

May 2024

# The Canterbury Cross

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

## Rector's Corner

### The Feast of Pentecost

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate one of our most special High Holy Days, the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the original Apostles, making it the birthday of the Church as we know it. I hope you will make a special effort to be present in worship, and I encourage you to wear red, a symbol of the fire of the Holy Spirit. If you can speak in a foreign language, please notify the parish office. We have something special planned for the Gospel reading that you can be a part of.

After our 10:30 am celebration, we will hold our annual Ministry Fair with representatives from all of our parish ministries present to share you what we're doing in every area, and how can be part of that ministry. Please stay afterwards and browse the booths so that you can learn more about who we are as parish and how you can connect and get involved and contribute your spiritual gifts for the advancement of our mission in the community.

Peace,

The Reverend Michael L. Delk  
Rector



## Ascension Day

On Thursday, May 9, 40 days after Easter and 10 days before Pentecost, we celebrate Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended bodily into heaven. We will honor this occasion in the life of the Church with Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm. This will be a joint service with our brothers and sisters at Trinity, and we will be at Trinity for this sacred event.



## HEP Mission Trip Update

By Grace Ayscue

The dates are in—from August 4 to August 9, a group of folks from St. Thomas à Becket Church will be taking a mission trip to the Highland Educational Project in McDowell County, West Virginia. So far we have about 9-10 people going, and there's room for up to about 10 or so more if you let us know soon! We are also letting folks from other parishes in the Deanery know about this opportunity to serve, learn, worship, and spend time with each other and the people of McDowell County.

This trip is for people 21 years old or older who are willing to go and help in whatever way they are able.

(In the future there could be youth or parent/teen trips as well.) We'll stay together in a former FEMA building with two dormitory rooms, a commercial kitchen, bathrooms, laundry facilities, and a large common room. There's a room set aside as a small chapel. We'll be sharing breakfast and dinners there, and in between we'll go into the community to work. HEP Director Paul Barker is helping us determine exactly what work we'll do, but it will likely include finishing construction or repair projects started by groups earlier in the summer and/or doing small jobs for local residents; helping service organizations such as a meals program, food bank, and clothing ministry; and planning and conducting a half-day reading event for local children and parents to be held at the HEP center. We expect to meet people who live and work in McDowell County and to learn more about the resources and needs there. In the evenings we'll have time to spend with each other.

In order to help HEP provide lodging, not only for our group in August but also for future groups from near and far, St. Thomas à Becket just donated \$1,000 for five bed frames and eight mattresses for the dormitory rooms. Bishop Matthew Cowden and Father Paul Barker hope to promote HEP as a destination for church summer mission trips at the General Convention—if their efforts bear fruit, HEP will need to be prepared!

If you are interested in going on the trip in August, please let Grace Ayscue know soon, and she'll connect you with the most up-to-date information about the trip. You can jump right in and help with planning. If you can't participate but want to support the trip, look for opportunities in the next couple of months!

(And anyone can make a direct financial contribution to HEP by sending a check with "HEP" in the Memo line to the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia, 1608 Virginia Street East, P.O. Box 5400, Charleston, WV 25361.)

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### Third Sunday Soup!

Third Sundays will be Souper Sundays at St. Thomas à Becket! We are collecting cans of chicken noodle and tomato soup for the Rock Forge Presbyterian Food Pantry.



They are always running out of these favorites! Please place cans of unexpired soup in the box in the narthex decorated by Sunday School children. The first collection will be Sunday, May 19.

# Marywood University Chamber Singers

St. Thomas à Becket will host the Marywood University Chamber Singers on Wednesday, May 22 for a free concert at 7:00 pm.

The Marywood University Chamber Singers, led by Dr. Rick Hoffenberg, have been touring annually since 2009, and were featured at the 2021 and 2022 National Meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and were one of six choirs given awards in the 2022 American Prize in Choral Music. The current tour program is *a capella*.

Featuring music by Anton Bruckner, Daniel Elder, Owain Park, Kevin Allen, Blake Wilson, Jason Max Ferdinand, Stacey V. Gibbs, and others



For more information, visit [marywood.edu/mtd](http://marywood.edu/mtd) or please contact Rick Hoffenberg at [rhoffenberg@maryu.marywood.edu](mailto:rhoffenberg@maryu.marywood.edu)

**Puer Nobis**

**Organ Recital**

**William Haller**

**May 19, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

**Music by Clerambault, Widor, and Sowerby**





## Peterkin Camps 2024

*A Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia*

**June 9-15: Counselor Training**

**June 16-22: Senior Camp** (entering 10th grade-graduated high school seniors)

**June 23-29: Junior Camp** (entering 4th-6th grades)

**June 30-July 3: Alpha Camp** (young children and their grownups)

**July 7-13: Intermediate Camp** (entering 7th-9th grades)

**July 14-20: Music, Art, Drama Camp** (entering 4th-12th grades)

**July 21-27 Family Camp** (families of all ages and sizes)



While our new website is under construction, visit our Facebook page or our page on the Diocesan website at [www.wvdiocese.org/peterkin](http://www.wvdiocese.org/peterkin)



## April Vestry Meeting Highlights

By John McFerrin

Jeff Fedan presented the report of the Property Committee. Lynda Waggoner is getting estimates on changes to the bathrooms. Rome wasn't built in a day; neither was the Rector's office but it is now finished. The vent in the kitchen has been installed and the process for refurbishing siding has begun. We are still figuring out whether a standard size door would fit in the entrance to the Sunday School room or if we need a custom made door.

Jeff also reported upon the great success of the cleanup day at the church. We had good attendance and got a lot done.

There was a field trip to view possible improvements

in the Memorial Garden. The ground under some of the bricks has settled, causing them to sink below the level of the rest of the bricks. One of the improvements would be to take up those bricks and fix what lies beneath. There would also be replacement of the latticework, some new landscaping, and enclosure of the heating and air conditioning unit. We may not proceed with this project immediately because the funding is uncertain.

The owner of Tireland has indicated that they might like to buy an acre of our land. Although there was no decision about doing that, we are going to investigate the possibility.

Jeff would like to have solar panels installed on our roof. We are going to investigate more.

A new Bible has been ordered for the sanctuary and should be here April 25.

After some investigation, it appears that the best spot for a nursing station is in the parlor. We are going to get whatever signs, equipment, etc. which may be necessary to establish a nursing station there.

Bernie Schultz reported on his investigation of the possibility of our sponsoring a summer reading camp. Reading Camp provides for elementary aged children (entering grades 2-4) an opportunity to help maintain their reading and literacy skills through the summer months. With the help of Susan Seitz, he found that there are several other organizations in Monongalia County doing such a camp. There is a possibility that we could join with a church in Kingwood to support something in Preston County but that would not be until the summer of 2025.

We divided sums available for the Amy Marshall Robbins scholarship between Sam Carver and Caleb Satterfield. Congratulations to both of them.

We are going to look into organizing foyer groups. This is a mechanism for encouraging small groups of congregants to meet for dinner. Jeff Fedan will follow up on this idea.

Stewardship Giving Report			
March*	Giving	Expenses	Variance
Monthly	\$22,793	\$19,405	<b>\$3,388</b>
2024 YTD	\$77,436	\$70,110	<b>\$7,326</b>

\*Amounts reflect balances as of 3/31/24 from the Treasurer's report presented at the 4/18/24 vestry meeting.



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### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
in-person only

9:00 am **Adult Formation**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
in-person and livestreamed on  
YouTube

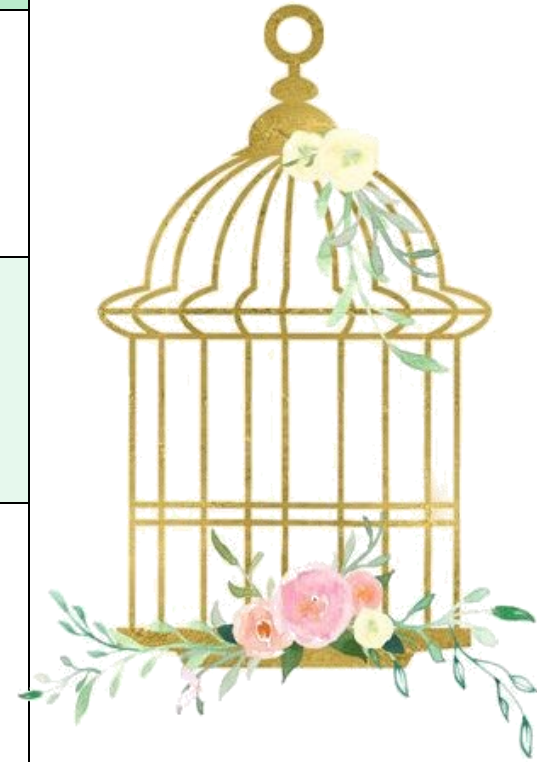
10:30 am *Nursery Care*  
*Children's Sunday School*  
**Coffee Hour** after service



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# May 2024

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
			1 5:30 pm Faith Relations HFH Meeting	2 12:00 pm Parish Hall RSVD: Racin 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting on Zoom	3	4
5   6 Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:00 am Adult Formation Class: Mark 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) Coffee Hour	6 5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting	7 9:30 am Mountaineer Cleaning	8 12:30 pm Backpack Feeding Program @ SRSB	9 7:00 pm Ascension Day Holy Eucharist II at Trinity	10	11
12   7 Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:00 am Adult Formation Class: Mark 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) Coffee Hour (host needed)	13	14	15	16 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	17	18
19   Day of Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:00 am Adult Formation Class: Mark 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour 4:00 pm Organ Recital by Bill Haller	20 7:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting on Zoom	21 9:30 am Mountaineer Cleaning	22 7:00 pm Marywood Singers Concert	23	24 Parish Hall, Kitchen RSVD: Fellowship	25 2:00 pm Ordination of Scott Williams
26   Trinity Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:00 am Adult Formation Class: Mark 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) Coffee Hour	27 6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting	28	29	30	31	



### Birthdays

8 - John Stemple  
12 - Soma Mbadiwe  
13 - Berny Schreurs  
15 - Matt Heiskell  
20 - Gwen Anderson  
26 - Kevin Meehan  
28 - Marty French  
31 - Jeff Fedan

### Anniversaries

9 - Eric & Renee Beard  
18 - Jeffrey & Angela Carver  
29 - Kevin & Kayla Steurer

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed? Let us know!  
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# Service Ministers' Schedule: May 2024

<p><b>May 5</b> 6 Easter</p>	<p>8:00 am Liturgical Assistant: Tara Steed 8:00 am Reader: n/a Acolytes: Carol Beall, Bob Acciavatti Altar Guild: Kathy, Florita, Cheryl, Liz, Carol Coffee Hour: Kisner, Fedan Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Nancy Mosser Eucharistic Minister: Grace Ayscue</p>	<p>Flowers: Marshall Intercessor: John Beall Producer: Kevin Steurer Readers: Grace Ayscue, John Taylor Ushers: Kathy Fedan, Susan Seitz Vestry Closer: Nancy Mosser</p>
<p><b>May 12</b> 7 Easter</p>	<p>8:00 am Liturgical Assistant: Carol Beall 8:00 am Reader: n/a Acolytes: John Beall, Shepard Tolka, Bob Acciavatti Altar Guild: Alice, Hap, Mary Lou, Bernie, Cookie Coffee Hour: <b>TBD</b> Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Susan Seitz Eucharistic Minister: Tara Steed</p>	<p>Flowers: Acciavatti Intercessor: Aurie Acciavatti Producers: Jeff Fedan, Kathy Fedan Readers: Dan Bryan, Dede Burnell Ushers: Angela Carver, Maddie Carver Vestry Closer: Beth Royall</p>
<p><b>May 19</b> Day of Pentecost</p>	<p>8:00 am Liturgical Assistant: Jeff Fedan 8:00 am Reader: Susan Seitz Acolytes: Jeff Fedan, Bob Acciavatti, Wilma-Rue Tolka Altar Guild: Phil, Patti, Natalie, Alice, John, Lynda Coffee Hour: Ministry Fair Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Carol Beall Eucharistic Minister: Carol Beall</p>	<p>Flowers: Pentecost Intercessor: Margot Racin Producer: Nancy Mosser Readers: Angela Carver, John Pearson Ushers: Carolyn Nelson, Byron Nelson Vestry Closer: Ginny Aultman-Moore</p>
<p><b>May 26</b> Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>8:00 am Liturgical Assistant: Bob Acciavatti 8:00 am Reader: Beth O'Neil Acolytes: Tara Steed, Bob Acciavatti Altar Guild: Grace, Anne, Patty, Susan Coffee Hour: Fellowship Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Aurie Acciavatti Eucharistic Minister: Carol Roberts Spears</p>	<p>Flowers: Marshall Intercessor: Carol Beall Producers: Jeff Fedan, Kathy Fedan Readers: Beth Royall, Kathy Fedan Ushers: Linda Yost, Kathy Fedan Vestry Closer: <b>TBD</b></p>