

May 2018

From the Interim Priest,

"In the Episcopal Church, WE TREASURE KIDS!"

This slogan was used in a national church campaign in the 1990's. It was part of an effort to shift the thinking of the church that children and youth are only the future rather than being the present central and vital members of the congregation that they are.

At that time, my parish was invited to participate in a pilot project to explore what our individual congregations could do if we took this slogan seriously. We were asked to explore and experiment what "treasuring our kids" might actually look like. We then shared what we learned with about a dozen other parishes in the Diocese as well as with the National Church. It was a creative and exciting process that helped energize my congregation.

I would like St. Stephen's to consider how we might more intentionally treasure our children and our youth. This is not to say that we are not already doing a lot of positive things. We are. However, I hope we can make the whole congregation aware of and engaged in treasuring our kids.

One of the big insights we got from the Treasure Kids Project was the fact that it involved ministry **for** children and youth, ministry **with** children and youth, and ministry **by** children and youth.

Ministry for children and youth involves those things we adults have to teach - the stories of the bible, the traditions and practices of our faith, as well as the values and attitudes behind them. What we also discovered was that we adults needed to ask if the ways we have been doing this are the most effective ways to share our faith. We found that we needed to challenge our assumptions and look at our practices and see if they were actually growing young Christians.

Ministry with children and youth raised the awareness that there are many things we do in church that can include our younger members. They can join in many, if not all the ministries of the Church. This will require some training but most often what is needed is an open heart and a willingness to slow down and be more a companion to our younger members.

Ministry by children and youth is the part that has most moved me. We believe that in Baptism we are all made full members of the Church, the Body of Christ. This includes having spiritual gifts that will build up the body. Even our youngest members have spiritual gifts. I have learned more about the sacredness of the Eucharist from 3 year olds than anyone else. I have learned about loyalty, friendship, and unconditional love from

pre-teens. I have learned about struggle and faith from countless youth. The key has been my willingness to slow down and pay attention.

As I said above, St. Stephen's is doing a lot right. We need to identify those things and understand what makes them effective. We also need to examine the ways in which we are falling short. As we end our program year and begin to plan for the fall, we are being faced with the reality that we will not have the extra clergy and interns to plan our programs. I am hoping that we can begin preparing for the fall by reflecting on ways we can treasure our children and youth and let our actions and programs come out of that.

In Jesus' love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Barrington". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "In Jesus' love,".

The Rev. Tom Barrington

SOUL CELEBRATION & THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT MAY 20

10AM MORNING WORSHIP: FEAST OF THE PENTECOST & BAPTISMS

Guest Preacher: Rev. Joseph Ngotho, Pastor of the Kenyan/Kiswahili St. Stephen's Congregation

Special Music: Eneza Injili Youth Chorus under the direction of Rev. Zachary Kinyua



GUEST KEYNOTE SPEAKER ATTORNEY NICOLE M. BLUEFORT

Nicole Bluefort is a rising star in the Greater Boston legal community. She is an experienced trial attorney who focuses on family law, estate planning, personal injury, real estate, criminal defense and general litigation. She is known for her exceptional leadership skills and aggressive representation.

In 2017, Nicole launched Nicole Marie Consulting, a firm that focuses on developing women who are looking to start or grow a business. She is committed to the growth of minority and women entrepreneurs.

Nicole is active in her hometown community of Lynn and serves as a mentor to at-risk and first-generation students at the high school level.

**JOIN US for worship at 10am,
the Soul Food & Kenyan Dinner at noon and
Keynote Address "Supporting Our Youth and Children"
(tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children; available from Debbie Potter or the office)**

STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

VESTRY SUMMARY MAY. Vestry met this month and discussed bringing families and kids back to church, Hospitality Committee being formed, building repairs progress and challenges, Parochial Report and Financials. Budget changes were made to allow increase in office hours. Scholarship Review Committee was formed. Fundraising also discussed, including Soul Celebration on Pentecost Sunday, May 20 and First Communion on Sunday, April 29. Tom thanked all for help during Holy Week.

FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE. At the March and April Vestry meetings we reviewed and accepted the 2016 Audit and voted to accept procedural changes to bring more clarity to the Treasurer's Office. Starting in March 2018 the church hired a bookkeeper, Leah Kyle, who is also a parishioner and former parish Treasurer at Good Shepherd Church in Reading. Good Shepherd is where both Patrick Lafortune and Carolyn Hoy work, and it is nice to have an additional connection! Leah runs her own bookkeeping business, LKWorks, and has helped Heather establish online financial files as well as enroll St. Stephen's in online bill pay through Eastern Bank. These new changes will help streamline the Treasurer's Office and make our accounting more efficient and organized.

We continue to expand our knowledge of our online giving software: **Realm**. Since Realm is in the cloud, it is easier for the Treasurer to check on donations and create statements as needed. Please set up a profile in Realm with your email. This does not mean you will have to stop paying your pledge by check. But, it does mean that you can check the status of your pledge and print out a statement by just logging in from your computer. As the church moves away from paper newsletters, we will also make the move to send pledge statements out electronically as well. This makes the office more efficient and saves paper & postage costs! It is a simple and safe way to support St. Stephen's without paying anything! If you have email, you can create a profile in Realm. Terri, Heather and Carolyn will all be more than glad to help you set up an online profile in Realm today! Don't hesitate!

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Steve Switzer, Co-chair
 Paulina Cruz
 Virginia Fuller
 Emily Sherwood
 Conrad Squires
 Keri Whitcomb

Helen Patmon, Co-chair
 Bob Dixon
 Pam Poppe
 Bob Tucker
 Joyce Wallace
 Sandy Wittrup

FROM THE ORGANIST. I personally want to thank all the choir members for their efforts, dedication, and loyalty to make Easter so wonderful. I also must thank our violinist for her extraordinary talent. We are so fortunate to have Lisa Brook every Easter. God Bless, Bruce.

NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

RAFFLE - QUILT IN CIVIL WAR PATTERN -TO BENEFIT RESTORATION FUND

We will be raffling off a 60 in. by 80. in. (will fit a full size bed) beautiful Civil War-patterned Quilt that has been donated to us for fundraising purposes. It is hand/machine made. Money received will go into our restoration fund.

The pattern is quite fitting considering that our church is a memorial to Lt. Col. Charles Redington Mudge who died at Gettysburg in 1863 at the young age of 23. At that time quilts were made by wives of soldiers and taken to war or sold for income when their husbands were away. They also were symbols on safe houses that were part of the Underground Railroad. The colors were the honor colors with shades of red, gold and blue but dull. This quilt has those colors as well as many others and would blend with many decors.

This is an exceptional quilt that can be used on a couch or bed and become a conversation piece in any room. It is washable. Please sell tickets to your friends and family and add to our Restoration fund. Tickets will be available after the 10 am service or in the office. They are \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

Marilyn Cloran



HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

YOUTH LEAD MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST. Join our teens in the Graham Suite at 9am on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th for a light breakfast in appreciate for our mothers, female leaders, and all of the woman who have gone before us. There will be a small gift made by the teens for all who attend. You definitely don't want to miss out!

ONLY 6 WEEKS OF CHURCH SCHOOL LEFT! During the last weeks of Church School students and teachers will be busy learning about the basics of Episcopal faith, preparing for and celebrating Pentecost, and much more. If you would like to think creatively about children and youth formation for the fall, please talk to Jamie or Reverend Tom. As always, we provide church school at 10am for infants through grade 12. **On June 10, our graduating seniors will preach as we celebrate our Church School teachers and students, honor our seniors, and award scholarships for Higher Education.**

FAITH & ACTION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS. The Middle School Group went to the ECCO Children's March to protect immigrant families on April 19th and had a great discussion about organizing and immigration! May 4th is the next Middle School Group and we will be gathering to work on supporting the Youth Pride Event on June 2nd and to have fun and support each other! Please talk to Teka, Jason, or Jamie if you have any questions or know you who could get involved!

WORK AT KIC THIS SUMMMER. Applications for KIC mentors are out! Applicants must currently be in 9th grade or above. Successful mentors are usually responsible, caring, energetic youth who are interested in working with children. Applications are still available in the office and Galahad areas. Both new and returning prospective mentors should fill out an application and complete an interview. While KIC likes to hire from the St. Stephen's family, KIC hiring is competitive so teens are encouraged to provide thoughtful responses and to return application forms on time! Questions? Contact Sheyla Veras, KIC Director, at 617-435-3325.

KIC CAMP IS COMING. Registration forms for KIC Summer day camp will be available in the office and Galahad area! Any child who has completed 1st-5th grade is eligible for camp, and spots are available on a first come, first served basis. KIC will run from July 9 – August 3, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 to 2:00. Campers can look forward to days filled with art, music, games, field trips, and more!

BCH IS FILLING FAST AND REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON! BCH encourages online registration at <https://bchcamp.campbrainregistration.com/>. **But please talk to Jamie Shore if you need help navigating the platform. A week of Camp costs \$600 per child;** the Camp asks each family to pay what you can BUT scholarships are available. Diocesan scholarships look to the family, the church, and the Diocese to each 1/3 of the cost. This means that the **requested minimum family share is \$200. For a family that can't pay the \$200 talk to the clergy.** Campers in 9th and 10th grades should be thinking about signing up for the Diocesan Youth Leadership Academy, which launches in July for 2018-2019. Camp transforms the lives of young people and the BCH leadership remains committed to making Camp accessible to all children. If you have any questions, speak with Jamie Shore

OASIS IS WORKING HARD OASIS continues to meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month 6:30-9 for dinner and connection. We are hard at work planning the 3rd annual Youth Pride Event and also have been having a lot of fun together like playing hide and seek in the dark church! We also participated in the Girl's Inc Take Back the Night March against sexual violence in April and represented St. Stephens well there.



BE YOU GETTING READY FOR LYNN YOUTH PRIDE ON JUNE 3. On Saturday, June 2nd from 11-3 the BE YOU and OASIS teens will host the 3rd Annual Lynn Youth Pride Event. The teens have been working hard to create an event that will highlight St. Stephen's mission to welcome all of God's children. Last year more than 100 children, youth and adults came for a day of outdoor activities, food, spoken word artists and performances by our teens. This year we are focusing on mental health and will have therapy dogs, bouncy houses, and even more LGBTQ swag! If you can provide financial support and/or time on the 3rd, speak with Jamie



LOTS OF ORGANIZING WITH ECCO. In April, Jamie, Reverend Tom, and several middle school students attended the Children's March to Protect Immigrant Families. This was a great learning experience and we discussed ways we can continue to be connected to ECCO this spring. Several events are coming up this Mat. On **May 1** ECCO is sponsoring a May Day Direct Action for Immigrant & Worker Rights. **May 3 at 7:00** there's a community meeting about escalation and other movement strategies. And stating on **May 10**, Signature gathering for the minimum wage and paid family leave starts up again. Talk to Jamie if you are looking for more ways to get involved with ECCO.

DEEPENING COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

ST STEPHEN'S FOOD PANTRY PRESENTATION. The St. Stephen's Food Pantry gave a presentation to District Rotarians at a Hunger and Homelessness Exhibit Showcase on April 19, 2018. Attending were Rev. Tom Barrington, Neil O'Donnell, Maryam Kooros, Lucinda McClain, and Sally Gosselin. Photos of our food pantry were provided by Marilyn Cloran. We featured our outreach on a large trifold which showed photos of our setup now, and listed for the Rotarians our needs at this time to improve serving our people and how they can help us. Rotarians made suggestions and tentative offers of help. The feedback from certain members was encouraging and we're looking forward to the follow-up.

FOOD PANTRY HELP REQUESTED. The Book Nook and Clothes Closet on Friday Pantry days are reaching out for help. If you have from 2:30pm-4:00pm or just 3:00 pm -4:00pm on one or more Fridays to help people find books or help sort clothing, that's a fine way to be part of our striving to feed the mind, the body, and the spirit of needy Lynn residents. If you can help, please let the office know or speak to Sally Gosselin or Neil O'Donnell. The Pantry is currently seeking sturdy metal shelving and reusable shopping bags.

MAKE A WITNESS AT MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE: Join Bishop Alan M. Gates and the B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign again this year in making a public witness against gun violence by walking together in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace on Sunday, May 13.



This annual pledge walk is sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and is a fundraiser for the institute's work in support of families affected by murder and its efforts to create more peaceful communities.

The Diocese of Massachusetts and its B-PEACE campaign have had a strong team at the walk since 2013, and organizers hope many will join the walk to make 2018 another year when Episcopalians are witnessing together for peace, building relationships and celebrating mothers and

families. For more, see the [diocesan website](#).

ARTWEEK LYNN - OUR TIFFANY WINDOWS ON VIEW. On Saturday, May 5, from 10 am to 2 pm the church will be open with tours to show off our beautiful Tiffany Windows as part of Artweek Lynn. Rick Cloran will be explaining the processes of making the Tiffany glass and windows while Irene Axelrod will give tours into the church, discussing the history of the building and its donors. This is the first year that Artweek Boston has been expanded to include towns and cities across the state. Tell your friends to come and see our beautiful windows and church. Other events are scheduled for the week between April 27 and May 6. They are listed on the Lynn Cultural District website, www.lynnculturaldistrict.org under calendar. Marilyn Cloran is organizing this event.

EASTER LILIES GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Euphemia Cooper Weeks

Rev. & Mrs. Robert Anderson, Jr.

Albert W. Bailey
Eva T. Bailey
Gertrude L. Bailey
Elizabeth A. Bailey
Walter C. Bailey
Audrey O'Hare
Joe Baratz
Robert C. Hegan

Hal Bowden
Ned Stead
Thomas Nicholson

George S. Burkholder
Dorothy Robinson
William Robinson

James D. & Margaret J. Byrne
Charles & Margaret B. McFarlane
Harold T. & Jane Snow
John E & Beatrice Byrne
Beatrice Byrne Faus
John & Matilda C. McFarlane
Janet McLean
Cynthia A. McFarlane
John S. McLean
James F. & Marie Byrne
Diane E. Byrne
Alice E. Byrne

Clarence, Julia, Thomas & Dorothy Callaway

Gladys L. Haywood
Arnold C. Haywood
George & Christalia Jackson & Family

The Rev. & Mrs. Albert J. Chafe

Joseph Emmanuel Dennis
Dr. Armah Cooper
Armelia DiPietrantonio
Cynthia Cooper Kamara
Laurie Sauchuk
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The Crowley Family
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Shirley H. Biggs
Robert C. Jackson
Hubert Jackson, Jr.

Dorothy Kay-McLaughlin
Judith Kay
Paul Bartlett
John Elton
Sofia Dariotis
Charles Femia
Lucille Foster

In Thanksgiving for the Life of St. Stephen's Parish both Past and Present

EASTER LILIES GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Irene Sherwood Gilroy	John & Helen Morris
Yolanda Gonzalez	John & Mary Morris
Bill & Claire Jackson	Carl & Albertina Fischer
Barbara Keating	Carl A. Fischer
Herbert & Phyllis Kellom	Matthew Clifton
Jessie LeClerk	Alan Sward
Kathleen Lehew	
Leslie Lougee	Alfred & Ann Nottingham
Joan Lules	John & Louise Cantrell
Jane Marquis	Bertram & Jeanette Nottingham
Patricia McGovern	Thomas Roberts
Charles & Kathleen McLaughlin	Pamela Marcin
John McLaughlin	
Richard McLaughlin	Donald L. Phillips
Diane Paine-Wheeler	Marjorie L. Phillips
Robert E. Ross, Jr.	Wayne R. Phillips
Robert E. Ross Sr.	Jeanette Scrimshire
Ken & Lorraine Shanahan	
Rev. Edward & Esther	The Rev. Edgar Romig
Howland Sherwood	
Edward Sherwood Jr.	The Sheppard Family
John, Mary & Philip Walsh	Edith Stead
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	Arthur & Mildred Thorne
The Rev. Dr. William Lawson	
	Marlene Tinkham
Henry J. & Jane B. Livermore	Elsie Loring
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Perley & Marguerite G. McIntire	Renee Surette
Donald B. & Taimie Livermore	Midge Day
Wilbur J. & Marge Livermore	Patricia Mitchell
Dorothy M. Livermore	Gladys Renaghan
Stella Fox	Michael Tinkham
Carl Anthony Messina, Sr.	Ruth Milne Twohig
Avis & Kenneth Ferguson	Jane Twohig Perrin
Sandra Ferguson Conway	
Charles Fowler	Maria Esther Williams
Bernice Ferguson	
Anne Ferguson	Rose Yakoobian
Messina & Mulcahy Families	Joseph Yakoobian
Donna Langevain	Nazareth Ghazarosian
	George Ghazarosian
	Martin Ghazarosian

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St. Stephen's Events

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00pm ECCO May Day March 6:30 pm Knitter's Group 7:00 pm NA	2 6:30 pm Bible Study	3 10:30 am Healing Prayer & Pastoral Care Team Meeting 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1:00 pm Tea & Talk 7:00pm ECCO Comm. Meeting	4	5 8:15 am Community Food Pantry, Lynn 10:00 am Art Week! 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 2:00 pm Eneza Injili Youth Choir Practice
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - no music 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Holy Eucharist - Kiswahili 11:45 am Fall Ministry with Children Planning Meeting	7 8:00 pm AA	8 6:30 pm Knitter's Group 7:00 pm NA	9 6:30 pm Bible Study	10 Ascension Day 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1:00 pm Tea & Talk	11 3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm OASIS	12 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 2:00 pm Eneza Injili Youth Choir Practice
13 Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Walk for Peace 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - no music 9:00am Mother's Day Breakfast 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Holy Eucharist - Kiswahili 12:00 pm Women's Group	14 8:00 pm AA	15 2:30 pm Communion at the Towers 6:30 pm Knitter's Group 7:00 pm NA 7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Team	16 6:30 pm Bible Study	17 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1:00 pm Tea & Talk 7:00 pm Beloved Community Team	18 3:00 pm Food Pantry	19 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 2:00 pm Eneza Injili Youth Choir Practice
20 Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - no music 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Holy Eucharist - Kiswahili 11:45 am Vestry Meeting 1:00 pm Soul Food Dinner	21 8:00 pm AA	22 6:30 pm Knitter's Group 7:00 pm NA	23 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm Bible Study	24 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1:00 pm Tea & Talk	25 3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm OASIS	26 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 2:00 pm Eneza Injili Youth Choir Practice
27 Trinity Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - no music 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Holy Eucharist - Kiswahili	28 8:00 pm AA	29 6:30 pm Knitter's Group 7:00 pm NA	30 6:30 pm Bible Study	31 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1:00 pm Tea & Talk		



CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

I _____, agree on this _____ day of _____, 2018
to contribute to the "SOUL CELEBRATION," presented at St. Stephen's Church on
May 20, 2018, in the manner stated below on the Contribution Form.

I understand that I must provide print-ready copy and that any additional cost for changes in my display in the program book will be charged to me. I also understand that the Soul Celebration Program Book is not for sale; it will be distributed at the event and at the discretion of the Church.

The deadline for the program book is noon on Friday, May 11, 2018.

CONTRIBUTION FORM

PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS:

Mudge Sponsorship (5 x 8) please call 781-599-4220 for details

Inside front and back covers/Centerfold (5 x 8) \$500

Full Page Ad (4.5 x 7) \$150

Half Page Ad (4.5 x 3.5) \$75

*****Quarter Page/Business Card Ad (4 x 2.5) \$50

*****Supporter \$25

OTHER SOUL CELEBRATION SUPPORT OPTIONS:

Table for Eight at the Soul Food Dinner \$200
(includes 1/2 page ad; add \$75 for full page upgrade)

I plan to make a cash contribution or donate a gift card

**Please include print-ready copy of your advertisement with this order form
or email files to ststephens@ststephenslynn.org**

Please include full payment with this form

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City, State & Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ email _____

**For additional information, please call St. Stephen's Church (781-599-4220)
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