

## **SENIOR WARDEN NEWS**

### **Nancy Cooke-Jenkins**



The holidays have come and gone, as they always do. We start a new year with anticipation and trepidation, as we usually do. At St. Stephen's, we are making plans for the future. Your Council delegates will be in Corpus Christi this weekend, hearing and learning what the Diocese is planning and what our church year will look like.

#### **VESTRY RETREAT**

The following weekend, your Vestry will be on retreat to put structure to the visions and planning for our church. We will be looking at where we are and where we are going as a church body. Since this will be the main thrust of that weekend, it's important that we include your input. If you have thoughts on our journey as a church body and you would like to share, please contact a Vestry member before Friday, February 28.

#### **SSES**

Kudos to St. Stephen's Episcopal School!! They have been awarded accreditation to accept two-year-olds for day care! There is a serious need for this in Wimberley, and in response, the church nursery building will be open five days a week year round to accommodate working families. Congratulations, Amanda and School Board!

#### **ADDITIONAL AED**

If you were at the 10:30 a.m. service a few weeks back, you witnessed a really scary scene. Our beloved Mack Gray suffered an incident and fell unconscious. Good news is that he is fine. The other good news is through this experience we gained valuable insight. Although we have an AED (automated external defibrillator), its location is central to the campus, and too far away from the main church to be of adequate use in case of emergencies. The St. Stephen's board of The ECW (The Episcopal Church Women) has stepped up to the plate and generously approved the purchase of an additional defibrillator. A huge, "THANK YOU," to this recently re-organized group.

#### **VOLUNTEER ALERT**

If hospitality is in your DNA, we need a leader for coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service. Carla Daws has given many years to this ministry and has earned a rest. We thank her for her dedication. If this would be of interest to you, please contact Jeannetta Watson, [jwatson@ststeve.org](mailto:jwatson@ststeve.org), or call the church office to talk with her, 512-

Also, if anyone with sound equipment experience is looking for a new adventure, we are in need of additional A/V team members. Carroll Wilson, faithful servant has resigned. We thank him for his time and talent! Again, if interested, contact Jeannetta. Remember volunteerism allows a church community to function at its fullest.

We welcome another new member to the church staff. Mike Williamson, former associate at Ace Hardware, will begin serving as our church and school Facility Director beginning March 1. He will be coordinating grounds and buildings and overseeing the work being performed. This will be a cooperative endeavor between church and school for a more cohesive operation.

### ***LENTEN PROGRAM & SOUP SUPPERS***

Finally, as we enter the season of Lent, we will once again feature our Wednesday Soup Suppers and Lenten presentations. The first Wednesday, March 4 will feature our beautiful TAIZE service at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Soup Supper in McArthur Hall. Other presentations during this time will feature plays and children's participation. Cut out the schedule provided in this eNEWS to help mark your calendars for thoughtful evenings and good food. Volunteers in the kitchen are welcome.

Thank you for your faithfulness in this time of transition and please continue to pray for discernment for the Search Committee as they continue to diligently pursue the charge they have been given.

*Blessings,  
Nancy*

*"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones.  
Let me find you again. Amen." - Henri Nouwen*



### **FRIDAY COFFEE & TEA FRIENDS**

**Friday, February 21 @ 9:30 a.m.**

OFFSITE: Wimberley Cafe, 101-A Wimberley Square, Wimberley

Co-leader, Marsha Acock, reports that, "We are still going strong--there's always a good size group of various folks, and the Wimberley Cafe (where the ministry meets) has been a hit."

If you would like to join Marsha Acock and Ann Robertson for Friday Coffee & Tea Friends, head on over to the Wimberley Cafe every first and third Friday, except for holidays, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All women are invited to share this time of fellowship and conversation.

# FAMILY CELEBRATION SERVICE



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**St. Stephen's Church**

*For Adults, Teens, Children, Everyone!*

**FAMILY CELEBRATION SUNDAY** services are held at St. Stephen's Church on the last Sunday of the month during the school year, excluding December. Children participate fully and the sermon is adapted for all ages. We will skip the 10:15 a.m. children's sunday school classes on Family Celebration Sunday as families are encouraged to come together for worship at 10:30 a.m. *This month's theme is "All God's Creatures," featuring Thea, the singing dog.*

**Free child care for infants & toddlers (Nursery)**

**St. Stephen's MelodyMakers lead music & worship**

**YOUTH Biscuits & Gravy Fundraiser with GF option (McArthur Hall)**

St. Stephen's students and families are especially invited to join us on February 23, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary.





## **LOCATION CHANGE: LOG CABIN**

**Tuesday, February 25 @ 4:00 p.m.**

On Shrove Tuesday, February 25, yoga class will be held in the log cabin at the same start time 4:00 p.m. Afterwards participants are invited to join the Youth's Pancake Supper fundraiser in McArthur Hall. Please note that the yoga class location change is for one week only.

*For more information, contact: Carla Daws, [geminipisces@hotmail.com](mailto:geminipisces@hotmail.com).*



## **SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

**Tuesday, February 25 @ 5:30 p.m.**

On Shrove Tuesday, February 25, the Youth will hold a Pancake Supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. in McArthur Hall. Gluten free options are also available. Proceeds go toward the JH/HS summer mission trip. Please join us for this feasting and celebration that arrives just before the observance of the Lenten fast.

*For more information, contact: Elisa Webster, [elisamkraft@gmail.com](mailto:elisamkraft@gmail.com).*

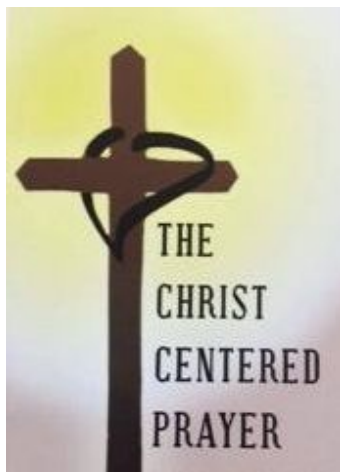


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Stephen's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Wimberley

# ASH WEDNESDAY

***FEBRUARY 26 @ 8 a.m, 12 noon, 6 p.m., Chapel***  
*St. Stephen's invites you to a Holy Eucharist  
with Imposition of Ashes*  
***6000 FM 3237, Wimberley, TX 78676***

*Tuesday, February 25: Youth Shrove Pancake Dinner Fundraiser,  
5:30-7:30 p.m., McArthur Hall, St. Stephen's Church*



**CHRIST CENTERED PRAYER (CCP)**  
***2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays @ 4:45 p.m.***  
*Rector's Office*

Christ Centered Prayer (CCP) will now meet the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Rector's Office beginning at 4:45 p.m. On the first Wednesday of the month please consider attending the TAIZE service in the Chapel at 5:30 p.m. CCP does not meet the 1st Wednesday of the month.

*For more information, contact: Elisa Webster, [elisamkraft@gmail.com](mailto:elisamkraft@gmail.com).*



## **DEER CREEK FEBRUARY SERVICES**

**Wednesday, February 26 @ 3:00 p.m.**

OFFSITE: Deer Creek Wimberley, 555 FM 3237, Wimberley

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month St. Stephen's gathers at Deer Creek in Wimberley to share in a Holy Eucharist service with the residents. Please join us and help us share this wonderful gift with others.

***All are welcome to attend.***

For more information, contact: Sharon East, [sharoneast@verizon.net](mailto:sharoneast@verizon.net) and Connie Maverick, [joemaverick@verizon.net](mailto:joemaverick@verizon.net).



## **BISHOP TO VISIT SSEC**

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

Mark your calendars for Confirmation Sunday, March 1. Bishop James Folts will preside at both the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. services.



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays, Beginning March 6 @ 10:00 a.m.**

## alternates between courtyard and nature trail

Stations of the Cross will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays in Lent, beginning March 6 and are led by our Lectors. Depending on the weather, prayer will alternate between the courtyard and the nature trail. On March 6, we will meet participants in the courtyard and proceed through the 14 stations together. This is a powerful discipline to augment scripture study, fasting, alms giving, and worship.



## HALFTIME SERVICE RETURNS

**Wednesday, April 8 @ 6:00 p.m.**

*Chapel*

During Lent, we will be holding special programs of short plays and skits in McArthur Hall at 6:00 p.m. along with our Lenten Soup Suppers. The first Wednesday of the month will be the TAIZE Service at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel with our Soup Suppers immediately following in McArthur Hall. No Halftime Service will be held during these weeks. Halftime Service will return on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. At that time, Halftime will continue its 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday schedule.



## FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWS

### YOUTH MEETINGS

All JH/HS aged students are invited to join us every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for our Youth Meeting. We will enjoy a light dinner together in McArthur Hall and activities in the Youth Center. Your friends are welcome to attend.

### FUNDRAISERS

Fresh from our childcare-sitting fundraiser during the Friday, February 21, Mardi Gras Masquerade for SSES, we are ready to feed your rumbling tummies two more times this month. Come help us build up our summer mission trip fund.



### *FAMILY CELEBRATION BISCUITS & GRAVY*

Sunday, February 23, after the 10:30 a.m. service, McArthur Hall  
gluten free options also available



**SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER**  
Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.  
McArthur Hall  
gluten free options also available

For more information, contact: Elisa Webster, [elisamkraft@gmail.com](mailto:elisamkraft@gmail.com).



## **FAMILY FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWS**

Our Youth & Family Minister, Elisa Webster, reports that, "Everything is in place from Nursery to Youth to families." See below list for what's happening between now and through March and beyond.

### **Family Celebration**

Sunday, February 23, 10:30 a.m., Church

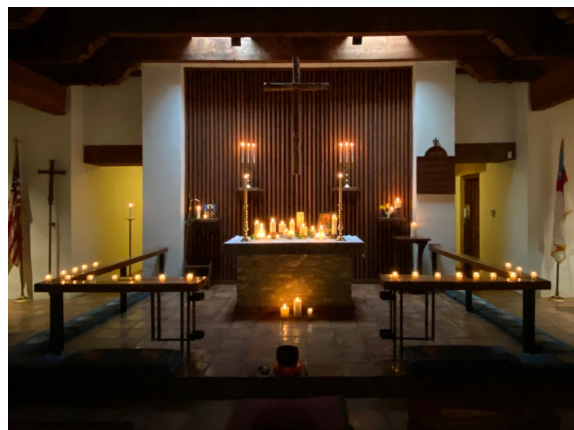
### **Planning Meeting for Youth & Family Activities**

Tuesday, March 3, 6:00 p.m., Meeting Room 1

### **Parent's Date Night/Kid's Friday Faith & Fun**

Every second Friday in March, April, and May from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., McArthur Hall. Watch for more details coming your way.

For more information, contact: Elisa Webster, [elisamkraft@gmail.com](mailto:elisamkraft@gmail.com).



## **TAIZE SERVICE**



## **Wednesday, March 4: Forgiveness**

**5:30 p.m. (NEW START TIME), Chapel**

Please join us at the new start time, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 4 for TAIZE. This month's theme is *forgiveness*. Immediately following the service we will make our way over to McArthur Hall for a Lenten Soup Supper.

You can expect this beautiful candlelight service to last approximately 45 minutes and to be filled with prayers, music, readings, and periods of silent meditation.

For more information, contact: Sharon East, [sharoneast@verizon.net](mailto:sharoneast@verizon.net) or Susan Webb, [webbsu@gmail.com](mailto:webbsu@gmail.com).



### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & PROGRAM** ***Begins Wednesday, March 4: Forgiveness***

The Lenten Programs and Soup Suppers have returned! Head on over to McArthur Hall to enjoy a host of delightful programs from Godly Play teacher Darelle Jordan, Youth & Family Minister Elisa Webster, and Vestry/Actress Carla Daws. "When does all this begin?" you ask. Just one more week and counting.

Soup Suppers are being coordinated by Mary McIntosh and Mary Goodwin with ministry volunteers providing the exquisite bubbling aromatic soups for our enjoyment. THANK YOU!

MARCH 4	5:30 p.m. <i>TAIZE: Forgiveness</i> (Chapel) with Soup Supper following (McArthur Hall)	
MARCH 11	6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper & Program	McArthur Hall
MARCH 18	6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper & Program	McArthur Hall
MARCH 25	6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper & Program	McArthur Hall
APRIL 1	5:30 p.m. <i>TAIZE: The Way of the Cross</i> (Chapel) with Soup Supper following (McArthur Hall)	



## **WIMBERLEY AREA CANCER SUPPORT**

**Wednesday, March 11 @ 11:30 a.m.**

OFFSITE: Wimberley Chamber of Commerce

The Wimberley Area Cancer Support Group sponsored by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce's members room. Each participant brings a brown bag lunch. All who have been diagnosed with cancer now or in the past are invited to attend and share a time of relaxation and conversation with others who share their experiences.

For more information, contact: Sharon East, [sharoneast@verizon.net](mailto:sharoneast@verizon.net) or Dave Boyd, [davemarcyboyd@anvilcom.com](mailto:davemarcyboyd@anvilcom.com).



## **TED Talkers**

**Wednesday, March 11 @ 12 noon**

*McArthur Hall*

Please join us Wednesday, March 11 at 12 noon for the viewing of "The Emergent Genius of Ant Colonies" by Deborah Gordon.

**Please note: there will be no TED Talkers held on Ash Wednesday, February 26.**

On TED Talkers days, we watch a pre-selected TED Talk video at 12 noon, eat our brown bag lunch, and discuss the topic in a non-judgmental setting with coffee and water provided. It all wraps up by 1:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring a friend, neighbor, and join in the next sure-to-be-lively, mind-stimulating discussion. We'll save you a seat!

### **TED TALKERS SCHEDULE**

MARCH 11, 2020

MARCH 25, 2020

For more information, contact: Jo Bourke, [jobourke33@gmail.com](mailto:jobourke33@gmail.com), 512-468-1267.

# PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

*We are getting closer!* The second proof of the St. Stephen's photo directory has been submitted. Next step will be to finalize our directory. Thanks for your patience during this final lap of editing. We will continue to keep you updated and let you know when to anticipate having the directory in your hands.



**ST. STEPHEN'S  
Episcopal School**

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## SUMMER CAMPS ANNOUNCED

St. Stephen's Episcopal School will be holding summer camp sessions for children ages 4-12. If you attend two or more camp sessions, you can save \$25 per week. Looking for a way to keep those kiddos busy and happy? Swing by the school office and pick up your copy of the summer camp flyer for all the details. The school's website is: <https://ststephenswimberley.org/>. Fees are \$200 per week. Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Extended care is available until 5:30 p.m. for an extra \$100 per week. First weeklong camp session begins June 1. Last camp session is offered August 3-7. Call 512-847-9857 to register.

June 1-5: Little Scientist

June 8-12: Under the Sea

June 15-19: Let's Get Crafty

June 22-26: Build It

July 6-10: Camping

July 13-17: Shark Week

July 20-24: Let's Go Garden

July 27-31: Move It, Move It

August 3-7: Pirates

**HERE'S A SAMPLING OF WHAT'S IN STORE**

## Jun 1-5: Little Scientist



Is it magic or is it science? Transform into a wizard of science in this exciting summer camp! Experiment with the periodic table and the intriguing reactions that can occur when certain elements interact! Watch as the instructors blow things up and explain why cataclysmic reactions happen! Amaze your family and friends with your magical science acts from disappearing water, color changing reactions, and more! *This class has an eight student minimum and 15 student maximum.*



Purchase your tickets at:  
<http://ow.ly/girr50xYu1F> or call us and we will help  
you to register. 512-393-9996 or 210-434-5531

Save the date for  
February 23, 2020!

This event benefits  
Camp Good Sam  
Wimberley and is  
hosted by Dodie and  
Dick Scott at their  
home located at  
11030 Mt. Sharp  
Road, Wimberley, TX.

Tickets are limited  
and available on line at  
the link provided. Hope  
to see you there~



## Community of Hope Ministry

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*To listen, without judgment, to what is weighing on your heart?  
To recognize your needs and respect your rights to your feelings?  
To honor any conversation with complete confidentiality?  
To support you as you take steps of change on your journey?  
To just walk with you and let you be you.*

Each one of us, at some point in our lives, could use a "companion" to walk with us during the challenges of our journeys. A Community of Hope Lay Chaplain is someone who cares about you, will not promise miracles, will not decide for you what you should do, will not take steps for you, and will not rescue you. He or she will be available to you, support you, pray for you, and assure you that you are God's beloved. Please, if you are walking alone, invite one to join you on your path.

*For more information during FEBRUARY & MARCH contact:  
Becky Denton, [dentonrebecca1@gmail.com](mailto:dentonrebecca1@gmail.com) or Dot Green, [dotgreen@anvilcom.com](mailto:dotgreen@anvilcom.com).*



## **UPCOMING SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

The *eNEWS* is published on Fridays generally every two weeks and delivered straight to your e-mail's in-box. If you have an e-mail address update, please make sure to send these to the church office, [office@ststeve.org](mailto:office@ststeve.org).

With more than 25 ministries and groups here at St. Stephen's Church, we've got a lot happening! Help us cover your event by submitting articles, photos, and artwork to: *Communications Manager, [Jackie McFadden](#).*

**UPCOMING DEADLINES:**  
***12 noon Wednesday or earlier***

**March 4**  
**March 18**

## **IN THE LIFE OF SSEC**

Parents enjoyed a date night on St. Valentine's Day while their children had fun, wanting to stay at St. Stephen's and not leave, during February 14th's "Faithful Families." Youth & Family Minister, Elisa Webster, says, "Keep the fun going!" and in response has scheduled the next Parent's Date Night for March 13. See separate article in this *eNEWS*.









**FRI, FEB 21 & MARCH 6**

*Friday Coffee & Tea Friends (OFFSITE), 9:30 a.m., Wimberley Cafe*

**SUN, FEB 23**

*Family Celebration Sunday & Youth Biscuits and Gravy Fundraiser, 10:30 a.m.*

**TUES, FEB 25**

*Women's Grief Support Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Meeting Room 2*

**TUES, FEB 25**

*Yoga, 4:00 p.m., Log Cabin*

**TUES, FEB 25**

*Youth Shrove Pancake Supper Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m., McArthur Hall*

**WED, FEB 26**

*Ash Wednesday Services, 8:00 a.m., 12 noon, 6:00 p.m., Chapel*

**WED, FEB 26**

*Deer Creek Eucharist/OFFSITE, 3:00 p.m., Deer Creek Wimberley*

**SUN, MARCH 1**

*Bishop Folts Visit, 10:30 a.m., Church*



**TUES, MARCH 3**

*Youth & Family Events Planning Meeting*, 6:00 p.m., Meeting Room 1

**WED, MARCH 4**

*TAIZE: Forgiveness Service*, 5:30 p.m., Chapel, with Soup Supper following in McArthur Hall

**FRI, MARCH 6**

*Stations of the Cross*, 10:00 a.m., Courtyard

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Please contact the church office at 512.847.9956, Monday through Thursday,  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon Fridays if you have any questions.

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