St. Stephen's EPISCOPAL CHURCH Wimberley

eNEWS September 17, 2021

Altar Flower Orders
ststeve.org/flowers

Calendar of Events
https://www.ststeve.org/calendar

Christ Centered Prayer (Zoom), Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89203035553?pwd=ZnA2b1dkSjMybThtWEhuMzJjbUkwZz09

[NEW] Coed Bible Study (Zoom), Starts Tuesday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86591706722?pwd=OEMzM2psWUFRRmhHUmFlQ0xXbFJVQT09

Daily Meditations
ststeve.org/meditations

Facility/Room Reservations
https://ststevewimberley.wufoo.com/forms/facilityroom-use/

Sunday Service In-Person & Live Stream (YouTube, Facebook), Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
ststeve.org/sunday
In-person service held at 9:00 in the Courtyard.

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FIRST FRUITS POSTPONED & REDEVELOPED

Due to the increase of COVID cases and a great interest to redevelop the gathering, St. Stephen's First Fruits event will be postponed from its original date of October 24, 2021. The organizing team is planning a parish-wide gathering with many of the same elements that First Fruits offered, although with a fresh directive and intention. More information will be forthcoming regarding these details in the weeks to come.

MORNING PRAYER COURTYARD SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 9 AM

All are invited to join us Sunday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtyard for Morning Prayer. Elisa Webster, Family & Youth Minister, will be delivering the homily, sure to be engaging for children and adults. Her husband, Mark Webster, will be the lector for the service. Please note that Morning Prayer will not include a Holy Eucharist. This 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service will be the one and only worship service scheduled for Sunday, September 19. It is a wonderful time to come and enjoy the fall sunshine and breeze with one another in the beautiful Courtyard.

HOW TO ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE SSEC MUG

We are taking orders now for the brand new commemorative St. Stephen's 12 ounce ceramic mug, featuring exquisite artwork by Carroll Dolezal. Mugs are available for purchase online at $15 per mug. They are perfect for both cold and hot drinks, including holiday hot chocolate! Click the button below to order your mug today.

ORDER MUGS HERE

HEALING PRAYER RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

Next week we will resume the St. Stephen's Healing Eucharist. This service will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and will last 45 minutes. On the third Wednesday of the month, we encourage you to stay after the service and to head over to McArthur Hall for "Great Generations."

The Healing Service will be held in the Chapel and wearing masks is expected. The service begins in silence as we take our seat in the pews in prayerful consideration of God's saving Grace and Love. You can expect this service to contain a shared homily and

a laying on of hands and anointing. Fr. Kevin will invite persons seeking anointing to come forward to the altar rail, at which time they are to provide their name and any particular request for prayer. Fr. Kevin will lay hands upon the person with prayer and anoint the person with oil. Communion and a Blessing will follow.

The Episcopal Church's understanding is that through the laying on of hands and the administering of the sacrament of unction (anointing of oil) God's healing grace is bestowed upon the sick and needy. This is so, with the full knowledge that God's healing and grace is available for all conditions of humanity.

We invite you to join us on Wednesdays for this healing service beginning, September 22 @ 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

SCHEDULE OF *NEW ADULT* FALL SEMESTER CLASSES

SUNDAY

ADULT BIBLE CLASS
New Clothes: Putting on Christ and Finding Ourselves by John Newton
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Meeting Room 1
Leaders: *Bob & Becky Denton*
Starts Sunday, October 3

MONDAY

MONDAY BIBLE BABES
Gospel of Mark

12 noon - 1:30 p.m.
McArthur Hall & Courtyard
Leaders: *Cindy Taylor* & *Becky Denton*
In Progress

TUESDAY

ADULT COED BIBLE CLASS
Faith After Doubt by Brian D. McLaren
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86591706722?pwd=OEMzM2psWUFRRmhHUmFlQ0xXbFJVQT09
Leader: *Bob Reed*
Starts Tuesday, September 28

THURSDAY

THURSDAY BIBLE BABES
"Acts of the Apostles" by Ted LaFemina
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Home of *Nancy Cooke-Jenkins*
Leaders: Various
In progress

SCHEDULE OF *NEW* CHILDREN'S & TEEN FALL SEMESTER CLASSES

SUNDAY

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GODLY PLAY CLASS
ages: potty trained to 5/6 years
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
McArthur Hall
Leader: *Darelle Jordan*

Starts Sunday, October 3

KINGDOM KIDS
ages: 6-9
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Meets in Sanctuary/Log Cabin
Leaders: *Elisa Webster* & Donna Hoyland
Starts Sunday, October 3

MOUNTAIN MOVERS
ages: 10-12
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Meets in Sanctuary/Log Cabin
Leaders: *Elisa Webster* & Donna Hoyland
Starts Sunday, October 3

SUNDAY

TEENS CLASS
ages: 13 - 18
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Log Cabin
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Courtyard on Mission Sundays (the second Sunday of the month)
Leaders: *Elisa Webster,* Melissa Odell, Maddie Boreggo
In Progress

TEAM & SPONSOR REGISTRATION OPEN FOR BISHOP'S 16TH GOLF CLASSIC

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of West Texas

Did you know that the camp scholarship money for diocesan Camps & Conferences comes from proceeds of the annual Bishop's Golf Classic? Some of these types of camps include Camp Mustang Island, which St. Stephen's families look forward to each summer. If you would like to register or be a sponsor for the Bishop's Golf Classic, to be held on Friday, November 5th at Canyon Springs Golf Club, we've got great news! It's easier than ever to do so. Simply visit: *https://www.dwtx.org/events/16th-annual-bishops-golf-classic.* The Diocesan Camps & Conferences are known for their ability to foster transformative experiences of Christ's love in experiences of worship, fun, and formation.

2021/2022 DATES AVAILABLE FOR BAPTISMS

Fr. Kevin has reserved the following dates for baptisms:

- September 26
- November 7
- January 9

All interested children and teens are encouraged to contact *Elisa Webster*; interested adults should let Fr. Kevin know. In the meantime, more information about baptisms including how to register may be read at: *ststeve.org/baptism*.

The next Discovery Class is being scheduled now. *Watch your next eNEWS for the Saturday Discovery Class date.*

CHURCH NURSERY REOPENING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

The church Nursery is expected to re-open on Sunday, October 3, 2021. The hours of the Nursery on Sundays are 7:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Nursery Manager Chu Robertson is eager to share bible story and play time with your youngest family members – infants through four years old. The church Nursery is located in the Children's Ministry Building to the right of the Sanctuary. One side of the building is the Nursery and the other side is reserved for Godly Play classes. Nursery teachers are experienced, trained, and Safeguard-certified. For more information on this ministry, visit: *https://www.ststeve.org/children*.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

COFFEE & TEA FRIENDS MEET TODAY, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17 @ 9AM

The Coffee & Tea Friends are meeting today, Friday, September 17, at Sip! on the Square at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited for fellowship and welcome to stay as long as their schedules will allow. This group meets every month on the first and third Fridays.

For more information, contact coordinator Ann Robertson, *annrobertson95@gmail.com*.

DOK MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 10:30 A.M.

The Daughters of the King (DOK) meet the third Sunday of the month in McArthur Hall at 10:30 a.m. For His Sake, the Daughters of the King will gather for prayer and discernment. We welcome you to be with us.

For more information, contact: Sue Wright, *suzywright2@gmail.com*

TAKE 5 EPISODE 79 AIRS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 ON YOUTUBE & FACEBOOK

The St. Stephen's Sanctuary Choir is featured in TAKE 5's Episode 79 on YouTube and Facebook airing Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. CT. Host Allen Hennig introduces the Silesian Folk Song "Beautiful Savior (Fairest Lord Jesus)" arranged by Julie Knowles. Featured artwork is by Carroll Dolezal. We hope that this episode of TAKE 5 serves as a treat for your ears, eyes, and spirit. These five minute music breaks air every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. CT. For additional TAKE 5 episodes, visit: *ststeve.org/music*.

TAKE 5 Episode 79 on YouTube *TAKE 5 Episode 79 on Facebook*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER & TEACHER MEETING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 IN THE LOG CABIN @ 9:30 AM

Elisa Webster, Family & Youth Minister, is holding a meeting on Saturday, September 25 in the Log Cabin beginning at 9:30 a.m. for all adults interested in either teaching and/or supporting the children's ministries at St. Stephen's. The children's ministries includes: the Church Nursery (infant-PK), Godly Play (PK-K), Kingdom Kids (1st-3rd), and Mountain Movers (4th-6th). The meeting will give an overview of this year's curriculum and activities and will identify areas in need of assistance. If you miss hearing the happy unbridled giggles of our younger parishioners, we've got the answer–come join the Children's Ministries. Volunteer rotations can be as infrequent as one Sunday of the month, as frequent as every Sunday during the Sunday School year, or anything in between. We would love to have you!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE HAS THREE TEAM CAPTAINS

Nancy Cooke-Jenkins reports the fantastic news that we now have three team captains on rotation for the vital and supportive Celebration of Life ministry. The captains are: Mary McIntosh, Barbara Rogers, and Katy Shugart.

More information on this ministry may be found on the church website: *ststeve.org/celebration-of-life*.

NEW DATE FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING: SATURDAY, 10/9/21

The new date for the Liturgical Ministry Training for Lectors, Intercessors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Ushers is Saturday, October 9, 2021. All volunteers, whether currently serving or new recruits are encouraged to come to this training led by Fr. Kevin and Charlotte Carter. Childcare is being provided during the day's training. If you need childcare, be sure to indicate this need on your RSVP.

At noon Lay Ministers from the morning and afternoon training sessions will gather for lunch. We last met as a group in January 2020. We have experienced many changes since then. This time together will give us an opportunity to celebrate this journey.

10:00 a.m. until 12 noon - Training for those serving the 8:00 a.m. Sunday services

12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch is provided for all trainees

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Training for those serving the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. *If you are serving both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, you will benefit the most from taking this afternoon training, since the training will cover the additional changes to the later service.*

Fr. Kevin and Charlotte Carter are dedicated to delivering the training that you will need to become comfortable and confident. Please RSVP to let us know that you will be attending. Training is strongly advised for both new recruits and current lay ministry.

For Liturgical Training,
RSVP to Charlotte Carter
charlotteanncarter@gmail.com

QUIET DAY PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

The Community of Hope invites you to the next *Quiet Day,* now scheduled for Saturday, November 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Quiet Day will also include a Holy Eucharist with Fr. Kevin from 11:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Watch your future issues of *eNEWS* for more details to come.

TEEN MINISTRY (13-18 years) MEETING ONCE AGAIN

We have big news for you! Madelaine Borrego has joined the teen ministry leadership. Teens met Maddie, a sophomore from Texas State, in their first Teen meeting of the school year on September 12. Please note that teens are welcome to join us at anytime throughout the year.

For the next 10 months Maddie will be helping Family & Youth Minister Elisa Webster with the teen ministry. Maddie has already captivated the attention and admiration of those whom she's met. If you have teens and/or neighbors with teens, encourage them to spend some time with Maddie and the St. Stephen's Youth. They meet most Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Log Cabin and hold open discussions around Biblical themes, theology, and social issues while sharing and being supported in their faith journeys. St Stephen's, under the guidance of Fr. Kevin, Elisa, and Maddie strive to create a healthy environment for Youth to grow and learn.

Jayne Marburger and Melissa Odell will also be assisting with the Youth Program this year! Thank you, Youth Leadership Family!

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR GODLY PLAY, KINGDOM KIDS & MOUNTAIN MOVERS KICKOFF–SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Sunday School teachers are readying their Nursery, Godly Play, Kingdom Kids, and Mountain Movers classrooms. We expect to start these classes on Sunday, October 3. In the meantime, please register your children ahead of time by clicking the link below.

The Nursery Room and Godly Play Class are located in the Children's Ministry Building to the right of the Sanctuary. All other classes (Kingdom Kids and Mountain Movers) are located in the Log Cabin. *It won't be long now!*

REGISTRATION

ECW WELCOME GET-TOGETHER SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Carolyn Galle is hosting a welcome and get-together offsite for the Episcopal Church Women on Saturday, November 13, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. All ladies are invited, especially those that attended the

recent Women's Retreat at Well Springs earlier this month.

For directions, contact: Carolyn Galle, carolyng@bigdogtx.com.

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

Do you need someone...

To listen, without judgment, to what is weighing on your heart?
To recognize your needs and respect your rights to your feelings?
To honor any conversation with complete confidentiality?
To support you as you take steps of change on your journey?
To just walk with you and let you be you?

Each one of us, at some point or at several points in our lives, could use a "companion" to walk with us during the challenges of our journeys. A Community of Hope Lay Chaplain is someone who cares about you, will not promise miracles, will not decide for you what you should do, will not take steps for you, and will not rescue you. He or she will be available to you, support you, pray for you, and assure you that you are God's beloved. Please, if you are walking alone, invite one to join you on your path.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY OF HOPE CONTACTS
Becky Denton, dentonrebecca1@gmail.com
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SAVE THE DATE

FRI, SEPTEMBER 17
Coffee & Tea Friends (offsite @ Sip!), 9:00 a.m.

SUN, SEPTEMBER 19
Choir Practice, McArthur Hall, 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer Service, Courtyard, 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour, McArthur Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Daughters of the King, McArthur Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group, Log Cabin, 5:00 p.m.

MON, SEPTEMBER 20
Men's Prayer Group (offsite @ Wimberley Cafe), 7:30 a.m.
Cursillo Reunion Group, McArthur Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Monday Bible Babes, McArthur Hall, 12 noon

TUES, SEPTEMBER 21
Finance Committee, McArthur Hall, 1:30 p.m.
Companions (Widow Grief Support), McArthur Hall/Courtyard, 3:00 p.m.
Yoga, McArthur Hall, 4:00 p.m.

WED, SEPTEMBER 22
Healing Eucharist Service, Chapel, 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry (offsite: Thomason Funeral Home), 2:30 p.m.
Christ Centered Prayer (Zoom), 5:00 p.m.

TH, SEPTEMBER 23

TAKE 5 (YouTube, Facebook), 10:00 a.m.

Bible Babes (offsite @ Nancy Cooke-Jenkins home), 4:00 p.m.

SAT, SEPTEMBER 25

Children's Ministry Volunteer & Teaching Meeting, Log Cabin, 9:30 a.m.

SUN, SEPTEMBER 26

Choir Practice, McArthur Hall, 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II Service, Courtyard, 9:00 a.m.

Youth Group, Courtyard, 2:00 p.m.

MON, SEPTEMBER 27

Men's Prayer Group (offsite @ Wimberley Cafe), 7:30 a.m.

Cursillo Reunion Group, McArthur Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Bible Babes, McArthur Hall/Courtyard, 12 noon

Vestry Meeting, McArthur Hall, 6:00 p.m.

TUES, SEPTEMBER 28

Coed Bible Study, Zoom, 10:30 a.m.

Companions (Widow Grief Support), McArthur Hall/Courtyard, 3:00 p.m.

Yoga, McArthur Hall, 4:00 p.m.

WED, SEPTEMBER 29

Healing Eucharist Service, Chapel, 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (offsite: Thomason Funeral Home), 2:30 p.m.

Christ Centered Prayer (Zoom), 5:00 p.m.

TH, SEPTEMBER 30

TAKE 5 (YouTube, Facebook), 10:00 a.m.

Bible Babes (offsite @ Nancy Cooke-Jenkins home), 4:00 p.m.

IN THE LIFE OF SSEC

St. Stephen's thanks you for all the recent food and toiletry donations collected at our September Mission Sunday. Melissa Odell delivered these to the eagerly awaiting crew at the Wimberley Crisis Bread Basket. Mission Sundays are at 2:00 p.m. in the Courtyard on the second Sunday of the month. See you in October!

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