

Lent and Easter Services and events

Wednesday, March 2nd

Wholehearted Lent

Hosts: DOK, Wednesday Night Prayer Group, Potluck Dinner

Sunday, March 6th

"Penny Man" Children's Church School

Wednesday, March 9th

Wholehearted Lent

Hosts: Vestry, Core Value Potluck Dinner

Finance Committee, 5:00 pm

Bldgs./Grounds Committee, 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 13th

K2K Presentations and Fund Raiser

Coffee Hour

All Church Clean Up

Wednesday, March 16th

Vestry Meeting

Sunday, March 20th

PALM SUNDAY,

10:30 am, One Service Only

"EGGSTRAVAGANZA"

Tuesday, March 22nd

Confessions with Rev. Mary

Wednesday, March 23rd

Tenebrae by the Youth Group

Thursday, March 24th

Maudy Thursday Service

Friday, March 25th

Good Friday, Noon

Stations of the Cross, 6 pm

Saturday, March 26th

The Great Vigil of Easter Service

Sunday, March 27th

EASTER SUNDAY

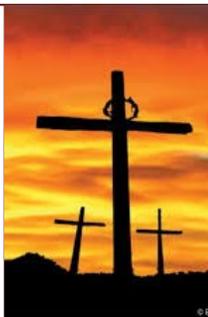
Holy Eucharist: Rite One, 8:30 am

Catered Easter Brunch, 9:30 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, 10:30 am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt and

Youth Treasure Hunt



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March and April

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Dear People of God,

The liturgy intended as the first celebration of Easter in the BCP (pg 284-295), is also known as The Great Vigil of Easter. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, the Exsultet); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Christian initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist. Through this liturgy, the BCP recovers an ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. Believers would gather in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. The night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptism that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. Easter was the primary baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism.

Background—The Great Vigil of Easter service has been regarded throughout Christian history as the most sacred service of the Church's

year. It is the climactic moment of the three-day period known as the Holy Triduum, the sequence of prayers and services commemorating Jesus' last days before his death, including the Last Supper and his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane (Maundy Thursday), his Crucifixion (Good Friday) and his Resurrection (The Great Vigil of Easter).

Followers of Jesus began celebrating his Resurrection with The Great Vigil of Easter service very early on. By 215 CE, we already have descriptions of services and liturgical prayers that the early Church was using. As Christianity has developed over time, different strains of the tradition have evolved, but all major Christian traditions (Eastern Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Roman Catholic, Anglican, even some Lutherans) have continued The Great Vigil of Easter celebration. Traditionally it is also the time during each year when adult converts are baptized and received into the membership of the Church.

The service has a number of traditional parts, with themes echoing light and dark and water and fire. At St. Stephen's, we have been observing The Great Vigil of Easter as a powerful and moving service. ***The total service usually runs around 90 minutes.***

The Lighting of the Paschal

Candle—The service begins after

Spring Forward!



Daylight Savings Begins

SUNDAY, March 13th

sundown with people gathering outside in the dark. A new fire is kindled (ideally, by a single spark) and then blessed. Then the Paschal Candle is blessed and lit. This candle is the largest candle in the church and is ornately decorated. It symbolizes the Light of Christ, as well as his unending Resurrected Life. It is the candle which normally stands by the baptismal font, also a symbol of dying and rising with Christ into new and external life.

Once the Paschal Candle is lit, its flame is shared with all the gathered faithful, who light their taper candles from its flame. Then a candlelight procession is lead into the darkened church, stopping periodically to declare “The Light of Christ,” to which all respond “Thanks be to God!”

When everyone has found their way to their seats, the Paschal Candle is set in its stand, and an ancient hymn, called The Exsultet, is chanted or read. It recounts the importance of the night: “This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.”

The Liturgy of the Word-Then, in the candlelit darkness, lessons are read. There are as few as 4 and as many as 9 or even 12 in some traditions. The exact lessons vary, but traditionally the story of the Israelites fleeing Egypt and crossing the parted Red Sea is included. The readings tell the story of God’s salvation of his chosen people and quote from the ancient prophets who foretold the coming of the Savior. At St. Stephen’s, we read several of the traditional readings.

The Rite of Christian Initiation-After the lesson, any candidates for Baptism are presented by their sponsors. In the midst of the gathered faithful, they take their baptismal vows and then the assembly renews their Baptismal Covenant with them.

The congregation prays for them in a litany as we process to the Baptistry. Symbols are so very important at The Great Vigil of Easter, so they are often big and powerful. The baptism makes a resounding statement about the spiritual washing that takes place in the Sacrament of Baptism.

After the baptismal waters have been blessed, the candidates are blessed three-times in the Name of the Trinity. And, each Candidate is anointed with Sacred Chrism (an oil blessed by the Bishop each year) as a symbol of the seal of the Holy Spirit upon the newly baptized. Each Candidate is also usually dressed in white as an infant or wearing a white robe as an adult, symbolic of being “clothed with Christ” in Baptism.

Then each Candidate is given a baptismal candle, lit from the flame of the Paschal Candle, with the words “Receive the Light of Christ”. Each is also presented with a Bible, as a gift from their parish family. After welcoming the newly baptized, everyone finds their way to a seat in the darkened Church.

The First Eucharist of Easter-Next there is a loud noise in the darkness, reminiscent of the sound of the stone being rolled away from the entry to Jesus’ tomb, and everyone blows noisemakers or rings bells joyously as we celebrate the moment of Resurrection. All the lights are turned on and the candles at the altar are lit. The Gospel reading, telling the story of the first Easter morning, is told, followed by a short homily. At Communion, the newly baptized receive Holy Communion for the very first time. After Communion, the people are blessed and sent out to live lives empowered and transformed by the Resurrection and we break the fast of Lent!

Peace be with you, *Rev. Mary*

Baptism Date	Baptism Service Time	Baptism Instruction (required)
Saturday, March 26, 2016	The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 pm	Sunday, March 20th, noon
Sunday, May 15, 2016	The Day of Pentecost, 10:30 am	Sunday, May 8th, noon
Sunday, November 6, 2016	All Saints Day, 10:30 am	Sunday, October 30th, noon



ALL Parish Clean Up Sunday, March 13th

Wear you jeans to church, shabby chic!

following the 10:30 am KANSAS to KENYA MISSION COFFEE HOUR.

BUILDING BLOCKS from the Building and Grounds Committee:

Sunday, March 13th, is the scheduled spring **CHURCH CLEAN UP** work day beginning after the **Mission Sunday Coffee Hour at 10:30 am**. The Building and Grounds Committee urges anyone interested in helping to bring their favorite lawn tool(s), dress appropriately, bring your gloves, and let's get a great start on cleaning up the church and grounds of St. Stephen's. One initiative will be the PLAYGROUND area, the FLOWER AND SHRUB BEDS, general WEEDING, SWEEPING, RAKING AND CLEANING, but also, many cleaning opportunities INSIDE! So bring your brooms, shovels, rakes, hedge trimmers, lawn bags and anything else you want to help us spruce up the grounds. We certainly do appreciate all that everyone does to make St. Stephen's a beautiful place to worship and enjoy! **We will provide pizza and soda for the workers!**

Thank you. Mike Mann, Chairman B/G Committee



UPDATE FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

We have recently reorganized the Kitchen Pantry. With the Music Department's move to the Parish Office area, the Chapel storage area became available. This area will now be used for Kitchen overflow equipment, supplies, and storage for over flow items from the Sacristy. For uniformity and cost saving on kitchen supplies, please contact Vera prior to purchasing supplies. We have located an on-line source and can save considerably by purchasing in volume our Disposable dinner ware/supplies. For those of you that did not know, we have had 12,000 napkins and 500 soup bowls in inventory for quite some time, recently recovered. I would suggest we use these up, prior to more purchases.

We have recently completed the mud-jacking, concrete repairs, and sidewalk replacement by AAA Basement/Foundation, thus repairing some possible trip hazards. They have also completed the sidewalk for the trash compound in the lower parking area. This will make it possible for the trash receptacles to be moved in inclement weather.

It would appear that the "Playground Makeover" is in the near future. I think I can see a light at the end of a long tunnel. The big step forward is scheduled for March 13th, "Clean Up Day", after the 10:30 am Coffee Hour. Bring your gloves, rakes, etc. and help CLEAN UP!

I have my "Tom Cat" mouse traps on hand, that were handed on by Susan Gaskill. As of yet, we have not needed them. She may have piped them to follow. I sure hope so. In regards to MICE, DO NOT PROP OPEN THE KITCHEN DOOR.

Stay tuned, more to follow: **Thanks** for your help in all we do.

Tom Steele , Jr. Warden



“The call of missions is to love Jesus in such a way that you don’t need a specific event or place to witness but that from a heart desiring to see humanity saved, we live every single moment committed to being witnesses of the Gospel and its transforming power.”

The church, especially The Episcopal Church, is a missionary society for the welfare of the world. That is true for Episcopalians corporately (our official corporate name is the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society), but more importantly, it is true spiritually.

Mission Sunday, March 13th

On June 23rd, Diane Kruger, D’Ambra Kruger and Will Davis will embark on a mission trip with an organization called Kansas to Kenya to spread the Gospel in the way they know best- medical care. Diane has been a nurse for 25 years and has made this trip nine times. D’Ambra is a pre-med student at Friends University and will be applying to medical schools in the fall. Will is a paramedic with Sedgwick County EMS. For both D’Ambra and Will, this will be their second trip to Kenya with K2K. During their trip, they will be working in a free medical clinic, providing care to impoverished populations that normally could not afford it.

On **Sunday, March 13th**, you can assist them in their journey. D’Ambra and Will are going to be at the 9:30 am Adult Forum to present information on their journey and to answer any questions. They will also speak during the 10:30 am service. After the 10:30 service, they will be hosting a Kenyan Coffee Hour, featuring Kenyan tea and several East African snacks.

The cost of such a trip is not inexpensive: approximately **\$4,000** is required to pay for flights, lodging, and transport of supplies for **each** participant. D’Ambra and Will have worked to save \$1,333 each, they will fund raise \$1,333 each and will receive a grant from the St. Stephen’s Vestry of \$1,333 each. They are asking for your support financially in addition to your prayers; checks need to be made out to “Kansas 2 Kenya” and given to them on March 13th. **Please do not put their names in the memo line, as it will complicate the donation process.** All donations made are tax deductible. Contributions must be made by May 1st.

Please prayerfully consider contributing. All three of us feel extremely called to mission work and to Kenya in particular. The amount of need there is unimaginable, but the faith of the Kenyan people is incredible. We hope that you will continue to support us on this journey, D’Ambra, Diane and Will.



JOIN US SUNDAY, MARCH 13th AT THE 10:30 AM COFFEE HOUR TO EXPERIENCE KENYAN TEA AND EAST AFRICAN SNACKS and help RAISE FUNDS FOR D’AMBRA and WILL!



LARKSFIELD PLACE in the Meditation Chapel

Holy Eucharist Service by Clergy

March 27th Easter Service with solo in the Larksfeld Auditorium at 2:00 pm and April 24th in the Chapel

Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team

March 13th and April 10th



The Church Periodical Club is an Episcopal institution; its ministry is to supply books, magazines, tapes, videos and computer programs FREE to those who cannot otherwise obtain them and to raise the money to do this.

Church Periodical Club is changing the world one book at a time...

To contribute to the Church Periodical Club, drop your pennies in the large jar in the Parish Hall!





Many thanks to all our volunteers. This month I highlight our L.E.V.s. We have the most zealous **Lay Eucharistic Visitors**. We created a system with defined pastoral tasks, and we are helping everyone understand their part. We meet quarterly to see what is working and

what God wants us to do. We have an organizational chart to make sure coverage happens for our infirm, frail elders or home bound. We have worked on interpersonal conflict styles and ironed out differences. We have a loyal group and I thank you, like Paul in Romans 16, for your hard work and Ministry. And with me we have made over 250 visits this past year!

Having said that four have retired and until we train more for this amazing cadre of people, we will reduce our visits to all to prevent frustration and burnout.

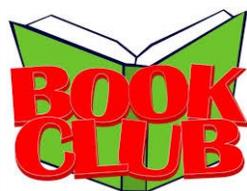
We invite you to join us to share with the extended Church community the sacramental Ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visiting. I will be offering a training after Easter, April 30th.

Peace, Rev. Mary

“Wage Peace” by Mary Oliver

Wage peace with your breath.
 Breathe in firemen and rubble,
 breathe out whole buildings,
 and flocks of redwing blackbirds.
 Breathe in terrorists and breathe out sleeping children,
 and freshly mown fields.
 Breathe in confusion and breathe out maple trees.
 Breathe in the fallen,
 and breathe out lifelong friendships intact.
 Wage peace with your listening:
 hearing sirens, pray loud.
 Remember your tools,
 flower seeds, clothes pins, clean rivers.
 Make soup.
 Play music, learn the word for thank you
 in three languages.
 Learn to knit and make a hat.
 Think of chaos as dancing raspberries,
 imagine grief as the outbreath of beauty,
 or the gesture of fish.
 Swim for the other side.
 Wage peace.
 Never has the world seemed so fresh and precious,
 have a cup of tea and rejoice.
 Act as if armistice has already arrived.
 Don't wait another minute.

“You no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.”



The Book Club will be starting a new book *“Pearl in the Sand”* by Tesse Afshar on March 3rd. *“Pearl in the Sand”*, is the story of Rahab the harlot who became an ancestor of Christ, delivers a very powerful truth within its pages: Forgiveness, Redemption, and the Changing Power of God. It should be an unforgettable read. Come join us Thursdays at Noon in the Fireside Room. If you can't make it every Thursday, that is okay. You will be glad you did, it's a great group. We learn and have a fun hour. Some times we solve the World's problems as well! If you have questions, feel free to call Liz Steele at 316-440-7050.



“Broadway in Wichita” Theatre League’s next production will be **“Rat Pack Show”**, April 12th—14th. Ticket prices are \$59 per person for orchestra/front balcony, \$50.00 per person for middle balcony, use the code “ststephens” (there is a \$3 per transaction fee, not per ticket), which is a 10% discounted price and is available until March 28th. Your choice of seating can be reserved by calling Craig, Director Group Sales, at 866 314-7687 and may be purchased with Visa/MasterCard. Tickets will be held at *will call*, (tickets maybe mailed for an additional \$1.50 charge per ticket.) If you have questions, feel free to call Vera in the Parish Office.



The 2016 St. Stephen's Vestry

Joe Johnson, Senior Warden
 Tom Steele, Junior Warden
 Marty Wells, Clerk
 Lou Ann Robertson, Treasurer

MEMBERS

Anne Elsworth Linda Haskins
 D'Ambra Kruger John Rothwell
 Linda Stewart Ben Winters



Music Notes, Ashley Winters, Director of Music/Choir

Holy Week is coming soon and the Music Department will be very busy with all the services of the week. Our youth will be heading up the Tenebrae Service on Wednesday evening, March 23rd. Ashley and Aubrey will be doing a contemplative Maundy Thursday Service with plainchant. Good Friday noon is a quite service, Stations of the Cross Service at 6:00 pm will be an interactive service combining choir, soloists and congregation as we walk together the path that Jesus walked toward the crucifixion. The Great Vigil of Easter will celebrate with full choir and organ and Easter Sunday we hope to have a full festival choral at the 10:30 am Eucharist service with choir, organ and other instruments. A little bit of something for everyone.

In April, the Music Department will be focusing on presenting "**SUNDAY SCHOOL: THE MUSICAL**" which will be Sunday April 24th at the 10:30 am service. The children will bring to life this fun and slightly silly story of what goes on in the next hallway every Sunday. They are excited to share what they're learning and maybe teach us a thing or two about listening to God, being thankful and trusting in God's Word. The kids are already hard at work learning the music and we look forward to sharing our story with you. [Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss it!](#)



Join us for an Easter Catered Brunch

by Olive Tree Banquets and Catering

Easter Sunday at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall

Sign up on the bulletin board so that we can order the food.

Suggested donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids.

From Tombstone to Tulips for Easter!



Sign up in memory, thanksgiving or celebration.

**Suggested donation
 \$15.00 for TWO!**



Sign up on the bulletin board.



JOIN IN THE FUND FOR ALL AGES!

Sunday, March 20th

Easter Egg decorating of all kinds after the 10:30 am service!

or

The Easter Bunny will be needing assistance in filling the Eggs with Candy!



Join us at 9:30 am on Sundays for the Adult Forum

as we discuss many interesting topics.

- Mar. 6th- "I Am" Statements—DVD and discussion
- Mar. 13th- Presentation of Kansas to Kenya, D'Ambra Kruger and Will Davis
- Mar. 20th- No Forum
- Mar. 27th- No Forum
- Apr. 3rd- Art in Religion, Kirsten Johnson
- Apr. 10th- Art in Religion, Reta Caldwell
- April 17th- Art in Religion, Melanie Shurden
- April 24th- The Exile, Chuck Shield
- May 1st- The Exile, Chuck Shield

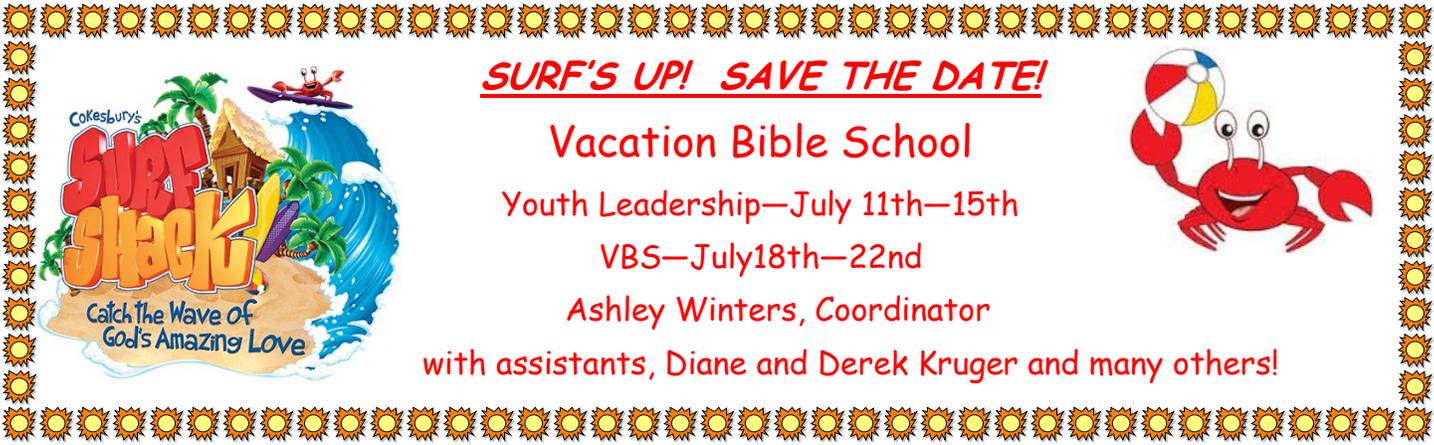


The Easter Bunny needs candy to fill the plastic eggs, if you would like to donate, please bring pre-wrapped candy (NO NUTS or PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE!)



Children's Church School Lenten Project
 Help us build an **AWESOME** pyramid of boxed **MACARONI and CHEESE** for ESS/Venture House!

<h3>March and April Celebrations</h3>		3/18	Pierce Rothwell	April Birthdays	
		3/19	David Olson	4/6	Dale Graham
March Birthdays		3/24	Dan Taylor	4/7	Ashley Winters
3/6	Robert Goree		Susan Taylor	4/8	Les Ryther
3/9	Eric Kramer	3/25	Mike Mann	4/10	Paul Attwater II
	Jude Rothwell	3/29	Earlene Foote	4/11	Max Bleck
3/10	Jorinda Brant		Christopher Rogers	4/15	Laveta Abboud
3/11	Joe Moddrell	3/31	Barbara Fizer		Deanna Klenda
3/12	Susie Hill		Kathy White	4/24	Marty Wells
3/14	Dagny Winters	March Anniversaries		4/26	John Olson
3/16	Carol McEwen	3/18	Kirsten Johnson/Leland Sinclair	April Anniversaries	
3/17	Adam Korte	3/19	Lyndy & Marty Wells	4/11	Frank & Mary Lynn Priest
	Ron Myers	3/29	Eric & Audrey Kramer		



SURF'S UP! SAVE THE DATE!



Vacation Bible School

Youth Leadership—July 11th—15th

VBS—July 18th—22nd

Ashley Winters, Coordinator

with assistants, Diane and Derek Kruger and many others!



Shrove
Tuesday
Pancake
Supper,
Music Show
and
Threadbare
Readers
Theatre!



St. Stephen's
welcomes
MACY CATHLEEN
ROTHWELL
born on
February 6th!

DON'T FORGET THE DOK LITTLE RED WAGON—OUTREACH FOR ESS

Items needed: pull top cans of chicken, soups and vegetables; packaged fruits; peanut butter; pasta and sauce; baby food; packaged crackers (in sleeves); 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.

Youth Ministry

FOR 6TH – 8TH GRADERS



9TH - ADULT - STAFF

New Beginnings is a weekend retreat focusing on the two greatest commandments: Loving God with all of our heart, mind, and strength and loving our neighbors as ourselves. The retreat is led by a team of youth and adults from around the diocese. Student participants (grades 6-8) are engaged in a fun and deeply meaningful program including talks about faith, family, friendship and peer pressure. There is also rich worship with excellent music. And don't forget games, skits, small group discussion, yummy food, a talent show, and a movie, oh my! Transportation will be available - sign up with Teresa to ride in a van from St. Stephen's, no later than March 31st.

- When:** Friday, April 15th , 7 pm to Sunday, April 17th, 3 pm
Where: St. David's Church, 3916 SW 17th St., Topeka
Who: Students in grades 6-8 of the current school year.
Students in grades 9-12 can participate as staff and gain ministry and leadership experience.
Fee: \$50
Priority Deadline: Thursday, March 31st (fee increases \$15 after this date)



If you will Complete 3rd Grade this May

You Can Go To
Episcopal Church Camp
June 5th – 11th
Cost \$420,
Diocesan Scholarships available
Apply Early Registration is open Now!!
For More Information go to
edokoyouth.wordpress.com

An appreciative welcome to our newest acolytes, Owen White and Sophia Williams who completed training and are ready to serve. A huge thank you to all who currently serve, your ministry is a blessing! If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, it requires minimal training and a Sunday a month! Also, **welcome Anne Stephens as the new Acolyte Coordinator.** This ministry is for all ages (if you can hold a cross without it wobbling, YOU CAN BE AN ACOLYTE!) and is a great way to serve GOD!

An exciting formational opportunity for our Children and Youth is Diocesan Church Camp - We call it **MEGA CAMP!** Now you might not realize it but it is for Children and Youth - **who are in Third Grade through 12th Grade.** Camp is **June 5th - 11th** and is held in the beautiful Flint Hills at YMCA Camp Wood in Elmdale , KS . The cost is \$420 per camper - partial scholarships are available on a first come first serve basis. You can register at: dokoyouth.wordpress.com. We pray that the rest of our congregation will consider supporting a camper or **part** of a camper to go to camp. What is "part of a camper"? You might not be able to financially give the full \$420 for a camper but you could give \$100 or \$200 or less = "part of camper". Your caring donations are welcome and can be given at anytime, note camp on the memo line. No child will turned away from camp for lack of funds. St. Stephen's has had a wonderful reputation of making sure ALL kids get to camp.

St. Stephen's Calendar March and April 2016

Wed-Mar 2	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Wholehearted Lent Hosts: DOK/Wednesday Night Prayer Group
Sun-Mar 6	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Adult Forum—"I Am"
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two "Penny Man" Children's Church School
	5:30 pm	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Mar 9	5:00 pm	Finance Committee Mtg
	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Wholehearted Lent Hosts: Vestry-Core Values
	7:30 pm	Buildings & Grounds Mtg
Thurs-Mar 10	Noon	Book Club
Sun-Mar 13	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Adult Forum: K2K Presentation
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two K2K Presentation
	11:30 am	K2K Coffee Hour Fund Raiser
	12:30 am	CHURCH CLEAN UP
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Communion Svc
	5:30 pm	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Mar 16	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
Thurs-Mar 17	Noon	Book Club
Sun-Mar 20	10:15 am	Children's Church School
PALM SUNDAY	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite: Two
One Service Only	11:30 am	EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Tues-Mar 22	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Confessions with Rev. Mary
Wed-Mar 23	6:00 pm	Tenebrae by Youth Group
Thurs-Mar 24	Noon	Book Club
	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday

Fri-Mar 25	Noon	Good Friday Liturgy
	6:00 pm	Good Friday Stations of the Cross
Sat-Mar 26	7:15 pm	Gathering-Lighting of the New Fire, Baptism, First Eucharist of Easter and Breaking of the Fast of Lent Celebration
Sun-Mar 27	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite: One
EASTER SUNDAY	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Easter Catered Brunch
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite: Two
	11:30 am	Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Youth Treasure Hunt
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Service
		NO Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Mar 30	6:30 - 8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
Thurs-Mar 31	Noon	Book Club
Sun-Apr 3	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Adult Forum: Art in Religion
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	Noon	Safe Church Training
	5:30 pm	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Apr 6	6:30 - 8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
Thurs-Apr 7	Noon	Book Club
Sun-Apr 10	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Adult Forum: Art in Religion
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Communion Svc
	5:30 pm	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Apr 13	6 - 7 pm	Finance Committee Mtg
	6:30—8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
	7 - 8 pm	Buildings/Grounds Mtg

March and April 2016

Thurs-Apr 14	Noon	Book Club
Fri-Apr 15	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Vestry Retreat Dinner
Fri-Apr 15-17		Youth New Beginnings
Sat-Apr 16	9 am - 3 pm	Vestry Retreat
Sun-Apr 17	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Adult Forum: Art in Religion
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	5:30 pm	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Apr 20	6:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
	6:30 - 8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
Thurs-Apr 21	Noon	Book Club
Sat-April 23		<i>Sunday School: The Musical Dress Rehearsal</i>
Sun-Apr 24	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Adult Forum
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Sunday School: The Musical
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Service
	5:30 pm	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Apr 27	6:30 - 8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
Thurs-Apr 28	Noon	Book Club
Sat-Apr 30	9:30-10:30 am	Altar Guild Meeting
	10:30-11:30 am	Worship Committee Mtg
	11:30-12:30 pm	New LEV Training

Vestry

REMINDER

VESTRY MEMBERS
March 16th MEETING
April 20th MEETING

REQUIRED VESTRY RETREAT

Friday, April 15th, Dinner 6:00—8:00 pm
Saturday, April 16th, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Wholehearted Wednesday's in Lent 6:00 pm—7:30 pm

**March 2nd- Hosted by the Daughters of the King/
Wednesday Night Prayer Group**
(Potluck bring your favorite "meatless" dish to share)
March 9th- Hosted by the Vestry, Core Values
(Potluck bring your favorite "meatless dish" to share)

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING-The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

To make a donation to the Good Friday Offering, please write a check payable to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, write "Good Friday Offering" in the memo line, and mail to: DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church US, P.O. Box 958983, St. Louis, MO 63195-8983



Safe Church Training

Sunday, April 3rd
Noon in the Fireside Room,
lunch included

This training is for anyone who has not had the training, includes Vestry, LEVs, Sunday School teachers and assistants, anyone who works with Youth, nursery workers, musicians that work with children/youth, VBS staff, assistants, etc. must be ages 16 and up.

LENT and EASTER SERVICES with EVENTS

- March 6th** - **"Penny Man"** by the Children's Church School
- March 13th** - **"Kansas to Kenya"** presentations at Adult Forum and during the 10:30 am service.
Kenyan Teas and East African Snacks Fund Raiser for Kenya trip!
ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP—after the coffee hour.
- March 20th** - **Palm Sunday**, 10:30 am — **One Service Only.** Service will begin outside, weather permitting.
Eggstravaganza after the service, family fun for all ages, "Making and Decorating Easter Eggs" and help the Easter Bunny to fill the plastic eggs.
- March 22nd** - **Tuesday Confession** - 6:00 -7:30 pm, sign up by email or "X" the time slot on the bulletin board (no name required).
- March 23rd** - **Wednesday, Tenebrae by our Youth Group**, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- March 24th** - **Maundy Thursday**, 6:00pm, Agape Meal followed by Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar.
- March 25th** - **Good Friday**, Liturgy at Noon; Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm.
- March 26th** - **Saturday, The Great Vigil of Easter**, 7:30 pm, Gathering and Lighting of the New Fire, Baptism, First Eucharist of Easter and Breaking of the Fast of Lent Celebration!
- March 27th** - **EASTER SERVICES**
8:30 am- **Holy Eucharist: Rite One**
9:30 am- **Catered Easter Brunch**
10:30 am- **Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**
11:30 am- **Children's Egg Hunt and Youth Treasure Hunt**
No 5:30 pm Sunday Night Lights Service.
2:00 pm- **Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, Larksfield Auditorium, solo by Ashley Winters**



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