

Week of November 15—November 21, 2020

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

In the ongoing journey of technology upgrades, it took 95 hours to transfer the files from my old computer to my new computer (which finished yesterday). Don't worry, I won't be doing this again anytime soon! I offer the Bishop's words for this week. If you have already seen it, please read it again ... and be safe!

God's peace,

Beth+

FROM BISHOP JENNIFER: A NEW PHASE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Dear Ones,

As a diocese, a state and a country, we are entering an intense new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. As many of you know, the coronavirus has reached into my own family, and I know it has touched the lives of people across our diocese. Harrison and I are both grateful for the prayers and notes of condolence we have received since the death of Alonza Burrows, Harrison's father, who died of complications of COVID-19 on Sunday. I extend my own heartfelt condolences to anyone who has lost a loved one to this pandemic.

At this time, I do not plan to take the extraordinary step of closing our buildings, as I did in the spring during the first phase of the pandemic. That will change, however, if the governor issues a shelter in place order. In the meantime, I want to remind everyone that our guidelines for regathering for worship allow in-person services and meetings only when congregational regathering teams deem such gatherings to be safe.

In recent weeks, I have heard from many congregations who are deciding to suspend in-person worship on a week-by-week basis as their local health conditions dictate. I expect that clergy and lay leaders will continue to make appropriate choices about when and how to worship and inform their congregations accordingly. Worshiping via videoconference or livestream remains the preferred choice if case counts are high and the availability of hospital beds is low in your area.

The state's [coronavirus dashboard](#) may be helpful in your decision-making, and the [COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Planning Tool](#) from the Georgia Institute of Technology can help you ascertain the likelihood that an individual carrying the coronavirus will be present at the gathering you plan.

I am grateful for the dedication and skill so many of you have brought to our ministry in these difficult times. Please take whatever steps are necessary to keep yourselves, your loved ones, and the people of our congregations safe. You are in my prayers, and I hope you will keep me in yours.

Faithfully,

Jennifer

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	Service Place	Leaders	Coffee Hour Time/Host
Nov 22 Last Sunday after Pentecost	Livestream from Parish House	Dr. Beth	Dr. Beth
Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent	National Cathedral		Mike

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

November 22, 2020

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

We ask for Continued Prayers:

The church, its members, and its mission; The nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; All students, faculty, & staff; Sally, Charles, and Scotty; Tom and Odessa; Carol Stratton; Traci; Karen, Rachel & Trevor; KC & Randy; Lena Feiner; Hope & her coworkers; Stacy; Teachers; Healthcare Workers; Premier Health Care of NH; All suffering with Covid 19

And for those serving in the Military:

EB, with added prayers over the next 2 weeks as he is away for selection; Alex; Caitlyn; Brady; Jackson; All who serve

And for Safety in Travel for:

All truck drivers and delivery persons

Those who have died:

Sherri Allen; Alonza Burrows; Those who have died from Covid 19; Those who have died from violence

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

November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

For those who celebrate Birthdays in Nov:

November 2 – Geneva Hall

November 6 – Michael Harris

November 7 – Docey Lewis

November 8 – Clint Cox

November 15 – Peggy Meyer

November 16 – Carol Stratton

November 23 – Rita Davis

November 28 – Richard Diemer

November 29 – Suzanne Harris

November 29 – Cindy Bernardin



For those who celebrate Anniversaries in Nov:

November 15 – Charles & Sally Huck

November 28 – Gary & Mary Ellen Gerard

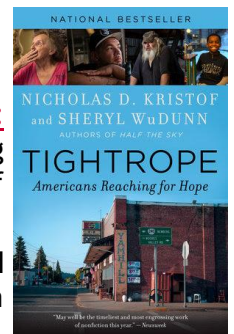
Blessings:

Technology and phone lines that keep us together, if only virtually; The successful initiation of the MTSU 2020 KA pledge class; Reid Staubitz's induction into the National Honor Society; Great teachers, and especially today; Retired Pre-K/K teacher, Peggy Meyer, as she celebrates her birthday; Charles and Sally Huck's 67th wedding anniversary

New Diocesan Book Study Starts November 16 Tightrope: Americans Clinging to Hope

Starting November 16, Bishop Jennifer will lead a diocesan book study of **Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn**. The best-selling book examines "the crisis in working-class America while focusing on solutions to mend a half century of governmental failure."

Discussion questions will be posted on November 16, and on Sundays, November 29 and December 6 and 13 at 1 p.m. Eastern/noon Central, Bishop Jennifer will host Zoom conversations about the book's various themes.



Donations for Fresh Start Women's Recovery Center

Supplies needed:

Baby blankets, bib & wash cloths

Baby shampoo & wash

Feminine hygiene products

Socks & underwear (various sizes)

Baby onesies

Diapers & wipes

Nail care supplies

Art supplies

Anyone wanting to make a donation may place their item(s) in the plastic tub on the Parish House porch. The tub will be picked up on Saturday, December 5th. Thank you for your support!