



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.

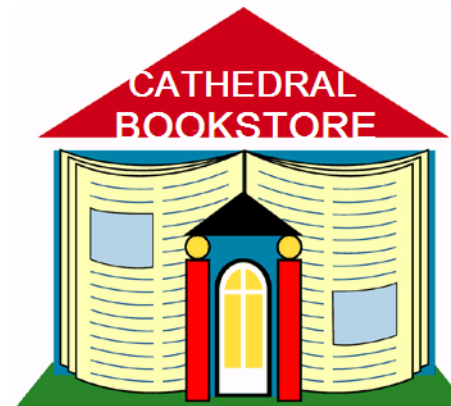
October 4, 2017



Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
Psalm 19



OCTOBER 22, 2017

Get ready for the annual visit
from the Cathedral Bookstore!
9:00 a.m. ~ Noon

BCP/Hymnal Combination
Personal BCP
Miscellaneous Gift Items
Pet Related Items
Pocket Calendars
Christmas Cards
Prayer/Meditation Books
Children's Books/Gifts

Let us know if there is anything
special you are looking for.



October 23 and 24

2:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.

**Free 8x10 Photograph
And Directory**

**Call the parish office
To make an appointment**



Thanks for the wonderful celebration of the tenth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.

And thanks to those who contributed to the generous gift. It has been and continues to be, my pleasure to minister with and to you all.

**Blessings,
David+**



Operation Christmas Child

Plenty of (free) shoeboxes are available to fill with toys and other items which will be sent to children around the world in an effort to share the Good News of God's Greatest Gift...His Son, Jesus Christ.

Shoeboxes may be picked up in the parish hall or the parish office. List of suggested gifts and age ranges (Boy/Girl) on table in parish hall. Other instructions in shoebox.

Filled shoeboxes are due to be returned to the parish office by November 1. However, you may bring them in any time before that.



**ANNUAL ALL HALLOW'S EVE
SERVICE AND FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 25, 2017
5:30 P.M. SERVICE IN CHURCH
6:00 P.M. FESTIVAL IN
PARISH HALL**

COME JOIN US FOR THE FUN!

**Games
Haunted House
Prizes
Hot Dogs and more
Treats and Snacks**

Wear your special costume!



Godly Play will be having an Intergenerational Sunday on October 29th during the Sunday School hour. The children in the Godly Play classes will be filling "Personal Care" bags to distribute to clients at the Chard Wray Food Pantry. We invite everyone from the congregation to help with this effort!

You may have hotel 'samples' of soap, shampoo, etc. that you can contribute. You can also pick up some items (small sizes) when you do your shopping. We'll have boxes for your donations outside both of the Godly Play classrooms and one in the Parish Hall.!

Some of the items that we can use to fill these bags include: shampoo, conditioner, soap, hand sanitizer, shaving cream, deodorant, lotion, chap stick, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, cotton swabs, nail clippers, combs, brushes, bandaids, first aid kits, sewing kits, writing pads and pens.!

THANKS so much for your help! We would love to have you join us in filling these bags at 9:30 on Sunday, October 29th.



Dear Friends at St. Stephen's,

Thank you for all the food you took to Wes while I was out of commission. Also for the delicious meals after I got home; and the visits, calls and beautiful cards which I have displayed in our home.

Most of all thanks for your prayers, which heal more than medicine. We have a wonderful church of loving Christians.

Love in Christ,
Ruth Owens



Day School News

We have room for more friends! There are openings in our 2 and 3 year old classes. Please help us spread the word.

Interested families should contact Valerie Dixon at 478-452-3417 or dayschool@windstream.net.



Activities at
St. Stephen's

Listed below are some of the dates to put on your calendar. More information will be forthcoming in newsletters closer to the dates.

Everyday

Pick up Christmas Child Shoebox—parish hall or office

October 21

Deep Roots Festival (no Saturday service)

October 22

Cathedral Bookstore visit

October 23 & 24

New Directory pictures

October 25

Fall Festival (Halloween party)

October 29

Intergenerational Sunday project at 9:15

November 1

Turn in Christmas Child Shoeboxes to parish office

November 5

Ingathering/Stewardship Luncheon

November 23

Thanksgiving lunches to shut-ins (from Crockett's)

November 26

Advent Wreath making at 9:15

December 3

First Sunday in Advent

December 10

Annual Meeting/luncheon

December 17

Greening of the church

December 24

Children's Christmas program at 5:30 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Eve service~ 9:30 pm

Christmas Day service~10:00 am



Thanks to Tom Blenk and Mildred Braxley for organizing this event--and thanks to everyone who came out for this wonderful time of blessing and fellowship

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS:

Rick Amor, Synthea Curtis, Lisa Davall, Ralph France, Colby Sanford, John Suggs, Kathy Zweizig

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Bill and Debbie Eason

SPECIAL PRAYERS:

Joe Davall, Kathy McGee, Hannah Layfield, Meredith Griffith, Jane Payne, Josh Thompson, Carl Hays, Cooper Brown, Rebecca Edwards, Abby Crumbley, Martha Marian Kingery, Alan McGee, Marilynne McLaughlin, Lisa Edwards, Jackie Simmons Russell, Corliss Pickron, Gaelon Doss, Chris Flury, Ben Robinson, Jan Hardy, Pat Maggard, Ralph Kudart, Frank Thompson, Colin Fitzpatrick, Dot Collins, Fred Harris, Ken Maynard, Randall Murray, Duane Hauser, Adele George, Clem Pennington, Mary Thomas, Bill Flury, Nancy Underwood, Leo Ratchford, Addie Dean, Frances Nix, Bobby Sewell, Donna Lewis, Warren Westrom, Kim Foster, Sheryl Black, Jerry Collins, Mary Moore Jones, Cindy Robinson, Jeff Root, Miriam Allen, Paula Hallman, Dominick Scott Peterson, Lynn McEachin, Polly Morris, Ruth Owens, Glenda Rogers, Mary Lou Hauser, Ruth Rule, Loye Merwin, Don Neal, Marianne Joris, Larry Moore

Calendar for October 8 ~ 14

Sunday 8	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
	9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation
	9:30 a.m.	Godly Play
		Choir Warm-Up
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Monday 9	10:15 a.m.	VA Service
Wednesday 11	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 14	5:30 p.m.	Celtic Eucharist

Those Who Serve October 7

<u>LEM & Lay Reader:</u>	Maidana Nunn
<u>Usher(s):</u>	Bill Hinton

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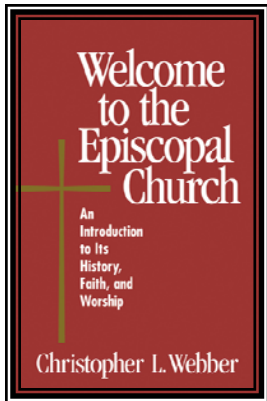
<u>LEM & Lay Reader:</u>	8:00 a.m. Maidana Nunn
	10:30 a.m. Claire Shepard, Bridget Ivey
<u>Usher(s):</u>	8:00 a.m. Bill Eason
	10:30 a.m. Colby Hunter, Michael Payne
<u>Verger:</u>	Anne Burgamy
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Sarah Davall, Kathleen Augustine
	Emma Kate Godin, Daisy Hardigree
<u>Godly Play:</u>	Hulane George, Stephen Bradley
	Susan Reddick, Debra Carlisle
<u>Children's Chapel:</u>	Susan Reddick
<u>Altar:</u>	Joanne Battle, Kitty Gamble, Ruth Rule
	Barbara Stevens, Robbie Westrom, Emily Youngblood
<u>Flower Guild:</u>	Teresa Chambers, Cheryl Crumbley
<u>Counters:</u>	Marshall Jackson, Debbie Eason
<u>Vestry Person of the Day:</u>	Linda Plowden



I wonder how many ears will hear the stories in Godly Play this year?

I wonder what kind of work those stories will inspire our children to choose?

Every Sunday
9:00 - Children's Choir
9:30 - Godly Play



**ADULT CHRISTIAN
FORMATION**
SUNDAYS AT 9:15 A.M.
GARNER ROOM
PLEASE JOIN US!

PLEASE NOTE
The annual Deep Roots Festival
is October 21.
The 5:30 p.m. service is cancelled.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Prayer Shawls are always available for special events. Contact Anne Burgamy for more information (478-454-8330).

Special prayer request cards always available in pew racks, narthex, parish office.



A prayer before worship.....

Lord Jesus Christ, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on your cross of wood and nails did work our whole salvation, wield well your tools, in this your workshop, that we who came rough hewn, may be fashioned to a greater beauty and truer usefulness, to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.