



Week of July 18—July 24, 2021

CASTING OUR NET

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

I am so glad to be serving with you as one of your priests. This Sunday was a beautiful introduction to the community, space, and worship you all have built together at St. Stephen's. I can truly see that you are both rooted on holy ground and willing to follow the movement of the Spirit in this place.

As Dr. Beth has mentioned, the Pathways to Vitality program is funded by the diocese to give a newly ordained priest (me!) a place to serve with great mentorship and to give parishes (you! and also St. Paul's in Evansville) an extra set of hands for two years. I will be preaching, teaching, celebrating sacraments, making pastoral visits, and coming alongside all the wonderful work you're already doing. I'll be learning from Dr. Beth and from you, and I'll be one more witness to what God is doing in this community.

As part of the Pathways to Vitality program, we'll be forming a team to meet with diocesan support and the team from St. Paul's, go through some leadership training, and discern some new work to do together here at St. Stephen's. The hope is that having me here as an extra priest to share your labor will give us a jumpstart to address some unmet need or discern some new call. We don't yet know what this new task will look like—it could be something small or something big.

A key part of my work here at first will be the work of listening and noticing, and I want to hear from you. I want to know about your holy ground, your holy movement, and how you have met God in this church and beyond this church. Thank you so much for your welcome and your prayers as I join you in listening for God's call to us.

Peace,

Dr. Joanna

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The Rev. Dr. Joanna Benskin reading the Gospel at her first service at St. Stephen's

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JULY/AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	LEADERS / EVENT	Lector	Intercessor	IN PERSON GREETER	FACEBOOK GREETER	Zoom Service Coordinator
July 25 – 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Morning Prayer Cindy Bernardin preaching / Liz	Karen	Linda	Ken & Rose	Ken M.	Jacob
Aug 1 – 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Eucharist Dr. Beth Dr. Joanna	Mary Ellen	Linda	Linda & Phyllis	Ken	Jacob
Aug 8 – 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Morning Prayer Cindy Bernardin Richard	Mike	Hope	Ken & Rose	Liz	Jacob

Aug 15 – 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Morning Prayer Liz	Karen	Richard	Linda & Phyllis	Ken	Jacob
Aug 22 – 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Eucharist Dr. Beth	Rose B.	Terri	Terri & Wayne	Mike or Hope	Jacob
Aug 29 – 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Morning Prayer Mike	Ken Meyer	Hope	Reid	Liz	Jacob

(Revised 6/19/2021)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

July 25, 2021

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

We ask for Continued Prayers:

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; John Stratton; Martha Loehrlein; Docey; Mckayla; Karen; Sally; Buddy; Steve; Sue Shoaff; Concern for the rising number of COVID-19 cases; 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; Sheila, Greg, Ivy, Amanda, and Asher; Kevin and Mandy

Those who have died:

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

Blessings:

For Dr. Joanna's placement here and her presence today

August 1, 2021

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-13
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

For those who celebrate Birthdays in July:

July 11 – Joshua Harris
July 12 – Brenda McFarland
July 12 – Laura Nicholson
July 13 – Jane Schelhorn
July 20 – Linda Warrum
July 29 – Dr. Beth Macke
July 31 – Judy Davis

For those who celebrate Anniversaries in July:

July 11 – Don & Shirley Hatfield
July 19 – David & Leann Cox
July 20 – Ken & Peggy Meyer

Those serving in our Diocese and beyond:

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:

Wednesday, July 21 @ 7 PM Fellowship hour via Zoom

Wednesday July 27 @ 7 PM Vestry via Zoom

Margie Waible is having kidney surgery on July 27th. Please note that the office will be closed Monday, Aug 2, and Monday August 9. The office will be open on Wednesdays but Margie will not be there. Please keep her and all who will be caring for her in your prayers.

Patchwork Central School Supplies and Volunteers Needed

We're gearing up for Patchwork Central's Back to School Sale and we're looking for a few volunteers! Volunteer opportunities are:

*Help bag up supplies: Tues, July 27; 8:30 am-3:00 pm-ish.

*Help at the Sale: Sat, July 31; 7:30 am-11:30 am

To volunteer, call Patchwork at 812-424-2735.

(Pictured are just a few of the many supplies waiting to be bagged.) We will have a list of supplies needed to replenish these later in the week.

