

# St. Stephen's Story

## July and August 2017

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Dear People of St. Stephens,

Last February the Vestry and I were on retreat to discuss the short-term vision of St. Stephen's. We did some wonderful work with each other: we answered questions about how people joined St. Stephen's? What made you stay at St.

Stephen's? Why did some leave and then return to St. Stephen's?

We also spent time developing goals and objectives for the next three years with a parish visioning group and compared their results to the vestry to see where they are in synchronization. A group of twelve will continue to refine these results over the summer and share with all in the fall. We learned about the importance of human relationships. We articulated how important it is for people at St. Stephen's to take part in a small group or in a project, like a bible study, the ice cream social, ESS, etc. We spoke about how we were welcomed into the parish and how it is so important for someone to take a genuine interest in who we are. We talked about how we help each other discover and use our gifts to the glory of God and that also includes legacy money for the future.

The church is made up of people. We are the body of Christ. That remains constant. That never changes. The fact that God loves us never changes. Over the past 50 years St. Stephen's church has changed in many ways. We no longer worship in the exact same building – there have been renovations over time that have changed the appearance. We no longer have a functional balcony in the Sanctuary of the Church and Ryan Taylor would love to change that! The altar was downsized. We have a growing vibrant Church School. We have ordained a Deacon! We have transitioned the very large VBS to an all parish ministry as it has truly become that kind of ministry. Yahoo!

Some of us might miss those "good old days," but times change and

churches change. One thing never changes: the Church of Jesus Christ is still people. At times that is our greatest weakness. We are only human. We make mistakes. We jump on bandwagons. We get stuck in ruts. We are only people, not God. But that is also our greatest strength. People reaching out to each other in hospitality and love is what brings us together. People gathering in Christ's name is what keeps us here at St. Stephen's. People who are Christ's servants here on earth and are sent out into the world in his name.

It is truly a gift from God that successive generations of people have assembled and worshipped at St. Stephen's. We are the grateful recipients of that gift. God willing, we will pass it on to the next generation as we welcome them into the fold as one of God's and marked as Christ's own forever.

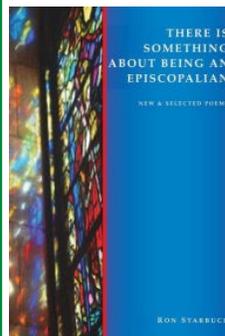
Peace be with you,

Rev. Mary

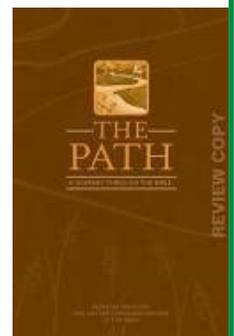
If you are searching for something fun to read this summer, a couple of suggestions: Rina Acosta's *"The Happiest Kids in the World: How Dutch Parents Help Their Kids (and Themselves) by Doing Less"*; and *"The Art of Fielding"* by Chad Harbach, a really fun baseball novel.

Other good reads:

*"The Path, A Journey Through The Bible"* by Melody Wilson Shobe and David Creech



*"There Is Something About Being an Episcopalian"* by Ron Starbuck



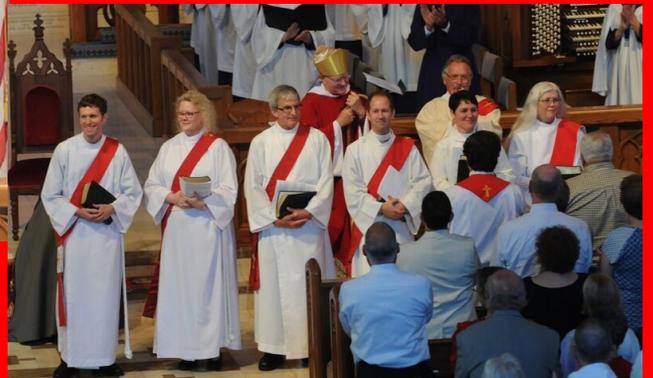
## SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULES

Summer is here and this comes with thanks for our supply clergy who fill in when the local clergy are away. We are blessed that we have a Wednesday Eucharist, for the summer, July 5th and August 2nd, meeting only on the first Wednesday with a potluck to follow. So if you will be traveling or socializing on a Sunday, you may choose to attend this brief Holy Communion Service at 5:30 pm. We maintain an Episcopal presence at 8:30 am in the summer with either Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist. Our Deacons can officiate at Morning Prayer and so can you. The bulletins are kept in the Chapel storage room on the counter. Deacons go to give communion at nursing centers only under the auspices of a Eucharist Visitor and only to those who cannot, by cause of infirmity, make it to church. If you cannot make it to a Sunday morning service you can access the service officiated by our Eucharistic Visitors and occasionally, our Deacon at the Larksfeld Chapel at 2:00 pm on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The main service of St. Stephen's centers around our core 10:30 am service and all are welcome at this broad-church worship tradition.

Our supply priests are few in Kansas, many are retired, some have not sought to exercise priestly office under the Bishop where they retire, and some have aged out and are not healthy enough to do more than an occasional service. We are fortunate that we can sometimes fill the void. The church at large is looking to raise up folks for formation as clergy and we are blessed that our Diane Kruger is ordained and after serving a required internship she will return to us next summer as a Deacon.

We are careful to not overtax our few available supply priests by a weekly schedule of preaching and pastoral care. At times, a supply priest may be out of practice, stumble over a prayer, etc. The realistic expectation is that at times the laity will take on an enhanced responsibility of leading a Morning or Evening Prayer Service and fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant.

Our supply priests serve in a supporting role when available. We are grateful for the substitutes, the fill-ins, the break-the-glass-and-pull-the-lever clergy. Our clerical visitors help keep us from complacency as they bring a range of viewpoints and so we are often challenged and inspired by them. So, no matter how you categorize yourself, Anglo-Catholic, broad church, evangelical, conservative, liberal, reconciler, we make room for you as best we can as all are welcome in the church.



## Ordination

## CORE VALUE EXERCISE

March 9, 2016

## MISSION STATEMENT

What is it that St. Stephen's stands for?

Family

Supportive community

Christ-centered community

Opportunity to live the gospel we are taught

Hospitality

Welcoming, worshiping, inclusive community

Why do we do what we do around here?

Christ-centered community

In order to follow Christ

Living out our beliefs for his sake, Baptismal Covenant

Love of God

Support and fellowship

What can we do for you?

Christ-centered community

Nurture the relationships among Christian family members

Be welcoming and accepting

We encourage people to live out their faith in a place to belong

Want you

Being wanted

"Nice to know you are wanted"

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?

A. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

**Coming to a church near you the results of the "VISIONING EVENT", "ROLL OUT SUNDAY", October 1st! WATCH FOR IT!**

## EVANGELISM

Don't show up at my house

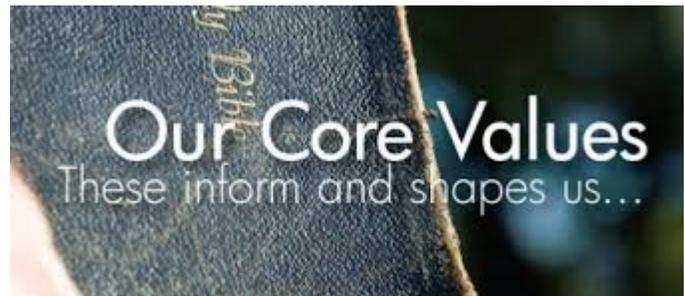
To ignore

To give a pledge card on 1<sup>st</sup> visit

To ask prying questions

Too many phone calls vs no phone calls

No snake handling



## **DON'T FORGET THE *DOK* LITTLE RED WAGON**

***BOTTLED WATER!*** Other items needed for their pantry: pull top cans of chicken, meats, tuna, soups and vegetables; canned fruits; peanut butter; pasta and sauce; boxed/bottled baby food; packaged crackers (in sleeves); packaged cheese/crackers or peanut butter/crackers; deodorant (male and female); diapers and feminine hygiene items, travel size shampoo, lotion, tooth paste, tooth brushes,

Drop in the little red wagon in the foyer and DOK will deliver! ***Thank you.***

***THANK YOU LINDA STEWART FOR DELIVERING TO ESS WEEKLY!***

# Altar Guild



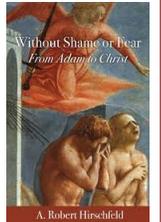
***Do you know what the duties of the Altar Guild are?*** The Altar Guild members come every Saturday and prepare St. Stephens Church for the week ahead. Because St. Stephens has the luxury of four teams, an individual member is only responsible for one Saturday each month. Altar Guild work is a wonderful way to learn about the workings of the church, the liturgical calendar, and kind of a "behind the scene" look at the service. If you would like to learn more about Altar Guild without a full time commitment, I invite you to talk to an Altar Guild member or visit with Audrey Kramer, Joan Jaedicke, or Gina Hollingshead. ***Come to the Altar Guild luncheon on Friday, July 7th, at noon.*** The Altar Guild work is gender neutral! If this sounds like something you might enjoy doing . . .try it for a month or two and see if you would enjoy being a regular member of a team.

# BOOK CLUB

## COMING THIS FALL!

*"Without Shame Or Fear, From Adam To Christ"*

Robert Hirschfield. Connecting shame and vulnerability to scripture and Christian Theology. Taps into the popularity of Brene' Brown and Richard Rohr's topics. Study guide included.



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## Did you know?

The "Loose Offerings" (undesigned cash) from "alms and contributions" at the first Sunday of each month is designated for the "Rector's Discretionary Fund". These funds are used for charitable needs among the congregation and the community. You might consider contributing extra cash on the First Sunday of the month to meet the special needs of our community.

## LARKSFIELD PLACE

in the Meditation Chapel at 2:00 pm  
July 9th, July 23rd, August 13th & August 27th



# EfM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon local small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 80,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

**The program will be begin in the Fall.  
If you are interested, contact Kitty Shield or the Parish Office.**

**YOUTH GROUP UPDATES.**

First, I want to thank all the youth that helped decorate for Vacation Bible School and the awesome job helping with the kids during the week. You made me proud! Remember to mark your calendars for our next exciting YOUTH



**GROUP EVENTS:**

- ◆ **FRIDAY, July 14th** at 7:05 pm, Wichita Wingnuts Game—It’s MINION Day PLUS fireworks afterwards!
- ◆ **SUNDAY, July 16th** at 10:00 am, Come plan and execute a lesson for the Sunday School
- ◆ **THURSDAY, July 27th**, 6:00—8:00 pm, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens

***Let me know if you are going to come to these events!***

Sydney Runyan, Youth Director  
sydney@ststephensec.org or 620 218-4026

Derek Kruger, Assistant Youth Director  
cold.weather.runner@gmail.com or 620 951-4743

***PS: If you are not following our St. Stephen’s Sensational Youth Group Facebook page, CHECK IT OUT, and also follow the youth group on twitter!!!!***

**MissionWichita** is an urban mission experience in Wichita, where participants will learn more about the cycle of poverty; volunteer with Episcopal Social Services, Episcopal Migration Ministries, Saint Francis Community Services and local churches, and relax, hang-out and do fun activities in the evenings. This will count as service hours if students are required to do that for school or a club.

Tuesday, July 25, 7 pm to Sunday, July 30, 11:30 am, students entering 9-12, at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Cost \$100 **Registration:** <https://edok.formstack.com/forms/missionwichita>

*St. Stephen’s will provide a taco supper and a bagel breakfast. There will be a sign up sheet on the Parish Hall bulletin board soon if you would like to help provide food for these meals.*

Sydney  
in Kenya





Everyone was a HERO at Vacation Bible School this year! Flame, the Red Panda, wants to thank **ALL our volunteers for ALL** they did to make this a VERY SUCCESSFUL year!



This year there were many more children from outside our parish! What a wonderful time to share the Gospel of the Lord and the St. Stephen's Story.



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The Hero Central Vacation Bible School has had an awesome week and all the HEROES have had a great time.

We learned about the Bible Super Hero Abigail who had the COURAGE to HELP those in need. Last year our Surf Shack Surfers raised enough money to donate forty-one (41) fresh water wells to those in need internationally! This year, we are focusing our efforts close to home and are asking you and your kids to be a HERO to the kids of the Wichita Children's Home.

WCH has an immediate and every day need for basic items that each kid, when they arrive at WCH, usually don't have. Simple things that we take for granted in our every day lives can make a big difference for a child or teen whose world has been turned upside down. Please consider adding a few of these to your shopping list and donating:

- Hygiene items in travel size, all varieties teen and kid friendly: toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, hair brushes and combs, hair spray, hair gel, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, body wash, lip balm, disposable razors and shaving cream, baby wash, baby lotions, and diaper cream.
- Cotton underwear/sports bras of all sizes for all ages
- Socks of all sizes for all ages
- Diapers and Pull-Ups in all sizes

If you would like to donate items, the Wichita Children's Home the HERO bin is available to drop things off in narthex of the church. All items need to be **NEW**, no hand-me-downs can be accepted per State of Kansas regulations.

If shopping isn't on your to-do list this week, please consider a financial donation in any amount and we will do the shopping.

**We are excited to “Do Good”, “Seek Peace”, and “Go After It!” by being HEROES that have HEART, COURAGE, WISDOM, HOPE, and the POWER to help those in need!**

In Peace-  
Ashley Winters  
Director





**Celebrations July Birthdays**

- 7/1 Mike Ceramella
- Bob Fizer
- 7/2 Laurie Dunk
- 7/7 Donna Calbeck
- 7/11 Richard Samaniego
- 7/17 John Rothwell
- 7/19 Dane Kruger  
Barbara Thompson
- 7/20 Stratton Arbuckle  
Adam Kice
- 7/22 Bill Whitaker
- 7/25 Michael Henry
- 7/27 Linda Stewart
- 7/29 Scott Schriefer
- 7/31 Devin Hansen

**Anniversaries**

- 7/9 Bob & Melanie Shurden
- 7/15 John & Casey Rothwell
- 7/17 Peter & Reda Caldwell

**Celebrations August Birthdays**

- 8/4 Richard Navarro
- 8/5 Samantha Stephens
- 8/6 Kayleigh Lewis
- 8/7 Devon Rothwell
- 8/8 Nan Myers
- 8/16 Anne Stephens
- 8/19 Connie Acker
- 8/24 Tom Benefiel

- 8/25 Alwyn Johnson
- 8/27 Barbara Hansen
- 8/29 Kitty Shield
- 8/30 Parker Graham

**Anniversaries**

- 8/8 Mike & Libby Ceramella
- 8/14 Bob & Barbara Fizer
- 8/20 Criss & Joan Schulz
- 8/23 Al & Judy Higdon

*July and August Celebrations*



**Diane Kruger's Orientation**

**Why should you sign up your Dillon's Plus Card for Community Rewards?**



**St. Stephen's just received a check for \$383!**  
**Community Rewards dollars are designated for special church projects.** *If you shop at any Dillon's or Kwik Shop, ENROLL in this program and RAISE MONEY for St. Stephen's it doesn't effect your Dillon's Plus Card points. Call the Parish Office for assistance in enrolling, it's easy!*



# It just takes | ONE.

## JUST ONE!

Could you give one hour a week, one hour a month, one?

There are a unlimited opportunities that don't require a lot of time or a lot of training. **JUST ONE!** You could serve on an altar guild team on a rotation, you could sing with the choir as often as you wish, you could visit our home-bound and infirmed, you could serve as an usher, an acolyte, a chalice bearer or an acolyte, help with Sunday School, chaperone a youth outing.

### ACOLYTES

Currently we have 6 youth and 5 adults who serve as acolytes.  
Maddie Ramsey  
Sophia Ramsey  
Luke Staples  
Nick Staples  
Owen White  
Sophie Williams  
Bill McKeighon  
Chuck Shield  
Leland Sinclair  
Tom Steele  
Anne Stephens

Three more acolytes ★ would be awesome!

### LECTORS

Lectors are the readers at the services. If you would like to read for either service 8:30 am or 10:30 am you can read for **JUST ONE!**  
We could use three more for the 10:30 am service and four more for the 8:30 am service.

### CHALICE BEARER

If you would like to serve as a chalice bearer, the training is easy and you can serve **JUST ONE!**  
We could use four more chalice bearers for the 8:30am service and three more for the 10:30am service.

### CHOIR

Do you like to sing! Join our choir members  
Aubree Brassler  
Reta Caldwell  
Jason Hart  
Barbara Kice  
Tim Korte  
David Olson  
Ashley Winters  
Ben Winters  
You can sing with the choir as often as you wish, they rehearse at 9:15 am, you can sing for **JUST ONE!**  
Four more members would be awesome!

### LAY EUCHARIST VISITOR

Currently we have a minimal number of volunteers to visit our home-bound, senior facilities and infirmed. The training is easy and only requires about an hour of your time. If we have enough volunteers than **JUST ONE** visit per quarter would be doable.

Baptism Date	Baptism Service Time	Baptism Instruction (required)
Sunday, August 6, 2017	The Transfiguration of our Lord, 10:30 am	Wednesday, August 2nd, 6:45 pm
Sunday, November 5, 2017	All Saints Day, 10:30 am	Sunday, October 29th, noon

## St. Stephen's Calendar May and June 2017

Sun-July 2nd	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	VBS Sunday Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Mon-July 3rd- Tues-July 4th		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Independence Day</b>
Wed-July 5th	5:30 pm	IONA Service followed by a Potluck Meal
Sun-July 9th	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service
	9:15 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Service
Fri-July 14th		<b>YOUTH EVENT—Wingnuts Baseball Game</b>
Sun-July 16th	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service
	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Sun-July 23rd	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service
	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Service
Thurs--July 27th	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>YOUTH EVENT—Botanica, the Wichita Gardens</b>
Sun-July 30th	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	Intergenerational Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Wed-Aug 2nd	5:30 pm	IONA Service followed by a Potluck Meal
Sun-Aug 6th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:15 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	11:30 am	<b>Reception for Newly Baptized, Confirmed and Ordinated. Kenya Presentation</b>

Sun-Aug 13th	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service
	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Service
Tues-Aug 15th	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting Fireside Room
Wed-Aug 16th	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting-Fireside Room
Sun-Aug 20th	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service
	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Sun-Aug 27th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	10:15 am	Children's Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Service
	11:45 am- 12:45 pm	Pastoral Committee Meeting

A date for the Rummage Sale has not been determined. We need a team to coordinate the event and set the date. If you would be interested in assisting, contact the Parish Office.



## Vestry

### The 2017 St. Stephen's Vestry

The Rev. Dr. Mary J. Korte  
Tom Steele, Senior Warden  
Linda Floyd, Junior Warden  
Mary Sloan, Clerk  
Paul Attwater III, Treasurer

### MEMBERS

Joe Johnson, John Rothwell, Richard Samaniego,  
Charles Shield, John Staples, Linda Stewart,  
Ben Winters

### REMINDER

### VESTRY MEETINGS

No Vestry Meeting in July.  
See you at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room—on  
August 16th.

## ALTAR FLOWERS July and August

7/2	Celebration of Mike Ceramella's Birthday	Libby Ceramella
7/9	Memory of Martha Belle Rolph	Ric & Darlene Knorr
7/16		
7/23	Memory of Jim Knorr	Ric & Darlene Knorr
7/30	Memory of Robert Wright	Tom & Maggie Benefiel
8/6	Thanksgiving for our anniversary	Mike & Libby Ceramella
8/13	Memory of Sally Hoesli	Hank Hoesli
8/20	Thanksgiving for Diana Norton	Don & Karen Norton
8/27	Memory of Laura Tausz	Tom & Maggie Benefiel



### Sponsor Altar Flowers, Memory Lamp, Sanctuary



**Lamp** this is a great way to celebrate an event, a memorial for a loved one, or thanksgiving, as well as help support the parish. **SIGN UP SHEETS** are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation for altar flowers is \$60, lamps \$5.

## Coffee Hour Treats July and August

### Coffee, Tea and Thee Alphabetically by Last Name

Check the schedule and for the week of your last name bring your favorite treat (i.e., cheese/crackers, baked items, fruit, meat/cheese, etc.). The group will be responsible for setting up the table with treats and for clean up.

7/2	LAST NAME A—F
7/9	LAST NAME G—L
7/16	LAST NAME M—R
7/23	LAST NAME S—Z
7/30	LAST NAME A—F
8/6	LAST NAME G—L
8/13	LAST NAME M—R
8/20	LAST NAME S—Z
8/27	LAST NAME A—F

### Coffee, Tea and Thee

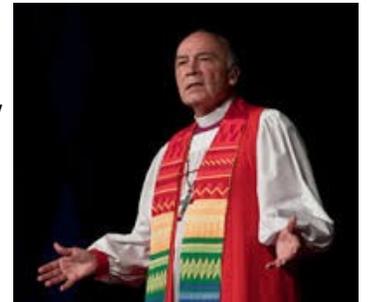




**MARK YOU CALENDARS!**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th,**  
**we are privileged to have**  
**Bishop Steven Charleston**  
**speak to our congregation!**



Bishop Charleston began his writing with only four other people as his audience. Today there are over 10,000 people who read his daily meditations on Facebook and thousands more who have discovered him through RMP's flagship book, HOPE AS OLD AS FIRE. Steven Charleston is a Native American elder, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma, and a bishop in the Episcopal Church. He comes from a family with a long history of service in the Native American community. His great-grandfather and grandfather were both ordained pastors who preached in their native language in rural communities throughout Oklahoma. Following in their footsteps, Steven was ordained at Wakpala, South Dakota on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. He was the national director for Native American ministries in the Episcopal Church, a tenured professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary, the Episcopal Bishop of Alaska, and the President and Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Currently, he teaches at the Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University. In 2014 Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, named a building after him to honor his work in inter-faith cooperation.



Today, along with his daily mediations, thousands more around the



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Julia Hart, Intermediate Church School  
Cheryl Navarro, Intermediate Church School  
Lise Van Arsdale Hansen, Nursery  
Megan Crane, Nursery  
Aubrey Watson, Organist  
Vera Aikman, Parish Administrator  
Hazel LeVardi, Primary Church School  
Mary Sinclair, Primary Church School  
Sydney Runyan, Youth Director  
Derek Kruger, Youth Assistant Director