

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,

It has been a joy worshipping with you the last two Sundays (August 27 and September 3), and I know everyone will be excited when Reverend Stacey returns this Sunday (September 10). I am reaching out to make sure you are informed about where we are going into Fall.

First, at our August 29 meeting, the Bishop's Committee accepted the **2022 Audit** and approved a **preliminary 2024 budget** calling for expenditures of \$120,464. This budget would meet all anticipated expenses and be funded by the faithful giving of our members with no diocesan support (Mission Development Grant) for the second consecutive year. The budget also assumes that my 2024 compensation would be paid by Trinity Parish where I continue to serve as priest in charge in addition to being your vicar.

It is my hope that you will prayerfully respond to our **annual financial appeal** on or before Sunday, October 29, when **Bishop Frank Brookhart returns to St. Stephen's** to preside, preach, receive new members, and consecrate our Pet Memorial Garden. You will find a 2024 pledge card in this newsletter and additional copies are available at the church.

Second, we have been talking a lot about various educational offerings lately, some of which are in house, while others are being offered at the diocesan level. Here at St. Stephen's, **Scott Hamre** will be leading a study of **Galatians** on Zoom beginning Tuesday, September 12 at 6:45 pm. Email Scott at norseman0802@gmail.com or see him at Sunday worship to receive the class link. In addition, **Reverend Stacey and I will soon meet to schedule training** for those wishing to serve as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (during Sunday worship) and Lay Eucharistic Visitors (outside Sunday worship). We also will train Lectors and Intercessors.

At the diocesan level, **Sharon Miller** will be leading a group that will attend the **Climate Change Summit** on Saturday, Sept. 16, at St. Paul's Commons. Email Sharon at foodvalue1@gmail.com or see her at Sunday worship for more information. We also are encouraging people to attend the four-session online **"Episcopal Identity" course offered by Bloy House** on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, beginning October 25. While there are other worthwhile Bloy House offerings that may be of interest, the "Episcopal Identity" course is required or recommended for all licensed lay ministries. I have even registered for and will attend the class so that I can learn what the best and brightest are saying about The Episcopal Church. As the Bloy House folks put it, "A deeper dive than a confirmation class, even cradle Episcopalians will learn something new about our church." Go to bloyhouse.org/courses-for-laity-and-clergy to register.

Third, with Fall comes preparations for the **2023 Christmas Tree Festival**, with the theme, "Christmas Through a Window." As always, the Friday and Saturday (December 1 & 2 at 12 noon) tea luncheons are already approaching "sell-out" status, though a few tickets remain at \$45 each. Plenty of **Wassail Party (Wednesday, November 29 at new time 5:00 pm!)** tickets at \$30 each will be available! Once again, this venerable community event will benefit our friends at Carol's Kitchen, H.E.L.P., Inc., and Table of Plenty. **The next Christmas Tree Festival Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 21 at 11:00 am.** Though sponsored by St. Mary's Guild, the event is open to everyone at St. Stephen's. Send email to mpemalott@aol.com or see **Patti Malott** at Sunday worship if you wish to volunteer.

And speaking of **St. Mary's Guild**, the **first Guild meeting of the Fall will be Thursday, September 14 at 11:00 am.** All women of St. Stephen's are welcome to attend.

A couple of notes of interest:

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings continue on **Mondays** (Candlelight/Chips), **Wednesdays** (Plain Wrap/Men), and **Thursdays** (Big Book Meeting). All meetings are at 7:00 pm. You can also find other area meetings by going to the Vicar's Corner tab on our ststephensbeaumont.com website.
- **Grief Support** meetings facilitated by **Chaplain Mike Whittaker** are on line 2nd and 4th **Tuesdays** at 2:30 pm through October. Call/text Father Bill at 951-543-6730 if you or someone you know would like to participate.
- **Tuesday service** of Holy Eucharist is led by **Father Bill** and **Thursday service** of Holy Eucharist is led by **Reverend Stacey**. Both are at 10:00 am.
- **Daughters of the King** continues to offer daily intercessory prayer. If you or someone you know needs prayer, or if you would like to become a DOK member, email rmoneill1@verizon.net or see **Rose O'Neill** at Sunday worship.
- **Blessings in a Backpack** will soon resume. This is a ministry in which food bags are taken on Fridays to Palm Innovation Academy for distribution to students needing weekend food. Contact **Rose O'Neill** if you would like to participate.
- **Blessing of Animals** will be Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 pm in the church yard. You will hear more about this annual event as the date approaches.

Finally, after a lot of discussion, the **Bishop's Committee voted to postpone the "End of Summer" event** that had been scheduled for Saturday, September 16, to a time when more people can participate. Everyone understands the need to reach out to our neighbors, and I look forward to participating in the event when it is rescheduled.

Please see the calendar and visit our ststephensbeaumont.com website and Friends of St. Stephen's Facebook page for more information on our common life. Thanks for all you do.

Faithfully.

Bill Dunn+

Vicar

In our prayers

9/10/2023

WE PRAY for the Anglican Communion throughout the world; for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; John Harvey Taylor, our Bishop Diocesan and Melissa McCarthy, our Canon to the Ordinary; Bill Dunn, our vicar; and Stacey Forte-Dupré, our assisting priest; and for Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands and St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Yucaipa. **We pray** for MasterPeace Ministries, Seminario Telógico y Misionero del Cusco Peru, and Pastor Damaso Hulica Llave. **We pray** for the victims of war, disease, famine, natural disaster, especially those affected by fire in Maui including the Jason Runyon Family, domestic gun violence, terrorism and systemic racism, as well as the poor, the sick, the hungry, the unhoused, the oppressed, and the underserved. **We pray** for Carol's Kitchen, H.E.L.P., Inc., Table of Plenty, Student of the Month, Habitat for Humanity, House of Decision, Boys and Girls Club, and other assistance providers. **We pray** for our Law Enforcement Officers, First Responders, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital and other area hospitals, and all schools, especially Palm Innovation Academy. **We pray** for all who risk their health and often their lives to serve us. **We pray** for all elected and appointed public officials, all levels and branches of government in our country, and all countries in our world. **We pray** for all who travel. **We pray** for the incarcerated and those who minister to their needs.

WE REMEMBER those with ongoing needs: Carol Baker, Jeanne Baker, Julie Ball, Mike Barrett, Rebecca Blosser, Susan and Mark Bowers, Dianne Callahan, Virgie Clark, Eleanor Courtney, Ann Dahlberg, Davis Family, Barbara Dion, Virginia Erwin, Filijan family, Matthew Gantner, Barbara Gwinup, Jim Hamre, Lurline Jennings, Connie and Johnny Johnston, Don Kumanski, Alinda Lord, Carol McLaughlin, Kelly Mirci, Jeanne Pelletier, Rosemarie Pirri, Judy Sullivan, Nancy Watterson, America Wesley.

WE REMEMBER the departed: Vince Oddo (4/13/2022); Alyene Dennis (5/18); Lyle Burkett (11/11); Betty Bassler, Joe Wheatley (12/12); Michael Owen (1/31/23); Tom Wilkie (3/1); John Miller, Gail West (3/18); Marvan Harle (4/28); Flo Oddo (6/3); Pat Mandeville (6/15); Jackie Sparks (6/25); Nancy Gall (8/6).

WE GIVE THANKS for those with birthdays: Judy Powers (9/1), Wayne Hackney (9/2), Marlene Doyle (9/3), Jerilynn Kaibel (9/6), Carolyn Dimond (9/9). Craig Henderson (9/14), Rebecca Blosser (9/23), Susan Porzio (9/25), Jeanne Bartholomew (9/26). **We give thanks** for the birth of Carly Gabriella Radke, daughter of Ashley and Chris Radke, on August 1, 2023.

WE PRAY for our mission, "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ," as carried out through the ministry of our members.

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 2024 Estimate of Giving

During 2024, I/We plan to contribute to the ministry of St. Stephen's Church a total of:

\$ _____

The amounts shown above will be given:

\$ _____ Weekly for 52 weeks

\$ _____ Monthly for 12 months

\$ _____ Quarterly

\$ _____ Annually

**I/We also plan to give additional
amounts in 2024 as specified:**

Name (s) _____

Signature (s) _____

Preferred Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Preferred Telephone Number _____

Primary E-mail Address _____

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faithful giving!**

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