce up the rector's office and get a new computer for the treasurer. The current one is old and is becoming uncooperative. If this continues it may require our treasurer to speak some uncharacteristically harsh words, a result we want to avoid.

Because one of the applicants has withdrawn from consideration, we had two applications for the Amy Marshall Robins Scholarship: Katherine Henneberger and Samantha Carver. As both were excellent candidates, we divided the available money (\$3,300) evenly between the two.

Deacon Al reported that he has been to the clergy conference and now he is off to Iona. The Bishop plans to replace Iona with another program so Al will soon be finished with that. Timothy Allen and Chris Scott are still scheduled to be ordained as deacons on May 31.

Bernie Schultz reported on the proposed strategic plan. It is still evolving, now in its fifth draft. There was some discussion and Bernie is still accepting email suggestions. The general plan is to distribute it to the congregation, announce it during church, and then discuss it at coffee hour.



May Vestry Meeting Highlights

By John McFerrin

Treasurer Beth Royall reported that we had made a deposit on the foundation repair which was not in the budget. Had we not made this extraordinary expenditure, the expenses for the year would be \$25,000 less than we budgeted. Much of this is a result of our having budgeted for having a rector for half the year and not having had one.

Stewardship Giving Report

April	Giving	Expenses	Variance
Monthly	\$25,241	\$32,488	(\$7,247)*
2023 YTD	\$89,581	\$67,131	\$22,450**

* Reflects 25% deposit on unbudgeted foundation repair.

** Amounts reflect information from the Treasurer's report given May 18, 2023 on the previous month's finances.

Sunday Worship Schedule

The Rev. Al Prichard, Deacon

10:30 am Holy Eucharist II
(in-person and livestreamed on YouTube)



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S	M	T	W	R	F	S
				1	2	3 Parish Hall, Kitchen RSVD: Fellowship Committee
4 Trinity Sunday 9:00 am Formation Class: <i>The Anglican Vision</i> 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion II (in-person and on YouTube) The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen presiding and preaching Spring Picnic	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 2 Pentecost 9:00 am Formation Class: <i>The Anglican Vision</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) The Rev. Dr. George Moses presiding; The Rev. Al Prichard preaching Coffee Hour <i>Finance Committee Meeting after church</i>	12	13	14	15 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	16	17
18 3 Pentecost 9:00 am Formation Class: <i>The Anglican Vision</i> 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion II (in-person and on YouTube) The Rev. Al Prichard presiding; The Rev. Dr. Lynn Cartwright preaching Coffee Hour Host Needed <i>Special Events Committee Meeting after church</i>	19 7:30 pm Outreach Meeting (Zoom)	20	21	22 6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting	23	24 Parish Hall, Kitchen RSVD
25 4 Pentecost 9:00 am Formation Class: <i>The Anglican Vision</i> 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion II (in-person and on YouTube) The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen presiding and preaching Coffee Hour Host Needed	26	27	28	29	30	



Birthdays

- 2 - Jeanne Rodman
- 5 - Lucas Greza
- 7 - Dori Heiskell
- 9 - Carolyn Zinn
- 12 - John Beall
- 13 - Raef Lambertson
- 19 - Tobias Murphy

Anniversaries

- 7 - Tom & Lynda Waggoner
- 15 - David & Gloria Sullivan
- 17 - Jeff & Beth O'Neil
- 21 - Lucas & Anne Greza
- 25 - Dn. Al & Cheryl Prichard
- 26 - Tom & Gwen Anderson

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed? Let us know!
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Service Ministers' Schedule: June 2023

<p>June 4 <i>Trinity Sunday</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Carol Beall, Bob Acciavatti Altar Guild: Kathy, Florita, Cheryl, Liz, Carol Counters (Monday): Linda Yost, Carol Roberts Spears Eucharistic Minister: John Beall Intercessor: Margot Racin</p>	<p>Producers: Jeff Fedan, Kathy Fedan Readers: Jeff Fedan, Bernie Schultz Ushers: Roy Spears, Carol Roberts Spears Vestry Closer: Lynda Waggoner</p>
<p>June 11 <i>2 Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: TBD, Bob Acciavatti Altar Guild: Alice, Hap, Mary Lou, Bernie, Cookie Counters (Monday): Linda Yost, Susan Seitz Eucharistic Minister: Carol Roberts Spears Intercessor: Kathy Fedan</p>	<p>Producer: Jeff Fedan Readers: Beth Royall, Scott Williams Ushers: Susan Seitz, Linda Yost Vestry Closer: Bryan Tolka</p>
<p>June 18 <i>3 Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Acolyte: Scott Williams, Bob Acciavatti, Theo Tolka Altar Guild: Natalie, Alice, John, Lynda Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Carol Beall Eucharistic Minister: Tara Steed Intercessor: Aurie Acciavatti</p>	<p>Producer: TBD Readers: John Pearson, Carol Roberts Spears Ushers: Byron Nelson, Carolyn Nelson Vestry Closer: TBD</p>
<p>June 25 <i>4 Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Tara Steed, Bob Acciavatti, Shepard Tolka Altar Guild: Grace, Patty, Anne, Susan Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Nancy Mosser Eucharistic Ministers: A. Nicely Intercessor: Carol Beall</p>	<p>Producers: Jeff Fedan, Kathy Fedan Readers: John Taylor, Susan Seitz Ushers: Corey Farris, David Sullivan Vestry Closer: Scott Williams</p>