

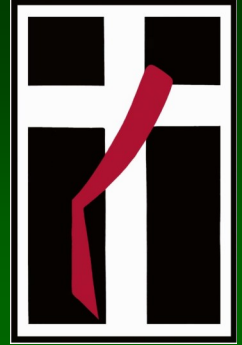
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The Second Sunday after Epiphany**



Restrictions Are Tightened in Our Diocese

We got word from the Diocesan Office late last week that we would be tightening restrictions in the wake of higher CoVID-19 infection percentages in our area.

Many of the restrictions remain the same, but a few have changed.

- We continue to require face masks at all functions.
- We continue to remain socially distanced as we worship
- We continue to urge hand-washing and we provide hand sanitizer in our worship areas.
- We continue to use contact tracing in order to be able to notify worshipers of any CoVID-19 exposures.
- We continue to provide single-use children's worship packets to be taken home following worship
- We continue to pass the peace distantly
- We continue to have no large choral groups leading music. Singers must remain masked.
- We continue to omit the passing of the collection plate. It will remain in a single location for your convenience or you may wish to mail your pledge or give online.

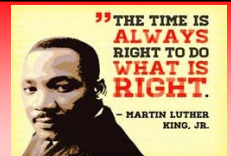
NEW

- All small group meetings are limited to 10 people in one place at a time.
- No food or drinks are to be served. (No coffee hours, dinners or receptions)
- All outside groups meeting in our facility will observe these same diocesan mandates.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy in this new year. We appreciate your continued cooperation!



Our Church Office will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday



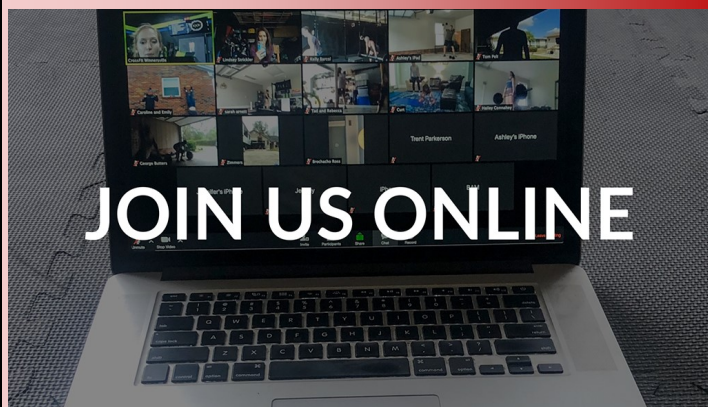
***St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor***



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

Weekly Online Worship & Study

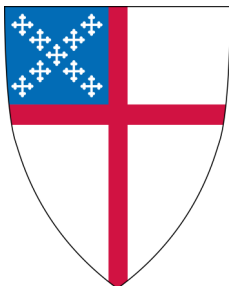
If you are still worshipping and studying at home, please join us for our services and studies available on Facebook, some on YouTube, and some on Zoom.



Sun	9am	Worship on FB/YouTube
	10am	Adult Education on FB/YouTube/Zoom
Mon-Fri	8am	Morning Prayer on FB
	8pm	Compline on FB
Wed	9am	Eucharist on FB
	9:45am	Bible Study on FB
	12noon	Book Study on Zoom, FB/YouTube later

Our Parish Delegates to the Upcoming Diocesan Convention

Thanks to those who have volunteered to represent our parish at this year's Zoom Diocesan Convention on February 6th.



Our delegates this year will be Jim Beasley, David Dresser and MaryLou Garland. Karen Beasley will also attend as a Diocesan delegate. Thanks for your willingness to attend this virtual event.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Parish Annual Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, February 7th at 11am

Our Parish Annual Meeting will begin at 11am Sunday, February 7th in the Worship Center. Looking ahead to this year, we will review the budget and elect new vestry members. We will have a simultaneous Zoom meeting for those who remain at home.

Following diocesan rules, there will be no soup cookoff this year and we will serve no food or drinks. Because this meeting is held at 11am, there will be **no 11am worship service on February 7th only.**

We hope you will plan to attend this meeting either in person or on the Zoom platform. If you have any questions, please call the office or speak with one of the clergy.

To join the Zoom Meeting Feb. 7th, just click on the following link or use your app and put in the Meeting ID number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88252588825>

Meeting ID: 882 5258 8825

New Vestry Members Needed for 2021

If you are interested in possibly serving on the Vestry for a 3-year term, please let us know in the office and we can send you information about this important work of the church. Three new vestry members will be elected at the February 7th Annual Meeting.



Verse of the Week—Psalm 139:1

**Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up.**



- January 19** 6:30pm Zoom Vestry Meeting
- January 24** 12-12:30pm Drive-Thru Communion
- February 6** 9am Diocesan Zoom Convention
- February 7** *Service schedule change this Sunday only*
 9am Worship, W Ctr
 10am Worship, Sanct.
 11am Annual Parish Mtg, W Ctr. & on Zoom
(no 11am worship)

**VESTRY ZOOM MEETING
 THIS TUESDAY,
 JANUARY 19TH, 6:30PM**



**EPIPHANY BONFIRE
 CANCELLED
 (MAYBE NEXT YEAR)**

**YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT AT 6:30PM
 (NO FOOD SERVED AT THIS MTG)**



"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."

January 10, 2021

Attendance:	9am:	13
	10am:	16
	11am:	<u>6</u>
Total:		35

Total Offerings: \$4,183.72

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



Fr. David flashes a thumbs-up after finally locating the underground junction box for the outdoor circuit that's been dead since the Fall. Now we can get the sign and entrance lights up again.

*The flowers on the altar have been
given by Linda France
in memory of Kenneth France*



January Birthdays

- 2 Sandy Gibson
- 3 Erin Wenham
- 8 Ernest Palmer
Betty Pratt
Philip Thomas
- 9 John Gove
- 10 Annette Chilton
- 11 Judy Elam
- 12 Savannah Dillon
Carol Reynolds
- 15 Brittany Sale
Gabby Tobgui
- 17 Landon Binnion
- 18 Bonnie Rowbotham
- 20 Lou Alers
Saint Jones
- 21 Annie Delling
Robert Dillon
- 25 Steve Meyer
Yolanda Howes
- 28 Katherine Leahy



January Anniversaries

- 1 Roy & Carol Reynolds
- 7 Jim & Penny Schmidt
- 10 Charles &
Debbie Bradford
Tom & Marion Stewart
- 13 Brouck & Joanie Boyd
- 31 Michael & Kathy Platt

St. Stephen's Prayer List



(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs:

Kevin Ames (**David Dresser's** cousin), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Stephen Calhoun, Roger Doyle**, Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), **Evalyn Duncan, Kit Duncan**, former member Pat Dupont, **Eileen Fox, Michele Giberson, John Gove, Bill Heath**, Lauren Hunt (**Michael Englert's** friend), Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Dan Howes, Kevin Jackimowicz**, 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**, Charlie Meade, **Roy Reynolds**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), **Marion Stewart, Marge Stockwell, Carol Vonesh, Dahlia Walker, Juliana Walker, Mavis Walker, Bill Warneke.**

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
17 9am Worship, WCtr & online 10am Worship, Sanct 10am Sunday School 11am Worship, WCtr	18 am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline  Holiday - Office Closed	19 8am Morning Prayer at Circle B & online 8:30am Eucharist & Bible Study at Circle B 6:30pm Zoom Vestry Meeting 8pm Online Compline	20 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanct. 12noon Book Study, WC 8pm Online Compline	21 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	22 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Office Closed	23
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