

August 2023

The Canterbury Cross

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

Welcome, Rev. Michael Delk



The Reverend Michael L. Delk, a native Kentuckian, took his Bachelor's in Religion magna cum laude with departmental Honors from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, and his Master's in Divinity degree with Honors from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. During his time in seminary, Father Michael spent a semester abroad at Oxford University, and completed his Clinical Pastoral Education at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in west Philadelphia.

Over the past 25 years, he has served as the Assistant to the Rector at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington, Kentucky; as Canon for Youth, Young Adults, and Communications at The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Georgia; as Rector of Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano, Virginia, and as Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, in Anchorage, Kentucky (east Louisville).

Father Michael has two children: Ben, 21; and Ed, 19. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, movies, day

hikes in the mountains, and playing video games with his sons.

He begins his tenure as Rector of St. Thomas à Becket on August 1, 2023. There will be an **Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet after the service on August 6.**

See below for the details of his Installation service.



The Installation of the Rev. Michael Delk

The Right Rev. Matthew D. Cowden,
Bishop of West Virginia
will install
The Rev. Michael Delk
as Rector of
St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church
Saturday, August 19th,
Two Thousand and Twenty-three
being the
Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin (transferred)
at **One o'clock in the afternoon**
at
St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church
75 Old Cheat Rd.
Morgantown, West Virginia
Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy White Stoles

ECM Breakfast Gathering

By Bob Acciavatti

On Saturday, July 29, nine men from the parish met for breakfast at Apple Annie's Restaurant as has been our recent custom since the pandemic on those months with five Saturdays.



We've documented those in attendance on this occasion with the photo shown here starting at the left with Bernie Schulz, Jeffrey Carver, John Beall, Dn. Al Prichard, Marlin Denhoff, Bob Acciavatti, Jeff Fedan, Byron Nelson, and Rev. Timothy Allen. We are blessed to have enjoyed each other's company, had good conversation, and partaken of delicious breakfasts on that particular morning. We're looking forward to gathering there again on **Saturday, September 30**.



Robbins Memorial Scholarship Winners

A belated congratulation is in order to this year's recipients of the Amy Marshall Robbins memorial scholarship: **Sam Carver** and **Katherine Henneberger**.

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 mathe-

matics 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.



Reminder: the Outreach Socks & Underwear Collection Concludes on Sunday, August 13.

Clergy Recognition

On Sunday, July 30 we took the opportunity to recognize the Rev. Dr. George Moses, the Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen, and the Rev. Dr. Lynn Cartwright, who, in addition to Dn. Al Prichard, have been instrumental in our time without a Rector.

Photos by Aurie Acciavatti.



From left: Dn. Al Prichard, Rev. Dr. Lynn Cartwright, Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen, Rev. Dr. George Moses.



Top left: Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen, Rev. Dr. George Moses, parishioner Joyce Smyth, and Dn. Al Prichard.

Right: (Clockwise) Nancy Mosser, Carolyn Nelson, Byron Nelson, Angela Carver, Brenda Swearingen.



July Vestry Meeting Highlights

By John McFerrin

Since the vestry learned at its last meeting that the previous plan to stabilize the church building would not work, there was much discussion of what to do. We had had a visit from a structural engineer who looked at all the cracking in the building. Nancy Mosser, who has done a lot of work on this, also had available to her the report prepared for the inspection and remediation work that we had done in 2014. This work included work on the driveway so that water was directed away from the building. The engineer who came recently had reviewed the report from the engineer who evaluated the problem in 2014 and had a similar analysis.

We plan to follow the engineer's recommendation and gather more data before we decide what, if anything, we should do. We are going to have the cracks professionally measured and have a surveyor record the current plumb and levelness of the building. The surveyor would come monthly for a year. With the additional data we will decide what we need to do.

Jeff Fedan presented the report of the Property Com-

mittee; they have been busy as beavers this month: pulling weeds, cleaning gutters, trimming bushes, fixing toilet in women's room, installing new phones, installing an exit sign and a sign on the downhill curve, replacing light fixtures, hanging a picture donated by Schultzes in the nursery, etc.

And here's more! Jeff has contacted the person who is going to do the driveway sealant; the job is scheduled for September 8, and everyone will have to stay off the driveway Friday, September 8–Saturday, September 9. Jeff and Natalie have met with PACE, the company which cleans the church. Together they produced a list of things, including stocking the supplies in the bathrooms, which needed to be done regularly. In the future, the company will check off items on the list as they are completed.

Jeff also announced that a donor has offered to renovate the rector's office. It involves painting, drywall sealing, electrical work, lights, a new door as well as other things. The estimate for the work is \$23,000. The donor will also arrange for bookshelves to be built.

A donor has also offered to fix up the memorial garden. That project is not nearly so far along. We have a general plan of what would be done but no estimates.

We are lifting the last of our COVID restrictions by removing the suggestions of requirements of distancing and mask-wearing in the far left section.

The new rector has found a house and plans to move in about July 29.

Parish Administrator Natalie Homer reported that she will be on vacation from August 21 to 29. Linda Yost has agreed to fill in for her.



Stewardship Giving Report			
June	Giving	Expenses*	Variance
Monthly	\$23,631	(\$7,876)	\$31,507
2023 YTD	\$129,158	\$68,147	\$61,011**

* Expenses for the month are negative because the foundation repair down payment (\$20,626) was refunded.

** Amounts reflect information from the Treasurer's report given July 20, 2023 on the previous month's finances.

Sunday Worship Schedule

The Rev. Michael Delk, Rector

The Rev. Al Prichard, Deacon

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



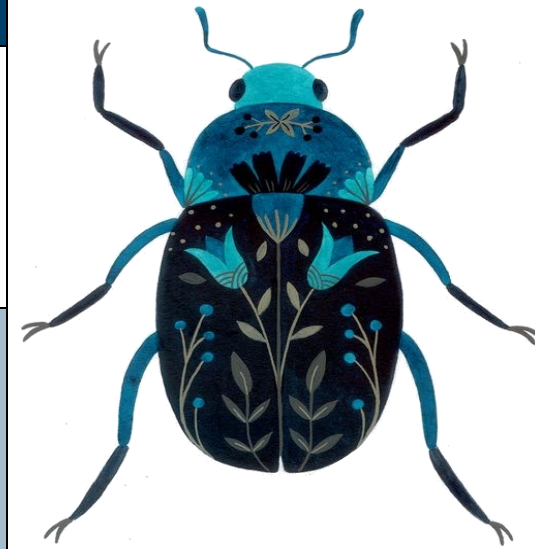
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August 2023

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5 10:00 am A/V Training
6 Transfiguration –Fr. Michael’s First Sunday– 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) Ice Cream Social Meet & Greet	7 Dn. Al gone _____	8	9	10	11	12
13 11 Pentecost 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) Coffee Hour Host Needed Final date for Socks & Underwear Outreach Collection Dn. Al gone _____	14 Parish Hall RSVD: Spears	15	16	17 Parish Hall, Kitchen RSVD: Fellowship 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	18 Parish Hall, Kitchen RSVD: Fellowship	19 Installation of The Rev. Michael Delk 1:00 pm
20 12 Pentecost 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) Coffee Hour Host Needed	21 Natalie gone _____ 7:30 pm Outreach Meeting (Zoom)	22	23	24 6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting	25	26
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Birthdays

- 1 - Linda Yost
- 3 - Marlin Dehoff
- 5 - Jim Burnell
- 9 - Jim Evans
- 10 - Ray Kesler
- 11 - Jay Krehbiel
- 14 - Katie Steurer
- 14 - Kamden Steurer
- 17 - Patty Harman
- 17 - John Pearson
- 18 - Hap Rudolph
- 19 - Shepard Tolka
- 20 - Campbell Smailes
- 22 - Carey Butler
- 24 - Tom Waggoner
- 27 - Jack Butler
- 27 - Paul Henneberger
- 27 - Kevin Roberts
- 28 - Rose Marshall
- 29 - Patch Henry
- 29 - Eamonn Murphy
- 29 - Joyce Smyth

Anniversaries

- 7 - Craig & Nancy Walker
- 16 - Scott & Jenny Williams
- 19 - Dan & Linde Crawford
- 19 - Byron & Carolyn Nelson
- 21 - Carey & Susan Butler

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed?
Let us know! parish@stthomasabecket.org

Service Ministers' Schedule: August 2023

<p>August 6 <i>Transfiguration</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Jeff Fedan, Bob Acciavatti Altar Guild: Kathy, Florita, Cheryl, Liz, Carol Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Nancy Mosser Eucharistic Minister: Tara Steed Intercessor: Margot Racin</p>	<p>Producer: Kevin Steurer Readers: Lynda Waggoner, Tom Waggoner Ushers: Corey Farris, David Sullivan Vestry Closer: Marlin Dehoff</p>
<p>August 13 <i>11 Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Scott Williams, Bob Acciavatti, Theo Tolka Altar Guild: Alice, Hap, Mary Lou, Bernie, Cookie Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, PJ Henry Eucharistic Minister: Grace Ayscue Intercessor: Carol Beall</p>	<p>Producer: TBD Readers: Byron Nelson, Carol Roberts Spears Ushers: Carolyn Nelson, Byron Nelson Vestry Closer: TBD</p>
<p>August 20 <i>12 Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Tara Steed, Bob Acciavatti, Shepard Tolka Altar Guild: Natalie, Alice, John, Lynda Counters (Monday): Linda Yost, Carol Roberts Spears, Susan Seitz Eucharistic Minister: Carol Roberts Spears Intercessor: Jeff Fedan</p>	<p>Producers: Jeff Fedan, Kathy Fedan Readers: Margot Racin, John Beall Ushers: Angela Carver, Maddie Carver Vestry Closer: Bernie Schultz</p>
<p>August 27 <i>13 Pentecost</i></p>	<p>Acolytes: Carol Beall, Bob Acciavatti, Caroline Beddow Altar Guild: Grace, Anne, Patty, Susan Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Grace Ayscue Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Williams Intercessor: John Beall</p>	<p>Producer: TBD Readers: Susan Seitz, Corey Farris Ushers: Kathy Fedan, Jim Sharley Vestry Closer: Scott Williams</p>