

July 2023

The Canterbury Cross

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

New Rector Announced

As Senior Warden Corey Farris announced Sunday, July 2, the vestry has elected The Rev. Michael Delk as our next Rector!

Rev. Delk has previously served as the Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Anchorage, Kentucky; Rector of Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano, Virginia; Canon for Young Adults and Communications at Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta; and Assistant to the Rector at Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington, Kentucky. He has a M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary, and his Bachelor's from Transylvania University.

His first day at St. Thomas will be Tuesday, August 1. More information will be forthcoming.



New Organ On Order

We have received a large anonymous donation through the Diocese that covered 95% of the cost of a new organ. The rest of the cost was donated in gifts. The current Rogers organ is nearing the end of

its useful life, and the company that made it is no longer in business, making replacement parts hard to come by.

The new organ will be the Allen Organ GeniSys Series with APEX Technology GX-335e - Three Manual Organ. An organ committee consisting of John and Carol Beall, Nancy Mosser, Jerrey Hoyt, and Dr. Bill Haller chose the replacement organ. The organ is built to order, and we expect it to arrive sometime in September.



A/V Training Dates

If you are interested in engaging in service to our church community by assisting with the Audio/Visual portion of our service, Jeffrey Carver (jeffrey.carver@gmail.com) will be providing a training in July. Please fill out the doodle poll at the following link with your potential availability. Jeffrey will do individual trainings as needed if these times are not conducive to your schedule.

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bD80ojKb>

Happy Birthday, Leo

By Margot Racin

Leo Horacek is 104! Happy Birthday, Leo!

Leo was choirmaster at St. Thomas during the early years and he wrote beautiful service music we still use regularly.

Leo is a WWII hero-veteran. A fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater, Leo flew from aircraft carriers, was shot down twice, and remembers being rescued by US submarines so he could return to the skies. Leo was selected to be part of the fleet which flew over Tokyo Bay during the signing of the surrender document which ended WWII in the Pacific.

We honor Leo for his heroic service and thank him for the beauty he brings us through his music.



Photos from Timothy Allen's ordination. Top left: Bishop Cowden, Christopher Scott, Dn. Al Prichard, and Timothy Allen (seated).

Bottom left: Scott Williams reading during the ordination service.

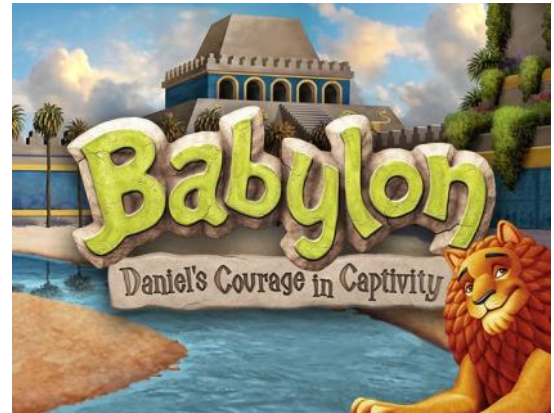


Save the Date: VBS at St. Paul's

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

Sunday, July 30 - Thursday, August 3

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>



Summer Outreach Collection Continues

We are collecting socks and underwear (both boys' and girls') for elementary children, especially pre-kindergartners and 3-year-olds in Head Start. The collection period goes through **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.

June Vestry Meeting Highlights

Adapted from minutes taken by Scott Williams

Treasurer Beth Royall circulated a written report and made herself available for questions. She also noted that the balance on the Diocesan Real Estate Loan is now \$0. She will seek official acknowledgement of that fact from the Diocese if none is forthcoming soon.

John Beall reported on behalf of the Organ Committee. He announced an anonymous donation of \$72,000 for the purchase of a new organ. In consultation with Bill Haller, the committee has selected an organ for purchase. Its cost exceeds the donation amount by \$3,425. However, it was reported that Jerrey Hoyt has secured donations to cover this shortfall. On behalf of the Organ Committee, John Beall recommended that we purchase this organ. The vestry members voted unanimously to do so.

Bernie Schultz offered a report on the Strategic Plan. He has received several substantive responses to the latest draft of the plan, and he and Carol Beall will produce a new version of the plan which incorporates those responses. He also raised for discussion the idea of establishing timelines and benchmarks for achieving/measuring outcomes. Some suggested that we go with longer term goals—perhaps as many as three-year benchmarks. Dn. Al raised the issue of needing "institutional memory" for this plan and these goals, given that, in three years' time, we will have an entirely different vestry presiding over them. He also recommended that we use "average attendance" rather than numbers "on the roll" to measure growth, and gave the welcome news that our average attendance is up to 64 from 51 at the end of COVID. He also suggested 120 as a potential three-year goal.

Nancy Mosser presented a property update, specifically with regard to the foundation slippage. The foundation represents a commercial type of foundation, not residential, and Baker's Waterproofing doesn't have the type of support piers needed for this project, so the deposit money for this job has been returned. Mike Mosser has contacted several surveyors and engineers to discuss the foundation issue, pin placement, scope of the work, and price.

Junior Warden Jeff Fedan then presented his report. The coffee machine timer is not functioning correct-

ly. He will address it. He suggested that, if the foundation work is not going forward this summer, it might be a good time to address the exterior lights. He has developed a plan, with Jeffery Carver, for the beautification of the memorial garden, which they will implement soon. Beth Royall pointed out that there was money budgeted for addressing the many issues on the Property Committee's list. Jeff also reported on the rector's office renovation. There is no need to replace the carpet at this time. Windows need to be replaced with new ones of the same size. The office will also need to be painted and have ceiling tiles replaced. The question of new furniture was raised. Lynda Waggoner offered to consult on the renovation.

As is our custom, the Senior Warden raised the possibility of making changes to our COVID policies, which the vestry declined to do.

Dn. Al Prichard gave the Deacon's Report. He attended the funeral of Ellen Rowan at Wesley United Methodist Church in Kingwood, over which Rev. Jenny Williams presided. He also reported that Bishop Cowden has decided to bring the Iona School to a close, replacing it with an online program of instruction called The Stevenson School for Ministry. Dn. Al will no longer be travelling for that. He will be gone on July 2 and August 13. Dn. Timothy Allen will fill on the 2nd.

In New Business, Jeff Fedan suggested a system to consolidate Sunday morning jobs such as acolyte, reader, usher, and producer. After some discussion, we decided to keep the current system in place.

At this point the vestry entered executive session to discuss a confidential matter. The discussion yielded no decisions of any kind.



Stewardship Giving Report			
May	Giving	Expenses	Variance
Monthly	\$15,946	\$12,924	\$3,022
2023 YTD	\$105,527	\$76,023	\$29,504*

* Amounts reflect information from the Treasurer's report given June 15, 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
2 5 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	3 Parish Hall RSVD: Spears	4	5	6	7	1 8
9 6 Pentecost 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II with Baptism (in-person and on YouTube) With The Rev. Dr. George Moses presiding; The Rev. Al Prichard preaching Baptism Reception	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 7 Pentecost 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	17 7:30 pm <i>Outreach Meeting</i> (Zoom)	18	19	20 7:00 pm <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	21	22
23 8 Pentecost 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 <i>Finance Committee Meeting</i> after church	24	25	26	27 6:00 pm <i>Property Committee Meeting</i>	28	29 9:00 am ECM Breakfast @ Apple Annie's
30 9 Pentecost 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	31					



Birthdays

- 4 - Kate Robbins
- 5 - Mary Lou Rudolph
- 10 - Anna Robbins
- 12 - Kevin Wyatt Meehan
- 15 - Kirsten Nelson
- 17 - Rebecca Krehbiel
- 18 - Aurie Acciavatti
- 19 - Alaine Lambertson
- 27 - Cheryl Prichard
- 30 - Lynn Harper

Anniversaries

- 7 - Van & Brenda Swearingen
- 9 - Mike & Nancy Mosser
- 10 - John & Pat Stemple
- 13 - J. & Ginny Aultman-Moore
- 29 - Bob & Aurie Acciavatti

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

<p>July 2 5 Pentecost</p>	<p>Acolytes: Jeff Fedan, Bob Acciavatti Altar Guild: Kathy, Florita, Cheryl, Liz, Carol Counters (Monday): Linda Yost, Carol Roberts Spears Eucharistic Minister: Grace Ayscue Intercessor: Margot Racin</p>	<p>Producer: Corey Farris Readers: Byron Nelson, Tara Steed Ushers: Angela Carver, Maddie Carver Vestry Closer: Grace Ayscue</p>
<p>July 9 6 Pentecost</p>	<p>Acolytes: A. Nicely, Bob Acciavatti, Theo Tolka Altar Guild: Alice, Hap, Mary Lou, Bernie, Cookie Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Aurie Acciavatti Eucharistic Minister: Corey Farris Intercessor: John Beall</p>	<p>Producer: Jeffrey Carver Readers: Margot Racin, A. Nicely Ushers: Susan Seitz, Linda Yost Vestry Closer: Lynda Waggoner</p>
<p>July 16 7 Pentecost</p>	<p>Acolyte: Carol Beall, Bob Acciavatti, Shepard Tolka Altar Guild: Natalie, Alice, John, Lynda Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Nancy Mosser Eucharistic Minister: Carol Roberts Spears Intercessor: Jeff Fedan</p>	<p>Producers: Jeff Fedan, Kathy Fedan Readers: Grace Ayscue, Carol Beall Ushers: Roy Spears, Carol Roberts Spears Vestry Closer: Grace Ayscue</p>
<p>July 23 8 Pentecost</p>	<p>Acolytes: John Beall, Bob Acciavatti, Caroline Beddow Altar Guild: Grace, Anne, Patty, Susan Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Carol Beall Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Williams Intercessor: Kathy Fedan</p>	<p>Producers: Roy Spears, Carol Roberts Spears Readers: Jeff Fedan, Bernie Schultz Ushers: Kathy Fedan, David Sullivan Vestry Closer: Bryan Tolka</p>
<p>July 30 9 Pentecost</p>	<p>Acolytes: Tara Steed, Bob Acciavatti Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, PJ Henry Eucharistic Ministers: A. Nicely Intercessor: Aurie Acciavatti</p>	<p>Producers: Jeffrey Carver Readers: Scott Williams, Byron Nelson Ushers: Byron Nelson, Carolyn Nelson Vestry Closer: Beth Royall</p>