



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Newsletter

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From the Interim Rector

St Stephen's is a busy place these days!

Two people from our parish will be going to Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, May 12 to be confirmed/received. Please consider joining them to add your presence to this important and festive day. (Plus, the music at the Cathedral is almost as good as ours!) Sandra Calhoun will be received, and Sherry Simon will be confirmed. Please pray for them as they take this important step.

We celebrated the life of Alice Emmons on Wednesday, April 11 at the Veterans' Memorial Chapel. Hers was a long life, well-lived, and she went into the presence of God with confidence and joy. Her remains were placed in the Veteran's Memorial columbarium with those of her beloved husband Glen.

On May 12 and 13 we will worship in a different way – the original way! We will use Thomas Cranmer's first Book of Common Prayer from 1549. Don't worry, the language and spelling will be modernized. After Pentecost, we will be getting to know some of the many saints of our church community. Are you familiar with Evelyn Underhill?

Renee Olejnicak has graciously offered to oversee the renamed Community Service (Outreach) ministry. If you have a heart for service, please bring her your ideas and concerns. You will not be roped in to working forever – there are many projects that can be completed in a short time.

Please see the announcements elsewhere in this newsletter about ECW and our work with the school district through Peach's Pantry.

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Julie+



SUPPORT THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF SIERRA VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sandra Calhoun is coordinating St Stephen's support for the teachers and their students as they seek to bring school standards and funding back up to the levels many of us remember from our youth. Through your generosity, we will provide food items for Peach's Pantry to supply to the many families that are food insecure and who receive help through the schools. Suggested donations include food that is easily prepared, and small packages that are easily carried by a child; for example: Cereal, Spaghetti and Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Canned fruit and vegetables (small cans), Chef Boyardee foods, Granola Bars, Crackers and Cheese snacks, Peanut butter and jelly. Even when the situation is settled, many families need help feeding their children, so please consider continue ongoing donations to Peach's Pantry.

**A NOTE
FROM THE
EDITOR:**



**OUR
NEWSLETTER**

Dear St. Stephen's Parishioners,

Thank you to those who offered names for the St. Stephen's Newsletter. The Vestry voted at the April 22nd meeting and selected *St. Stephen's Newsletter* for the newsletter name. Please submit your articles, reflections, stories, poems, photos and drawings (as an attachment) to the newsletter editor, cstocck@gmail.com, or submissions can be mailed to the church in c/o Newsletter Editor.

The Communications Committee has set the 25th of each month as the deadline for submissions to the newsletter in order for it to be posted on the website by the first of each month.

The positive feedback received and suggestions related to the newsletter are appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Charlotte H. Stocck, Editor

St. Stephen's Vestry

Carol Dockter,
Rector's Warden
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People's Warden
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The Smells
by Cecilia McKinley
No matter the smell
of someone or something
You should always love
and care for them.
You should not judge
them by what they smell
like,
But by how they care and
love people or things.



**Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
Luncheon for All St. Stephen's Women**

Sunday, June 10 at 12:30 pm

Having trouble believing in the Resurrection? Doubt no longer! The ECW is rising again!

Save the date: Sunday, June 10, 12:30 pm. All women of the Church are invited to a luncheon at the Pizza Hut Bistro on Fry Boulevard. Bring your appetite and your wallet (we aren't that rich) and enjoy the company of old friends and new. Door prizes will be awarded!

**Rector Search
Update**

by Carol Dockter



The Search Committee for a Rector has been meeting since March 25th. Members include Tim Ash, Erin Bennett, Bill Brunell, Priscella Burrows, Carol Dockter (nonvoting member as Senior Warden), Tim Holsonback, Wendy Kulp, MJ Mahland, Fred Orman, Mindy Saunders, Rosemary Snapp and Jeff Speers. They have met four times to first of all review the results of the Day of Discovery Questionnaire. Secondly, they had a Video Conference call from Rev. Megan Traquair, Canon for the Ordinary who is our Diocesan Representative. Her guidance during this process has been very helpful. There are two imminent projects to be completed during the next couple of months. One is the Parish Portfolio that includes basic information about our church and will be posted on the Diocesan website. The other is the Parish Profile that will be posted on our website. The Profile will include pictures and descriptions of St. Stephen's and of our community at large. The foundation for both of these documents comes from the information we gleaned from the Day of Discovery Questionnaire. The first goal is to have the Portfolio completed by the May 20th Vestry Meeting. The Vestry will need to approve it and then it will be submitted to the Diocese for posting. Our focus will turn to the Profile and the committee hopes to have it completed soon after the Portfolio is done. With these two documents completed they hope to hear from interested candidates. Then, the work of preparing for interviews will be the focus of their meetings. Please keep them in your prayers during this time.

*i thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes*
—E.E. Cummings