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## The Episcopal Church of Bangor in Caernarvon



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*Historic Bangor Episcopal Church, the mother church of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, seeks to be a community in Christ Jesus celebrating our heritage, vibrant in our worship, and engaged in ministry and mission as we approach the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding.*

# This Sunday at Bangor Church

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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM **HOLY EUCHARIST**

11:10 AM Fellowship (Church House)



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The Gospel reading for this Sunday always features one of the passages from the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel according to John. Jesus declares to his disciples, “I am the good shepherd.” This beloved metaphor

reminds us of the personal relationship that we have in Jesus, the Christ who lays down his life for the flock.

We welcome the Rev. Ronald Jaynes back to Bangor Church this morning as our Supply Priest. Fr. Ron and his wife, Colleen, now make their home in Lancaster in retirement.

Join us after church in the Church House for refreshments and fellowship.



### **From Fr. Mark: Making a new nest**

As I sit down at my computer and write this last reflection before packing up the desk and computer and moving to Ephrata this week, I am looking out the window and watching a pair of cardinals.

The male, clothed in bright and distinctive red, and his companion female, with muted green/grey feathers, appear to be hard at work. They are both hopping about and I can see that they are picking up light reeds and twigs. They fly away, and then in another minute or so, return to gather more. Another sure sign of spring- they are building their new nest.



I think I know how they feel - Dottie and I are also in the process this week of establishing a new nest. This is our moving week. Our new home is now ready in Ephrata. We have sold our home in Carlisle, spent weeks packing, and now await the moving van.

This has been our home for 32 years. Actually, for clergy, that's a remarkable stay in any one place. So, it is natural that we have been getting a bit nostalgic about leaving this house, the house in which we raised our children. It is a place full of memories.

But like the birds that are busy at work building new nests, it is a good season for a new adventure. One of our dearest friends used that phrase, "ready for a new adventure" to support us in this process. Like so many things in life, this leave-taking process is part letting go and part hanging on.

Of course, there is great joy in the new adventure. Our adventure actually began over three years ago when Dottie and I joined the Bangor Church family. Over these transitional years, we have done a good bit of driving back and forth, and often longed for the day when we could live closer. Well, that day has finally come.

We would like to thank everyone for your kindness and support. I have taken off this Sunday, anticipating that it might be hard even to locate my "church clothes" this Sunday, let alone write a sermon! Fr. Ron Jaynes will take the service on Sunday - please welcome him back to Bangor Church.



Some say that the presence of a cardinal is a sign from God of a loved one who remains present with us. As I watch my cardinal friends, I think of many dear ones who are now among the Communion of Saints but who remain in our hearts. I hope they are looking on and cheering us in our new adventure.

My little cardinal bird friends will soon be nesting in their new digs - just like the Schenemans. I wish them well.

We give thanks for the blessings and memories of the house we are leaving and pray for the presence of Christ in our new home.

I wonder if our new neighbors like the bagpipes?

Mark+

### **Coming Events**

Morning Prayer	April 29
Rogation Sunday	May 6
Museum of the Bible trip	June 13

### **Vestry highlights**

At the April monthly meeting of the vestry last Sunday, we had a fairly light agenda. Treasurer Alan Benton updated us on our parish finances and declared that we have caught up on our stewardship after some winter Sundays of lower attendance. He will soon be moving some of the funds in our checking account to our investment account so that we can grow these funds. The vestry voted to give \$100 as our Holy Week offering to the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Jerusalem. We will also reinstate our church listing in the Penny Saver.

Jr. Warden John Sizer and Property Chair Dan Lake reviewed a couple of property issues that are being addressed in the coming weeks, including unclogging the downspout over the sacristy door and repairing our mail box and emergency lights. A final decision on repairs to the concrete walkway from the parking lot is still pending.

### **Chartered Bus Trip to the Museum of the Bible- June 13**



We have rescheduled our excursion to the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC. The new date will be **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13**. This gives us a couple of months to clear calendars and hopefully

fill our chartered bus. We are using the Elite Coach Company of Ephrata and will have **a 26 passenger bus**.

We will leave from our parking lot at 8:00 AM. At the museum we have scheduled 4 ½ hours for touring, watching a show, or sampling some Middle Eastern food in their restaurant. On the way back home, we have now scheduled a one hour stop where you can get a meal on your own. Our bus should return to Churchtown by 7:30 PM.

The cost for the bus ride will be \$52 per person. This includes a tip for the driver. The museum does not have a required admission cost, but all will be invited to make a donation. The cost of any extra film presentations in their theatre or meal/snack costs are up to each individual.

The **deadline for registering will be Sunday, May 27**. If you are interested in going, please put your name on the list in the Church House. **Make checks for \$52 payable to Bangor Church**, noting that this is for the Museum of the Bible trip and drop them off in the church office.

Reservations will be “first come, first served” and you may invite friends who are not members of our church.

## **Announcements**

+Our **annual Rogation Sunday service** will take place on May 6 at 4:00 in the Church Yard. This is a wonderful occasion to invite friends (including furry friends!) Following the 35 minute service, the women of Bangor Church serve a lite meal for those who would like to stay.

+Our prayers have been asked for Kathy Weaver, Dyls Glew, Jim Chubb, Eleanor Hertzog, Shirley Smith, Lynn Schneider Schauer, Carol Greenfield, Irene Gundlah, Lois Benedix, Stan Imboden, Fred Stevenson, Bob Dailey, Ann Dailey, Claire Fleming, Alissa Groff.