



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Our Mission: To make Christ known and to spread the good news of the Gospel; to nourish the spiritual growth of the congregation; to serve the local community and the world in Christ's Name; and to be responsible stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

January 25, 2017



EPIPHANY

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, you govern all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2017

Micah 6:1-8
I Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12
Psalm 15



**JANUARY 22ND AFTER
THE 10:30 SERVICE**

Hope you got there!

**A great turnout, lots of chili, and
A good time was had by all.....**

Chili Cook-Off Winners

Hottest/Tongue Burner

Mary Michael Futch

Most Unconventional

Bill Mills

Traditional

Carol Goings and Claude Mastro Simone Tied

**Additional copies of Annual Reports
In Parish Office**



Newcomers Class

For those of you who are new (ish) to St. Stephen's and/or the Episcopal Church and want to learn more about our history, worship, the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and more, please join Fr. David in the front classroom, off the parish hall lobby, during the Adult Christian Formation hour, 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings January 8th thru February 12th.

This is a great opportunity to get answers to all of your questions--about church stuff--and prepare those who want to be received/confirmed into the church when Bishop Wright comes in late April.

Grab a snack and a cup of coffee--see you Sunday!



The Jesus Movement - What is it? Will it make a difference?

In his first address, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry shared his vision, "... [of] The Episcopal Church as the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in this world."

That is intriguing, but what does it mean? Is this a whole new way of being Episcopalians? Are marches and sit-ins part of the movement? What are we Episcopalians expected to do within this movement? How is this going to help each of us? Is it going to really make a difference in the 21st century world? Do we of St. Stephen's have a plan?

Deacon Barbara will guide our discussion as we explore the spirituality of the Jesus Movement. Our discussion will be based on three messages offered by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry calling the Episcopal Church to join him in a deeper understanding of our spirituality and how it shapes and guides our lives. Please join us on Sunday morning from 9:15 am – 10:15 am in the Garner Room. We will meet through mid-February.



The ladies have started sending shawls for patients receiving chemotherapy. At the cancer center. Good job, Stitches.



Many, many thanks to the parents and grandparents who bring their little ones to choir and Godly Play each Sunday. Even the youngest children have learned the routines and have become familiar with our special classrooms. The teachers are learning about the Bible stories and the ways of our church right along with the children.

Robin is planning for the St. Cecelia Children's Choir to sing during the church service on February 26th. This is always such a special time, so please be sure to have your children in the choir room at 9:00 each Sunday morning. Godly Play follows at 9:30.



**Please join us in Celebrating
Eleanor Ethier's 80th Birthday
After the 10:30 Service
Sunday, January 29
In Wardens' Hall**



Day School News

It is with much gratitude for her years of service that we announce that Mrs. Karen Young will be retiring at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Ms. Karen began her teaching career at SSDs in 1989 and has impacted countless families in our community with superb instruction and most importantly, her love.

We will miss Ms. Karen dearly as a teacher in our 3 year old program, but are also excited for her as she enters a new chapter of life.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in a position with our 3 year old program, please have them contact Valerie Dixon at 452-3417 or dayschool@windstream.net.



Monthly Report ~ December

In the month of December, the food pantry served 419 households. Of these households, 751 were adults and 604 were children.

As always, we received weekly food donations from First United Methodist Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church and several individual donations as well.

Donations from organizations or businesses included the yearly monetary and food donation from Triumph, a monetary donation from Georgia Power, a monetary and food donation from a group at GCSU, a food donation from the Pictures with Santa night at the Holiday Lights display and a food donation from the Belk's employees.

We made only one visit to the Middle Georgia Food Bank on December 9th. We took two trailers and 2 teams of people and got a large amount of food. Due to the busy month, we used all this food.

Triumph completed the upgrade of our shelving units making our storage much more efficient. They donated the time and material used to do this.

Emily Youngblood

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS:

Sandra Dean, Maidana Nunn

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY:

Rick Amor, Beth Gamble, Jamie Hauser, Nick Thompson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Sandra and Phil Dean, Maidana and Pierce Nunn, Dottie and Charlie Brown

SPECIAL PRAYERS:

Ruth Hart, Joe Davall, Kathy McGee, Hannah Layfield, Meredith Griffith, Jane Payne, Josh Thompson, Carl Hays, Cooper Brown, Rebecca Edwards, Abby Crumbley, Martha Marian Kingery, Rufus Murray, Alan McGee, Marilynne McLaughlin, Lisa Edwards, Jackie Simmons Russell, Corliss Pickron, Jean Hooper, Gaelon Doss, Hugh Carmichael, Chris Flury, Dale McCurley, Ben Robinson, Jan Hardy, Pat Maggard, Ralph Kudart, Frank Thompson, Colin Fitzpatrick, Don Miller, Dot Collins, Dan Stone, Colby Sanford, Jerry Collins, Brent Weatherby, Fred Harris, Ken Maynard, Sandra Brown, Randall Murray, Rev. John W. Price, Kenneth Davall, Duane Hauser, Daniel Simpson, Adele George, Ted Zarkowsky, Helen Green, Clem Pennington, Mary Lou Hauser, Kelly Solomon, Mary Thomas, Bill Flury, Addie Dean, Brandi Brown, Ruby Grable, Gene Von Dohlen, Karson Pope, Bunny Clayton, Nancy Underwood, Claude Mastrosimone, William Stapleton, Joe Davall, Tucker Ivey

Calendar for January 29 ~ February 4

Sunday 29	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:15 a.m.	Newcomers Class
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christian Formation (<i>The Jesus Movement</i>)
	9:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Godly Play
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Warm-UP
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Reception for Eleanor Ethier
Monday 30	10:15 a.m.	VA Service
Wednesday 1	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 3	5:30 p.m.	Celtic Eucharist

Those Who Serve January 28, 2017

<u>LEM & Lay Reader:</u>	Ona De Grandis
<u>Usher(s):</u>	Jeff Harder

Those Who Serve January 29, 2017

<u>LEM & Lay Reader:</u>	8:00 a.m. Maidana Nunn	10:30 a.m. Nick Thompson, Eustace Palmer
<u>Usher(s):</u>	8:00 a.m. Bill Eason	10:30 a.m. Kurt and Kathy Zweizig
<u>Verger:</u>		Anne Burgamy
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Ayden Suggs, Josselyn Futch, Dana Probst, Emma Kate Godin, Tucker Ivey	
<u>Godly Play:</u>		Stephen Bradley
<u>Children's Chapel:</u>	Bridget Ivey, Alex Bradley	
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Jill Hinton, Polly Echols, Jeannette Holsey, Jo Williamson, Sue Wright	
<u>Flower Guild:</u>		Beth Gamble
<u>Counters:</u>	Jeff Ivey, Debbie Eason	
<u>Vestry Person of the Day:</u>		Laura Burch