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Community Relations Liaison Update

The Brown House

The Brown House has risen to live again! It was once used as a Sunday School building, a meeting house, a "free" and rental residence for those in need and a storage area for rummage sales.

After a lot of work by many volunteers, the Brown House is being readied for it's rebirth. It has been cleaned, exterminated and divided into rooms with appropriate furniture inside.

Currently, we are collecting house accessories from parishioners who have been holding onto unwanted items. Our first pick up was January 16, 2022 with another one scheduled for February. If hope springs eternal, the Brown House will open the first Saturday morning of March or April as the weather warms. It is our desire that those in need can sign out and take what they can use. Thank you to each and every volunteer who has helped already and to those who will help in the future!

Please contact any of the following to arrange a pick up or a give away.

> Carol Niemand (703) 864-7139 Sue Coleman (410) 708-1560 Henry Sabetti (301) 418-0908 Thelma Quinn (410) 708-3385

Shrewsbury Episcopal Parish

The Very Reverend Henry Sabetti, Rector The Reverend Stephan Klingelhofer, Priest Associate The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sinnott, Hispanic Missioner

12824 Shrewsbury Church Road Kennedyville (410.348.5944) Email: shrewsburychurch@gmail.com www.shrewsburyparish.org



Shrewsbury Episcopal Parish Services

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:45 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II and livestreamed on our Facebook page 4:00 p.m. Sagrada Familia (2/6 & 2/20)

The Shrewsbury In Vision

The Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shrewsbury Parish will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday February 27, 2022. The meeting will take place on Zoom and the link will be emailed prior to the meeting. Your attendance is encouraged. ALL Vestry, Warden, Committee and Guild Reports should be emailed to shrewsburychurch@gmail.com no later than February 17, 2022. There will be at least 3 nominees for the Vestry and their Bios will be emailed prior to the meeting.

The Inclement Weather Date will be Sunday, March 6, 2022

SHREWSBURY EPISCOPAL PARISH NEWSLETTER

Baptism

Aitana Cecilia Luna Perez was baptized on December 19, 2021 at the Christmas La Sagrada celebration and service. Aitana's parents are Alma Deila Perez Guilermo and Dolors luna rodriquez

"Mr. Bill"

William "Mr. Bill" Joseph Krumm was born on May 4, 1942 in Teaneck, New Jersey; his mother was Josephine, his father, who was of Danish descent was Frederick and he had a sister Karen Ann. His father had a gas station, where Bill worked, in Bogota NJ and Bill later opened a body shop next door to complement the gas station. "I liked music and dad wouldn't let us play music in the gas station... but I did in the body shop." Bill has an extensive collection of 1940, 1950 and early 1960 tapes; "Music soothes me."

He was never married but was engaged twice. "My first car was a 1951 Plymouth Wedgewood Blue, but the engine was blown

out so I had to repair from top to bottom. Once repaired would cruise with my honey around the parking lot of *Home of the Happy Lobster Restaurant."*

Ten years ago he moved to Queen Anne County, Sudlersville area, to live with his nephew, but after his nephew married "things did not work out". I am grateful to the Salvation Army (Shane), Susan at DSS and Father Henry at Shrewsbury Parish for finding me a wonderful home to live in while I am awaiting for assisted living housing to become available in Kent County. Mr. Bill is temporarily residing with long time, faithful parishioner Pamela Quarstein.

SOCIAL **MINISTRY** COMMITTEE NEWS

The Social Ministry Committee mission is to take care of our parish family and members of the wider community. Led by the Holy Spirit, we will provide support, services, and resources, using our talents, abilities, and energies. Emily Cassidy and Sue Coleman co-chair Shrewsbury's Social Ministry Committee (SMC) with a wonderful team: Father Henry, Jose & Marcie Carranza, Randy Cassidy, Janet Fitch, Katie Hughes, Carol Niemand, Bob O'Connell, and Rich Walls. Although our first "in person" meeting wasn't until May 11, 2021, the SMC team was working to provide for our parish and community needs. February 6 & 7 we had a successful Souper Bowl of Caring event through the contributions of Molly Market, the SM team members soup & chili, and all those who came out to drive-by pick up or making donations. The 2022 Souper Bowl of Caring will be announced soon.

Budgeted funds allowed us to support communities, such as: Good Neighbor Fund, Camp Wright, the local Fire Department, La Sagrada, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, and the Food Pantries. Horizon Summer Program is free for children. It provides educational enrichment and outside activities for children who may not have opportunities. Lunches are provided but one day a week churches contribute the lunches. We selected Friday, July 9, 2021. Hamburgers were provided at no cost by McDonalds thanks to Marcie Carranza. Bob O' Connell donated apples & carrots and Katie Hughes donation the snacks. Emily Cassidy packed everything up & delivered it to the camp. The Social Ministry Committee coordinated the Summer COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (August 8 & 29) with the direction from the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health. Shrewsbury's Multi-media systems, The Kent County Health Department and the Kent County School system helped us get the word out to our community.

We appreciate all the contributions of our congregations for providing: School Supplies, Socktober socks, hats, gloves and scarves, Thanksgiving food-a-plenty for 25 families, 3 boxes of items for Agape, Angel tree clothes or gifts for 24 children, and furniture or household items for the people in need in our local community.

With God's guidance, the commitment to serve, and Shrewsbury's generosity, the Social Ministry Committee has worked to care for our community with your ever-present help. Thank you!





Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes 2021

Pictured to the left: Pam Quarstein, Chris Wallman, Mary Carlisle

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

On Christmas Eve, we were quite humbled and honored to receive the very kind words from our Co-Treasurer Mary Lou Pagella. She also presented us with a far too generous and gracious monetary gift, courtesy of the family of Shrewsbury. With heartfelt gratitude for each of you, your love, your faith and the ministry we share in God's name, we thank you. As I said Christmas Eve, I cannot imagine being a priest anywhere else. It continues to be an honor to serve you and serve with you.

May God always be with each and every one of you,

Henry & Lisa Sabetti

Pictures from the Picnic for Elizabeth Gross

BOCCE BALL WITH ED HATFIELD

NEW ADDRESS FOR ELIZABETH:

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ROBERT BRYAN & FRIENDS



with Bishop Porter Taylor

Sunday Evenings March 6 - April 3, 2022 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm *via Zoom*

Lent is less a season to observe and more a walk to walk. As the days get longer and the light more accessible, so are we invited to cast aside all that gets between us and resurrection. One theologian commented, "Everything that happens to Christ happens to us." In that sense, the Bible is a road map for us to follow, indicating the terrain of our journey with Christ and in Christ and to Christ.

These five sessions are intended to help us discover how we can consciously walk the way of Lent. Each week we will focus on a different theme and engage in one of the readings from the Lenten lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. Rather than a Bible study, we are invited to discover how to live this Lenten journey in our own lives. This is a community sharing how they have walked and are walking the Lenten pilgrimage.

REGISTER HERE: <u>https://tinyurl.com/RHLent.</u> A suggested donation of \$50 for early registration (until February 6th) will be gratefully accepted. *Please don't let finances keep you from attending! <u>Lent</u> by Evelyn Underhill is encouraged for this series and can be purchased <u>here.</u> For more information, please email <u>heather@retreathousehillsboro.org</u>*



Bishop Taylor joined the Diocese of Virginia as Assisting Bishop on July 1, 2020 after retiring as Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina in 2016. In retirement, he also joined the faculty of Wake Forest University Divinity School. Bishop Taylor holds a Master of Divinity, a Ph.D. in Theology and Literature, and a B.A. and M. A. in English. He and his wife Jo, an artist, are based in both Arlington, VA, and Asheville, NC.

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From your Rector:

They are Here

"They are here Fr. Henry. They are warm and inside for the night." That is what my friend Willy Gale told me when he called to tell me the two homeless men (one a relative of his) were brought from the streets of Chestertown in sub-freezing weather and high winds to a local motel. They were both huddling together in a



down town alley. One had wrapped his legs and feet in newspaper. The other shivered as he approached hypothermia, his entire set of belongings covered in snow on a park bench.

Carol Niemand discovered the men and called me in tears. Following contact with Willy we arranged for them to stay at the motel, where they remain for now. They are here. They are among us. Invisible in many ways to most of us the homeless population of Kent County has at best a 12 hour daily respite from the outside in our county's transitional overnight shelter. We believe we can do more and we are going to work to do so. Since the beginning of Covid Shrewsbury parishioners and friends of the parish have contributed over \$20,000.00 to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and again I (we) cannot thank you enough. We also have a diocesan grant to aid motel dwellers which is now going to be utilized to provide assistance for homeless men and women that we shelter in the motels. There is no form of permanent shelter or emergency shelter in the county. If you meet the criteria you can stay overnight. This is helpful for some but not enough for many. Meeting with the Chestertown Town Council has given us the confidence that emergency Covid relief funds will be available to assist the homeless. We will do all in our power to acquire funds and establish a homeless relief fund at Shrewsbury with the assistance of community resources and members.

We have secured with the motel management a special rate as well as the assurance we will monitor the gentlemen's stay with multiple daily visits and at least one hot meal a day. Their privacy is important. Their dignity is being restored. They are so thankful. They are warm. They are here.

As I wrote this I received a call from a county official asking what we thought we can do for the 7 children and 15 adults who lost their housing in a fire in Worton last night. He said, "This is evidence of the problem. We have no permanent shelter." We discussed options to assist these families. Options are limited.

As you can tell, I am passionate about being a vehicle of help for those in tragic circumstances. I believe we as a Christian community have that as one of the most important calls of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to serve the needy, the orphan, the widow, the broken and bruised, the addict, the homeless-and the list goes on. To serve. They are here.

Over the next several weeks we will be bringing more information on the plight of the homeless of this county and efforts to provide shelter beyond half a day. If you wish to be involved we have options for your service. If you want to assist financially you are invited to contribute to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and I promise your donations will not go to waste.

Jesus of Nazareth taught us that the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself is not optional. It is as much a part of Christian teaching and obligation as anything else in scripture and Judaeo Christian tradition. Shrewsbury has a long and storied history of putting this commandment into action. The need never goes away. They are among us. They are here. May God light their path and ours.



Ticket price: \$15.00 Adults

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

- Saturday, February 5, 2022
 - 9:00 a.m.
- Sponsored by: The Kent County Branch of the NAACP
 - Under age 10 \$6.00
 - Limited Seating
- Donations for event are accepted and welcomed Mail to Kent NAACP P.O. Box 600 Chestertown, MD 21620
 - Location: The Potter's House Ministries Hall 8814 Fairlee Road Chestertown, MD 21620 410-778-0100
 - For more information send email:
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