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A WORD FROM THE INTERMIN RECTOR

In every parish I have served in my 30 years of ordained ministry the summer months have been times when things slow down. We would have an opportunity to catch our breath, take some time off and begin planning for the fall. This is not true for St. Stephen's. We have had a frantically busy June, and July, with the KIC Summer Camp and Summer Learning Program, we will be just as busy. It is wonderful and I am so impressed will all of you for the work being done to further God's work in this place.

With that being said, I hope that everyone will get some time off this summer. I will be taking two weeks off in August. Meanwhile, there are a number of important efforts that continue.

- Preparing for the 175 Anniversary of St. Stephens Church on September 22nd
- Preparing of the grand re-opening of the Kids in Community - Music and Arts Program After School
- Reorganizing and recruiting a team to run the Food Pantry
- Establish a new youth outreach program
- Reaching out to our families with young children to better serve their needs.

We also continue to have Sunday Worship. The services are a little simpler, a little shorter. For those who usually come to the 10 AM service, you might want to try out the 8 AM service. I find it rather nice to have gone to church and still have the rest of the morning free. The summer is also a nice time to visit other churches, especially if you are out of town. It can be interesting to see how other congregations worship. I would love to hear what we might, or definitely might not, want to try out here.

Finally, thank you for the faithful service by all of the members of St. Stephen's. You make this a truly inspiring community.

Blessing and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrington".

The Rev. Tom Barrington

STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

BIG MONEY RAFFLE SUCCESS. The Big Money Raffle Drawing Party on June 30 was a great success as well as lots of fun as the second BASH in the dining room. Food was wonderful as the event was catered by David Shalvoy of Christopher's Cafe. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to the BMR Team Heather Collis Puro, Carolyn Hoy, Sandy Wittrup, Pam Alleyne, Irene Axelrod, Ginny Fuller, Sally Gosselin, Chris Trahan, and Joyce Wallace. They, in turn, would like to thank everyone who bought and sold tickets, all the donors of door prizes, Dan Collis Puro for his work on the computer system that kept everyone updated on the progress of the drawing, Tim Potter for keeping the music going and Ruthanne Switzer for record keeping during the drawing. Special thanks goes to our MC, Steve Switzer, for keeping the crowd entertained, even when we didn't have a winning ticket. He kept us laughing anyway! The BMR Committee would especially like to thank Harry Jackson, Brandi Walker and others who stepped up during a hectic final week before the event. **WE SOLD MORE TICKETS THIS YEAR THAN EVER!** 230 tickets were sold! Winners: \$5,000 Bishop Alan Gates & Tricia Harvey; \$1,000 Adelaide Vonleh; \$750 James Mulloy, Lisa Fucillo, Karen Guelpho, Derek Sands Group Ticket; \$500 Revered Brian Raiche from Church of the Good Shepherd in Reading; \$250 Context Architecture/Jeff Shaw.

HARVEST FAIR, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

We have a lot of celebrating to do for the 175th before the Fair happens on Nov. 23. It is not too early to start thinking of things we can do to make our Fair even more successful than last year. We are always looking for new items for our "Gift Boutique". If you are cleaning out a closet or drawer you might find a gift you never used that would be suitable. People are always looking for handmade items to purchase as unique gifts. Some items can be used on the Silent Auction table. You might see something on vacation that would be a great addition. We will probably follow the format of last year's Fair. After our many jewelry sales we still have some excellent buys but can now take more jewelry to add to the collection. We have thoughts for our raffle and that will soon be announced.

On the day of the Fair itself, we are always in need of helpers. We have a wonderful time working together on this important money-making project. Please let us know if you would like to help. We will probably have a meeting in the summer to go over everything.

Thanks for keeping the Fair in mind. Marilyn Cloran and Sally Gosselin, Fair Co-chairs

A NOTE TO ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH FROM SEARCH COMMITTEE

SEARCH COMMITTEE – WE ARE RECEIVING NAMES. Profile is on the web site, we are officially receiving names for candidates for Rector of St. Stephen's. The opening is being disseminated through various church wide channels. While the members of the Search Committee can not divulge the names of any of the candidates, this does not mean that members of the congregation need be passive. If you know of any priest whom you think would be a good candidate for Rector, please contact them and invite them to apply. We will be receiving name through September 15th. Even if you know a priest who is not looking for a change, maybe they will know someone else who would be a great Rector of St. Stephen's. Remember we call this process an **active search** for a new Rector. Secondly, we invite everyone at St. Stephen's to be holding the candidates and the Search Committee in your prayers.

The Vestry approved the profile on June 23 and we then sent it to The Rev. Cannon Martha Hubbard who sent this note that we would like to share with you:

Dear Friends at St. Stephen's:

I have just read through your profile and I am so very impressed! It flows, it offers practical facts and captures the faithful, prayerful, diverse and justice seeking character of your community! As I finished reading it I felt overcome with hope and gratitude for our Episcopal tradition and the way you all faithfully embody that in your parish. Thank you for the honesty and clarity you displayed. I have observed that though producing this document has required creative refinement of the text over a number of months – with much discussion among you - it has resulted in a glorious document that I am sure will attract good and faithful candidates to be your next Rector.

I will move St. Stephen's to the "Receiving Names" designation on the Diomass Website and in the FYI transitions report for July – all of this will take place next Wednesday July 3, and you should put the profile up on your website then too.

Faithfully, Martha+

The Rev. Canon Martha L. Hubbard Canon for the Northern & Western
Region The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Neil O'Donnell for all of his work running the Food Pantry. Two month ago he announced that he is retiring as of the end of June 2019. He has done great work on the Pantry and has set up an efficient and effective system for the distribution of about 100 bags of groceries to families and individuals on Fridays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM except the first Friday of the month.

We, the people of St. Stephen's, now need to step up to keep this vital ministry going.

The Vestry is looking at the summer months as an interim period when we can get some experience running the Pantry. We are looking to recruiting a team to administrate the Pantry and a cadre of folks to get the work done. The first Food Pantry Distribution Day where this goes into effect will be on Friday, July 12th

The tasks that need to get done are:

- Ordering food from the food bank once a month on the third week of the month and keeping track of inventory.
- Picking up food from the Food Bank in Peabody once a month on the third Thursday of the month.
- Organizing the storage of the food from the Food Bank and other donors, both perishable and non-perishable food.
- Keeping the Pantry room clean and orderly.
- Figuring out what will be distributed on any given Pantry Distribution Day and overseeing the filling of the bags. Currently we fill the bags with non-perishable items on Thursday afternoons.
- Overseeing distribution days, including adding perishable items, training and supervising volunteers, and ensuring paperwork is being properly filled out. Hours are 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Friday.
- Recruiting and deploying volunteers throughout the process.

If you are willing and able to help out please let us know by contacting Brandi in the office at ststephens@ststephenslynn.org or 781-599-4220. There will also be a sign up posted in the Galahad Area.

NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

JOANNE DROPPERS BOOIK NOOK. The Food Pantry's Book Nook was dedicated to Joanne on June 16,2018 after her funeral service. Joanne was instrumental in establishing the St. Stephen's Food Pantry Book Nook. The Book Nook provides free books to any and all patrons of the weekly food pantry. Books are supplied through the REAL Program (Reading Educational Assistance Learning) and donations. Joanne especially delighted in providing books for children and those for whom English was a second language. If you would like to help continue her legacy, the Book Nook is always looking for volunteers to share books with patrons or read with the children. Speak to Sally Gosselin if this interests you!

HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

2019 Scholarship Recipients of St. Stephen's Church

Scholarship	Recipient
Martha "Pat" and James M. Harriss Scholarship	Kati Whitcomb
Michael Jude Provost Scholarship	Teka Lumumba-Nkrumah
George Burkholder Scholarship	Christopher Pozo
William and Dorothy Robinson Scholarship	Miles Collis Puro
Shawn Robinson Scholarship	Elizabeth Trahan
Babette Dickens Scholarship & Lillian McCarthy Fund	Jared Zimiroski
William Rodrigue Scholarship	Shantwan Wilder
Inglis Thomsen Fund and Dennen-Mower Fund	Nicole Marange

KIC SUMMER CAMP AND SUMMER LEARNING BEGINS ON MONDAY, JULY 8TH

CHANGE OF LOCATION to the Washington STEM Elementary School at 58 Blossom St, Lynn. This is due to ongoing renovations downstairs.

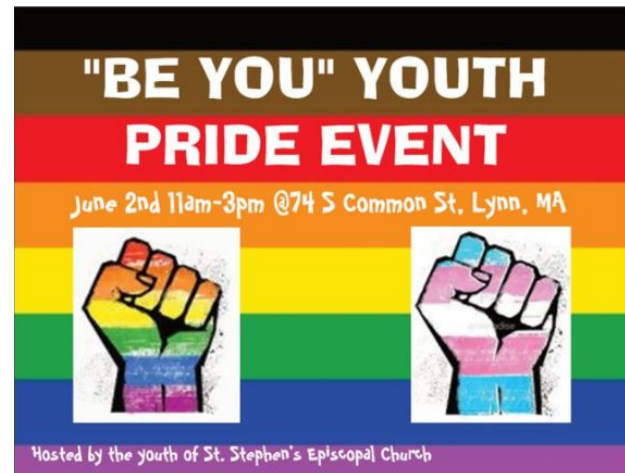
SUMMER LEARNING AT ST. STEPHEN'S HEADS INTO YEAR 5. Summer Learning is getting ready for another great summer. New and returning staff are planning 4 weeks of exciting summer activities in math, reading, writing and some STEM-related learning. The program runs from July 8th-August 1st Monday through Thursday each week from 2:30-5:30pm. Volunteer opportunities are available. Speak with Micheal Brown if you are interested.

VOLUNTEER WEEK AT KIC. KIC Summer Camp Volunteers are needed again this year. Camp serves 120 local children from 1st to 6th grade starting July 8 and runs for 4 weeks. We are looking for people who are willing to spend 1- 4 mornings a week, 9—12:15. Volunteers read with or to children, play board games with them, and supply snacks for 100 kids each day. This is a really wonderful ministry of our church and we hope you will find it in your heart to help us out. We are counting on parishioners from St. Stephen's to come during the week of July 8 and have other parishes (St. Andrew's and St. Michael's Marblehead, and UU of Great Lynn) lined up to help with subsequent weeks, but we can likely use St. Stephen's people throughout the month as well. If you want to be a part of this 'village', please contact Shannon Morrissey at SMorrissey@ststephenslynn.org.

4th ANNUAL LYNN YOUTH PRIDE EVENT WAS A SUCCESS! After months of planning, fundraising and publicizing, we had a successful Lynn Youth Pride Gathering on June 8 on the front lawn of St. Stephen's.

Attendees enjoyed music, food, art projects, information tables, service dogs, and poetry & musical performances. St. Stephen's once again put into practice our remarkable gifts for hospitality and progressive social actions.

Special thanks to Lead organizers Destin Fernandes and Eunice Beato. A special thank you to Jason Cruz, Helen Patmon, Neil O'Donnell, Jamie Shore, and all the OASIS youth for helping make this an amazing and successful event .



DEEPENING COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM CELEBRATION AND DINNER. On Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00 PM. The Beloved Community invites participants, friends and supporters to join us for dinner as we celebrate our journey together and share stories of what we've learned. Please RSVP to Helen Patmon at Mustangblueinc@comcast.net or Pam Poppe at pamelapoppe61@gmail.com .

The Beloved Community Team consisted of members of St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's Church, Marblehead. It is committed to dismantling racism within ourselves and the communities in which we serve.

MOUNT OLIVIE CHURCH IN LYNN WILL CELEBRATE 50 BLEESED YEARS. On Saturday, August 24th they will hold a Banquest and Silent Auction at Angelica's Restaurant, 49 South Main St(Route 114 West) Middleton at 6:30pm. Donation is \$65.00 per person, \$120.00 per couple. On Sunday, August 25th at 4:00pm at Mount Olivie Church. Our speaker for this will Elder Jonathan Farrow from New Canaan COGIC, Roxbury.

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
1844-2019
PROVIDING CHRISTIAN SERVICE TO ALL PEOPLE**

Save these Dates

Celebrations: Dinner, Saturday September 21, 2019, for making new and renewed friendships.
More information will be coming forth regarding this CELEBRATION!

Sunday, September 22, 2019 – Service, 10 AM with Bishop Gates.
Reception: Dining area following Service.

There will be a **175th Anniversary Commemorative Book**: 8"x10" in size. In the past parishioners and friends have placed "ads"/ messages in the 150th anniversary book. This tradition will be continued for 175th commemorative book.

The messages may be: in memorial, celebration, or congratulatory.
The costs for these messages are:

1/8 page (3.75x 2.5)	\$ 50
1/4 page (3.75x 5)	\$ 75
1/2 page (7.5x5)	\$ 150
Full page (7.5x 10)	\$ 250

The messages must be in print-ready /digital copy for publication.
Forms for the ads will be available in the Galahad area.

A WORD FROM DEACON SONIA HODGE

Dear Friends at Saint Stephens,

This October, a team of people from Trinity Stoughton and Trinity Canton, myself included will be traveling with others from South Carolina to the Dominican Republic to take part in a medical mission. I am very excited to take part in this and need your assistance!

This mission will be at the Episcopal Iglesia San Pedro y San Pablo in la barquita, a barrio outside of the capital city of Santo Domingo. During our week-long clinic, we will triage, examine and offer basic medical care to over 400 people. Medicines are given to those in need after seeing our physicians, as well as healthy nutrition information. Of course the most important aspect of our medical mission is the deepening of the relationship we have with the parish and its neighbors.

I am asking for your support in this mission to help cover my travel expenses. While fundraising is held to raise monies to purchase medicines and supplies, the expenses for travel, hotel and meals, are typically personally paid by those volunteering to take part in the team. These expenses typically run about \$1,600 per team member.

I would appreciate any financial support that you might be able to offer to help me to participate in this mission. You may write a check to Trinity Episcopal Church, 414 Sumner Street in Stoughton, attn. Fr. Harry. Mark the check "DR MISSION - TEAM SUPPORT"

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Our work is yet another reminder of our call to be Christ's hands and feet in the world, and his reminder to us *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

Blessings in Christ,

Deacon Sonia Hodge

POEM FOR THE MONTH

The Builders
Tune *The British Grenadier*
Submitted by James Raynes

Sing, All good people gathered. Your voices raise in song.
Within this church that fostered our ancient faith so strong.
So tried and wrought to fitness in scorn of fire and sword.
Sing, as these stones bear witness of those who praised the Lord.

Each rib from pillars springing a frozen fountain plays.
Above the chancel singing in harmony of parise;
Like tall trees ever growing the differeing columns stand.
To bear the vault down throwing the shadows of God's hand.

Here, for a worker's wages, this glass so surely stained.
Down the long aisle of ages in glory has remained.
As sister works with brother, the glaziers worked to paint
the blue robe of the mother, the red robe of our Saint.

Proud heads lie here, disowning all but one drooping head.
Whole hands worked here atoning for open hands that bled.
Full hearts and living voices a broken heart proclaim.
"Life after death rejoices, and after silence, fame."

If anyone would like to offer a Poem for the Month for future newsletter please send it to ststephens@ststephenslynn.org or speak to Rev. Tom.

St. Stephen's Events

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 KIC Staff Training 8:00 pm AA	2 KIC Staff Training 7:00 pm NA	3 KIC Staff Training	4 Office Closed Independence Day 	5	6 4:00 pm ECCO- Immigrant
7 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Worship - Kenyan Congregation	8 8:30 KIC Day Camp 2:30 Summer Learning 8:00 pm AA	9 8:30 KIC Day Camp 2:30 Summer Learning 7:00 pm NA	10 8:30 KIC Day Camp 2:30 Summer Learning 6:30 pm Bible Study	11 8:30 KIC Day Camp 2:30 Summer Learning 10:30 Pastoral Care Team Meeting 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers 7:00 pm Beloved Community Team	12 8:30 KIC Day Camp 3:00 pm Food Pantry	13 5:00 pm ECCO-BINGO
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