

SENIOR WARDEN NEWS

Nancy Cook-Jenkins

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATES: Alexandra Cormier, Amelia Jordan, Hayden Krebs, Guy Kypuros, Maddie Maxwell, and Amberlynn Watkins who have now completed their 12-year school journey, better preparing them for life! Good luck to you in all the endeavors that you may choose to pursue.



MORE GROUP & INDIVIDUAL CONGRATULATIONS IN

ORDER: Pat yourselves on the back, ya'll! We completed the 31-week study of THE STORY. We not only learned, but we made new friends and have the fresh scent of satisfaction of also "graduating."

Sharon Neukam has accepted the role of Stewardship Chairwoman 2019! Let's give her and the other members: John Stark, Carla Daws, and Ed Galle an extra hug as they lead us onward in this critical ministry. If any of you are interested in joining this group, please contact: Sharon Neukam, Mrsnuke86@gmail.com.

NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Amanda Ebner has accepted the position of head of St. Stephen's Episcopal School. She will officially start this summer and comes to us with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood and a Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling. Look for more more details in the coming issues of eNEWS. Let us all cheer her arrival!

*In Grace,
Nancy*

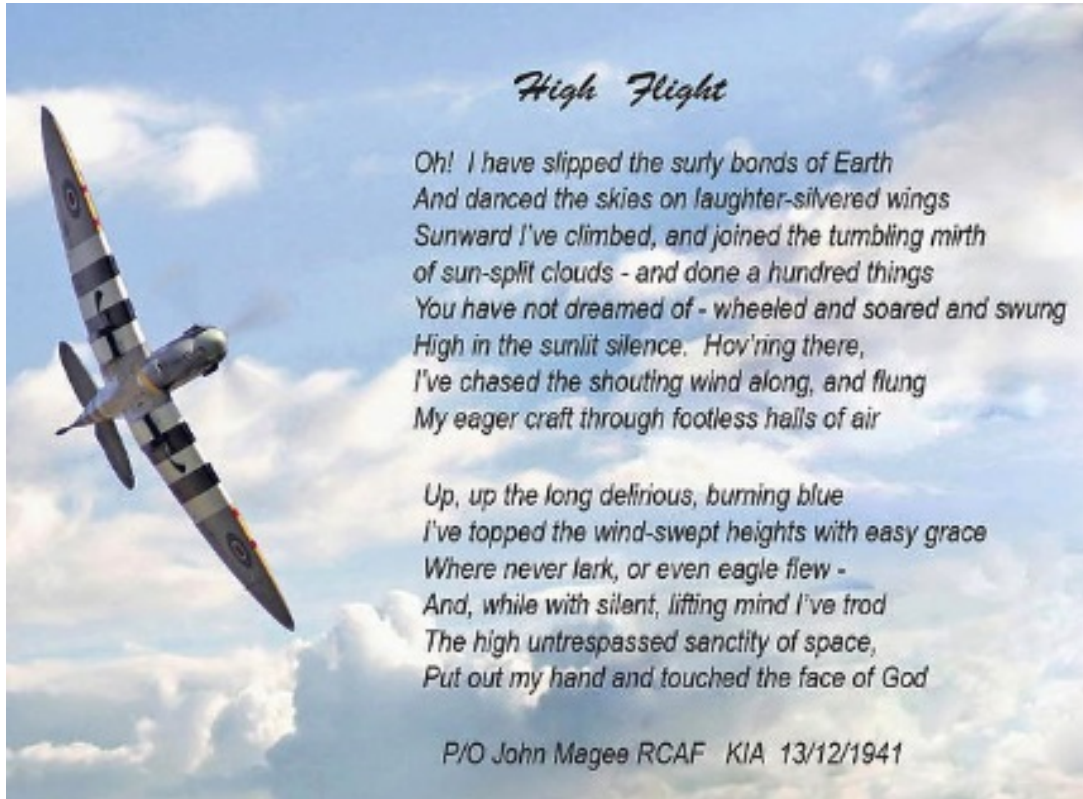


Veteran Recognitions, Remembrances

Sunday, May 26, 2019

10:30 a.m. Service

In recognition and remembrance to our Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard veterans and those lost in our wars, Mack Gray will share the poem, "High Flight" and "Washington's Prayer to the Nation" at the 10:30 a.m. May 26th Sunday Service.



JORDAN ANNUAL BBQ

Sunday, May 26, 2019

(immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service)

Please join us for the one-and-only annual Richard Jordan and Family BBQ Memorial Day Celebration held this coming Sunday, May 26, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. Lunch is generously provided by the Jordan family and you are invited to bring a dessert dish to share. *Cookies and brownies always welcome!*



Monday, May 27, 2019

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed all day Monday, May 27th. It will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28th.



CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

Please note that during the summer, the church office will be closed on Fridays beginning *June 7 through July 26, 2019.*

Groundwater Contests Update

reported by: Patrick Cox, Ph.D.

OURWATERRIGHTS.ORG

Attorneys from Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association (TESPA) and Hays County along with St. Stephen's Church and School and individual landowners have filed written testimony objecting to the Electro Purification (EP) permit. Those statements were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), the state administrative court that is hearing ***our challenge to the EP permit seeking TWO MILLION gallons of groundwater DAILY.*** EP is seeking this unprecedented and unwarranted request for pumpage from the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD).

Our objections state that the requested pumping permit is a violation of the Texas Water Code and the BSEACD rules and policies. Pumping this amount of water creates unreasonable impacts on St. Stephen's groundwater well and 100s of others in this region who rely solely on groundwater wells. According to professional hydrology reports we have submitted, the impact of this volume of pumping will extend far beyond the 2 mile radius from the EP wells and are a threat to the property rights of all landowners in this area of impact.

TESPA and Hays County attorneys are now conducting depositions on EP principles and contractors which will take place over the summer. Our pre-filed testimony was submitted to SOAH on April 12, 2019. The BSEACD statement is due to be submitted

to SOAH on June 12, 2019. We anticipate the SOAH judge will schedule a September date for this case.

On a related issue, the Needmore Ranch permit final hearing before the BSEACD board has been scheduled.

**NEEDMORE RANCH PERMIT FINAL HEARING:
July 29, 2019, 4 p.m., Buda City Hall**

TESPA is planning a community meeting in June or July to provide updates on the EP and the Needmore groundwater permits that are being sought from the BSEACD. We will continue to keep everyone informed on this crucial issue affecting our church, school, and community that we cherish.



Jubilee Shelter

Saturday, June 1, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.

50 Mesquite Trail, Woodcreek North, Wimberley, 78676

The SSEC will be helping with a Habitat for Humanity project by painting and landscaping at: 50 Mesquite Trail, Woodcreek North, Wimberley, 78676, on Saturday, June 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Let's rally together to help with this worthy cause and come out in force to help the Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity. And...you're guaranteed to have a fun time getting to know each other while working side by side.

"We all work at our own pace for as long or as short as we like," explains Richard Page.

Food, drinks, and snacks will be provided throughout the day. Wear clothes that can get dirty.

For more information, contact: Richard Page, richardcpage@gmail.com.



FREE Big Band Concert

Saturday, June 1, 2019

5:30 p.m.

(behind the former Cypress Creek Cafe)

ATTN: BIG BAND FRIENDS...It's time to get those dancing shoes on and scoot yourself on down to the new and exciting venue for a free Big Band Concert under the stars! The Backstage Dance/Party's music starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, behind the former Cypress Creek Cafe, weather permitting.

This is a FREE Admission Dance/Party, but donations to your local non-profit Wimberley Valley Big Band are always welcome.

At least one food truck is slated to be on hand in the parking lot, and you are invited to bring your coolers, drinks, and bug spray. There are NO CHAIRS AT THE SITE so bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.

Entrance to the area is through the back gate which you access by turning off RR12 onto Blue Heron Run, then right onto Oak Drive into the public parking lot.

The damaged areas of the former Cypress Creek Cafe will be fenced off, the grass mowed, and the area as safe as we can make it. Let's all do our part to respect the owners' property by not crossing the fenced areas.

Join us under those glorious Wimberley stars!

Archdeacon To Preside at SSEC
Sunday, June 2, 2019

On Sunday, June 2, The Reverend Mike Beeson, Archdeacon, Diocese of West Texas, will be the guest priest at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.



THY KINGDOM COME

Join the global wave of prayer

Thy Kingdom Come Service in the Style of Taize

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

6:00 p.m. in the Chapel



*St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
6000 FM 3237, Wimberley TX 78676*

You are cordially invited to join us on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Stephen's Chapel for a very special service, Thy Kingdom Come Service in the Style of Taize, hosted by St. Stephen's Daughters of the King.

This service is an event in the worldwide movement, Thy Kingdom Come, founded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Justin Welby. Between Ascension to Pentecost, May 30 - June 9, all Christians are called to join in prayer for the coming of God's Kingdom and for each to pray for five people to know Jesus Christ.

www.thykingdomcome.global



Next Friday Coffee & Tea Friends

June 7, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

OFFSITE: Blanco Brew Coffee, Wimberley



Interested in meeting and visiting over coffee and tea? Now that school's out, if you find you have more time, please DO come on down.

All ladies are invited to the next *Friday Coffee & Tea Friends*. If you don't see the group in the front room, be sure to look for them in the rear room. So snag your seat along with your warm or iced mug and sit a spell on select Fridays at Blanco Brew Coffee in Wimberley, Texas. It's located at the front of the Brookshire's parking lot.

NEXT GET TOGETHER

Friday, June 7, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

Blanco Brew, 14200 RR 12, Wimberley TX 78676

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



Quarterly Roadside Cleanup

Saturday, June 15, 2019

7:00-8:00 a.m. start time

McArthur Hall

Let's do those beautiful Texas wildflowers justice and pick up the trash that's accumulated around them on our stretch of the highway along FM 3237. We can start anytime between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15. Drop by McArthur Hall first for your equipment and assignment. Starting early helps us beat the heat of the day before there is much traffic. It's not too late to sign up to work with a friend or make new friends by agreeing to walk that mile together.

"It won't take long, and it's fun!" assures Roadside Cleanup Co-coordinator, Becki Smith.

Send Becki an e-mail if you can help out and in return she'll send you more instructions and reminders as we get closer to June 15.

*"Thank you for helping make
our little part of the Hill Country look even better!"
- Becki, Jon, Todd, and Mike*

For more information, contact: Becki Smith, colorsmith1@yahoo.com.



SUMMER Schedule

SUMMER MON BIBLE BABES	Mondays @ 11 a.m. July 8-August 19	<u>Becky Denton and Cindy Taylor</u>
TH BIBLE BABES	Returns after Labor Day	<u>Nancy Cook-Jenkins</u>
CHOIR	Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. June, August July: off, only practices Sunday morning @ 9:30 a.m.	<u>Anne Jones</u>
CO-ED BIBLE STUDY	Returns after Labor Day	<u>Bob Reed</u>
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	Returns September 5	<u>Lynne Huston</u>

Life at SSEC

Sunday, May 19th sure was a good day wasn't it?! Our high school seniors were honored for their milestone achievement with well-earned blankets and thick icing cake and later Amelia Jordan shared the gift of art with us in McArthur Hall. Once again, "Congratulations, High School Seniors!"

And, it's not just our seniors that experienced "firsts." This month William Moreland had his first day of acolyting, guided by Acolyte Dean, Patrick Barlow. "High Five" to Remi Barlow, Greta Behrmann, Vivienne Martin, and Stella Wallendorf who also served as first time acolytes over the past few weeks. We welcomed two new members of the Daughters of the King as they were installed this May: Courtney Duffield and Robyn Sanders.







Community of Hope Ministry

HOPE
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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 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.

For more information during May, contact:

Nancy Jenkins, nmjenkins@austin.rr.com, or Kristen Schmidt, tkschmidt@anvilcom.com .



UPCOMING SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The eNEWS is published on Fridays generally every two weeks and delivered straight to your e-mail's in-box. If you have an e-mail address update, please make sure to send these to the church office.

With more than 20 ministries and groups here at St. Stephen's Church, we've got a lot happening! Help us cover your event by submitting articles, photos, and artwork to: *Communications Manager, [Jackie McFadden](#).*

UPCOMING DEADLINES:
12 noon Wednesday or earlier

June 5

June 19



SAVE THE DATES

SUN, MAY 26

Veterans Recognitions/Remembrances

SUN, MAY 26

Jordan Annual Memorial Day BQ, immediately following 10:30 a.m. service, McArthur Hall

MON, MAY 27

Church Office Closed, Memorial Day, all day

TUES, MAY 28, JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

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

WED, MAY 29, JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

Christ Centered Prayer (CCP), 5:00 p.m., Meeting Room 1

SAT, JUNE 1

Jubilee Shelter/WVHH, 8:30 a.m., OFFSITE: 50 Mesquite Trail

WED, JUNE 5

Thy Kingdom Come Taize Service, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

FRI, JUNE 7, 21

Friday Coffee & Tea Friends, 9:30 a.m., OFFSITE: Blanco Brew

WED, JUNE 12, 26

TED Talkers, 12 noon, McArthur Hall

WED, JUNE 12

Wimberley Area Cancer Support Meeting, 11:30 a.m., OFFSITE: Chamber of Commerce

WED, JUNE 12

Deer Creek Eucharist, 3:00 p.m., OFFSITE: Deer Creek Wimberley

SAT, JUNE 15

Quarterly Roadside Cleanup, 7:00-8:00 a.m. start time, McArthur Hall

SUN, JUNE 16

Daughters of the King Meeting, 12 noon, Meeting Room 1

SUN, JUNE 16

Deer Creek Sunday Service, 3:30 p.m., OFFSITE: Deer Creek Wimberley

WED, JUNE 19

Great Generations Gathering, 11:30 a.m., McArthur Hall

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and don't forget to **LIKE** and **SHARE** us!**

Please contact the church office at 512.847.9956, Monday through Thursday,
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. if you have any questions.
(During June and July, the church office is closed on Fridays.)

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