



Week of September 27– October 3, 2020

CASTING OUR NET

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear St. Stephen's Community,

As we continue to worship both near and far as a people of God, I want to remind you that we are making progress in the pandemic. We had our first outdoor service two weeks ago and we plan on having another outdoor service on October 11th. We will not have a Blessing of the Animals service outside the Roofless Church this year. I will be glad to bless animals, even chickens and snakes, outside the parish house or outside your home in the month of October.

Although Governor Holcomb has declared the state of Indiana to be a level 5 (full opening), the Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis has set forth guidelines that we will continue to follow. At last week's vestry meeting, there was a very thoughtful discussion about how to get us "inside the building" before winter arrives. I will keep you posted on these developments. Please know that worshiping safely is our primary concern.

The seasons are changing and harvest is underway. While there is sense of sadness, the falling of leaves and the fading of flowers also remind us that the promise of spring and new growth is not far away.

God is still with us. Always.

God's peace,
Beth+



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| | Service Place | Leaders | Coffee Hour Time/Host |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Oct 4 Pent 18 | Cindy Bernardin preaching with Dr. Beth recording | Cindy Bernardin | |
| Oct 11 Pent 19 | Outdoor Service St. Stephen's porch | | |
| Oct 18 Pent 20 | National Cathedral | --- | |
| Oct 25 Pent 21 | Dr. Beth preaching remotely | Dr. Beth | |

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

October 4, 2020

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 18, 2020

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 11, 2020

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 25, 2020

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



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; Ruth Loebe; Laura Nicholson; Mary Kutter; Barbara Macke; KA pledge class of Fall 2020 at MTSU; Rose Wilkinson & family; Wendell Little & family; All involved with the harvest

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; Bish, Liz, & Jacob; E.B.; Mike & Sandy

Those who have died:

Jon Sellers; Matthew Wilkinson; Those who have died from Covid 19; Those who have died from violence

For those who celebrate Birthdays in Oct:

October 1 – Bish Mumford
October 10 – Rob Bernardin
October 12 – Ken Meyer
October 24 – Annette Buckland

For those who celebrate Anniversaries in Oct:

October 12 – Cindy & Rob Bernardin

And for those serving in our Diocese, including Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows; our companion Diocese Brasilia, their Bishop Mauricio, and the people and Diocese Of Haiti and St. Andre's in Mithon

Blessings:

The recovery of Rose & Ken Back; The recovery of Jim Back; Thanksgiving for the opportunity to worship outdoors

**Thank You to Everyone who contributed to the Kunstfest Fund Drive**

Total donations for our Outreach Ministries is \$ 3,610
Please contact a member of the Vestry with your ideas for distribution of the funds to Outreach Ministries

BOOK STUDY Begins September 30th

Book Study will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 7 PM via Zoom. Please read the introduction and the first chapter of "How to be Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi. For more information call or email Dr. Beth.



ISO: Does anyone have an extra TV table or two that could be on long term loan to the church?

Geneva Hall, our oldest parishioner, is going to be 103 on November 2nd. While we can't go into Premier Healthcare physically to see her, she enjoys window visits (which can be set up in advance by calling the facility at 812-682-4104). Miss Geneva still reads and has asked for large print novels by James Patterson. Please let Dr. Beth know if you have any you are willing to give to her.



Happy Birthday Greetings from New Harmony, Briel!

