



Week of February 21—February 27, 2021

CASTING OUR NET

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

It was a delight to hear the thoughtful discussion and comments in our annual congregational self-study yesterday. How different we are from this time last year and yet we remain committed to our identity as a congregation that ministers to one another and the community. We have definitely, "created a place while we do not have a physical space" in the midst of the pandemic and we remain "small but mighty". We laughed and enjoyed one another's company at our DIY Pancake Supper and we didn't even blink when we conducted Ash Wednesday services without ashes online. I couldn't make this up if I tried.

This weekend I did one of the things I suggested in the Ash Wednesday online service: give something away that is meaningful. It was an old (20+ years) hoodie that my mother had given me and one of my favorite "hangout" items which means I have no pictures of me actually wearing the hoodie. The shoulders were so threadbare you could see the color of my skin through the fibers that once conveyed the design of green roses under blue and white stripes. My husband and I walked to the barn and I ceremoniously gave it to our dumpster without looking back.

Lent is a time for letting go and I wish you all the best in your own journey.

God's peace,

Beth+



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VESTRY at 7 PM Tuesday. Please contact Dr. Beth if you are not a vestry member and wish to attend.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY with our neighborhood parishes at 7 PM Thursday. This week's topics: Turn and learn. Join us via Zoom! Contact Dr. Beth if you are not already on the list and would like to be.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2021

DATE	LEADERS / EVENT	Lector	Intercessor	FACEBOOK Greeter	Zoom Service Coordinator	ZOOM COFFEE HOUR TIME HOST
FEB 28 2 nd Sunday in Lent	Morning Prayer Bish Mumford	Liz Mumford	Hope Staubitz	Reid Staubitz	Mike Staubitz	Ken & Peggy

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

February 28, 2021

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:22-30

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

We ask for Continued Prayers:

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; The state of Texas and all affected by this winter's storms; Tom Cochran; Marvin (Poss)McDurmon; Margaret Diemer; Brady Olson; Sheila, Greg, & Ivy; Karen, Rachel, & Trevor; Sally, Charles, & Scotty; John, Traci & family; Michael Erkman; Eli Haddix; Frank, Beth, & the entire Bender family

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; EB in his move to North Carolina

Those who have died:

Katie Bender; Darrell Farrar; All who have died from COVID 19; Those who have died from violence;

Blessings:

Benton Frisse's Birthday; Covid Vaccine

For those who celebrate Birthdays in February:

Feb 2 – Claire Mumford

Feb 10 – Jacob Mumford

Feb 19 – Benton Frisse

Feb 21 – Shirley Hatfield

Feb 25 – Ivy Singleton

Feb 17 – EB Mumford

Feb 28 – Robin Davis

For those who celebrate Anniversaries in February:

Feb 18 – Darrell & Vickie Harris

Feb 23 – David & Vicki Campbell

And for 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.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Hi Everyone

On Thursday Feb. 18th the food pantry distributed food to only 44 households.

A Mobile food distribution is scheduled for this on Thursday Feb 25th at 2pm at the community center. According to Tri-State Food Bank, they are bringing approx. 200 free mixed food boxes. We need to get the word out of its availability. Some help will be needed. The boxes weigh about 30lbs. A drive up system will be used.

Thanks.

Ken



THANK YOU to the persons who cleared a parking space and walkway to the church office through the snow. Margie Waible