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FYI 2020

December 13, 2020 Volume 18 Issue 50 The Third Sunday of Advent



Happening this Sunday, December 13th!

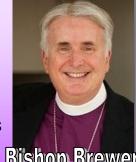
SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE—THIS SUNDAY ONLY BOTH SERVICES LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE



Worship in Sanctuary with Confirmations 9<u>am</u> (No Sunday School classes or 10am Worship) 11am Worship in Worship Center with Confirmations

Last Sunday for our Christmas Collections

Last Sunday to pick up Christmas Cookie Exchange bags



Bishop Brewer



Dec. 20th

For anyone interested in sharing or exchanging their Christmas baking, we'll be trying out a new socially distanced version.

There are colorful Christmas-y cookie bags available to pick up at your convenience in the kitchen. Take what you need in order to share 3-4 cookies per bag, then bring those sealed cookie bags back to the kitchen on Saturday, Dec. 19 or early the next morning so they can be set out for our annual Cookie Exchange on Sunday the 20th. Rather than open plates of cookies, everyone may help themselves to the pre-bagged cookies after morning services or during Drive-Thru Communion later that day.

New! Especially for 2020! **A Christmas Blessing Tree**

With a year like 2020, it seemed like the time to remember our blessings. Please pick up a plain



wooden ornament in either worship space, and use one of the colored Sharpies to write the name of a person who has been a blessing to you—whether someone still with us or someone you have lost—and hang it on our Christmas Blessing Tree set up in the Parish Hall.

If you are worshiping at home, but wish to participate, please call or email us your name for the Christmas Blessing Tree.

St. Stephen's ... To Love and Serve God and Neighbor



2020-Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Carol Reynolds 2021-David Dresser, Liz Barham, Debbie Powell 2022-Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine

> **Treasurer: Charles Bradford Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski**



Gift Cards and Food Baskets

Drop off Bags of potatoes, carrots, or onions; Fresh apples or oranges; Canned green beans, corn or sweet potatoes; Boxed stuffing; Fruit cups & apple sauce; Cereal; Shelf stable milk; Paper Towels & Toilet Paper; Gift cards to Publix or Walmart. Cash or check to St. Stephen's with "baskets" in notation gratefully accepted.

Jackets for Scott Lake Elementary

SLE needs 20-25 "Florida style"
jackets for students who don't have
winter clothing. Unisex styles are
best, but any color is fine. Sizes from
Youth Small to Adult Medium, with
greatest needs for the larger sizes.
New, gently used jackets, or checks
to St. Stephen's with "jackets" in
notation gratefully accepted.

Blankets for Migrant Workers

Fr. Rob is making preparations for his annual blanket giveaway to migrant farmers as the colder weather approaches. New or gently used blankets may be dropped off at church or in the office. Cash or checks to St. Stephen's with "blankets" in notation gratefully accepted.

Tools for Mulberry High School

The trade programs at Mulberry HS have almost no tools! Auto shop and agriculture have desperate needs for basic tools of all sorts. Help kids learn valuable skills by donating hand and power tools, new or used, dropped off at church or office. Cash or checks to St. Stephen's with "tools" in notation gratefully accepted.

Collecting Until December 13

Verse of the Week-1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



December 13 RESCHEDULED SVCS THIS SUN ONLY 9am in the Sanctuary 11am in the Worship Center Bishop Brewer visits St. Stephen's **Confirmation Day**

Christmas Collections conclude

December 20

Christmas Cookie Exchange after svcs & during drive-thru (bring cookies Sat.) 12-12:30pm Drive-Thru Communion

December 24

Family Service at 7pm Midnight Mass at 10:30pm

December 25

Christmas Day Service at 10am

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"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

December 6, 2020

Attendance: 9am: 15

> 10am: 23

11am: 26 64

Total: \$4,740.00

Thank you for your continued faithfulness during this time of personal separation.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT AT 6:30PM



Rest in Peace Linda Trimbath

With sadness we report the death of fellow parishioner, Linda Trimbath, who

died Monday, December 7th following a short battle with CoVID-19. Our heartfelt prayers go out to Linda's husband, David, sons Chris and Tim (Mary) and grandchildren Alex and Kaitlyn in this time of loss.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

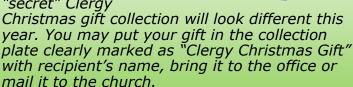
Thanks, Christmas Card Writers!

The response to our request for volunteers to write a few Christmas cards was overwhelming. Thanks for your help to do our card exchange in a new way. Please remember to get your cards mailed so they can be received by Christmas.

CLERGY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Income:

With so many folks still worshiping online, our "secreṫ" Člergy



Our Christmas Love Offering to Father David, Father Rob & Deacon Doug will be presented to them on Christmas Eve.

Pledge Cards for 2021 Giving

It's not too late to turn in your pledge card!

Fill one out and drop it in the plate or mail it to the church. Your pledge is important in helping us



plan our spending for next year. Thanks!

NO VESTRY MEETING THIS WEEK **NEXT MEETING IS JAN. 19TH**



The Greenery on the Altar has been given by the Parish of St. Stephen's in memory of Linda Trimbath



December Birthdays

- 1 Kim Jackimowicz
- 2 Fr. Rob Moses
- 3 Henry Chilton Carol Harris Rick Yenney
- 7 Linda France Jessie Gomez Ian Millican
- 9 Tim Irwin Ellen Simms
- 10 John MacGilvray Dale Reinert
- 12 Mariela Brink
- 13 Victoria Naples
- 17 Missy Sabine
- 19 Enid Alers Melissa Getman-Powell
- 21 Suzanne Rosenberger Marty Tallent
- 23 Marianne Hodges Maggie Latham Nathan Peoples
- 24 Michele Giberson
- 26 Jennifer Latham
- 28 Peggy Nicholson
- 29 Susan MacGilvray Nancy Wenham
- 30 Ella Chilton
- 31 Walter Thomas



December Anniversaries

- 8 Kevin & Kim Jackimowicz
- 11 Scott & Carla Sauve
- 15 Lou & Enid Alers
- 31 Judy Elam & Jim Cook

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs:

Adriana (friend of Bill Warneke), Shannon Black (from Kathy Leahy), Stephen Calhoun, Roger Doyle, Laurie Dresser (David Dresser's sister), Evalyn Duncan, Kit Duncan, former member Pat Dupont, John Englert family (Michael Englert's uncle), Eileen Fox, Michele Giberson, John Gove, Bill Heath, Lauren Hunt (Michael Englert's friend), Nicole Hernnkind (Karen Spiller's sister), Dan Howes, Sadee Jackimowicz (Kim Jackimowicz's daughter-in-law), Dorothy Jensen (Bob Martin's sister), Scott Johnson (Judy Horne's brother), Ken & Clair Jones (friends of Roger Doyle), Fronnie LeBlanc (Morgan Goers' sister-in-law), Pat Martin, Mary Katherine Nevels (Morgan Goers' sister), Roy Reynolds, Mike Robinson (Kai Richardi's grandfather), Marion Stewart, Marge Stockwell, Trimbath family, Carol Vonesh, Dahlia Walker, Juliana Walker, Mavis Walker, Bill Warneke.

Pregnant:

Tyler & Sadee Jackimowicz (**Kim Jackimowicz**'s son)

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:

Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Tom Crawford, Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Carmen Kight, Rick Rahn, Rick Roach, Mavis Walker, Jo Willey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATIONS 9am Worship, Sanct. 11am Worship, WCtr 6:30pm Youth Group	14 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8am Morning Prayer at Circle B & online 8:30am Eucharist & Bible Study at Circle B 8pm Online Compline NO VESTRY MTG	16 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanct. 12noon Book Study, WC 8pm Online Compline	17 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	18 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Office Closed	19
20 9am Worship, WCtr & online 10am Worship, Sanct 10am Sunday School 11am Worship, WCtr 12-12:30pm Drive-thru Communion 6:30pm Youth Group CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE	21 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	22 8am OnlineMorning Prayer NO CIRCLE B WORSHIP OR BIBLE STUDY 8pm Online Compline	8am Online Morning Prayer NO MORNING WORSHIP OR BIBLE STUDY NO NOON BOOK STUDY 8pm Online Compline	7pm Family Service in WCtr 10:30pm Midnight Mass in Sanct Christmay Eye	25 10am Christmas Worship in Sanct	26

2021 Flower Donations

This year we decided to send you a form rather than placing a Flower Chart on the wall. Forms are also available in the worship areas.

You are welcome to sign up for one or more Sundays to commemorate events, people, or other blessings in your life. The information on the attached form is what we will need in order to place your dedication in the newsletter for your special Sunday. You may also email the information to me at stylinda@gmail.com if you prefer.

The Sundays in 2021 are:

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Jan.	3	10	17	24	31
Feb.	7	14	21	28	
Mar.	7	14	21	(28 E	aster flowers)
Apr.	4	11	18	25	
May	2	9	16	23	30
Jun.	6	13	20	27	
Jul.	4	11	18	25	
Aug.	1	8	15	22	29
Sept	. 5	12	19	26	
Oct.	3	10	17	24	31
Nov.	7	14	21	28	
Dec.	5	12	19	(26 0	Christmas flowers)

Greenery is substituted for flowers during Lent (2/21-3/21) and Advent (11/28-12/19) and it is perfectly fine to sign up for these Sundays.

Altar Flowers \$20 each

Flowers arranged by our Flower Guild each week are used to celebrate our Lord and Savior and to commemorate your special Sunday. Please PRINT the information requested below and place in the offering plate with your payment or send form to the office. Thanks for your donation!

DATE TO DONATE FLOWE	RS
GIVEN BY:	
IN MEMORY OF	OR
IN HONOR OF	OR
IN THANKSGIVING FOR	

