



Week of January 3—January 9, 2021

CASTING OUR NET

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

As we move toward The Feast of Epiphany on Wednesday, the first major feast of 2021, I am reminded of the poet Mary Oliver's quote, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" Only I hear it as, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious year?" This year. This one wild and precious year that a number of us thought, for all kinds of reasons, we would not see.

On New Year's Day, I completed #justa5k on this path by my house. It was once the railroad line to Jonesburg, Kentucky, one stop of many on the way to Paducah. It is now a tractor, combine, auger, and truck path. And in the off season, it is the place where I walk. Both ugly and beautiful, it is a non-useless piece of land only to those who know how to behold it. And behold, I do.

What do we need to behold in the year ahead? Mary Oliver offers us the following invitation: "Instructions for living a life. Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it."

I invite you to pay attention, behold that which is around you, and tell about it. Your message will help the rest of us to find the beauty and function in that which surrounds us in this wild and precious year.

God's peace,

Beth+



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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

January 10, 2021

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

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

We ask for Continued Prayers:

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; Jack Higgins; People administering Covid vaccines; Elderly isolated from their families; Phyllis; Judy & Bob

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;

Denise Roby

Blessings:

Our families



January 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:6-14

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

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

2021 PLEDGE CARDS

will be mailed out the first week of January.

If you do not receive a pledge card and wish to receive one, please contact Linda or Margie in the church office.

