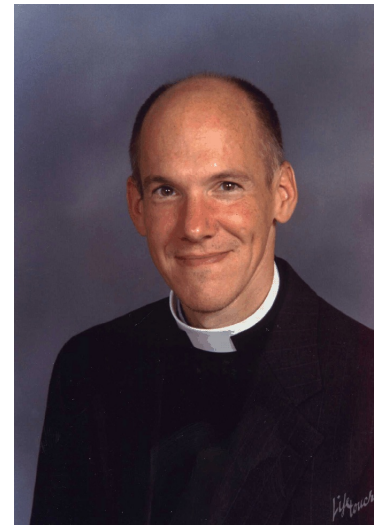


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The Rev'd EDWARD KENNETH ERB, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wellsboro PA, began his adult life as a professional Church musician, serving Episcopal and Lutheran parishes in Central Pennsylvania for 15 years before a mid-life crisis sent him to seminary. At Lycoming College in Williamsport PA he received degrees in Biblical Archeology, Religion, and Music. His particular interest, other than musical composition and the theory and physics of acoustics, was in the sociological-anthropological aspect of archeology - what the physical artifacts tell us of how Biblical people lived.

He has co-chaired the Commissions on Liturgy & Music in the Central PA and Bethlehem Dioceses, and continues to give organ recitals, lectures and retreats on Church Music and Contemplative Spirituality. He is an Associate of Holy Cross Monastery, a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians and the Royal School of Church Music and has served as dean of local chapters of the American Guild of Organists. For three years with the RSCM Wilkes Barre course he developed and mentored a program for resident Organ Scholars of High School and College age. He has recently taken on responsibility as University Organist at Mansfield (PA) University.

In graduate work, he studied Composition and Conducting at Penn State University. A composer of many musical genre Fr. Erb has several commissions under his pen. No publisher has yet discovered his brilliance. As an organist he still performs several recitals each year. His hope in retirement is to continue his composition and performance experiences.

He received the Master of Divinity at The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City in 1997. After serving two parishes in the Diocese of Bethlehem (St. John's, Hamlin and Grace Church, Honesdale) for 20 years, Fr. Erb accepted the call to be Rector of St. Paul's Church in Wellsboro PA. He grew up on the southern end of the Pine Creek Valley, so coming to Wellsboro at the northern terminus of the Grand Canyon is coming home.

His wife of 41 years, Sue is Associate Managing Editor for *Highlights for Children Magazine* and is preparing to lead Christian Education programs in their new parish following the Godly Play (Montessori-style) program. Their two sons, Philip and Andrew are both married and out of the house. There are four grandchildren in which great delight is taken. The Erbs moved in 2021 to Wellsboro, a wonderful town with lots of particularly artistic and outdoors opportunities. St. Paul's, as the oldest congregation in the county, sits on the town Green across from the County Courthouse.

Fr. Erb has been a Boy Scout leader for thirty years, being honored with the St. George Award (the highest honor given to an Episcopal Scouter) in 2012 and led the Extreme Team of Troop One in Honesdale - the oldest continuing troop in America, and Venture Crew One. With the support of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Episcopal Church, he has written and published new books for the four levels of Religious Emblems designed for sacramental Protestant Churches (Episcopal, Lutheran, etc.).

Having a certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education, he served for many years in hospice and hospital ministry at the local level, and taught seminarians for hospital ministry. He was named to the board of a major local philanthropic foundation in Wayne County. Now in Wellsboro, he sits on the board of two foundations.

He is an Associate of Holy Cross Monastery in West Park NY, and enjoys gardening, cooking, backpacking on the AT (and now the Mid-State Trail), camping, hiking, bicycling, canoeing and skiing! We are in Tioga County, after all! And love it.

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