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From the Interim Rector

WE'RE A BIG CHURCH! AND A WHOLE LOT OF EPISCOPALIANS ARE HEADED TO SALT LAKE CITY!

Can you imagine sharing a Eucharist with 4500 Episcopalians? Did you know that the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States (that's the legal name) includes dioceses from 15 foreign countries, including some in South America, the Caribbean, and Europe, plus Micronesia and Taiwan? Did you know that beginning on June 28 we will be adding to our Prayers of the People and praying for a Presiding Bishop-elect? All of this is part of OUR Church's General Convention

Our Church's triennial General Convention will be held this year from June 25 – July 3 in Salt Lake City. General Convention is often described as one big family reunion, and that's pretty true. When I was at the General Convention in 2006, I ran into at least one person from every Episcopal Church I've belonged to (including the tiny one I grew up in) AND met a relative I didn't know at all, the daughter of one of my dad's cousins.

Attending our General Convention will be more than 800 deputies (like the delegates we send to our diocesan convention, except these deputies are asked not to represent the opinions of their dioceses but to prayerfully discern God's will and to vote accordingly), more than 300 active and retired/resigned bishops, plus the Episcopal Church Women attending their triennial convention, guests from around the Anglican Communion, leaders of other denominations, spouses, partners, kids, and hundreds of others who are working at exhibits (where you can buy everything church-related and learn about all sorts of programs and projects) or who are just wanting to experience the energy and excitement of the convention.

This General Convention, the 78th, will be especially exciting because a new Presiding Bishop will be elected. For most business, General Convention operates as a bicameral legislature (like the state and federal legislatures) with the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which includes up to four lay and clergy deputies from each diocese. Legislation can originate in either house and must be approved by both houses to be enacted. For the election of the Presiding Bishop, though, a different procedure is followed. After the morning Eucharist on Saturday, June 27, all the bishops leave and are sequestered together with their chaplains for the election. Once there is an election (a majority vote), the name of that bishop is conveyed to the House of Deputies and that House affirms the election. There are four bishops nominated for the next Presiding Bishop: Michael Curry, bishop of our neighboring Diocese of North Carolina; Tom Breidenthal (South Ohio), Ian Douglas (Connecticut), and Dabney Smith (Southwest Florida). The Presiding Bishop serves a nine-year term, so the next election of a Presiding Bishop after this one will be in 2024. If you'd like to know more about the nominees, there are brief videos of them plus written materials at the General Convention website (www.generalconvention.org/pbelect).

So why am I using this front page of The Scroll to talk about a convention that will happen 2200+ miles away? Because it's OUR convention, OUR church. And what happens at General Convention makes a difference to OUR lives as Episcopalians. It's through General Convention that our church is governed in matters big and small. It's General Convention that approves new liturgies, new hymnals (did you know there are four other hymnals authorized for use in the Episcopal Church besides the blue *Hymnal 1982* that we use?). It takes two successive General Conventions to approve a new *Book of Common Prayer*, and those approvals follow resolutions years earlier that authorize the development of trial liturgies (which also have to be approved by General Convention). It's a canon (a law) passed by General Convention that specifies which translations of the Bible can be used in our public worship. And it's General Convention that approves requests for a new diocese (like when the Diocese of East Carolina was split off from the Diocese of North Carolina) or requests to merge two dioceses.

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And it's General Convention that addresses issues facing the church and the world, that approves the budget for the programs of the national church (and so the financial requests made of individual dioceses), and most of all, reminds us of our very deep connections with Episcopalians near and far and Anglicans around the world through the mission and ministry of OUR church.

One of the things I treasure about being an Episcopalian is that no particular parish I serve is a completely independent agent. We are connected on lots of levels. Parishes are connected to other nearby Episcopal parishes through deaneries and the Diocese. Dioceses are connected to other geographically proximal dioceses through the Provinces (the three dioceses in North Carolina, plus 17 others in all the states south of us plus Kentucky make up Province IV), and the dioceses are also constituent members of the National Church, which in turn is one of the 44 regional or national member churches of the Anglican Communion. When we come together with Episcopalians outside our parish, we sometimes find that we have lots in common with a nearby parish (or perhaps not) when we share a table with them at Diocesan Convention. We can find in a worship service at General Convention that the way Episcopalians from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota chant in their worship from the *Book of Common Prayer* we share is deeply moving and maybe even something we want to consider for our worship. And within the global Anglican Communion, even when a different language is spoken, I can almost always track what is happening in worship, because the liturgies in the prayer books approved by any national Episcopal/Anglican church usually has recognizable roots that can be traced back to the very first Anglican prayer books of 1549 and 1551. We are part of a BIG church!

Once General Convention has begun, I'll track what's happening and share the big news (and you can track it, too—there will probably be a link at generalconvention.org, or you can check Episcopal News Service [www.episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens]).

Please pray for the General Convention, the bishops and deputies, OUR Bishop and the deputies from OUR diocese, for all who will travel there. Pray that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit as they discern God's will and take actions that will help us make known the good news of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,
Jill+

From Our Soon-to-be (God willing) Deacon

It's almost here! I have officially graduated from Deacon School and completed my parish internship and am waiting for the big ordination day. I hope that many of you will attend the ordination on Saturday, June 20, at 10:30 am at St. Mary's in Kinston. It would mean so much to have your support that day as the congregation promises to uphold me in my future ministry. I will be serving as a deacon for the first time at St. Stephen's on Sunday, June 21. It will be an exciting day and a new beginning for me!

Bishop Skirving has assigned me to St Andrew's Episcopal Church to be their deacon beginning on August 1. He has also charged me with working with all three parishes in Goldsboro to find ways to share ministry and expand our work with the Dillard Middle School Partnership Project into a ministry that can eventually be replicated other places in the diocese. That means that while I will not be based at St. Stephen's, you should see me around St. Stephen's from time to time as I work to lead us in some new directions and in finding new ways to work together. If you have any ideas for how we can make that happen, please let me know.

It's been a long road from discernment to ordination (God willing), and I want to thank everyone who has given me and my family encouragement and support throughout the journey. I'm looking forward to getting to finish this step and turn my focus back to the ministry to which I have been called - connecting the Church with the community that surrounds us. It sounds like St. Stephen's has done a lot of work in that direction in the year I've been away and I hope to be a part of seeing that grow even more.

Rebecca Bean

Senior Warden's Report

Can you believe June is already here? The kids are out of school, time for summer vacation, weekends at the beach (or mountains), and the smell of fresh cut grass. According to Canon Matthew Stockard, our search assistant at the Diocese, it's also a great time to search for our next rector. Things slowdown in most parishes, so priests interested in moving have time to look at the positions available. Our online profile will be out to the world by the time many of you read this month's Scroll. Once we are online things will proceed more quickly. Your Search Committee has completed some of the most difficult work of the search process. I thank them for their work and thank you all for your patience in this process. Stay tuned and continue to pray and support your committee and Vestry. Speaking of summer vacation, let's not forget about our parish. When you are in town please make an effort to come to worship services. Also don't forget your pledge this summer. We still have to keep the lights on and pay the staff. Have a great summer and I hope to see you at church.

David

Junior Warden's Report

The last month we have been dealing with minor repairs around the church knowing good and well that we have some major work on the horizon with the bathrooms and some of our entrance issues. I attempt to address each situation brought to my attention about our building in a timely fashion when concerns are communicated, so please feel free to contact me on my cell (919-273-1765) or email (hulse@hbhklaw.com) if you do not reach me at church. Once again, I must thank our staff and parishioners who seem to always step up when called upon to assist with the day to day issues, especially Jimmy Jeffreys, Pinkney Cherry and Burt Edmundson. Peace out. Geoff

God Willing

The Right Reverend Robert Stuart Skirving

Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina

will ordain

Rebecca Anne Bean

Carol Ann Easton

Pauline Ruth Peek Griffin

Elisa Mabley Kirby

to the Sacred Order of Deacons

in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

on Saturday, the twentieth of June

two thousand fifteen

at half past ten in the morning

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Kinston, North Carolina

*Your prayers and
presence are requested*

*The festival color is red
Clergy: Choir habit*

Reception Following

YOUTH NEWS

Parents of 6th – 12th graders met on April 30 with Cookie Cantwell, Youth Director for St. James Episcopal Church in Wilmington. In addition to telling about her experience of working with St. James youth for more than 20 years, she also gave parents ideas for starting and growing St. Stephen's Youth Group. The parents that attended were inspired by Cookie's stories and her support and encouragement for our desire to start up the Youth Program at St. Stephen's. Mrs. Cantwell plans to assist us in our forming of an EYC calendar for the next school year. **We are forming a youth committee and our first meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 7 pm at the home of Adrienne Northington, 2506 Pine Needles Road. If you have questions, please contact Kim Smith or Adrienne Northington.**

Kim Smith

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – July 13th – 16th

Register now for Vacation Bible School! It is going to be an exciting and fun week for the kids (age 3 through rising 5th grade) so please register before the June 15th deadline. Look for Checkers the Cheetah on the banners in the hallways and on the bulletin boards. Registration is available online at cokesburyvbs.com/ststephengoldsboro.

We are also still looking for volunteers. There are opportunities to help during the day or before the week starts. For questions or assistance, please contact Emilie Foy at 919-274-1675.

Ann Hine

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

I will need any and all people willing to lend a hand to help decorate for VBS. I am planning to decorate the Saturday prior to VBS (July 11th) and will provide a pizza dinner. The more volunteers, the better! Please email me if you are willing to help, and if you aren't free that day, there will be some things prior to that Saturday that will need to be assembled. Thank you!

Beth Saylor
bethsaylor@yahoo.com

G-FORCE VBS

There will be a meeting of all G-Force squad leaders Sunday, May 31, at 4:00 in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Formation Committee is meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm to plan for the Fall. Please join us if you are interested. Contact Beth Saylor for more information at bethsaylor@yahoo.com.

Ann Hine

FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

The *Sanctus* (Latin: "Holy") is a hymn in our liturgy that is sung (or said) at every celebration of the Eucharist. In Western Christianity, the *Sanctus* is part of the final words of the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer which follows, the prayer of consecration of the bread and wine. The Preface, which changes according to the season, usually concludes with words describing the praise of worshipers joining with the angels, who are pictured as praising God with the words of the *Sanctus*. The first part of the *Sanctus* is an adaptation of Isaiah 6:3, describing the prophet Isaiah's vision of the throne of God surrounded by six-winged, ministering seraphim. The text of the second part, beginning with the word Blessed (*Benedictus* in Latin), taken from Matthew 21:9, describes Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The *Sanctus* is "the song of the angels," and in singing it we join our voices with those of all times and all places, in heaven and on earth.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Marshall Foster

LEMONADE IS BACK

We missed it last summer, but it's coming back: lemonade and fellowship after the 10 a.m. service. Help us make this refreshing fellowship opportunity happen by signing up for a Sunday. It's easy: we provide cups, napkins, the lemonade mix, the table outside the church; you get ice from the machine, set it up, and move it back to the kitchen when it's over. The Vestry is hosting the first few weeks; the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are some opportunities in June (and later in the summer) to remember a loved one or just give thanks to God by donating flowers for the altar. We make it easy: you sign up, you'll get a phone call from Peggy Musser asking what you want printed in the bulletin and if there are particular colors or flowers, and we do the rest. The cost is \$80. Please consider signing up on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board.

GENTLE YOGA RETURNS

Michael Headen is again leading yoga classes at St. Stephen's, on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning June 2. You can drop in any time--wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat if you have one. And you can do this sitting in a chair, too.

DILLARD OUTREACH

As the school year winds down we continue to provide encouragement and support to the faculty, staff and students at Dillard Middle School. During Teacher Appreciation Week, the first week of May, teachers were celebrated with tokens of moral support in their mailboxes on several days and were entered into drawings for gift cards at local restaurants, office supply and book stores. They too are getting anxious for the close of the school year on June 12. Our gifts hopefully reminded them that we realize the difficulty in their jobs and support their efforts in teaching our children.

The media coordinator was pleased with our offer to purchase 10 Battle of the Books titles for their students. The order has been placed so the books will be available over the summer when the Media Center is open for students. Thank you for your support of this project.

End of grade testing May 27 & 28 and June 1 gave us another opportunity to give our time to Dillard. Seven parishioners volunteered their time to proctor the testing as required by law. It really is interesting to see what those dreaded tests are like!

Thank you for all you did to sustain this outreach project this year. Please watch the sales ads this summer as we will once again be collecting school supplies for the beginning of the school year in August. We hope to institute some new ideas as well, possibly partnering with St Andrew's Parish on some other ways to have more student contact and tutoring. If you have any ideas for this school outreach project I'm always open to suggestions. Thanks again for your support. We are ALL God's children.

Jan Cagle

WISH

WISH stands for Wayne Initiative for School Health. Its purpose is to render school-based health care that provides affordable and accessible physical and mental health services to adolescents. The centers are our community's response to the crisis in adolescent care and is built on the efforts of several local agencies. The health centers are located at Wayne Middle/High Academy, Brogden Middle, Dillard Middle, and Mt. Olive Middle and their feeder high schools, Goldsboro High and Southern Wayne High.

The staff of WISH consists of a medical director, nurse practitioners, physician assistant, mental health counselors and registered nurses plus support from partner agencies. They offer medical, mental health, nutritional, and educational services. Over 88% of the students are enrolled in the centers. Each student must have a signed parental consent form. No student who has this is turned away. The centers are open Monday through Friday during school hours with appointments or walk-ins. All the enrolled students are also provided health care coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through Goldsboro Pediatrics.

The WISH goal is to help students succeed in school by promoting healthy lifestyles and providing needed health care services. St Stephen's is supporting WISH through your Outreach budget.



March Madness at St. Stephen's was a great success! And here are Takesha's three younger boys with their new balls and the basketball hoop. They were delighted! Thanks for all your support of our Habitat Faith Build and March Madness. We helped make a big difference in the Greens' lives.

ACOLYTES

JUNE 7 Crucifer: Catherine Freemon
Torch Bearers: Anne Stuart Freemon
 Drew Grice
Flag Bearers: John Grice
 Noah MacDonald

JUNE 14 Crucifer: Kate Harris
Torch Bearers: Sarah Stockton
 Cady Stanley
Flag Bearers: Berkley Woodard
 Jackson Harris

JUNE 21 Crucifer: Hayes Gerrard
Torch Bearers: Cam Gerrard
 Lucy Bland
Flag Bearers: Caroline Smith
 Camille Stuber

JUNE 28 Crucifer: Anna Allen
Torch Bearers: Louise Gurley
 Kathryn Hamilton
Flag Bearers: Lexi Jeffreys
 Graysen Jeffreys

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USHERS Burt Edmundson & Steve Mzyk

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

JUNE 7Martie & Mike Saylor

JUNE 14Lee & Geoff Hulse

JUNE 21Karen & Steve Mzyk

JUNE 28 Glenda & Ed Futch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

JUNE 7
8:00 a.m. Michael Headen
10:00 a.m. Chris Garrison
 Davis Harris

JUNE 14
8:00 a.m. Allan Pedersen
10:00 a.m. Beth Saylor
 Tom Brown

JUNE 21
8:00 a.m. Sally Pope
10:00 a.m. Will Bland
 David Jackson

JUNE 28
8:00 a.m. Tom Howell
10:00 a.m. Ray Harris
 Doris Thompson

Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD)

JUNE 7 - Margie Clark
JUNE 14 - Allan Pedersen
JUNE 21 - Robert Daniel
JUNE 28 - Robert Daniel

JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Yoga resumes	3 Noon HE Cancelled	4 Noon Bible Study Cancelled	5	6
7 8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist	8	9 7 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Yoga	10 Noon HE Cancelled	11 Noon Bible Study	12	13
14 8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist	15	16 7 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Yoga	17 Noon HE	18 Noon Bible Study	19	20 10:30 am Rebecca's Ordination St. Mary's Kinston
21 8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist Rebecca serves as our deacon! Reception following the 10 am service	22 Vestry Meeting 6 pm	23 7 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Yoga	24 Noon HE	25 Noon Bible Study Scroll deadline General Convention begins in Salt Lake City	26	27
28 8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist Election of the 27th Presiding Bishop	29	30 7 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Yoga				



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Betsy Hamilton.....06/01	Marianne Jones.....06/17
Caroline Smith.....06/01	Leigh Tanner.....06/18
Anne Stuart Freemon.....06/03	Chuck Allen.....06/19
Patti Freemon.....06/08	Shari Watkins.....06/19
Tom Brown.....06/09	Steve Clark, Jr.....06/21
Anne Michaux.....06/09	Camille Stuber.....06/21
Lucy Bland.....06/12	Rebecca Barnes.....06/22
Will Fickling.....06/12	Mary Battle Roethling.....06/22
Sallie Brown Fleming.....06/12	John Thompson.....06/24
Emilie Foy.....06/13	Stephanie Lewis.....06/25
Laura Alley.....06/16	Jenny Lewis.....06/28
Ann Mebane Hine.....06/17	Hayes Gerrard.....06/29