



*St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*  
**Newsletter**

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*Easter Week*

*at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*

**Stations of the Cross** 3/23 at 7 - 8 pm

**Palm Sunday Services** 3/24/ at 5 - 6 pm;  
3/25 at 7:30 - 8:30 am; and 10:30 - 11:30 am

**Taize Service** 3/26 at 7 - 8 pm

**Agape Feast**, a simple meal on 3/29 at 6 pm with

**Maunder Thursday Service** at 7 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

Service at 10:30 am. Potluck luncheon after.



**PRAYER OFFERED ON DAY OF DISCOVERY**

by Rosemary Snapp, Spiritual Director, Search Committee

Our God loves stories. He even has a whole book of them. It starts "In the Beginning." We have an ongoing part to play in the stories in that Book and we are here now to continue creating for God the St. Stephen's story. How our life together brings Good News—our own 'Now Gospel.' Let us pray.

**Gift of Story Prayer**

Holy One you have given us the gift of the story of our lives, ways of understanding who we are, ways of making sense of our world, of finding meaning and knowing how to respond to all that happens in our lives.

Please show us where our stories fall short or are too narrow, where they exclude rather than include, where they divide rather than unite.

Help us to see where a story we live out of may go amiss of what is real, where it allows us to escape becoming whole, where it allows us to live comfortably in fear.

Fill us with your story, the story of unity, compassion and love. Fill us with images that energize us and give us hope and lead us to the fundamental truth that you have tried to teach us all along: WE ARE ALL ONE.

Judy Cannato, *Field of Compassion*

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**A NOTE  
FROM THE  
EDITOR:**



**OUR  
NEWSLETTER**

Dear St. Stephen's Parishioners,

Thank you to those who have offered names for the St. Stephen's Newsletter. The names to date include: St. Stephen's Speaks, Voice of St. Stephen's, St. Stephen's Chronicle, and St. Stephen's Newsletter.

The Vestry would like the St. Stephen's Newsletter to become a needed communication in our church and serve to connect those in our church community and the wider community of the area. Please submit your articles, reflections, stories, poems, photos and drawings (as an attachment) to the newsletter editor: [dstocek@gmail.com](mailto:dstocek@gmail.com). We look forward to including contributions from the St. Stephen's community and others in our monthly newsletters.

Sincerely,

Charlotte H. Stocek  
Editor

**Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

We are short on Eucharistic Ministers for the Sunday 7:30AM and 10:30AM services. We could also use a few more Lectors for 5PM Saturdays and 7:30AM Sundays. Anyone who would like to join this ministry, please contact Dottie Gutwein at [dotspha4170@gmail.com](mailto:dotspha4170@gmail.com) or 515-0679.



***Pysanky***

A pysanka (Ukrainian: писанка, plural: pysanky) is a Ukrainian Easter egg, decorated with traditional Ukrainian folk designs using a wax-resist method. The word pysanka comes from the verb pysaty, "to write," as the designs are not painted on, but written with beeswax. In the folk life of Ukrainian people, the pysanka possess talismanic powers. Receipt of a pysanka is not only a token of friendship or esteem but also brings with it protection from harm. Ukrainian ancestors believed that pysanky in the home would bring good fortune, wealth, health, and protection from lightning and

**Search Committee Update**

The Search Committee met on 3/18 and started work on the Parish Profile with information provided by those who attended the Day of Discovery. They agreed that they need more input from the congregation and will be using a questionnaire. They also want more input on "Three Hopes and Wishes" for our church. Thoughts provided can be left at the back of the church in a container marked for that purpose. Parishioners are asked to keep the Search Committee in your prayers as they continue the process of finding a new Rector for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Carol Dockter  
Senior Warden

**St. Stephen's Vestry**

Carol Dockter, Sr. Warden  
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Lyle Anderson, Treasurer  
Peggy Brown, Clerk

**Vestry Members**

Sivey Anderson  
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