



ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Day of Discovery March 11, 2018

Where have we been, where are we now, where do we want to be.



St. Stephen's Vestry

Carol Dockter, Rector's Warden
Bill Brunell, People's Warden
Lyle Anderson, Treasurer
Peggy Brown, Clerk

Vestry Members

Sivey Anderson
Thomas Bennett
Gloria Brunell
Sharon Douglas
Jill JHolsonback
Valle Miller
Nancy Rae
Sherry Simon
Charlotte Stoeck

"O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife." Bishop Kinsolving, Consecration of St. Stephen's, 23 April 1961

A Message from Rev. Julie Williams, Interim Rector:

I Thessalonians 5 ⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.

Perfect advice from Paul as we enter into the busy season of Lent, made more so because the search for your new rector will begin in earnest. But many other activities are taking place! Just a few: A delicious Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, followed by soup suppers every Wednesday at 6pm during Lent, when we will consider the role of the church in the life of the world with Diana Butler Bass on DVD. She is an engaging writer and speaker on developments in the life of the church. We enjoy a complete bulletin at every service. The magic of computing provides many more musical resources through the program that creates the bulletin (which is ably managed by our administrator and computer wizard Mark). We are returning to our liturgical roots as the choir leads us in Anglican chant for the Psalms on Sunday. We are discussing ways to strengthen pastoral care and outreach. An Altar Guild workshop is scheduled for February 17. Workshops for acolytes, LEMs and readers will follow. I could go on and on, but this is enough for now. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as interim rector!

ST STEPHEN'S VESTRY MEETING 1/28/18

Minutes by Sherry Simon

Newly Appointed Senior Warden Carol Dockter called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M. In attendance were Junior Warden, Bill Brunell; Treasurer, Lyle Anderson; Clerk, Peggy Brown; Vestry Members: Sivey Anderson, Thomas Bennett, Gloria Brunell, Sharon Douglas, Jill Holsonback, Valle Miller, Sherry Simon and Charlotte Stocck. Nancy Rae was absent.

NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The January 9, 2018 minutes were provided. Mark Sowards, Parish Administrator, established a teleconference meeting with Reverend Megan Traquair who opened the meeting with a prayer. Megan shared the Steps necessary for the search for a new Rector for St. Stephens.

1. The Vestry shall establish a **Search Committee**. There shall be a prayer on Sunday to commission the Search Committee. After the Day of Discovery on March 11, the Committee will obtain the names of three candidates for consideration for the Rector position.
2. A **Communications Team** shall be established to publicize the **Day of Discovery** to the parish. Megan suggested that a poster of the **Stepping Stones**, a visual display of the search process for a New Rector, be created along with bulletin inserts.
3. A **Day of Discovery Team** shall be established to plan the **Day on March 11, 2018**. The Parish will come together as a community to listen to one another and discover what is needed and desired in a new Rector. This

can only happen when the **Body of Christ** is gathered together. Vestry members shall sit at each table to help facilitate the task.

4. A **Compensation Team** will put together a Compensation Package. Megan has offered to share the average compensation for a Rector of a Parish equivalent to our Parish size.
5. An **OTM Team** will create a church profile to complete the questionnaire sheet provided by Megan. Megan departed the teleconference and the meeting continued with the vestry. Charlotte and Sherry volunteered to be on the **Communication Team**. Members made suggestions for the Search Committee. The meeting concluded after a prayer: A follow-up meeting was set for Feb. 8.

Announcements

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 2/13/18 5 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services 2/14 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Altar Guild Meeting and Lunch Sat. Feb. 16

**Soup Supper - Diane Butler Bass DVD Program
"Embracing Spiritual Awakening"**

Wed. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21 6-7:30p.m.

Day of Discovery--to find out who we are and help us find our new rector--March 11 after the church service. More in information coming soon.

A Message from Carol Dockter, Our Senior Warden:

I am honored to have been called by Rev. Julie to serve her and St. Stephen's as the Senior Warden. We are most fortunate that dedicated, talented people have stepped forward to serve on the Vestry and I am eager to work with each and every one of them. The new Vestry has already been working together to form a Search Committee for a Rector. The Committee should be complete by the 18th of February. Another important stepping stone is the opportunity for the entire congregation to gather together to share our thoughts and ideas. This event will be held on Sunday March 11th after a 9:00 a.m. service. Rev. Megan Traquair will be the facilitator. I am truly looking forward to this event to learn from all of you the direction you think we should take as we serve Christ, our Church and our Community.

A Windows and Mountains Story

St. Philip's in Tucson has a striking view of the Santa Catalina Mountains from the window behind the altar. Knowing that, a member of the as yet unbuilt St. Stephen's who was quite an amateur photographer had a first rate idea. He took a picture of the Huachucas Mountains from the perspective of where St. Stephen's altar window would be. He then took an over the altar and through the window picture at St. Philip's. Using photographic sleight of hand, he removed the Santa Catalinas from the St. Philip's picture and superimposed the picture of the Huachucas on the St. Philip's picture. The "doctored" picture was then shown to the Rector of St. Philip's in his capacity as Dept. of Missions chairman at the meeting to distribute money for new missions. "That's my window," he exclaimed. The reply was, "You're half right. The window is yours. The mountains are ours." As the story goes, St. Stephen's received 75% of the building funds available for that year (1960) or about \$15,000.00.

by Ronald McCreery