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From our Rector:

“Discipleship Discipline”

My high school history teacher was the school’s disciplinarian. His job was to deal with “problem” students. He had the reputation of being a strict disciplinarian, although I am happy to report I never had first hand knowledge of his practices. One time, however, I did see him throw a classmate of mine out of class for wearing a baseball cap during class. This was a public high school by the way. Mr. Houston was not well liked, but he was a great teacher. Discipline is often associated with punishment and as in the case of my baseball cap wearing friend, not in the least, beneficial. However, discipline, used properly, can shape and mold good character, strong athletes, outstanding artists and musicians and successful people of all sorts. Discipline is also a key element in strengthening our faith. It gets us back on track when we have become disheartened, disinterested, distracted, and distanced from the core of our being. At our core we are the pinnacle of God’s creation and made to be holy people.

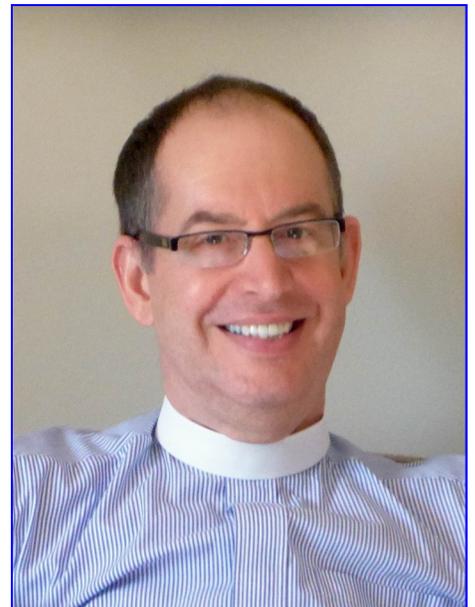
The season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 10) invites us to practice discipline in order to become better disciples of Jesus. Lenten discipline is the spiritual equivalent of returning to the gym or going for the first time, eating a sensible diet, getting your financial and personal life in order, taking care of yourself, and reaching out to others with forgiveness and love. Things we should do all the time, but we let sin get us off track. Lent is the opportunity to get back into spiritual shape. There are many ways to get back into spiritual shape. You can fast. Pray more, or start to pray in times other than when there is a crisis in your life. Read the bible. Go to church. Forgive someone who has hurt you. Make an additional pledge of your time, talent and treasure to the church.

Whatever discipline you choose, be confident that God’s Holy Spirit will give you the strength and courage to make you a stronger, more faithful Christian. This Lent I invite you to come to the Wednesday evening Lenten Program as part of your Lenten observance. We will start off with a service of Holy Communion from 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. followed by a pot-luck dinner from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and then a 30 minute program (that I’m calling “Prayer 101”—you’ll have to come to find out more about that) from 6:30 p.m.- 7:00. p.m. Please come. If you can’t stay for the whole thing, just come for part. Yes, come just for the food and fellowship! There are so many ways to observe a Holy Lent. Volunteer. Invite a friend to church. Pray often. Do it for yourself, for your family and friends, and for Christ and the world. I’m really looking forward to being part of the St. Stephen’s family.

See you soon.

Peace,

Ray Hanna Rector



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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Greetings and Happy February. I am very happy for a number of reasons. Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is right around the corner followed by the discipline of Lent. While those events alone are wonderful reasons to be giddy over this second calendar month, I am very happy to report even more good news. As most of you are already aware, Raymond J. Hanna or Ray as he likes to be called will begin his service as our priest on February 1st. He will be getting used to our environs the first of the week and the latter part of the week he will be joining myself and Allan Pedersen and Stuart Freemon at the Diocesan Convention. This exciting week will culminate with Ray's first Sunday of worship with us on February 7th. I know he is excited to become our latest shepherd in the glorious 158 year history of celebrating the life and teachings of our Savior on the corner of Mulberry and James Streets in Downtown Goldsboro. I have enjoyed getting to know Ray through the search process as well as assisting him these last few weeks as he gets situated in Goldsboro. I am grateful and enthusiastic about his arrival and about the many ways he will energize us for the next phase of St Stephen's future glory. We will have a welcoming reception after church on the 7th so please join me and your Vestry in greeting him in our own inimitable style. I am sure all of us will get to know this wonderful man as we have opportunities over the next months to help him as he hits the ground running in Goldsboro. Speaking of the Vestry, I am also joyful over the work that all 12 members of your Vestry did the weekend of January 22-24 on our Vestry Retreat at Trinity Center. We will be sharing with each of you the plans that we are formulating for 2016 as the next few weeks unfold. I guarantee you that each member of the Vestry is dedicated to seizing the energy of the last year of the Parish and working even harder to capture the desire of each parishioner to allow our church, through God's grace, to continue to grow in all of our areas of ministry. We are excited about the possibilities, no the probabilities, of what we can accomplish with our Youth, Christian Education and Outreach programs. In addition we will be working on the restoration of many of our inside facilities as we look to the future with a more accessible and beautiful spiritual home. Another facet of our work will be submitting a survey to you so we can better work towards common goals concerning our building enhancement, our areas of ministry and our worship. Please let me know if you have any questions, thoughts or complaints. I am your Senior Warden and I will be as accessible as possible to address the good, the bad and the ugly. I hope each of you have had a wonderful January, and I am excited about the rest of the year as we work, play and pray alongside our new Priest Ray Hanna .

Peace. Geoff

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

As I prepare to write my first report for The Scroll, I cannot help but stop and think what a wonderful time to be at St. Stephen's. Our search committee prayers have been answered. The church grounds look outstanding. Our Sunday School classrooms upstairs are full of excitement and learning. Last but certainly not least- our youth are again being guided by an inspirational leader and teacher in Terah Archie. Our future is bright and we look forward to more exciting times in 2016. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Vestry for allowing me to serve as your Jr. Warden this year. There have been a long line of dedicated Jr. Warden's with mighty big shoes to fill and I pledge to do my best to continue providing the same level of commitment St. Stephen's has become accustomed to and expects. I am fortunate to be a part of these exciting times and to be serving with such a great group of Vestry members along with our leader- Sr. Warden Geoff Hulse. I have included my email address and cell phone number. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, comments, or guidance! I look forward to working with all of you this coming year. The main news to report is that we are in the middle of painting the Rector's office and plan for the work to be complete on Ray's first day. A word to the wise- if you visit Ray next week, don't lean on the walls, the paint will probably still be wet!!

*Ken Gerrard
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TREASURER'S REPORT

A summary of our parish's preliminary 2015 operating results is as follows:

| | DEC. | YEAR TO DATE (YTD) | BUDGET YTD |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| INCOME | \$51,959 | \$387,014 | \$380,650 |
| EXPENSES | \$42,512 | \$367,223 | \$380,650 |

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to end 2015 in a favorable position overall. The income we collected exceeded the amount budgeted, and our actual expenses were less than the amount budgeted, resulting in a 2015 operating surplus of \$19,791.

Year-end pledge statements were mailed last week. Please review them and contact our bookkeeper, Pam Starling, in the church office if you have any questions or concerns. We are grateful for your financial support of the mission and ministry of our parish!

Marjorie Fickling, Treasurer

PANCAKE SUPPER

The Young People of St Stephens will be serving their Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 9th in the Parish Hall. The menu will of course include Pancakes and Sausage. The High School students will be doing the cooking and the younger members will be your friendly waiter/waitress. It is a great evening for the Youth and the Parish. Rumor has it that those of you who need to have a Taste of Mardi Gras. Likewise in case you will not be at Church on the 7th, this will be a great opportunity to meet our new Rector.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

What better way to start off Valentine's Day than by coming to St Stephens and have Breakfast. We make it easy for you. Come to 8:00 service and we will have breakfast when you get out of church. If you are not an early riser, come to breakfast and stay for Sunday school and 11:00 church. We serve between 9:00 – 10:00. We will be having scrambled eggs, sausage, grits and biscuits.

We are looking for men of St Stephen's to come and help out with the preparation and serving of the meal. We gather at 8:00 in the kitchen to get things going and discuss the latest sports activity. Super Bowl will be done so we will probably be discussing ACC Basketball. Again it is a great opportunity to serve at St Stephen's, meet the families who attend and you do not have to worry about fixing breakfast. Another, great opportunity to meet our new Rector.

ST. HILDA'S GUILD CHICKEN SALAD SALE

St. Hilda's Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00 P.M. in the church kitchen to make chicken salad. Each member is asked to bring 8 chicken breasts, cooked and diced in small pieces prepared to mix the chicken salad. A pound of chicken salad is \$7.00 with checks made payable to St. Hilda's Guild. Chicken salad may be ordered on the form on the bulletin board outside the church office and may be picked up on Wednesday, February 17 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

DILLARD GIFT OF WARMTH PROJECT

Many thanks to those who participated in our sweatshirt project for the school. Your donations of “warmth” and money enabled my delivering more than 50 sweatshirts to Mrs. Brooks, the Guidance Counselor! Teachers were notified about our project and were asked to refer students with an obvious need to receive a sweatshirt. Students can surely concentrate better on their school work when they are comfortable with this extra layer of warmth. Thank you.

FEBRUARY DILLARD OFFERING

Teachers need tissues in their classrooms during cold season. Please purchase tissues and place in the tub outside the office. They appreciate our support.

DILLARD WOW!

Our group of twelve 5th grade Wonderful Outstanding Women continues to meet weekly and strengthen our relationship. The second semester of school has us having discussions about conflict and conflict resolution. How do you appropriately respond to negative situations? What should you do or possibly say? Or not? Tough questions that we hope to plant seeds that will be remembered if the girls are confronted with unfortunate life situations. We have added a parishioner from St. Francis to our Partnership group and always welcome others. We want the girls to know there are folks in the community who believe in them and are there to help. We meet on Mondays from 11:30 ‘til 12:20 at the school. Let me know if you’d like to join us!

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

DEACON'S CORNER

It's a time of change and I look forward to seeing what God will call us to do together in the months and years ahead. Thank you to everyone who has supported our continuing and new projects at Dillard Middle School. We now have volunteers from all three Goldsboro parishes serving most Mondays from 11:30-12:30. We have been enjoying a group of 12 fifth graders as we work with them to develop life skills, leadership skills, and relationship skills. They are truly Wonderful, Outstanding Women (W.O.W.) which is the name they chose for their group. If you'd like to be involved in this wonderful group, either once or in an ongoing way, or are interested in other volunteer opportunities, please contact me or Jan Cagle. I am hoping that we will have enough support and volunteers to have two groups active next school year (continuing this group and adding a new fifth grade group). These girls definitely teach them as much as we teach them and it is a great way to connect with the students we have been serving for several years through our partnership program.

Operation Undercover at the end of October was a huge success, collecting a total of 727 articles, including 442 pairs of underwear, 186 pairs of socks and 99 undershirts or miscellaneous articles. Cash donations are still being used to fill in missing or most needed sizes. Thank you for your support of this project and keep your eyes open for our next Goldsboro-wide service opportunity!

Deacon Rebecca Bean

EYC EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

St. Stephen's offers a 6th – 12th grade Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings. On Sunday nights, Jr. EYC meets from 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. and Sr. EYC meets from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. EYC Sunday School and EYC are on the same schedule. Come join us for both!

Sunday, February 7 – **No Sunday School, No EYC** - Super Bowl Sunday! Go, Panthers!

Tuesday, February 9 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Sunday, February 14 – **No Sunday School, Valentines Day (No EYC/Terah out of town)**

Sunday, February 21 - Sunday School at 10:00 AM / EYC 5:15 to 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 28 - Sunday School at 10:00 AM / EYC 5:15 to 7:30 PM

Diocesan Events 2016

Youth@Convention 2016*

February 4-6, 2016 is Annual Diocesan Convention

- Young People in grades 9-12 are invited to serve as their parish's
- Each parish may send ONE YouthRepresentative.

Elected Delegates:

- Parishes may send a young person 16 or older as a Delegate from their parish

(Please note Delegates and Youth Representatives ARE NOT THE SAME)

Happening 67

- March 4-6, 2016 @ Trinity Center
- Deadline has passed

New Beginnings 51

- April 8-10, 2016
- For Middle Schoolers and their Youth Leaders
- Team Applications are available and are due February 16th.
- Please note that if you have a middle schooler who has attended New Beginnings before and is not ready to serve on Leadership, they are welcome to come again as a participant. Registration forms will be available in January.

Province IV Summer Opportunities

PYE•MS - Province IV Middle School Mission Experience - Tread Lightly (Genesis 2:15 CEB)

- June 21 - 25, 2016
- Hosted in the Diocese of North at the Haw River State Park
- \$300 for Young People from the Diocese of East Carolina
- Registration Forms are DUE TO EMILY GOWDY CANADY on or before March 1st.

Walk With Me - Province IV High School Event

- July 28 - August 1, 2016
- Bethany Center at Camp McDowell in the Diocese of Alabama
- Immersion in the historical truths of the Civil Rights Movement, including a day pilgrimage to Birmingham, Alabama
- \$325 for participants
- Emily Gowdy Canaday is working to put a team of other high school young people together for this event.

Terah Archie

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST at 5:45 pm

Please join us to discuss Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and more. We will meet Wednesday, February 21st at 5:45 pm in the Commons Room or the Library. Contact Beth Saylor for more information at bethsaylor@yahoo.com.

Ann Mebane Hine

FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

Christmas was scarcely six weeks ago, but because the Church Year centers around the date of Easter, a movable feast, the lenten spring begins early this year: Ash Wednesday is February 10th, and Easter Day falls on March 27th in the Western Church. Unlike Christmas, which is a fixed date, the date of Easter varies according to astronomical occurrences. You may remember that Easter is the first Sunday that follows the first full moon after the spring equinox, the paschal full moon. The celebration of Passover took place just before the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ, and the two observances have been entwined from the beginning—the word Paschal, originally meaning Passover, came to mean Easter as well. Just as the Israelites crossed the Red Sea from bondage into freedom, passing from death to life, and so do we cross from death to life in the Resurrection.

But before we get to Easter we must go with Jesus on a journey, a journey that starts after we hear of his dazzling mountaintop appearance to Moses and Elijah in the transfiguration story on the Last Sunday after Epiphany--the completion of his manifestation to the nations that began with the wise men. On this day we sing "Farewell to Alleluia," that song of gladness which will not be heard again until Easter. It is a journey that leads us to the plain, through the wilderness and finally to Jerusalem. This seamless transition in the turning of the seasons of the Church is summed up beautifully in a hymn by Armitage Robinson, Dean of Westminster Abbey in the early 20th century. It was included in the 1904 edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*:

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light. How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Marshall Foster

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

St Stephens will be serving again at the Boys and Girls Club on Royal Avenue on Wednesday, February 3rd at 3:00 pm. We need three persons to be present to serve the afterschool meal that is provided by others. Little or no training or previous experience is required. We plate up the food for the students as they arrive from the various schools. We try to interact with the students as they are in line and let them know that we care about them and find out how their day went. Some may ask why are we feeding them a meal at three in the afternoon. Many of them had their school lunch at 11:00 and may be at the Boys & girls Club until 6-7:00. We are usually done and out the door before 4:00. Come out and support this program that is important as well as heartwarming to you as well as a child.

PROPERTY & DECORATING COMMITTEE

The property and decorating committees have been busy sprucing up the Rector's office in anticipation of Ray Hanna's arrival. Old wallpaper was stripped, some unexpected wall repairs were made, and the room was given a fresh coat of paint. Additionally, a sofa and leather topped coffee table were purchased for his office. The room has gotten very little attention in recent years, so it was a perfect time to freshen up and get excited about moving forward with our new Rector.

Stay tuned for other improvements we hope to start get moving on very soon!

Nicole Barnes

ACOLYTES

FEBRUARY 7 Crucifer: Claiborne Smith
Torch Bearers: Caroline Smith
Kate Harris
Flag Bearers: Noah MacDonald
Jackson Harris

FEBRUARY 14 Crucifer: Catherine Freemon
Torch Bearers: Langley Barnes
Trey Barnes
Flag Bearers: Sarah Boyd
Berkley Woodard

FEBRUARY 21 Crucifer: Hayes Gerrard
Torch Bearers: David Gurley
Cam Gerrard
Flag Bearers: Thomas Gurley
Ben Stuber

FEBRUARY 28 Crucifer: Jeff Bland
Torch Bearers: Lucy Bland
Will Fickling
Flag Bearers: Graysen Jeffreys
Lexi Jeffreys

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman– Carol Smithwick.....919-735-9629
Lila Everett.....919-580-6116
Ethel Barnhill.....919-735-2870
Duffy Fleming.....919-735-1775
Ann Hine.....919-330-5087
JoAnn Logan.....919-731-7602

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

FEBRUARY 7.....Mark Ladd

FEBRUARY 14..... Martie & Mike Saylor

FEBRUARY 21.....Lee & Geoff Hulse

FEBRUARY 28Karen & Steve Mzyk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

FEBRUARY 7

8:00 a.m. Allan Pedersen
11:00 a.m. Kyle Saylor
Ray Harris

FEBRUARY 14

8:00 a.m. Michael Headen
11:00 a.m. Aimee Barnes
Geoff Hulse

FEBRUARY 21

8:00 a.m. Sally Pope
11:00 a.m. Bob Cagle
Cailee Ladd

FEBRUARY 28

8:00 a.m. Doris Thompson
11:00 a.m. Will Bland
Margie Clark

USHERS

Brian Stuber, Hal Tanner, Jr., Hal Tanner, III

FEBRUARY 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---------------------------|--|---|-----|-----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 7 am Men's Bible Study | 3 3 p.m. Boys & Girls Club 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Formation 10:15 am Adult choir practice No EYC | 8 | 9 7 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper | 10 Ash Wednesday 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Breakfast 10 am Christian Formation 10:15 am Adult choir practice No EYC | 15 6 pm Vestry Meeting | 16 7 am Men's Bible Study 6 pm St. Hilda's makes chicken salad | 17 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Formation 10:15 am Adult choir practice Jr & Scola Nova EYC meets 5:45 CE Meeting | 22 | 23 7 am Men's Bible Study | 24 No children's choir practice 5:30 pm HE 6 pm Supper 6:30 pm Prayer 101 7 Adult choir | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Formation 10:15 am Adult choir practice EYC meets | 29 | | | | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|---------------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Gaston Lewis..... | 2/01 | Will Bland..... | 2/17 |
| Adam Livengood..... | 2/03 | Louise Gurley..... | 2/21 |
| Henry Smith..... | 2/04 | Aimee Barnes..... | 2/22 |
| Emma Grace Lewis..... | 2/06 | Sarah Wahl..... | 2/22 |
| John Wolfe..... | 2/06 | Ken Gerrard..... | 2/24 |
| Charles Snyder..... | 2/08 | Lara Gerrard..... | 2/25 |
| Ashley Fleming..... | 2/11 | Berkley Woodard..... | 2/25 |
| Adrienne Northington..... | 2/12 | Margaret Tanner..... | 2/26 |
| Clem Livengood..... | 2/14 | Crawford Tanner..... | 2/26 |
| Sally Pope..... | 2/14 | Alex Wahl..... | 2/26 |
| Steve Mzyk..... | 2/15 | Frank Joyner..... | 2/27 |