

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

October 7, 2020



## WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday at 11:00 either via our website, our Facebook page or even in person! During worship we will virtually bless our beloved pets. We've asked you to send us a photo and your pet's name. Of course, if you don't have a photo, just send the name. However, we'll need it by Thursday, no later than 4:00 p.m.

Also on Sunday we will celebrate Holy Eucharist. It isn't celebrated in the usual manner because we are conscious of your safety. Holy Eucharist is being offered once a month (and because of safety precautions only on Sunday) and our next service

of Eucharist will be All Saints Day, Sunday November 1. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!

Pictured above is a statue of St. Francis at the Mother Seaton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD (not far from the PA state line.) Pictured at right is Melinda+presiding at Eucharist at a church in Virginia.



### A note on the pandemic:

The increase of SARS-CoV-2 infection in our area is worrisome. Both the Vestry and our priest are keeping a watchful eye on how the illness is unfolding in our area. If you are the least bit uncomfortable about attending worship, please join us online. If you can't come and need materials such as the weekly bulletin sent to you, or even a Book of Common Prayer, please simply let the office know. Pastor Melinda is willing to bring Communion to you at home as long as circumstances allow.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10/12.** Pastor Melinda has Columbus Day off and Jerry is on vacation the week of 10/12. Appointments are welcome Wednesday morning and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Friday is the sabbath for our staff.



### **STAIRS REPAIRED.**

Like any building, our physical plant is always in need of one repair or another. We are blessed with our Junior Warden Jeff Watson and Building Superintendent John Paul Jones. They've had a busy several days, maintaining our boilers and replacing parts as needed. Now we are ready for heating season! They also took advantage of a glorious day on Tuesday to remove loose mortar on our stairs (Tower entrance, main entrance and stairs



leading to the Parlor.) They then replaced the mortar. Pictured above is John (on the left) and Jeff (on the right) resting from their labor. We are also blessed with our lawn mowing teams and the landscaping maintenance that Glen Murrelle does quietly behind the scenes. We may be in the midst of a pandemic, however, needed work still occurs. For that let us give thanks to God!



Every year Maria Layton makes catnip mice for our Fall Fair. Even though the Fall Fair is not happening this year, she would be thrilled to make mice for you. If you are interested please call or email the church office and let us know how many you would like and we will let her know.

**So what happened at Diocesan Convention?** Linda Murrelle, Ruth Barber and Pastor Melinda met in the Parish Hall last Saturday to “attend” the Convention via Zoom. They watched on our big screen TV and voted on their respective devises. The Bishop’s address covered a new Diocesan structure. Gone are the old “regions;” these have been replace with Convocations. The purpose of a Convocation is to group parishes in proximity to one another. Parishes that are fairly close to another are encouraged to form “fellowships.” The purpose of this change is to set up an intentional structure to foster stronger relationships between parishes and a sharing of resources. Since the Episcopal Church’s smallest unit is the Diocese, and no parish is independent of the Diocese, this structure makes a great deal of sense. Let’s hope that the Holy Spirit (and our parishes) makes use of this new structure— by way of example, there’s no telling what Trinity Athens and our parish could be doing in terms of shared ministry. All six resolutions passed, almost all of which passed unanimously. Elections were held and our own Pastor Melinda was elected to Diocesan Council. She is delighted with the outcome and is very appreciative of ZOOM—which means she won’t have to drive 2 hours and 40 minutes to an evening meeting in Bethlehem. The entire Convention took place in three and a half hours—the delegates were able to be home in time for lunch.



Don & Norma Stevens 10/11  
 Ray & Penny Penoyer 10/12

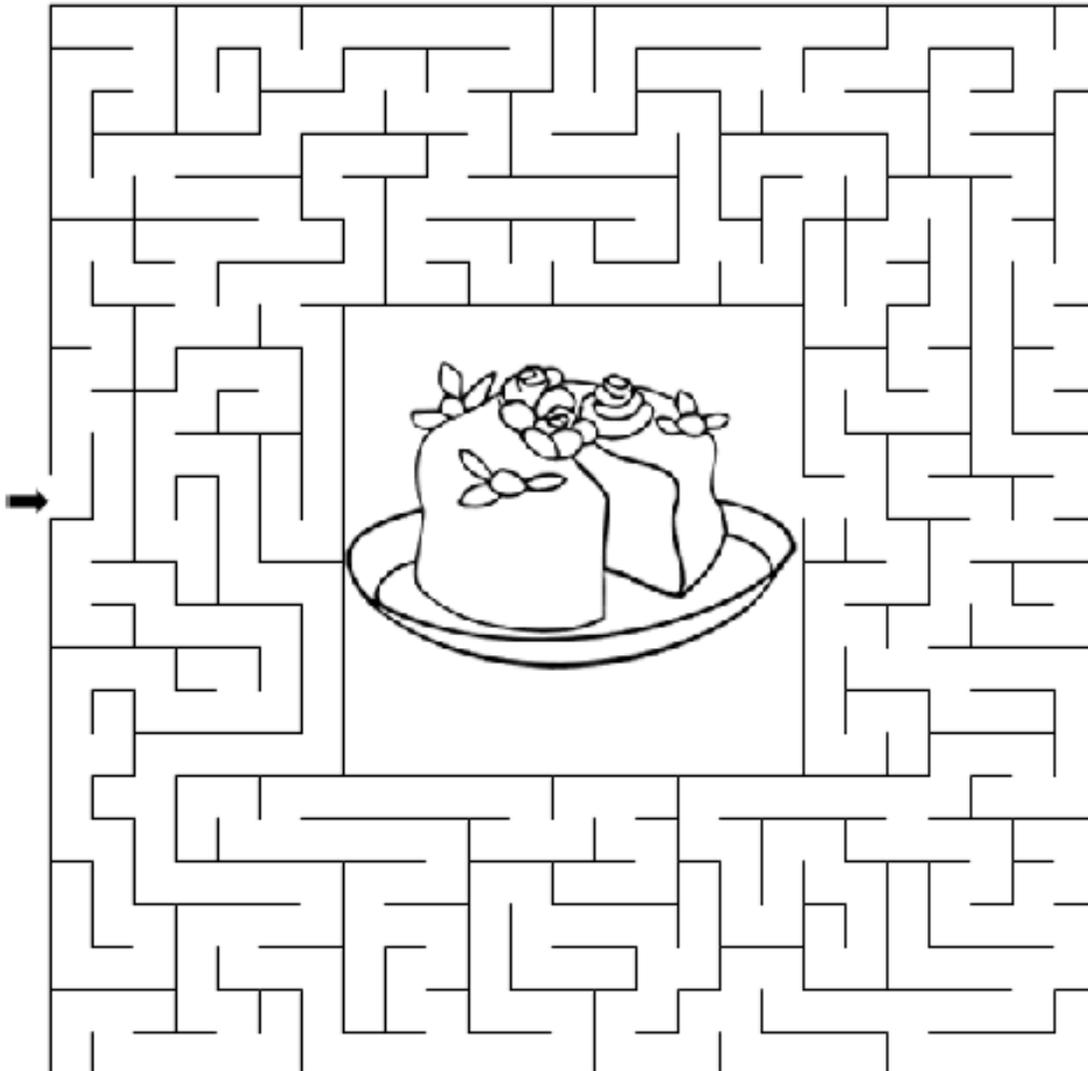
Alex Murrelle 10/8  
 Thomas Shay 10/8  
 Matthew Luther 10/9

# Inviting Others to Jesus



You are invited to the wedding feast!

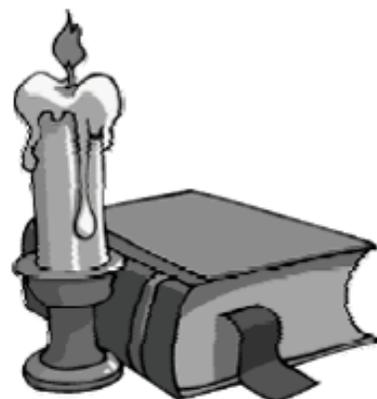
Can you find your way to the wedding cake?



# The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)



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PARABLES  
GUESTS  
SERVANTS  
FILLED

STREET  
HEAVEN  
CATTLE  
REFUSED

INVITED  
KINGDOM  
COME  
WEDDING

BANQUET  
CORNERS  
OXEN  
DINNER