

ST. STEPHEN'S STORY

November – December 2018



We've Elected A Bishop What's Next?

The members of the Search Committee and Council of Trustees did a wonderful job providing the Diocese of Kansas with a highly qualified slate of candidates for consideration as our next bishop. On October 19th, on the second ballot, the clergy and lay delegates selected the Reverend Canon Cathleen Chittendon Bascom to be the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas. With great joy we are finished and just need to wait for her arrival. Correct? Well, not quite.

The Transition Committee and the Diocesan Staff still have much work to do. After the election, a person said to me, "Isn't it wonderful! You must feel like it's Christmas or even Easter." My response was, "It's more like First Advent. When I know Christmas is coming but it's not here yet." So, what is next for us?

Of the six subcommittees that make up the Transition Committee, two have completed their tasks: The Walkabout Subcommittee and the Election Convention Subcommittee. Those that still have work to do are Communication and Technology, Consecration, Support of the Diocesan Staff and Support of the Bishop-elect.

As head of the Support of the Bishop-elect subcommittee, I would like to share what tasks remain before us. The three of us in the group are The Rev. Kitty Shield, St. Luke's Wellington, Mr. Jeremiah Shipman, Grace Cathedral and K-State student, and myself. Our tasks are to be in conversation with Bishop-elect Bascom and to determine some of the needs and concerns of her and her family for their upcoming move to Kansas.

Information we are currently gathering and will soon provide includes – lists of realtors and rental agents, lists and ratings of doctors and dentists; information on establishing service with the gas, electric, phone, cable, internet, and water/sewer companies. We will assist her with house hunting as requested and provide information on vehicle registration, drivers licensing and voter registration. We have provided her with information on many of the items required of a bishop. Some of those items are purple clergy shirts, bishop's cassock, cope and mitre, rochet and chimere, a crozier, bishop's ring, pectoral cross, chasuble and stole. Many of these items must be thought about, designed and decided on by the Bishop-elect after the consent process because of the long lead time required to make the items. Information will be provided from The Rev. Mary Siegmund, Co-chair of the Transition Committee at a later date on how to donate towards these items and gifts in support of our next Bishop.

We will also be assisting Bishop-elect Bascom in moving to the Diocese, probably in January 2019, and prior to the Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop service. The service itself will take place on March 2, 2019 and is being planned by another subcommittee based upon input and direction from



the Bishop-elect, the Council of Trustees and the Office of the Presiding Bishop. During the installation weekend, we will provide transportation for the Bishop-elect and her family as needed.

Finally, after we have a newly installed bishop, we will continue to provide support to the bishop and her family as they settle into their new home, community and diocese until we fade into the background and our support becomes once again, prayer support.

We have had many months of stress, worry, fear, excitement, prayer, joy, and gladness culminating in the spiritual election of our Bishop-elect. We have exciting and wonderful times ahead.

May God bless Bishop-elect Bascom, her family and all the people in the Diocese of Kansas as we continue our tasks because – we are not done yet.

Sincerely, Tim Korte

You're Invited!
Ingathering Celebration

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
following the 10:30 am service.

A basket will be provided to drop your pledge envelopes.



Sunday, November 11th
Following the 10:30 am service
wear your flannel and denim to the service and
stay after to help with Fall Work Day.

Pizza for our volunteers!
(Free will offering to defray the cost.)
Many hands make light work.



ALL HALLOWS
SERVICE



Deacon Diane's Dispatch:

Here we are at the end of October – hurling life headfirst into the Holiday Season already! I don't know about you, but I'm not sure what happened to the first ten months of this year. The years keep getting shorter, it seems. How about you? Does anyone else feel this way?

I am reflecting on what this season means to me, how will I manifest the love and the plans that God has for us in sending us his only son? How incredible is it that God could create for us a Messiah, a Redeemer? It is hard for me to wrap my brain around that kind of a love. A love so deep, and complete, to make it manifest through a woman, a virgin... a child so small and requiring of every human need to be taken care of for him. That child is our Redeemer. He is the reason we are all what we are.

Advent is a very special time of the year. It is a time of watchful waiting, not unlike the last few weeks of my pregnancy or our daughter's own pregnancy; watchful, hopeful, caring, loving excitement at the new life about to enter the world. Pope Francis makes the comment, "The season of Advent restores ... a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! ... Let us think about and feel this beauty."

We should all slow down a bit this season, because the gifts we give will soon be forgotten. What is important today is knowing God, building that relationship with God, feeling the beauty of God in our lives; feeling the beauty of God in this season, sharing time with dear friends and family, and hoping for the future.

Let us sow kindness in our lives; for what we sow, we shall reap. Let us think about what we say to and about other people or situations. Is it kind, is it true, is it important? Or will the issue be forgotten in six months? Is what we say loving? Our current political environment tends to be divisive, and I feel that it often can pour out into other parts of our lives, saying and doing things that are not as loving and kind as they ought to be. Let us reflect, sit back with a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa and think about some of the issues we discuss with others and how we discuss them. Remember, as our own Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says, "If it's not about Love, it's not about God". And God should be the center of everything.

Be well, be blessed, be you! Deacon Diane Kruger

Legacy Matters Planned Giving

St. Stephen's Planned Giving

Materials are available in the
narthex, or contact

Paul Attwater, III, OUR FAITH
Chair, 316 734-9827 OUR TIME
 OUR FUTURE



IONA SERVICES

November 7th
December 5th

at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
followed by a potluck supper.

*All our welcome to join this serene
service for a midweek
"pick-me-up".*

The "Loose Offerings" (undesignated 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. This time of the year, the need is great!

CORE VALUE RESULTS

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"

EVANGELISM

Don't show up at my house

Don't ignore

Don't give a pledge card on first visit

Don't ask prying questions

Too many phone calls vs no phone calls

No snake handling

MISSION STATEMENT

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

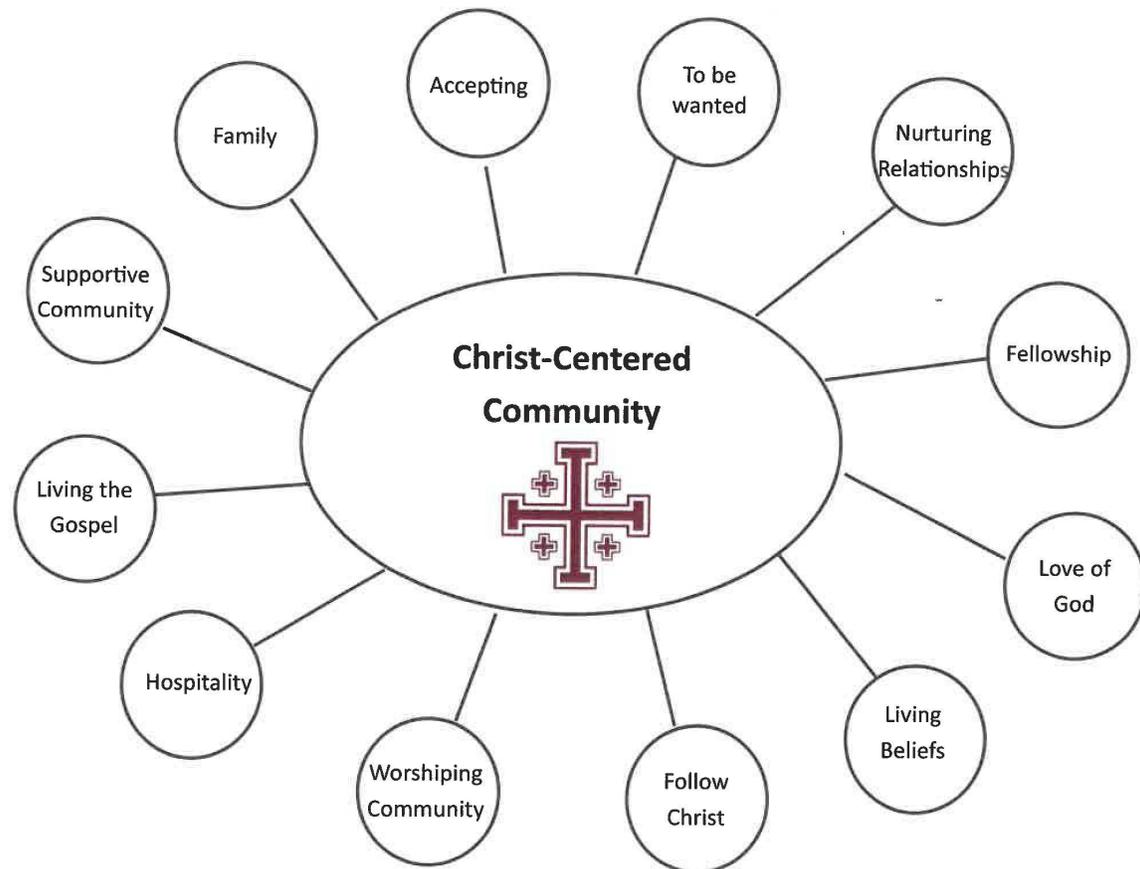
A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

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.



Once Upon
a
BOOK CLUB



St. Stephen's Book Club Fall 2018

The St. Stephen's Book Club meets weekly each Thursday at noon in the Fireside Room. We welcome anyone who'd like to join us!

We continued to read interesting books. **Station 11, A Confederacy of Dunces** and **Educated** are the most recent ones. And wow, they have all been excellent!

If you enjoy reading and great fellowship, please join us. We are a group of devoted readers committed to reading interesting and challenging books and engaging in stimulating discussions.

While we share a love of reading and good fellowship, we all also like good food. So, every third week the meeting includes eating out together as a group. You can join us at any time.

Please contact Mary Sloan for more information at msloan04@yahoo.com or 785-230-4729 (cell).



Wyatt says "THANK YOU" to everyone who made St. Stephen's TRUNK OR TREAT a SUCCESS!



Sponsor a poinsettia for Christmas in Memory, Celebration or Thanksgiving with a donation of \$20.00 each.

Watch for sign up inserts in the bulletins and the bulletin board.



November Birthdays

- 11/1 Libby Ceramella
- 11/2 Esam Sohail
- 11/3 Darlene Knorr
- 11/6 Lora White
- 11/8 Kim Drugger-Attwater
- 11/10 Bill Estes
- 11/11 Owen Graham
- 11/15 Chris Graham
- 11/16 DiAnne Graham
Barbara Kice
- 11/17 Don Norton
- 11/18 Joan Jaedicke
Judy Highdon
- 11/24 Ender Winters
- 11/25 Mary Sinclair

- 11/26 John Alefs
- 11/27 Sally Attwater
- 11/29 Shaun White

December Birthdays

- 12/6 Alexia Eddie
- 12/7 Vera Aikman
- 12/15 Joan Schulz
- 12/18 Patsy Abshier
- 12/19 Georgia Deatrick
- 12/19 Sondra Reber
- 12/20 Susan Igogo
- 12/20 Megan Loftin
- 12/22 Bryan Black
- 12/23 Carolyn Goree
- 12/30 Ella Jean Resch
Ryan Taylor

November Anniversaries

- 11/8 Tom & Maggie Benefiel
Chris & DiAnne Graham
- 11/16 Richard & Becky
Samaniego
- 11/17 Justin & Ellen Cooke

December Anniversaries

- 12/11 Jason & Julia Hart
- 12/16 Ben & Ashley Winters
- 12/22 Denny & Diane Kruger
- 12/28 Paul & Dottie Seymour
- 12/30 John & Nan Myers
- 12/31 Mike & Linda Floyd

November & December Celebrations

Upcoming News from Sunday School:

Greetings from the Sunday School!

Beginning in September, our children have been busy learning about the Jesse Tree and the Old Testament stories leading up to the birth of Christ. So far, we have learned about: The Creation Story; Adam and Eve (and the SNAKE), Noah, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob, Joseph (and his coat of many colors), Moses, Passover, the Ten Commandments, Joshua and his Battle with Jericho, and Ruth and David.

Kicking off November, we are all so excited for Alexia to be baptized on All Saints Sunday. During this month we will study the Old Testament stories of: Jonah and The Whale, Gideon, Samuel, Elijah, Jeremiah and Habakkuk.

Celebrating the season of Advent beginning in December. During this month, we will be studying the Holy Family and their journey to Bethlehem. On December 9th, we will be celebrating St. Nicholas Sunday with a special visit from St. Nicholas during the service and a special movie viewing in the Fireside Room during Sunday School. Finally, we will be culminating the Advent Season with our Advent Pageant on Sunday, December 23rd during the 10:30 am service. Finally, the Feast Day of Saint Stephen is on December 26th, and on the final Sunday of 2018 we will be celebrating Saint Stephen's story of faith.

When you see our children with their craft projects after church services, please feel free to engage them and ask about their crafts. Thank you for your support of our children! They are very busy learning and growing in their faith on Sunday mornings in class.

Blessings, Julia Hart & Hazel LeVardi



STAY TUNED for PRAYER STATION ACTIVITIES!

The Sunday School and the Youth Group are teaming up to have special Advent related activities to share on an intergenerational level with the parish.

Each Sunday in Advent, beginning on Sunday, December 2nd and leading up to Christmas, we will be set up in the Parish Hall after the services to do an activity with everyone that will enrich our preparation of Advent. Please check the weekly E-mail blast and the weekly bulletin insert for more information!

St. Stephen's Sensational Youth Group

September and October were such exciting months for St. Stephen's and the Church as a whole! Matt and I had the honor of witnessing our Bishop-elect get elected and feel the joy and excitement in the room throughout all of the Diocesan Convention.

On October 27, we hosted a wonderful movie night with Maddie Ramsey, Sophia Williams, Olivia Williams, and Romey Runyan in attendance! HUGE thank you to Doug Ramsey for setting up the movie and another HUGE thank you to Vera Aikman for helping us set up and for making the popcorn.

In November, our lessons will focus on building Christian relationships and being thankful for the abundant gifts God has given us.

For Advent season, we are pairing up with the Sunday School to provide prayer station activities during coffee hour with the rest of the congregation. Our youth are so looking forward to this wonderful time of praying and waiting for Jesus together! Be sure to keep checking your e-blast and bulletins for more on this exciting event!"

Sydney Runyan, Youth Director, and Matt Anderson, Assistant Youth Director



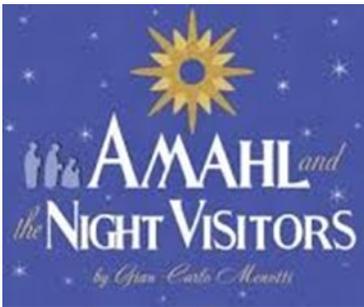
Music Notes for November and December

St. Stephen's Annual Advent Pageant will be presented at the 10:30 am service on Sunday, December 23rd. Rehearsals for the pageant will occur during Sunday School worship time beginning November 25th. Parts will be assigned to those who are willing and will be able to come to church most Sundays in December. We will have both memorized parts and reader parts available. Talk to me if you want one! There will be one dress rehearsal on **Saturday, December 22nd from 3:00-5:00 pm with cookies and cocoa** at the end to celebrate our hard work. Look for more information coming home with your kiddos in a few weeks! Let me know if you have questions.



The St. Stephen's musicians and many others will present a festival choral Christmas Eve Eucharist featuring Vivaldi's *Gloria* on December 24th at 9:00 pm. The service will feature soloists, choir and chamber orchestra. This special celebration featuring the song of the angels hailing the birth of Christ will be interwoven throughout the traditional Rite Two service. This will be a unique opportunity to celebrate Christmas Eve that all members of our Wichita community are invited to. Make plans to attend this special service and invite your friends, family and neighbors to celebrate with us.

The St. Stephen's Choir is looking for occasional singers to join us in presenting Vivaldi's *Gloria* on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in singing with the choir for this special service, please join the choir for rehearsal beginning November 25th at 9:30 am. There will be two special rehearsals outside of Sundays to prepare: Thursday, December 20th, 7:00-9:00 pm and Saturday December 22nd dress rehearsal with orchestra 9:00 am-noon. Any questions, please speak with me.



Epiphany Celebration

Opera Kansas presents its 30th Anniversary production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* Sunday, January 6, 2019, 3:00 pm at the Catholic Church of the Magdalene, 12626 E 21st Street, Wichita.

This beloved one-act opera in English by American composer Gian Carlo Menotti, has been a staple, family friendly performance in the holiday traditions of many in Wichita for thirty years.

This year we will celebrate the Epiphany story by joining the three kings as they seek rest and witness a miracle at the humble home of the crippled boy, Amahl, and his mother on the actual Feast Day of the Epiphany.

This opera features St. Stephen's own Benjamin Winters as King Melchior who will be joined by other very fine singers from our community as well as orchestra. Following the opera will be a King's Ball to feast on traditional King's Cakes, to meet the performers, and to support the outreach mission of Opera Kansas. St. Stephen's has joined with Opera Kansas and other local churches to be a supporting congregation of this special anniversary performance. Opera Kansas has been using St. Stephen's as a rehearsal location and with gratitude for this gift is offering our congregation a **discounted** price for tickets to the performance.

If you would like to purchase tickets to the performance, you can either add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the parish hall and a group order will be placed, or you can contact Ashley Winters directly for a discount code to purchase tickets online. For any questions about the performance or how to get tickets, please contact Ashley or Benjamin Winters, or Opera Kansas at operakansas@gmail.com or 785.393.1546

Ashley Winter, Choir and Music Director



Praise, Prayer & Pie

Begin your Thanksgiving and us join for Prayer and Pie.

Wednesday, November 21st

6:00 pm

in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Bring your favorite pie to share after the service in the Fireside

St. Nicholas will be visiting us
Sunday, December 9th at the 10:30 am Service!
Collection for the needy with Operation Holiday
will be sponsored by the Youth Group.
Watch for details.



Blue
Christmas
a service of healing and hope

All are invited
Come as you are
December 12, 2018

6:00 pm

The Holy Spirit Chapel



*Hanging of
The Greens*

Join in decorating the church!
Sunday, December 16th
following the 10:30 am service



**LESSONS
and
CAROLS**

Intergenerational Sunday
December 30th
10:30 am service
ONE SERVICE ONLY

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Designed
by
Audrey
Elizabeth
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**CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT**

Sunday 12/23

10:30 am Fun

for All Ages

**CHRISTMAS
EVE**

Monday, 12/24

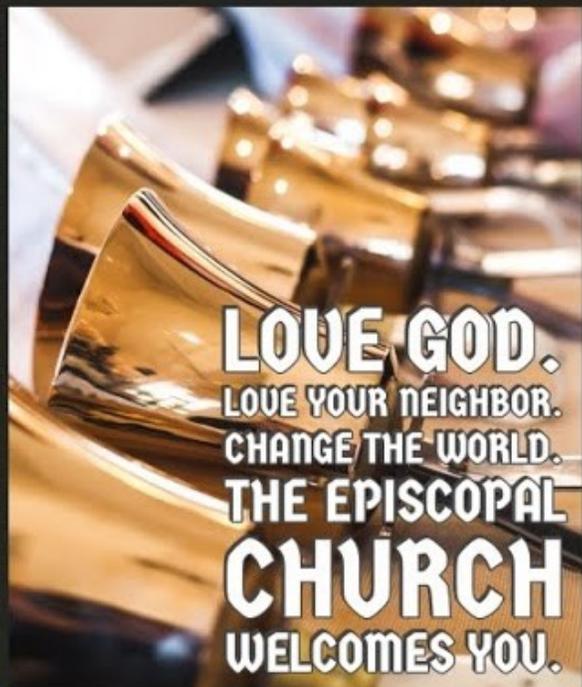
5:15 pm Family
Service &

9:00 pm Festival
Choral Eucharist
with Orchestra

**CHRISTMAS
DAY**

Tuesday, 12/25

9:30 am Christmas!





WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT? *An alternative gift is a nontraditional way of giving. It's a meaningful gift that will help someone in need.*

24th Annual Wichita Alternative Gift Market

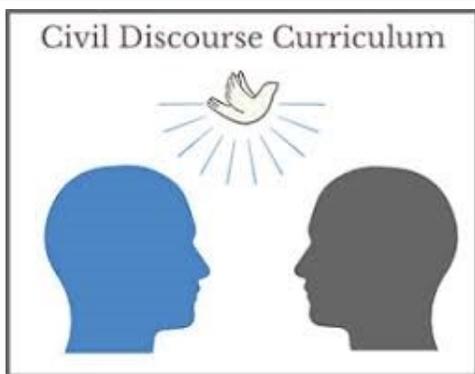
Saturday, November 10th

10:00 am—4:00 pm at University Congregational Church

A Mini Market at St. Stephen's Sunday, Nov. 18th, 11:30 am

FROM STUDENTS TO CAREER WOMEN

St. Stephen's will sell handmade ornaments to help Kenya high school girls to make informed career choices about course study at universities, and exploration of scholarships and internship opportunities. Ultimately, this will help the girls start the career of their dreams. A sign up is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall if you would like to volunteer to work one hour at the market. For questions, contact Carol Fizer 316-303-5452 or Melanie Shurden 316-687-5866.



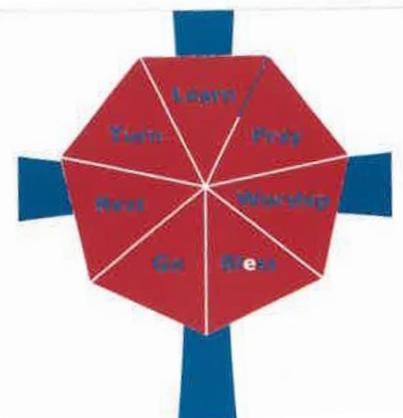
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room
Mike Morrow and Tim Korte will present
a Civil Discourse Program, November 7th, 14th, 21st, and
28th. *ALL OUR WELCOME* to attend.

"The Civil Discourse Curriculum was created as a resource to help folks understand and practice civil discourse, particularly as it relates to discussion about politics, policy and legislation, and why it is so important to living out our Gospel call and solving the problems facing our communities, country and the world."

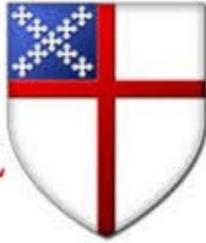
Daughters of the King
DOK meets each month on the
third Sunday of each month
at 12:15 in the Fireside Room.
Sunday, November 18th
Sunday, December 16th



At the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, we follow the Way of Jesus. His way is the Way of Love, and that love has the power to change lives and change the world. How will you and your ministry grow more centered in Jesus and share his loving, liberating, life-giving way in the world? Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites us to join him in **THE WAY OF LOVE**, *Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*. Find resources from across the church and share your gifts and stories: www.episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove or Text #WAYOFLOVE to 51555.



**THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**



Welcomes You

Church Membership and Transfers

Membership in the Episcopal Church is simply through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. If you have not been Baptized, speak to Rev. Mary or the Parish Office. If you were Baptized in another Christian denomination, ask how to have your Baptism recorded in our congregation register.

Adults and youth who have been baptized in another Christian Church but have not been confirmed, may be confirmed during the bishop's annual visit to our church or at a diocesan confirmation service. Those who have been confirmed in another church (e.g. Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Orthodox) and wish to make a commitment to the Episcopal Church are "received" by the bishop at the same confirmation service. Episcopalians who have been away from the church for a time or who have experienced a significant spiritual renewal may publicly reaffirm their commitment during the same service.

Members who have received Holy Communion in our church at least three times during the preceding year are considered to be communicants. Communicants "in good standing" have been faithful in corporate worship, and in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

If you have questions about membership or want to become a member, be confirmed or reaffirm your commitment to Christ and this church, contact Rev. Mary or the Parish Office.

Transferring to a new church

Members of the Episcopal Church are customarily recorded in the parish register of the church at which they regularly worship. Should a member move away or otherwise wish to transfer to another church, they should ask the clergy of their current church for a "Letter of Transfer". This letter should be addressed to the clergy of the church to which the transfer is being made.

A Letter of Transfer should certify that you are:

- 1) A Communicant. *All members who have received Holy Communion at St. Stephens at least three times during the preceding year are called communicants.*
- 2) Recorded as being in good standing. *Communicants in good standing have been faithful in corporate worship, in working, in praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.*
- 3) Have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church.

The clergy or warden receiving this letter of transfer should:

- 1) Acknowledge receipt to the church that issued it.
- 2) Record the information as conveyed in the parish register.

The person's removal should be noted also in the parish register of the issuing church. Further information on membership and transfers is available in the National Canons.

St. Stephen's November and December 2018

Thurs-Nov 1st	Noon	St. Stephen's Book Club	Wed-Nov 14th	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting, Fireside Room
	6:30 pm	Buildings & Grounds Meeting, Fireside Room		6:30 pm	Civil Discourse Program, Mike Morrow and Tim Korte, Presenters
Sat-Nov 3rd	9:30 am	Altar Guild Team Leaders			
	10:30 am	Worship Committee	Thurs-Nov 15th	Noon	St. Stephen's Book Club
	12:15 pm	Pastoral Care Committee Members and LEV Education and Support (lunch provided)	Sat-Nov 17th	9:00 am	Altar Guild Clean Up Day
				10:30 am	Confirmations, St. James
Sun-Nov 4th	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS		Sun-Nov 18th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One		9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal		9:30 am	"Strength & Comfort" Rev. Mary, presenter
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School		10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:15 am	Youth Group, Youth Room		10:15 am	Youth Group, Youth Room
	10:30 am	Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	11:30 am	Stewardship In-Gathering		11:30 am	Alternative Gift Mini Market
				12:15 pm	DOK Meeting, Fireside Room
Mon-Nov. 5th	6:30 pm	EfM- Fireside Room			
			Mon-Nov 19th	6:30 pm	EfM- Fireside Room
Wed-Nov 7th	6:00 pm	IONA Service followed by a potluck supper			
	6:30 pm	Civil Discourse Program, Mike Morrow and Tim Korte, Presenters	Wed-Nov 21st	6:00 pm	Pie & Prayer
	6:45 pm	Education Meeting, Parish Office		6:30 pm	Civil Discourse Program, Mike Morrow and Tim Korte, Presenters
			Thurs—Fri Nov 22nd-23rd		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED for THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Thurs-Nov 8th	Noon	St. Stephen's Book Club			
Sun-Nov 11th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One	Sun-Nov 25th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal	SAINT CECILIA DAY	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	"Strength & Comfort", Rev. Mary, presenter		10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School		10:15 am	Youth Group, Youth Room
	10:15 am	Youth Group, Youth Room		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two PIPERS HERE!
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two		2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Visit
	11:30 am	FALL CLEAN UP			
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Visit	Mon-Nov 26th	6:30 pm	EfM, Fireside Room
Mon-Nov 12th		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY			
	6:30 pm	EfM- Fireside Room	Wed-Nov 28th	6:30 pm	Civil Discourse Program, Mike Morrow and Tim Korte, Presenters
Tues-Nov 13th	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Fireside Room			

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Thurs-Nov 29th	Noon	St. Stephen's Book Club	Thurs-Dec 20th	Noon	St. Stephen's Book Club
				7:00 pm	Choir "Gloria" Rehearsal
Sun-Dec 2nd	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One			
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal	Sat-Dec 22nd	9:00 am	Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School		3:00 pm	Pageant Rehearsal and Cookie and Cocoa Party
	10:15 am	Youth Group, Youth Room			
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two	Sun-Dec 23rd	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
Mon-Dec 3rd	6:30 pm	EfM- Fireside Room		9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
				10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Dress Rehearsal for Pageant
Wed-Dec 5th	6:00 pm	IONA Service followed by a potluck supper		10:30 am	Advent Pageant and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
				2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Visit
Thurs-Dec 6th	Noon	St. Stephen's Book Club	Mon-Dec 24th	5:15 pm	Christmas Eve Service with Christmas Story
	6:30 pm	Buildings & Grounds Meeting, Fireside Room		9:00 pm	Christmas Eve Festival Choral Eucharist
Sun-Dec 9th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, Supply, The Rev. Kitty Shield	Tues-Dec 25th- Wed-Dec 26th Thurs-Dec 27th		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal			
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School	Tues-Dec 25th	9:30 am	Christmas Day Service
	10:15 am	Youth Group, Youth Room		11:00 am	Larksfield Place Christmas Service
	10:30 am	St. Nicholas Celebration Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, Supply, The Rev. Bill Walh	Sun-Dec 30th		Intergenerational Sunday
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Visit		8:30 am	No Service
Mon-Dec 10th	6:30 pm	EfM- Fireside Room		9:00 am	Choir rehearsal
				10:15 am	Children's Church School
Wed-Dec 12th	6:00 pm	Blue Christmas Service of Healing and Hope		10:30 am	Christmas Lessons & Carols
Thurs-Dec 13th	Noon	St. Stephen's Book Club			
Sun-Dec 16th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One			
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal			
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School			
	10:15 am	Youth Group, Youth Room			
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two			
	11:30 am	HANGING OF THE GREENS			
Mon-Dec 17th	6:30 pm	EfM, Fireside Room			
Tues-Dec 18th	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Fireside Room			
Wed-Dec 19th	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting, Fireside Room			



Joseph and his coat of many colors



We miss our Senior Warden,
Charles Shield, III, M.D.

Thank you Anne Stephens
for serving as Senior Warden
until our Annual Meeting in 2019.

We continue to pray with all our hearts for
Kitty, Richard, Amanda and Wyatt Shield.

Anne Stephens, Senior Warden
Lyndy Wells, Treasurer
Paul Attwater, III, Asst Treasurer
Mary Sloan, Clerk

Members

- Jorinda Brant (2020)
- Joe Johnson (2018)
- Richard Samaniego (2019)
- John Staples (2018)
- Linda Stewart (2018)
- Ben Winters (2019)

VESTRY MEETINGS:

November 14th, 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room
(Date change due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

December 19th, 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Reminder for Vestry Members

If you are scheduled as Vestry in Charge for Sunday, it is important to be on time to open the doors. Front door to be locked for safety 10 minutes after a service begins. The duties are printed and a copy is on the refrigerator in the parish kitchen and in the sacristy.

FOR SAFETY, BE SURE ALL LIGHTS ARE OFF and DOORS ARE ALL LOCKED PRIOR TO LEAVING.

If you split the early service and late service with another vestry member, please notify the Parish Office.

If you are away on the Sunday you are scheduled, notify the Parish Office.



St. Stephen's Sensational Youth Group will again be collecting items for OPERATION HOLIDAY watch for more information and the donation bin.

LARKSFIELD PLACE

Meditation Chapel-2 pm

November 11th & 25th

December 9th & 23rd



December 25th, Christmas Day, 11:00 am

DON'T FORGET THE DOK LITTLE RED WAGON



Items needed for their pantry:
bottle water, 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, 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.** For the new breakfast program the following items are needed: Ham, eggs, cheese, sausage, beef, oatmeal, hash browns, juice, coffee, milk, bottled water, tortillas, biscuits or biscuit mix and sandwich bread. **Volunteers for preparation and serving in the early morning,** as well as, volunteers in the afternoon to assist in meal prep for the next day.

Altar Flower November and December 2018

11/4	<i>Celebration of Baptism of Alexia Eddie</i>	St. Stephen's
11/11	<i>Celebration of Wedding Anniversary</i>	Tom & Maggie Benefiel
11/18	<i>Celebration for Julia Hart being received</i>	St. Stephen's
11/25	<i>Memory of Mark Maska</i>	Ric & Darlene Knorr
12/2	<i>Memory of Stewart Coffin's Birthday</i>	Anne Coffin Family
12/9	<i>Memory of Thomas Brassers Birthday</i>	Aubree Brassers
12/16	<i>Celebration for Mary Francis Sinclair's Birthday</i>	Johnson-Sinclair Family
12/23	<i>Memory of Walt Aikman's Birthday</i>	Vera Aikman, Sydney Runyan and Romey Runyan
12/30	<i>Celebration of 67th Wedding Anniversary</i>	Paul & Dodie Seymour

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 November and December 2018

Coffee, Tea and Thee

Alphabetically by Last Name



11/4	LAST name beginning G—L
11/11	LAST name beginning M— R
11/18	LAST name beginning S—Z
11/25	LAST name beginning A—F
12/2	LAST name beginning G—L
12/9	LAST name beginning M— R
12/16	LAST name beginning S—Z
12/23	LAST name beginning A—F
12/30	LAST name beginning G—L

Check the schedule for the week of your last name and bring your favorite treat (i.e., cheese/

crackers, baked items, fruit, meat/cheese, etc.). The group will also be responsible for setting up the table with treats and for clean up (even if you don't bring treats you can help with setting up and clean up).

CHECK THE BULLETIN AND WEEKLY E-BLAST FOR ANY CHANGES.



A Longest Night Prayer

Take my grief, Lord
Heal the hurt;
Embrace my weary spirit.

Let Your comfort
Overflow my soul.
Nourish my heart and
Grant me rest,
Especially at night when
Sleeplessness
Taunts my mind.

Never forsake me,
Include me in Your thoughts.
Gently carry me toward
Healing and hope.
Tenderly touch my soul.
Amen.

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Aubrey Watson, Organist

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Hazel LeVardi, Church School Coordinator

Abby Bishop, Primary Church School

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Matt Anderson, Assistant Youth Director

Lise Van Arsdale Hansen, Nursery Coordinator

Natalie Lemanski, Nursery

Melanie Shurden, DOK President