

Christ Church Chronicle

April 2016

Life Legacy

The Reverend John B. Edson, 77, of Dillsburg, passed away Monday, March 14, 2016, at his home.

He was born on May 6, 1938, at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, the son of the Rev. H. Fairfield Butt, III and Elizabeth Edson Butt.

After John's father served as the Protestant [Chaplain](#) at "The Point" they moved his family to Rumson, NJ. After his service as a naval chaplain in WWII, they moved to Baltimore, MD. After his father's death, they moved to Washington, DC, where John spent his teen years, graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School, in 1957.

John attended the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina for a year, and then volunteered for the draft, serving in the Army as a medic off and on for nearly three years. He was awarded "Soldier of the Month Award" in his unit at Ft. Meade, MD. He graduated from Tusculum College, Greeneville, TN in 1966, taught school at Columbia Military Academy for Boys, Columbia, TN. It was there that he met Linton Ann Hogan, whom he married on June 3, 1967.

They moved to New Haven, CT, where he graduated from Berkeley [Divinity School](#) (Episcopal) at Yale in 1970. His first parish call was as the Assistant to the Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Bay Village, OH. I served in numerous parishes both as a Rector and as Interim Rector in the Dioceses of Ohio, Spokane, WA, Minnesota, Monroe, Michigan, Vermont, Western MA, Albany, NY, Woonsocket, RI, Central PA (St. Luke's Episcopal, Mechanicsburg), Hope Church, Hope, PA. In retirement, He was privileged to serve as Interim Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, St. Paul, Carlisle, Holy Trinity, York Springs, and St. John, New Freedom.

His beloved wife of 41 years died and went to be with her Lord on September 5, 2008. Their union was blessed with a beloved son, Jonathan D. Edson and his wife, Hilary along with a granddaughter, Amelia all of Dillsburg.

He is also survived by three brothers, H. Fairfield Butt, IV of Washington, DC; The Reverend Robert Edson of Hingham, MA; Michael and his wife Jane Edson of Corvallis, OR, and by his dearest companion Audrey Bertsch of New Freedom, PA.

"May it be said of me, that I preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ, loved the Lord and his people, had a heart for the poor, became angry at injustice and senseless war, enjoyed volunteering for my home parish of St. Luke's, singing in the choir, serving free home cooked meals at St. Luke's for the community, served suppers to the street people of Harrisburg, helped in an [after school tutoring](#) for elementary school children at St. Luke's."

His interests were enjoying being with friends and family, reading American history, the [Civil War](#), biographies, the Presidents, theology, the Bible, classical and jazz, show time, photography, art, watching old movies on TV, walking and working out at the gym.

May we all attempt to follow the two great Commandments, with the help of God, "to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbor as ourselves." As Tiny Tim said in "A Christmas Carol." "God bless us everyone."

Services will be held Saturday, April 9, 2016, at 10:00 am at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Mechanicsburg, PA.

[Memorial contributions](#) may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church or the [Disabled American Veterans](#).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
3 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	4 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	5 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	6 Yoga 6:00 PM	7	8	9 Humane Society Brunch/Style Show 11:00 a.m.
10 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.	11 Yoga 10:00 AM	12 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	13 Yoga 6:00 PM	14	15	16 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
17 <i>Vestry mtg.</i> 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	18 Yoga 10:00 AM	19 <i>Discussion at The Interchange</i> 5:30 p.m. Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	20 Yoga 6:00 PM	21	22	23 Women's Retreat 9:00 a.m.
24 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. <i>Cantori Concert</i> 3:00 p.m. @ <i>United Methodist</i>	25 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	26 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	27 Yoga 6:00 PM	28	29	30 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION AT THE INTERCHANGE

Our second theological/philosophical discussion will be
from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19th
at The Interchange.

Please let Father Henry know if you have an interest
in a particular subject.

April Birthdays

**April 23 – Richard
Lowman**

*The meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th with Amanda from the Diocese has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Please keep me in the loop

Far too often, you might hesitate to inform me of your desire/need for pastoral care, because you do not want to bother me. On the contrary, you are not bothering me when you inform me of a major illness, yours or a loved one's illness. Because of privacy issues and regulations, staff at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities will not contact me. You, a family member, or a close friend must contact me, if you have a pastoral need.

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507-491-2695 (personal cell) (no reception in the office at school; leave a message)

507-333-1651 (office at SSM School) Messages go to my e-mail account.)

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Thank you. Be blessed and strengthened...

Father Henry

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

April 3 (Easter II)	Holy Eucharist
April 10 (Easter III)	Morning Prayer
April 17 (Easter IV)	Holy Eucharist
April 24 (Easter V)	Holy Eucharist
May 1 (Easter VI)	Holy Eucharist
May 8 (Easter VII)	Morning Prayer
May 15 (The Day of Pentecost)	Holy Eucharist
May 22 (Trinity Sunday)	Holy Eucharist
May 29	Holy Eucharist
June 5	Holy Eucharist
June 12	Morning Prayer
June 19	Holy Eucharist
June 26	Morning Prayer



April 2016 readers:				
	<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Chalice</i>
Sun. April 3 – HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Taylor Shaft	Jeff Shaft	Jeff Shaft
Sun. April 10 – MP				
Sun. April 17– HE	Rev. Henry Doyle			
Sun. April 24 – HE Rev. Henry Doyle				

(some information not available at print time) Betty Loper will be in touch with all of you to complete the April schedule for readers.

New Revised Common Lectionary – April 2016:

Sun. April 3 – 1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; 2nd Reading: Revelation 1:4-8; Gospel: John 20:19-31.

Sun. April 10 – 1st Reading: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; 2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14; Gospel: John 21: 1-19.

Sun. April 17 – 1st Reading: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; 2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9-17; Gospel: John 10:22-30.

Sun. April 24 – 1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-6; Gospel: John 13:31-35.

BOOK STUDY

Savile Lord, our Senior Warden, and I, your Priest-in-Charge, invite you to join us in reading and discussing the book, **Grounded: Finding God in the Word. A Spiritual Revolution**, written by Diana Butler Bass. Written below is one of the many reviews of the book:

The headlines are clear: religion is on the decline in America as many people leave behind traditional religious practices. Diana Butler Bass, leading commentator on religion, politics, and culture, follows up her acclaimed book **Christianity After Religion** by arguing that what appears to be a decline actually signals a major transformation in how people understand and experience God. The distant God of conventional religion has given way to a more intimate sense of the sacred that is with us in the world. This shift, from a vertical understanding of God to a God found on the horizons of nature and human community, is at the heart of a spiritual revolution that surrounds us – and that is challenging not only religious institutions but political and social ones as well.

Grounded explores this cultural turn as Bass unpacks how people are finding new spiritual ground by discovering and embracing God everywhere in the world around us – in the soil, the water, the sky, in our homes and neighborhoods, and in the global commons. Faith is no longer a matter of mountaintop experience or institutional practice; instead, people are connecting with God through the environment in which we live. **Grounded** guides readers through our contemporary spiritual habitat as it points out and pays attention to the ways in which people experience a God who animates creation and community.

Bass brings her understanding of the latest research and studies and her deep knowledge of history and theology to **Grounded**. She cites news, trends, data, and pop culture, weaves in spiritual texts and ancient traditions, and pulls it all together through stories of her own and others' spiritual journeys. **Grounded** observes and reports a radical change in the way many people understand God and how they practice faith. In doing so, Bass invites readers to join this emerging spiritual revolution, find a revitalized expression of faith, and change the world.

Diana Butler Bass is a historian focusing on the history of Christianity and a leading voice in progressive Christianity. Bass is currently an independent scholar who writes broadly on American religion and culture. She is the author of eight books, three of which have won research or writing awards. She earned a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University in 1991 with an emphasis on American church history. While at Duke, she studied under George Marsden. From 1995-2000, she wrote a weekly column on religion and culture for the New York Times Syndicate that appeared in more than seventy newspapers nationwide and has since become a popular commentator on American religion for other media outlets.

The book study will begin on Sunday, May 1st, and will meet the following three Sundays: 8th, 15th, and 22nd, from 9:30 to 10:20 in the parlor.

Father Henry

Heartfelt thanks to Joy Shaft, Savile Lord, Peggy Havener, and Gail Thurnau for the generous gifts of food, beverages, flowers, time, and talent, which resulted in our being able to host the repasts to honor Paul and Melissa Johanson on Sunday, March 6th; and to honor Alicia Erickson on Wednesday, March 30th!

Special thanks from the heart to Clemencia Gujral for taking charge of clean-up after the luncheon on the 30th, and to her able assistants, Gail Thurnau and Sara Aeikens! Thanks also to Cindi Christenson for designing, printing, and mailing the invitations!

God's blessings upon you wonderful women!

Father Henry

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

Father John Edson, the rector of Christ Church from 1986 to 1989, died on March 14, 2016. Printed in this newsletter is the obituary.

We ask God to strengthen his son, Jonathan Edson, and family, and give them hope for tomorrow. Cards may be sent to Jonathan at: 622 York Road, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania 17019

Marvin Goette, the father of Cindi Christenson, died on March 14, 2016, after an extended illness. His funeral took place on March 18, 2016. We ask our ever-compassionate God to lift up the hearts of Cindi and her family. Rest eternal grant to John and Marvin, O God. Let your perpetual light shine upon them and all the departed.

I swear I will not dishonor my soul with hatred, but offer myself humbly as a guardian of nature, as a healer of misery, as a messenger of wonder, as an architect of peace.

Diane Ackerman

One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it.

Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes

Please try to inform Cindi when there are prayer needs so she can include them in the weekly bulletins. Contact the church office on T-TH, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 507-373-3188, or you can send an email to: christch@q.com

Our Vision

Where All Are Welcomed and Fed at the Table

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Henry Doyle

DEACON EMERITUS: The Rev. Jerald Loper

SENIOR WARDEN: Savile Lord

JUNIOR WARDEN:

TREASURER: Joy Shaft

VESTRY CLERK:

VESTRY: *Peggy Havener, Jeff Shaft*

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