

Week of January 10—January 16, 2021

CASTING OUR NET

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

It is the day after the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, a day in which Greek Orthodox immerse themselves in very cold water for races, a day in which we renew our Baptismal Vows and promise yet again to be the beloved people that God has called us to be. In some ways, it is another New Year's Day, a time to begin our lives and our ministries once more.

The events of the past week and the feelings associated with them are still fresh in our minds and hearts. I invite you to watch or read the [Presiding Bishop Curry's Word to the Church: Who shall we be?](#) and remember that WE are the ones called to help heal our nation by the way we live, move and have our being.

Next Sunday is our Annual Meeting, the day we summarize our accomplishments for the previous year, ratify our budget for the upcoming year, and elect new leaders to serve. By now, you will have received both the reports and the budget. Please read them before our meeting next Sunday, which will take place immediately after the service. If you have questions or concerns about any of the documents please contact myself, Mike Staubitz or Linda Warrum. We would be immensely grateful to make any needed clarifications BEFORE the meeting.

I include the pictures of my husband getting a new-to-him truck ready for service (a once in the decade event, thanks be to God) because of the parallels. The pictures show a rollaround A-Frame hoist in the background that is used to install each of the three toolboxes (one per day). Stabilizers and compression springs are installed to keep the boxes in place and the truck frame off the road. Like the truck, there is a lot of behind the scenes heavy lifting and creative problem solving that goes into making the ministries of St. Stephen's work. Much (but not all) of this is done by the vestry and I thank Mike Staubitz, senior warden, Wayne Hall, junior warden, Linda Warrum, treasurer, Peggy Meyer, clerk, Liz Mumford, worship czar, and Phyllis Westfall, contributor of insights. These people give us stability so that we as a congregation can move down the road of ministry. Each member of the congregation also has a part to play in getting us to the right places to do ministry and making sure we have what we need to do the work.

The Annual Meeting is our way of getting ourselves ready for a new year of service. We are glad you are here and look forward to you being there, Sunday, January 17th, via Zoom immediately following the 10 AM Service!

God's peace,

Beth+



Getting a new work truck ready for service

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2021

DATE	LEADERS / EVENT	Lector	Intercessor	FACEBOOK Greeter	Zoom Service Coordinator	ZOOM COFFEE HOUR TIME HOST
<u>Jan 17</u> 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Service of the Word with Dr. Beth via Zoom and Facebook Live Annual Meeting via Zoom	Richard	Linda	Ken Meyer	Mike - Jacob as co-host sending to Live Stream	Mumfords
<u>Jan 24</u> 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Service of the Word with Dr. Beth via Zoom and Facebook Live	Liz	Bish	Hope	Mumfords - Jacob as co-host sending to Live Stream	Mike
<u>Jan 31</u> 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Morning Prayer with Mumfords via Zoom and Facebook Live	Hope	Richard	Mike	Mike - Jacob as co-host sending to Live Stream	Ken and Peggy

All Services will be on ZOOM (Revised 1/8/2021)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

January 17, 2021

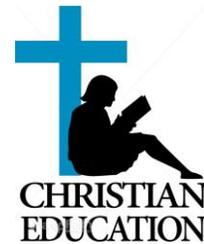
1 Samuel 3:1-10; 11-20
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:6-14
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28



We ask for Continued Prayers:

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; Zane; Sue Reynolds Shoaff; Barbara Macke; Phyllis

And for those serving in the Military:

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

And for Safety in Travel for:

All truck drivers and delivery persons: EB & Luke

Those who have died:

Those who have died from COVID 19;
Those who have died from violence;

Blessings:

Karen Seal's surgery; Technology that brings us together;
Children; Pets

For those who celebrate Birthdays in Jan:

January 3 – David Campbell
January 11 – Phyllis Westfall
January 12 – Rose Wilkinson
January 17 – LeeAnn Cox
January 24 - Jeremy Harris
January 24 – Wendy Huck
January 26 – Zachariah Harris
January 28 – Sally Huck

For those who celebrate Anniversaries in Jan:

January 2 – Mike & Hope Staubitz
January 15 – Wayne & Terri Hall
January 23 – Rich & Margaret Diemer

And for those serving in our Diocese,

including Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows; our companion Diocese Brasillia, their Bishop Mauricio, and the people and Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's in Mithon

The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of St. Stephen's will be held on Sunday, January 17, after the 10:00 a.m. service ZOOM and conference call.