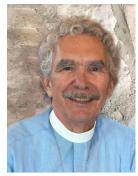


March 6, 2020

**ENEWS** 

# Remember to turn your clocks 1 hour forward before going to bed on Saturday night. Spring Forward

# LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



Fr. Phil Mason

Dear Friends,

Each year after newly elected members join the Vestry of the church, the vestry takes a retreat. Once again we retreated to Gina and Tom Fulkerson's beautiful home on Canyon Lake.

Friday night we spent time socializing and getting to know each other even better. We played a really fun "getting to know you game" that involved each one proposing two facts about ourselves, one which was true and one which was pure fantasy. We then guessed which was which. When it came my turn, I said that, (A) while on the swim team I won first place in individual medley in the city championship swim meet and (B) I was once the captain of a yacht on San Francisco Bay. If you would like to play, you may email me with your guess at: <a href="mailto:pmason@ststeve.org">pmason@ststeve.org</a>. (Vestry members are not eligible for the prize.) If you like, you might challenge me with true or false stories about yourself; I will get back to you with my guess.

Fr. Jay George from the diocese gave us all an excellent presentation focused on ways to welcome newcomers and invite them to be a part of our parish family. It was easy to see that we do a really good job welcoming visitors who come to St. Stephen's Sunday mornings. The area where we need some improvement is incorporating a newcomer, meaning someone or a family that is returning after first visiting. It will be the task of our wonderful staff and the co-chairs of the Newcomer/Welcome committee to organize our efforts to make new families and individuals become a part of the St. Stephen's family.

I know our staff will do a great job. It would be very good if we all would be conscious of the dynamics of inclusion. I would like for us all to consider what it means to be a part of a family. Consider our own family circle and our experience being a part of a family. What is it like to accept and incorporate a new person into that circle? Maybe we individually have been the newcomer to a family circle. For instance, what is our experience when a marriage brings a new face to the family tribe? How does that feel to be that new face at the table; how does it feel to everyone involved? Churches often characterize themselves as a family--particularly small churches. St. Stephen's is beginning a period of growth, and I think that trend will continue as a new Rector arrives. As we see new faces in the pews, consider how they might be feeling. Greet them in church, of course. Be open to the feeling that would lead us to sit with them at coffee hour. Even further, invite them to a church event, or even better still, lunch at your favorite restaurant, or a round of golf. Many new people would love to be invited, and I know that some might not respond. However, it is the invitation that is important. I know you get the idea. It is the beautiful open hearts of those at St. Stephen's that will be seen by all.

Peace and love to all, Phil+

# **SENIOR WARDEN NEWS**

# **Nancy Cooke-Jenkins**

Can you believe we're into March?! As they say, "time flies...!" Our dance card is quickly filling up here at St. Stephen's as you will see, reading this newsletter.



#### TWO NEW CHURCH & SCHOOL EVENTS

It's time to mark those calendars for the "Family Festival & Ministry Fair" happening on Sunday, September 13. There will be something for everyone. We will have more details for you soon. A little closer on the calendar, on Saturday, May 16, the Church & School will be celebrating together with a picnic event that has all kinds of fun things: a bounce house, Columbian food truck, a petting zoo, and much more! The May 16 Picnic is an excellent opportunity to get to know one another and enjoy our full campus.

#### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY & BISHOP FOLTS' VISIT**

It was an honor to have Rt. Rev. James E. Folts visit us on Confirmation Sunday and to have him preach and preside over the confirmation of Allen Hennig and reaffirmation of Dorothy Harris. Congratulations, Allen and Dorothy! You have our full support.

#### EARLY LIFE OF ST. STEPHEN'S BOOK IN THE MAKING

Joe Blanford was regaled by Bishop Folts' recollections of St. Stephen's during Confirmation Sunday and inspiration hit.

"After 40 years, there has got to be ample material for a book," he pointed out, "And, if someone were to interview past rectors and bishops...I know we have a lot potential authors in the congregation...with desktop publishing available, such an effort is certainly doable."

How about it, wordsmiths? If you have an interest in being a part of the making of this early life history book, talk with Joe and let's get the book rolling!

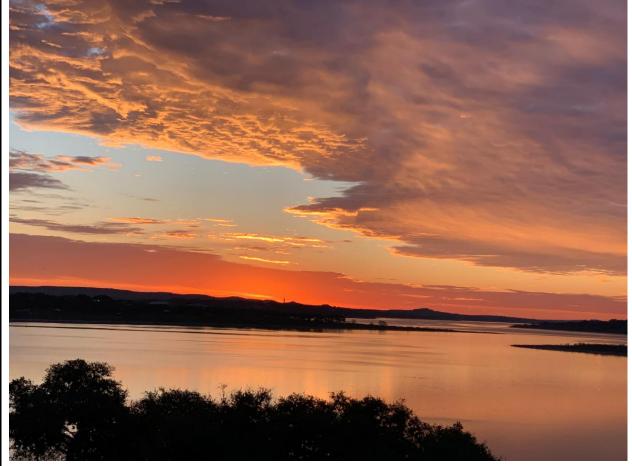


PHOTO CREDIT: Veronica Erwin Sunrise at St. Stephen's Vestry Retreat held at Gina & Tom Fulkerson's Lake House

#### **VESTRY RETREAT**

Your Vestry spent Friday and Saturday in retreat at the beautiful lake home of Gina and Tom Fulkerson. The photo above was taken from their home's balcony. The Vestry members actively participated and discussed: church accomplishments, what we do well, what we could do better, who we are, critical issues, where do we want to go, and how do we get there. All these items will be discussed in detail once we have a new rector. In the meantime, here are a few highlights:

- In 2019 we had a successful congregation-wide study, THE STORY
- Allen Hennig was hired as our organist/pianist
- Fr. Phil Mason, aka "Get Over it" was hired as our interim rector
- (To do better) Host a summer Vacation Bible School
- (To do better) Offer our campus as venue for outside organizations
- (To do better) Reach out to newcomers
- (Identity) Caring people who are liturgically like-minded and accepting of all humankind
- (Critical issues) Facing several: finding the right rector, youth participation, and ministry participation
- (To go): "To heaven," as Fr. Phil says. Also, we want to be more visible and grow responsibly
- (The way): Bringing in more families and youth, do more advertising of our various offerings, and be more visible in the community.

At the Vestry Retreat, we also heard from Fr. Jay George of Grace Church in San Antonio. He gave us ideas on welcoming and keeping the newcomer. He said that we have an "A" in this area and to "Strive for an A+."

#### SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please continue to pray for discernment for our Search Committee and give thanks for their committed efforts. This month they continue to work their way through site visits.

Blessings, Nancy

> "We laughed together in the desert, we who shared neither language nor country, race nor creed; only our humanity did we share and that was enough." - Edward Edwards



# INTRODUCING NEW FACILITY DIRECTOR: MIKE WILLIAMSON

Joining the staff overseeing the St. Stephen's property, is Mike Williamson, an experienced building contractor, manager, and structural designer. We have David Boles, our Junior Warden, to thank immensely for connecting us with Mike. In fact, for those who have lived in Wimberley for some time, Mike's face may seem mighty familiar. That's because both David and Mike worked as managers at Ace Hardware at one time. If you have middle schoolers, Mike's wife, Meagan, may be familiar to you, too. She teaches at Danforth Junior High School. And if you see either Mike or Meagan with a 2-year-old in tow, that's their daughter.

"What impressed me about Mike (at Ace) was that he noticed the little things that make the whole organization a better place for its customers and staff alike. He also has a vast storehouse of knowledge concerning construction. We are truly blessed to have him at St. Stephen's," reflects David Boles.

As St. Stephen's Facility Director, Mike will be working with our school sexton, Brad McClusky, and our water tech and Sunday sexton, Lonnie Brown.

"He'll be our eyes on the property and knows just what to do," enthuses Parish Administrator Jeannetta Watson.

As you can imagine the responsibility for caring and overseeing a 51-acre property with school and church facilities, takes acute attention-to-detail, the uncanny ability to collaborate, and the necessity to prioritize and execute, all within the parameters of a church budget. In addition to Mike's eyes, there are all of our pairs of eyes to help. If you see something within the school and church property or grounds that needs addressing, please take that first step to help by visiting the church website,

https://www.ststeve.org/forms, and filling out the on-line church repair request. And, why not give Mike a hearty, "Howdy!" and "Welcome!" while you are at it?



#### **NEW BOOK OF PSALMS BIBLE STUDY ONLINE**

**EDITOR'S NOTE**: Contributing writer for this article is Sharon Neukam.

While at Diocesan Council this year, Bishop Reed requested that everyone in the diocese read the book of Psalms in the coming year. Upon returning home, and opening Facebook and seeing all the division and bickering that we all tire of on Facebook, I had the idea to do the Book of Psalms Bible Study online -- with my facebook friends. I threw the idea out there, and it took off. It has been spreading and people from all over the country have already joined. I'm posting every other day with a psalm and music to go with it. If you would like to join, search for DWTX Psalms Bible Study 2020. It's nothing fancy -- but it will get the job done!

For more information, contact: Sharon Neukam, <u>mrsnuke86@gmail.com</u>.





# **CORONAVIRUS & FLU PRECAUTIONS AT SSEC**

At St. Stephen's we are taking added precautions to help keep our church family safe from any possible contact and spread of the newly identified virus known as the coronavirus. These same precautions will help us stay safe from the flu and other

familiar contagions. In addition to the regularly placed hand sanitizers in the narthex of both the Church and Chapel, we have added more bottles scattered throughout the buildings.

If you would like to read more about the coronavirus, we encourage you to check out a <u>downloadable</u>, <u>foldable zine form of comic</u> from National Public Radio (NPR) suitable for children and adults and to visit the website that the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas (DWTX) has provided:

https://www.dwtx.org/departments/communications/dwtx-blog/resources-for-a-faith-based-response-to-infectious-diseases.

DWTX reminds us to commit to standard hygiene practices AND to extend care and compassion to those in communities who may be affected by the coronavirus as well as the healthcare workers.

"As always, it is best to become mindful, wash your hands, and use the hand sanitizer that we provide," reminds Fr. Phil Mason.

If you have any further suggestions or questions, please don't hesitate to give the church office a call, 512-847-9956, or e-mail our Parish Administrator, Jeannetta Watson, <u>jwatson@ststeve.org</u>.



# **ROADSIDE CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

Meet in McArthur Hall between 7:00-8:00 a.m.

# Wear the Vest!

Last December our church Roadside cleanup volunteers cleared more trash from the highway stretch than had been seen in four years! Well, it's been three months now, and we're headed back out. That's where you come in. "Wear the Vest!"

Help us fill up those trash and recycling bags on Saturday, March 21 and before you know it, we'll "get it done!" We'll need a crew of 20 volunteers.

Meet in McArthur Hall between 7:00-8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21 for instructions and supplies. At that time you may pick up your super cool orange safety vest, grabber, bags, coffee, and snacks.

Please let Becki know ahead of time if you are coming and whether you have a preferred partner or whether you would enjoy working with new people. We work in pairs and roadside sections are assigned. If you would like a particular section, be

first to let Becki know. Boots or sturdy closed toe shoes, gloves, and hats are highly recommended. Wearing shirts with long sleeves will provide sun protection. Remember to bring your water. Sunscreen and insect repellant are always a good idea.

For a quick review of age guidelines at Roadside Cleanups, please see the Roadside ministry webpage, <a href="https://www.ststeve.org/ministries">https://www.ststeve.org/ministries</a>.

Email Becki Smith, colorsmith1@yahoo.com to signup.



# **EP PROJECT STATUS**

**EDITOR'S NOTE**: Contributing writer for this article is Patrick Cox, Ph.D.

Initially, EP's permit applications were scheduled to be considered at an administrative hearing in April 2020. Upon EP's request, the Administrative Law Judge abated (put on hold) the proceeding to afford EP time to evaluate whether Kinder Morgan's pipeline would interfere with the water project to the extent that it would result in EP withdrawing its applications.

The pipeline's potential interference has raised a legitimate question of whether the hearing on the EP applications will still happen. As of early March, EP has neither withdrawn its applications nor provided TESPA with any indication it will do so.

The hearing on EP's applications is still scheduled to occur November 9-17, 2020. Until the applications are formally withdrawn, TESPA remains committed to presenting its evidence at the hearing that the BSEACD should deny the applications, or, alternatively, significantly reduce the volume of any authorized groundwater production.

TESPA anticipates receiving additional information when the abatement period officially ends on April 3, 2020. TESPA continues to monitor the situation.

For more information, contact: TESPA Executive Director, Patrick Cox, <u>patrickcox7@gmail.com</u>.



# PLAY "SSEC SEEK & FIND" AT MARKET DAYS

Saturday, March 7, 2020 OFFSITE: 601 FM 2325, Wimberley

Did you know that St. Stephen's has a bench at Wimberley's Market Days? Do you know where it is? Why not play "seek & find" to find out next time you are there on a first Saturday of the month? If you take a photo of yourself on the bench, e-mail it to: Jackie McFadden, <a href="mailto:eeant@mac.com">eeant@mac.com</a> and we'll post it on the church social media.



# FRIDAY COFFEE & TEA FRIENDS

Friday, March 6 & 20 @ 9:30 a.m.

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

If you would like to join co-leaders 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.

For more information, contact: Ann Robertson, <u>annrobertson95@gmail.com</u> and Marsha Acock, <u>marsha.acock755@gmail.com</u>.



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays @ 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 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.



# 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, <u>sharoneast@verizon.net</u> or Dave Boyd, <u>davemarcyboyd@anvilcom.com</u>.



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.

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, 512-468-1267.



# **DEER CREEK MARCH SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 11 & 25 @ 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 15 @ 3:30 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.

As part of the rotation with other area churches in the Ministerial Alliance, St. Stephen's also holds a monthly Sunday worship service at Deer Creek. We will enjoy hymns, lots of gospel music, and familiar prayers.

Our next Wednesday worship services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on March 11 and 25. Our next Sunday worship service at Deer Creek will be held on March 15 at 3:30 p.m.

#### All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact: Sharon East, <u>sharoneast@verizon.net</u> and Connie Maverick, <u>joemaverick@verizon.net</u>.



# **Wednesdays through April 1**

The Lenten Programs and Soup Suppers have returned! Head on over to McArthur Hall on Wednesdays to enjoy a host of delightful programs from Godly Play teacher Darelle Jordan, Youth & Family Minister Elisa Webster, and Vestry/Actress Carla Daws.

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 11	6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper & Program (Elisa Webster)	McArthur Hall
MARCH 18	6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper & Program (Godly Play's Darelle Jordan)	McArthur Hall
MARCH 25	6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper & Program (Carla Daws)	McArthur Hall
APRIL 1	5:30 p.m. <i>TAIZE: The Way of the Cross</i> (Chapel) with Soup Supper following (McArthur Hall)	



# **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING MEETING**

Sunday, March 15 @ 12 noon Meeting Room 1

For His Sake, the Daughters of the King (DOK) will gather for prayer and discernment on the third Sunday of the month at 12 noon in Meeting Room 1. We welcome you to be with us.

For more information, contact: Sue Wright, wright5212@sbcglobal.net.



# **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**

Thank you to the multitude of people that made donations and ate all those *buckets and buckets* of biscuits at our last fundraiser and/or ate a stack of pancakes during Shrove Tuesday. We are now getting ready to feed your rumbling tummies at the end of this month. Come help us build up our summer mission trip fund.



FAMILY CELEBRATION BREAKFAST TACOS Sunday, March 29, coffee hour, McArthur Hall gluten free options also available

For more information, contact: Elisa Webster, elisawebster9@gmail.com.



# **FAMILY MARCH NEWS**

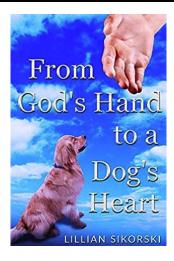
Our Youth & Family Minister, Elisa Webster, has been checking in with our Church Nursery, Godly Play and Orange Sunday School teachers, and holding strategic planning meetings for Youth & Family activities. Here are a few items for your calendars.

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

Every second Friday in March, April, and May from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., McArthur Hall. *Next one is: Friday, March 13.* 

Family Celebration Service followed by Youth Breakfast Taco Fundraiser Sunday, March 29, 10:30 a.m., Church

For more information, contact: Elisa Webster, <u>elisamkraft@gmail.com</u>.



# **GREAT GENERATIONS GATHERING**

Wednesday, March 18 @ 11:30 a.m. McArthur Hall

Come enjoy an afternoon filled with St. Patrick's Day decorations, cuisine, and music. Our speaker, Lillian Sikorski, author and dog trainer, will be this month's guest speaker at the Wednesday, March 18 Great Generations Gathering happening at 11:30 a.m. in McArthur Hall.

#### ST. STEPHENS' COMMUNICATION

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has several methods that we use to keep us all in the loop. The most comprehensive communication piece that we publish every two weeks and send to you via e-mail, is our church newsletter called the *eNEWS*.

In between newsletters we send out special time sensitive alerts and reminders through eblasts and post on the church's Facebook and Instagram.

"If you want to see pictures of all the SSEC happenings, you should definitely follow us!" encourages our webmaster Hunt Sparra.

To do so, download the Instagram app or navigate to the Instagram website. After you make an account, simply look up "ststephenswimberley" and click the blue "Follow" button.



Another helpful tool that you can use 24/7 is the <u>church calendar</u> on the <u>website</u>. In it you will find a listing of everything scheduled for each day with links to more information and contacts for that event or activity. If you don't see your event listed, let Communication Manager, Jackie McFadden, <u>eeant@mac.com</u>, know.

On a weekly basis, we list happenings in the Sunday Church Bulletin in the announcements section, which includes a list of regularly meeting ministries. <u>Detailed information on the ministries</u> can be found on the church website. Every Friday you also receive a week's worth of "Daily Meditations" written by our phenomenal team of meditation writers headed up by T.Cay Rowe. The <u>latest and prior "Daily Devotionals" are also available</u> 24/7 on the church website.

These are just some of our methods that we use to communicate and help get the word out to you. If you have a favorite method of communication that you'd like us to consider and incorporate, send these welcome suggestions to Communications Manager, Jackie McFadden, <a href="mac.com">eeant@mac.com</a>.



# **CHOOSE ST. STEPHEN'S AS YOUR CHARITY PICK**

Your Amazon purchases can help support St. Stephen's Church. Next time you make an online purchase from Amazon, consider purchasing through <u>smile.amazon.com</u> and selecting St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Wimberley as the nonprofit that you are supporting. The same items that show up as selections on <u>amazon.com</u> will be available at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>. The difference is that amazonsmile sends a portion of your purchase made through <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, at no extra charge, to the charity that you have selected.

How do you select or change your current supporting nonprofit on *smile.amazon.com*?

- 1. Sign in to <u>smile.amazon.com</u> on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
- 2. From your desktop, go to "Your Account" from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to "Change your Charity." Or, from your mobile browser, select "Change your Charity," from the options at the bottom of the page.
- 3. Select "St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Wimberley" to support.

Thank you for the many ways you support St. Stephen's Church and School.



#### **EASTER LILLIES SIGNUP STARTS TODAY**

**Order On-line** 

Easter Lillies can be <u>ordered through the church website</u>. Lillies cost \$15 per lilly. If you prefer to order through a paper form, we will have the order form available inside your Sunday bulletin in a few weeks.



# **HALFTIME SERVICE RETURNS**

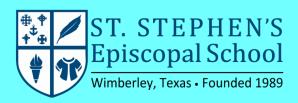
Wednesday, April 8 @ 6:00 p.m. Chapel

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.



# **DWTX ANNOUNCES NEW LOGO**

At the recent Council meeting, staff at DWTX unveiled their new logo. For an explanation on it's creation and why certain graphical elements were chosen, <u>visit their website</u>.



# **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: <a href="https://ststephenswimberley.org/">https://ststephenswimberley.org/</a>. 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 a your family and friends with your magical.

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.

# **Community of Hope Ministry**



# 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 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 MARCH contact:

Becky Denton, <u>dentonrebecca1@gmail.com</u> or Dot Green, <u>dotgreen@anvilcom.com</u>.



# **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, <u>office@ststeve.org</u>.

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 18 April 1

#### IN THE LIFE OF SSEC

The Youth kept us well feed in February with bucketloads of biscuits and stacks of pancakes. Our children and Youth were also busy actively serving in the February Sunday Family Celebration Service. Speaking of treats, didn't Thea, the singing dog, earn her treats on Family Sunday!

Then on Sunday, March 1, we were honored with a visit from Rt. Rev. James E. Folts who presided over Confirmation Sunday in which Dorothy Harris was reaffirmed and Allen Hennig was confirmed. It's been both busy and FUN as we kick off the season of Lent.

Thank you to photographers, Joe Blanford and Bill Neukam for these photos!

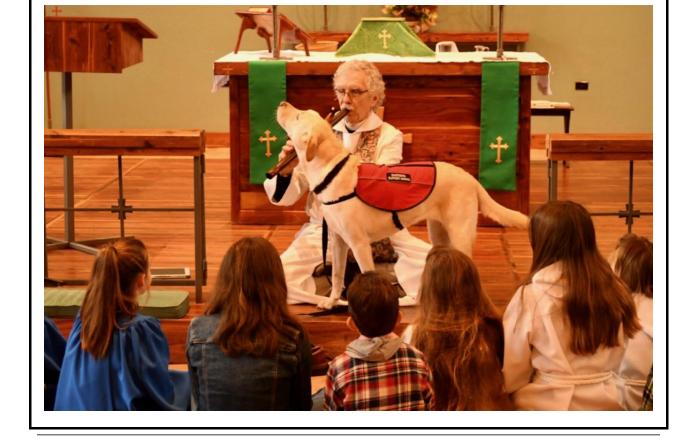














# **FRI, MARCH 6, 20**

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

#### FRI, MARCH 6

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

# **SUN, MARCH 8**

**Daylight Savings Begins** 

#### TUES, MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31

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

# TUES, MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31

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

#### WED, MARCH 11

Wimberley Area Cancer Support Meeting (OFFSITE), 11:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce

#### WED, MARCH 11

TED Talkers, 12 noon, McArthur Hall

#### WED, MARCH 12

Deer Creek Eucharist (OFFSITE), 3:00 p.m., Deer Creek Wimberley

#### WED. MARCH 12

Lenten Program & Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m., McArthur Hall

#### FRI, MARCH 13

Stations of the Cross, 10:00 a.m., Nature Trail

#### FRI, MARCH 13

Kid's Faith & Fun/Parent's Date Night, 6:00 p.m., McArthur Hall

#### SUN, MARCH 15

Deer Creek Sunday Service (OFFSITE), 3:30 p.m., Deer Creek Wimberley

#### WED, MARCH 18

Great Generations Gathering, 11:30 a.m., McArthur Hall

#### WED, MARCH 18

Lenten Program & Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m., McArthur Hall

# Are you on Facebook? St. Stephen's is!

<u>Click here</u> to visit our Facebook page and don't forget to <u>LIKE</u> and <u>SHARE</u> us!

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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