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Newsletter Summer 2015

## Ideology and Violence

While none of us can know what measures of racist indoctrination and mental illness led Dylann Storm Root to massacre nine people at Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, most of us recoil when we hear his words, *"I have to do it. You rape our women and you're taking over the country."* Clearly, Root believed he acted from a place of righteous anger and judgment.

Here in Boston, recent months have been filled with coverage of the trial of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Motivated by anti-US, Islamic extremist propaganda, Tsarnaev and his older brother Tamerlan planted two bombs near the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon. Motivated by ideology, their goal was to injure and kill as many people as possible—not to take out a strategic military or political person or place.

Regularly, we hear news stories of ISIS military aggression and governmental control over large parts of Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon as well as strongholds in Nigeria, Libya, and Southeast Asia. While claiming to represent Islamic purity, most Muslims deny the authority of ISIS and maintain that its war crimes and ethnic cleansing violate basic tenets of Islam. Yet, ISIS continues to gain adherents and territory through military aggression and intense indoctrination.

During our Thursday Healing prayers, one regular often asks why *"they (ISIS in specific, perhaps Muslims more generally) hate us."* While we can come up with a host of answers grounded in US foreign policy, traditions of Islamic extremism, history, and theology, the question forces us to examine the connection between ideology—often grounded in faith—and violence.

Our observance of saints' days at our Thursday Healing Eucharist reminds us of the Armenian genocide, the holocaust, the killing fields of Cambodia, and the Rwandan Genocide as well as countless martyrs through the centuries who died for their faith. And, our liturgical calendar often invites to celebrate the valor of Crusaders who slaughtered tens of thousands of Muslims *"in hoc signo,"* in the sign of the cross.

Most of us stand among the slaughterers and the slaughtered in our global history of ideology justifying violence against individuals, groups, and nations. We feel justified when our moral righteousness encourages us to stand in judgment of others. Yet, we respond with horror when others judge us to be on the side of the sinner or the oppressor.

As Episcopalians, we affirm that we are called to *"reconcile all things to God in Christ,"* to *"respect the dignity of every human being,"* and to *"seek and serve Christ in all people."* Surely, in this time of polarization and judgment, no more important work exists than praying with our lips and in our lives the Prayer of St. Francis. *"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."* Amen.

Jane<sup>+</sup>

Dear Friends,

Summer is here! After the long, cold winter the warm sunshine is a welcome reminder that the seasons do change (although maybe not as quickly as we would like). It's comforting to know that summer, fall, winter and spring will come around each year. And while each season has its good and bad, it never lasts forever.

As nature cycles through the seasons, so does the church. The Episcopal Church (and indeed almost all Christian denominations) recognizes seven different worship seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and the season after Pentecost. Like the four seasons, the church seasons each have their own distinct purpose and mood. Advent is patient anticipation, Christmas is lavish celebration and so forth. On Pentecost Sunday we left behind the season of Easter and entered the season after Pentecost.

In the *Godly Play* church school curriculum, the season after Pentecost (also known as Ordinary Time) is called the "long growing season." As the plants grow outside, our faith in God grows as we read and reflect on all the aspects of Jesus' earthly ministry, rather than one teaching or event. So we read the stories of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter, Jesus feeding the 5,000 and Jesus referring to himself as the "living bread." Through these stories and many others we delve into the wide range of God's saving acts in the world.

The work and life of St. Stephen's Church grows as well. Yes, some programs close for the summer but only so that we can plant the seeds for the next year. The soil, and the sowers, can rest and recharge before the next planting of new seeds. As I step back to rest and recharge I'm excited by two programs coming up this fall:

- *Prayerful Parenting*: A six-week workshop for adults looking to strengthen their parenting skills while deepening their ties with the faith community. The workshop will be led by St. Stephen's parishioner Dr. Stem Mahlatini, a licensed psychotherapist, who specializes in working with teenagers and their parents. Topics will include: communicating effectively with teenagers, creating/maintaining boundaries among family/school/work, managing multiple schedules and priorities, preparing teenagers for the future etc... Each session will also include discussion on how and where God is present in the vocation of parenting.
- *Church School Partnership with Gordon College*: This fall six freshmen from Gordon College will join our Church School program as teaching assistants. They join as part of a year-long internship that give students the opportunity to work and worship with a diverse faith community. The freshmen will assist our Church School teachers then join the community for worship. We are blessed with this new opportunity to mentor young adults as they bring new energy to our Church School.

Both of these programs grow out of St. Stephen's commitment to "transformation of our lives and our community through Christ's Gospel of love, compassion and justice" (St. Stephen's mission statement). In hosting these programs we witness to the power of God's love working through the relationships in our parish and in our community.

Peace,



## *REFLECTIONS FROM THE WARDENS*

**Family** - I have been thinking a lot recently about the meaning of the word family. Dictionary definitions depend very much on the time period when they were written. My own definition has expanded greatly over the years as my personal family tree has contracted with deaths in what was the older generation (a position now occupied by my cousins and me.) The tree has also grown branches in unpredictable and unexpected places.

My granddaughter Lily used to ask me if I was her "real grandmother." My answer to this question has always been, "I am as real as it gets." I saw her the day she was born, rode home from the hospital with her, and have seen her through "Sesame Street," "Dora the Explorer," and now "Girl Meets World." Baptism and First Communion were family celebrations. She came to church with me until she moved to St. Andrew's in Marblehead where her mother, Shauna LeBlanc directs the religious education program. Oh, yes, Lily and I have something else in common: we share the middle name Virginia. If that doesn't count as family, I don't know what would make a difference. Blood or biology has very little to do with it.

Then there is the St. Stephen's family. There are many examples of how this family is also "as real as it gets." Two months ago, my grandson Levi, who lives in New Hampshire, was diagnosed with a malignant tumor (called a medulla blastoma) After sixteen hours in surgery, 95% of it was removed. Since then, he has gone from Children's Hospital to Massachusetts General Hospital to Spaulding Rehabilitation, all in Boston and about 60 miles from his home in Rollinsford NH. The last time I wrote for the newsletter I asked for prayers. As I write now, Levi is coming to the end of thirty-one sessions of radiation. There is still a long way to go. He will be able to go home on June 27, but will be back in Boston for facial nerve surgery on July 6 at Mass General, then will start chemotherapy which is expected to take up to a year. Those sessions will take place in Boston also.

Since this nightmare (there is no other word to describe it) began in April, the St. Stephen's family has done exactly what you always do. Phone calls, cards both for me and especially for Levi, notes, text messages, candle lightings, and the questions about his progress have been coming from the St. Stephen's family. You can have no idea how much that means to me and how much it has helped. It is hard even to find the words to express my feelings. My daughter Jennifer has been impressed with how much mail has come for Levi "from people at your church" I think this experience has resulted in Jen's and my relationship changing in a positive way as well. We have no way of knowing what the future will hold, for Levi or for any of the rest of us. I thank you for all you have done and for all you will do and I will include the address in case anyone wants to send mail to Levi:

Levi Whitcomb  
PO Box 485  
Rollinsford NH 03869

Blessings to all the St. Stephen's Family

*Irene N. Axelrod*

## STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** There is no rest for the Treasurer's office this summer, as hiring dozens of KIC staffers means more paperwork and more payroll processing for Ruthanne and myself. It is wonderful to have the building buzzing with all the campers and counselors, so it is a welcome task! Please keep your pledge current this summer, even if your summer journeys find you away on the weekends. We have a ton of activity in the building during the summer, so we could use everyone's support to keep on track with our bills. Statements for the first half of the year will come out during the summer so that you can know where you stand with your pledge; please let us know if there are any questions about your pledge statement or if you would like to adjust your pledge up or down. Heather Collis Puro

**BUDGET BLOWN BY SNOW.** The Vestry will be grappling at their June 28 meeting with the budget shortfall caused by our snow plowing and fuel expenses last winter. We need to cut spending or increase income by almost \$20,000. In addition to maintaining or increasing your pledge, please consider making an extra donation to the 2015 winter fund. Every dollar helps.

**PEOPLE IN THE PROCESS.** Currently, St. Stephen's has people at every stage of the ordination process. Aileen Ryder DiBenedetto was ordained as a transitional Deacon in June, and will continue to serve at Good Shepherd, Acton; sometime before her ordination to the priesthood in January, she will visit us and serve as our Deacon. Patrick LaFortune is a Candidate for Priesthood and will back with us this year and will be our preacher on July 19. This year, he will continue his theological study at Gordon-Conwell, do chaplaincy training, and study for ordination exams; he hopes to be ordained next June. Dan Bell is a Postulant for Priesthood; next year he will work as a chaplain at Mass General, explore worship opportunities in the Diocese, and live among us as an active lay member of the congregation. Hazel Johnson has completed conversations with her St. Stephen's Discernment Committee and will apply for postulancy this summer. Hazel is Education Director at the Dorchester Boys & Girls Club and Director of Religious Education at St. Paul's, Brookline; she will be our preacher on August 2. Please keep all those responding to calls to ordained ministry in your prayers.

**ST. STEPHEN'S SENT DAN OFF IN STYLE.** Thanks to the hospitality of Con Squires and Bonnie Bishop, the YA community dodged showers and sent Dan Bell off with a wonderful summer cookout in Nahant. From preaching Sunday morning to inspiring Contemporary Worship Sunday evening to BeYou Tuesday afternoon to the YA cookout Tuesday evening to Bible Study Wednesday evening to Tea and Talk Thursday afternoon—Dan did it all. Thanks for giving him an awesome week of celebrating all the lives and ministries he touched.

**NEW LIFE TOGETHER FELLOW COMING IN LATE AUGUST.** We are in the midst of interviewing possible Diocesan Interns for this year. I've explained to all of them that St. Stephen's is a mentoring community in which everyone is a teacher and a learner. I also explained that, while we hate to let go of anyone who serves with us, we understand that we are sending them out into the world to do God's work and that we have made a mark that matters on them. Please pray for the Life Together staff, fellows, and placement sites in the midst of this process of Discernment.

## **St. Stephen's Memorial Episcopal Church**

### **Big Money Raffle**

**Grand Prize: \$5,000**

**Cash Prizes: \$1,000 \$750 \$500 \$250**

**★ ONLY 215 TICKETS SOLD ★**

All Proceeds benefit St. Stephen's Memorial Episcopal Church  
Dinner, Dancing & Drawing held **SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015, 6:00-10:00pm**

RSVPs required: [ststephens@ststephenslynn.org](mailto:ststephens@ststephenslynn.org) or 781-599-4220!

Door Prizes Throughout the Night

Porthole Pub & Restaurant 98 Lynnway, Lynn

**BIG MONEY RAFFLE.** We need everyone to BUY& SELL tickets. Each time you sell a ticket (even to yourself) you get a chance to win a July 19 raffle for a \$50 gift card. The more tickets you sell, the more chance you have to win the \$50 gift card.

**IF IT'S JULY, THE FAIR MUST BE COMING!** The Annual Harvest Fair is coming to St. Stephen's on Saturday, November 21. A team of Fair leaders is already at work encouraging crafters and soliciting donations, and donation solicitation letters to previous donors will go out in mid-July. We need your help soliciting contributions now. Restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, and drug stores are particularly appealing. We also need sports tickets and fabulous prizes like trips and electronics for the BIG RAFFLES! Can you solicit a gift? Can you make a donation of cash or a gift card to help us out? Can you buy an ad in the Fair Program Book or persuade someone else to take out an ad? If you go to Craft Fairs this summer, take fliers for our crafter tables and encourage people to display at St. Stephen's. Please come to the **Harvest Fair Organizational Meeting on Sunday, August 2 at 11:30**. Balancing the St. Stephen's budget requires all of us giving our time, talent, and treasure.

**BUILDING WORK IN THE SUMMER.** In the weeks ahead, we will be doing repair work on the floors in sacristy and its hallway. Most of this work will be covered by insurance. Until the work is completed, please try to avoid using the hall, and use extreme caution if you must use it. We also will do roof work above the hallway so that the extreme leaking issues we encountered last winter do not recur next winter. We have \$100,000 from a grant from the Diocesan Closed Church Fund to address the needs of the sacristy hallway roof, and we have applied for a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to extend the roof work to other areas not in the scope of work covered by the TogetherNow Campaign. Sealing the sanctuary and sacristy areas from water incursion is challenging but progress is being made. Please help us pay for all of it by staying current with your TogetherNow pledges, and by contributing to our roof restoration fund.

## NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

### **HEALING PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE TEAMS MEETS THURSDAYS, JULY 2 & AUGUST 6.**

The Healing Prayer and Pastoral Care Teams will meet on first Thursdays at 10:30 for check-in and discussion of Addiction and Grace—July: chapters 3 and 4; August: chapters 5 and 6.

### **KNIT ONE, PURL TWO, LAUGH THREE MEETS AT DEBBIE POTTER'S THIS SUMMER.**

Beginning as well as experienced knitters and crocheters are encouraged to join the knitting club on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 at Debbie Potter's, 15 Hovey Terrace, Lynn.

### **SUMMER COOK-OUTS ON SECOND SUNDAYS. Mark your calendar now for lunch at St. Stephen's on Second Sundays-- July 12, August 9, and September 13.**

This is a great chance to bring family members and friends to church with you. We provide grillables and you bring salad, chips, or dessert. In July, members of the Healing Prayer and Pastoral Care Teams will be our hosts. In August, Art projects for children and family friendly games are part of the fun as the KIC Community hosts the cookout. In September, the Church School Community will host as we kick-off Church School Registration. Each month, sign up in the Galahad Area to let us know what you will bring and talk with Neil O'Donnell if you would like to help.

**HOST LEMONADE ON THE LAWN.** Sundays in the summer, we enjoy Lemonade on the Lawn after 10:00 worship. It's a wonderful way to get to know people with whom we sit in the pews and pass the peace on a weekly basis. Please choose a week you want to host. We supply lemonade mix and put the tables out. We ask you to provide healthy and appealing munchies, set up before the end of worship, and clean up at the end of the morning.

**SUMMER FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES. BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday evenings we gather to read and discuss Mark's Gospel. **TEA AND TALK ABOUT FAITH:** On Thursday afternoons at 1:00 we are reading and talking about a delightful journey with God-- Mister God, This is Anna. **INTERFAITH CONVERSATION ABOUT FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE:** St. Mary's & Sacred Heart have invited their ECCO colleagues to join them in exploring Pope Francis' teachings on social justice.

**BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM WRAPS UP LDI TRAINING BUT CONTINUES WORK!** On June 4 our Beloved Community Team met with other LDI teams to celebrate the work that has been done and the work that continues on! Our team members are meeting one on one with fellow parishioners for conversations on race and privilege. If you haven't been asked for a 1:1 yet please reach to a team member (Liz Fortes, Helen Patmon, Pamela Alleyne, Emily Sherwood, Joyce Wallace, Rev. Sarah). Over the summer we plan to complete 20 1:1's in order to have a better sense of how race and privilege have affected and continue to affect our worshipping community.

**LEARN ABOUT THE GENERAL CONVENTION.** Sunday, July 19 at noon, Rev. Jane will offer Reflections on the General Convention. Who got elected? What got decided? How will we structure ourselves? What will our mission priorities be? Relax a bit over lemonade and goodies, and then join us in the Graham Suite for a little conversation about the church.



**OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN THE CITY WITH FIRST LUTHERAN.** This summer we are joining First Lutheran for Picnic Dinners and Outdoor Worship around the city. **Tuesday, July 7** we gather at High Rock Tower for BYO picnic at 6:00pm and Eucharist at 7:00pm; the Space Observatory will be open! **Tuesday, July 28** we'll be at Red Rock Park (The Beach!) for BYO picnic at 6:00pm and Eucharist at 7:00pm. **Thursday, August 27** we head to the Lynn Museum Courtyard for BYO picnic at 6:00pm and Eucharist at 7:00pm; the Museum is open until 7:00. Please join us for any or all of these shared worship events. To confirm times and places, please check the Sunday bulletin or call the office.

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MOVES OUTSIDE FOR THE SUMMER.** Weather permitting, **Contemporary Worship will gather at 6:30pm on July 19 and August 9 in the Church Yard.** We want our neighbors to come join us in singing God's praises. It is always a great time to worship together with amped music, a powerful message, open space for prayer, and fellowship with food. Whether it's your first time or fifth, you are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you this summer!

### **HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**KIC CAMP KICKS OFF JULY 6.** Any child who has completed 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade can be registered anytime, right up until the first day of camp. Sign up early, though, because registration is first come, first serve! If all slots are filled before the first day, a waiting list will be started. Registration forms are currently available in the office and Galahad area. KIC runs for four weeks, Monday-Friday, from 8:30-2:00. Campers can look forward to days filled with art, music, drama, mad science, games, field trips, and more!

**VOLUNTEER AT KIC!** We always welcome new and experienced volunteers to KIC. Children love seeing new faces, and are especially impressed that adults from the church care enough to "visit". Please consider taking time to help KIC this summer. We need folks to:

- Make and help pass out snacks at mid-morning
- Pack lunches on Thursdays before field trips
- Read with children each morning

If you would like to help with KIC, please contact Audrey Gutfreund, KIC Director, at (617)435-3325 or [audrey.gutfreund@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.gutfreund@gmail.com). Check the bulletin or at the Office for the day and time of the Volunteer Orientation Gathering.

**CHURCH SCHOOL ENDS AND BEGINS AGAIN.** On June 7 we expressed our gratitude to Church School teachers and youth workers for their amazing dedication and service this year. Thank you Kendra Zimiroski, Keri Whitcomb, Beatrice Mbatudde, Charlotte Breckenridge, Paul Whitcomb, Dan Bell, Joe Brown, Irene Axelrod, Neil O'Donnell, Paulina Cruz, Helen Patmon, Shanel Anderson, Debbie Perez and Bonnie Bishop! As we continue to build our Church School and youth formation programs it's essential that we have committed adult teachers and mentors. Starting in the fall we will welcome six freshmen from Gordon College as Church School teaching aids. The freshmen will be with us for a year-long internship with the goal of engaging a diverse worship community. We are blessed with this new opportunity both to mentor young people and bring new energy to our Church School. But, we still need teachers! Rev. Sarah will be meeting with parents and students this summer in preparation for the fall. Please listen to how God might be moving you to say "YES!"

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD.** We are happy to announce that our Children's Choir will continue throughout the summer! Both new and familiar faces are welcome. Children will in sing worship July 19 and August 9. Rehearsals will be Saturdays July 11 & 18, and August 1 & 8. We look forward to having your children there! Please contact Choir Director, Juliana, with any questions: JulianaDavisMusic@gmail.com. Other Sundays children and adults who would enjoy offering an anthem are encouraged to speak with Bruce Becroft.

**ACOLYTES CONTINUE THEIR MINISTRY THROUGH THE SUMMER.** In June we said goodbye to two of our acolyte team captains: Erik Whitcomb and Zach Zimiroski. Thank you Erik and Zach for your long-term leadership. After last month's rain delay **the Acolyte Celebration at Canobie Lake Park will be Sunday, July 12 from noon-8.** Please fill out a permission slip and return to Rev. Sarah ASAP! In the September, we will welcome new acolytes (any youth grades 6-12) at our trainings. Active, high school members of the acolyte team are invited to attend the National Acolyte Festival at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, October 10. So don't forget to mark your calendars!

**OASIS FILM INSTITUTE PREPARES FOR WEEK OF FILMING IN AUGUST.** Five years ago the OASIS Film Institute created a short documentary film, "I am Lynn." This summer a group of young women (from St. Stephen's, the Kiswahili congregation and RAW Artworks) will create another film: "Our Lives Matter." While the nation has engaged in discussion on race through the Black Lives Matter movement, there has been little to no discussion on the intersection of race AND gender. Youth will learn the skills of telling public narratives and filming to witness to the real struggles of being young women in Lynn.

**OASIS FUNDRAISING FOR RETREAT ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD.** Our OASIS high school youth group will travel to Martha's Vineyard from Wednesday, August 26-Friday, August 28. Through June, July and August the group will raise money by providing childcare during worship, serving food at the Community Cook-Outs and hosting a bake sale on Sunday, August 2. The trip will be led by Rev. Sarah and Danielle Pappas (our host on the island). Registration forms are available in the Galahad Area and are due to Rev. Sarah by Sunday, June 28.

**ST. STEPHEN'S AWARDS \$5,750 IN SCHOLARSHIPS.** Thanks to the generosity of current and former members of St. Stephen's, we provided six members of the congregation with scholarships for higher education.

Martha "Pat" and James M. Harriss Scholarship to Sheyla Veras

Michael Jude Provost Scholarship to Bruce Duggan

George Burkholder Scholarship to Zachary Zimiroski

William and Dorothy Robinson Scholarship to Erik Whitcomb

Shawn Robinson Scholarship to Malcolm Brown Simpson

Inglis Thomsen Fund to Jocian Veras

Lillian McCarthy Fund to Danielle Osgood

Lillian McCarthy Fund to Kamil Curry

Lillian McCarthy Fund to Marty Perdomo



## **DEEPENING COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**

**ECCO COLLECTING STORIES ON RACE AND IMMIGRATION.** After the success of the minimum wage and earned sick time campaigns, ECCO has discerned a call to address the issues of race and immigration. On June 18, people from churches in Lynn and the North Shore met at Greater Bethlehem Temple for a Story-Collecting Workshop. Given the tragic murder the previous evening of nine people at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, we began our gathering with a lament written by Bethel AME pastor Rev. Viola Morris Buchanan. In it we prayed comfort for those who lost loved ones, and pledged our hands, feet, and hearts to God's work of justice. We closed praying, "We will not slow up or back up; we won't give up or let up until we are prayed up and prepared up, and have taught up and organized up for the cause of justice." Feeling deeply the pain caused by racial hatred, we continued our workshop on how to tell our own stories of race and immigration, and how to invite others to tell their stories. Through our Beloved Community Team's 1:1 listening campaign as well as story gathering groups on Sunday mornings after worship, we hope to collect more than 50 stories from the St. Stephen's community. This fall both the Beloved Community Team and ECCO will share what we've learned. Mark **September 21 at 7:00pm** on your calendars now for a community meeting with Police Chief Kevin Coppinger and other community leaders.

**AUGUST MCAN RETREAT.** ECCO works state-wide with MCAN (Massachusetts Communities Action Network). MCAN members include faith-based and issue-based community organizing groups that seek to do God's work of Justice. The August MCAN Retreat will offer St. Stephen's ECCO leaders an opportunity to learn more about our immigration and Beloved Community Campaigns as well as MCAN's proposed Constitutional Amendment, which would increase the tax rate for people with incomes over \$500,000. In September and October, we will join allies across the state in collecting signatures to advance the amendment to a State Constitutional Convention. If you are interested in attending please speak with Debbie Potter or the clergy.

**HELP HUNGRY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.** Food Pantries in the city are serving more people than ever. We can use your help Friday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 at St. Stephen's. To volunteer or find out more, talk with Sally Gosselin. We also need people to join the Table Team in serving lunch at My Brother's Table from 1:00-4:00 on July 26 or August 23. If you aren't able to join us at the Table, please bring tasty desserts that we can share with the guests.

July 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8&10am Worship in English 10am Worship in Kiswahili			1 KIC Mentor Training 6:30pm Bible Study	2 KIC Mentor Training 10:30am Healing Prayer & Pastoral Care Teams Mtg. Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	3 KIC Mentor Training	4
5 Post 10am worship Lemonade on the Lawn KIC Mentor Training	6 8:30-2pm KIC Begins 6:30-8pm Beloved Community Team Meeting 8pm AA	7 8:30-2pm KIC 6pm Outdoor Picnic & Eucharist at High Rock Tower 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	8 8:30-2pm KIC 6:30pm Bible Study	9 8:30-2pm KIC Midday worship with Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	10 8:30-2pm KIC 3-4pm Food Pantry	11 Noon-2pm Kids' Choir Rehearsal
12 Noon Community Cookout Noon - 8pm Acolyte Celebration at Canobie Lake Park	13 8:30-2pm KIC 8pm AA	14 8:30-2pm KIC 6pm St. Stephen's Towers Board Meeting 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	15 8:30-2pm KIC 6:30pm Bible Study	16 8:30-2pm KIC Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	17 8:30-2pm KIC 3-4pm Food Pantry Vestry Retreat @ SSJE	18 Noon-2pm Kids' Choir Rehearsal Vestry Retreat @ SSJE
19 8&10am Guest Preacher, Patrick Lafortune Kids' Choir Sings <i>Drawing for BMR</i> <i>Ticket Sellers Bonus</i> Post 10am worship Lemonade on the Lawn Noon Convention Recap 6:30pm Contemporary Worship	20 8:30-2pm KIC 8pm AA	21 8:30-2pm KIC 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	22 8:30-2pm KIC 6:30pm Bible Study	23 8:30-2pm KIC Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	24 8:30-2pm KIC 3-4pm Food Pantry	25
26 Post 10am worship Lemonade on the Lawn 1-4pm My Brother's Table 12-5pm OASIS Film Inst. Writing Workshop <b>BIG MONEY RAFFLE</b> Drawing Party 6-9PM @ The Porthole	27 8:30-2pm KIC 8pm AA	28 8:30-2pm KIC 6pm Outdoor Picnic & Eucharist at Red Rock Park 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	29 8:30-2pm KIC 6:30pm Bible Study	30 8:30-2pm KIC Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	31 8:30-2pm Last day of KIC KIC Celebration begins at 12:45pm	Parish Office Hours ☀ Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm

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