

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 18, 2017



Almighty and Everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

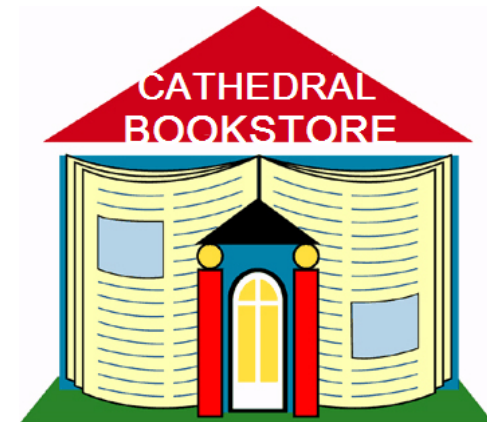
October 22, 2017

Exodus 33:12-23

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Psalm 99



***THIS SUNDAY!***  
***OCTOBER 22***

**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  
*And much more!***



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

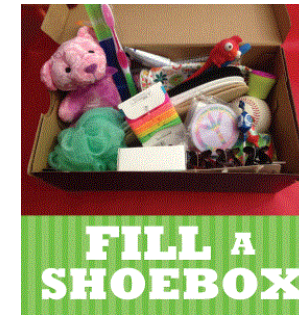
**OCTOBER 25, 2017**

**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**



**Operation Christmas Child**

We still have a few shoeboxes 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. 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.**



INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY IS  
NEEDED FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL EVENT.  
PLEASE DROP YOUR  
DONATIONS OFF AT THE PARISH  
OFFICE! NEED BY OCTOBER 24TH



Women of St. Stephens's come join the fun kayaking on the Oconee River **Saturday, October 21.** We will drop our kayaks/canoes at the Oconee River Greenway at 11:00 then shuttle vehicles to the take out. Bring a snack or lunch to enjoy on a sandbar near the mid-point.

Contact Renée Fontenot for more information 478-457-7504 or [drreneejfontenot@yahoo.com](mailto:drreneejfontenot@yahoo.com)



The ECW Board will be meeting on Thursday, October 19th at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the parish hall.



October 23 and 24  
2:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.

Free 8x10 Photograph  
And Directory

If you are not able to get to an appointment, you may submit a recent photo .



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.!

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.



**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**

**October 19  
October 21**

**ECW Board Meeting  
Deep Roots Festival  
(no Saturday service)**

**October 22  
October 23 & 24  
October 25**

**Cathedral Bookstore visit  
New Directory pictures  
All Hallow's Eve Service and  
Fall Festival Halloween party)  
Intergenerational Sunday  
project at 9:15**

**October 29**

**Turn in Christmas Child Shoeboxes to parish office  
In-Gathering Sunday and Luncheon  
Thanksgiving lunches to shut-ins fromCrockett's)  
Office closed.**

**November 1**

**November 12**

**November 23**

**November 23 & 24**

**December 3**

**Advent Wreath Making at 9:15 in parish hall**

**December 10**

**Annual Meeting/luncheon**

**December 17**

**Greening of the church**

**December 24**

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

**Christmas Eve service~9:30pm**

**December 25**

**Christmas Day service at 10:00 am**



Hello! Just wanted to let you know that registration is open for Junior DYC at Camp Mikell! It is for 6th - 8th grade.

Laura and I will provide transportation to and back for any youth who would like to attend.

The cost is \$100 and if that is prohibitive, please let us know as we don't want that to be the reason that your youth can't attend! This is a great opportunity for your youth and we hope they will be able to attend.

Please email me once you have registered, so we know we have enough seats to transport. We will provide more details of when we will leave/meet when it gets closer! So excited for this for our youth!

The link for registration - <https://public.serviceu.com/RegistrationForm/9725064-393502249/?OrgKey=7d7ed618-26bb-48b6-b8da-5273f3545433>

Please let me know if you have any questions! Rosie and Laura



**"Prayer is, first and foremost, not about asking God to rearrange the universe according to my specifications, but asking God to rearrange me.**

***The Bishop of Chicago  
The Rt. Rev. Jeff Lee***

## Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Renée J. Fontenot & Michael Watson  
Governing Board Chairpersons

## ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

### BIRTHDAYS:

Justin Burch, Ken Garland, Jill Hinton, Rommie Johnson,  
Rosie Lowndes, Olivia Pelton, Ben Seay, Nancy Underwood

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY:

Sharon Amor

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Rick and Sharon Amor, Barbara and Michael Windom,  
Catherine and Bennett Daniel

### 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, Don Neal, Marianne Joris, Larry Moore



## ***Memorial Pilgrimage to Athens October 28<sup>th</sup>***

The Beloved Community: Commission for Dismantling Racism for the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing invite you on a pilgrimage to the historic Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Athens on October 28, 2017.

The day's activities will include a Liturgy for Martyrs at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church where the Rev. Naomi Tutu will preach. Following the service will be a screening of the documentary film 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as a tour of the Chestnut Grove School (founded in 1887) and the cemetery containing graves of folks who had been held in slavery.

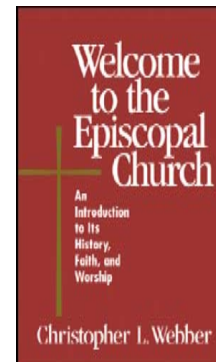
For more information and to register, click [here](#). Although not listed on the website, there will be a bus coming from Macon that can stop near Milledgeville and pick up (and return) those who don't want to drive. The cost to ride the bus will be \$15. Please contact Deacon Barbara if interested in riding the bus.



*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?

**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**

**Calendar for October 22 ~ 28**

Sunday 22	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 23	10:15 a.m.	VA Service
	2:00 p.m.	Directory Pictures
Tuesday 24	2:00 p.m.	Directory Pictures
	5:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday 25	5:30 p.m.	All Hallow's Eve Service
	6:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 28	5:30 p.m.	Celtic Eucharist

**Those Who Serve October 21**

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

**Those Who Serve October 22**

<u>LEM &amp; Lay Reader:</u>	8:00 a.m. Dottie Brown
	10:30 a.m. Ralph France, Eustace Palmer
<u>Usher(s):</u>	8:00 a.m. Charlie Brown
	10:30 a.m. Rod and Robbie Westrom
<u>Vergers:</u>	Anne Burgamy
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Sarah Davall, Kathleen Augustine
	Emma Kate Godin, Daisy Hardigree
<u>Godly Play:</u>	Bridget Ivey, Sharon Augustine
	Megan Fowler, Jill Hinton
<u>Children's Chapel:</u>	
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Jill Hinton, Polly Echols, Jeannette Holsey
	Jo Williamson, Sue Wright
<u>Flower Guild:</u>	Carol Grant, Joanne Battle
<u>Counters:</u>	Ted Zarkowsky, Palmer Thomas
<u>Vestry Person of the Day:</u>	Don Neal