



May 2021 NEWSLETTER

A Message from Reverend Greg

Here Comes Summer!

We have come a long way. Who would have believed that it would have gone on this long? Our journey has not been easy, and we have lost loved ones. Some still grieve and others are pondering what life will look like post-pandemic. We have learned much, and Zoom is now a common household name. I for one, am looking forward to the warmth/heat of Summer while still rejoicing at the beauty of Spring. The church building is yearning to be filled once again, to capture the songs of praise and prayers rising heavenward. Hopefully, everyone is looking forward to Summer.

When I was a child, I used to look forward to the month of May. It meant that school would soon be over and Summer vacation would begin. This year, it feels different. I am excited as I was years ago, but this does feel different. You can sense the excitement in the air, but you are fully aware of the anxiety that some still feel. What is of utmost importance is that we exclude no one. We are still very much in this together.

As we look towards the great day of Pentecost, we do so with mixed feelings and a great deal of hope. We all want this to work, so we are willing to collaborate together so that we will not be forced to close yet once again. The safety protocols recommended to the Vestry by the Re-opening Team and voted on and accepted by the Vestry, are not meant to stifle the Spirit of God, but to act together like that first Christian community mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles:

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (New International Version)

As a fellowship of believers, we are called to acknowledge and celebrate who we are: We ARE St. Stephen's Memorial Episcopal Church and as faithful followers of Jesus Christ we concern ourselves for the good of all.

Here comes Summer and with it, the Spirit of Pentecost that is all about opening the doors of St. Stephen's where we are *"An open and affirming Christian church worshiping in the Anglican tradition. Crossing lines of color, class, culture and generation, we seek transformation of our lives and our community through Christ's Gospel of love, compassion and justice."* (Mission Statement of the congregation)

Hallelujah! We Are Reopening!

On Sunday, April 25th, the Vestry approved the recommendation by the Reopening Team to open the church to limited capacity of 75 on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021**. At the end of this newsletter, you will see a ***Risk Acknowledgement and Waiver*** form which we ask that you fill out and sign if you are planning on attending church in person. Each household must pre-register in order to attend in person services at this time. The form has additional instructions that you should be familiar with prior to returning to the building. We will still provide virtual/on-line services each Sunday. Please fill in the form, sign and bring it with you on May 23rd.

SPREAD THE WORD: VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE AT LYNN TECH

Get the word out and help protect our families and neighbors and reopen our community!

The Lynn Tech Vaccination Site is administering COVID-19 vaccinations to any MA resident. You can book your appointment at: <https://bit.ly/32ST7aH> Please note: the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are for adults 18+, however, the Pfizer vaccine can be given to youth ages 16 and 17. For these youth, please call the Vaccine Call Center to confirm a Pfizer vaccine appointment: 781-595-7747. Please use the link below for the guardian consent form. If you can't print it ahead of time, it will be provided to you at the Lynn Tech Vaccine Site. [Pfizer Vaccine Consent Form: Ages 16 and 17](#)

POETRY

A Celtic Blessing by Paul Field from Celtic Daily Prayer, Book Two –
offered by Lucinda McClain

*Go peaceful in gentleness through the
violence of these days.
Give freely.
Show tenderness in all your ways.
Through darkness and in trouble times
let holiness be your aim.
Seek wisdom.
Let faithfulness burn like a flame.
God speed you!
God lead you and keep you wrapped
around His heart.
May you be known by love.
Be righteous.
Speak truthfully in a world of
greed and lies.
Show kindness. See everyone through
Heaven's eyes.
God hold you, enfold you and keep you
wrapped around His heart.
May you be known by love.*

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarships applications for high school college students are due June 1st. Request an application by emailing the Church office at ststephens@ststephenslynn.org. Scholarship Sunday will be June 13, 2021 at the 10 AM service. Attendance at this service is mandatory (Virtual or in-person, should we be open). (Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.)

BIBLE STUDY: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

We will resume meeting each Wednesday at 6:30 PM to explore Paul's Letter to the Romans. If you are interested in joining the group, please reach out to Rev. Greg for the Zoom link at gperez@ststephenslynn.org or 781-599-4220, Ext. 2.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE SUNDAY, MAY 30TH

We'll remember those service men and women who died while serving in the armed forces.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS



Thank you to the Greater Lynn Photographic Association located on 546 Boston St., Lynn for their extremely generous donation of food and funds to support the Food Pantry. David Kourtz from the Association headed up this drive and he and Ken Jordan and Jim Gately made the delivery on Wednesday. Ken photographed the church while here and the others enjoyed a tour by Rick! Thanks to Marilyn and Rick Cloran, "moving forces" in both the camera club and St. Stephen's.

The Food Pantry, under the able leadership of Pam Alleyne and Joyce Wallace, has done an incredible job of stepping up to serve the increased need for food by people in Lynn. The Pantry is an important ministry of St. Stephen's and needs your support. WE NEED DRIVERS: Twice a month, a driver and a helper are needed to pick up our food orders from the Boston and North Shore Food Banks. If you know anyone who'd like to make a little extra money and help get food to people in need, please call the office. Volunteering in the Food Pantry is meaningful and fun – think about joining us on a Thursday at 11:30 AM to get the bags ready or on a Friday from 2-4 PM to help distribute them (every week EXCEPT the first week of the month) and we can always use extra help unloading the truck on the second Friday at 11 AM and on the third Thursday at 9 AM.

THE WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group is an opportunity for fellowship for women from St. Stephen's and St. Andrew's. We meet on the second Sunday of the month, from 12:30 to 2 PM. To get the Zoom invitation to join the meeting, please contact St. Stephen's office.

BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM

The Beloved Community Team is a multiracial group of men and women from St. Stephen's and from St. Andrew's in Marblehead. Some people have been meeting together for five or six years; others came for the first time very recently. All want to learn from each other and support each other in actions, large and small, to personally unlearn racism and to work to change racist policies and structures. We meet once a month, on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from 7-9 PM. If you'd like to get on the email list for BCT, please email Pam Poppe at pamelapoppe61@gmail.com

KIDS IN COMMUNITY

For two hours each afternoon, Monday through Thursday, our KIC/MAP after-school program continues to meet virtually with a small group of children, offering them enriching activities such as check-in time, drumming, literacy support through wordplay, crafts, story time, and multicultural/racial identity learning. Zoom classes have also included seasonal canvas paintings and other fun crafts.

Special thanks to Evan Christopher who demonstrated the clarinet and Paul Connors who showed us various instruments and led the KICsters in creating their own song! Both classes were very exciting and we hope to see more just like it!

As we continue into Spring, whether or not KIC will be able to gather in person remains up in the air. However, we are getting ready – making all the necessary preparations to open at the end of June for Camp Orientation, pending approval. Families can sign up now by contacting the Church Office for a registration form. We will also be hiring Mentors and Group Leaders. Anyone interested or with questions should contact the KIC Program Director Shannon Morrissey at (781) 599-4220 or smorrissey@ststephenslynn.org.

A HEART-FELT THANK YOU & FAREWELL TO CAROLYN HOY

At the end of this month, Carolyn Hoy and Nick Hamel will be leaving St. Stephen's and Lynn for a new adventure in Nebraska - on a 13-acre farm! (Word has it that they may have chickens!)

Carolyn came to St. Stephen's when she was first hired by The Rev. Jane Gould to work in the office. Through her tremendous design and organizational gifts, she made an enormous contribution to this congregation by improving office organization and systems. When she left her position in the office, we gained her and Nick as parishioners. Carolyn has continued to serve our community with time and talent. She worked on our website and most of our advertising and fundraising materials. Twice she served three-year terms as Clerk of the Vestry, recording minutes, preparing agendas and reports and keeping track of important church documents. Not one to seek the limelight, she's worked quietly to

strengthen and support our community. She will be dearly missed. We wish her and Nick Godspeed and many blessings for years to come. We will always consider them to be St. Stephen's members from afar.

SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/86093922921>

Phone in for audio only dial 1-929-205-6099 — Meeting ID: 860 9392 2921

Recording of Our Sunday services can be found on our website

<https://www.ststephenslynn.org/> and on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ststephenslynn>

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A CALL FROM THE CHURCH?

If you know someone who's feeling the loss of community and connection with St. Stephen's, please contact the office to let Rev. Greg or Brandi Walker know.

GET THE NEWSLETTER FASTER, AND SAVE POSTAGE AND PAPER...

Email or call Brandi to update your email address and ask for newsletter to be emailed to you each month! Brandi can be reached at (781) 599-4220 Ext. 5 or

ststephens@ststephenslynn.org

ST. STEPHEN'S PHONE SYSTEM HAS BEEN UPDATED!

When calling the main number, you will hear an introductory message, followed by a directory so that you can leave private messages for Rev. Greg Perez (#2), Parish Administrator Brandi Walker (#5), the Treasurer (#3), KIC Program Director, Shannon Morrissey (#4) and General Mailbox (#1).

(Keep this handy – save time by dialing the extension number during the opening message!)

CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THIS IS?



St. Stephen's Church

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 am Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist - English	3 Sabbath Rest (PIC)	4 10:00 am Carolyn Hoy 12:30 pm St. Stephen's Planning Meeting	5 Cinco de Mayo 11:00 am Bruce Music Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	6	7	8
9 10:00 am Mother's Day Sixth Sunday of Easter Bishop Gates Visit Holy Eucharist - English	10 Sabbath Rest (PIC)	11 11:00 am staff meeting 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 Bishop Gates Virtual Meeting w/ Vestry	12 11:00 am Bruce Music Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study 4:30pm KIC Board Meeting	13 Ascension Day 7:00pm Beloved Community Team Meeting	14	15
16 10:00 am Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist - English	17 Tax Day Sabbath Rest (PIC)	18 11:00 am staff meeting	19 11:00 am Bruce Music Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	20	21	22
23 10:00 am Breckridge Baptism Church Opening Day Holy Eucharist - English	24 Sabbath Rest (PIC)	25 11:00 am staff meeting	26 11:00 am Bruce Music Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	27	28	29
30 10:00 am Bouchard Baptism Holy Eucharist - English	31 Memorial Day Sabbath Rest (PIC)					

In observance of Ascension Day May 13

Now is your opportunity once again to purchase our 175th momento in honor of Ascension Day. A picture of our Ascension Window surrounded by gold (24 kt gold plated) with the engravings below. The momento is 3” wide and comes in a red box with a clear cover. There are only 20 of them left and no more will be made. To purchase please call 781.599.4220 to schedule an appointment. Lastly, they will be on sale Sunday, May 23, 2021. Cost \$25. + \$5. Postage each if needs to be mailed. Mail a check or purchase in the office.

St. Stephen’s Memorial Episcopal Church
Est. 1844

“The Ascension” 1881
Designed by Augustus Saint- Gaudens
For Louis Comfort Tiffany





Please cut this form and bring it when you attend in-person worship on May 23rd.

RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WAIVER

COVID 19 is a highly infectious virus that can cause serious, life-threatening illness and death. It has led to serious illnesses and deaths in elderly, children, adolescents, younger and middle-aged who are otherwise healthy.

St. Stephen's Church services will follow planned safety steps required by the Massachusetts safety standards for places of worship and the Diocese of Massachusetts guidelines.

I/we understand that my/our attendance and participation in St. Stephen's services can pose a risk of COVID-19 or other contagious or infectious diseases to me, and if I/we are high-risk person(s), as defined by the CDC, I/we should stay home and avoid in-person attendance at services

All must pre-register each week on Wednesday 9:00am to 3:00pm using email ststephens@ststephenslynn.org or phone 781-599-4220 Ext 5 before the Sunday service. You will receive an acknowledgement of your attendance for the service.

By pre-registering to attend St Stephen's, I/we agree on behalf of myself/ourselves and any children under 18 in my household who will attend with me, that:

- I/we will comply with the safety guidelines set out below and any directions from the ushers, clergy, or St. Stephens staff when arriving, attending, or departing from St Stephen's worship service;
- I/we will wear masks the entire time, entering, inside the building and exiting (except that children under 2 need not wear masks, and parents may decide whether children ages 2 through 4 should wear a mask);
- **I/we understand we will be assigned seats and will remain in those seats once shown to them by an usher until the service has ended and an usher instructs us that we may exit. All must exit the building immediately using the required doors stated below;**
- **There will be no singing from the congregation, no peace gathering, and communion will be brought to you;**
- I/we will maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from anyone not in our household;
- I/we will follow instructions and will not enter any areas of the church buildings except those designated;
- By pre-registering, I represent that neither I nor my household member who will attend the service with me has, during the past 14 days:
 1. Tested positive for COVID-19.
 2. To our knowledge, have been in close or proximate contact with anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19.
 3. Experienced any symptoms such as fever (100.0 and above) or chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, runny nose/congestion, new loss of taste or smell, or nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other symptoms known to be associated with COVID-19.
 4. And that if I/we or any member of my household develops any symptoms at any time before the service I/we will not come to the church.

By pre-registering, I/we also agree that if within 14 days after attending any service at St. Stephen's I/we or any household member who attended the service with me develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested for COVID-19 within that period and receives a positive result, I/we will notify Rev Gregory Perez, who will inform the Board of Health as required. I/we understand and agree that my/our contact information will be saved, and my/our information may be provided to such public health officials in the event it is needed for a contact tracing program.

**All people who have been registered will enter the parking lot, Sunday school wing, doorway or the handicap doorway (parking on the grass area is permitted).
Services will begin at 10:00am, doors will be open at 9:40am, and doors will close at 10:10am. No one will be able to enter the church after 10:10am.**

I/we understand that COVID-19 is highly contagious and is known to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. By attending St. Stephen's, I/we agree that I/we and any members of my house hold under age 18 who accompany me will abide by the procedures established by the church to protect attendees and staff, and I/we and my household members who attend voluntarily assume the risk that I/we and /or my household may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 either in the church worship service or on the church premises. I/we agree to assume all risks of attendance and participation for me/us and my/our household, and I/we waive any liability claim against the church and any other parties.

Please have each member of your household 18 or older who is attending the service sign below and list any minors you are signing for. **Please bring this completed document with you each Sunday to hand to the Head Usher.**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Minors on whose behalf you are signing: _____

EASTER LILIES FOR 2021 GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

The Rev. & Mrs. Robert H.
Anderson, Jr.
Albert Allen Gray

Mrs. Ruth Berry
Mr. Hanford Berry
Mrs. Ina B. Chandler
Mrs. Lorraine Ford
Mrs. Jenny Christian

Keith & Jean Bishop
Mac & Andy Squires

Hal Bowden
Ned Stead
Joe & Ella Messina
Grey & Ena Bowden

Anna & Thomas Butler
Alice & James McCaul
Jacqueline & Ralph Butler
Claire & Neville Samson
Evelyn & Edward Klokcin
Beatrice & Adam Schickling
Gloria & Robert McCaul
Marjorie & Henry Aylward
Florence Laura
Barbara Ronan

The Rev. & Mrs. Albert J. Chafe

Robert & Doris Dixon
Henry & Mary Morgan
Emma Morgan Butler
Albert Morgan
Violet Morgan Donarchie

Bernice, Annie, Kenneth, and Avis
Ferguson
Johanna & Daniel Mulcahy
Maurice Mulcahy
Ella & Joseph Messina
Charles Fowler
Johanna Suffriti

Ophelia Gaskin
Wilma Alleyne
Judith Lammy

Francis N. Haley
Grace S. Haley

Alice & Alvan P. Hicks
Nancy & Alvan W. Hicks, Sr.
Alvan W. Hicks, Jr.
Rachel Crowley
Anne & Norman Reid
The Crowley Family
Gladys & Ray Messenger
Carole & Ernst Voigt
Anna & Charles Cloran

Gladys L. & Arnold C. Haywood
Clarence, Julia, Thomas & Dorothy
Callaway
George & Christalia Jackson & Family

Patricia M. Jackson
Hubert & Myrtle Jackson
Shirley H. Biggs
Robert C. Jackson
Hubert Jackson, Jr.
Nancy M. Jackson

Dorothy Kay-McLaughlin
Judith Kay
Paul Bartlett
Lisa Bartlett
John Elton
Sofia Dariotis
Charles Femia
Lucille Foster
Irene Sherwood Gilroy
Yolanda Gonzalez
Bill & Claire Jackson
Barbara Keating
Herbert & Phyllis Kellom
Jessie LeClerk
Kathleen Lehew
Leslie Lougee
Thomas & Joan Lules
Jane Marquis
Patricia McGovern
Tony Mambuca
Charles & Kathleen McLaughlin
John McLaughlin
Richard McLaughlin
Diane Paine-Wheeler
Robert E. Ross, Jr.
Robert E. Ross Sr.
Ken & Lorraine Shanahan
Rev. Edward & Esther Howland
Sherwood
Edward Sherwood, Jr.
John, Mary, & Philip Walsh
BP
Harry Walker
Jacqui Peterson

The Rev. Dr. William Lawson

Janet Ferguson Lewis
Sandra Ferguson Conway
Carl Anthony Messina, Sr.
Leo Marino
Serafino & Olive Funicella

John & Helen Morris
John & Mary Morris
Carl & Albertina Fischer
Carl A. Fischer
Matthew Clifton
Alan Sward
Marvin Wilkes

Barbara M. Nadworny
William & Irene Nadworny
Lucien & Marie Roy

Alfred & Ann Nottingham
John & Louise Cantrell
Bertram & Jeanette Nottingham
Thomas Roberts
Pamela Marcin
George Trahan

Butch & Herminia Perez
Sally Flores
Ovidio Flores, Jr.
Joanne Shimonis
Willie and Charlie
Stan DeGerolami
Lisa Reo

Marjorie & Donald L. Phillips
Wayne R. Phillips
Jeanette Scrimshire

Albert & Grace Ralph
The Rev. S. Lester Ralph
Violet Barile
Agnes Dawe
Robert Stinson
Frederick & Elizabeth Stinson
Frederick Jr. &
Dorothy Stinson
Dawn Ralph

The Rev. Edgar Romig

The Sheppard Family
Edith Stead

Arthur & Mildred Thorne

Ruth Tucker
Barbara Tucker
Sonia Tucker
Elizabeth Johnson
Ruthann Bozarjian

Ruth Milne Twohig
Jane Twohig Perrin
Jan Lendall

Rose Yakoobian
Joseph Yakoobian
Nazareth Ghazarosian
George Ghazarosian
Martin Ghazarosian