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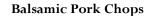
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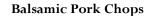
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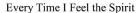


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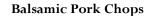
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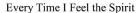


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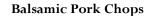
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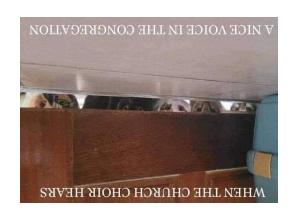
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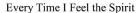


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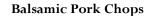
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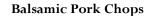
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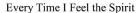


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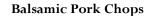
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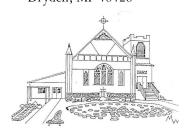
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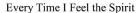


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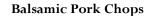
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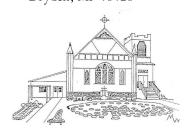
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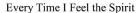


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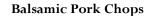
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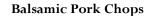
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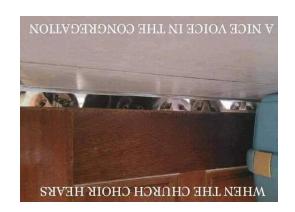
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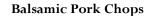
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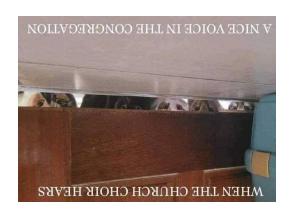
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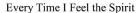


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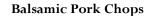
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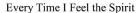


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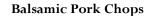
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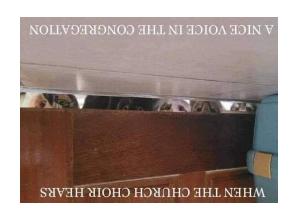
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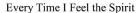


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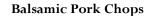
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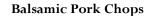
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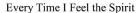


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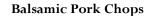
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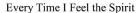


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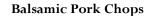
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## .A Note from Tom

Unbelievably, with the dust not yet settled on the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde,

Texas, our own Episcopal church was touched by a similar tragedy. Three people who ranged in age from 75 to 84 died in a shooting at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama (just south of Birmingham) after a man who occasionally attended services at the church pulled out a handgun during—of all things—a "Boomers Potluck Dinner".

Now as much as it pains me to say this, there is a lesson for us to learn in the wake of this terrible tragedy. At the end of my teaching career, we (both teachers and students) began to have numerous "active shooter" drills. The message was always the same: don't just sit there. Take action. Barricade the door, escape through the window, and yes, attack the shooter.

As the gunman at St. Stephen's opened fire, another churchgoer, Jim Musgrove (in his 70s) charged the suspect, hit him with a chair, and held him down until the police arrived. The police said Mr. Musgrove's actions likely saved many lives.

Although it may feel unwelcoming, it has become obvious that me must protect ourselves. We cannot take our own safety for granted.

It is also paramount that we look to God. As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry prayed, "Merciful God, please bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence."

With every blessing... Tom+



# Pentecost Photos

Look for more inside!

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St. John's Journey is published monthly. We're looking for your photos and articles. Please email them to "stjohnschurchdryden @gmail.com" with the word "Newsletter" in the subject line. Deadline for August is July 29th.



Happy Birthday!
Jim Fry
Kitty
Underwood

Nikolai Wagner

Jack Dodd

Dear Friends,

We had a VERY busy month in June! First there was Pentecost, then our first Music Series concert with lots of pre-concert help from all of you and then our old shed was "disappeared" by two very generous (and probably a bit sore and tired) fellas. We had a guest speaker from Linked Hearts on June 19<sup>th</sup> and we began a new approach to Morning Prayer for the summer. I think we all should give ourselves a big pat on the back for a long list of things well-done.

July looks to be a little less hectic. Fr. Tom is going to General Convention and I'm hoping he shares all the news with us when he returns. Rev. Barb will be joining us on July 10<sup>th</sup> – this is her next-to-the-last time at St. John's (she's officially retiring at year's end). Be sure to join us if possible – she's always such a joy.

There IS one project I would like to

start in July. If you can sew a straight seam, or cut fabric, or wield a safety pin – you may be just the person we need to help. I'll talk more about this during announcements and probably share an email in the next week or so.

Meanwhile, I'm hoping we all have a lovely July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and a pleasant month. Summer in Michigan can be such a treat. Store up

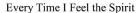


the sun and the warmth – we know what comes afterword.

Peace and Blessings to all,

**Becky Foster** 









### **Pentecost Pix**



## The Classic Chorale and the director, Vicki Schrauger

#### St. John's Concert Series Kick-off a Success

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, we had our first concert for the 2022 season and it was a great success. The show featured the Oxford Classic Chorale and their accompanist, Larissa Verley. There were almost 40 people in the pews. Many familiar St. John's faces were there AND there were some newer faces in the crowd as well. From the front, it looked to me like everyone was enjoying themselves – and I saw several folks joining in to sing along with songs like "This Land is Your Land" and "Amazing Grace".

Not only did folks sign up ahead of time, but many just pitched in as needed. There are so many people to thank but here's a partial list.

Fr. Tom Manney -MC and help with set-up and cleanup

Roxanne Todd - Marketing and advertising

Jim Fry – Initial planning discussions and additional suggestions

Jack & Ida Lynn Dodd – Yard sign placement, parking lot assistance, FB live stream, munchies and GREAT punch!, event prep and clean-up

Connie Ogg – yard sign placement, parking lot assistance, munchies, event prep and clean-up and many helpful suggestions

Ina Dockham – yard sign placement, munchies, event

prep and clean-up, assisting the Chorale as needed

Neil Hargrave – Water (much appreciated), parking lot assistance

Yvonne Malinich- munchies, help with distributing flyers

John Malinich – event usher and bell ringer

Mary Cameron – munchies, event usher

Sherry and Marvin Petrie – munchies, event ushers

Kathy Wagester, Kitty Underwood, Dianne Bishop – really great munchies!

Larissa Verley played several lovely pieces for us during "half-time". It was great to hear a live performance on our keyboard once again.

We plan to have another concert in the fall. Watch for more info!

Larissa Verley



Our new shed is officially blessed and in business. The old shed? Well...see that pile of scap lumber in the truck? Thanks to Fr. Tom and to Mark Wagner for tackling the job.





This is all that's left of the old shed. A little more clean-up, some grass seed and time for the weeds to fill in and no one will know it was there....

## **Ministry Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	Eucharistic Minister	Worship Lead- er	<u>Videographer</u>	Counting Member 1	Counting Member 2
July 3	Rachel	Tammy	Rev Manney	Mary Cameron	Wes	Ina
July 10	Darlene	Corinne	Rev Cavin	Becky Foster	Jack	Becky
July 17	Kathy	Mary	Rev Manney	Sherry Wagner	Ina	Neil
July 24	Wes		Becky	Wes Wagester	Becky	Wes
July 31	Jim		Kitty	Ina Dockham	Neil	Jack
August 7	Jack	Sherry	Rev Manney	Ida Lynn Dodd	Wes	Ina
Aug 14	Tammy		Neil	Mary Cameron	Jack	Becky
August 21	Mary	Neil	Rev Manney	Becky Foster	Ina	Neil
August 28	Neil		Becky	Sherry Wagner	Becky	Wes

## **Concert Raises Money for Ukrainian Refugees**



**\$450** 

The free-will offering from the concert raised over \$400 in support of Ukrainian refugees. These funds will be sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development fund for Ukrainian Relief. May each dollar bring hope to those in need.



### General Convention

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#### Governing Body

The Convention is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies, and the House of Bishops. The Convention meets every three years and has the authority to amend the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; adopt the budget for the next three years; authorize liturgical texts and amend the Book of Common Prayer; adopt communions and covenants with other churches; set qualifications for orders of ministry and office-holders; elect officers of the General Convention, the Executive Council, and members of boards; and delegate responsibilities to the interim bodies of The Episcopal Church.

## Fr. Tom Goes to **Washington**

(OK, to Baltimore but it's close to Washington)

This year Fr. Tom is one of the deputies to the Episcopal General Convention from the diocese of Eastern Michigan. Let us pray for his safe travels and a productive time at the convention.

# General Convention to consider proposal to end Episcopal Church's baptism requirement for Communion

BY DAVID PAULSEN and the Episcopal News Service

(Here's a topic to be discussed in Convention. At St. John's we have an "open table" eucharist that invites all to partake - but the Church's canons specify that only baptized persons should partake of the sacrament. We are not alone. Here's a short review of points for and against changing the canon to allow "open table" eucharist)

General Convention's committees on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music heard testimony May 3 on a diverse selection of resolutions. The resolution that generated the most discussion, and some of the strongest opinions, was a measure proposed by the Diocese of Northern California that would repeal the Episcopal canon that requires worshipers to be baptized before receiving Communion in Episcopal churches.

Martin Heatlie testified on behalf of Episcopalians in Northern California who researched the issue. "We could not find anything in the Bible or the Book of Common Prayer that required baptism as a prerequisite for receiving Communion," Heatlie said. When priests say "the gifts of God for the people of God" before distributing the bread and wine, that means everyone, the diocese concluded.

"We all believe that all people are God's people, so it's not just the gifts of God for just baptized people," Heatlie said.

Heatlie was one of eight people who testified on Resolution C028 at the online hearing held by the bishops' and deputies' committees on Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music.

The Episcopal Church's Canon I.17.7 (page 88) states: "No unbaptized person shall be eligible to receive Holy Communion in this Church."



## And the Winner is.....

Kitty Underwood won the most recent basket raffle. Congratulations! The Basket Raffle is on vacation until fall. Can't wait to see what's in the next basket! The Rev. James Richardson, a priest and alternate clergy deputy in the Diocese of Northern California, noted that the diocese's laity voted overwhelmingly in support of repealing that canon, while clergy approved it by a narrower margin.

"I think that bespeaks that this canon is about control and gatekeeping rather than an invitation to baptism," Richardson said.

The rest of the testimony on the resolution, however, was opposed to severing the connection between the sacraments of baptism and Communion. Nathan Brown, a lay deputy in the Diocese of Washington, asserted that the two sacraments "are intrinsically linked," while the Rev. Lee Singleton, a priest in the Diocese of Florida, called the proposal "a bridge too far."

The Rev. Bertie Pearson, a priest in the Diocese of Texas, said that the lack of examples in the Bible is not itself justification for ending The Episcopal Church's practice of welcoming only baptized Christians to receive Eucharist.

"I think we sometimes forget that the Bible is not a rule book for how we do church," Pearson said. In other Christian texts going back to the early centuries of the church, baptism and Communion are clearly linked, he said. "It is always the baptized and the baptized alone who is really emphasized."

The resolution "contradicts 2,000 years of church teaching and practice," Kevin Miller, a Massachusetts alternate deputy, testified. "The church universal, which we claim to be a part of, has taught that baptism is the entranceway into the church."

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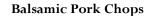
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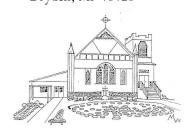
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