

Week of April 25—May 1, 2021

CASTING OUR NET

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,



Newly Emerged Swallowtail drying its wings on Dr. Beth's hand.

As we continue our regathering process, I see parallels in our journey to that of the butterfly. We securely fastened ourselves to our home bases, spun our "cocoon" and waited during the Pandemic. And waited. And waited! Now we are emerging one by one and seeing each other personally for the first time in many moons.

A cautionary note: a butterfly who does not allow its wings to dry in the sun before taking off for its first flight will not survive long. I want to encourage you to take heart this past Sunday's gospel (John 10:11-18): listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd; let that voice guide you and no other. The cacophony of "you should do this, you should go here" is already happening. Please don't let that distract you from the goals of staying safe and healthy: "Love your neighbor as yourself" -- but don't forget to love yourself!

New life is emerging in our community as well! We congratulate the Ken and Peggy Meyer, along with parents Jon and Jen and sister Willow on the birth and arrival of James Brooks Meyer. This has been a challenging journey shared with all of us at St. Stephen's and we are so proud and grateful to be a part of it.

Inquirer's classes begin NEXT Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Parish House. So far, we have six people interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. This is wonderful!! Please keep these Inquirers in your prayers. If anyone else would like to join us (even established members who want a refresher course are welcome), please contact me. The Bishop will be in New Harmony on the evening of Thursday, June 17 to confirm and receive new members at the Roofless Church.

Blessings as we celebrate our Eastertidday!

God's peace,

Beth+



Ken and Peggy Meyer with their granddaughter, Willow, and their newly arrived grandson, James Brooks Meyer. Photo used with permission of parents and grandparents.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Leaders / Event	Lector	Intercessor	Facebook Greeter	Zoom Service Coordinator	ZOOM Coffee Hour Time Host
<u>May 2</u> 5th Sunday of Easter	Morning Prayer Officiant: Richard	Karen Seal	Linda Warrum	Mike Staubitz	Jacob Mumford	Mike Staubitz
May 9 6 th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)	Service of the Word Dr. Beth	Mike or Hope	Mike or Hope	Liz Mumford	Jacob Mumford	Liz Mumford
May 16 7 th Sunday of Easter	Morning Prayer Officiant: Liz	Richard & Phyllis	Terri Hall	Ken Meyer	Jacob Mumford	Peggy Meyer
May 23 Pentecost	Service of the Word Dr. Beth	Cindy Bernardin	Richard	Mike Staubitz	Jacob Mumford	Mike Staubitz
May 30 Trinity Sunday	Morning Prayer Officiant: Hope Cindy preaching	Karen Seal	Linda Warrum	Liz Mumford	Jacob Mumford	Liz Mumford

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

May 2, 2021

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 9, 2021

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16, 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 21-16
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

We ask for Continued Prayers:

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; Margie; Barbara Macke; Jim Macke; Odessa; Sue Reynolds Shoaff; Eli Haddax; Sheila, Greg & Ivy; Karen, Rachel & Trevor; All who are suffering physically, Mentally, emotionally, or financially

And for those serving in the Military:

EB; Alex; Caitlyn; Brady; Jackson; Tessa; All who serve

And for Safety in Travel for:

All truck drivers and delivery persons

Those who have died:

George Spradley; All who have died from COVID 19; All who have died from violence

Blessings:

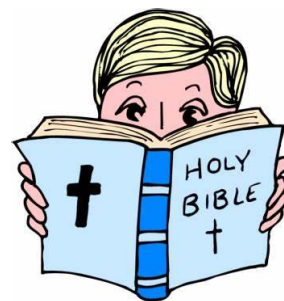
Rain; The birth of Brooks Meyer to John and Jen Meyer & sister Willow; The beauty of the earth

May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35, 37
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



For those who celebrate Birthdays in May:

May 5 – Janet Rice

For those who celebrate Anniversaries in May:

May 15 - Dr. Beth Macke & Mark Sellars

Those serving in our Diocese:

Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, our Bishop; Mauricio, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Brasilia; our companions at Transfiguration Church in Nuevo Progreso, in the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico and their Bishop, Julio; for the people of the Diocese of Haiti, especially Saint Andrew's Parish in Mithon, for the Venerable Jean Michelin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INQUIRERS' CLASS begins on May 2nd at 1:30 PM

Save the date: May 23 Livestream from the Parish House
with Congregation Present



WHEN WILL WE RETURN TO THE CHURCH??

THE SHORT ANSWER IS: WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO LIVESTREAM SERVICES FROM THE CHURCH, a complicated and costly project. We are in the process of applying for grants but they will not cover the entire cost. IF YOU WANT TO DONATE OVER AND ABOVE YOUR PLEDGE TO HELP US GET BACK INTO THE CHURCH, WE WOULD BE THRILLED TO RECEIVE YOUR DONATION. You may donate by check (write "Technology" in the memo line), or online by selecting the 'drop down arrow box' designation: "Technology".

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