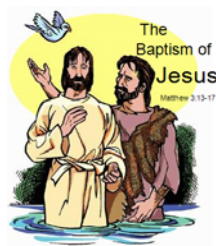




St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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 4, 2017



Father in Heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

The Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 2017

Numbers
Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17
Psalm 29



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.



Ungreening of the Church



Be sure to put Saturday, January 7 on your calendar for the UNGREENING OF THE CHURCH. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. We definitely need some men to take down the garlands. It should not take long.



Poinsettias

If you would like a Poinsettia, please feel free to take one before, during, or after the ungreening this Sunday.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Rector's Purse in December...I continue to be overwhelmed and gratified by your generosity.

Christmas and New Year's blessings!

Fr. David



JANUARY 22ND AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE

SIGN UP TO BRING YOUR BEST POT OF CHILI TO SHARE!

We need at least 14 pots to feed the Parish. (All toppings, etc. will be provided)

We have a special guest as judge.

Categories are:

- Best tasting
- Tongue burner
- Most untraditional

Please sign up in Parish Hall by January 17.

VARIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ungreening of the church this Sunday. Feel free to take a Poinsettia.
- All Christian Formation Classes resume this Sunday, January 8.
- 2017 BOXES OF OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN NARTHEX FOR THOSE USING ENVELOPES THIS PAST YEAR. If you would like envelopes, call the parish office. We have some unassigned numbers.
- The 2017 Liturgical calendars are for sale in the parish office. \$5.00 each.
- The 2017 Altar Flower Chart is in the lobby of the parish hall. Sign up now to reserve the date you want.



COATS
and BLANKETS

We will continue partnering with Flipper Chapel AME Church that has a coats and blankets ministry. If you have coats, jackets,, or blankets in good condition that you can no longer use, bring them to St. Stephen's. You can leave them in the alcove in the parish hall lobby. We will transport them to Flipper Chapel and they will distribute them to people who need them.

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS:

Kathe Fuller, Richard Hicks, Cookie Simpson, Leigh Thompson, Rod Westrom

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY:

Emma Avant, Abby Avant, Jeffery Conner, Sarah Davall

SPECIAL PRAYERS:

Ruth Hart, Joe Davall, Kathy McGee, Hannah Layfield, Meredith Griffith, Griff 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, Ashley Weaver, 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, Zane Burchett, Daniel Simpson, Adele George, Ted Zarkowsky, Helen Green, Clem Pennington, Mary Lou Hauser, Kelly Solomon, Brad Coffee, Mary Thomas, Frances Borah, Bill Flury, Debbie Eason, Addie Dean, Brandi Brown, Ruby Grable, Gene Von Dohlen, Karson Pope, Bunny Clayton, Nancy Underwood, Claude Mastrosimone, William Stapleton, Joe Davall

Calendar for January 8 ~ 14

Sunday 8 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 a.m. Newcomers Class
9:15 a.m. Adult Christian Formation
(*The Jesus Movement*)
9:30 a.m. Godly Play
9:30 a.m. Choir Warm-UP
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday 9 10:15 a.m. VA Service
Wednesday 11 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 14 5:30 p.m. Celtic Eucharist

Those Who Serve January 7, 2017

LEM & Lay Reader: Maidana Nunn
Usher: Jeff Harder

Those Who Serve January 8, 2017

LEM & Lay Reader: 8:00 a.m. Richard Hicks 10:30 a.m.
Inez Hawkins, Megan Fowler
Usher(s): 8:00 a.m. Maidana Nunn 10:30 a.m. Joey and
Lisa Davall
Vergers: Anne Burgamy
Acolytes: Daisy Hardigree, Katy Dobbs, Olivia
Davall, Sarah Davall
Godly Play: Emily Youngblood, Jill Hinton, Bill Hinton
Children's Chapel: Susan Reddick
Altar Guild: Kitty Gamble, Pam Garrett, Ruth Owens,
Elaine Whitaker, Linda Zarkowsky
Flower Guild: Loyette Neal, Rebecca-Anne Autry
Hospitality: Megan and Brad Fowler
Counters: Debbie Eason, Palmer Thomas
Vestry Person of the Day: Stephen Bradley