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From the Interim Rector

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

It's hard to believe that the Millennium Development Goals, adopted in 2000 by the United Nations as goals to be achieved in 15 years, are nearing their end. LOTS of progress has been made, thanks to the work and generosity of LOTS of people. Our diocese has been a proponent of the MDGs, holding individual goals at Diocesan Conventions up to get our attention and spur our participation in efforts to end extreme poverty and address some of its root causes. St. Stephen's has contributed in several ways: through the Parish's Outreach spending, through your generous support of the Guatemala water filter project last year (which resulted in Kim Larson and her students taking more than 70 water filters to Guatemala, assembling them and teaching people in the village how to use them to get abundant safe water), through buying mosquito nets through Episcopal Relief and Development, and more.

Just before Pope Francis arrived in New York City in late September, the United Nations convened a plenary summit, "Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development." This summit lifted up the successes of the MDGs, noted the goals that still needed considerable attention, and proposed a new set of goals for the next 15 years, the SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, also known as the GLOBAL GOALS.

These new goals are more numerous than the original eight MDGs—there are 17 sustainable goals (arguably some could have been combined). The overarching goals are to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. The United Nations website has an interactive page with a button for each goal that takes you to facts and figures about that issue, specific targets of that goal, and links to related webpages (www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/). Check it out—you'll sure to learn some new things.

The issues addressed in the Sustainable Development Goals are ones that we should all be concerned about. Jesus was quite clear when he instructed his disciples to care for those who are poor, and we are clearly called to be stewards of the good earth God has given us. Even though there are more than twice as many new goals as the MDGs, I hope we will all become both familiar with and supportive of these goals:

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

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Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries.

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Take some time to learn about these goals, think about them, and see where God may be leading you to act. It may be that a group of St. Stephen's parishioners can organize around one (or more) of these goals and figure out how we as a congregation can support the goal(s) both financially through our Outreach spending and with our time and talents. Working together, we will make a difference.

Blessings,

Jill+

Christian Formation

Sunday School is off to a great start. We have lots of kids as well as adults in attendance. The skating rink social was a rolling good time. On October 4th, we will be celebrating the Bishop's visit by making miters (the headpiece the Bishop wears), and the children will have the opportunity during Sunday School to meet the Bishop.

Adrienne Northington & Ann Hine

Protestant Preschool & Kindergarten

Calling all retirees & empty nesters! St. Stephens needs two representatives for the Protestant Preschool & Kindergarten board. Meetings are from 9:30-10:30 *every other* month at PP&K on Country Day Rd. Please do not let this longtime children's ministry dwindle.

*Duffy Fleming
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St. Hilda's Guild To Meet Tuesday, October 13

All women of the parish are invited to the next meeting of St. Hilda's Guild on Tuesday, October 13 at ___ p.m. Marshall Foster, our organist and choirmaster will address the group.

Twixt 'N' Tween

It's that time again! All adults ages 21-101 are invited to a Twixt 'n' Tween on Sunday, October 4 beginning at 5 p.m. David and Gail Jackson are hosting this at their Walnut Creek home (672 Lake Wackena Road). Please sign up outside the Parish Office. There is no cost for this fellowship gathering. And you'll have one last chance to buy raffle tickets to help buy a T.V. for the Youth Room—the winner of a \$100 Sam's gift card will be drawn during the Twixt 'n' Tween.

Seeing The Face Of God In Each Other

The Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission is offering a wonderful opportunity for people of faith to gather and engage in dialogue about racism and other "isms" that hinder our unity as the body of Christ. This one-day workshop will be at St. Mary's-Kinston on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m., but participants need to register with the diocese no later than Tuesday, October 20. Jimmy has information in the Parish Office, or you can contact the Rev. Mary Reese, co-chair of the Anti-racism Commission (priest.standrews@gmail.com, 919/734-0550) for more information.

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Have you recently visited the classroom area upstairs? Our parishioners have been very busy the past couple of months painting, cleaning, organizing and freshening-up this long neglected part of our facility. A big Thank You to all that have contributed their time and talent to this project. Very soon Donnie Barnes will request a contribution of your treasure to continue our renovation work in the bathrooms and downstairs. Look for work to begin in these areas in early 2016. Our 2016 Stewardship Campaign will begin in November and Ken Gerrard has agreed to chair the campaign this year. Please consider your gifts of time, talent and treasure for the coming year. There are several ministry opportunities at St. Stephen's, many of which are in need of parish support such as Hospitality, Ushers, Youth Program support, St. Hilda's Guild, and ECW.

The Diocese of East Carolina is currently hosting Deanery Conversations across the diocese. Representatives from St. Stephen's attended the Trinity Deanery conversation on September 30th. The conversations included reflections on this summer's General Convention, consideration of marriage (in light of the Supreme Court decision and actions of General Convention), and discussions about deanery life in the future. The Vestry will report on these conversations in the November Scroll.

Vestry elections are right around the corner. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry, or know a good candidate, please notify any current Vestry member. We need four parishioners to continue the great work currently being done. The parish election is the first of December, and nominations must be posted by the end of October. There are 4 seats open and we currently have 2 candidates.

Gail and I hope to see everyone at the Txixt & Tween on October 11th. There is no charge and we will draw the winner of our EYC raffle at the event. Please sign up and come out to enjoy good food, wine, and fellowship. Invite a friend, everyone from 21 to 101 is welcome. The fun starts at 5:00 pm.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 919-705-3674 or dejackson@jacksonandsons.com.

David Jackson

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Greetings. There is a lot of activity at St Stephen's now that we are back to 11 o'clock services, Sunday School's return and the Bishop's impending visit. A volunteer work day was held Saturday, September 19th under the fabulous leadership of Bob Cagle and Nancy Norwood. The primary work done was on the areas outside of the Church. Thanks so much to all that were involved in that process. The chief item of my report concerns the Executive and Property Committees' request, that the Vestry approved, allocating up to \$20,000 to replace carpet and lighting in the upstairs hallways and classrooms. As each of you know much painting was done by youth and adults on the upstairs classrooms. Additionally, those that have worked tirelessly over a period of the last few weeks on the upstairs painting project are Allan Pedersen, Chuck Faulkner, Ann Hine, Beth Saylor, Adrienne Northington and Xena Morrison. By approving this \$20,000 we can basically complete our renovations as it concerns painting, carpet and lighting upstairs. This amount does not include the bathroom renovations. A fundraising effort for those renovations as well as the upstairs improvements just allocated by the Vestry will take place in the months to come. Thanks to the generosity of Kevin Coakley at Accucopy, we have had \$5 raffle tickets printed up to raise money for a Flat Screen TV for the EYC room. The raffle winner will receive a \$100 Sam's gift card at a drawing at Twixt 'n' Tween on October 11. If you need some tickets to buy or sell, please let me know. There has also been a request to showcase our church artifacts which will require some shifting of current uses of space - more of that to come soon.

Peace . Geoff

TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is a summary of the parish finances through August:

	AUGUST	YEAR TO DATE (YTD)	BUDGET YTD
INCOME	\$19,822.60	\$250,331.55	\$246,433.37
EXPENSES	\$26,060.37	\$229,812.13	\$253,766.73

As you can see, we are somewhat ahead of the budgeted income for the year to date and our expenses are below what was budgeted. We are grateful for your financial support of the mission and ministry of our parish. If you have questions about these numbers, please feel free to contact me.

Contribution statements through September 30 will be mailed this month. Please review yours and make sure it is correct. Thanks.

Marjorie Fickling, Treasurer

EYC OCTOBER

EYC is off to a great start this Fall! We had a great time at the Farmworker's Festival and helping to renovate the Youth Room and other Sunday School classrooms. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Kickoff Cookout, traveled with us to Newton Grove for the Farmworker's Festival and helped paint! A special thanks to "Food Mom" Nicole Barnes for stepping up to organize meals for us on Sunday nights. All members of St. Stephen's (not just EYC parents) are welcome to prepare meals for the youth on Sunday evenings. Please let Nicole know if you would like to be a part of youth ministry at St. Stephen's by preparing and sharing a meal with us on a Sunday evening.

Peace,

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EYC EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

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.

Sunday, October 4 – No EYC! Congratulations to all the EYCers that are being confirmed today by Bishop Skirving!

Sunday, October 11 – Hunger in our Community

Come learn about hunger in our community and what St. Stephen's and other groups are doing to alleviate food insecurity for our neighbors. We will prepare and freeze a meal that can be served at the soup kitchen in the coming week. Please bring a canned food item to share with our local soup kitchen.

Sunday, October 18 – Dillard Ministry

Deacon Rebecca Bean will join us to talk about her work with Dillard Middle School and what EYC can do to participate in this important ministry. We will also talk about the sacrament of Ordination and what it means to be a Deacon in the Episcopal Church.

Sunday, October 25 – Dinner and Décor!

Come join several adult volunteers put some finishing touches on our newly renovated Youth and Sunday School rooms. **HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR RAFFLE TICKET FOR OUR FLAT-SCREEN TV YET!!** Tickets are \$5, and one lucky winner will get a \$100 Sam's gift card. Ask a vestry member.

FALL DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

Happening #66 October 16-18 - Trinity Center (Registration closed)

Fall Conference- November 13-15 Trinity Center For 6th- 8th graders (Parish Registration Deadline-11-2-15)



*Pictures from the
Farmworkers' Festival last
month in Newton Grove.*



DEACON'S CORNER

I had a great time visiting St. Stephen's in August when I challenged you to think of ways to step outside of the "box" surrounded by the walls at St. Stephen's and out into the world to serve others. There are so many ways to serve the community around us and I know many of you live into that calling every day. If you're still trying to figure it out, though, or would like to do more, I'd like you to prayerfully consider two upcoming opportunities. Operation Undercover will allow you to, not only donate new undergarments for Dillard Students, but also come and fellowship with fun people at St. Andrew's that have jumped on board with our Dillard Partnership with great enthusiasm. The new Empowering Young Women at Dillard group will allow us to meet develop relationships with the students we have been serving.

We still have high hopes of starting a tutoring/mentorship program at St. Andrew's in the future, and I appreciate those of you who have expressed an interest in such a program. If you have ideas about how we can transport students to participate in a program, that is our largest barrier at this time. Mrs. Emerson, the principal at Dillard stated that approximately 80% of students at Dillard rely entirely on public transportation, so finding a way to get closer to the students or bring them to us is essential in getting an after school or weekend program off the ground. I welcome your ideas and insights. Keep up the good work and thank you always for your support.

OPERATION UNDERCOVER!

Mark your calendars! St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has a mission for you! Operation Undercover is working to collect new undergarments for students in need at Dillard Middle School. You have until Sunday, October 25 to procure appropriate items and deliver them to headquarters. You may deposit them in the St. Stephen's collection box near the office or you are invited to deliver them in person for a special event at St. Andrew's (901 Harris Street) on Sunday, October 25 between 4:00 and 5:30pm. Stop by during this time and agents from St. Andrew's will be collecting donated items and having some fun in the process. Kids of all ages can come in their favorite undercover agent attire (or be undercover in your regular street clothes or princess Halloween costume) and there will be snacks and activities while we collect donations and organize delivery. Begin preparing today!

Needed: NEW underwear, socks, undershirts, camisoles, tank tops, in boys and girls medium and large sizes and all men's and women's sizes (students ages 10-14). Deodorant and feminine hygiene items will also be accepted during this time. Contact Special Agent Deacon Rebecca Bean with any questions.

EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN AT DILLARD

Beginning on October 5, we will be meeting with a group of 10-12 fifth grade girls selected by the teachers at Dillard. We are hoping to meet with them weekly, on Mondays from 11:45-12:15, to work on leadership, life skills, decision making, and more. We need volunteers willing to come regularly and others willing to present a session or just help out once. Studies repeatedly confirm the profound effects of relationships with caring adults on at-risk students. This is an opportunity to really get to know some of the students we serve and to also be blessed by their insights and experiences.

If you would like to be a part of this new program, please contact me or let Jill or Jan know and they will pass your information on to me!

Deacon Rebecca

Cell: 919-273-9565 DeaconRebeccaBean@gmail.com

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE

We will remember those saints who have gone before us on All Saints Sunday (November 1). If you would like someone to be included in this remembrance, please get their names to the Parish Office no later than Monday, October 26.

DILLARD OUTREACH

We have granted simple wishes for all teachers and staff who submitted them during the first weeks of school.... basic school supplies for their students; white board markers, folders, binders, reward items and desk calendars for themselves. Thank you to all who brought hand sanitizer, wipes and tissues during September. All of those contributions have been distributed as well. Thanks also to Will Bland for his donation of paper trays, file holders, binders and other office supplies that were made available to Dillard teachers and staff last week. Mrs. Emerson, principal, wrote us a heartfelt thank you note that is posted on the bulletin board. The school year is off to a good start and our efforts DO make a difference.

We received an appeal for financial support of the Dillard Positive Behavior Interventions and Support System, a NC Department of Public Instruction recognized program that encourages and rewards positive self-esteem, behavior and academic success. Now in its third year, this project includes Academic Awards Assemblies after each grading period where students are rewarded with pins for Perfect Attendance, Good Citizenship and Honor Roll Grades. No public monies can be used for purchasing rewards. Whereas most schools use fund-raising profits to buy reward items, Dillard's demographics simply do not support such endeavors. Therefore they have reached out to their community partners for funds. We will be sending \$250 from our "Dillard Fund" towards their approximately \$3840 cost of completely funding this program.

Our monthly offering for Dillard in October (in addition to the Partnership's Operation UnderCover items mentioned elsewhere in this month's Scroll) will be for the WISH Center. When the nurses at the school perform physicals, they give each student a small health kit including deodorant, bar soap, toothbrush, tooth paste and shampoo. The nurses' supply of donated toothpaste is getting low. **Small or medium tubes of toothpaste and toothbrush covers would be greatly appreciated.** Contributions of the other hygiene items are always welcome but currently the greatest need is for tooth paste and covers for toothbrushes.

Financial gifts may also be directed to Dillard through our Outreach Committee by indicating Dillard Outreach on the memo line of checks written to St. Stephen's. Do know that your gifts are conscientiously spent and are greatly appreciated.

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

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Another summer has passed, and we are entering into our fall season with holidays galore: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's! Please keep your Gift Shop in mind when you are needing a gift. Stop by for a moment before or after the 11:00 service and see all the "goodies" available...and we have great prices, too! You're welcome to browse during the week; we realize you may not always have time during church functions.

Peggy and I could really use some help in the Shop...if you are interested, please see one of us. We'll be happy to let you know what this entails (maybe once a month, and during our Christmas season).

The ECW thanks you for all your support!

*Glenda Futch, Manager
Peggy Musser, Asst. Mgr.*

Feed Our Choir Angels

Do you grocery shop? Are you interested in picking up a few extra items such as bread, deli meat and fruit for the choir children to eat for dinner on Wednesday nights? You may be reimbursed or make it a donation. See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for more details.

Ann Hine

ACOLYTES

OCTOBER 4 Crucifer: Aimee Barnes
Torch Bearers: Drew Grice
 Sarah Stockton
Flag Bearers: Trey Barnes
 Berkley Woodard

OCTOBER 11 Crucifer: Hayes Gerrard
Torch Bearers: Cam Gerrard
 Jackson Harris
Flag Bearers: Caroline Smith
 Sarah Boyd

OCTOBER 18 Crucifer: Kate Harris
Torch Bearers: Lucy Bland
 Kathryn Hamilton
Flag Bearers: Louise Gurley
 Camille Stuber

OCTOBER 25 Crucifer: Drew Grice
Torch Bearers: John Grice
 David Gurley
Flag Bearers: Zachary Lulay
 Noah MacDonald

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman– Judy Carpenter.....919-922-2287
Ann Harris.....919-734-6105
Toddy Warren.....919-734-0887
Margie Snyder.....919-778-3848
Linda Richter.....919-778-4367
Armine Smith.....919-734-4989

USHERS - Burt Edmundson & Mike Saylor

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

OCTOBER 4..... Mark Ladd
OCTOBER 11.....Mike & Martie Saylor
OCTOBER 18.....Geoff & Lee Hulse
OCTOBER 25Karen & Steve Mzyk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

OCTOBER 4

8:00 a.m. N/A
1:00 a.m. Claiborne Smith
 Bob Cagle

OCTOBER 11

8:00 a.m. Allan Pedersen
1:00 a.m. Linda Edsall-Huard
 Geoff Hulse

OCTOBER 18

8:00 a.m. Sally Pope
11:00 a.m. Ray Harris
 Beth Saylor

OCTOBER 25

8:00 a.m. Michael Headen
11:00 a.m. Doris Thompson
 Ed Futch

Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD)

OCTOBER 4 - Ann Hine
OCTOBER 11 - Adrienne Northington
OCTOBER 18 - Allan Pedersen
OCTOBER 25 - Kim Smith

OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Noon Bible Study	2	3
4 No 8 am Service 11 am Holy Eucharist Bishop Skirving Baptism, Confirmation & Reception No EYC	5	6 7 am Men's Bible Study	7 No Noon HE 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir	8 No Noon Bible Study	9	10
11 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Breakfast 10 am Christian Formation 5 pm Twixt 'n' Tween David/Gail Jackson's home EYC meets	12	13 7 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm St. Hilda's Meeting	14 Noon HE 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir	15 No Noon Bible Study	16	17
18 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Formation Junior & Schola Nova Choirs sing EYC meets	19 6 pm Vestry Meeting	20 7 am Men's Bible Study	21 No Noon HE 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir	22 No Noon Bible Study	23	24
25 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Formation EYC meets	26	27 7 am Men's Bible Study	28 NO Noon HE 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & Schola Nova 7 Adult choir	29 No Noon Bible Study	30	31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Claiborne Smith.....	10-01	Lori Allen.....	10-16
Suzanne Thorne.....	10-03	Jimmy Jeffreys.....	10-19
James Thompson.....	10-04	Sheila Jones.....	10-19
John Thompson.....	10-04	Betty Kemp.....	10-19
Lila Kate Lewis.....	10-06	Denise Tayloe.....	10-19
Bob Logan.....	10-06	Allan Pedersen.....	10-20
Angela Stockton.....	10-09	Hal Tanner, III.....	10-23
Anna Allen.....	10-12	Sterling Harrell.....	10-24
Bobby Boyd.....	10-12	Ann Harris.....	10-28
Jan Cagle.....	10-12	Susan Brown.....	10-29
Sophia Bean.....	10-13	Linda Edsall-Huard.....	10-29
Trey Gurley.....	10-15	Tom Brewster.....	10-30
James Jeffreys, Jr.....	10-15	Jo Brewster.....	10-31
Pat Sasser.....	10-15		