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GREETINGS FROM YOUR VESTRY!

Let us first start by saying that we hear you loud and clear. Whether in the halls of St. Stephen's, the grocery store, the parking lot, on a morning walk, the bank, or the Family Y- you have done a good job of asking the question- "When are we going to get a Rector?" We can all agree the process seems to take way too long, but it is important that we are thorough in the process. There are many similarities in our search for a new Rector and our recent building restoration project. It seemed like forever as the work was being done behind the walls, in the attic, or in the crawlspace. Work was being accomplished, but there were times we could not see it. And now as our renovation is complete, we are all so proud. And believe us, when the search is over and our new Rector is onboard- we will again be so proud. We ask that you continue to pray for your Search Committee and Vestry- and be patient. The wait will be worth it...we promise.

But while we wait, there is more...Your Vestry and members of this parish have been busy working on other areas you have expressed interest. We together have heard from parents and youth on what we need in Christian Education and EYC and have begun to move forward with programs for the youth and children of the church. We have an exciting G-Force program for Vacation Bible School this summer. We are having meaningful programs for our Lenten suppers. Our Church housed over 30 youth from Boston and New Jersey. We are part of making a family's life better with our Habitat efforts. We continue to strengthen our already historic Outreach ministry ...AND we are planning a Turkey & Ham feast Easter Wednesday, April 8th. Details of the feast can be find inside The Scroll.

As we prepare for our walk from the garth into the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, we ask you to take a moment and reflect on our parish and what it has meant to you and your family, the strength and courage it has provided you over the years; it has been with you in good times and bad. We ask you for your prayers and patience as we work together in writing the next chapter of our history. Great things are in our future!

God's blessings,

David Jacob
Annell

Boyd Hulse
Mark
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Ken Brennan
Robert C. Daniel
Adrienne Northington
Kimberly Kitchin Snow

Margie Clark
John

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. STEPHEN'S

March 29 – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. Weather permitting, we will gather in the Old Garth (on the Mulberry Street side) at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. for the Liturgy of the Palms. We will then process down our new brick walkway into the church. All three children's choirs will sing at the 10:45 a.m. service.

April 2 – Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. Join us for the worship service in which we remember Jesus' last night with his disciples, when he washed their feet and shared the bread and wine as his body and blood. You may choose to have your feet washed, to wash another's feet, or both, or neither. After the Eucharist we will strip the altar and the church. There is no dismissal from this liturgy—it is the beginning act of a three-part drama that culminates on Easter Day.

April 3 – Good Friday, one service at noon. We will follow the liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer. The church will be open for prayer and meditation from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

April 5 – Easter Day. Alleluia! Christ is risen! We will gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The later service will be a festival Eucharist, with a trumpeter joining our organist and choir in triumphant music. At 10:15 a.m. there will be a Easter egg hunt for children up through grade 5. Bring a blossom from your garden—or from the store—to flower the cross

April 6 – Easter Monday. The Parish Office will be closed.

April 8 – Easter Wednesday. Join us for a parish Easter Dinner. We'll gather for a celebration of the Eucharist at 5:30 p.m., and then move to the Parish Hall for an Easter dinner with all the trimmings. The ham and turkey are provided; sign up so we know how many are coming and bring a dish to share.

Easter is more than a single day; the season lasts 50 days (through the Feast of Pentecost on May 24). We will continue to sing Easter hymns and say more "alleluias" than usual throughout the season.

COME FOR SUPPER!

It's more than supper! It's Easter dinner, but a couple days late!

Join us on **Easter Wednesday, April 8** for a parish Easter dinner. We'll gather for the Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. and then move into the Parish Hall for the feast!

Sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect. The ham and turkey will be provided; bring a dish to share.



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Happy Spring! I am happy to report that thanks to Bob Cagle and Burt Edmundson we have apparently resolved favorably the controversy with Terminix and their desire to assure themselves that there was no ongoing termite activity in the area of the bell tower from the bottom floor up. Terminix, after B & B pulled up the carpet, was able to pour 50 gallons of treatment into the brick and soil around that lower level. Hopefully that will placate Terminix and their desire to feel like all areas thought to be possibly problematic have been investigated and treated. Another item of interest has been the decision to replace all of our outdated fire extinguishers. We may even add 1 or 2 to our current placement to assure that those are ready and available for any sudden emergency. Hopefully, once that is completed, we can post a listing of all of the locations where those extinguishers are placed. A major project to renovate the 6-12 Sunday School room is next on the agenda and just awaits final input from the Youth and Decorating Committees so that our kids can feel like that space is thoroughly modern and not caught in a time warp. Other work coming down the pipe (pun intended) is our project to update our bathrooms at the church. Please contact me with any questions or thoughts about our beautiful home on the corner of Mulberry & James. Your Vestry is very supportive of continuing to make progress with infrastructure at St Stephen's both in our building and our ministries .

Geoff Hulse

ECW

The 127th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women is April 15, 2015 at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Goldsboro. All ladies of St. Stephen's Church are invited to attend. The event begins with registration, coffee and breakfast at 9:30AM followed by a business meeting with The Rev. Deacon Nancy Crawford, President of the National ECW speaking, The topic of her speech will be "Stir up the Spirit." St Stephen's ECW will provide food for the breakfast.

Holy Eucharist and the Installation of Officers (Bishop Rob Skirving, Presiding) will be held at 12:00 followed by lunch. Cost of the lunch is \$15 and reservations must be received by April 1, 2015. There is sign up sheet at the church or you may call the church office.

Mary Mills Borden

REBECCA GOT GOOD NEWS!

She did it! She prayed! She discerned! She passed evaluations by lots of people across the diocese as members of the Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee. She spent weekends at Trinity Center with others exploring the diaconate and wrote LOTS of papers. Two bishops endorsed her efforts.

And FINALLY she has been told by Bishop Skirving that, God willing and the people consenting, he intends to ordain her to the diaconate on **Saturday, June 20**. The service will be at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Kinston. Mark your calendars for that date, and the day after, when our new deacon will exercise her diaconal ministry with us at our Sunday worship.

Jill+

ATTENTION ACOLYTES

It's time for the annual Diocesan Acolyte Festival. Ask anyone who has attended in the past: this is a GREAT weekend! Bishop Skirving will be there! And it's at the beach (St. Andrew's- by-the-Sea, Nags Head)! The dates are April 24-26 (Friday afternoon - Sunday). If you're interested, see Mr. Harris or Jimmy.

FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

On Easter Day our Eucharist includes music for organ, trumpet and choir, and it will be a festive celebration of the Resurrection. The anthem this day, "The Lord Is Risen Again," was written by K. Lee Scott, who has emerged as one of America's foremost composers of music for the church during the past two decades. His hymns are found in eight North American hymnals and his 300 published compositions include anthems, hymns, works for solo voice, organ and brass.

Rebecca and I would like to thank all who sang in the Cherub, Junior and Schola Nova choirs this year. Thanks also to parents for getting your children to church each Wednesday. Children's choirs will resume in September.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Let's get active! **G-Force, God's Love in Action**, is coming this Summer! Mark your calendars now for the week of July 13th - July 16th. We have an exciting curriculum planned for Vacation Bible School. Registration Forms will be available in the May Scroll.

Emilie Foy, Dorisena Thompson and Denise Tayloe have graciously agreed to be coordinators, and we have the arts and crafts, recreation, music and bible leaders already in place.

SO to make this week a success, we are CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! We need volunteers of All AGES to help during the week of vacation bible school. Contact Emilie Foy at emilie.foy@gmail.com or [919-274-1675](tel:919-274-1675) and she will sign you right up to help.

Ann Hine and Adrienne Northington

YOUTH NEWS

We had great attendance at our first EYC meeting on March 15, 2015. Youth participated in "icebreaker" activities to start the meeting. Our Bible study was Matthew 7:24-27 "The Wise and Foolish Builder" (focus on foundation). We had awesome burgers and hotdogs, chips, and yummy gooey bars for supper. Thank you for a delicious supper, Mrs. Nicole Barnes! Aimee Barnes led our wrap up with a few of her favorite Bible verses and group discussion.

Mark your calendars! Youth Sunday is May 10th and we would like as many youth as possible to participate in the service. We will have EYC on May 3rd to prepare and practice for Youth Sunday.

We are currently organizing a *Parent and Youth Meeting* with Cookie Cantwell. She has much experience with Episcopal youth programs, including as Coordinator of Youth Ministries at St. James-Wilmington. Ms. Cantwell will discuss her experience in building successful youth programs; and hopefully, we can form a clearer vision of what will work best for our youth. As soon as we have a date and time, a notice will be sent. Please check emails and bulletin for future information.

Vacation Bible School needs your help! We need volunteers during Vacation Bible School, July 13th-16th as well as help decorating before VBS starts. Any youth 6th grade and up, that would like to help with VBS should contact Emilie Foy at emilie.foy@gmail.com.

One of the outreach projects for our youth will be collecting food for Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. Be thinking about just how much food you can collect and be ready to set a goal. Can you collect a **ton** of food? Think big and stay tuned for more information on this upcoming outreach project.

Kim Smith

HEY YOUTH!

We can use some of your hands as we hide Easter eggs for our Easter Sunday egg hunt. Come to Jimmy's office at 9:30 a.m.

OUTREACH FROM ST. STEPHEN'S

EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry is located just outside of Newton Grove, in Dunn. The purpose is to minister to the seasonal and migrant farmworkers working at 47 camps in Johnston, Harnett and Sampson counties. It is sponsored and supported by Dioceses of East Carolina and North Carolina. Our diocese has been supporting this ministry for more than thirty years. We support this ministry through our Outreach giving, and last year our youth coordinated the games for children of the workers at the annual Farmworkers Festival.

Each year there are more than 150,000 migrant farmworkers in North Carolina. Many of them come here with the clothes on their back. And more than a few return to work in our fields every year. The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry helps to meet basic needs of the workers (food, clothing, sheets and towels) and also to help them gain proficiency in English, to address immigration and health issues, and to meet their spiritual needs. The Episcopal parish of La Sagrada Familia in Dunn has the largest average Sunday attendance of any church in our Diocese because the numbers of worshippers during the growing and harvest season skyrocket to 400-800+ on any given Sunday.

The Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry is currently conducting a campaign, the Harvest for Hospitality. This is a campaign in both dioceses, and the challenge is for families in the diocese to contribute \$50 in the fifty days of Easter. Why \$50, you ask? A migrant farmworker in this area picking sweet potatoes is paid as little as 40 cents per bucket. This equates to picking about 125 buckets or two tons of sweet potatoes to earn \$50. At our Diocesan Convention in February, Bishop Skirving challenged the diocese to step up for this campaign. And he and his wife will add \$50 to their gift for every three families in the diocese who give \$50. There are "mite boxes" available on the usher's desk at the back of the church if you want to make a daily offering part of your family ritual. Or you can write a check to St. Stephen's and note EFwM (Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry) on the memo line. We'll let you know how much Bishop Skirving and his wife add because of our generosity.

St. Stephen's has a long and proud tradition of supporting these projects like this. We all benefit from the migrant workers who come and work in North Carolina fields each year. We benefit from the foods they harvest. And we can benefit spiritually from engaging with the work of the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry. If you're interested in helping—and there are lots of ways we can help—, contact Allan Pedersen.

TAKESHA'S HOUSE IS FINISHED!!

Our FaithBuild house is finished! And Takesha Greene and her sons will very soon take possession of the house we helped build on National Drive. We're still continuing with our March Madness efforts so we can buy her four boys a really good basketball standard—if you're watching college basketball tournaments, consider adding to our basketball jar for each game you watch, each time your team is playing, each time a team you like wins (or even each time a team you dislike loses).

Takesha's home will be dedicated in early April; the date was not certain at press time. All are welcome to join as we dedicate and bless her new home—watch for an e-mail announcement of the date and time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: HABITAT WOMEN BUILD IS COMING UP

It was last year's Habitat WomenBuild that got St. Stephen's involved hands-on in helping some Wayne County families become homeowners and give their children a safe place to grow up. It was the response to WomenBuild that led us to house groups of high school and collegiate builders and to participate in the FaithBuild house for Takesha and her sons.

This year's WomenBuild will be May 7-9. This is a FABULOUS opportunity for the women to make a difference—last year we arrived at the site with subflooring and we left that afternoon with all the walls (exterior and interior) framed and up!

All women age 16 and above are welcome. Let Jill know if you want to join in a great day of work and fellowship.

MORE OUTREACH NEWS:

FEEDING THE CHILDREN IN GOLDSBORO

You may have read about the city's efforts to address the needs of hungry school age children in Goldsboro on the weekends. Parishioner and City Council member Chuck Allen met with your Outreach Committee and explained how the church groups, and others are going to serve meals from two schools (Dillard and Wayne Academy) to 600 children from our community. The Outreach Committee voted to donate \$1800 (the cost of feeding 300 children two meals) and to staff the meals served from Dillard on May 16th and 17th. Please call Sue McDonald or the church to volunteer. We will serve the meal (but not cook it) and visit with the children from 2:30 - 5 p.m. each day.

DILLARD OUTREACH

Our outreach to Dillard Middle School is a multi-faceted project. In addition to weekly prayers of support and ongoing gifts of basic school supplies, we have collected and purchased hygiene products for the WISH staff to distribute, provided refreshments for the faculty staff meetings on several occasions and bought items specifically requested by teachers to enhance their teaching efforts.

In the past three months we have collected and purchased winter clothing for 4 students identified by teachers and coordinated through the guidance counselor and school social worker. We collected buttons, thread and material for the Life Skills class for basic sewing instruction. The media coordinator asked for snacks for Dillard's Battle of the Books teams on their competition days so we provided "goodie bags" for the 10 students competing in the Elementary and Middle School events. Thank you for the contribution of juice boxes and granola bars to anchor the snack bags we put together. Each bag also included a bookmark with "Good Luck from your friends at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church" written on them. We also provided new filling for the bean bag chair we bought for the library several years ago. We purchased an advertisement in the school yearbook so students and their families will have a reminder of our proud partnership and support of their school. This whole project is one of which you should be very proud. It truly does make a difference to support teachers and their efforts and the staff is most grateful for our involvement in their school.

Winter colds and flu may be behind us but spring allergies are now in the forefront. **TISSUES** are a constant need in all classrooms. Please buy an extra box or two to donate to Dillard this month. As always, thanks for your help.

Jan Cagle bcagle2@suddenlink.net or 919-778-0346

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Preparation for those desiring to be confirmed when Bishop Skirving visits in early October will start shortly after Easter. If you are interested in being confirmed, or if your child in grade six or higher is interested, let Jill know ASAP.

ST HILDA'S GUILD

Weather permitting, St Hilda's Guild will clean and plant the garth on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. We will start about 5:00 p.m. but come whenever you can. It's always fun.

ACOLYTES

APRIL 5 Crucifer: Kate Harris
Torch Bearers: Catherine Freemon
 Anne Stuart Freemon
Flag Bearers: Will Fickling
 Jackson Harris

APRIL 12 Crucifer: Anna Allen
Torch Bearers: Langley Barnes
 Sarah Stockston
Flag Bearers: Trey Barnes
 Cady Stanley

APRIL 19 Crucifer: Hayes Gerrard
Torch Bearers: Cam Gerrard
 Jeff Bland
Flag Bearers: Zachary Lulay
 Cady Stanley

APRIL 26 Crucifer: Catherine Freemon
Torch Bearers: Drew Grive
 John Grice
Flag Bearers: Ben Stuber
 David Gurley

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Ann Mebane Hine.....919-736-8990
Margie Clark.....919-735-1114

USHERS - Buzz Baker & Geoff Hulse

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

APRIL 5.....Glenda & Ed Futch

APRIL 12..... Jan & Bob Cagle

APRIL 19.....Mark Ladd

APRIL 26Martie & Mike Saylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

APRIL 5

8:00 a.m Allan Pedersen
11:00 a.m. Caliee Ladd
 Davis Harris

APRIL 12

8:00 a.m. Michael Headen
11:00 a.m. Aimee Barnes
 Ray Harris

APRIL 19

8:00 a.m. Sally Pope
11:00 a.m. Beth Saylor
 Jim Northington

APRIL 26

8:00 a.m Tom Howell
11:00 a.m. Claiborne Smith
 Geoff Hulse

Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD)

APRIL 5 - Mark Ladd

APRIL 12 - Allan Pedersen

APRIL 19 - David Jackson

APRIL 26 - Adrienne Northington

Sundays : 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist
 10 am Christian Formation
 10:15 Adult Choir Practice

APRIL

Wednesdays: Noon Holy Eucharist

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Noon HE 7:00 pm. Adult Choir Practice	2 Maundy Thursday Noon Bible Study 7:00 pm. Holy Eucharist & foot Washing	3 Good Friday Noon service	4
5 Easter Day 10:15 am. Adult Choir 10:15 am. Easter Egg Hunt	6	7 7 am. Men's Bible Study	8 Noon HE 6:00 pm. Parish Easter Dinner 7:00 pm. Adult Choir Practice	9 Noon Bible Study	10	11
12 10:15 am. Adult Choir	13	14 7 am Men's Bible Study	15 Noon HE 7:00 pm. Adult Choir Practice	16 Noon Bible Study 6:45 pm Cotton Quilters	17	18 9 am Busy Bee Quilters
19 10:15 am. Adult Choir	20 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting	21 7 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm. St. Hilda's - Planting in the Garth	22 Noon HE 7:00 pm. Adult Choir Practice	23 Noon Bible Study/ CANCELLED	24 Acolyte Festival in Nags Head. Return on Sunday,	25
26 10:15 am. Adult Choir	27	28 7 am Men's Bible Study	29 Noon HE 7:00 pm. Adult Choir Practice	30		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Glenda Futch.....04/02	Emily Lulay.....04/16
Cady Stanley.....04/02	John Sauls, Jr.....04/16
David Gurley IV.....04/04	Harvey Reinhardt.....04/21
Kate Harris.....04/06	Peter Roethling.....04/21
Langley Barnes.....04/07	John Grice.....04/23
Ian Ladd.....04/07	Ducky Harrell.....04/23
Jim Smith.....04/07	Battle Hine.....04/25
Nancy Headen.....04/12	Katherine Roethling.....04/26
Mary Martin Borden.....04/13	Jane Craig.....04/29
Jill Beimdiek.....04/14	Bob Cagle III.....04/30