



Week of August 15—August 21, 2021

## CASTING OUR NET

### ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear People of St. Stephen's,

In Revelation Chapter 3, verse 8 reads:

*"I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."*

These are the words of one like the "Son of Man" dictating a message to St. John to give to each of the seven churches. This particular message is for the angel of the church in Sardis.

The latest coronavirus surge appears to be shutting doors that we have only recently opened. This leaves us sad, angry, and frustrated. We were finally having the confidence to discuss plans for Kunstfest and now it appears that we may have to pause that discussion.

Our Kunstfest booth is not only our sole outreach fundraiser, it is a way we make our presence and ministries known to the larger community, and a way that we bond together as a parish to reaffirm long term friendships and make new ones.

While we have had much discussion regarding Kunstfest offerings (primarily around the logistics of pork tenderloins and kuchens), the larger issues of our goals and how to accomplish them safely are now the more critical questions that will be discussed at Tuesday's vestry meeting.

Even though we "have little power" over the current surge, we are NOT powerless and the door to accomplishing our goals has not been entirely shut. We will be moving forward to find safe "windows" through which to communicate, fundraise, and gather.

As the weather (hopefully) gets better, outdoor services are one option for gathering. The strategies fundraising and making our presence known to the larger community are under discussion. If you have any questions, concerns or input, please contact myself, Liz or Bish Mumford, Mike or Hope Staubitz via email or phone.

My confidence in the parish's ability to creatively meet challenges has not waned. We can do this: AGAIN.

I will be at a continuing education program Tuesday morning but will respond to emails and calls on Tuesday afternoon.

Please stay safe!

God's peace,

Beth +



Our bell tower is looking good from top to bottom!

## AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	LEADERS / EVENT	Lector	Intercessor	IN PERSON GREETER	FACEBOOK GREETER	Zoom Service Coordinator
Aug 22 – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Dr. Beth	Rose B.	Terri		Mike or Hope	Jacob
Aug 29 – 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Attend National Cathedral Service online at cathedral.org					

(Revised 8/16/2021)

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### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Aug 15, 2021

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58



Aug 22, 2021

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

Aug 29, 2021

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

***We ask for Continued Prayers:***

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; Rachel Warren; The Marvel and Kern families; Georgeanna; Mills family; Greninger family; The community of Griffin; Luke and Paul; All who suffer from hardships – physically, mentally, emotionally, or financially; The people of Afghanistan; The people of Haiti

***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; Claire; EB; Brittany

***Those who have died:***

Stu Marvel; Pete “Skip” Mills; Louie Greninger; Nanci Griffith; All who have died from COVID 19; All who have died from violence

***Blessings:***

St. Stephen’s Church family

***For those who celebrate Birthdays in August:***

August 4 – Mary Ellen Gerard  
August 21 – Karen Seal  
August 21 – Sheila White  
August 23 – Scott Huck



***Those serving in our Diocese and beyond:***

Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, 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.

