

St. Stephen's EPISCOPAL CHURCH Wimberley

June 7, 2019

eNEWS

SENIOR WARDEN NEWS

Nancy Cooke-Jenkins

FELLOW PARISHIONERS!

Wasn't last Sunday's service such a treat?! For those of you who missed, the new Archdeacon of the Diocese of West Texas, Fr. Mike Besson, was our guest officiant.

(For a complete listing of summer officiants, see this issue of your eNEWS.)



Officiating in itself was a blessing. However, Fr. Mike's generosity went beyond our Sunday service with his promise to be with us every step of the way in finding our next leader.

Following the services, Fr. Mike met with our Vestry and Search Committee Co-chairs. He guided us through the procedure from start to finish. By the end of the day, we all felt our shoulders relax and enjoyed a collective sigh of relief. It's going to be a big job, but one we, **all of the congregation**, will be fully equipped to handle.

The next step in the process will be a *Parish Profile Workshop*. We want each and every member of this church family to be offered the opportunity to be a part of the consensus of what we envision as the future of the church and the qualities we desire in the person who will lead us. Fr. Mike will be back on August 18 to meet with the entire congregation for input, suggestions, and constructive ideas to be incorporated into a Parish Profile for a new rector. Further details will be forthcoming.

Our search for an interim priest is ongoing. He/she has NOT yet been hired. In addition to continuing our outreach, we have a full slate of supply priests to serve us until an interim has been hired.

In closing, this coming Sunday is Pentecost. I realized other than **wearing red**, there was much I did not know about the day, and wondered if you, too, might want to know more. *(I'm singing to the choir here.)* For those of you interested, "Pentecost" means 50th day and is celebrated 50 days after Passover. In the New Testament, it is the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. It signifies Jesus' desire for the Holy Spirit to enter the Disciples and continue his work. The same holds true for us today--to carry forth his teachings to a world in need.

As we start the summer months, slow down and enjoy, and be safe in your travels.

*Yours in Christ,
Nancy*

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Joe Blanford

Year-to-date Results through April 2019

So far, 2019 has unfolded according to plan, which is what we hope for when preparing our annual budget. Keep in mind, however, that with the retirement of our Rector, we will begin to see the impact on our finances. Below, I have summarized where St. Stephen's currently stands and have set the stage for what we might expect over the next eight months.



- From a financial perspective, we currently show Net Income for the year of \$16,058, which is \$44,219 above the year-to-date budget. Expenses have tracked according to plan. The caution here is that we are rapidly approaching the summer months where our families are taking vacations, and we typically see Pledge Income decrease. Case in point, we saw a downturn in April that began to eat into the cushion we typically see early in the year. Keep in mind that you can pledge forward or utilize online and/or credit card services to stay current. Contact: [Jeannetta Watson](#), Parish Administrator, for details.
- With the retirement of our Rector, salary and benefits, as well as related operating expenses will not be incurred, however, we will begin to see expenses for the interim priest and the search for a new Rector offset these savings. I will of course, keep you informed of where we stand going forward. It is difficult, however, to anticipate these expenses until your Vestry and Search Committee are further into the process.
- You may recall that longtime parishioner Betty Wright, when she passed, made a substantial bequest of \$50,000 to St. Stephen's. The impact of Betty's generosity will begin to materialize as we upgrade our audio/visual capabilities in the Sanctuary with improved control over the sound board and enhanced video capture and playback capabilities. "THANK YOU, BETTY! You are missed."

"Congrats!" to all our graduating high school seniors, and have a blessed Summer!



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Members and Co-chairs Announced

With Rev. Sandy's retirement, SSEC has begun its search for a permanent new rector. (The Vestry selects the interim priest and has final approval of the recommended rector.) The Search Committee and Co-Chairs have been named and were commissioned on Sunday, June 2. Plans for a Parish Profile Workshop are underway.



SSEC Search Committee and Senior Warden, Nancy Cooke-Jenkins, in center.

Members include (in alphabetical order):

Sharon East (Co-chair), Tom Fulkerson, Darelle Jordan (Co-chair), Evie Martin Fischer McIntosh, Robert McLemore, Phil Muth, T. Cay Rowe, Kristen Schmidt, Jamie Wallendorf, Susan Webb

You can expect regular updates from this committee. If your e-mail address has changed recently, check to make sure the church office has this new address on file.

For more information, contact: Co-Chair Sharon East, sharoneast@verizon.net or Darelle Jordan, darellejordan@gmail.com.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF GUEST PRIESTS

June 9	Fr. Phil Mason
June 16	Fr. Phil Mason
June 23	Fr. Phil Mason
June 30	Rev. Beth Wyndham
July 7	Fr. Ed Dohoney
July 14	Fr. Mike Besson
July 21	Fr. Phil Mason
July 28	Fr. Phil Mason
Aug 4	Fr. Phil Mason
Aug 11	Fr. Ed Dohoney
Aug 18	Fr. Mike Besson
Aug 25	Fr. Phil Mason



Jubilee Sunday

Sunday, June 16, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.

For those able to attend the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 16, we'll be showing a slideshow documenting our church's recent Jubilee Project with the Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity.

"The house is one step closer to becoming a home. We put a second coat of paint on the outside, and got finished before it got too hot," shares Richard Page.

If you missed this Jubilee Shelter project, great news Richard reports that, "Bill Tarwater tells me they have already purchased the land for the next project and are due to start in October." So stay posted to your eNEWS for the next announced Jubilee Shelter work day.

For more information, contact: Richard Page, richardcpage@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCING THE NEWCOMER TEAM

In the past we've had a single coordinator primarily welcome newcomers led by Sandy. These wonderful leaders included: Judy Holmes and Robyn Sanders. We're excited to announce that *now* newcomers will have a whole team of support behind them to welcome, introduce, and connect them to the many ministries available to them.



Members include:

Carla Daws
Cindy Dawson
Sue Wright
Dorothy Harris

Veronica Erwin has graciously agreed to be the Vestry liaison to this ministry.

For more information, contact: Veronica Erwin, veronicaerwin47@gmail.com.



20 YEARS & COUNTING

How the Annual Jordan Family Memorial Day BBQ Got Started

Editor's Note: As told by Richard Jordan...

"My son, James Paul, was four years old. Martha Knies put on a program in McArthur Hall for Veterans. Connie Eagan and several others told their stories of what had happened during the war. Jody Landers and Joe Maverick were there, too. The veterans started telling all those stories and most of them were from our church. At the program that evening, my son, who had wanted to go, and I looked at all their stuff out there. Fr. Ted Knies got up to speak. He was a bombardier (B-29). His story was mesmerizing, having been shot down once, the Russians getting him, drinking nothing but vodka and eating potatoe soup and a second time being shot down and captured by the Germans. There were something like 3,000 of them and they ALL marched 350+ miles; it was a long way. The only thing they had to eat that time was a soup made of rotten potatoes that the soldiers wouldn't even eat, yet it was feed to the American POWs. All the marching, lasting 3-4 weeks and then they were attacked by Americans. As the American pilots flew by, though, they realized there were American POWs in the group.



The stories the veterans told during that program were real intense and intriguing. At the end, my son looked at me, and asked, 'Dad, did that really happen?' and I said, 'Why, yes, I reckon so. He's a priest, and he wouldn't lie.' And my son said, 'Dad, we have to do something to honor him and the others for what they did for us. You're a real good BBQ-cooker. Why don't we make them a meal?' So, we cooked brisket for Ted, and we said we'd keep doing it as long as they keep asking us to."

And, dear readers, here we are 20 years later still enjoying the hospitality of the Annual Jordan Family Memorial Day BBQ.



Next Friday Coffee & Tea Friends

June 7 & 21 @ 9:30 a.m.

OFFSITE: Blanco Brew Coffee, Wimberley



Interested in meeting and visiting over coffee and tea? Now that school's out, if you find you have more time, please DO come on down.

All ladies are invited to the next *Friday Coffee & Tea Friends*. If you don't see the group in the front room, be sure to look for them in the rear room. So snag your seat along with your warm or iced mug and sit a spell on select Fridays at Blanco Brew Coffee in Wimberley, Texas. It's located at the front of the Brookshire's parking lot.

NEXT GET TOGETHER

Friday, June 7 & 21, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.

Blanco Brew, 14200 RR 12, Wimberley TX 78676

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



Wimberley Area Cancer Support Meeting

Wednesday, June 12 @ 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 experiences.

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

TED Talkers

Wednesday, June 12 @ 12 noon

McArthur Hall

Please join us Wednesday, June 12 at 12 noon for the rescheduled viewing of "A Lesson in Looking" TED Talk by Amy Herman.



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 have a warm cup of coffee waiting and there's always room for one more.

TED TALKERS
SUMMER 2019 SCHEDULE

JUNE 12, 2019
JUNE 26, 2019

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



Big Scoop Tickets On Sale This Sunday
June 16 @ both Coffee Hours

FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD OFFSITE
SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019
WIMBERLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Come on by McArthur Hall on Sunday, June 16 during either Coffee Hour to purchase your Big Scoop tickets and to preview the ice cream with our free samples. Big Scoop tickets are \$10 each. Children ages 12 and under get in free at the July 6th Big Scoop Festival. Proceeds benefit Camp Good Sam.



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING MEETING

Sunday, June 16 @ 12 noon

Meeting Room 1

For His Sake, the Daughters of the King will gather for prayer and discernment on Sunday, June 16 at 12 noon in Meeting Room 1. We welcome you to be with us.

For more information, contact: Dale Cegielski, doilydo@yahoo.com.



DEER CREEK JUNE SERVICES

Wednesday, June 12 & 26 @ 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 16 @ 3:30 p.m.

OFFSITE: Deer Creek Wimberley, 555 RR 3237, Wimberley

St. Stephen's shares a Holy Eucharist service with the residents of Deer Creek Wimberley every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. This Holy Eucharist service is part of the Community of Hope's regular ministry.

As part of the rotating schedule with other area churches in the Ministerial Alliance, St. Stephen's will be at Deer Creek Wimberley on Sunday, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. The St. Stephen's Community of Hope invites you to join them as they lead this offsite service of hymns, lots of gospel music, and familiar prayers.

All are welcome to attend the Wednesday and Sunday Deer Creek Services.

For more information, contact: Sharon East, sharoneast@verizon.net.

GREAT GENERATIONS GATHERING

Wednesday, June 19 @ 11:30 a.m.

McArthur Hall



Get the low down on the feral hog issue in Texas and find out from speaker Carroll Wilson if it's a problem for the Texas Hill Country. Does their growing population really pose a threat wildlife and our environment?

Please join us in McArthur Hall for this Great Generations Gathering presentation, free food, fun, and fellowship with awesome music!

For more information, contact: Carroll Dolezal, carrolldolezal99@gmail.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL FIESTA

Saturday, August 10, 2019

OFFSITE: Wimberley United Methodist Church



Summer may have just begun, yet planning is underway for the 2019 Back to School Fiesta to be held on Saturday, August 10, 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The Fiesta, organized by the Barnabas Connection, helps provide necessary school supplies and a backpack to pre-registered Wimberley children in need. Additional services like haircuts and vision screenings are also provided. Area churches, like St. Stephen's, and community service organizations participate in the event. A whopping 551 children came last year!

Here is what you can do to help these children in need:

- **Consider making a financial contribution.** This year Barnabas volunteers will purchase all of the school supplies with our financial contributions.
- **Volunteer to help distribute supplies.** Volunteers (adults only) must register by e-mailing BARNABASVOLUNTEER@gmail.com or call 512-645-7507. The volunteer day will be Saturday, August 10, 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

For more information, contact: Linda Reed, lindareed@austin.rr.com.



On-line Reservations Begin
Sunday, August 4, 2019

EVENT DATE
Sunday, October 13, 3:00 p.m.

SSS & DWTX ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL NAMED

Amanda Ebner has been named the new head of school for St. Stephen's Episcopal for the 2019-2020 school year. Her official start date is July 1st.



DWTX SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Registration is open for all 2019 camping programs at Camp Capers, Mustang Island Conference Center, and Duncan Park. Visit: dwtx.org/camps.



CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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



SUMMER MON BIBLE BABES	Mondays @ 11 a.m. July 8-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

Life at SSEC

Sunday, May 26 was filled with Memorial Day remembrances, Sandy's tears of love, and smiling faces at the annual Jordan Memorial Day BBQ. We were also treated to Rev. Charlie Cook's shared and always chuckle-worthy, story-formatted sermon.





Community of Hope Ministry

HOPE
LIVES

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 June and July, contact:



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

June 19

July 10



SAVE THE DATES

FRI, JUNE 7, 21

Friday Coffee & Tea Friends, 9:30 a.m., OFFSITE: Blanco Brew

SUN, JUNE 9

Pentecost Sunday Holy Eucharist, 8:00 a.m., Chapel & 10:30 a.m., Church

TUES, JUNE 11, 18, 25

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

WED, JUNE 12, 26

TED Talkers, 12 noon, McArthur Hall

WED, JUNE 12

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

WED, JUNE 12

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

SAT, JUNE 15

Quarterly Roadside Cleanup, 7:00-8:00 a.m. start time, McArthur Hall

SUN, JUNE 16

Jubilee Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Church

SUN, JUNE 16

Daughters of the King Meeting, 12 noon, Meeting Room 1

SUN, JUNE 16

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

WED, JUNE 19

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

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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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