

Cluster Chronicle

"A community of Episcopal congregations sharing the love and power of the Risen Christ in our communities through worship, evangelization and apostolic service."

Rev. Derrick Fetz appointed Cluster priest-in-charge

The Cluster Council and Epiphany and Our Saviour Vestries announce that Bishop Kenneth Price has appointed Rev. Derrick Fetz to a three-year contract as Cluster parttime priest, to begin duties September 15.

Rev. Fetz has been Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, New York since 2018. Before that, he was Rector of St. Matthew's in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, having previously worked at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church near Cincinnati and as Rector of a cluster of three parishes in the Appalachian foothills.

A native of Urbana and graduate of Otterbein College, Rev. Fetz earned a Master of Divinity degree



Reverend Derrick Fetz

from Seabury Western Theological Seminary and was ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. He and Jamie were married at Epiphany. They have an eight year old daughter, Mari Belle.

When he was his daughter's age, Rev Fetz visualized a career in the Christian ministry. He attended St. Mary School in Urbana and his

eight-year-old feelings were profoundly stirred by the liturgical, sacramental form of worship of the daily Mass.

"When other kids were playing fireman or airplane pilot or imitating sports heroes, I set up a little altar in my room and acted out the role of the clergy that I had witnessed at St. Mary," he recalls.

That little improvised altar of childhood became real and Rev. Fetz is now an enduring exemplar of that youthful vision of Christian love and service.

Father Derrick's introduction to his family and a review of their interests and talents follows on page 2.

Meet the Fetz family!



Rev. and Mrs. Derrick Fetz

As many within our two congregations know, Fr. Derrick is not a stranger to the Cluster. Raised United Methodist, he found his way to the Episcopal Church by attending a service at the Church of Our Saviour in Mechanicsburg, where his friend, the late Cheryl Heckler Feltz, was received into the Episcopal Church. Four years later he was back at Our Saviour to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Price. While a junior at Otterbein College, he discerned a call to the priesthood and the Urbana Church of Epiphany became his sponsoring parish. In 2008, Derrick and Jamie were married at Epiphany.

Derrick is looking forward to returning “home” to work in collaboration with the

people of the two churches, to grow in faith and number and to help change lives to change the world. In addition to serving as the Priest-in-Charge at NMVEC, he will be serving as the Director of Operations at Fetz Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, a firm owned and operated by his parents, Sheila and Robert Fetz.

About Derrick

After serving the East Central Ohio Cluster and St. Mary Magdalene in Maineville, Derrick left the Diocese of Southern Ohio to become Rector of St. Andrew’s in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He was there for nearly eight years before being elected Dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral in Buffalo, New York. His foci in his last two calls include incorporation of children into the full life of the church, racial justice, community relations, church growth, formation for all ages, organizational structure, sustainable financial planning and adaptive change. He is professed member of the Third Order Society of St. Francis, a religious order within the Episcopal Church and wider Anglican Communion.

A meaningful verse of scripture for him is Micah 6:8, “... what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (New Revised Standard Version). In addition to spending quality time with family, he enjoys doing almost anything outdoors (especially hiking) reading a variety of genres, cheering on OSU teams, the Cincinnati Reds the Boston Red Sox and pursuing genealogy.

About Jamie

Jamie grew up in Englewood, Ohio. After graduating from Northmont High School, she attended Otterbein College earning a Bachelor of Arts in Religion. Her interest in other cultures and educational pursuits led her to visit Israel, Zimbabwe and Belize. After college, she attended massage therapy school and practiced massage in Ohio and Massachusetts.



Mari Belle Fetz

Jamie has a myriad of interests and hobbies including painting (watercolor being a favorite), playing the guitar, singing, cooking, knitting, bullet journaling, enjoying good humor and listening to podcasts, especially the Moth Radio and the Office Ladies. In terms of ministry, Jamie values youth formation, music, social justice and outreach, particularly ministry benefitting the hungry. Jamie and Derrick share the same meaningful verse of scripture (Micah 6:8).

About Mari

Mari will enter second grade, turning eight in November. She has a passion for learning in the classroom or wherever she is. Creative, musical and enthusiastic about life, Mari enjoys Irish dancing, horseback riding, swimming, history ---specifically the American Revolution and the story of the Titanic---fashion and style and bike riding. She is passionate about Girl Scouts and all it entails.

Mari finds joy in snuggling and playing with her cat, Juniper, and discussing medical matters. She gains inspiration by reading the *Who Was* series of books which showcases influential people throughout history. Mari's favorite figures include Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Frida Kahlo. In addition to participating in Sunday School, Mari's church involvement includes helping with a food program and assisting with worship. Her favorite Bible stories are Noah's Ark and the Last Supper.

The Fetz family looks forward to getting to know the people
of Our Saviour and Epiphany!

Prayers answered



Ed Hardin

Legions of prayers were sent heavenward. God and Ed and Nancy did the rest. The Hardins joined an overjoyed Epiphany congregation one memorable Sunday in July, appearing in their usual pew for the eleven o'clock worship service.

Ed's valiant recovery has taken more than a year of treatment and therapy following a stroke in October, 2019. The Hardins were in Indiana then, visiting Ed's father who had recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Ed suffered some left-side paralysis and was quickly treated at an Indianapolis hospital. He was then sent to Riverside in Columbus. Recuperation continued at a therapeutic facility associated with Riverside. A determined Ed made steady progress and he celebrated Christmas, 2020, at home.

His first Sunday back in church this summer an emotional Ed credited his strong rebound to Nancy's tireless love and care. He briefly recapped events of the past year and it was abundantly clear that his illness has in no way affected his intellectual capacities or his unquenchable sense of humor. Welcome home Ed and Nancy, a big void in our parish is joyfully filled. And granddaughter Nora Ann makes it all the sweeter.

A life we love to celebrate

Dorothy Fenton Headlee was born July 20, 1918, the year that marked the end of World War I. She was one of twins who were but three years old when their mother succumbed to the Spanish Flu during the world-wide epidemic.

More than one hundred years later, Dorothy survived the Covid-19 pandemic to celebrate her 103rd birthday in good health, her ready smile and gracious, loving spirit bless all who know her.

We never tire of sharing Dorothy's birthdays. She has no secret formula for long life, but we suspect her lifespan has been extended because her kind of love is rare and so needed on earth.

So, we once again send a heartfelt happy birthday to Dorothy and give thanks for every day of this beautiful, long life.



Dorothy admires her birthday cake

Dorothy's devoted daughter Mary Ann is a frequent visitor.



Blake certified by FAA

Blake Barr, beloved grandson of Paddy Barr of Epiphany, has a career in aviation in mind. He will be a sophomore at Graham this fall having taken some first steps toward his goal during 2020-21 by joining the Graham High School Flight Program.

He was encouraged by the Ohio Hi-Point consultant who serves as Flight Program advisor to study for FAA exams for drone certification and to qualify him for private pilot ground school. After months of preparation, Blake took and passed both tests. Now he will compete for a scholarship to help fund 40 hours of private pilot flight time. When successfully completed, that will qualify Blake for a private pilot certificate from the FAA. There's no doubt that Blake will meet requirements as he has done in his personal and academic life. When Blake was ten, he was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer which manifested itself as a brain tumor. Successful surgery, weeks of radiation as a hospital outpatient in Philadelphia, constant prayer and his indomitable spirit resulted in Blake's return to normal life with a few limitations. We rejoice with his parents and Grandmother Paddy. The future looks bright for Blake who is doing his utmost to make that prognosis come true.



Blake Barr

Our Saviour serves homecooked brats



The fragrance of grilling bratwurst wafted over Main Street and environs in Mechanicsburg one summer evening, announcing that Our Saviour's July Community Meal was going to be a treat!

Grillmaster Todd Boeck cooked the savory sausages. Volunteers Emily Rozmus and her son JP and Amy Boeck added meat to servings of Cole slaw, applesauce, potato chips and a fabulous dessert selection: cookies, apple pie and Kay Keller's chocolate brownies.

Folks picked up sixty of the prepared suppers with thanks aplenty for Chef Todd and his faithful assistants. Missing from the regulars were Dusty Hurst and Sarah Bradford who each had vacation plans for July.

But, all will be on hand again in August as summer begins to slide into September. Hope to see you then.

Todd Boeck does grill duty.

Bench strength is good

When Epiphany organist Sharon McCall attended daughter Tabitha's graduation, Our Saviour organist Sam Zook kindly played services at both churches that day. And engaged his musical collaborator, trumpeter Keith Ward, to join organ selections and enhance hymn accompaniment. We are grateful to these accomplished musicians for their regular contributions to Cluster worship at Our Saviour and for filling in at Epiphany on occasion. Keith has many friends at Epiphany where he sang numerous concerts with the Champaign County Youth Choir.



Community meal provided by Mercy Hospital

No organization, business or agency has done more for Epiphany's Community Meal program than Mercy McAuley Center. However, since McAuley has been purchased by another facility, Mercy Hospital has taken its place as one of Epiphany's most faithful Community Meal partners.

In July Mercy Chaplain Rev. Ray Brandstiter and Tonya West, former McAuley staffer who is now Community Education Coordinator for the hospital brought from hospital kitchens boxed cool summer meals of large buns generously filled with turkey and ham and cheese, chilled applesauce and potato chips. Cookies from Mercy and Carol Wappelhorst of the Epiphany committee provided a sweet finish. And there were bottles of iced water for the asking.

Tonya, a nurse and certified social worker, told us that this new responsibility adds dimension to her career in long-term health care begun in 1983. She explained to Community Meal volunteers Sharon Applegate, Paddy Barr, Laura Milton, Julia Robertson and Carol Wapplehorst that she now goes into Urbana and the villages with such services as blood pressure and diabetes testing. She meets with doctors and civic and service organizations detailing hospital services and capabilities. She lists volunteer opportunities and recruits folks for those positions. Tonya also manages the hospital gift shop, maintaining an inventory of helpful items, grooming supplies, snacks, coffee and gifts that will give pleasure, comfort and ease stress for patient's families and other guests. Tonya now represents Mercy Hospital on the board of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. We are indebted to Mercy Hospital, Rev. Brandstiter and Tonya for a perfect summer supper and continued devotion to our shared mission.

Tonya West and event volunteers Julia Robertson, Paddy Barr, Rev. Brandstiter and Sharon Applegate.



In remembrance

Betsy Jo Schell Moell, beloved grandmother of Dusty and Tabitha McCall Moell, passed away July 20 with a celebration of her life held at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield July 29. She was "Granny Bets" to five with Dusty and Tabitha due to add a great-granddaughter in November. A graduate of Centerville High School, Mrs. Moell was for 30 years an administrator at International Business Machines (IBM) in Dayton. She was a faithful member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran, attended worship and Bible studies there and was, every day of her life, the loving embodiment of the Christian life.

Altar flowers



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In loving memory of
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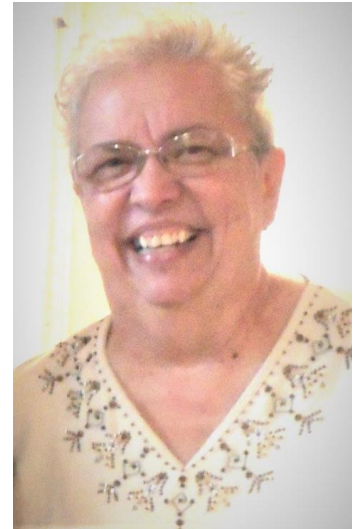
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Rev. and Mrs. Tim West

Thanksgiving for Family
Thanksgiving for Gladys Spencer
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Robert T. West
Richard and Betty Pooler



We thank you, Barb



A recent gift to Epiphany's infrastructure from congregant Barb Renkert makes us a little safer.

She funded a second handrail at the west entrance of the church. Inasmuch as many of our worshipers are older, they especially appreciate having sturdy, iron railings on each side of the several steps.

Sincerest thanks, Barb, for your thoughtfulness. And know that we will give thanks again, every time we climb those steps.

Wisdom from a Quaker

Refuse to let darkness dominate your attitude. It's easy to be a cynic. Resist easy cynicism. Be an optimist. It launched this nation and will always be our indispensable ally in improving our condition. Believe that things can be made better. Have faith in what you can achieve. Plato said, The strangest of all the mysterious things within is our unceasing preference for the best.

A golden rule, by any other name

...might surprise you. Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves was not the first time such an admonition had been issued. While it is a core concept of Christianity, the rules of conduct of several ancient cultures set forth by their key thinkers, included similar teachings. Here are a few, starting with the oldest.

That which you hate to be done to you, do not do to another. Egyptian, 2040 BC

Avoid doing what you would blame others for doing. Thales, Greece, 624 BC

Never impose on others what you would not choose for yourself. Confucius, 551 BC

Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. Buddhist Eastern Asia, 543 BC

Hence, by self-control and by making right conduct your main focus, treat others as you treat yourself. Vidura, Hindu, India, 400 BC

Expect from others what you did to them. Seneca, Rome, 4 BC

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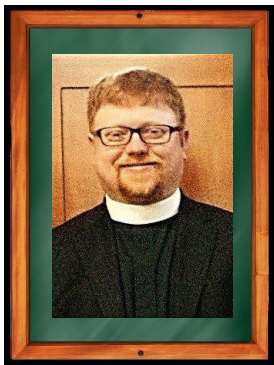
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