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Happy New Year 2016 to all of you that make up our great parish at St Stephen's. How appropriate it was that our past Senior Warden, David Jackson, communicated to us on December 26th, the Feast of St. Stephen Day, that our many weeks of prayers for the search of our new rector were answered with the acceptance of our call by The Rev. Raymond "Ray" John Hanna. Currently, Ray is the Rector of Trinity Church in Mt. Airy, N.C., where he has served for 12 years. He is much loved there at Trinity but his congregation realizes that he needs to experience growth in his ministry and we are most thankful that he accepted our call to join us at St Stephen's. He is a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee and the ministry has always been his love. He has two children: Carson, who is a sophomore at the University of Delaware where she is majoring in special needs education and a son Christopher, who is in his senior year of high school in Delaware. I asked Ray to compose a message for you in anticipation of his arrival February 1, 2016 and here it is :

***Alleluia! The search is over. Thanks to your prayers, the hard work of the Search Committee, the faithful leadership of the Vestry and the Episcopal Office of Transition Ministry ( what I like to call the ecclesiastical version of e-harmony) we have been matched. I am confident that it is a good match and I am really looking forward to meeting you and working together as we love and serve God, each other and our neighbors. I am impressed by St. Stephen's, by its beauty and rich history, by its commitment to youth ministry as demonstrated by the beautiful new play ground, Sunday School space, youth choir and burgeoning youth ministry, and by its focus on worship, education, outreach and fellowship. Besides who can turn down an invitation to an Oyster Roast? See you on February 1. May God bless you and keep you safe in this New Year. Peace, Ray Hanna Rector.***

We look forward to having a Happy New Year with Ray as our priest. I too want to thank Bob Logan and the Search Committee that worked hard during this discernment process. I want to thank the Vestry for their invaluable support during this time and of course Jill, our interim, who helped lead us to have the parish in better shape for the day when our next Shepherd would arrive. Lastly, I want to thank you the congregation for your patience, your prayers and for the strength each of you have shared over the last two years of this process. I am very honored to be your Senior Warden in 2016 . We have a lot of exciting days ahead and each of us will be asked to share time, talent and treasure to realize our goals for an improved youth program, an expanded Christian formation program, continued growth of our Outreach program and many other areas of ministry at St Stephen's. We have a wonderful new priest and we all must make Ray feel welcome, but he is here to lead us not to handle everything for us. We know that faith without works is dead and for St Stephen's to maintain our growth and excitement we all must do our part. I look forward to the challenges ahead and the joy of us working together for the betterment of our church and in turn our community and the world. I leave you with a quote I recently read by Isrealmore Ayivor: " We are like the moon. The moon shines anyway but it does not produce its own light. It reflects the light illuminated onto its surface by the Sun and is never proud to say " I am the source of the light." God shines through us, hence He deserves the glory; not us. " We are invited by God to illuminate our world; let's continue that work today and tomorrow and the next day together.

Geoff Hulse , Senior Warden

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## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

January is a time of resolutions and change, a time when we all re-examine our lives in the hope of making improvements. It's also a time for new leadership in our parish. In December we elected a new Vestry class, and at the December Vestry meeting Geoff Hulse was selected as our next Senior Warden. The Vestry will elect the new Junior Warden at their retreat later this month. As Allan, Robert and I rotate off the Vestry I am delighted that we will be replaced by an engaged and energetic class, one that will add to an already hardworking, successful Vestry. Rest assured the good work being done at our church will continue with this group of strong leaders.

I also wish to thank everyone that has worked with the Vestry and me over these past three years as we entered into Gene's retirement, Jill's interim, and hopefully soon a new chapter with a new rector. We have accomplished much, worked together as a parish family, and brought new energy into several ministry areas that were on life support. Please continue to support your parish and Vestry as we begin 2016. There is still much to be done, not only to maintain the good work of St. Stephen's, but to explore other needs and opportunities in our parish, community, and the world. Your help is always welcomed.

*David Jackson*

## FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

I am happy to wish everyone a Merry Christmas as I pen my last Junior Warden's report. However don't get too excited that you will not have to read my reports any more as I will the first of the year be Senior Warden and I look forward to working in that capacity. I must take a moment to heartily thank David Jackson for his service as our awesome leader in so many ways particularly leading our last building renovation and serving twice as Senior Warden over four of the last six years. Now back to the report . We have completed almost all of the painting in the classrooms upstairs as well as had new blinds and lighting installed. The final major part of this classroom project will be the carpeting which should be installed by mid-January. If you haven't gone upstairs lately , take a stroll up there ; I am hopeful you will be pleased . We expect our bathroom project, that I have discussed over the past year in these reports , to begin early in 2016. Our own Don Barnes has agreed to lead our campaign for this effort , so please support this exciting next phase. Our building, being a beautiful yet older structure, is always going to have issues so please feel free to report suggestions to the Wardens or Vestry members. I could never thank enough, our congregation for all you have done to keep me informed and assist me with Junior Warden duties. I have tried monthly to thank folks as contributions were made but I must give a shout out to a few folks and if someone feels snubbed I sincerely apologize but these folks have gone above and beyond .Pinkney and Jimmy, Nancy Norwood and Nicole Barnes and Xena Morrison , Bob Cagle and Burt Edmundson and Allan Pedersen have always been a call or email away as well as Ann ( the can )Hine who got us motivated to do the upstairs classroom work. Finally, Jill and Chuck will be missed in so many ways. Chuck Faulkner has done so much for St Stephen's and each of us. Most of you will never know his many contributions. Last but not least , Mother Jill has led us both spiritually and administratively in the best fashion and I will forever be grateful to her for her hard work and nurturing of our Parish. All any of us can ever hope for is to leave a place or organization or in her case a church better than we found it. Jill has surely achieved this goal. Thank you Jill. I lovingly wish each of you a Merry Christmas and I look forward to us working together in the New Year.

*Geoff Hulse*

## OUTREACH

The Boys and Girls Club needs three or four volunteers from St Stephens to serve a meal from 3pm to 4pm on the first Wednesday of each month. It consists of spooning food onto a plate and giving it to a beaming child through a window. No cooking or cleaning, just rewarding. Please contact Allan Pedersen @ 919-922-5111.

## **\$27,507.93! THAT'S A LOT OF OUTREACH**

Outreach spending from St. Stephen's in 2015 totaled an AMAZING \$27,507.93. This included \$16,530 in Outreach funds and \$2,520 for the interim rector's discretionary fund provided through the parish's operating budget, plus additional donations made by parishioners to some of the ministries we support, like the Habitat Faith Build and the basketball challenge for Takesha's boys, donations for mattresses and bedding at the Flynn Home to match what the Outreach Committee had allocated, and more.

Because we want you to know how we're being good stewards of the funds we receive, we're sharing below the outreach expenditures in 2015. One big change from prior years is that we intentionally distributed funds throughout the year, rather than waiting until year-end to make distributions.

Mark Ladd had graciously agreed to chair the Outreach Committee in 2016, with the help of 2015 chair Lila Everett. If you're interested in outreach ministry, financial or hands-on, please let Mark know. And watch in the announcements for the next meeting of the Outreach Committee; new members are always welcome.

### **2015 Outreach Spending from St. Stephen's**

#### **HELPING THE POOR IN OUR COMMUNITY - \$4,185.73**

\$235.73	Basketball goal and balls for Habitat family (parishioner gifts +\$11.26 from outreach funds)
\$3000	Community Soup Kitchen (\$500 in February, \$500 in June, \$500 in Sept., \$750 in Nov., \$750 in December [\$500 from Outreach budget + \$250 from parishioner donation])
\$300	Goldsboro Junior Woman's Club shoe fund
\$250	WAGES
\$400	Make a Difference Food Pantry

#### **HELPING CHILDREN - \$4138.29**

\$700	Feeding Goldsboro's Children
\$200	Protestant Preschool
\$450	WISH (Wayne Initiative for School Health) (\$200 in Feb. and \$250 in Sept.)
\$400	Boys and Girls Club (\$200 in February, \$200 in June)
\$200	Thompson Child and Family Focus
\$250	Ronald McDonald House
\$300	Camp Trinity Scholarship Fund
\$1638.29	Dillard Middle School Partnership – from Dillard restricted funds plus LOTS of non-cash donations

#### **HELPING THE ELDERLY - \$1300**

\$600	Meals on Wheels (\$200 in February, \$200 in June, \$200 in December)
\$500	Wayne County Services on Aging – transportation assistance
\$200	Penick Village

#### **OFFERING A HELPING HAND UP - \$10,235.87**

\$3035.87	Flynn home – mattresses and bedding (\$1500 from outreach, \$1535.87 from parishioner gifts)
\$2450	WATCH (Wayne Action Team for Community Health) (\$250 in Feb., \$200 in June, \$2000 in Nov.)
\$700	Wayne Opportunity Center
\$2000	Habitat for Humanity Faith Build (not from outreach budget)
\$550	Habitat for Humanity – \$250 from Outreach Budget + \$300 from parishioner gifts
\$1000	Habitat for Humanity – for family whose house was burned (\$500 from outreach, \$500 from parishioner gifts)
\$300	Wayne County Veterans and Patriots Group
\$200	Operation Santa Claus

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### **HELPING WITH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - \$4818.04**

\$250	Salvation Army emergency shelter
\$90	Emergency shelter – motel room
\$4478.04	Rector's Discretionary Fund (not outreach funds)

### **JOINING IN MINISTRY IN OUR DIOCESE - \$700**

\$100	Interfaith Refugee Ministry
\$600	Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry (\$200 in February, \$200 in June, \$200 in November)

### **HELPING PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD - \$2130**

\$500	Episcopal Relief and Development – Nepal earthquake assistance
\$130	Episcopal Church in Jerusalem – Good Friday offering (not outreach funds)
\$1000	Episcopal Relief and Development (\$250 in February, \$250 in June, \$500 in November)
\$500	Episcopal Relief and Development – Millennium Development Goal water project

## **SHARE THE WARMTH...CONTINUED**

Many thanks to all who contributed sweatshirts during December for the students at Dillard. Because our weather hasn't been very winter-like, we will collect sweatshirts again during January to take to the school before their semester break. Remember the sweatshirts must be pull-over type, crew-neck or hooded to comply with school guidelines. All sizes from smaller youth sizes to adult extra-large are needed. I will be meeting with the guidance counselor and social worker after the holiday to coordinate with teachers to identify students who have the need for this layer of warmth. We have collected more than 20 so far but I know that with 400 + students, the need is greater. Can you help?

## **WOW AT DILLARD!**

Our mentoring group of 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls continues to meet weekly. This fall we have practiced our cursive writing skills on signatures, learned sewing techniques thanks to Judy Carpenter and Sallie Pope, made Christmas cookies and ornaments and shared positivity at each meeting. This endeavor, with Deacon Rebecca Bean, Rev Mary Reece, Vanessa Stovall and Dr. Gayle Heishell from St. Andrews, is part of the Dillard Partnership Project spearheaded by Rebecca. We meet on Mondays from 11:40 til 12:20 at the school. Our goal is to befriend, encourage, support, and guide these young women; developing confidence and leaders in the process. We'd love to have others join our group of Wonderful Outstanding Women!

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

## **THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

The "Greening of the church" was a group exercise and what a great job you all did. I think the altar guild's choice to use white poinsettias was a nice change. Thanks to the Freeman girls who decorated the tree using their special technique to get the lights just right and to those who donated the greens and gave poinsettias in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones.

This is surely a time for family and friends to enjoy each other as we look forward to Epiphany.

The Altar Guild will start a new schedule with teams moving back a week. Teams for the first Sunday in 2015 will serve for the second Sunday in 2016 and so on. We are looking for someone to pledge their time to fill the candles each week. The candles will usually last two services. Training is available.

Thank you Emmy for doing the linens and making sure we always have enough. And thank you ladies and gentlemen of the altar guild for giving of your time and energy to set up; take down; polish; wash up; and put away things that make our Eucharistic service so meaningful.

May the new year bring God's peace, love, joy, and hope.

*Sally Pope*

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### COME JOIN US JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School starts again on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at 10:00 am.

## EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS MINISTRY

Are you unable to attend church due to an illness or infirmity? In accordance with the Church Canons, Eucharistic Visitors are "authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration." St. Stephen's Eucharistic Visitors are Glenda and Ed Futch, Karen and Steve Mzyk, Geoff and Lee Hulse, Mike and Martie Saylor, Mark Ladd, and Jan and Bob Cagle. The Bishop has specially licensed these volunteers for this ministry. If you are unable to attend the Sunday Eucharist and would like to receive the Consecrated Elements from a Eucharistic Visitor after church on Sunday, please contact the church office or call me.

Additionally, now that we are again in between with Clergy, I have also been asked to serve as the contact person for those wishing a visit at other times than after church on Sunday. Please feel free to call or email me and I will try to assist. Bob Cagle, Eucharistic Visitor Coordinator (919) 920-9169 or bcagle75@gmail.com

## NOON EUCHARIST

Until we have a new rector in place, we will not be having a Wednesday noon Eucharist.

## ST. HILDA'S GUILD

St. Hilda's Guild will meet in the church Common Room at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2016. All church women are invited to attend. Christy Thompson, local artist and director of Soul's Palette, will be our guest speaker.

## MEN'S OYSTER ROAST

Our annual oyster roast and fish stew will be held Thursday, January 28th at Turner Greenhouse at 6:00 p.m.. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board after Christmas. We also need 5-6 men to help either setup or especially, clean up afterwards. Thanks to Gary Smithwick and Ashley Fleming for hosting this event.

## FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

Thank you all who sang in our services of the Christmas season. Your participation made our worship more festive and bright. Children's choirs resume on **Wednesday, January 13th** with our regular schedule. We are always especially happy to have singers returning who were not able to participate during the Fall.

## AIRMEN'S COOKIE DRIVE

I want to express my thanks to the St Stephens Family for their assistance with the Airmen's Cookie Drive at Seymour Johnson AFB. As with all of our projects you stepped up to the plate and helped out in "style" the Airmen. I want to give a Special Shout Out to the Youth of St Stephen's who bake cookies at their December 6th meeting. You should know that we were not alone in this project. Other churches did the same thing as St Stephens and over 3000 cookies came from the various churches. Chocolate Chip seemed to be the favorite.

Again Thank You for your assistance and I will be having other project in 2016.

*Allan Pedersen*

## EYC EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Start 2016 off right by making a New Year's Resolution to attend Sunday School and EYC! St. Stephen's offers a 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

*Peace, Terah*

**Sunday, January 10** – Boar's Head Festival at St. Mary's in Kinston

After Sunday School and church at St. Stephen's we will carpool to lunch and head to St. Mary's in Kinston for the 2:00 PM performance of the Boar's Head Festival. We will return to St. Stephen's at 5:00 PM. Bring \$5 - \$10 for a fast food lunch!

**Saturday - Monday - January 16-18 – Miqra!** 6th - 12th Graders (**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS CAN NOW ATTEND!!**)

What is Miqra? Check out the information available here: <http://www.ecdio.org/Ministry%20&%20Education%20Opportunities/miqra.html>

Registration Fee is \$115, deadline is January 6<sup>th</sup>

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc\\_attachments/public/documents/3212075/MIQRA\\_Youth\\_Participant\\_Form.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3212075/MIQRA_Youth_Participant_Form.pdf)

If St. Stephen's sends youth to Miqra then EYC will not meet on Sunday, January 17. All youth in grades 6-12 attending Miqra will meet at St. Stephen's at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and travel to St. Mary's in Kinston. We will return to St. Stephen's by 1:00 pm on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, January 17 – TBA – If we have youth attending Miqra then Terah will be with them and we won't have Sunday School or EYC tonight.** If we do have EYC, Jr. EYC will meet from 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. and Sr. EYC will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Both Jr. and Sr. EYC will share a meal together from 6:00 – 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, January 24** – NO EYC! Terah is out of town.

**Sunday, January 31** – Jr. EYC will meet from 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. and Sr. EYC will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Sunday nights. Both Jr. and Sr. EYC will share a meal together from 6:00 – 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

## DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS 2016

### 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, \$200 for team (must apply and be accepted)
- You can apply to be a participant or to be on team - links for both are included in the attached flier
- LEADERSHIP TEAM Applications are DUE JANUARY 15, 2016
- I am working to put a team of other high school young people together for this event.

### Summer Short Term Mission Opportunities for your parish

#### Alaska Wilderness Mission Experience

- Interested in exploring an opportunity for your young people to make an impact on the other side of the Country?
- Contact Cookie Cantwell ([cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org)) at St. James, Wilmington for more information on taking a group of young people and adult leaders through this experiences.

**ACOLYTES**

**JANUARY 3** Crucifer: Catherine Freemon  
Torch Bearers: Anne Stuart Freemon  
Louise Gurley  
Flag Bearers: David Gurley  
Thomas Gurley

**JANUARY 10** Crucifer: Hayes Gerrard  
Torch Bearers: Cam Gerrard  
Sarah Stockton  
Flag Bearers: Sarah Boyd  
Caroline Smith

**JANUARY 17** Crucifer: Langley Barnes  
Torch Bearers: Lucy Bland  
Kathryn Hamilton  
Flag Bearers: Berkley Woodard  
Trey Barnes

**JANUARY 24** Crucifer: Jeff Bland  
Torch Bearers: Noah MacDonald  
Jackson Harris  
Flag Bearers: Ben Stuber  
Camille Stuber

**JANUARY 31** Crucifer: Anne Stuart Freemon  
Torch Bearers: Zachary Lulay  
Cady Stanley  
Flag Bearers: Graysen Jeffreys  
Lexi Jeffreys

**FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Chairman– Jenny Lewis.....919-429-1781**  
Mary Mills Borden.....919-222-6541  
Charlotte Weaver.....919-731-2409  
Lara Gerrard.....919-735-6326  
Lori Allen.....919-734-1705  
Marianne Jones.....919-222-1475

**USHERS** - Drew Grice & Drew Grice Jr.

**EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS**

**JANUARY 3**.....Martie & Mike Saylor

**JANUARY 10**.....Lee & Geoff Hulse

**JANUARY 17**.....Karen & Steve Mzyk

**JANUARY 24** .....Glenda & Ed Futch

**JANUARY 31**.....Jan & Bob Cagle

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**JANUARY 3**

8:00 a.m. Sally Pope  
11:00 a.m. Jim Northington  
Linda Edsall-Huard

**JANUARY 10**

8:00 a.m. Michael Headen  
11:00 a.m. Chris Garrison  
Ed Futch

**JANUARY 17**

8:00 a.m. Allan Pedersen  
11:00 a.m. Aimee Barnes  
Mike Saylor

**JANUARY 24**

8:00 a.m. Doris Thompson  
11:00 a.m. Davis Harris  
Martie Saylor

**JANUARY 31**

8:00 a.m. Tom Howell  
11:00 a.m. Leon Stockton  
John Hine

**Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD)**

**JANUARY 3** - Allan Pedersen

**JANUARY 10** - Ken Gerrard

**JANUARY 17** - Kim Smith

**JANUARY 24** - David Jackson

**JANUARY 31** - Geoff Hulse

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist	4	5 7 am Men's Bible Study	6 3 p.m. Boys & Girls Club 7 pm Adult choir	7	8	9
10 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Breakfast 10 am Christian Formation EYC meets for Kinston trip	11	12 7 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm St. Hilda's Meeting	13 3 p.m. Boys & Girls Club 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir	14	15	16
17 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Formation EYC meets	18	19 7 am Men's Bible Study	20 3 p.m. Boys & Girls Club 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir	21	22 Vestry Retreat at Trinity Center thru Sunday	23 Vestry Retreat at Trinity Center thru Sunday
24 Vestry Retreat 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Formation No EYC	25	26 7 am Men's Bible Study	27 3 p.m. Boys & Girls Club 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir	28 6 pm Men's Oyster Roast at Turner Greenhouse	29	30
31 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Formation EYC meets						

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sally Johnson.....	1/01	Vicky Bailey.....	1/14
Stuart Freemon.....	1/03	John Lewis.....	1/14
Mary Lee Jeffreys.....	1/04	Brian Stuber.....	1/17
Cory Bean.....	1/05	Archer Watkins.....	1/17
Tye Fickling.....	1/07	Florence Hine.....	1/18
Buzz Baker.....	1/08	David Huard.....	1/19
Catherine Freemon.....	1/08	Jack Peacock.....	1/20
Kathryn Hamilton.....	1/08	Toddy Warren.....	1/24
Caroline Saylor.....	1/11	Eunice Lewis.....	1/24
Dwight Smith.....	1/11	Kay Adams.....	1/26
Kim Smith.....	1/11	Bryan Sutton.....	1/30
Tom Howell.....	1/13	Ellen Bland.....	1/31