

The Servant's Voice



News for the community of St. Stephen's Episcopal Mission

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To the faithful at St. Stephen's Beaumont,

With September bringing the traditional return to full church programming and, hopefully, the end of 2 1/2 year period of continual change, bringing back our monthly newsletter seemed like the thing to do. I want to thank everyone in the St. Stephen's community for your love and faithful support of the mission and ministry we share.

In the bottom right hand corner of the page, you will see a selfie your clergy took after a recent weekday service. The ordination of Stacey Forte-Dupré to the transitional diaconate on June 11 was a major milestone in her formation process that has taken most of my 12-year tenure as your vicar. By the time you read these words, the Bishop's Committee will be recommending Stacey+ for ordination to the priesthood in January.

About the same time Stacey+ was being ordained, Bishop John Taylor appointed me priest in charge of Trinity Parish—Redlands while keeping me as vicar of St. Stephen's Mission—Beaumont. The appointment came after The Reverend Paul Price had to take leave as Trinity's rector for health reasons, and during a time when the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles is having to fill an unprecedented number of clergy vacancies due to retirements and other issues. Bishop Taylor has charged me with leading an able team of clergy colleagues, including Stacey+ and Jay Tillitt+, that is providing ministry at Trinity as they search for a new rector, as well as at St. Alban's Mission in Yucaipa, while keeping St. Stephen's moving forward.

With some of my presence needed in Redlands, Stacey+ is gaining valuable experience that often takes clergy years to acquire. Already she has shown the ability to preside and preach at Sunday worship, and is completing a six-session study of the Book of Revelation. Stacey+ also has preached at Trinity Redlands and soon will do the same at St. Alban's.

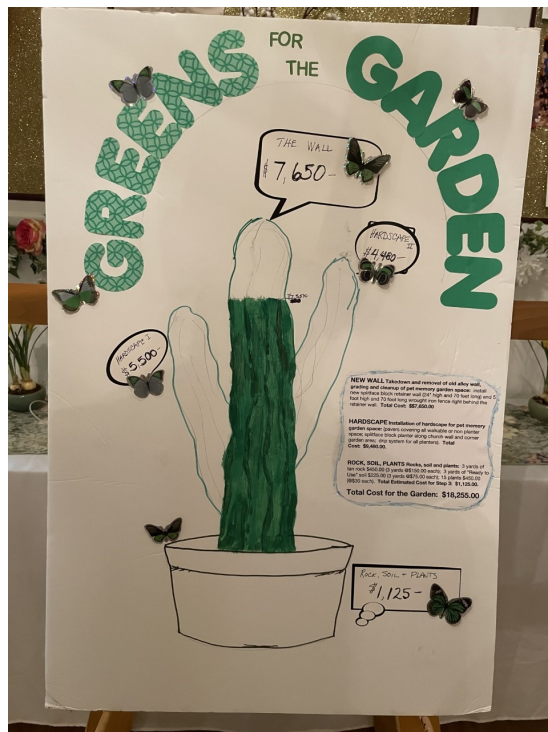
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I also want to thank Scott Hamre for continuing to lead the ZOOM study on Tuesday evenings. Scott reports that the study of Bishop Brookhart's book, *Washed and Well-Fed*, should be finished by October 18, and we will announce the next study in the October newsletter.

As all of us learn the rhythms of this new ministry arrangement, we will be amazed at how much will be accomplished. Though not at worship in Beaumont every Sunday, I continue to conduct services of Holy Eucharist at St. Stephen's most Tuesdays and Thursdays, make key parish meetings like the August Garden Committee meeting, and represent St. Stephen's in civic activities such as Beaumont Educational Support Team (board member), Student of the Month (sponsor), Boys and Girls Club (board member), Carol's Kitchen (spiritual advisor). I have recently given the prayer (or words of encouragement) at Banning City Council, Banning Unified School District Board, and at the groundbreaking for the latest Habitat for Humanity house building project. And, of course, I still serve as Dean of Deanery 7 (Eastern Region), as a member of the Program Group on Mission Congregations, and as part of the Bishop's Commission on Gospel Justice and Community Care.



In September we will return to having 8:00 and 10:00 services on Sunday morning, with no Saturday service. We will do our best to have Christian formation between services for those

Happiness and Joy

Happiness
comes and goes
see a new movie
buy some new clothes;
Joy - God given
comes and grows
being forgiven
and clean head to toe.

Scott Hamre
January 20, 2019

willing to stay late (8:00) or come early (10:00). As the calendar shows, all parish organizations will start meeting again in September, with the opportunity to participate in the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 9. The office and workroom renovation work continues, and the "Greens for the Garden" campaign, initiated by Rebecca Blosser, has already raised \$9,500 for the project that will fortify and beautify the alley (east) side of our campus, and include a Memorial Garden for pets. The Garden Committee led by Carol Hamre is doing a great job getting the project ready. Look for big announcements on our 17th Annual Christmas Tree Festival soon! There is a lot to do and there is a place for you here at St. Stephen's. Come, join us!

Bill Dunne
Vicar

Around St. Stephen's



A busy late spring/summer at St. Stephen's Church included (top left) the ordination of Stacey Forte-Dupré to the transitional diaconate on June 11 at St. John's Cathedral in Los Angeles. She already is leading Sunday worship at St. Stephen's and preaching at Trinity Church in Redlands while preparing for her ordination to the priesthood in January. (lower left) A baby grand piano donated by Val Emerson now provides beautiful music at our worship services. (lower right) Pentecost Sunday we honored graduates from five area high schools: Ian Newmeyer and Carly Couch (Beaumont); Prescott Neiswender (Redlands East Valley); Mia Mendoza (Banning); Jenna Wheatley (21st Century Learning Institute); and Morgan Wheatley (Glen View/not shown).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND WEEKDAY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE RETURNS TO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH</p> <p>Holy Eucharist: Sundays—8:00 & 10:00 am; Tuesday & Thursdays—10:00 am. Due to continued health concerns, masking is strongly encouraged when indoors.</p>				1	2	3
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<p>13 PENTECOST</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am (St. Stephen's/Trinity)</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 9:30 am (St. Alban's)</p>	<p>Labor Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Office Open 8-11 am</p> <p>Christmas Tree Festival Mtg. 10:00 am</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am (StS)</p> <p>Bible/Book Study ZOOM 6:45 pm</p>	<p>Office Open 8-11 am</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 11:00 am (TR)</p> <p>AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am (StS)</p> <p>St. Mary's Guild 11:00 am</p> <p>AA 7:00 pm</p>		
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<p>14 PENTECOST</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am (St. Stephen's/Trinity)</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 9:30 am (St. Alban's)</p>	<p>StS Office Open 8-11 am</p> <p>Trinity Staff/Liturgy Mtgs 10 am-12 Noon</p> <p>TEPS Bd 6 pm</p> <p>AA 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am (StS)</p> <p>Deanery Clericus 2 pm</p> <p>Bible/Book Study ZOOM 6:45 pm</p>	<p>Office Open 8-11 am</p> <p>Grandparent Day at TEPS</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 11:00 am (TR)</p> <p>AA 7:00 pm</p> <p>Trinity Camp Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am (StS)</p> <p>Daughters of the King 1:00 pm</p> <p>AA 7:00 pm</p>		
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