

**Newsletter April
2017**

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
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St. Stephen's is an alleluia kind of a place. My first Sunday as your priest was the First Sunday of Advent in 2000. Traditionally, Advent is treated as a season of preparation and has a penitential flavor to it. After all, it begins with apocalyptic visions, and then provides two weeks of John the Baptist calling folks to repentance. So, my first Sunday with you all, I offered the dismissal with no alleluias, and you did not know how to respond. Beginning my first day, you all taught me that we are an alleluia kind of a place.

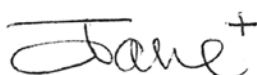
When Rev. Jane Bearden joined us as a Deacon, her delight in the young people of St. Stephen's, and her joy in sending us forth to "love and serve the Lord" resulted in the tradition of the children of the parish inviting us into our alleluias. As those who sit in the back know, each Sunday clergy must negotiate alleluias (usually down) with the gathered crowd of kids.

On the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, young people decorate letters and we bury our alleluias for Lent. Each Lenten Sunday, a crew of restless kids gathers in the back with the clergy in silent vigil for the buried alleluias. Each week, we ask them how many alleluias and, while some suggest they sneak a few, the older ones solemnly declare zero. They know alleluias return at Easter.

This past Tuesday at dinner with the monks in Cambridge, one Brother admitted that he was done with Lent. He said, "I just want to start shouting the A word." I replied that we at St. Stephen's had not yet managed an "A" free Sunday during Lent. When Junior Warden Tim Potter let one slip a couple of Sundays ago, he jokingly asked if perhaps he should resign his position. As the conversation continued, the Brother admitted that one Evensong, he and the other Brother leading the chants got distracted by a latecomer settling loudly, moving about, and sitting in a wrong place. The result of their distraction was a loudly sung Alleluia! He said the rest of the Community stared at them in stunned horror. What had they done!

While these changes in our worship from season to season can feel artificial, they do make us mindful of the flow of the church year. But more significantly, they remind us of the seasons of our own lives. We all know that there are times when it's hard to shout for joy. There are times of introspection and reflection, times when we need to be prayerful and penitent, times when joy may feel distant. Lent reminds us of the reality of and need for these moments. And then there are seasons when our joy can scarcely be contained, and we want to share it with anyone and everyone. Easter and alleluias call us back to the joy for which God created us.

Fear not! Our Alleluias will return for Easter. But, it seems to me that year 'round St. Stephen's is an alleluia kind of a place because we hold tight to the hope of Christ and the possibility of new life. We know that life isn't always pretty and that often it can be hard; yet still, we trust in a risen Lord who leads us into life. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jane⁺

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage, wait for the Lord! (Psalm 27:14)

Dear Friends,

An important part of my Rule of Life is spending one day a month with my niece, Ellie, and my nephew, Jack. Ellie is 17 months old and already you can see her unique personality. She is fiercely independent, likes listening/dancing to music and loves to cuddle (especially with my mom). As her aunt I am obligated to spoil her so when I visit I always bring her a small toy or book. Last weekend I brought a bottle of bubbles which provided all of us with endless entertainment. It was hysterical to watch her amazement as the bubbles floated down, sometimes trying to catch them in her chubby hands. She quickly grew impatient in the short time between when the last bubble popped and more bubbles appeared. She didn't want to wait for the bubbles. She wanted the bubbles to float down continuously without waiting for the adult to blow more. She expressed this frustration by stomping her feet and repeatedly asking for "mo" (more).

No matter your age, waiting is hard, really hard. We don't want to wait, we want everything immediately. The moment a desire comes into our brain we want it satisfied before the next moment begins. It doesn't matter what the desire is...chocolate, warm weather, retirement, forgiveness, Easter...we don't want to wait, we want it NOW! If we do have to wait we'll stomp our feet, break things, swear loudly, and other behaviors that may feel good but are never helpful in the long-term.

These challenges of waiting are all too familiar to Brother Geoffrey who preached about them at a recent Tuesday Eucharist at the Monastery in Cambridge. In his sermon he rightly pointed out that waiting with and for God is extremely challenging and yet it is an integral part of our relationship with God. In Psalm 27 the writer reminds us that we must wait the Lord, not as a form of punishment, but because God acts according to a divine schedule that is not tied to any human schedule. This discrepancy between divine time and human time is the constant invitation to wait with and for God with a strong faith and strong confidence that at some point God will reward our waiting.

Waiting is also an important part of the Church calendar, especially the seasons of Advent and Lent. Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter, is the most intensive time of waiting in the whole year. On Palm Sunday we read the Passion which describes in detail the last few days of Jesus' life (this year we will read Matthew's version). From there we wait with the disciples through Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday until Maundy Thursday when the waiting takes on a different quality. Although the disciples may have been unaware we in 2017 know that this meal will be the last Jesus shares with them and that this meal will form the basis for the Holy Eucharist, a meal to remember and wait for Jesus. As we strip the St. Stephen's altar at the end of the service we create a visual reminder of this waiting period. On Good Friday we wait and watch with the disciples as the Son of God is hung on a cross to die. Knowing that Easter is 2 days away makes the wait even harder...why wait in the suffering and despair when we already know about the Resurrection? On Holy Saturday we wait with the disciples as they observe their Sabbath day, a day when no work, even burial preparations, can happen. Imagine going through the routine knowing that Jesus' dead body is lying nearby in a stone tomb.

On that same Saturday evening, at the Easter Vigil, the wait is over. We follow the women to the empty tomb to discover that our waiting has not lead to death but to the Resurrection. God has rewarded our waiting with the triumph over despair, evil and death. We also discover that in our waiting Jesus has been resurrected within us. It is that internal resurrection that gives us the hope to continue to wait with and for God.

Peace, *Rev. Sarah*

From the Wardens' Desk: Frozen Pipe Situation Update

On Sunday March 5, several pipes in the Anderson Building froze due to several days of extreme cold weather. As the temperatures went up, pipes burst on the third floor in the wall that faces the handicapped parking lot (South Common Street side). Harry Jackson and the plumber responded immediately, but a significant amount of water had already traveled through the walls and ceilings down to the dining room on the lowest floor. The insurance claims adjuster met with Harry Jackson and Ginny Fuller (Building Committee) and Tim Potter (Junior Warden) to assess and document the damage. Every room on that side of the building had water on the floor, in the ceiling and/or in the walls. The adjuster recommended hiring ServPro to remove the water as soon as possible. ServPro came and set up dehumidifiers, heaters and fans to remove the water.

On March 16, Tim Potter and Irene Axelrod walked through the entire Anderson Building. On the top floor, the ECCO office appeared to be all right. Reverend Joseph's office was in the process of being dried out. The rooms where last summer's Academic Learning Program was held all had dehumidifiers in place. At least two major breaks happened on this floor, possibly more. The pipes on the second floor have latches in the cases covering them, so they were immediately easily accessible for the plumber to assess and repair.

On the first floor, the Graham Suite was hard hit by water damage, and dehumidifiers were in place in these rooms. Mark Gendreau and Irene cleaned out the kitchen cabinets and the refrigerator on Sunday March 19 so that ServPro could conduct asbestos removal procedures as needed. Water flowed all the way to the Archives Room at the end of the hallway. Since the archives shelving is above floor level, items in that room were not damaged.

On the basement level, the Mother's Room and Community Room did not sustain damage. Ceilings, walls and floors in the dining room and bathroom off the dining room received water.

All floors were found to contain asbestos. ServPro is in the preliminary stages of removing the damaged interior walls of the men's and women's bathrooms on the main floor, which do not contain asbestos. The report from Church Insurance should be forthcoming, and at that time asbestos removal will begin. We will do our best to provide information as soon as it becomes available. If you have any concerns of a non-spiritual nature, now would be a good time to talk with members of the vestry.

Irene Axelrod and Tim Potter



Graham Suite Kitchen sealed off



First floor men's bathroom

HOLY WEEK APRIL 9-16

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 Procession with Palms, Reading of the Passion, & Eucharist

Tuesday, April 11—Tuesday in Holy Week

10:00 Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows & Blessing of Oils at the Cathedral

2:00 Holy Communion at St. Stephen's Towers

Wednesday, April 12—Wednesday in Holy Week

7:45 Eucharist in the Chapel

Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday

Noon Commemoration of the Last Supper

7:00 Commemoration of the Last Supper and Foot Washing

Until 11:00 Silent Vigil in darkened church

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

Noon-3:00 Last Words at Washington Street Baptist Church

7:00 Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, & Communion from Reserve Sacrament

Saturday, April 15—Holy Saturday/ Easter Eve

9:00 Prayers for Holy Saturday in the Chapel

7:30 Lighting the First Fire of Easter with St. Mary's/ Sacred Heart on the Lynn Common

8:00 Easter Vigil with Story of Salvation History, Baptism, & Communion

Sunday, April 16—Easter

8:00 & 10:00 Festival Holy Communion with Choir

10:00 Kiswahili Celebration of Easter

BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

VESTRY UPDATE. During March, Vestry members attended the Diocesan Learning Day "Our Stories Speak of God" with the Rev. Hershey Mallette Stephens.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER. As we come to the end of the first quarter of the year, please remember to keep up with your pledge; for your convenience, pledge statements will be mailed in early April.

NEW PRAYER BOOKS IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN AND ALBERT SAFFORD. Depending on where you sit in the church, you might have noticed that some of our prayer books have gotten a little worn. Bit by bit, we hope to replace the well-used BCPs with new ones. Thanks to the generosity of Bob Safford, we have ten new prayer books to put in our pews. He donated these books in memory of his mother and father who worshipped at St. Stephen's for many years serving the church in variety of ministries. On March 26, we dedicated these new Books of Common Prayer to the use of this parish and the glory of God.

15th ANNUAL SOUL CELEBRATION ON MAY 7. Our Soul Celebration seeks to celebrate African American culture, focus attention on community concerns, and raise money to support the ministries of St. Stephen's. We need everyone's help organizing, advertizing, soliciting ads, selling tickets, cooking, singing, and showing hospitality if we hope to achieve our trinitarian goals. Our preacher and keynote speaker this year is Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews. Michael-Ray is director of clergy organizing with PICO National Network, the largest grassroots, faith-based organizing network in the United States, working with 1,000 religious congregations in more than 150 cities and towns through its 45 local and state federations. ECCO is one of the 45 federations with which he works. He is also host of the Prophetic Resistance podcast, and a senior fellow at Auburn Theological Seminary. You can follow him on Twitter at @mrrmathews and @WeResistPodcast. To reach our fundraising goal, we all need to buy and sell ads for the Soul Celebration Program Book. **Covers start at \$500; full-page ads cost \$150, half page \$75, and quarter page/ business card \$50; and supporter listings cost only \$20.** While good preaching and an inspiring keynote address will feed our minds and spirits, the Soul Food Dinner promises to feed your body in decidedly non-Lenten ways! Come enjoy fried chicken, mac & cheese, collard greens, corn bread, chocolate & coconut cakes, and a host of other soulful treats. **Ad commitment forms and dinner tickets are available from the office-- \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12—or at church on Sundays.** Please let Debbie Potter know how you want to help the Soul Celebration succeed.

NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

LIVING WORD WORSHIP BRINGS US A GUIDED EUCHARIST ON APRIL 2. As we prepare for Holy Week and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, *Living Word Worship* will focus our readings, music, and sermon on the sacrament of the Eucharist. Eucharist and Baptism are the two sacraments identified by the Episcopal Church. If you want to assist with worship planning or join the Kids' Choir being gathered by Rachel to lead us in BCH Camp songs, speak with Rev. Sarah. The Choir welcomes all and will gather at 9:00am.

BAPTISM AT THE EASTER VIGIL. The first Christians welcomed new members to the fellowship of the church on Easter Eve. Our Easter Vigil begins on the Lynn Common with St. Mary's/ Sacred Heart lighting the first fire of Easter. We continue in our church with the story of salvation history, baptism, and communion. **If you are interested in baptism on April 15, please complete a registration form by April 5 and come to our baptism preparation class on April 11 at 6:30pm.** Our next baptisms will be on Pentecost, June 4 at 10:00am.

JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL LENTEN TUESDAY AT THE MONASTERY. For those who join us every week as well as those who have been thinking about joining us but haven't quite made it yet, Tuesday, April 4 is our last Lenten Tuesday at the Monastery. Superior James Koester will preach on the "radical practice" of "witness" after which we will join the monks for a soup supper. Please sign up so that we know how many cars we will need.

HEALING PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE TEAMS MEET APRIL 6 AT 10:30. The Healing Prayer and Pastoral Care Teams continue to meet on first Thursdays for prayer, mutual support, and training. In April, we will discuss chapters 10-12 (157-201) of Becca Stevens *Snake Oil: The Art of Healing and Truth-Telling*.

WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERS ON PALM SUNDAY. All women are invited to gather at 12:30 on April 9 for a potluck lunch and reflection on the Way of the Cross. 2,000 years ago, the women followed Jesus and stood at the foot of the cross. What does it mean for us to be followers of Jesus and how are we still the ones standing at the foot of the cross?

BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM MEETS ON APRIL 20. The St. Stephen's-St. Andrew's Beloved Community Team continues to meet on 3rd Thursdays—April 20-- at 7:00 at St. Stephen's. Anyone interested in deep conversations about race and privilege is welcome to join us as we build beloved community.

LAST CHANCE FOR GOD BLOG OFFERINGS. Whether you want to send us a story, prayer, poem, or picture, our God Blog of daily Lenten meditations is eager to include your offering. Our prompt this year is: How does God help you meet a challenge, endure hard times, or overcome fear? If you would like to receive the God Blog every day, please email Rachel at ststephens@ststephenslynn.org and she will add you the email list.

STILL SPACE ON THE BAND AID CROSS! Since the beginning of Lent the Band-Aid Cross has been collecting prayers of petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings. Although we often are more comfortable “thinking” or “speaking” our prayers at Church or home, it is equally important to write them out. Seeing our prayers in print serves 2 purposes: it is a physical reminder of our need for God and it allows other to pray with us. The Band-Aid Cross can be found somewhere in the church until Easter.

REPORT FROM THE KISWAHILI DESK. The Kiswahili congregation is now excited about many church activities and events that will take soon after Easter. We are thankful to God for keeping us together as family even during difficult times. The kids are preparing for Confirmation, which will be done in June 2017. All the African churches affiliated with the Diocese of Massachusetts will hold a joint ceremony in one of the Episcopal churches. When the date is established, we will inform the whole St. Stephen's community so that many can attend. We are also getting ourselves ready for the Summer music festivals. And, the kids are excited for both KIC and BCH summer camps. It was wonderful for Alessia and Rev Sarah to come personally to inform the parents and the kids about the application procedure. We thank God for everything and look forward for more blessings. Rev Joseph Ngotho

FORMING CHILDREN, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULTS

CHURCH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS IN APRIL. During April the Church School students will learn about the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Episcopalians celebrate the Eucharist on a weekly, or even bi-weekly basis, in order to put practice Jesus words at the Last Supper: “*Do this in remembrance of me.*” The preK-grade 5 classrooms will explore the Eucharist with their senses as they use food, clay and other materials to physically engage with the sacrament. The middle and high school classrooms will explore if and when they experience God in our worship and how that experience can be carried through their daily routines of school, sports, work etc... If you have a special story about worship that you would like to share with the Church School, please speak with Rev. Sarah.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP GATHERS ON APRIL 2. Jason and Emily invite all young people in grades 6-8 to gather after church on Sunday, April 2 for lunch and fun. Kids can count on food, art, activity, and LOTS of laughter. On the 2nd, we will be getting organized for our garden project with Mr. Neil, our volunteering at My Brother's Table on April 23, our spring overnight at the church, our acolyte celebration event in June, and going to BCH Camp in the summer. Middle School Youth also meet every Sunday at 10:00am for Church School and we would love all of them to join the Acolyte Corps. All 6th to 8th graders are encouraged to join this vibrant, life-loving group. For more information, ask Emily or Jason.

OASIS: GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST. On April 14 at 10:00am, OASIS teens will gather for the annual Good Friday Breakfast. As we make and enjoy our pancakes, we will discuss the challenge and power of forgiveness. Rev. Sarah will offer reflections on how Jesus models forgiveness and reconciliation.

REGISTER FOR FIRST COMMUNION; FAMILY MEETING. First Communion Classes will be offered at 10:00am on Sundays, April 30, May 14 and May 21 in preparation for First Communion on May 21 at 10:00am. In addition, there will be a retreat on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 until noon for bread-baking and rehearsing in the sanctuary. Although all are welcome to receive communion at any age at St. Stephen's, communion instruction for children is important so that they understand the sacrament better. Following 10:00am worship on April 23, there will be a meeting for all Communion Class participants and their parents/ guardians; please register today! See Rev. Sarah with any questions.

KIC MUSIC SOARS AS SPRING COMES. KIC Music kids are working hard and moving full speed ahead toward their final spring concert in late May. They had a mini-performance for friends and family on Tuesday, March 21, and have an exciting month planned for April. KIC will host a one-day vacation day program on Wednesday of April vacation week, including a hands-on field trip to the MFA in Boston. Then, on April 29, the KIC Music kids will head to Symphony Hall to hear the Boston Youth Symphony perform. Everyone is very excited!

BCH CAMP ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! Barbara C. Harris Camp offers (and encourages) online registration at <https://bchcamp.campbrainregistration.com/>. Printed Camp brochures and registration instructions are available in the Galahad Area for families who were not able to attend Camp Director Alessia Doss' presentation on Sunday, March 19. Summer Camp costs \$600 per week, per child. The Camp asks each family to pay what you can BUT scholarships are available and no child will be deprived a week at Camp because of inability to pay. Diocesan scholarships look to the family, the church and the Diocese each paying 1/3 of the cost. **This means that the requested minimum family share is \$200. If a family cannot pay \$200, a letter explaining why you can't pay needs to accompany the regular Camp Scholarship Form, which St. Stephen's clergy must sign unless you pay the full \$600.** Camp transforms the lives of young people; St. Stephen's and the BCH leadership remain committed to making Camp accessible to all children. **Sign up NOW because some weeks are almost full.** Bring your Camp questions to Rev. Jane or Rev. Sarah.

FAMILY CAMP INFORMATION COMING SOON. The Diocese is once again directing Family Camp at BCH. When we have registration information, we will make it available.

WORK AT KIC THIS SUMMER; APPLY NOW! If you are a teen or college student who needs a summer job, or know one who does, consider a job at KIC this summer. KIC hires 18 teen mentors from all over the city, but it is especially wonderful to have qualified youth from St. Stephen's involved in the program. Applications are currently available in the office and Galahad area. Teen mentor applicants must currently be in 9th grade or above and are usually responsible, caring, energetic youth who are interested in working with children. Program assistants are junior supervisors, young leaders, and should have completed some college and/or have equivalent work experience. Applications will be accepted until May 1, but will be reviewed as they come in, so apply as soon as you can!

"BE YOU" MEETS TUESDAYS 3:30-5:30. The BE YOU team is busy planning and preparing for this year's Lynn Youth Pride Event on Saturday, June 3, 11-3. BE YOU is proud to present this event as a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community in our great city of Lynn and beyond. The event will include food, games, community art project, and make-up artists to help youth express their inner beauty. This year we are extremely excited to welcome True Colors, an award-winning theater program for LGBTQ+ youth. The True Colors team will perform from 1pm-2pm followed by a Q and A with the cast and producers. The event is free and welcomes all LGBTQ+ youth as well as allies. If you would like to donate your time, treasure or talent to this event please speak with Rev. Sarah or Jason Cruz.

WHERE'S OASIS GOING THIS SUMMER? Do you have a high school youth in your life who wants a chance to see a different part of our country? Are they interested in community service and conversation? Do they enjoy long car rides with loud music and fast food? Then he or she needs to come to OASIS (meets 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month 6:30-9), as we get ready for our summer mission trip. On April 21, OASIS teens will begin to plan our summer mission trip to the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia. The dates for the trip are August 6-12 (Sunday-Saturday) and youth are required to help with fundraising.

DEEPENING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

ECCO RALLY THURSDAY APRIL 6 AT 7:00 AT ST. STEPHEN'S. These are busy days for ECCO as the immigration team leads Sanctuary City organizing meetings, and know your rights workshops, and as ECCO Beloved Community Team members meet with our new Sheriff and Police Chief, and work on state-wide criminal justice reform legislation. **On, Thursday, April 6 at 7:00, we hope to pack Lawrence Hall for an ECCO Rally, which will ground our organizing in sacred texts, highlight work being done by ECCO, invite new people into our immigration and BCT teams, and sing and pray God's holy hope.** ECCO's vision is that God calls us to build in our city and on the North Shore communities of sanctuary (holy safety) for all God's people. *"Have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them."* (Exodus 25:8)

ECCO LYNN SANCTUARY CITY MEETING ON APRIL 26. Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00, ECCO Lynn will gather at St. Stephen's to continue relationship building, information sharing, and organizing so that Lynn is a City of Sanctuary for all people. Everyone is encouraged to join the team on April 26.

ASK CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MAKING LYNN A SANCTUARY CITY.

Lynn residents are encouraged to sign the petition in the Galahad Area asking the Lynn City Council to hold public hearings on making Lynn a Sanctuary City. Members of our community are being detained and await deportation even though they have no criminal records. Many live in fear as stories of real and rumored ICE raids circulate rapidly on social media. People are skipping medical appointments because they are afraid to visit places frequented by immigrants. Children are anxious and unable to focus in school or absent from school because they fear that their parents will not be at home when they return at the end of the day. While “Sanctuary City” status means something different in each community, the designation helps persuade immigrant residents of cities that they are valued members of the community.

ECCO LYNN GATHERS TO WATCH 13TH ON APRIL 27 AT 7:00. For those who missed the Beloved Community Team’s showing of *13th*, Ava Duvernay’s powerful documentary about mass incarceration, ECCO invites you to justice night at the movies. Friends and neighbors are invited to Sacred Heart Parish on Boston Street at 7:00 on Thursday, April 27 to watch and discuss *13th*. All are welcome! No sign up required but let us know if you need a ride.

THERE’S NO KEEPING A GOOD DONKEY DOWN! Word has it Esmeralda plans to join us on April 23. She thinks there will be lots of good-hearted, justice-minded people at St. Stephen’s who will fill her wagon with Lenten Offering Boxes, Lenten quarter cards, loose change, large bills, and checks to support the work of Episcopal Relief and Development. So bring the money you didn’t spend on whatever you gave up for Lent; Essie wants it on the 23rd because she wants us to give another donkey and cart to a farmer in Ghana.

KEEP THE GIVING GOING AT THE TABLE ON APRIL 23. 4th Sundays of the month, we prep and serve lunch at My Brother’s Table. As some members of our core team have stepped back, we need new people to step up. We need volunteers from 12:30-4:00. If you can help this month or every 4th Sunday, please let Emily Shelton know.

VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER IN OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS WITH KIDS. For more than a decade, St. Stephen’s has sponsored Kids in Community (KIC) a 4-week, free summer camp for elementary-age children. KIC now serves 120 children and employs 23 youth and young adults in addition to KIC Director Audrey Gutfreund. KIC Camp depends on St. Stephen’s adult supporting this ministry with Lynn’s children and teens. We need folks to assist with greeting families on the first day, serving lunch and breakfast, serving mid-morning snack, and reading to children. Thanks to volunteers from other North Shore congregations, **KIC Camp mostly needs St. Stephen’s volunteers July 10-14 (though you can do more).** **If you are interested in volunteering, contact Audrey at audrey.gutfreund@gmail.com.** Plans are also underway for Summer Learning at St. Stephen’s, which serves 1st and 2nd graders. 2:30-5:30 Monday to Thursday, Micheal Brown coordinates 4 learning centers, which support language arts and math literacy with some of Lynn’s most vulnerable students. **If you can commit to one afternoon a week, please call or text Micheal at 617-240-4806.** There will be a volunteer orientation for our summer programs with kids later this spring.

FOOD PANTRY NEED EXTRA HANDS. Please help our Pantry distribute food and read with kids on Friday afternoons (except first Fridays), 3:00-4:00!

	April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
SUNDAYS 8 & 10am Worship in English 10am Worship in Kiswahili	<u>Office Hours</u> Mon-Fri 9am-3pm	<u>KIC Music</u> Mon-Thurs 2-6pm				1 10am Choir Rehearsal	
2 10am Guided Eucharist 12-2pm Middle School Group	3 8pm AA	4 3:30-5:30pm Be You 4:15pm Tuesday with the Monks 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	5 6:30pm Bible Study 6pm Community Family Dinner	6 10:30am Pastoral Care & Healing Prayer Teams Mtg. Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 7pm ECCO Rally, St. Stephen's	7 1pm Stations of the Cross 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	8 10am Choir Rehearsal	
9 PALM SUNDAY 10am Outdoor Procession 12:30pm Women's Group	10 8pm AA	11 10am Blessing of the Oils, Cathedral 2:00pm Communion at St. Stephen's Towers 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6:30pm Knitters' Club 6:30pm Baptism Prep 7pm NA	12 6:30pm Bible Study 8pm Holy Eucharist	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY Noon Commemoration of the Last Supper 1pm Tea & Talk 7pm Foot Washing & Commemoration of the Last Supper Silent Vigil until 11pm	14 GOOD FRIDAY 10am OASIS Breakfast Noon-3pm Last Words at Washington Street Baptist 3-4pm Food Pantry 7pm Veneration of the Cross with Communion	15 HOLY SATURDAY 9am Prayers for Holy Saturday 9:30am Church Decorating 10am Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Lighting Easter Fire on Lynn Common 8pm Easter Vigil with Baptisms	
16 EASTER SUNDAY 8 & 10am Festival Eucharist NO CHURCH SCHOOL	17 Patriots' Day Office Closed 8pm AA	18 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	19 6:30pm Bible Study	20 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 6:30pm Beloved Community Team	21 3-4pm Food Pantry	22 10am Choir Rehearsal	
23 Esmerelda collects Easter Outreach Offerings Post-10am First Communion Family Meeting 12:30-2:30pm Vestry Meeting 1-4pm My Brother's Table	24 DioMass Clergy Conference 8pm AA	25 DioMass Clergy Conference 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	26 DioMass Clergy Conference 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm ECCO Lynn Sanctuary City Meeting at St. Stephen's	27 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 7pm ECCO Showing 13 th at Sacred Heart	28 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	29 10am Choir Rehearsal	
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