

SENIOR WARDEN NEWS

Easter is Over. *Now What?*

All the members of the ministries involved in the preparations of the Easter season (and thank you so much for all your hard work) are breathing a sigh of relief, thinking..."We did it! Now we can rest. Actually, we can't. Our work is just beginning.

We have just experienced a resurrection! New beginnings; new lives; new births in the animal kingdom; and new growth from our beautiful Hill Country flora. Our church is also participating in newness: Sandy will be leaving for new ventures, and we will be awaiting a new Rector to take her place.

This is not the time to withdraw and wait. This is the time that each of us has the opportunity to make a new start in church participation. If we are already involved in ministry, it rests upon us to continue the work without interruption. If we are not a participant, it is the perfect time to ask ourselves, "How may I contribute to sustaining our community?". Easy. A fresh pair of eyes brings a new perspective and the chance to improve or expand existing areas of interest to us.

This is the time to support our school in its time of transition. Our church children are its future, and it is incumbent upon us to provide them with the security and confidence to become the best that they may be.

This is the time to be part of the process. It is time to make a new commitment to guarantee we will be at our best when we welcome our new leader. Having an interim is not a downtime; we are responsible to keep our house in order for all who enter. Please make every effort to make our new beginning a strong and healthy one.

On another note, we wish all good things to Karen Morris, our seminarian, who will be leaving us for her new life. We have been so fortunate to have her sunny outlook, untiring service, and model of faith for all these years. Godspeed, Karen.

Finally, let us continue our celebration of "new" by attending the farewell luncheon for Sandy following the 10:30 a.m. service.

And remember, your Vestry is here to serve you.

*Blessings,
Nancy*



UNWANTED MAGIC TRICKS: Missing Tables & Chairs!!!

We have discovered that we are missing rectangular tables and chairs. If you borrowed them or know someone that may have, please return these ASAP. We need these for Sunday's event. Please put them in the table/chair rack in McArthur Hall.

NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

Your help is appreciated!



ALTAR GUILD

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

Please consider joining a Sunday Altar Guild Team. Commitment is on a rotating schedule with other teams and rest assured that you will not be doing both the Chapel and the Church Service.

For more information, contact Jeannetta, jwatson@ststeve.org, or better yet, stop by the church office today.



FAMILY CELEBRATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

10:30 a.m.

St. Stephen's Church

For Adults, Teens, Children, Everyone!

FAMILY CELEBRATION SUNDAY services are held at St. Stephen's Church on the last Sunday of the month during the school year, excluding December. Children participate fully and the sermon follows THE STORY schedule and is adapted for all ages. *This month is the story of New Beginnings.*

Free Child care is available for infants & toddlers.

St. Stephen's MelodyMakers lead music & worship.

YOUTH holding Taco Fundraiser after the service.

Everyone is especially invited to join us on April 28, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. After the service, continue the fun at Rev. Sandy's Retirement Luncheon in McArthur Hall and checkout Fry's Fun Farm petting zoo in the courtyard.



HELP US CELEBRATE THE ONE-OF-A-KIND SANDY!

PLEASE JOIN US

Retirement Luncheon

TO CELEBRATE

Rev. Sandra Casey-Martus

St.
Stephen's
Wimberley

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

(after the 10:30 a.m. service)

Youth taco bar fundraiser

Milagro's TexMex sides

Sugar Shack desserts



Rev. Sandy's Retirement Luncheon & Petting Zoo

Come one, come all to our beloved Sandy's church retirement celebration on:

Sunday, April 28, 2019

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

Lunch tacos will be served and proceeds will help round out the funds for the Youth mission trip.

We will provide sides from local, Tex-Mex restaurant, Milagro's.
Also, save room for dessert from local bakery, Sugar Shack.

Pat and Doug Gillory will also be providing musical entertainment.

Petting Zoo

Animal friends from **Fry's Fun Farm** will also be visiting and ready to help us celebrate the occasion. Look for them in the Courtyard.



See you there!

YOUTH NEWS



MISSION TRIP PAPERWORK DUE

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 1, 2019	MISSION PAPER WORK DUE	
MAY 5, 2019	REGULAR MEETING	5:00 p.m., McArthur Hall
MAY 12, 2019	NO MEETING	Pamper Your Mama! (It's Mother's Day.)
MAY 19, 2019	HS SENIOR SERVICE	10:30 a.m., Church
MAY 19, 2019	LAST YOUTH MEETING	Details coming.

For more information, contact: Alli Regonini, alliregonini@gmail.com or call: 361-585-9671.

Friday Coffee & Tea Friends
OFFSITE: *Blanco Brew Coffee, Wimberley*



Co-coordinator Marsha Acock reports, "Our very first *Friday Coffee & Tea Friends* was terrific. Ten friends met and visited over coffee and tea, loving the new opportunity to connect."

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 grab your seat and warm 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, May 3, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

Blanco Brew, 14200 RR 12, Wimberley TX 78676

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

Big Scoop Tickets On Sale Sundays

BEGINNING May 5, 2019

(at both Coffee Hours)

McArthur Hall



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HEADS UP! SPOONS UP! Get your tickets early before the rush. On Sundays beginning, May 5, after both services, skip on over to McArthur Hall to enjoy some free ice cream samples and to pre-purchase this year's Big Scoop tickets, to benefit Camp Good Sam. This annual event will be held: Saturday, July 6, 2019.

Tickets are \$10 each. Children ages 12 and under get in free at the July 6th *Big Scoop Festival*.

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

Wimberley Area Cancer Support Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 @ 11:30 a.m.

OFFSITE: Chamber of Commerce Members Room, Wimberley



The Wimberley Area Cancer Support Group, sponsored by SSEC, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce's Members Room. Each participant brings a brown bag lunch. All who have been diagnosed with cancer now or in the past are invited to attend and share a time of relaxation and conversation with others who share their experiences.

For more information, contact: Sharon East, sharoneast@verizon.net or Dave Boyd, davemarcyboyd@anvilcom.com.

TED Talkers Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 @ 12 noon

McArthur Hall



Join us on Wednesday, May 8 at 12 noon for our next TED Talkers. Featured TED Talk will be Kelly McGongal's "How to Make Stress Your Friend."

Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month members, guests, and the general public are invited to St. Stephen's Church to enjoy an open, facilitated discussion of various, timely topics. On those days, we watch a pre-selected TED Talk video at 12 noon, eat our brown bag lunch, and discuss the topic in a non-judgmental setting with coffee and water provided. It all wraps up by 1:00

p.m. You are encouraged to bring a friend, neighbor, and join in the next sure-to-be lively, mind-stimulating discussion. We'll have a warm cup of coffee waiting and there's always room for one more.

TED TALKERS
WINTER 2019 SCHEDULE

MAY 8, 2019
MAY 22, 2019

For more information, contact: Jo Bourke, jobourke33@gmail.com, 512-468-1267.

Deer Creek Holy Eucharist Service

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.

OFFSITE: Deer Creek, Wimberley, 555 RR 3237



On Wednesday, May 8, 3:00 p.m., St. Stephen's will share a Holy Eucharist service with the residents of Deer Creek as part of the Community of Hope's regular second and fourth Wednesday of the month ministry. All are welcome.

Deer Creek Wimberley is located at: 555 RR 3237, Wimberley, TX 78676.

For more information, contact: Sharon East, sharoneast@verizon.net.

CONGRATULATIONS
to the
GRAD

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR DAY
Sunday, May 19, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.
CLASS OF 2019

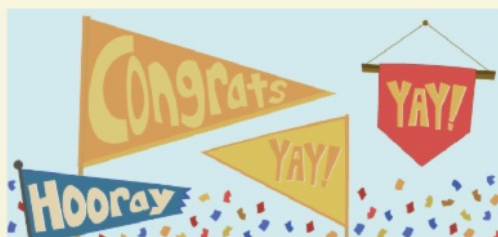
We want to help celebrate your milestone!
THE WHOLE FAMILY IS INVITED

In honor of your upcoming high school graduation accomplishment, your St. Stephen's church family would like to celebrate by giving you a Sending Off Ceremony and reception:

**Sunday, May 19, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m. service in the Church Sanctuary
(Reception in McArthur Hall immediately following.)**

For this celebratory service and reception, please consider including your parents and other special family members that helped you reach this milestone. We would also like to request that you e-mail us, jwatson@ststeve.org, 4-5 digital photos of yourself, either jpg or png format, to project during the service.

If we can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us, jwatson@ststeve.org, or call the church office, 512-847-9956.

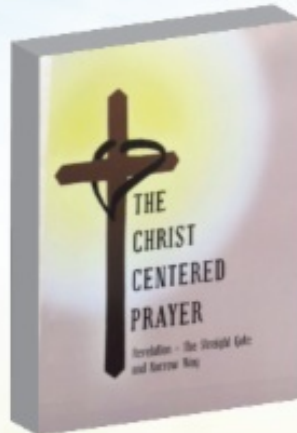


CHRIST CENTERED PRAYER RETREAT

Immerse Yourself in a Week Long Journey

Monday, May 20 - Thursday, May 23, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



FOUR DAYS OF CCP!

Lunch Choices from Leaning Pear Menu

Volumes 3 & 4 of The Lessons included

Three CCP Periods Daily

Class, Rest, Sit & Chat

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Friday,
May 17
12 noon

COST
\$100

Check Payable to:

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

\$50 non-refundable deposit due with registration.

For registration, call Church Office: 512-847-9956

or visit: ststeve.org/registration

Life at SSEC

Whether lending a hand during the *Church and School Clean-up Day*, sharing in the Moore family baptism (parents Marnie and Steve and children Maggie, Gus, and John), or celebrating in the joyous Easter services, we continue to grow as one family.







*They are like trees planted along a riverbank,
with roots that reach deep into the water.
Such trees are not bothered by the heat or
worried by long months of drought.
Their leaves stay green, and they never
stop producing fruit. Jeremiah 17:8*

Spiritual Retreat in Recovery #113

May 3-5, 2019

Retreat Leader Rev. Brad Landry, Rector
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, San Antonio



The mission of the Spiritual Retreat in Recovery is to provide a safe place to deepen one's spiritual journey. It is open to anyone in recovery from alcoholism or other substances, and to families and friends affected by the disease of addiction. Members of AA, NA, CA, ACA and Al Anon share their experience, strength, and hope in a community of love and support. The Rev. Brad Landry, Rector of St. Paul's in San Antonio, provides topical spiritual insight. Break out sessions focus on a variety of topics and activities. All friends in recovery are welcome. No church affiliation is required. Attendees will be treated to warm hospitality, delicious food, and thoughtful presentations in a beautiful hill country setting along the Guadalupe River.

"Recovery happens in community. At this retreat, I enjoyed the awesome presence of God through others in recovery – and in a beautiful setting. It doesn't get any better!"

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*"A great, relaxing weekend. I experienced the spiritual healing of the group, and enjoyed quiet time with my Higher Power in one of His most wondrous creations.
And the food was terrific!"*

Lodge (\$195 per person – 2 per room) and cabin (\$145 per person – 4 per room) accommodations are available. Pricing is for 2 nights and 5 full meals. Reservation information can be found at Dwtx.org/calendar-events: arrow down to Around the Diocese, and then scroll to the Spiritual Retreat in Recovery. Cut-off date for reservations is Tuesday, April 30.



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 April and 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

May 8

May 22



SAVE THE DATES

SUN, APR 28

Family Celebration Service, 10:30 a.m., Church

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Rev. Sandy's Retirement Luncheon & Petting Zoo, after 10:30 a.m. service, McArthur Hall

& Courtyard

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YOUTH Taco Fundraiser, at Rev. Sandy's Retirement Party after 10:30 a.m. service, McArthur Hall

FRI, MAY 3

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

SUN, MAY 5

Youth Group Regular Meeting, 5:00 p.m., McArthur Hall

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SUN, May 19

High School Senior Day, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary with reception following in McArthur Hall

M-TH, MAY 20-23

Christ Centered Prayer Retreat, 9:00 a.m., OFFSITE: Rev. Sandy's Home

Are you on Facebook? St. Stephen's is!

**[Click here to visit our Facebook page](#)
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. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon, if you have any questions.

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