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Week One

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Oxford, North Carolina



The Weekly Messenger

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"Contentment"

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1 Timothy 6:6-8 tells us, "Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these."



The truth is we are never satisfied. As Max Lucado says, "We take a vacation of a lifetime... We satiate ourselves with sun, fun, and good food. But we are not even on the way home before we dread the end of the trip and begin planning another. As a child we say, 'If only I were a teenager.' As a teen we say, 'If only I were married.' As a spouse, 'If only I had kids.' As an adult, 'If only I could be young again.' We are not satisfied. Contentment is a difficult virtue." But why is this?

There is nothing on earth that can satisfy our deepest longing. We long to see and know God from the deepest parts of our souls. This longing is there in each of us, tossing to and fro like the rustling waves of the ocean and the howling winds of the mountains. It is there because each of us is created in the image of God, and God's Spirit is in us. You may not know it; but that longing is truly there – it is hope in what we do not see – hope in what we expect to be!

Growing Together in Faith

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS



THIS SUNDAY

Eighth Pentecost

August 4, 2019

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8:00 AM
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:30 AM
- Outreach Meeting at 11:45 AM in the Parlor

Wednesday

August 7, 2019

- Contemplative Prayer at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary
 - Holy Eucharist at 12:00 PM

August 2019

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8:00am HE Rite I

10:30am HE Rite II

11:45am Outreach
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11:30am Contem-
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12:00pm HE / S

9:00-12:00pm OYSA
Registration / PH

5:30pm WW / PH

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Registration / PH

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8:00am HE Rite I

10:30am HE Rite II

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12:00pm HE / S

4:45pm Executive
Committee / Office
5:30pm Vestry / PH

5:30pm WW / PH

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8:00am HE Rite I

10:30am HE Rite II

5:30pm WW / PH

Weekly Church Duties

<u>CHURCH DUTIES</u>	<u>August 4</u>	<u>August 11</u>	<u>August 18</u>	<u>August 25</u>
8:00 am Reader	Sherry Owens	N/A	Dottie Snyder	Sandy Gabel
8:00 am Chalcist	Jesse Sullins	N/A	Sherry Owens	Jesse Sullins
10:30 am Readers	Grey Currin	David Holden	Clarence Lemons	Lyn Dartt
	Tammy Howard	David Smith	Marcia Byrd	Lindsey Swanner
10:30 am Prayers	Claire Ramsey	Gale Duque	Nina Cheatham	June Manning
10:30 am Crucifer	Caroline Pahl	Anna K. Spittler	David Folger	Caroline Pahl
10:30 am Banner				
10:30 am Flag Bearer				
10:30 am Flag Bearer				
10:30 am Torch Bearer	Eliza Pahl	David Folger	Joshua Spittler	Eliza Pahl
10:30 am Torch Bearer	Joshua Spittler	Marleigh Swanner	Samuel Spittler	Marleigh Swanner
10:30 am Chalcists	Sam Currin	Jerry Broyal	George Foster	Marcia Byrd
	Sherry Owens	David Holden	Dawn Lemons	Jennifer Tartamella
10:30 am Greeters	Bernie Nelson	Joe Tartamella	Harvey Spurr	Andrew Swanner
	Pat Nelson	Tammy Howard	Marlene Spurr	Lindsey Swanner
Nursery Helper				
Coffee Hour	Helen Mitchell	Helen Mitchell	Helen Mitchell	Helen Mitchell
Vestry Person	Helen Mitchell	Helen Mitchell	Helen Mitchell	Helen Mitchell

Each month you receive an email asking about your availability to serve during the upcoming month. Going forward, please respond to this email each month by the stated deadline even if you are available for any Sunday. This will give us confirmation that you saw the notice. Thank you for your cooperation as always!

ALTAR GUILD

July 29 - August 4	*Helen Mitchell	Lindsey Swanner	Susan Foster
August 5 - 11	*Gale Duque	Frances Mathews	Jane Dickerson
August 12 - 18	*Mary R. Edmundson	Marcia Byrd	
August 19 - 25	*Sherry Owens		
August 26 - Sept. 1	*Gale Washington	Mary Hicks	Marlene Spurr

Financials June 2019

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>
Pledge Offering	\$ 12,730.00	\$ 14,878.00
Non-pledge Offering	2,115.00	2,224.00
Miscellaneous Income	910.00	1,250.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 16,732.00	\$ 18,352.00
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Diocese Support	\$ 1,987.00	\$ 1,984.00
Office/Administrative	48.00	225.00
Christian Education	0.00	25.00
Insurance	1,976.00	883.00
Personnel Expense	3,523.00	3,746.00
Utilities/Maintenance Contracts	1,587.00	2,143.00
Rector (Salary, Pensions, Benefits, Etc.)	9,818.00	9,935.00
Worship	215.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,154.00	\$ 19,041.00
 NET OPERATING TOTAL	 \$ -4,520.00	 \$ -689.00



Message from the Treasurer

Believe it or not, our traditional stewardship season is right around the corner. In preparation for what's to come, here are some things to ponder. The Institute for Faith, Work & Economics believes the idea of biblical stewardship "*is where the concepts of faith, work, and economics intersect*". Bill Peel at The High Calling wrote an essay entitled Leadership is Stewardship in which he suggested there are four important principles about biblical stewardship we must understand.

The Principle of Ownership - God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it (Psalm 24).

The Principle of Responsibility - Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights: stewards have responsibilities.

The Principle of Accountability - A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care. We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us.

The Principle of Reward - As Christians in the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving (Colossians).

Sherry Owens, Treasurer

ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE

**We NOW need a minimum of
\$6,864 in Pledge and Non-Pledge gifts
to balance our 2019 expense budget.**

(In case you aren't keeping up, we've reduced the amount by \$1600 in three weeks)

CAN YOU HELP?

St. Stephen's Pastoral In-Reach

Vestry Contacts: *Mack Harris, Sam Currin, & David Spitler*

August Birthdays

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| 1 | Sallie Jackson |
| 15 | Dave Ivey |
| 17 | Frank Folger |
| 23 | Betty Jo Hamme |
| 28 | Michael Currin |
| 28 | Julia Day |
| 30 | Richard Moore |
| 31 | Tom Evins |
| 31 | Joe Sciortino |

Anniversaries

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| 2 | Bill & Nina Cheatham |
| 4 | Kenny & June Manning |
| 6 | Dave & Julia Day |
| 6 | Dave & Lea Lea Ivey |
| 9 | John & Charlotte Watson |

† Marsha Ellington, Mary Branch, Pam Martin, Kelly Holden, Dick Taylor, Cissie Bryan



Parishioners: Lucy Landis Moore, Jesse Sullins, Jimmy Winston, Gladys Tyson, Hubert Jackson, Carlton Garrett, Grace Garrett, Lynn Wilbur, Mary Helen Talbott, Rives Hicks, Jim Branch, Dave Ivey

Non-Parishioners: Jerrad Wilkinson, Vivi Drake, Gale Mahan, Isaiah Newton, Henry Moore, Jeffrey Ferrell, Carolyn Stovall, Florette Moore, Therese Josefsson, Leon Josefsson, Evelyn Champion, Michelle Campbell, Joe Sacco, Ronnie, Myra Clark, Leonard Arriola, Chelsea Stroud, Jimmy Bailey, Janelle Ramsey, Antonio Arriola, David Arriola, Jerry Parnell, Hazel Lyon, Phyllis Harris, Herbert Washington, Martha Hight, Don Smith, Jesus Rivera, Terri Imordino, Rose Grantham, Mary Salvo



St. Elizabeth Guild Visitation Ministry

August Visitation Team

Jerry Broyal, Clarence Lemons, Dawn Lemons, & Helen Mitchell



Worship & Welcome / Church Life

Vestry Contacts: *Mary Hicks & Frank Folger / Helen Mitchell & David Smith*

Noon Eucharist

On Wednesdays, August 7th and 21st, join us at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary for individual Contemplative Prayer, followed by Holy Eucharist at 12:00 PM.

Low Country Boil



Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, August 23rd ~ 5:00-7:30 PM

Tickets are \$20 each and available in the Church Office!

Please come get them and sell to your contacts in the community!

St. Stephen's Outreach

Vestry Contacts: *John Coplin & Marcia Byrd*

Outreach Meeting

Sunday, August 4th

This is a time to discuss and firm-up the many outreach events and projects we have in the coming months, from the Murdoch Center in Butner to Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets later this year! Please join us in the Parlor at **11:45 AM on Sunday, August 4th!** All are welcome!

The church



has left
the building.



Ice-Cream Making

Wednesday and Thursday, September 4th & 5th

In the Parish Hall beginning at **9:00 AM.**

In preparation for the Hot Sauce Festival.

Please sign-up for a shift and join us!



The 12th Annual N.C. Hot Sauce Festival **September 14, 2019**

Stay tuned for details and information! (Planning is underway!)

Hotdogs, Homemade Ice Cream, Homemade French Fries, Drinks, Fellowship and more!

All proceeds support our Community Outreach! We need you (the St. Stephen's Family) to help us have another successful year!

Look for sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall soon!
Together we can serve, have fun and assist our community needs!



ACIM (*Area Congregations in Ministry*)

This ecumenical ministry that we so lovingly support is in great need of food donations! Please bring canned food or dry food items to the St. Stephen's Parish Hall or you can take them directly to ACIM on Roxboro Road. Monetary donations are also welcome! **However, more volunteers are needed to assist with the increase in food donations, the number of people & requests, and the newly expanded hours (11:30-1:30 M-W-F). NO HEAVY LIFTING REQUIRED.** Please call John Coplin at 919-690-2819 or Marcia Byrd at 919-236-3764 for more information and to sign-up.



Hunger and poverty are among us in very surprising ways, and together we can make a difference to fight against it!

St. Stephen's Property Committee

Vestry Contacts: Cindy Bostic, Emil Malinowski, & Joe Sciortino

Agenda Items for 2019

The following items are on the agenda for the Church Property Committee for this new year. The planning and work details of these items are already underway! Keep an eye-out for the work as it unfolds!

Columbarium Repair: The Columbarium repair project is now complete with the addition of a beautiful copper cap. This copper cap was added to preserve and to protect the columbarium wall and its contents from the elements and add beauty to the structure. This lovely repair could not have been completed without the work and effort of Charlie Easton. A memorial plaque will soon be added to the back of the wall, "*To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charlie and Rosemary Easton*".

Paving the Parking Lot: Paving of the lot is currently underway! Please be patient as the work unfolds.

Cleaning the Sanctuary: The Sanctuary is well overdue for a good spring cleaning. But first, the dust and dirt that have been collecting over the many years high-up on the beams and cross-bars needs to be blown down and then a through cleaning can then take place. **The plan is to clean the Sanctuary soon. Stay tuned for specific dates.**

Hancock Memorial: A committee (Cindy Bostic, Mack Harris, & Pat Nelson) has been in place since the Fall. A proper memorial has been selected and commissioned. We hope to have a dedication in the Fall of 2019.

Vestry Minutes coming soon.



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to sharing the Gospel and love of
Christ Jesus through service to our
Church, community, and world.*

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Fellowship

