



Newsletter January 2017

Living Intentionally

This year's liturgical calendar provides us with only one Sunday after Christmas and it is New Year's Day. While we hope that many of you get the New Year off to a good start by joining us for worship on January 1, 2017 at 8:00 or 10:00, we suspect that some among us may sleep through Christmas Lessons and Carols at 10:00 on New Year's Day. But, the good news of the calendar is that Easter is late (April 16), which means that Ash Wednesday is not until March 1. We are blessed with 8 weeks after the Epiphany.

Since the season of Epiphany focuses on manifesting the light of Christ and the calling of the disciples, it seems a perfect time for us to reflect on how we might live as intentional Christians. Rather than making New Year's resolutions this January 1, commit yourself to our "Living Intentionally" group, and create a Rule of Life that will assist you in living with purpose.

Brother David Vryhof, SSJE writes: *"A rule of life allows us to clarify our deepest values, our most important relationships, our most authentic hopes and dreams, our most meaningful work, our highest priorities. It allows us to live with intention and purpose in the present moment. Sometimes when people hear the phrase "rule of life," they imagine a list of rules, which they would be bound to follow. It's not an inviting image for most of us, and more often leads to 'death' rather than 'life.' But creating a list of rules to follow is not the intention of a rule of life. The word "rule" derives from a Latin word, regula, which implies not so much a system of rules or laws, but rather a way of regulating and regularizing our lives so that we can stay on the path we have set out for ourselves. A rule is like a trellis, which offers support and guidance for a plant, helping it to grow in a certain direction. A rule of life is descriptive in that it articulates our intentions and identifies the ways in which we want to live. And when we fall short of these intentions, the rule becomes prescriptive, showing us how we can return to the path that we have set for ourselves and recapture our original vision. It is not something fixed and rigid, but something which can and should be adapted to our present circumstances and shaped to fit our current needs and desires."*

Our "Living Intentionally" group will meet every Thursday evening (6:00 gathering; 6:30-8:00 meeting) from January 26 until March 2. We ask participants to commit to attending every session and to completing preparatory assignments each week. However, we do know it's winter—snow falls; people get sick; and some are lucky enough to get away. But, we are asking for a commitment.

As we turn to a new year and open ourselves to the question of how God's light shines in and through each of us, consider exploring how you might live by the values and priorities you profess. Each rule will be unique; come and craft your own. Join us on Thursdays beginning January 26 and let your light shine! JSG+

*Rev Jane **

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

Dear Friends,

Last year on my pilgrimage to the Holy Land I had the amazing blessing of attending an early morning Eucharist at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The Church of the Nativity has two main sanctuaries: one that is very ornate with a mosaic floor and ancient stone walls with clusters of lit candles hanging from the ceiling; the other has a more modern with plain tile floor and bright white walls. But we were there to worship in a small cave where it is believed Jesus was born.

The cave was dark, crowded and generally uncomfortable. I was relieved when the Latin mass was over and I could climb the stairs back up to the main floor. After the service the tour guide explained to us that there were no inns in Bethlehem and so Mary and Joseph would have been dependent on the hospitality of the community. Fortunately, providing hospitality to traveling strangers was an established expectation of all Jewish households. The Bible Study group saw this expectation practiced by Abram and Sarai who warmly welcomed 3 strangers only to realize that they were the Lord's servants. In the letter to the Hebrews Paul reminds the community: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2). The family that shared their cave with Mary and Joseph probably never imagined who would be born in their midst.

During this past Advent I prayed with my discomfort in that dark, crowded cave in Bethlehem. My own cultural understanding of personal space makes it hard to accept this image as closer to the truth than the image of the stable. The cave felt so primitive and plain. But it has served as a reminder that the emotions we attach to certain spaces hold deep and often unseen power over us. I was so attached to the image of Mary giving birth in a wooden stable that to picture it happening in a cave seemed blasphemous. Suddenly all the pictures on Advent calendars and Christmas cards were turned into lies and my memories of them were denied.

This was a lesson that was repeatedly taught during my studies at the Episcopal Divinity School. My liturgics (worship) professor often repeated the statement "the building always wins" by which he meant that the maintaining the perceived sacredness of the traditional physical space outweighed overruled innovations in worship or programs. As I learned in Bethlehem there is a kernel of truth in this statement; humans are attached memories to space and see any change of the space as a denial of those memories.

At St. Stephen's one of our greatest challenges is to continually act on Paul's call to a ministry of hospitality when we hold treasured memories of the same space being used by different people or different programs. And this applies not only to the sanctuary or the chapel where worship takes place but also in the Dining Room and the Mother's Room. These memories provide us with our identities and our connections to the space but hinder us from understanding that the physical space of St. Stephen's, God's church, has and will continue to serve different purposes for different people. If you visit the church on a weekday afternoon you will meet the men, women and children who need the space we generously provide.

Is it scary to change how we envision and use our building? Absolutely. It touches on our emotional attachments that aren't easily ignored. But what is even scarier is that if we don't continually re-envision how we use our building we could potentially deny hospitality to angels and even to the Christ child.

Peace,

Rev. Sarah

Restoration Report

One of the most often asked questions about St. Stephen's is about the restoration of the interior of the church building. Parishioners and visitors are curious about the walls and the windows and wonder when they will be "fixed." This question and the answers to it present us with both challenges and opportunities.

Breaking ground for our present day church began in 1880. It was planned as a memorial for Lt. Charles Redington Mudge who was killed during the Civil War at the battle of Gettysburg. Enoch Redington Mudge, his father, was a wealthy businessman who spent summers on the North Shore with his family. Fanny Olive Mudge Van Brunt had urged her father to build a memorial for Charles. Then Fanny died in 1879, and the church became a memorial to both children. Their father spared no expense and hired the architects Ware and Van Brunt, a well-known firm in Boston, and Tiffany Studios in New York to craft the interior. The church was designed in the Gothic-Romanesque style of architecture popular at the time. Young artisans at the beginning of their careers, Augustus St. Gaudens and Francis Davis Millet created the stained glass windows.

Enoch Mudge died on October 1, 1881, his funeral was the first service held in the church. On November 2, 1881, Bishop Huntington presided over the service of consecration for the new building. Caroline Augusta Mudge, Enoch's wife and mother of Charles and Fanny and several other children, died on January 9, 1882. All four members of the Mudge family are buried in the garth at St. Stephen's.

Today our church is well known not only for its history but also for the work that goes on inside the building. Programs for children: Kids In Community Summer Program and Music Program offer opportunities for children to engage in sports, drama, poetry writing, field trips to museums, to learn to play musical instruments and get help with homework. The Summer Learning program helps to increase skills in math, reading and writing, and listening. Our Food Pantry gives bags of groceries to individuals and families in need. Healing and Pastoral Care teams make visits to those who can't be at church and join in prayer with those who attend services in the church. ECCO (Essex County Community Organizations) has office space in the church and goes into the community to work on issues of social justice. AA and NA hold weekly meetings in the basement of the building.

The work that is done in the church reaches far and wide. The building has had a great deal of work done on it in the last few years. Two grants from the Massachusetts Historic Commission have made it possible to stop the leaking from the roof in the chancel area which in the past has made use of the altar dangerous during rain and ice storms. Donations from families and individuals have made restoration of the St. Stephen's windows a source of pride for parishioners. Windows behind the main altar and the children's altar are currently being restored due to the generosity of a parishioner couple.

Much work remains to be done. A small group dedicated to building restoration is exploring the work that other churches with similar histories and architecture have done to restore their buildings. A recent visit to All Saints in Dorchester was of great interest, due to its successful and beautiful restoration. More information will come to you as soon as it is available.

Faithfully yours,



Irene Axelrod, Junior Warden

STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

VESTRY SUMMARY: DECEMBER 18. The Vestry reviewed year-to-date financials and discussed the expense side of the 2017 budget. January's conversation will focus on closing the gap between income and expense, and discerning whether we can add needed sexton hours. The Vestry conducted its periodic Mutual Ministry Review, discussing life and leadership at St. Stephen's. Much of the conversation focused on communication and inviting new people into service and leadership opportunities.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM PLANS PLEDGE FOLLOW UP. As we reach toward our pledge goal of \$131,000, the Stewardship Ministry Team and Vestry thank all who have pledged for 2017. 85 households have pledged \$121,258 with 10 new and 38 increased pledges. Pledge envelopes and thank you Episcopal Church calendars are available in the Galahad Area; please call the office if you would like your envelopes mailed to you. Even as we move toward our pledge goal, the Vestry conversation about income made clear we actually need to surpass our goal if we hope to fund the ministry envisioned when leaders discussed the expense side of the 2017 budget. Please help by letting your light shine by supporting God's work in and through St. Stephen's.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE? Our Parish, Deanery, and Diocese need leaders and the good news is that the leaders we need are sitting in our pews. Please think, pray, and talk to **Nominating Committee members Carolyn Hoy, Pauline Leslie, Neil O'Donnell, and Steve Switzer** as you reflect on whether God might be calling you to serve. Although nominations can be made at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 12, the Nominating Committee hopes to publish in the Annual Report a full slate of candidates for Junior & Senior Warden, Treasurer, Clerk, and Vestry (three 3-year terms and one 1-year term) as well as Deanery (5 delegates) and Diocesan Convention (2 delegates & 2 alternates). **The deadline for nominations is Sunday, January 29.**

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCH FEBRUARY 12, 2017 AT NOON. Mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, February 12 at noon. Episcopal governance requires the participation of our members in our Annual Meeting. The Episcopal Church defines members as communicants who contribute financially to the parish. We hope to have Annual Reports available by Sunday, February 5. Of course, timely completion of the Annual Report depends on **all ministry team leaders submitting Annual Reports by Tuesday, January 17.**

ST. STEPHEN'S WINS "TRAILS & SAILS" PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD. For the 2nd year in a row, our Tiffany Windows Tour received one of five People's Choice Awards presented by the Essex Heritage Trust for 2016. There were over 150 events during the two "Trails and Sails" weekends. St. Stephen's welcomed more than 50 people to see our church and windows. The tour started with Rick Cloran presenting details of the windows using enlarged photographs of some sections. He also discussed the different processes used to give the different effects. Irene Axelrod continued with the history of the parish and Mudge family. People then toured the church, where the windows shown in all their glory on a beautiful sunny day, and the Mudge graves in the Garth. Sally Gosselin greeted people at registration. It was an excellent opportunity to showcase our treasures. People marveled that there was such a place in Lynn.

NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

WORDS OF THANKS. St. Stephen's depends on a world of volunteers who go above and beyond reasonable expectations getting the work of the parish done. Our busy December, calls forth many thank yous. **Thank you to our Wardens who have served tirelessly through an incredibly busy year;** in visible and invisible ways our Wardens are stewards of our common life carrying the formal responsibilities of leading the Board of a half million dollar non-profit blessed with a historic buildings, and the less formal work of nurturing our life as a community of Christians. **Thank you to the Treasurer's Office Team and the Finance Committee;** the work of managing St. Stephen's finances is complicated and demanding but somehow we manage to squeeze pennies hard enough and track money closely enough that we have enough to do the work God has given us to do and the capacity to report on finances in transparent ways. **Thank you to our office helpers;** without office volunteers, we would not have newsletters, bulletins, reminder calls, and a host of other pieces of communication. **Thank you to the Fair Leadership Team for raising over \$15,000 this year;** while a small crew works tirelessly for months to make the Fair happen, many step up offering donations, selling raffles, baking tasty treats, working on Fair Day, and shopping at the Fair. **Thank you to our Beloved Community Team, which challenges us to engage issues of race, class, and privilege;** we brought the largest parish group to ECCO's Race Retreat and will plan an amazing MLK weekend for us. **Thank you to all the teens and adults who contributed to making CPPK a success this year;** logistically, financially, and physically it takes an army to raise money, collect wish lists, shop, organize bags, and distribute Christmas presents to almost 200 children but we pulled it off again this year. **Thank you to our Pantry Team for providing scores of holiday meals as well as weekly grocery bags for more than 100 individuals and families.** We depend on all who donate food as well as those who organize, bag, distribute, and show hospitality to all who come. **Thank you to everyone who contributed to our glorious Christmas celebrations;** from the most unruly sheep in the Pageant to Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, Healing Prayer Team members, choristers, readers, ushers, decorators, cleaners, office helpers, altar guild, flower deliverers, photographers, and everyone who joined us to sing, pray and give thanks for the birth of Christ. **And thank you to the staff during this busy time of year!**

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE. Thank you to all who provided your email address on Technology Sunday. Going forward, we will use this key piece of contact information to deliver important news to you quickly! If you haven't had a chance to give us your email address, please send an email to ststephens@ststephenslynn.org and we will record it in our files. St. Stephen's will be leveraging new technology in more ways to make your lives easier in 2017, including the opportunity to give electronically, manage your contact information from the comfort of your own electronic device, and automatically make a donation to St. Stephen's with each Amazon order you make. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support your favorite charitable causes. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as amazon.com—but Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to your selected charity! And soon, you will be able to make St. Stephen's your cause of choice! Instructions on how to make this easy link coming soon.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS ON JANUARY 8, 2017. Two weeks after Christmas and one week after New Year's Day we will celebrate Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. At St. Stephen's our celebration will include: baptisms of infant, toddlers, and young adults; the renewal of Baptismal Vows for all of us; an inter-generational pick up choir of all abilities, music led by Rachel Baldwin, and a celebratory coffee hour. If you would like to help plan worship, talk with Rev. Sarah as soon as possible.

BAPTISMS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8; PREPARATION CLASS JANUARY 3. Baptism is "*the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.*" (BCP, 858) **The next baptisms will be on The Feast of the Baptism of Christ on January 8 at 10:00am;** attendance at the preparation class on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 is mandatory. Please complete registration forms by Sunday, January 1 if you are interested and speak with the clergy if you have any questions.

TUESDAY JANUARY 3 AT THE MONASTERY. On Tuesday, January 5, we will join the SSJE Brothers for worship and supper at the Monastery. Sign up is required but everyone is encouraged to join us. Cars leave St. Stephen's at 4:15 and return about 8:00.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 4. During Epiphany, we continue our study of Genesis hoping to finish the stories of creation, covenant, and patriarchs/matriarchs by Ash Wednesday (March 1). We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 to read the Bible and discuss what it means for us as people of faith. Join us and bring your questions!

HEALING PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEET JANUARY 5. The Healing Prayer and Pastoral Care Teams will meet at 10:30 on Thursday, January 5th. Our discussion will focus on chapters 4-6 (pages 55-102) of Becca Stevens *Snake Oil: The Art of Healing and Truth-Telling*.

BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM PREPARES FOR MLK WEEKEND. The St. Stephen's BCT will meet Thursday, January 5 at 2:30 to plan for worship on Sunday, January 15. The BCT understands its mission as serving as leaven within the community to grow a deep conversation around race, class, and privilege; they are not a ministry team, which does work on behalf of the whole. On Sunday, January 15 at 3:30 everyone is invited to the Poppes (24 Wolcott Rd., Lynn) to watch 13th, Ava Duvernay's powerful film on mass incarceration. Sign up is required so that space and food will be sufficient.

WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERS JANUARY 8 AT 12:30. Joyce Wallace and Charlotte Breckenridge will lead the Women's Group gathering in January. All women are welcome and lunch is Potluck. Every month it's a feast of food, faith, fellowship, and fun.

LIVE INTENTIONALLY; CRAFT A RULE OF LIFE. January 22, our preacher at 10:00am will introduce us to the faith and formation possibilities of living with a rule of life. After worship, we will gather for *Lunch and Learn* to explore rules of life, and answer questions about our Rule of Life group, which begins January 26. For six Thursdays (January 26- March 2), the Rule of Life group will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 to support one another in crafting personal rules of life, which emerge out of each person's priorities, challenges, and dreams. Participants are asked to commit to all six sessions as much as life, health, and snow permit.

LOOKING TOWARD LENT. Again this year, we hope to offer by email, on our website, and on paper daily Lenten Reflections written by members of the parish. The clergy and other eager editors will encourage, collect, edit, scribe... whatever it takes to encourage you to offer a 100 word story of how God helps you meet a challenge, endure hard times, or overcome fear.

HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AND FUN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT! At our 5:30 Christmas Eve service our sanctuary was graced with sheep, angels, and the Holy Family at the St. Stephen's Christmas Pageant. Thank you to all the helping hands who provided snacks kept track of children, co-led rehearsals, and corralled lost sheep. A HUGE thank you to Rachel Baldwin for teaching and leading the pageant Christmas Carols.

KIC MUSIC MAKING A JOYFUL NEWS. The KIC Music children put on a well-attended concert on December 15, followed by a family dinner and lots of kid-made and kid-decorated cupcakes. Every age level showed off how much they've improved at their percussion ensemble, and played Christmas songs on the piano. In January, we'll prepare for more frequent public performances, and welcome new adult volunteers to help with homework.

COME MEET THE KIC COMMUNITY. The KIC Music crew would love to see you at a Family & Community Dinner. The next one will be Tuesday, January 17, at 6:15 pm in the Dining Room. As always, parish members of all ages are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship, and the events are designed for families with young children. Take a night off of cooking and join us!

CPPK TOY DRIVE WRAPS UP ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR. Thanks to the efforts of the OASIS youth group, BE YOU LGBTQ youth group, and our dedicated adult leaders at St. Stephen's, we had another awesome year for CPPK (Christmas Presents Project for Kids)! This year we gave out gifts to nearly two hundred underserved children in the Lynn community. For at least fifteen years now, CPPK has been providing opportunities for St. Stephen's youth to learn the importance of sharing their time and talents in service of families in our community who could use some help during the holidays. This year money was raised through sales of the popular "Justice Buttons" which portrayed important heroes in ongoing social movements: Harriet Tubman, Mother Teresa etc... A huge "thank you" to Susan Rosevear, Bonnie Bishop, Kendra Zimiroski, Pam Poppe, Harry Jackson, Helen Patmon, Lucinda McClain, Pam Alleyne, Shanel Anderson, Neil O'Donnell, Paula Mione, Judie Jones, Joyce Wallace, parents and families, and everyone who donated and bought art to make CPPK 2016 a success! Also, a "shout out" to Joe Brown for bringing holiday cheer on distribution day by dressing as Santa!

ACOLYTE TRAINING AND PARTY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, NOON-2PM. The entire acolyte crew, and any interested youth in grades 6-12, will have a new year's training and party. The acolyte captains will review expectations and roles with our newer acolytes. The training will be followed by lunch, music and scavenger hunt. All acolytes are required to attend! Contact Rev. Sarah to sign up.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETS JANUARY 22 FROM NOON TO 2:00. After a brief hiatus, the Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) is returning to monthly gatherings, which include food, games and art activities. In January, we will celebrate the New Year with lunch, an UNO tournament, and time to plan future activities/projects. Lunch will be provided and youth are invited to bring their favorite snack. For now, the group will meet on a Sunday but please speak with Emily Shelton or Jason Cruz if Sunday afternoons don't work for you.

OASIS MEETS FRIDAYS, JANUARY 13TH AND 27ND, 6:30-9:00PM. The OASIS Community Youth Group welcomes all teens in grades 9-12 for bi-monthly gatherings with dinner, conversations and activities. On the 13th we will come together to express our hopes and dreams for the new year as well as identify the people who will support us. Then on the 27th a group of teens from the Food Project will lead us in a workshop to learn how race, economics and geographic location affect access to healthy food.

BE YOU LGBTQ YOUTH GROUP MEETS EVERY TUESDAY 3:30-5:30PM. As we begin 2017 BE YOU will begin to plan our 2nd annual pride event. Last year around 150 children, teens and adults came to experience our warm hospitality, meet with LGBTQ friendly community organizations and celebrate the diversity of Lynn. This event allowed youth and adults to learn that "church" is not meant to be a place of judgment or segregation. In fact, several of the youth who came last year to pride are now members of BE YOU and OASIS. As always, the youth will plan and lead the event but will need mentors and supporters in this holy work so please speak with Jason Cruz or Rev. Sarah if you are interested.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT AT BCH CAMP FEBRUARY 3-5. Join young people (grades 9-12) and adults from across the diocese for a weekend of games, song, discovery, and inspiration. Organized and led by teens on the Diocesan Youth Council, the retreat is designed to give high school students a chance for rest and relaxation away from the stresses of family, school and work. The retreat fills up quickly so please see Rev. Sarah before January 15 to sign up! The retreat costs \$125; we ask for a family contribution of at least \$40 but we will work to make sure that every youth can attend. Please speak with Rev. Sarah or Jason Cruz for more information.

WINTER CAMP AT BCH MONDAY, JANUARY 20 TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 27. Youth in grades 4-11 are invited to join some of their favorite summer camp counselors and mentors for 5 nights and 6 days of fun at BCH Winter Camp! The week will bring a mix of cozying up indoors and embarking on outdoor adventures in the snow. Campers will engage in daily worship and faith formation activities focused on renewal of mind, body and spirit. The fee for Winter Camp is \$600 with the expectation that the family, St. Stephen's and BCH will each pay 1/3 or \$200. If you can't pay the family portion please speak with the clergy.

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY GATHERS JANUARY 10. In December YAs gathered at Rev. Jane's for a Christmas Brunch and Yankee Swap. Great food (thanks to Emily), stunning stories, and creative swap items made for a good afternoon. All 18-25 year olds are encouraged to come to our January YA Dinner at 6:00 on Tuesday, January 10. As we eat a tasty meal, we'll reflect on the year past and make New Year's resolutions for ourselves and for the group.

DEEPENING COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25: THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF PAUL
The Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi, Bishop of Utah, will ordain to the Sacred Order of Priest
THE REV. CHARLES KNUTH
At Trinity Church, Folsom, California with the Rev. Jane Gould preaching
Your prayers and presence are requested

ECCO BELOVED COMMUNITY GATHERING JANUARY 5 AT ST. STEPHEN'S. Join us on Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 to debrief the race retreat, hear about the December 13 criminal justice reform rally, and plan for the future. Our agendas include continued work with the Lynn Police Department and the new Police Chief, addressing Essex County prison issues with Sheriff Kevin Coppinger, and engaging the statewide criminal justice reform movement. In January the Governor Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, Speaker of the House, and Senate President will work together to create a proposal for criminal justice reform.

HONOR DR. KING DURING MLK WEEKEND. Our parish MLK worship will be Sunday, January 15 at 8:00 and 10:00. The St. Stephen's Beloved Community and clergy are planning the liturgy and special music. Monday at 8:00am there will be an MLK breakfast in the city. Please speak with the Rector if you would like to attend the breakfast at the Porthole Pub.

ECCO IMMIGRATION TRAINING JANUARY 19. Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 gather with ECCO at the UU Church of Greater Lynn (101 Forest Street, Swampscott) to hear the hopes and fears of immigrants. ECCO with our national affiliate PICO has taken leadership encouraging President Obama to pardon undocumented people, and is educating congregations and communities about the new sanctuary movement. Come pray and plan together as we stand with those whose lives and families feel at risk as Donald Trump is sworn in as our President.

MILLION WOMEN MARCHING IN DC AND BOSTON JANUARY 21. St. Stephen's will join groups gathering in Boston and Washington DC on Saturday, January 21 to affirm the integrity and humanity of all the children of God. If you plan to travel to DC, please talk with Rev. Sarah who is coordinating our Washington team. If you want to join the Boston team, please talk with Emily or Rev. Jane. And, watch the bulletin for gathering times and places. Both events will require a fair amount of walking and the weather is likely to be cold (or worse).

SERVE AT THE TABLE JANUARY 22 FROM 1:00 TO 4:00. Our team serves at My Brother's Table the fourth Sunday of every month. While we have a faithful core group, we could use some new MBT Team members to learn the ropes, meet the people, and lend a helping hand.

HARVEST FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS

Bose Sound System: Diana Brown

Westin Waterfront Boston overnight: Carolyn Edwards


\$100 VISA Gift card: David Woumn

Patriots ticket: Barbara Stockwell

Bruins tickets: Gould Family

Many thanks to all who bought and sold raffle tickets, and made the prizes possible

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 8 & 10am Worship in English 10am Worship in Kiswahili	Office Hours Monday - Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm	KIC Music Monday – Thursday 2:00pm – 6:00pm				
1 	2 8pm AA	3 3:30-5:30pm Be You 4:15pm Tuesday with the Monks 6:30pm Knitters' Club 6:30pm Baptismal Prep Class 7pm NA	4 6:30pm Bible Study	5 10:30am Pastoral Care & Healing Prayer Teams Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 2:30pm St. Stephen's BCT Planning 7-9pm ECCO Beloved Community Team Meeting	6 Epiphany	7 9-10:30am Sewing Club 10am Choir Rehearsal
8 Baptism of Christ 10am Holy Baptism Noon Acolyte Training 12:30 Women's Group	9 8pm AA	10 2pm Communion at the Towers 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6pm Finance Committee 6pm YA Dinner 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	11 6pm KIC Family Dinner 6:30pm Bible Study	12 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 12:30pm Clericus Lunch at St. Stephen's 1pm Tea & Talk	13 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	14 10am Choir Rehearsal
15 10am MLK Observance 12:15pm Vestry Meeting 3:30pm Viewing of <i>13th</i> at the Poppes'	16 The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED 8pm AA	17 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm Stewardship Ministry Team 7pm NA	18 6:30pm Bible Study	19 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 7pm ECCO Immigration Training	20 3-4pm Food Pantry	21 Million Women March, Washington & Boston 10am Choir Rehearsal
22 12-2pm Middle School Youth Group 12:15-1:30pm Rule of Life Introduction 1-4pm My Brother's Table	23 8pm AA	24 3:30-5:30pm Be You 7pm NA	25 Charlie Knuth's ordination, Folsom, CA 6:30pm Bible Study	26 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk Rule of Life Group	27 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	28 10am Choir Rehearsal
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