



Adult Education Class Taught by Fr. Kevin (McArthur Hall & Zoom)), Sundays, 9:15 a.m.,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812520520?pwd=WloxYndDTXcxcUZ6dkVqeTZSaFkyQT09>

Altar Flower Orders

ststeve.org/flowers

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84058991664?pwd=Z25MdEpheXh2YzJlNzNaTU9TSTgwZz09>

Daily Meditations

ststeve.org/meditations

God's Garden Registration (Summer Program ages 4-12) (NEW)

ststeve.org/registration

Kingdom Kids/Mountain Movers Class (Zoom), Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82626418503?pwd=cZoaGdDNkxUVVJzemRzbUs5am5MQT09>

Monday Bible Babes (McArthur Hall & Zoom), 12 noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87500656029?pwd=MDJMRzlkdTbGSzJSUkE3Mm9lQW1MZz09>

Sunday Service Live Stream (YouTube, Facebook), Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

ststeve.org/sunday

(There is also an in-person Sunday Service at 11:30 a.m. in the Courtyard.)

COLUMNS

RECTOR'S LETTER: The Many Gifts of Springtime

Dear St. Stephen's,

Springtime has always been my favorite season of the year. Of course, living in Texas, this is rightfully so when the weather is bearable, and

the countryside is beautiful. I am always filled with a real sense of God's presence seeing new life bloom all around us. It's a truly wonderful experience to witness the abundance of God's creation, particularly in the setting of Wimberley. Though I am thankful to be gathering again for in-person, in-building services on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, I have to be honest that I will miss the opportunity we have had over the past several months to worship in the Courtyard of St. Stephen's. We definitely ought to find future special occasions to bring church into the Courtyard.



One of the great opportunities I recently had to relish in God's created natural world occurred just a few weeks ago when the community of St. Stephen's gathered for our regular roadside clean-up. On that glorious morning, I had the privilege to walk along the roadside with our beloved member Becki Smith. I am so very thankful for the time she and I were able to spend with one another; beautifying the earth, conversing, and taking pictures of the flowers along the way. Her sudden medical complications and subsequent death was a shock to us all. Through the resurrection of Christ, we are assured that Becki will continue to live in God and through us. I am extremely grateful for the brief opportunity I had with Becki, and know that her love, creativity, and passion will continue to live in the hearts of many.

The next few weeks at St. Stephen's will prove to be an eventful time for our beloved church. We will begin gathering in-building again, celebrating life together, and blazing a path for continued praise of God in Christ. I pray and hope that everyone will come and celebrate these upcoming joyous occasions. And, as always, know that I am here and available to you and your family. May God bless you and keep you this day and always.

*Peace,
The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert*

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Phil Muth, Vestry Clerk

Greetings! My name is Phil Muth, and I serve as Vestry Clerk. One of my tasks will be to provide you with highlights from our Vestry meetings. The full minutes and committee reports from Vestry meetings are available at the Church.

Vestry meetings occur on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in McArthur Hall. Meetings are open to the public, although we occasionally go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters.



Our last meeting was held on April 26, 2021. The meetings always include a review of the church finances. Our Treasurer, Roy Buckley, regularly provides the church's financial information in his eNEWS column, "News from Your Treasurer." The Vestry did approve the proposal to upgrade the Sanctuary video system, therefore, new state-of-the-art projectors will soon replace the existing units. The Sanctuary TVs will be utilized in the Sanctuary narthex and McArthur Hall.

We typically spend a lot of time coordinating with the St. Stephen's Episcopal School (SSES), and this April monthly meeting was no exception. Anita McNabb is the Vestry representative on the the SSES Board of Trustees. She does a great job maintaining the interface between the two organizations. The school is doing very well and has 137 re-enrollments! Speaking of SSES, we are looking for parishioners to serve on the school board, so if you are interested, email [Anita](#).

You have undoubtedly heard by now that in-building, in-person services will return on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. We are all very excited about this, and the Vestry is working with Parish Administration and DWTX to implement this return safely. You will receive an email from the Church soon with all the details.

NEWS

WELCOME BACK!



In-building, in-person worship services

RETURN

Sunday, May 23 @ 8 AM

Sunday, May 23 @ 10:30 AM

GARDENING ANGELS VOLUNTEER WORK DAY: **SATURDAY, MAY 8**



Saturday, May 8, is looking weather-perfect for volunteers to gather in front of the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Gardening Angels Coordinator, Joe Blanford, has our "to do" list ready of what remains to be done to beautify the area around the Sanctuary for our return to in-building, in-person on Pentecost. We recommend that you wear work clothes, closed toed shoes, a hat, and bring water. As Proverbs 11:21 reminds us, "many hands make light work."

Please let Joe know that you are coming on May 8, lazyboutpost3@aol.com.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS MAY 9 @ 11:30 AM IN THE COURTYARD



Mothers will be celebrated during the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Holy Eucharist and will receive a flower from St. Stephen's. Bring your mom!



MAY 9 @ 2 PM

OUTREACH PROJECT & WORSHIP SERVICE *HOSTED BY ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH & SCHOOL*

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9 at 2 p.m., families from the school and church are invited to join together to pay tribute to their mothers' care & love by writing letters and drawing pictures for those in our community that cannot get "out and about." We will gather in the Courtyard for a brief service followed by our monthly outreach project. This activity is COVID-safe, and you are encouraged to invite your neighbors, friends, and extended family to join you. **SEE YOU THERE!**

By holding Mission Sunday every month, St. Stephen's is able to help a wide variety of nonprofits and causes. Next month, on June 13, we will be partnering with Mercy Chefs and with the refugee ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen, Texas. Mark your calendars now!

WELCOME, ADELINE CROWLEY, A/V COORDINATOR

Help us welcome our new staff member, Adeline Crowley. She will be serving as our A/V Coordinator. Her responsibilities include: coordinating the A/V volunteers, operating our A/V equipment, and ensuring the livestream at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays develops and becomes more interactive.

Adeline has spent most of her life in Wimberley, including as a student at our very own St. Stephen's School and attended all four years at the Katherine Anne Porter School before heading off to Austin Community College (ACC) for a concentration in Geology. Along the way she paid her way through school, including working as an A/V producer for Austin musician Bob Schneider. Between her work with Bob and her growing enthusiasm for her radio, television, and film classes at ACC, she shifted gears away from Geology toward sound engineering.



"Audio visual captures the greatest number of my interests," explains Adeline. "I found it to be the convergence of so much – shot composition, sound mixing, and music."

This 26-year-old also enjoys music as a performer, playing the guitar and relatives of the guitar as a hobby. Her other interests, include backpacking and hiking west of Wimberley and reading books from the fantasy genre.

If you wanted to try a bite of Vegemite, an Australian food, ask Adeline. She just might have a lead for you on where to find one of her favorite foods. She's also mastered the art of making a French omelet – creamy on the inside and firm on the outside.

Next time you are visiting the church campus on a Monday, Thursday, or Sunday, stop by her office in McArthur Hall. Hint: it's the new room with all the A/V equipment. While you are there, why not give Adeline a "Howdy" and a friendly wave.

QR CODE GIVES EASY ACCESS TO ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP



All you need now to access your latest online order of worship is your smart phone's camera. Once we are back in-building and in-person, you will start to notice this QR code posted in the Sanctuary narthex. Point the smart phone's camera at the QR code as if you were going to take a picture of it, allowing the camera to focus on the pattern. Once the camera has the QR in focus, the Order of Worship will automatically open up. (There may be an intermediate step "Open ststeve.org." If so, tap this and the Order of Worship will appear.) If you need help, ask the

service ushers and greeters.



WIMBERLEY CRISIS BREAD BASKET NEEDS OUR DONATIONS

The Wimberley Crisis Bread Basket needs additional household staples. Please drop off any of the following:

- can tuna
- can vegetables
- jar of peanut butter or any nut butter
- can fruit
- evaporated or dry milk

Donations may be dropped off at the Wimberley Crisis Bread Basket location behind the Visitor Center in the Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

Extra garden produce is also needed. The Crisis Bread Basket will gratefully share this with their clients.

CHANGE TO BIRTHDAY & WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Once we return to in-building, in-person Sunday worship services, beginning May 23, Fr. Kevin will invite folks to stand up, staying at their seats, to be celebrated as a group for their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Fr. Kevin is elated to soon be delivering the birthday and wedding anniversary blessings in-person. For those attending virtually, he will invite you to stand and be celebrated remotely as well. This will be in lieu of listing names in the online order of worship.

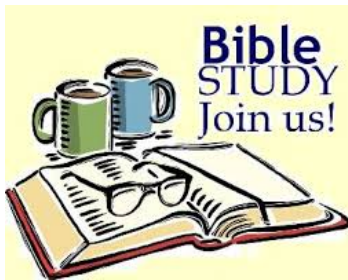
ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS PROCESS REMAINS THE SAME

You are invited to continue submitting dedications with your altar flower orders. There will be no change in our process once we return to in-building, in-person beginning Sunday, May 23. The altar flower dedications will be listed in the online order of worship and verbally announced by Fr. Kevin during the Sunday worship service.

Altar flowers may be ordered online at: ststeve.org/flowers.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

FR KEVIN'S ADULT CLASS "LITURGY & WORSHIP" SUN, MAY 9, 9:15 AM



On Sunday, May 9, Fr. Kevin will hold a class on "Liturgy and Worship of the Episcopal Church" in McArthur Hall beginning at 9:15 a.m. This class marks week 4 of 5 of "Why We Do the Things We Do." Last class date will be Sunday, May 16 and will wrap up the discussion of "Liturgy and Worship" and include information on the May 16 Instructional Eucharist. Please note that you do not need to have attended previous classes to participate in the remaining two. Students may choose to meet in-person at

9:15 a.m. in McArthur Hall or join in at the same time using the Zoom link below. No books required. No registration required. Simply stroll on into McArthur Hall, wearing your mask, remembering to social distance from others, and take a seat.

[Zoom Link for Fr. Kevin's class: Sunday, May 9, 9:15 a.m.](#)

NO YOGA CLASS HELD TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021



No Yoga class will be held Tuesday, May 11. Gentle Yoga on the mat or in the chair will resume Tuesday, May 18 at 4:00 p.m. in McArthur Hall. All abilities and levels are welcome. The Yoga Ministry is led by Carla Daws and new folks are always welcome. Please bring your own mat and drinking water. Classes are held weekly on Tuesdays.

For more information, contact: Carla Daws, geminipisces@hotmail.com.

TAKE 5: EPISODE 60 AIRS ON YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK TH MAY 13



TAKE 5 Host Allen Hennig has chosen an appropriately-themed hymn "We Gather Together" for Episode 60, airing on YouTube and Facebook on Thursday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m. CT.

"In this age of COVID-19, after having spent more than a year separated from each other, it is exciting to start making plans to once again gather together," Allen explains.

Recommended scripture for Episode 60 is Psalm 67:1. The featured tile can be found on the nature trail at St. Stephen's. Carroll Dolezal did the basic design of the tiles found on the trail and 18 people from 11 years old to 80+ years old did the carving and painting of the entire set. The nature trail is open to the public dawn 'til dusk seven days a week.

TAKE 5 EPISODE 60 (YOUTUBE)

TAKE 5 EPISODE 60 (FACEBOOK)

TAKE 5 PLAYLIST

SUMMER SESSION FOR MONDAY BIBLE BABES STARTS JUNE 14



All women are welcome at Monday Bible Babes. Over the summer, this ministry will meet at a member's home in Wimberley. The Babes will be using the Episcopal Bible Study "Living the Way of Love in Community" and co-leaders: Cindy Taylor and Becky Denton will have printed copies for you of the study to take and prepare throughout the summer session. The summer session will begin on Monday, June 14 at 12 noon. For directions, contact: [Cindy Taylor](#) or [Becky Denton](#).

KINGDOM KIDS/MOUNTAIN MOVERS/TEENS SCHEDULE FOR MAY/JUNE



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:00 AM

Kingdom Kids, ages 7-9, & Mountain Movers, ages 10-12
ZOOM only: Sunday, May 16 @ 9:00 a.m.
In-person only in the Log Cabin: Sunday, May 23 @ 9:00 a.m.

**NO KK/MM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HELD:
MAY 9, MAY 30, JUNE, JULY**



MISSION SUNDAY: MAY 9 & JUNE 13 @ 2:00 PM

Church & school families with children and teens are especially encouraged to come and participate in Mission Sunday's monthly service and outreach activity.

May 9th: writing letters, making drawings for Symphony and Deer Creek residents.

June 13: sorting donations for refugees in McAllen, TX.

In-person: Courtyard

TEEN ACTIVITIES: JUNE 6 & JUNE 13 @ 2:00 PM

Teens

Youth, ages 13 and older

In-Person only: Sunday, June 6 (Painting Log Cabin & Pizza) & June 13 (join outreach activity at Mission Sunday) @ 2:00 p.m.

TEEN ACTIVITIES: JUNE 20 & JUNE 27 @ 12 NOON

Youth, ages 13 and older

In-Person only: Sunday, June 20 (Mini Golf @ Dreamland in Dripping Springs) & June 27 (gardening project at the Church) @ 12:00 noon.

NO TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HELD: MAY



ATTN: FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 4-12 SPEND A WEEK IN GOD'S GARDEN

St. Stephens will be debuting a new summer program called *God's Garden* this August 2-6, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Church and School children ages 4-12 are invited to this program being organized by Family & Youth Minister Elisa Webster. *God's Garden* will be limited to 25 spots and priority registration is now underway. Cost is \$30 per child, which includes a t-shirt, arts & crafts, and snacks. Extended care from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

may also be arranged. *God's Garden* will be held at St. Stephen's and each day we will feature food and cultural traditions from a different part of the world while also exploring the importance of life-giving water for all. Children ages 4-12 are invited to come and discover God's garden gifts for us and how we can share these with one another, near and far.

With only 25 spots (to ensure a 1:5 adult to child ratio), we expect spots to fill up quickly. Click the link below to register your children and pay online through the church website.

Payments may also be by check, made out to "St. Stephen's Church" and dropped off at the church office M-TH 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Remember to write "God's Garden" in the memo line of your check.

If you are interested in volunteering for God's Garden, contact Elisa, elisawebster9@gmail.com for training date and other instructions.

REGISTER FOR GOD'S GARDEN

ST. STEPHEN'S LECTORS: A WAY TO CONNECT AND SERVE

by Charlotte Carter



As St. Stephen's moves to in-person worship on Sunday, May 23, you may be looking for ways to be more involved in Sunday and weekday worship. During the pandemic, St. Stephen's Lay Eucharistic Ministry (LEM), has been assisting as Lectors for the Sunday live-streaming and Courtyard services and also with the Tuesday Morning Prayer service. We will continue in this capacity when services are in-person.

Lay people are an integral part of worship in the Episcopal Church. Lectors read the Lections and lead Prayers of the People (POP) on

Sundays and read lessons for Morning Prayer.

St. Stephen's will be offering Lector training this Spring before we move to in-person worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. We will be announcing the training date and time soon.

Lector training includes:

- access to readings and POP
- preparation of readings and POP before and day of service
- procedures for announcing readings and POP
- resources available including websites
- practice reading (use of mic, pacing, and connecting with congregation).

When training is completed, new Lectors are assigned to a team and mentor.

For more information about this ministry and/or the training, contact: Charlotte Carter, charlotteanncarter@gmail.com.

*"Serving in this ministry,
brings such a quiet inner peace and joy,
reflecting the unity that binds us together in God's love and grace."
Judy Seaberry (former Dean of St. Stephen's Lay Eucharist Ministry)*

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.

MAY COMMUNITY OF HOPE CONTACTS

Nancy Cooke-Jenkins, nancycookejenkins@gmail.com
Kristen Schmidt, kris10.schmidt@gmail.com

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CONGRATULATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

On Sunday, May 16, at the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Holy Eucharist Service, we will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors in the time honored blanket ceremony with a blessing by Fr. Kevin and a presentation by David Holmes. We have watched these young parishioners grow and blossom through the years and thank them for sharing their lives and ministry with us. Their service as acolytes, readers, and mission trip and outreach volunteers have enriched our lives and those in our community.



Kat Jaime



Hope McNabb



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SAVE THE DATE

SAT, MAY 8

Gardening Angels Volunteer Work Day (Outside Sanctuary), 9:00 a.m.

SUN, MAY 9, MOTHER'S DAY & MISSION SUNDAY

Fr. Kevin's Adult Class (McArthur Hall & Zoom), 9:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Service (Livestream no in-person), 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Courtyard Service, 11:30 a.m.

Choir Practice, Sanctuary, 12:30 p.m.

Mission Sunday Service & Outreach Activity, Courtyard, 2:00 p.m.

MON, MAY 10

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

Cursillo Reunion Group, Courtyard, 10:30 a.m.

Bible Babes, (Zoom) and McArthur Hall, 12 noon

TUES, MAY 11

Morning Prayer, Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

Companions: Women's Grief Support, McArthur Hall, 3:00 p.m.

WED, MAY 12

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

TH, MAY 13

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

Bible Babes, Nancy's house, 4:00 p.m.

SUN, MAY 16

Kingdom Kids & Mountain Movers (Zoom), 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Kevin's Adult Class (McArthur Hall & Zoom), 9:15 a.m.

Instructive Holy Eucharist Service (Livestream no in-person), 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Courtyard Service, 11:30 a.m.



Choir Practice, Sanctuary, 12:30 p.m.

MON, MAY 17

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

Cursillo Reunion Group, Courtyard, 10:30 a.m.

Bible Babes, (McArthur Hall & Zoom), 12 noon

TUES, MAY 18

Morning Prayer, Courtyard, 9:00 a.m.

Companions: Women's Grief Support, McArthur Hall, 3:00 p.m.

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

WED, MAY 19

Great Generations Gathering (Courtyard), 11:30 a.m.

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

TH, MAY 20

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

Bible Babes, Nancy's patio, 4:00 p.m.

SUN, MAY 23, PENTECOST & RETURN TO IN-BUILDING/IN-PERSON

Holy Eucharist Service (Chapel), 8:00 a.m.

Kingdom Kids & Mountain Movers Sunday School (Log Cabin), 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Service (Sanctuary), 10:30 a.m.

Choir Practice (Sanctuary), 12:30 p.m.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

(articles, photos, graphics)

WEDNESDAYS, 12 NOON

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