



Adult Education Class (NEW BEGINS April 18) (McArthur Hall & Zoom)), Sundays, 9:15 a.m.,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812520520?pwd=WloxYndDTXcxcUZ6dkVqeTZSaFkyQT09>

Anniversary (Wedding) Announcements
ststeve.org/anniversary

Birthday Announcements
ststeve.org/birthday

Christ Centered Prayer (Zoom), Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88555315258?pwd=b3BhNWxaQ25WTjZsTTBLL0dNbXZNUT09>

Daily Meditations
ststeve.org/meditations

Easter Lilies Orders
ststeve.org/flowers

God's Garden Registration (Summer Program ages 4-12)(NEW)
ststeve.org/registration

Good Friday Virtual Service (YouTube), April 2
<https://youtu.be/iO01K8-hfz8>

Kingdom Kids/Mountain Movers Class (Zoom), Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82626418503?pwd=cZoaGdDNkxUVVJzemRzbUs5am5MQT09>

Maundy Thursday Virtual Service (YouTube), April 1
<https://youtu.be/l4M6kX8CtT4>

Monday Bible Babes (Zoom & Courtyard), Mondays, 12:00 noon
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87500656029?pwd=MDJMRzlkdTBGSczJSUkE3Mm9lQW1MZz09>

Palm Sunday Online Order of Worship
ststeve.org/order

Palm Sunday 10:30 a.m. Live Stream Service
(We also hold an 11:30 a.m. in-person Courtyard Service on Sundays)

COLUMNS

So Thankful **by The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert**



Dear St. Stephen's Family,

This weekend begins our faithful walk with Jesus through Holy Week as we make our way to the empty tomb in the garden at Easter. It is truly my favorite time of year. Our entire make up, faith, and humanity rests in the events of Holy Week. As Christians our true identity is marked by these loving and grace filled actions of Jesus. I pray that you have had enriching experience through the season of Lent and have prepared yourself for the coming of the Risen Christ.

I am continually thankful for so many things that are happening here at St. Stephen's. Last Sunday we welcomed our newest members of the church as Bishop David Reed confirmed and received them into St. Stephen's. It was a truly glorious occasion to be together and support Anna O'Farrell and Trey Wilkinson. It is a great honor to serve alongside all of you in God's church, and your joyfulness and high spirits are extremely contagious and inspiring.

Even in the midst of the ongoing pandemic St. Stephen's continues to thrive. The 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Eucharist has been a special time for our community to gather under these circumstances. This service will continue to provide this opportunity. I encourage everyone to come and celebrate Easter at the 11:30 a.m. service. I know it will be a joyful celebration as we welcome in the Easter season!

Throughout the next few months as the efficacy of the vaccines is bolstered, and the restrictions we are under from the diocese are lifted, I know we will have the opportunity to gather in person and in-building again. I greatly appreciate your patience and positive attitude regarding this process. The St. Stephen's staff and Vestry are working hard to prepare for the regathering. I am thankful that the light at the end of the tunnel is becoming brighter and brighter. In the weeks to come, I hope to have more information regarding the Sunday services returning to normal. I encourage everyone to keep the faith and know that your anticipation for return is shared by everyone. God bless you this day and always. Peace,

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

NEWS

SPRING CLEANING VOLUNTEER WORK DAY TOMORROW, SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 12 NOON

If you have been eager to give those gardening thumbs some exercise, spring has sprung, and we invite you to join us tomorrow, Saturday, March 27, beginning at 8:00 a.m. for our annual volunteer work day. This year we will be concentrating on getting the Courtyard area ready for Easter services and activities. We recommend that you bring work gloves, drinking water, gardening hand tools, shovels, rakes, and wheel barrows. In a few hours, we



will have the Courtyard looking fresh and new.

For more information, contact: Todd Schmidt,
tschmidt88@gmail.com.

THREE MORE DAYS TO ORDER & PAY FOR YOUR EASTER LILIES

You have three more days to [place your online order](#) for Easter Lilies at the Altar. Cost is \$15 per lily. Be sure to indicate the Easter Lily dedication as well. You may pay online at: ststeve.org/online-giving. If you are paying by check, be sure to make check payable to: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and write "Easter Lilies" in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 6000-A FM 3237, Wimberley TX 78676.



We will show the dedications during the Live Stream Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. and the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Service on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Dedications will also be printed in the Easter Service online bulletin.

Deadline to place Easter Lily Orders and Dedications:
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021

ORDER EASTER LILIES HERE

MISSION SUNDAYS BEGINS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021



MISSION SUNDAYS @ SSEC

*Keep those Texas work boots handy everyone! You will need 'em for our monthly **Mission Sundays**, a new initiative of the church and school community. It all begins Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. How it will work is we will gather in the courtyard for a 20-30 minute Holy Eucharist, and then we will hold a church and school-wide outreach project activity. Members of our surrounding community are also welcome and encouraged to join in on the fun the second Sunday of each month.*

On Mission Sundays, we will meet on the grassy knoll between the Log Cabin and the Chapel. Here's a sneak preview of what's developing on the near horizon so that you may mark your calendars now:

APRIL 11

Clothing Drive, Wimberley Valley Thrift Store

MAY 09

**Mother's Day love and care
for the elderly and those unable to get out and about,
Meals on Wheel, assisted living facility**

In addition to this new Mission Sunday Service at 2:00 p.m., we will continue to hold the Livestream Sunday Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 a.m. and the Courtyard Sunday Holy Eucharist at 11:30 am.

St. Stephen's is hopping to help! Feel free to share our Sunday schedule and **Mission Sunday** information with your family, friends, and neighbors.

For more information regarding **Mission Sundays**, contact: Anita McNabb, mcnabb@txwinet.com.

LENT & HOLY WEEK & EASTER

FINAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

Today, Friday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. is the final opportunity to join in the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season. If you are able to come, please meet in the courtyard, where we will get further instructions on the location of today's Stations of the Cross.



READING OF THE PASSION ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, and the *Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark* will be read during the 10:30 a.m. Live Stream and the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Holy Eucharist Services. We hope you can join us on Palm Sunday. For those attending the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Service, we will hold a non-traditional procession, standing in place. Fr. Kevin will walk around the crowd processing the palms. We look forward to sharing Palm Sunday with you. If you would like the order of worship ahead of time, click button below.



[Palm Sunday Order of Worship](#)

LABYRINTH HOLY EUCHARIST, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

For the first time, we are offering a new service during Holy Week. All are invited to the Labyrinth and Outdoor Chapel at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 31 for a Holy Eucharist. This special service is sponsored by the Daughters of the King and Fr. Kevin.



MAUNDY THURSDAY VIRTUAL SERVICE, APRIL 1, 2021

Fr. Kevin, Anne Jones, Allen Hennig, and our lectors: Judy Holmes and Katy Shugart have prepared a memorable Maundy Thursday service for us. This service will be held virtually again this year and will air Thursday, April 1, 2021 on YouTube and Facebook. We hope you enjoy this service that also includes a sermon by Fr. Kevin and the Stripping of the Altar. You may choose to watch the recorded service on Thursday, April



1 at any time convenient to you. The "Order of Worship" for the Maundy Thursday Service may be viewed by clicking the button below.

Maundy Thursday Service (YouTube)

Maundy Thursday Service (Facebook)

Maundy Thursday Order of Worship

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW PRAYER VIGIL



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold a prayer vigil between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. For more information about the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, visit the church website at:

<https://www.ststeve.org/ministries>

GOOD FRIDAY VIRTUAL SERVICE, APRIL 2, 2021

Have your copy of the *Book of Common Prayer* handy, beginning on page 276, to follow along with this virtual Good Friday Service airing on YouTube and Facebook. It is a special continuation of our Maundy Thursday Service and includes the reading of "The Passion Narrative," a sermon by Fr. Kevin, and music by Anne Jones. Charlotte Carter is the lector for the Good Friday readings.



Good Friday Service (YouTube)

Good Friday Service (Facebook)

EASTER SERVICES AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH



Fr. Kevin enthusiastically invites us all to attend the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Easter Holy Eucharist Service on Sunday, April 4, 2021, which will include flowering of the cross. After this service children are invited to a safe Easter Egg Hunt sponsored and organized by the Youth. Pre-registration for the Easter Egg Hunt is required and deadline is Monday, March 29. (*See Easter Egg Hunt article in this issue for instructions on how to register.*)

For those unable to attend the Courtyard Easter Service, you are invited to tune in to the 10:30 a.m. Live Stream Easter Holy Eucharist Service on YouTube and Facebook. Easter Lily dedications will be shown at both the 10:30 a.m. and the 11:30 a.m. services on Easter Sunday, April 4.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 5

The Church Office will be closed all day for Easter holiday on



Monday, April 5, 2021. We will reopen for regular hours on Tuesday, April 6, at 8:30 a.m.

SPECIAL EASTER ENVELOPE OFFERING HEADED TO MAILBOXES



In the next few days, you should be receiving the special Easter Offering mail-out via U.S. Postal Service that contains a letter from Fr. Kevin and a request to bring your offering to the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Easter service on Sunday, April 4, 2021.

If you do not receive your mailing by the end of the month, please contact the church office, office@ststeve.org.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

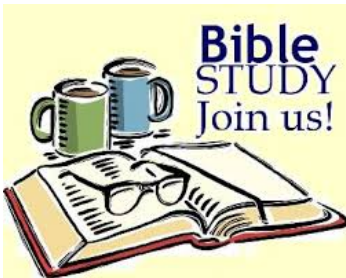
THREE MORE DAYS TO REGISTER FOR EASTER EGG HUNT, APRIL 4



If your children are coming to the April 4 Easter Egg Hunt, which follows the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard service on Easter Sunday, please email Family & Youth Minister, Elisa Webster, elisawebster9@gmail.com. She will need to know the first and last name of the adult contact and the first names and ages of all children attending the Easter Egg Hunt.

Deadline to Register for Easter Egg Hunt
Monday, March 29, 2021

NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASS TO START AFTER EASTER



All adults are invited to join Fr. Kevin on Sunday, April 18 at 9:15 a.m. either in McArthur Hall or over Zoom for the five-week class, "Why We Do the Things We Do." This Sunday class will cover topics such as: liturgy, stewardship, polity, and theology to help shed light on the various unique practices of the Episcopal Church, and our own St. Stephen's. No books required. No registration required. Simply stroll on into McArthur Hall, wearing your mask, remembering to social distance from others, and take a seat.

Class will begin at 9:15 a.m. and will last 45 minutes. For those that prefer to take this class virtually, a Zoom option is available.

[Zoom Link for Fr. Kevin's new class beginning Sunday, April 18, 9:15 a.m.](#)

TAKE 5: EPISODE 52, APRIL 1, 2021

We hope you can join us for TAKE 5: Episode 52 on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. CT, airing on YouTube and Facebook. Host Allen Hennig will be familiarizing us with the old hymn, "Lead Me to Calvary & Beneath the Cross of Jesus," with a beautiful arrangement by Tom Fettke. Recommended scripture for this episode is [1 Corinthians 2:1-5](#). We hope you enjoy this five



minute uplifting break and that it serves as a treat for the ears, eyes, and spirit.

The featured tile is from Station 10 on the nature trail. Carroll Dolezal did the basic design of the tiles found on the trail and 18 people from 11 years old to 80+ years old did the carving and painting of the entire set. The nature trail is open to the public dawn 'til dusk seven days a week.

See links below for Episode 52 and previous episodes, all of which can be found on the YouTube TAKE 5 Playlist.

EPISODE 52: YOUTUBE

EPISODE 52: FACEBOOK

TAKE 5 PLAYLIST



NEW SEMESTER STARTS FOR TH BIBLE BABES THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 @ 4 PM

Women are invited to the new semester of Thursday Bible Babes. This ministry meets off-site at the home of Nancy Cooke-Jenkins. The new semester begins on Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 4:00 p.m. They will be using the book, *Spiritual Formation*, by Henri

Nouwen. This is book two in a series. You do not need to have read book 1, *Spiritual Direction*, to participate in the new semester. Copies of books may be purchased at your online booksellers.

The TH Bible Babes provide a community in which women can study the scriptures, share their lives, support one another, and celebrate their faith.

If new to Thursday Bible Babes, contact Nancy, nancycookejenkins@gmail.com, for directions.



NEW DATE FOR ROADSIDE CLEANUP: SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

INVEST WITH US! WEAR THE VEST!

Saturday, April 10 will be our next quarterly roadside cleanup. We start at 7:00-7:15 a.m. and clean up our TxDot designated highway sections of FM 3237. We provide the trash bags, super cool neon vests, and grabbers. You will need to remember to bring your own water and snacks; and we recommend you wear gloves and sturdy shoes.

Sign-in will be in the Courtyard, and we request that you wear your mask while checking in.

We should be finished by 10:30 a.m. So bring that adult friend along as your volunteer work day partner and enjoy both the time catching up and the fresh spring air.

Invariably, things come up and we usually do have cancelations from folks, and we understand. Therefore, to ensure we have enough volunteers to get the satisfying job done, please know that, "We really do need your help!"

Contact Roadside Ministry Co-Leader, Becki Smith, colorsmith1@yahoo.com, today, and

let her know you are coming.

"You will feel virtuous after you help, I promise!" says Becki.



**ATTN: FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 4-12
SPEND A WEEK IN GOD'S GARDEN**

St. Stephens will be debuting a new summer program called *God's Garden* this August 2-6, 9:00 a.m. until 3 p.m. Church and School children ages 4-12 are invited to this program being organized by Family & Youth Minister Elisa Webster. *God's Garden* will be limited to 25 spots and priority registration is now underway. Cost is \$30 per child, which includes a t-shirt, arts & crafts, and snacks. Extended care from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

may also be arranged. *God's Garden* will be held at St. Stephen's and each day we will feature food and cultural traditions from a different part of the world while also exploring the importance of life-giving water for all. Children ages 4-12 are invited to come and discover God's garden gifts for us and how we can share these with one another, near and far.

With only 25 spots (to ensure a 1:5 adult to child ratio), we expect spots to fill up quickly. We encourage you to take advantage of the priority registration and click the link below to register your children and pay online through the church website.

Payments may also be by check, made out to "St. Stephen's Church" and dropped off at the church office M-TH 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Remember to write "God's Garden" in the memo line of your check.

If you are interested in volunteering for God's Garden, contact Elisa, elisawebster9@gmail.com for training date and other instructions.

REGISTER FOR GOD'S GARDEN

ARE YOU READY TO PARTY?

Fête al Fresco

a celebration of spring in the Hill Country
benefitting St. Stephen's Episcopal School

**We are too! Mark your calendars for
Friday, April 23rd, 6:00 pm**

Please click here to purchase your tickets for the Fête al Fresco
(<https://one.bidpal.net/fetealfresco/welcome>)

Tickets are limited for in-person and party-from-home options, so please get them now.

<https://one.bidpal.net/fetealfresco/welcome>

If accessing via computer, select "Purchase Tickets" from the menu on the left.
If accessing via mobile device, click "Menu" and select "Purchase Tickets" from the dropdown list.

To practice social distancing, we will not have in-person check-in or check-out, so it is essential we are able to reach you through this app for updates about the event and auction. Please register with your best contact information and bank credit card. This is the St. Stephen's School's major fundraiser of the year, so we greatly appreciate your support!

Cheers!
The Fete al Fresco Committee

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

Do you need someone...

*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 or at several points 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.

MARCH COMMUNITY OF HOPE CONTACTS

Becky Denton, dentonrebecca1@gmail.com

Dot Green, dotgreen@anvilcom.com

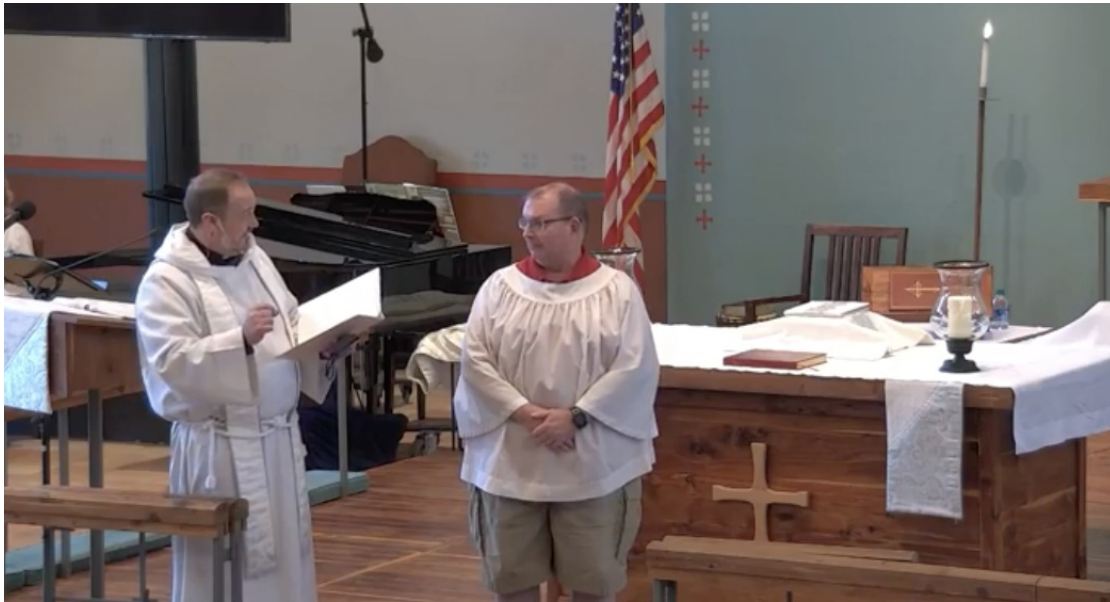
APRIL COMMUNITY OF HOPE CONTACTS

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Kristen Schmidt, kris10.schmidt@gmail.com

IN THE LIFE OF SSEC

During March we celebrated and congratulated our church family members – Allen Hennig for his 50th episode of the TAKE 5 Music Ministry, Trey Wilkinson's confirmation, and Anna O'Farrell's reception. Thank you especially to The Right Reverend David Reed, Bishop Diocesan of West Texas, for his help in making March 21 extra memorable.



SAVE THE DATE

FRI, MARCH 26

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

SAT, MARCH 27

Spring Volunteer Work Day, Courtyard, 8:00 a.m.

PALM SUN, MARCH 28

Kingdom Kids & Mountain Movers(Zoom), 9:00 a.m.

*Holy Eucharist Sunday Palm Sunday Service (Livestream no in-person),
10:30 a.m.*

Holy Eucharist Courtyard Palm Sunday Service, 11:30 a.m.

Teen Sunday School (Zoom), 5:00 p.m.

MON, MARCH 29

Men's Prayer Group (offsite @ Wimberley Cafe), 7:30 a.m.

Bible Babes, (Zoom) and McArthur Hall, 12 noon

Cursillo Reunion Group, Courtyard, 10:30 a.m.

TUES, MARCH 30

Morning Prayer, Courtyard, 9:00 a.m.

Companions: Women's Grief Support, McArthur Hall, 3:00 p.m.

Yoga, McArthur Hall, 4:00 p.m.

WED, MARCH 31

Holy Eucharist at the Labyrinth, 12 noon

Christ Centered Prayer(Zoom), 5:00 p.m.

TH, APRIL 1

Maundy Thursday Service (YouTube, Facebook)

TAKE 5 (YouTube, Facebook), 10:00 a.m.

Bible Babes, Nancy's house, 4:00 p.m.

FRI, APRIL 2

Good Friday Service (YouTube, Facebook)

EASTER SUN, APRIL 4

Kingdom Kids & Mountain Movers(Zoom), 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Easter Sunday Service (Livestream no in-person), 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Courtyard EASTER Service, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt, after 11:30 a.m. service

Teen Sunday School (Zoom), 5:00 p.m.

MON, APRIL 5

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY

Men's Prayer Group (offsite @ Wimberley Cafe), 7:30 a.m.

Bible Babes, 12 noon

Cursillo Reunion Group, Courtyard, 10:30 a.m.

TUES, APRIL 6

Morning Prayer, Courtyard, 9:00 a.m.

Companions: Women's Grief Support, McArthur Hall, 3:00 p.m.

Yoga, McArthur Hall, 4:00 p.m.

WED, APRIL 7

Christ Centered Prayer(Zoom), 5:00 p.m.



TH, APRIL 8

TAKE 5 (YouTube, Facebook), 10:00 a.m.

Bible Babes, Nancy's patio, 4:00 p.m.

SAT, APRIL 10

Quarterly Roadside Cleanup, 7:00 a.m.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

(articles, photos, graphics)

WEDNESDAYS, 12 NOON

Jackie McFadden, Communications Manager, eeant@mac.com

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Church Office open M-TH 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.