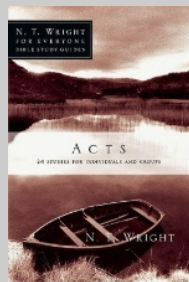
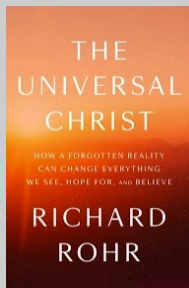


SENIOR WARDEN NEWS

Nancy Cooke-Jenkins

FALL EDUCATION SERIES ON THE HORIZON



It's hard to believe summer is more than half over, and we're now gearing up for the Fall Education Series. As we leave *The Story* from last year behind us, rest assured you can reasonably expect an equally enjoyable time with the new lineup. We have two different studies to offer, and may be unveiling more in the coming weeks:

- *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr
- *Acts: 24 Studies for Individuals and Groups* by N.T. Wright, Dale Larsen, and Sandy Larsen.

Watch your upcoming August eNEWS for a complete listing of studies and details on start dates, times, and leaders. Each study promises to add insight and understanding toward our spiritual journeys. Be watching, too, for children and youth announcements.

ADDITIONAL ALTAR GUILD HELP REQUESTED



ALTAR GUILD

Sunday, July 21, Fr. Phil talked about Mary and Martha. This was very timely; we are in need of the skills of a Martha combined with the devotion of a Mary. Our Altar Guild is vital to our worship service and is in need of "Martha" and "Mary" and "Mike" combinations to prepare the table for our Eucharist. This is certainly a case of our responsibility to "feed the hungry."

For more information contact: Mary McIntosh, mary.mcintosh@att.net, or Sondra Blanford, lazyboutpost@aol.com

FINAL HEARING FOR WATER PERMIT: JULY 29, 4:00 P.M.



The final hearing for the Needmore Water, LLC Permit is scheduled for Monday, July 29, 4:00 p.m. at Buda City Hall. Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association (TESPA) is encouraging landowners who will be affected by the permit or are concerned about overproduction of groundwater resources in Hays County to attend the meeting to make comments. Our previous Senior Warden, Patrick Cox, Ph.D., will continue to represent our interest in this vital issue.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM SELECTED AND ON THE JOB

Our Stewardship Team has been selected and is working diligently to prepare a program for us. They are joining with other churches of our size to learn from Richard Rogers of Horizons Stewardship how to best meet our needs. There is always room for additional volunteers.

For more information, contact: Sharon Neukam, mrsnuke86@gmail.com.

To those of you attended the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 21 and witnessed a one car rollover on your drive to church, I'm delighted to report there were only cuts and scratches for the occupants. *Praise God!*

*Yours in Christ,
Nancy*

*"Grace is what God does to keep all things he has made
in love and alive -- forever." - Richard Rohr*



SEARCH COMMITTEE PROFILE SERIES

Robert McLemore, T.Cay Rowe, and Susan Webb

In this eNEWS edition, we feature three more SSEC Search Committee members: Robert McLemore, T.Cay Rowe, and Susan Webb. The August 9th eNEWS edition will wrap up this series with profiles of: Fischer McIntosh, Kristen Schmidt, and Jamie Wallendorf.

ROBERT MCLEMORE:

Service, faith underlie everything for Boy Scouts of America leader

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10



St. Stephen's Church isn't the only one that recognizes the exemplary life of service that Robert possesses. In all his endeavors, whether it be for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), the local community, or for St. Stephen's, he has proven time and time again that he is committed for the long haul. After 25+ years as a BSA leader, he was awarded the Silver Beaver, which is the highest recognition by BSA for local volunteerism. For the last 12 years he has volunteered to bring the Religious Emblem program to ages 6-10. Lately he has been ministering to the youth in the Wimberley Valley with the [Texas Episcopal Scouting Association](#). More than 30 scouts have been recognized for achieving the God & Country awards from St. Stephen's under his leadership. He's no stranger to what it takes to be a Sunday School teacher, camp counselor, or troop chaplain either.

"Helping a co-ed group of teenagers understand a life of service to others was an entirely new level of skill for me compared to teaching 7-year-olds the love of Christ," Robert confesses.

Hand and hand with a focus on helping young people make ethical, moral, and spiritual choices over a lifetime, Robert would like to see more public natural places available and accessible for all to visit. He feels these places are important for CIO's of Fortune 504 companies such as himself down to the young children in awe of nature and God's creation.

T.CAY ROWE:

Higher Ed professional advocates for equal rights



Recently retired from 40 years in higher education, T. Cay continues to remain passionate about education at all levels from her grandchild's age on up to the seasoned adult. Equal rights for ALL is important to this Texan. Whether she's bringing her top-notch marketing and communications professionalism to St. Stephen's Church, school, or the diocese, she finds that the opportunities to widen her own

spiritual horizons are boundless. Her years of service have included: being part of the bishop's discernment group on gay/lesbian issues, a St. Stephen's School office volunteer, adult Sunday School teacher, layreader, Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM), Cursillo rector, and being a mentor for Education for Ministry (EFM).

"Being an EFM mentor had the most impact on me personally because it helped my parenting, work/home-life balance, and clarification of beliefs," she recalls.

As the editor of the Meditation Writers, she has a plethora of bible verses to choose from and her favorite just happens to be:

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8*

The God-Quality she would like most to cultivate is discernment to use in its fullest capacity as she serves on the search committee.

SUSAN WEBB:

Bringing comfort to the lonely

Hailing from Memphis, Tennessee, Susan has now made her way to her new home in the Texas Hill Country. And, we are so glad she did. She has demonstrated her artistry in so many aspects of her life. In Memphis, she did this through instructing pilates, placing icons and candles in the beautiful Taize evening services, and serving as a healing minister.



"These things make me feel a part of the holy work of comforting and prayerfully holding God's people in prayer and in thought," Susan explains.

When she's not helping with the planning for the St. Stephen's First Fruits Wine & Dinner Pairing or working on the Search Committee, she's likely to be enjoying the arts, cooking, reading, or exercising.

For those that are alone or feeling alone, Susan would want you to know that love is there, and she advocate for you, while continuously cultivating her own listening spirit, patience, and kindness. Her favorite bible verse provides the message that bolster many of us.

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor

height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:38-39

NEXT FRIDAY COFFEE & TEA FRIENDS

August 2 @ 9:30 a.m.

OFFSITE: Brookshire Brothers, Wimberley

Brookshire Brothers

Interested in meeting and visiting over coffee and tea? With summertime winding down, it's a great time to slip in before the busy fall season is upon us. Please DO come on down. We'd love to have you.

All ladies are invited to the next *Friday Coffee & Tea Friends*. There's plenty of parking in the Brookshire Brothers parking lot. Look for our group near the front of Brookshire Brothers. There is an area of tables where we can all meet, and it is near the sushi counter.

NEXT GET TOGETHER

Friday, August 2, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

Brookshire Brothers, 14100 RR 12, Wimberley TX 78676

For more information, contact: Ann Robertson, annrobertson95@gmail.com.



FIRST FRUITS 2019 WINE & DINNER PAIRING ANNOUNCEMENT

We had a very successful inaugural First Fruits event in 2018, and we look forward to building on this event to celebrate the life and ministries of St. Stephen's. Proceeds from FIRST FRUITS 2019 Wine & Dinner Pairing Fundraiser will be designated for improvements and repairs to our church facilities and grounds.

Catering for our First Fruits dinner will be provided by Clint Carter, Sommelier from Tillie's in Dripping Springs, and staff. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and dessert with selected wine pairings will be provided. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.



There will be classical guitar entertainment by Mark Anthony Cruz, as well as a silent auction. We'll preview some of the fabulous silent auction items in an upcoming issue of *eNEWS*.

Children and students are invited to enjoy the event with their own special menu and activities provided. They may attend at no charge if accompanied by an adult purchaser.

**Seats for First Fruits Wine & Dinner
\$100 per adult**

SPONSORSHIP INQUIRIES

Carolyn Galle, carolyng@bigdogtx.com
Patrick Cox, Ph.D., patrickcox7@gmail.com

RESERVATIONS

1. ONLINE reservations begin Sunday, August 4, www.ststeve.org/registration
2. IN PERSON: Dorothy Harris and Carolyn Galle will be taking reservations after the 10:30 a.m. service in the narthex on Sunday, August 4. Cash, check, and credit cards accepted.

**SAVE THE DATE: FIRST FRUITS 2019
Sunday, October 13, 3:00 p.m.**

We look forward to celebrating the gifts we have been given with our church family at this wonderful event full of fellowship and fun!

PSALM 150 BIG BAND CONCERT

Sunday, August 4, 3:00 p.m.

Church Sanctuary

The Wimberley Valley Big Band has planned a Psalm 150 Big Band Concert at St. Stephen's in the church sanctuary. All are invited to this free tribute to America's Big Band hits.



"King David, the great harpist musician of the Old Testament, wrote Psalm 150 near the end of his life, encouraging people to praise the Lord with all the instruments at hand. This inspired our Big Band indoor benefit concert at St. Stephen's. We have 20 musicians ready to raise the human heart with music old and NEW. Truly GREAT songs that will make yo want to move and be joyful," assure Doug and Pat Gillory.

So sit back and enjoy classic hits, light jazz, stunning vocals, and before you know it you'll be tapping your feet and finding yourself signing along. Donations from the performance will go toward the St. Stephen's ministries.

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH WIMBERLEY

AUGUST 4, 2019 @ 3 PM

WIMBERLEY VALLEY BIG BAND PRESENTS

PSALM 150

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

ALL ARE INVITED

CLASSIC
HITS

SIT BACK & ENJOY

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WIMBERLEY VALLEY BIG BAND

LIVE PERFORMANCE

FREE CONCERT - FREE PARKING
DONATIONS GO TOWARDS ST. STEPHEN'S
MINISTRIES

5000 FM 3237, WIMBERLEY TX 78676

CHURCH SANCTUARY
STSTEVE.ORG/EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST

4

DOORS OPEN 2:30PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WIMBERLEYVALLEYBIGBAND.ORG

PSALM 150 BIG BAND BENEFIT CONCERT FOR ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH MINISTRIES



Wednesdays @ 10 a.m. in the Chapel

The Holy Eucharist Worship and Healing Service has returned. Please note that the day of the week is now on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.



EVENING EUCHARIST & PRAYER

featuring the Half-time Band

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for eucharist, prayer, and contemporary music.



DEER CREEK SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, August 11 @ 3:30 p.m.

OFFSITE: Deer Creek Wimberley, 555 RR 3237, Wimberley

As a participant in the rotation of churches with the Ministerial Alliance, SSEC's Community of Hope will be at Deer Creek on Sunday, August 11, 3:30 p.m., leading a service of hymns, lots of gospel music, and familiar prayers.

All are welcome to attend the Sunday Deer Creek Service.

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



WIMBERLEY AREA CANCER SUPPORT MEETING

Wednesday, August 14 @ 11:30 a.m.

OFFSITE: Chamber of Commerce Members Room, Wimberley

The Wimberley Area Cancer Support Group, sponsored by SSEC, 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 experience.

For more information, contact: Sharon East, sharoneast@verizon.net or Dave Boyd, davemarcyboyd@anvilcom.com.

TED Talkers
Wednesday, August 14 @ 12 noon
McArthur Hall



Please join us Wednesday, August 14 at 12 noon for the viewing of "An Underwater Art Museum" by Cheryl Steed.

Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month members, guests, and the general public are invited to St. Stephen's Church to enjoy an open, facilitated discussion of various, timely topics. On those 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
SUMMER 2019 SCHEDULE

AUGUST 14, 2019

AUGUST 28, 2019

For more information, contact: Jo Bourke, jobourke33@gmail.com, 512-468-1267.



The
Episcopal Diocese
of West Texas

PARISH PROFILE
Workshop

PARISH PROFILE WORKSHOP & BRUNCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
Single Service at 9:00 a.m. with workshop and brunch following

"Our only chance to give the Diocese of West Texas our input."

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Meet with old and new friends Sunday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. at our single worship service. The Parish Profile Workshop, facilitated by Archdeacon Mike Besson, and our brunch will immediately follow the worship service. We will be serving breakfast tacos, fruit, juice, and coffee. Donations are welcome and will go toward supporting the Youth mission trip/s for 2020.

This important meeting will be our only chance to give the Diocese of West Texas our input as they put together the information package that goes out to prospective applicants for our new rector.

Childcare is provided for ages 5 and under in the Nursery. Elementary age children will have supervised activities in the log cabin. Youth and teens are encouraged to

attend the workshop.

RSVP now for childcare and elementary activities and please include in your e-mail the name/s and age/s of the children attending.



CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Please note that during the summer,
the church office will be closed on Fridays
through July 26, 2019.

*(Regular **Friday** office hours begin August 2, 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.)*



SUMMER MON BIBLE BABES	Mondays @ 11 a.m. through August 19	Becky Denton and Cindy Taylor
TH BIBLE BABES	Returns after Labor Day	Nancy Cooke-Jenkins
CHOIR	Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. June, August July: off, only practices Sunday morning @ 9:30 a.m.	Anne Jones
CO-ED BIBLE STUDY	Returns after Labor Day	Bob Reed
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	Returns September 5	Lynne Huston

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 JULY, contact:

Connie Maverick, joemaverick@verizon.net, or Sharon East, sharoneast@verizon.net

and during AUGUST, contact:

Dot Green, dotgreen@anvilcom.com or Becky Denton, dentonrebecca1@gmail.com

LIFE AT SSEC

Our YOUTH are doing great work on this summer's mission trip. We look forward to hearing their stories in person and in the meantime watch your eNEWS for photo sneak previews of their time.



Newsletter

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.

With more than 20 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

August 7
August 21



SAVE THE DATES

SUN, AUG 4

Psalm 150 Benefit Concert for St. Stephen's, 3:00 p.m., Church Sanctuary

SUN, AUG 11

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

WED, AUG 14

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

WED, AUG 14

TED Talkers, 12 noon, McArthur Hall

SUN, AUG 18

Parish Profile Workshop & Brunch, following 9:00 a.m. combined service, McArthur Hall

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**[Click here](#) to visit our Facebook page
and don't forget to **LIKE** and **SHARE** us!**

Please contact the church office at 512.847.9956, Monday through Thursday,
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. if you have any questions.
(During June and July, the church office is closed on Fridays.)

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