

# Jesus Lives Here



Being a family of faith, Joan and I brought our daughters to the Cathedral family – education, Confirmation, and a few years later, marriage. Much more than the wondrous bricks and mortar ambience, it was the smiles and handshakes, homilies, the loving community, and most importantly, the bread and the wine. This is what our parents did for us, and our children are doing for our grandchildren. Exposure to wonderful Christian training and fellowship makes life decisions easier.

The chance to share with like-minded folks helps to create an atmosphere of togetherness as we support intra-Cathedral workings, i.e., Vestry, Altar Guild, Choir, Sunday School teachers, NYC, etc. But most importantly it is with our Outreach Program that we most glorify our God. Faith, like love, is contagious. The more time you spend with friends who share your faith and love, the stronger the bond becomes and fosters a more meaningful relationship. With a committed team supporting each other, it is much easier to reach beyond the safe boundaries in which we often enclose ourselves, becoming more able to reach out to others. Potent examples are tutoring at Fountain Hill Elementary, cooking at New Bethany, Refugee Resettlement, Room at the Inn, Thrift Shop workers, welcoming newcomers, and many more.

Starting my day with “thank you for today, thank you for tomorrow, thank you for yesterday” (in any order), “thank you for love from above and love back” makes it all worthwhile. Several times a day, even better.

Standing or kneeling in the Cathedral and peering skyward through our colorful, significant windows - you just know God is there for you. Hugs and God Bless  
-- **Dr. Gene Witiak**