



St. Stephen's Epistle September and October

Special Events/Services/ Meetings

Wednesday, Sept. 7th KICKOFF

"WE" Service, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Junior and Senior Youth Group,
6:30 pm, Youth Rm
Buildings/Grounds Committee, 7 pm,
Fireside Rm

Thursday, September 8th

Book Club, noon, Fireside Room

Sunday, September 11th ➡

KICK OFF SUNDAY

Wednesday, September 14th

Finance Committee, 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 17th

EDOK Fall Fun Fest, Lawrence

Wednesday, September 21st

Vestry Meeting, **6:30 pm**

Thursday, September 29th

Rummage and Bake Sale
ONE DAY ONLY, 7:00 am—6:00 pm

Saturday, October 1st

Altar Guild and Worship Committee,
9:00 am Combined Training

Wednesday, October 5th

Buildings/Grounds Committee, 7:00 pm

Friday, October 7th

Dinners for 8 Year End Roundup

Wednesday, October 12th

Finance Committee, 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 15th

FALL BBQ, MOSS Fund Raiser, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 19th

Vestry Meeting, 6:30 pm

October 27th-29th

Diocesan Convention, Wichita

Monday, October 31st

Halloween Trunk or Treat,
5:30—8:30 pm

Step into September!

SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist: Rite One at 8:30 am

Adult Forum—Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

10:15 am

10:15 am Primary Children's Church School (3 yrs-5 yrs.)

10:15 am Intermediate Children Church School (1st-4th
grade)

10:15 am Junior Youth Group (5th—8th grade)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Hospitality Coffee Hour to follow the 10:30 service.

WEDNESDAYS "WE" Enriching our Worship Service

5:30 pm, Holy Spirit Chapel

Each Wednesday will have an event,
presentation or activity to follow the service.

On the first Wednesday of each month
the service will be an Iona Service in the Parish Hall
with a potluck dinner to follow.

Watch your weekly email blast for what's coming!

A GREAT WAY TO RECHARGE!

WEDNESDAY Senior Youth Group (9th—12th grade)

6:30 pm in the Youth Room



September 7th

5:30 pm

THE FIRST "WE"

Wednesday Eucharist Service

in the Parish Hall.

**Pizza provided for all
following the service.**



**KORTE
KONNECTON**

Dear People of God,

We made our way to Glasgow by plane and to the northwest coast of Scotland by train and bus and arrived in Oban.

Oban is pitched on a hillside with a scenic harbor overlooking the Isle of Mull. After enjoying a picturesque train ride from Glasgow, passing lochs and rugged hillsides with cascading waterfalls and fields full of sheep and Shetland cattle, we arrived in Oban.



Oban is famous for its sunsets. I linked this mystical moment to Julian of Norwich's famous words, "All shall be well, and all shall be well."

We later learned that beyond Isle of Mull, lay Iona, where Christianity first came to Scotland. Iona set us on a journey, a pilgrimage. We have wanted to travel there for over 15 years and visit Iona, one of Christianity's great holy sites where pilgrims flock from around the world to pray and experience what the Celts call "a thin place," where heaven and earth seem to touch. George Macleod, founder of the Iona Community, wrote that Iona is "a thin place where only tissue paper separates the material from the spiritual."

Our chance finally came this June for a trip to Iona. Getting there is not easy. It involves trains, ferries, and buses, each of which must be carefully timed, and bad weather can disrupt things.

Iona is a tiny island located in the Inner Hebrides, 1.5 miles wide by 3 miles long, with a population of fewer than 150 permanent residents. It welcomes 130,000 visitors each year, but is remarkably quiet. A sense of peace and freedom pervades. Pilgrims and visitors can walk for hours and see only a few others.

Iona's enduring fame comes from its connection with an Irish monk named St. Columba, a major figure of the early Church. Columba was born of royal blood in County Donegal in Ireland in 521. Columba (in Latin) or *Colum Cille* (in Gaelic) means "dove." His grandfather was the Irish High King, and Columba stood in line to succeed him. No one knows for certain why Columba left Ireland, but most believe it was an act of self-imposed penance for blood that he shed in Ireland.

Columba's harsh temper got the best of him. Born to a warrior clan, he rallied his tribesmen to fight against Finnian's monks and clan. Legend has it that Columba's clan killed 10,000 opponents without losing a single member of its own tribe. Either from remorse for the deaths that he had caused or because of displeasing the High King, Columba left Ireland in exile. As the story goes, he was banished until he had converted as many people to the Christian faith as he and his clan had killed in battle. Setting out in a coracle, a round boat made of animal skins strapped to a wooden frame, Columba finally landed on the shores of Iona and climbed a hillside. Reportedly it was the first place he had landed where he could no longer see Ireland. He chose to stay. Perhaps it was not a clear day, for on some days it is possible to spot Ireland from there.

A healthy community existed at Iona, but the island's greatest years were ahead. Columba founded a monastery that would endure for 1,000 years. At its height, Iona had about 600 monks and many workers, who supported the building and maintenance of the abbey. All told, the island's population was probably close to 1,000.

The monks grew crops, kept livestock, and tended gardens. They cooked, cleaned, built boats and buildings, caught fish, and grew corn. In the abbey workshops, craftsmen shaped wood, metal, glass, leather, and stone, while manuscript makers prepared their parchment with ink and dyes.

Much of what we know about Columba comes from a biography written by Adomnán, who led the monastery almost 100 years after Columba's death. Like Columba, Adomnán was known for his holiness and miracles and later became a saint.



In 795, Vikings launched their first of many raids upon Iona, killing monks, stealing treasures from the abbey, and pillaging everything they could. The Book of Kells, now housed at Trinity College in Dublin, was produced on Iona. It was later moved with many other treasures from the abbey to Kells, for protection from Viking raids.

Scotland, like England, had a reformation and most of the abbeys and monasteries were sacked and destroyed. Windows were smashed. Stones were removed to build homes for local residents. Gold and silver were plundered and taken by the king.

In 1938, George Macleod, a charismatic Scottish clergyman from a famous family of preachers, founded the Iona Community and resurrected the abbey. He had been ministering in the midst of poverty in Glasgow and discovered how little the church spoke to the lives of working people. He restored the abbey to be a center of worship and communal life and created a training center for young clergy, who were to study and be formed spiritually on Iona before embarking on urban ministry with the poor.

Today, the Iona Community is an international ecumenical movement of men and women, working for peace and justice, the rebuilding of community, and the renewal of worship. It consists of 300 members who live around the world and follow a rule of life that involves daily prayer, reading Scripture, practicing social justice, and meeting regularly with family groups of other community members.

The abbey only accepts guests who can arrive on a Saturday and stay until Friday. We stayed at the charming St. Columba Hotel, located just a short walk from the abbey. We had a room with a sea view, and the food was excellent. Breads, scones, cakes, pies, and meals are made using excellent local and organic ingredients. The menus change seasonally to reflect the produce. The fish comes from Neil, St. Columba's own fisherman. The organic garden supplies ample greens, beans, herbs, salads, flowers, and fruit.

The abbey has a museum, which boasts of having the finest collection of sacred sculpture and ancient high crosses anywhere in Scotland. It is well worth seeing. We enjoyed short walks to the Bishop's House, a Scottish Episcopal Church Retreat Center, where we visited twice. Walking to the abbey to worship early in the morning and again at 9 p.m. for a candlelight service.

Part of our pilgrimage from the abbey was an approximately 7-hour pilgrimage around the island. Philp and Allie Newell, (Philip a former warden for the Iona Community), met us at the St. Martin's cross — the oldest High Cross in Britain still standing in its original location. It has stood on this spot since 1200. We paused at a crossroads and one of our Iona retreat participants read from Jeremiah: "Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls" (6:16).

After explaining the history of the cross, Philip offered a prayer for our day's journey and we headed off. Pausing on the pilgrimage, Allie asked each Iona pilgrim: "How much silence is in your life?" She then invited us to experience intentional silence. Near the end of the pilgrimage, Philip stopped and offered a blessing to us as pilgrims:

Deep peace of the running waves to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the son of peace to you.

We ended our pilgrimage in the cemetery chapel near the abbey known as Reilig Òdhrain, where 48 Scottish kings, eight Norwegian kings, and four Irish kings were said to be buried, including Shakespeare's Macbeth and King Duncan.

On Tuesday night, the worship at the abbey is a healing service. Pilgrims and visitors are invited to step forward to where hand-stitched kneelers have been placed in a circle with candles around them. Members of the Iona Community place their hands on the heads of those who seek healing and they pray: "Spirit of the living God, present with us now, enter you, body, mind and spirit, and heal you of all that harms, in Jesus' name." It is short but beautiful.

On Wednesday night, there was a service of commitment. We were invited to come forward for the laying on of hands as one of the leaders recited a biblical phrase, which was different for each of us.

On Thursday morning, we took a boat to Staffa, where summer visitors can spot puffins, fulmars, and more birds nesting from May to late July. Basking sharks and dolphins can sometimes be spotted, as well as otters at the South East and North End beaches, and plummeting gannets. The amazing rock formations here are 56 million years old, relatively new compared to the ancient rocks found on Iona.

Thursday night was a sending service in which we sat at a long table placed in the middle of the aisle between the prayer stalls, like a great family banquet. The Eucharist was celebrated and we were commissioned to return home to carry the spirit of Iona and St. Columba and the lessons that we had learned during our retreat on the island. It was just the time away for silence and solitude that we needed during an incredibly busy year.

Peace be with you, Rev. Mary and Tim



Youth Highlights!



Derek and I are both so excited to be working with the youth this coming year. Our welcome reception was amazing! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a lovely afternoon to welcome us as the new youth directors. A few things we'll be working on for this year is making the youth group something the youth really feel is catered to what they enjoy. We want input on activities, retreat(s), fundraisers, meetings, and so much more. We plan to attend and get some participation for the official youth presence at the Diocesan

Convention held in Wichita this year, October 27-29. We are also hoping to get some fundraisers and community service opportunities going for the youth, as soon as we know and get some input on what they'd like to do. I'm currently working on trying to get some participation with other local youth groups for added energy to our group and some fresh faces/new friends to have with us. Derek and I are working on quarterly outside of the church activities for youth. These could be zoo trips, bowling, pizza outings, or whatever else the youth would like. Our overarching goal is to make youth group an exciting, inviting environment filled with fun and delving into our faith! We look forward to both youth groups (Junior: grades 5-8 and Senior: grades 9-12) joining us for our kick off meeting at 6:30 pm on September 7th! There will be pizza and lots of discussion of the coming year!

Peace, Sydney Runyan, Youth Director



**JOIN US WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
both JUNIOR and SENIOR YOUTH GROUPS
5:30 pm in the Parish Hall for the first “WE”
service. Pizza will be provided after the service.**
Our group will then meet in the youth room until 8 pm. Bring
your ideas and suggestions as we plan our upcoming year!

Thank you for joining us!

Derek and I are so excited to be working with the youth and their families. We like to keep open communication with everyone. We feel that is easiest and quickest with online communications. We will periodically send out ‘snail mail’ blasts, but will mostly use email blasts to get information out. Please feel free to get a hold of us through our:

- Email: Sydney- sydney@ststephensec.org
Derek- cold.weather.runner@gmail.com
- Phone: Sydney- Cell: (620) 218-4026 OR Office: (316) 634-2513
Derek- Cell: (620) 951-4743

We also have a Facebook Group and Website with a calendar that will be kept up to date!
Facebook Group: Title- St. Stephen’s Sensational Youth Groups. This is a closed group and the posts/your students will not be open to the public. Members must request to join and only members are allowed to see posts. Website- www.ststephensec.org/youth.html

EDOK EVENTS—Fall Fun Fest

The purpose of Fall Festival is to welcome youth to the Diocesan Youth Program. The event is fun, social, and an easy way to “check out” what Diocesan Youth Events are all about. We encourage everyone to invite a friend to Fall Fun Fest. We have music and fun games! There are opportunities to make friends with youth from all over the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, hang-out and learn about Christian Spirituality.

This year’s inflatables will be:

- Black Ops Obstacle Course: Are you ready to take on the mission? Battle your opponent to victory as you make your way through the course!
- Gladiator Jousting: What’s more fun than battling each other to see who is “Last (Wo)Man Standing?”
- 3-Lane Bungee Run: race your opponent, the bungee cord snaps you back!

When: Saturday, September 17, 2016, 1:00 pm to Sunday, September 18, 11 am (parents are invited to join us for the 10 am worship service)

Where: St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, 5700 W 6th Street, Lawrence, KS

Who: Youth currently in grades 6-12

Fee: \$40 (\$55 after September 1)

Priority deadline: Thursday, September 1 (fee increases \$15 after this date)

Registration form: <https://edok.formstack.com/forms/fallfunfest16>

INVITE A FRIEND!

Teenagers in Children's Ministry

When you think of teenagers in our church, what comes to mind: a. rebellious, pizza-gobbling, soft-drink-slurping rabble-rousers, b. older kids who've (thankfully) outgrown our ministry and are now the youth minister's responsibility, or c. mature young adults who have a unique opportunity to minister to your kids? *Believe it or not, teenagers have a lot to offer our kids, our ministry, and even our church.*

Teens Train Too

We have hired some older teens as part-time staff while they are in high school or college. Often we can develop over the course of a year a repertoire of 20 activities they can pull out at a moment's notice. Each teenager is then prepared to lead five songs, games, crafts, and devotions.

My philosophy is also that if the teens are doing any teaching, they participate in ongoing teacher training alongside adult teachers. Like quarterly education meetings. In addition, teenagers are required to have Safe Guarding Our Children training.

Great Expectations

Requiring accountability is another key factor for success. We also will ask our teen volunteers to provide a statement describing their Christian faith, including important faith lessons they've learned recently. I also consult with the church's youth ministry staff as to acceptable placement.

If accepted, these teenagers commit to a one-year rotation assisting. They're expected to participate in church services and youth activities. Teens are required to call if they'll be gone. They have to help clean up and check with the lead teacher before leaving for the day. Some adult teachers who are skilled at delegation and sharing even enlist teenagers to help with weekly lesson preparation. These teachers become mentors who positively impact teens' faith development.

Our church's youth group has helped to staff the Intergenerational Vacation Bible School outreach to local kids during the summer.

What's The Catch?

Teenagers are living, walking jungle gyms. Beyond their ability to double as playground equipment, a familiar teenage face can ease separation anxiety for young children. Teenagers can also aid in classroom management by providing important one-on-one attention for distractible children. And since teenagers can still remember what it was like to be kids, they may be able to relate better to what kids are going through.

Teenagers can do a lot, but don't expect them to take over and run our programs. Remember, teenagers are young adults, but they're also grown-up kids. From time to time, they may need to be reminded why they're there. While evaluation is a part of our program for all adults and teens, remember to evaluate kindly-these aren't just teenagers, they're our partners in ministry.

Getting Started

We continue to identify ministry tasks teenagers can do. Tasks can range from walking preschoolers to the drinking fountain to assisting adult leaders with lesson activities-or even teaching entire lessons. I often use the following three levels of teen ministry involvement. When you're ready to plug teenagers in, discuss plans with the clergy and our church's youth director. Then announce ministry opportunities to the youth group. Teenagers who are actively involved in church youth activities are likely candidates for ministry. But we try not to leave out teens who may be uninvolved in the formal youth ministry program. Ministering to kids is a great way to involve teens who might otherwise find themselves on the periphery of the life of the church. Once we've got kids involved remember: training, trusting, and accountability will help ensure a faith-growing experience for all — our teen partners in ministry and the kids in our care. Young children respond very well to teenagers, I'm just glad for the blessing.

Are Our Teenagers Level 3 Leaders?

Plug teenagers into one of the following levels of involvement:

Level 1 — **Helper** - Helpers work behind the scenes doing tasks such as registration or snack preparation.

They may pass out supplies, help kids complete craft projects, or participate in activities alongside the kids. Level 2 — **Teaching Assistant** - These kids are beginning to get involved in actual teaching. They may lead one or more simple activities, such as games. Or they may act out a Bible story. Teaching assistants always have an adult teacher present, but when they lead an activity, they do it on their own.

Level 3 — **Leader** - Teenagers who serve as leaders may have a shared class. They're responsible for planning lessons and directing kids in activities. They may have adult or other teen helpers, and they're often paired with adult teachers or staff members for mentoring and accountability. We usually fill teen teacher positions with senior high youth. I sometimes use teens in the capacity of helping with a junior youth group with adults or like this year in our new primary class for children.



Those who are traveling the road of widowhood and are interested in a group gathering with a leader and format to be determined by the group (such as food, fun, formation?) please contact both Wanda Rogers and the Clergy of St. Stephen's.

On another note for our older adult ministry, a good read: *Embracing the Second Half of Life: Toward Holy Ground: Spiritual Directions for the Second Half of Life* (Cowley,1995) by Margaret Guenther, Episcopal Priest.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Rev. Dr. Mary Korte and Rev. Deacon Barbara Gibson are part of the NAMI gathering in Wichita this October.

Mental health resources available at Amazon.

1. *In the Shadow of God's Wings: Grace in the Midst of Depression* by Susan Gregg-Schroeder. Written to accompany Gregg-Schroeder's book, *In the Shadow of God's Wings: Group Study Guide*.
2. *Bipolar Faith*, *Bipolar Faith* is both a spiritual autobiography and a memoir of mental illness by Monica Coleman.
3. *Restoring the Healer: Spiritual Self-Care for Health Professionals* by William E. Dorman.
4. *Voices in the Rain: Meaning in Psychosis* by Marcia A. Murphy.
5. *Wrestling with Our Inner Angels: Faith, Mental Illness, and the Journey to Wholeness* by Nancy Kehoe.
6. *Souls in the Hands of a Tender God: Stories of the Search for Home and Healing on the Streets* by Craig Rennebohm.
7. *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor, an ordained Episcopal priest and a New York Times bestselling author. In her book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Taylor reflects on finding strength and comfort in troubled times. She has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness.
8. *Darkness is My Only Companion: A Christian Response to Mental Illness*. In this brave and compassionate book, theologian and priest Kathryn Greene-McCreight confronts these difficult questions raised by her own mental illness--bipolar disorder. With brutal honesty, she tackles often avoided topics such as suicide, mental hospitals, and electroconvulsive therapy. Greene-McCreight offers the reader everything from poignant and raw glimpses into the mind of a mentally ill person to practical and forthright advice for their friends, family, and clergy.
9. *Finding God: Praying the Psalms in Times of Depression* by Thomas Lewis. He offers spiritual resources for the many persons today suffering from depression. By turning his readers toward praying the Psalms, as he did in his own battle with depression, Lewis assists those seeking hope and a healing touch to find, in his words, "a cup of cold water in parched land."
10. *Blessed are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness, Family and the Church* by Sarah Griffith Lund. A United Church of Christ minister, she looks back at her father's battle with bipolar disorder, and the helpless sense of déjà vu as her brother and cousin endure mental illness as well. With a small group study guide and "Ten Steps for Developing a Mental Health Ministry in Your Congregation."
11. *A Relentless Hope: Surviving the Storm of Teen Depression* by Dr. Gary Nelson.
12. *Not Alone: Reflections on Faith and Depression* by Dr. Monica Coleman.
13. *Strength for His People: A Ministry for Families of the Mentally Ill* by Rev. Steven Waterhouse. He is one of the pioneers in educating clergy and congregations about mental illness. He spoke at the NAMI national convention at the NAMI FaithNet networking session. Waterhouse's book explains mental illness from a Biblical worldview. It may serve as a guide for Christian counselors working with schizophrenia and related problems such as depression, why God allows suffering, mental illness vs. demon possession, and other topics helpful to families of faith.
14. *Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church's Mission* by Amy Simpson.
15. *Grace for the Afflicted: A Clinical and Biblical Perspective on Mental Illness* by Michael S. Stanford.
16. *Healthy Living with Bipolar Disorder* by Susan Gregg-Schroeder.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club resumes on Thursday, September 8th at noon! Join us we begin reviewing our new book *"Pope Joan"* by Donna Woolfolk Cross. A very interesting story! Bring your lunch and enjoy lively discussions!

Sept 8th	Chapters 1—5
Sept 15th	Chapters 6—9
Sept 22nd	Chapters 10 — 13
Sept 29th	Rummage and Bake Sale
Oct 6 the	Chapters 14—17
Oct 13th	Chapters 18—21
Oct 20th	Chapters 22—25
Oct 27th	Chapters 26—29

DON'T FORGET THE DOK LITTLE RED WAGON



Your support is needed now more than ever!

OUTREACH FOR ESS/ VENTURE HOUSE BOTTLED WATER,

other 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.

LARKSFIELD PLACE

in the Meditation Chapel

**Holy Eucharist Service by Clergy
September 25th and October 23rd**

**Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team
September 11th and October 9th**



Vestry

The 2016 St. Stephen's Vestry

The Rev. Dr. Mary J. Korte
Joe Johnson, Senior Warden
Tom Steele, Junior Warden
Marty Wells, Clerk
Paul Attwater III, Treasurer

MEMBERS

Anne Elsworth, Linda Haskins, John Rothwell,
Linda Stewart, Marty Wells, Ben Winters

REMINDER

VESTRY MEETINGS

September 21st
October 19th

NEW MEETING TIME 6:30 pm

DINNERS for 8

**YEAR END ROUNDUP
at
Chuck and Kitty Shield
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 8th**



Watch for more information in the weekly email blast!

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



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Music Notes

Ashley Winters, Director of Choir and Music

Fall Choir begins on September 11th. Rehearsal is at 9:00 and then we sing the 10:30 service. If you have any desire to be part of a group at St. Stephen's, you are welcome here. All ages and levels of experience welcome, all that is required is a desire to be a part of worship and community! Nursery care is available during rehearsal, so let your little ones play before Sunday School and come SING!!

Thank you to all who submitted Favorite Hymn requests this summer. It was a great summer experiencing different traditions and hearing stories of faith from many of our friends and church family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—CHILDREN' SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday, September 25th—Kids will present Rev. Mary with school supplies for Price -Harris Elementary School.

Sunday, October 30th - Kids ***and congregation*** are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and will follow the procession into the church at 10:30. Please have the kids at church by 10:15 am.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES from meeting Sunday, August 21st

- ◆ New information/permission forms for Church School children, Junior and Senior Youth Group (emergency, medical, publicity, travel)
- ◆ Junior and Senior Youth Group—Youth Tide (**When:** November 11-13, 2016 , **Where:** St. Andrew's, Emporia, **Who:** Youth currently in grades 6-12, **Fee:** \$50 (fee increases by \$15 after October 27), **Priority deadline:** October 27, 2016
Registration forms: Available here by Sept. 12, 2016
- ◆ Youth involvement in the upcoming Diocesan Convention, October 27th—29th in Wichita this year
- ◆ Youth serving at ESS at their annual Thanksgiving meal (pies); Christmas meal (cookies)
- ◆ ESS Sock Drive
- ◆ Junior Youth Project—Price-Harris Elementary Teachers request for supplies and donations, deliver or have a representative come and receive them.
- ◆ Joint youth activities with other area churches (i.e., neighborhood Lutheran church)
- ◆ Youth Retreat (Crosswinds in Hesston; Flint Hills Retreat in Rock Springs)
- ◆ Possible "Youth Auction" as fund raiser
- ◆ Pairing of youth with adults (teams), possibly for fall/spring clean ups
- ◆ Children's Sunday School, rhythm/symbols of the church, Godly Play
- ◆ Primary Church School group calendar
- ◆ Curriculum, doable and manageable, (quarterly meetings of coordinators to choose curriculum: order, print, etc.)
- ◆ Add music to prayer circle for Children's Church School (CD's and music may be available with curriculum)
- ◆ Snack time, older children may not want snacks; snacks to be provided by the church (order in bulk); ask for sponsors "sponsor a month of church school treats", etc.
- ◆ Primary Church School needs age appropriate toys
- ◆ Secret Santa at Christmas pairing youth with others to cross generations
- ◆ Post on "Woodlawn Village NextDoor.com Reaches 197 neighbors and 1532 nearby neighbors, open for anyone in the neighborhood to join
- ◆ Youth Groups will have their own web page with calendar; Facebook (already set up, a private group) and weekly email blast
- ◆ Invite VBS attendees to visit and worship with us
- ◆ Primary Classroom have a reading corner, need pillows/small beanbags safe for toddlers and infants
- ◆ Primary Classroom needs a gate and remove the door (as in the nursery)
- ◆ Primary Classroom would like wall murals (removable clings)
- ◆ Primary Classroom requests more colorful mats for the floor
- ◆ Safe Guarding God's Children, on line certification



Mark your Calendars!

St. Stephen's Annual Rummage Sale and Bake Sale Too!!!

ONE DAY ONLY—Thursday, September 29th
7 am—6 pm

Have you been cleaning out your closets, garages and storage units for this annual fund raiser? We hope so, and of course, we hope you will join us at the sale. It's lots of fun to work with each other and raise money for church projects.

Patti Mann and Cheryl Navarro are coordinating this year's sale, with Liz Steele organizing our "workforce", so please let her know when you can help by email ltsteele@cox.net; call/text 316 644-0807; or sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall to volunteer or to bring bake goods.

Pricing: **NO NEED** to mark items. It will be done for you.

Clothes: Adult clothing **MUST** be on hangers. We are not equipped to accept clothes not on hangers except for shorts or small children's items. Please don't send clothing in a bag with hangers. Look for the box of hangers we will provide for all at the sale.

WHAT TO DONATE: Bring only items in good working and clean condition. We cannot accept old TV's or obsolete computers/printers. Large items that do not sell will need to be picked up by 5 pm on Thursday.

WHEN TO DONATE: Bring your treasures to the church beginning Sunday, September 25th after 1 pm. Tables will be set up and marked with signs, place your items on the appropriate tables. (I.e., linens on linen table, electronic on electronics table, etc.) Donations accepted Sunday, September 25th through Wednesday, September 28th.

Please join us in donating your treasures and baked goods, and in working at the sale!

It is a very rewarding opportunity!

Patti Mann, Cheryl Navarro and Liz Steele



September and October Celebrations

September Birthdays

- 9/2 Thornton Anderson
Kirsten Johnson
- 9/6 Paull Attwater III
Tom Steele
- 9/7 Lauren Floyd
Nick Staples
- 9/8 Ben Winters
- 9/9 Carolyn Whitaker
- 9/10 Violet Black
- 9/18 Lyndy Wells
- 9/19 Ric Knorr
- 9/22 Linda Henry
Jane Taylor
- 9/23 Rick Gaskill

- 9/26 Nancy Bailey
- 9/27 Lee Sinclair

Anniversaries

- 9/2 Dale and Suzanne Graham
- 9/4 Bill and Barbara Thompson
- 9/12 Mike and Linda Henry
- 9/13 Paul and Sally Attwater
- 9/14 Mike and Patti Mann
- 9/17 Ric and Darlene Knorr
- 9/24 Tom and Liz Steele
- 9/27 Bryan and Violet Black

- 10/5 Joe Johnson
- 10/6 Larry Arbuckle
- 10/9 Frank Priest
- 10/10 Steve Stephens
- 10/12 Jeanne Yankey
- 10/14 Linda Haskins
- 10/15 Kaydance Navarro
- 10/16 Sophia Williams
- 10/19 Cooper Winters
- 10/21 Innes Phillips
- 10/23 Bea Hutchinson
- 10/26 Betty Johnston
- 10/28 Jean White

October Birthdays

- 10/1 Peggy Lewis
Bruce Schriefer
Emily Williams
- 10/3 Richard Bowman
Sydney Runyan

Anniversaries

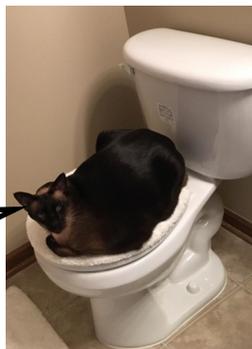
- 10/7 Dan and Cynthia Walton
- 10/11 John and Sally Alefs
- 10/20 Bob and Carolyn Goree
- 10/25 Ron and Rosalee Myers

BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Sunday
October 2nd
10:30 am
Service
(Outside weather
permitting)



Louie Stewart says "Don't be caught sitting at home for the Blessing of the Animals!"



You're Invited to a



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
MOSS FUND RAISING BBQ
Saturday, October 15th
6:00 pm**

All MOSS (All Men of St. Stephen's) will be hosting a Catered Fall Barbecue. We need men to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. Please reply to Don Norton at norton75@swbell.net or to Vera in the Parish Office at ssec@ssec.org.

**Monday
October 31st
5:30—8:30 pm**



St. Stephen's south parking lot will be well lighted, bring your treats, pack your trunk with goodies for our ghosts and goblins!



Wichita Alternative Gift Market

Saturday, November 12th, 10 am—4 pm

Wichita East Heights UMC, 4407 E. Douglas

Save the date for Saturday, November 12, 2016 and join us for a fun, ecumenical, city-wide market experience! Learn about ways you can give gifts that have a positive impact on the world —

gifts that sustain the earth, promote peace and justice, and address the needs of our local and global neighbors. Since 1995, Wichitans have shopped at the Wichita Alternative Gift Market, hosted by a growing number of churches, schools, and businesses that raise money for dozens of humanitarian and environmental projects. The market features projects from the [Alternative Gifts International catalog](#), fair trade and handmade gifts from local vendors, holiday music and a relaxing atmosphere.

Update on Alternative Gifts Christmas Market

St. Stephen's will be participating in this market and our project is Birchwood ornaments for girls education in Kenya "Help a Girl Graduate!-Kenya" We will be making these ornaments to sell at the market to support this project. If you would like to help, the ornaments are simple and will be made after the "WE" services October 12th, 19th, 26th. Carol Fizer and Melanie Shurden are coordinating this project. Volunteers will also be needed to assist at the Market in November. If you are interested, please see either Carol or Melanie or call/email the Parish Office.

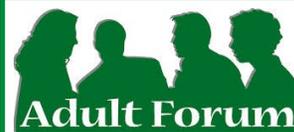


St. Stephen's Calendar September and October

Fri-Sept 2nd		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	Wed-Sept 21st	5:30 pm	"WE" Service
				6:30 pm	Senior Youth Group
Sun-Sept 4th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One		6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School			
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two	Thurs-Sept 22nd	Noon	Book Club
Mon-Sept 5th		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	Sun-Sept 25th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
				9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
Wed-Sept 7th	5:30 pm	"WE" Service, Parish Hall Pizza to follow		9:30 am	Adult Forum/The Discovery Series
	6:30 pm	Junior and Senior Youth Groups		10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	7:00 pm	Buildings/Grounds Comm.		10:15 am	Junior Youth Group
				10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Thurs-Sept 8th	Noon	Book Club, Fireside Room		2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Service
Sat-Sept 10th	2:00 pm	Southwest Convocation, Trinity, El Dorado	Mon-Sept 26th	6:30 pm	EFM, Fireside Room
Sun-Sept 11th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One	Wed-Sept 28th	5:30 pm	"WE" Service—Defibrillator Training
KICK OFF	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal		6:30 pm	Senior Youth Group
SUNDAY	9:30 am	Adult Forum/The Discovery Series			
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School	Thurs-Sept 29th	7 am—6 pm	RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE
	10:15 am	Junior Youth Group			
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two	Sat-Oct 1st	9:00 am	Altar Guild & Worship Committee Training
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Communion Svc			
Mon-Sept 12th	6:30 pm	EFM, Fireside Room	Sun-Oct. 2nd	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
				9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
Wed-Sept 13th	5:30 pm	"WE" Service Mike Morrow, Convention		9:30 am	Adult Forum/The Discovery Series
	6:30 pm	Senior Youth Group		10:30 am	BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS outside weather permitting
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee			
Thurs-Sept 14th	Noon	Book Club	Mon-Oct 3rd	6:30 pm	EFM, Fireside Room
Sun-Sept 18th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One	Wed-Oct 5th	5:30 pm	"WE" Service—POTLUCK Great Plains Search and Rescue GPSK9's
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal		6:30 pm	Senior Youth Group
	9:30 am	Adult Forum/The Discovery Series		7:00 pm	Buildings/Grounds Comm
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School			
	10:15 am	Junior Youth Group	Thurs-Oct 6th	Noon	Book Club
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two			
Mon-Sept 19th	6:30 pm	EFM, Fireside Room	Fri-Oct 7th	6:00 pm	Dinners for 8 Year End

St. Stephen's Calendar September and October

Sun-Oct 9th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One	Wed-Oct 26th	5:30 pm	"WE" Service-Alternative Market Workshop
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal		6:30 pm	Senior Youth Group
	9:30 am	Adult Forum/The Discovery Series			
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School	Thurs-Oct 27th	Noon	Book Club
	10:15 am	Junior Youth Group			
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two	Sun-Oct 9th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Service		9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
				9:30 am	Adult Forum/The Discovery Series
Mon-Oct 10th	6:30 pm	EFM, Fireside Room		10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
				10:15 am	Junior Youth Group
Wed-Oct 12th	5:30 pm	"WE" Service—Alternative Market Workshop		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
	6:30 pm	Senior Youth Group			
			Mon-Oct 31st	6:30 pm	EFM, Fireside Room
Thurs-Oct 13th	Noon	Book Club		5:30-8:30 pm	HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT
Sat-Oct 15th	5:00-8:00 pm	MOSS BBQ Fundraiser			
Sun-Oct 16th	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One			
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal			
	9:30 am	Adult Forum/The Discovery Series			
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School			
	10:15 am	Junior Youth Group			
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two			
Mon-Oct 17th	6:30 pm	EFM, Fireside Room			
Wed-Oct 19th	5:30 pm	"WE" Service—Alternative Market Workshop			
	6:30 pm	Senior Youth Group			
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting			
Thurs-Oct 20th	Noon	Book Club			
Sun-Oct. 23rd	8:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite One			
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal			
	9:30 am	Adult Forum/The Discovery Series			
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School			
	10:15 am	Junior Youth Group			
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite Two			
	2:00 pm	Larksfield Place Service			
Mon-Oct 24th	6:30 pm	EFM, Fireside Room			



Join our Adult Forum on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am for Informative Topics

September and October will be "THE DISCOVERY SERIES"

A Christian Journey, a continuing process for discovering God in our lives. Great for those who would like to be received into the Episcopal Church, confirmation or renewal!



OUR NEW ROOF!!!!!!

ALTAR FLOWERS SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER

Sept. 4th	Memory of Sally Hoesli Memory of Stewart Coffin	Hank Hoesli Anne Coffin
Sept. 11th	Memory of Wedding Anniversary	Vera Aikman
Sept. 18th	Thanksgiving/Birthday of Audrey Korte Memory of Alice Virginia Knorr and Ann Knorr Addison	Tim & Rev. Mary Korte Ric & Darlene Knorr
Sept. 25th	Memory of Barbara McCabe	Steve, Anne & Sam Stephens
Oct. 2nd	Memory of Mitch Maska	Ric & Darlene Knorr
Oct. 9th	Celebration of Steve Stephens	Stephens' Family
Oct. 16th		
Oct. 23rd	Memory of Virginia Knorr and Melissa Maska	Ric & Darlene Knorr
Oct. 30th		



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 September and October

Sept. 4th	
Sept. 11th	
Sept. 18th	Rev. Mary and Tim Korte
Sept. 25th	
Oct. 2nd	
Oct. 9th	
Oct. 16th	
Oct. 23rd	
Oct. 30th	

Hospitality Coffee Hour Sponsors Do you enjoy treats? Sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for this welcoming ministry. It doesn't have to be elaborate, simple works great. Also you can partner with a friend or ask someone to share to get to know them. If needed a fund to help you with the cost is available, contact the Parish Office.



Daughters of the King (DOK)

meet after the 10:30 am service on the third Sunday of each month.



Help a Teacher!

School Supply drive for Price Harris Elementary

Asking for:

Baby wipes

Clorox wipes

Expo markers- black and other colors

Cardstock- White and colors

Money for spiral bound notecards (\$2 each)

(earmark "Notecards" on your check)

If you would like to make a cash donation
(note Price Harris on your check) and we will shop for you.
There is a "blue tub" in front of the lectern to deposit supplies.



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