

Happy Thanksgiving!



Week of November 22—November 28 2020

# CASTING OUR NET

## ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

Greetings from the newly upgraded studio at Sellars Farm!

A little over a year ago, my son was walking out of the airport from a flight lesson and approached me with the words, "Mom, I need to talk to you about something" in that serious 18 year old voice. A flurry of scenarios went through my head. I finally settled on the words, "Well, you are okay; the plane is okay; and I suppose anything else is up for discussion."

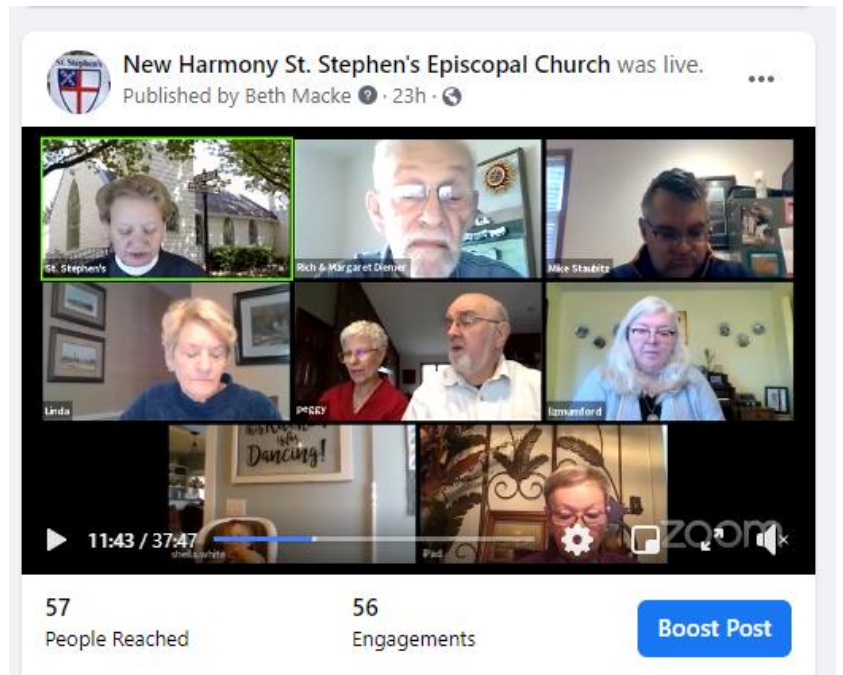
Yesterday we had our first Zoom service: a challenge in and of itself. And we streamed it to Facebook live as well. I have done both individually but have never officiated and run the technical side at the same time. Yes, the screen went black at one point during the sermon (the recorded version of the entire sermon has been posted on our Facebook page) and yes, the song files did not begin directly on cue. But the congregation was gathered and worship happened in the name of Christ. Safely. Anything else is up for discussion.

The feedback I have heard about our new strategy is that its value in terms of outreach (57 people according to the screenshot below) outweighs the glitches and learning curves. So, we will proceed.

In the meantime, I give thanks for each and every one of you and wish you a blessed and safe thanksgiving!

God's peace,

*Beth+*



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	Service Place	Leaders	Coffee Hour Time/Host
Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent	National Cathedral		Mike

The **FOOD PANTRY** provided food for a record breaking 150 families. That's over 350 people. The need for assistance seems to be growing. --Ken Back

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8



## 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; Marshall family; George & Genevieve White, & Terry Davis; Hazel Loebe; Lena Feiner; Greg, Sheila & Ivy; Karen, Rachel, & Trevor; Emergency medical personnel; COVID-19 Doctors and Nurses; Those in quarantine; Families suffering from the effects of COVID-19

## 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

## Those who have died:

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

## Blessings:

A new computer that works; Family; Help in hard times

## For those who celebrate Birthdays in Nov & Dec:

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

December 6 – Vicki Harris

December 6 – Mark Sellars

December 7 – Mike Staubit

December 18 – Sara Pfister

December 25 – David McFarland

December 28 – Shane Harris

## For those who celebrate Anniversaries in Nov & Dec:

November 15 – Charles & Sally Huck

November 28 – Gary & Mary Ellen Gerard

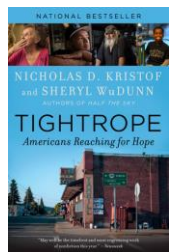
December 16 – Robin & Rita Davis

December 30 – Bish & Liz Mumford

## Diocesan Book Study **Tightrope: Americans Clinging to Hope**

Bishop Jennifer leads 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 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.



**CLOTHING IS NEEDED** for the **Marshall Family** who lost everything in a house fire. Donations can be placed on the front porch of the AC Thomas House at 503 West Street (corner of West and Church Street) until December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sizes: Mother 2-3x  
Father XL

Daughter (age 16) 8-10  
Daughter (age 5) 6-8



## 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 items(s) in the plastic tub on the Parish House porch. The tub will be picked up on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!