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THE HUDDLE

AUGUST 14, 2020



"Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at St. Stephen's!"

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CALL FOR 2021 VESTRY, COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Deadline: Sunday, September 13, 2020

Newness is in the air! This next year, 2021, will be an exceptionally exciting time to be on the Vestry and to be a Council Delegate. You will be working side-by-side and advising the new rector, Kevin Schubert.

If you are ready to forge ahead or know someone else who is itching for action, now is the time to submit nominee names to Vestry and Council.

DEADLINE

Sunday, September 13, 2020

submit names to: [Nancy Cooke-Jenkins](#)

Here's the nuts and bolts of what you need to know in the meantime:

- Terms (both Vestry and Council) last three years
- Eligibility: at least 16 years old, be in good standing and an active pledger
- Complete and submit the application on-line

If you have further questions, contact: [Nancy Cooke-Jenkins](#).

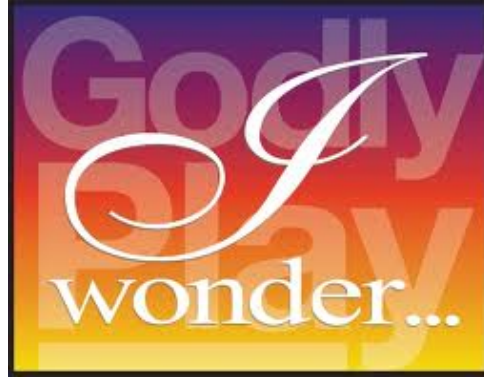
**KIDS' VIRTUAL SUMMER BIBLE
SCHOOL PROGRAM**
TODAY, AUGUST 14, 10 a.m.

[YouTube streaming](#)
[Facebook streaming](#)

Airing today on St. Stephen's YouTube and Facebook is the fifth episode of the virtual summer children's bible school program called "Faithful Fun Day."

Today's episode features the Godly

Play Sacred Story of "Exodus." We will travel along with Moses as he leads the people to the desert and to the Promised Land. We've got a catchy new tune for you today as well, "He didn't bring us out this far to take us back again." I wonder if you have ever known a king?



After the initial 10:00 a.m. airing, the recording will be made available through the [church website](#), and may be viewed and enjoyed at any time and as often as you like.

Faithful Fun Day's lineup includes a Godly Play story by Darelle Jordan, music and sing-alongs led by Tom Dawson, and prayers and crafts introductions by Elisa Webster, Family & Youth Minister. Ahead of time, before each episode airs, your young family members are mailed a thematic packet. These packets contain the prayers, song lyrics, and arts & crafts activities. We invite you to gather your young family members around and be sure to have your envelope of activities along with scissors, glue, and coloring crayons or pencils nearby and easily accessible.

We're ready to play and have some summer fun! Come join us!

For more information, contact: Elisa Webster, elisawebster9@gmail.com.



VIRTUAL BLESSING OF THE BACKPACK

Sunday, August 16, 2020, 10:30 a.m. CDT

[YouTube link](#)

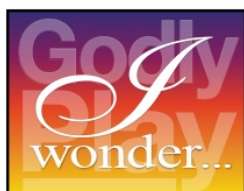
[Facebook link](#)

During this Sunday's Holy Eucharist, Fr. Phil Mason will be virtually blessing the backpacks toward the end of the service airing on YouTube and Facebook at 10:30 a.m. CDT. We invite you to hold your backpack and/or lesson planner near the screen to join in to the virtual Blessing of the Backpacks as we prepare for the first day of school at St. Stephen's School on Monday, August 17 and other schools' return dates this month.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH**

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Friday, September 4, 2020



Children ages 4-6 will be once again using the Godly Play curriculum and will be holding Sunday School class virtually this fall with Darelle Jordan. This will be Darelle's 20th season as the Godly Play teacher! Thank you, Darelle! These 20 minute classes will be released on YouTube and Facebook on **Sundays, 10:00 a.m., beginning September 6, 2020.** Links to the weekly Godly Play recording will be sent that morning.

You will need to register your child/ren. Registration is available on-line. See clickable buttons below. We will use the registration information to send supplies and instructions for each week's Godly Play Sunday School lesson.



The fall virtual Bible School classes for tweens ages 11-12 will be held by Zoom with teachers Melissa Odell and Elisa Webster. **Classes begin Friday, September 11 and will be held by Zoom at 5:00 p.m.** Be sure to register below. We will use the registration information to send you materials that you will need for the weekly sessions.

Sunday School for ages 7-10 will be using the Orange curriculum and will be holding class virtually this fall through Zoom. Teachers: Donna Hoyland, Jamie Wallendorf, and Elisa Webster are eager to Zoom with you. **Classes begin Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.** and will last approximately one hour.

You will need to register your child/ren. Registration is available on-line. Click below buttons to register your children. We will use the registration information to send you supplies and instructions for each week's Orange lesson ahead of our Zoom Orange Sunday School Class.



The fall virtual Sunday School classes for teens ages 13-17 **begins Sunday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m.** and will be held by Zoom. Teachers will be Melissa Odell and Elisa Webster. Be sure to register online below for this new year of Sunday School. We'll use this information to send you weekly materials.

CHILD/YOUTH REGISTRATION

PHOTO RELEASE



TAKE 5: Episode 12
Thursday, August 20, 2020, 10 a.m. CDT
[YouTube link](#)
[Facebook link](#)

On Thursday, August 20, you are invited to join host Allen Hennig and guest Anne Jones as they treat our ears, eyes, and spirit, to a five minute music break on TAKE 5's episode 12. They introduce us to a Traditional Spiritual song "You Hear the Lambs A-Crying."

As we listen to the music, Allen has us consider, "What has you praising the Lord today?"

Watch your e-mail's inbox for the [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) links on the morning of

each airing. All TAKE 5 episodes will also be accessible through the [church website](#).



SSEC MOBILE DIRECTORY APP FOR APPLE, ANDROID

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[Link to download Directory App \(for Android devices\)](#)

An app of the mobile version of the SSEC photo directory is available for you to download for your Apple/iOS and Android devices. See direct links above.

After you download the app and open it up for the first time, you will be asked for a passcode. To request the passcode, e-mail Lydia at: office@ststeve.org.

Please note that if this is your *first time ever* downloading an app, you will be asked by the app store to complete additional steps. If you prefer to view the photo directory on your laptop or desktop, use the link below. Feel free to bookmark it.

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When we receive word from LifeTouch regarding when the physical copies of your photo directory will be ready, we will eagerly share this information with you. In the meantime, thank you, Hunt W. Sparra and Hunt J. Sparra for creating the mobile directory apps for us to use while we wait for the physical books.

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