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FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

It is with delight that I share good news for St. Stephen's: we have a new youth ministry leader! Terah Archie (known to some of you) will be joining us to help lead our middle and high school youth deeper in their faith journeys—and to have some fun, too! Terah and her husband were parishioners at St. Stephen's in the 1990s before they moved to Kinston. You can read more about Terah (pronounced Tee-ra) and see some of the plans for our youth on page 2. She will be with us as we kick-off the program year on September 13. Please welcome her back to the St. Stephen's family.

And speaking of September 13, that's going to be a busy day. Make sure to join us. The second service returns to 11 a.m.; the spoken 8 a.m. service continues as usual. Here's the schedule of other events for the day:

- 9 – 9:45 a.m. – Breakfast
- 10 – 10:45 a.m. – First day for Christian Formation classes for all ages
- 4 – 5:30 p.m. – Youth confirmation preparation
- 4 – 5:30 p.m. – Parish skating party at Round-A-Bout Skating Center. All ages are welcome. Skates are available for rental.
- 5:30 – 7 p.m. – EYC returns to St. Stephen's! 6th – 12th graders will gather for a cookout and to work on the Youth Room.

I also want to thank all who helped to paint the classrooms upstairs—there was a wonderful multigenerational effort on August 16 spearheaded by Ann Hine, and Allan Pedersen and Chuck Faulkner have since contributed many hours painting the trim. The rooms are bright and fresh and inviting for our children.

We are blessed that almost enough parishioners have offered their time and talent to teach and lead our Christian formation classes. See the article on page 5 for details. We are still looking for people who will spend a Sunday morning or two with our youth (Terah will be here some, but not all, Sunday mornings). Materials will be provided, and absolutely anyone can help—we need two adults each Sunday morning, so you can volunteer to be the second person and let someone else take the lead. Let me know if you are willing to spend a little Sunday morning time with our wonderful middle and high school youth. We also need some teachers for our younger brothers and sisters beginning in January.

Another date to put on your calendar: October 4. Bishop Rob Skirving will make his first visitation to St. Stephen's. Please plan to come to the 11 a.m. service (one service only on that day—we think everyone should have an opportunity to meet our new bishop) and stay after for a reception in honor of our confirmands. The ECW will coordinate this reception; a sign-up sheet will be posted mid-September for all to note how they will help (hands on, or bringing finger foods).

As we begin another program year, there's lots of things happening around St. Stephen's. There are plenty of opportunities for all to get involved. Come and see!

Blessings,

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church: Living a tradition of service through Christ to God, to each other and to our neighbors since 1853.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

As you can see in the Junior Warden's report, or if you have visited the classrooms upstairs, August was a busy month for St. Stephen's. Thank you to everyone that helped clean, organize, prep, and paint the classrooms and youth room upstairs. The new colors look great.

We continue to work on plans to renovate our bathrooms and further enhance our classroom areas upstairs. Donnie Barnes has recently joined the renovation committee and has agreed to concentrate on fund raising for this important project. We will soon have a formal budget and outline of the work to be done.

I would like to thank all that have agreed to teach Sunday School this fall/winter, as well as those that have volunteered to kick start our new youth program. This is some of the most important work in our parish. Fall is here and our 2016 Stewardship Campaign will begin soon. 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.

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 in October.

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

David Jackson

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The Vestry and the Congregation have infused our facility with a lot of positive energy and discussion. On Sunday August 16th, many parishioners across the age spectrum, collected unused furniture and cleaned and painted some of the upstairs classrooms. Five of our classrooms have taken on a beautiful resurgence as we prepare for our Fall term of Sunday School. More work will be done soon on the lighting, carpet and furnishings upstairs to give it a brand new look. Not only was work done by many but the occasion to see a cross-generational effort done with smiling faces and plenty of elbow grease was a pleasure to behold. Plans continue to be tweaked as we prepare to do a major renovation of our bathrooms; more to come later on that project. Also, the Vestry voted to replace our fire alarm system so that we can feel more secure about the protection of our spiritual home. Please know we are all working to get not only our building top notch but the organization of all of our ministries at St Stephen's. If you are asked to assist in an area of ministry or an upcoming occasion at the church please consider strongly those requests. Let's have fun together as we prepare for a new Rector. Peace.

Geoff Hulse

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Diocese has completed their preliminary review of the potential candidates for our new rector. Candidates applied during the Episcopal Church online Office of Transitional Ministry posting period in July. Names were shared with the search committee on August 19th. The committee is now presently reviewing the applications and gathering information on each of the rector candidates to lead us into the next phase of possible interviews and visits of our discernment process.

We have some good opportunities with potential rectors that are interested in the St. Stephen's community and the committee looks forward to engaging them further in that interest. This process will be accomplished during the next couple months bringing us closer to having a proposed new rector to present to the Vestry for approval and we will keep all advised of our progress on that timeline.

The committee continues to appreciate everyone's patience as we draw closer to finding a new rector for St. Stephens. The committee is entering the "confidential" stage of the search and committee members will not be able to share any specifics on the progress or candidates from this point forward. It's the silent phase and hopefully the next time you hear about the search it will be when a rector has been called and hired.

Keep us in your prayers - Rector Search Committee

MEET OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER - Terah Archie

It is good to be back! From 1993 until my family relocated to Kinston in 1998, I was the volunteer youth minister at St. Stephen's. During those years I worked with St. Stephen's leadership and parents to help make the program attractive to middle and high school youth and to encourage youth participation in Diocesan events. I also collaborated with leaders at St. Francis' and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches to grow and strengthen the youth programs at all three churches.

After moving to Kinston in 1998 and joining St. Mary's Episcopal Church I continued to volunteer as a youth advisor, Sunday School and Confirmation teacher. I successfully planned and led numerous youth trips including ski trips, pilgrimages to Washington D.C. and multiple J2A pilgrimages to England and Scotland. I have a passion for community service and look forward expanding this aspect of Youth Ministry at St. Stephen's.

In addition to working as the part time Youth Minister at St. Stephen's I also work in the College of Education at East Carolina University. My husband Dick and I have two sons, William age 19 and Wilson age 16. If I miss an occasional Sunday evening at St. Stephen's it will be to visit William at Washington and Lee University in Virginia or Wilson at St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Delaware.

I am really excited about renewing old friendships and making many new ones! I can't wait to see everyone at the EYC kickoff on Sunday, September 13th, it is going to be a great year!

EYC EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

EYC is open to all youths in grades 6-12. The Junior EYC is for middle school youth (grades 6-8); Senior EYC is for high school youth. Both groups will meet together on Sunday nights until after Confirmation on October 4. After that, the schedule will be for the Junior EYC to meet, both groups to have dinner together, and then the Senior EYC (specific times to be determined).

- Sunday, September 6 – No EYC
- Sunday, September 13 – 2015-16 EYC Kickoff 5:30 – 7:00 PM!
Meet at St. Stephen's at 5:30 pm for a cookout and painting party. We will enjoy food and fellowship while working on our Youth Room.
- Sunday, September 20 – 25th Annual Farmworker Festival
Meet at St. Stephen's for church at 8:00 am. We will go out to breakfast and head down to Newton Grove for the Festival to set up our games. Drinks and sandwiches will be provided for all St. Stephen's youth and adults attending the Festival. The adults who have committed to going are: Terah Archie, Mark Ladd, Patti Freemon, and Kim Larson. We need at least 10 St. Stephen's Episcopal youth, 6th -12th grade, to run the children's games, but we would take 20!! Please join us. If you have any questions, call either Kim Larson at [919-738-2516](tel:919-738-2516) or Patti Freemon at [919-736-2291](tel:919-736-2291). Please let us know if your child intends to go. We need to be sure to have enough adults and drivers.
- Sunday, September 27 – EYC Game Night 5:30 – 7:00 PM
Junior & Senior EYC will enjoy dinner together and then meet in the Youth Room for a fun night of games and fellowship.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Your Christian Education Committee has been busy at work making plans and organizing activities for the fall. Last Sunday, a group of 30 youth and adults tackled painting 5 rooms upstairs to freshen the area. It looks wonderful! And we thank all who gave their time and talents to this decorating project.

Sunday School will "Kick Off" on September 13 at 10 a.m. There will be three classes for our Preschool/Elementary age groups. Teaching the first part of the fall semester are: Katherine Sauls and Beth Saylor - Preschool/Kindergarten Class, Xena Morrison and Duffy Smithwick - First and Second Grades and Doris Thompson and Davis and Ann Harris will be leading the Third-Fifth Grades.

Middle School and Youth Sunday School are still in the works and more information will be mailed or emailed in the coming weeks.

We still need Sunday School teachers for the Winter/Spring semester. Please contact Ann Hine if you would like to teach. [\(919\) 738-2972](tel:9197382972).

For our adults, Patti Freemon has graciously agreed to lead an Adult Sunday School Class using "The Wired Word". She will be in the Library on September 13th ready to lead the class at 10:00 a.m.

And lastly, we have planned a Parish fellowship event at the Round-A-Bout Skating Center on September 13th from 4 to 5:30 pm. Young and old, twixt and tween alike are invited as we have reserved the entire skating rink! So come on out and join the fun.

Adrienne Northington and Ann Hine

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS 2015-16 – ALL AT TRINITY CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

- October 16-18 - Happening #66 – for 9th-12th graders. Registration deadline September 23.
- November 13-15 – Middle School Fall Conference. Parish registration deadline November 2.
- December 27 – January 1 – Winterlight 40 at Kanuga – for 9th-12th graders
- January 15-17 – Camp Trinity Reunion – for 8th-12th graders
- January 16-18 – MIQRA – for 9th-12th graders. Parish registration deadline January 6.
- February 4-6 - Youth @ Convention (New Bern). Youth can serve as parish youth representatives, convention pages, or elected delegates to the Diocesan Convention.
- March 4-6 – Happening #67 – for 9th-12th graders. Registration deadline January 27.
- April 4-10 – New Beginnings #51 – for 6th-8th graders. Parish registration deadline March 28.
- Summer 2016 – Camp Trinity – sessions for middle and high schoolers
- June 19-24 – Youth Week at Kanuga – concurrent sessions for Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers, and Youth Leaders
- June 21-25 – Province IV event for 6th-8th graders. Date TBA (summer 2016) – Province IV event for 9th-12th graders

DILLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Back on June 28 there was a scripture reading that actually caused me to audibly gasp, as it also did the parishioner sitting behind me. The reading from 2 Corinthians just really struck a chord with me. I even saved the bulletin insert from that Sunday and highlighted the final verse of the reading.

The hustle bustle of the return to school these last few days reminded me of that passage. We once again hosted the faculty and staff of Dillard Middle for their Welcome Back Luncheon and were joined this year by St. Francis and St. Andrew's parishes. St. Francis provided a bountiful breakfast prior to the teachers' staff meeting and St. Andrew's served wonderful desserts after our fried chicken lunch. Sincere thanks to those who cooked or prepared the many side dishes that graced our tables that day. On the eve before the gathering in our Parish Hall, 5 of our parishioners attended the Open House/Orientation at the school where we distributed school supplies and encouragement to hundreds of students. 500 pencils, dozens of boxes of crayons & colored pencils, notebooks, notebook paper, pencil boxes and sharpeners later, we left with full hearts and much gratitude for the generosity of you who contributed all of the supplies we gave away. The grateful students and their parents/grandparents are aware of the support of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the belief that we have in them. The teachers (including 7 new to Dillard this year, 4 of them BRAND new) have been reminded of our advocacy as well. Rebecca invited staff members to submit their names for specific remembrance in prayers of support and several responded, so when you hear actual names lifted when we pray for the faculty and staff of Dillard know they are real teachers seeking guidance in their daily work.

I have received "Wish List" requests for 20 teachers and by far their requests are for basic classroom items...tissues, hand sanitizer, anti-bacterial wipes, pencils, paper, erasers, and notebooks. Therefore our first Dillard Offering of the Month this year will be **tissues, hand sanitizers** (regular size, not personal or gallon sized) and **disinfecting wipes**. Please buy an item or two and put them in the blue tub outside the office and I will deliver to the teachers at the school. These are things the school does not supply and a teacher's only option is to buy them himself/herself. Let's show our support to help the teachers maintain a healthier, cleaner, more sanitary atmosphere for our students.

That scripture I mentioned in the opening paragraph? 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 states:...the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need....As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little." Please feel free to contact me with any ideas for this partnership.

Jan Cagle / bcagle2@suddenlink.net / 919-922-1904

NEW ART TEACHER NEW PROJECTS!

Dillard Middle's long-time art teacher has retired but her replacement is on board with new ideas! He has asked for our help providing OLD FABRIC and MAGAZINES for his classes. If you can help, put donations in the tub outside the office! Thanks in advance for your support.

DEACON'S CORNER

As I settle into my work at St. Andrew's, I want to take the time to thank all of you for your continued support of me and my ministry. Your generous gifts celebrating my ordination will enable me to better serve others in my new role. All of them are greatly appreciated.

As the new school year begins at Dillard Middle School, I am looking forward to working to find new ways to bring the Goldsboro parishes together to serve others. Having St. Andrew's and St. Francis participate in the Back to School Celebration for faculty and staff was a great beginning. It may soon be time for St. Stephen's parishioners to show that they are also ready to step out of their home, too. A small group of parishioners at St. Andrew's is actively exploring ways to launch a tutoring and/or mentoring program and we would love to have more people join us. Anyone who has ideas or would like to participate in any way, but especially in the planning process is most welcome. One of our biggest hurdles right now is figuring out a way to transport students to St. Andrew's so that we can operate a program during non-school hours. A large percentage of students at Dillard belong to families that do not have access to a car and rely on public transportation when they can arrange and afford it. In the meantime, we would like to find a more structured way for volunteers to work with students during the school day. If you are interested in these programs or have other ideas on how to expand and grow our work with Dillard, I would love to hear from you.

I am proud of the work that St. Stephen's has done to launch the Dillard Middle School Partnership Project and look forward to watching it grow in new directions!

Rebecca Bean

FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

Parents please take note! We start back children's choirs this month. But first we'll have a pizza party at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16. This is for parents and children, part informational, part rally for the troops. It will be in the Parish Hall and will go for about an hour and is for all children 3 years old and up and their parents. Starting the following week, September 23rd, meet throughout the year on Wednesdays with our usual schedule:

Cherub Choir, 5:15 - 5:45 pm, for age 3 through Kindergarten

Junior & Schola Nova Choirs, 5:45 -6:45 p.m., for grades 1 and up (no upper age limit)

We hope as many children as can will participate, either all or part of the year, as school schedules, athletics, etc. will permit. If children can come with a friend, we are more likely to have a fine group. Let's say Jane won't come unless Angela does, but the two together look forward to it; then we build some camaraderie. So come and bring a friend!

The **Adult Choir** also starts on September 16th, 7:00--8:30 p.m. Any who might have been considering singing with us are encouraged to join our ranks!

Marshall Foster

ST. HILDA'S GUILD

St. Hilda's Guild, as part of the ECW, provides an opportunity for fellowship, Christian formation and service in our church community. St. Hilda's meets the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month from September-May in the Common Room at St. Stephen's at 7:00 p.m. All Episcopal church women are invited and encouraged to participate with this long standing intergenerational group which provides an invaluable opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of our fellow parishoners. St. Hilda's will meet for a kick off dinner on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the old garth. Fried chicken will be provided and members are asked to bring a side dish, spouse or guest and a new member.

*Martie Saylor*s

PARISH WORK DAY

Calling all able bodies to a churchyard cleanup day. Saturday September 19th beginning at 9:00 am and going until... Bring your gloves and yard tools and we'll provide water and lunch. Let's make our church look great for the Bishop and our new confirmands.

Bob Cagle

TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is a summary of the parish finances through July:

	JULY	YEAR TO DATE (YTD)	BUDGET YTD
INCOME	\$16,614.12	\$230,448.95	\$218,379.21
EXPENSES	\$30,191.16	\$203,751.79	\$222,045.90

As of the end of July, we are on track with our budget and in a favorable position overall. As a result of your diligence in keeping your pledges current, we are somewhat ahead of our budgeted income year to date. And our expenses are currently under budget. Please continue to honor your pledges so that our income will continue to cover our expenses.

We are grateful for your financial support of the mission and ministry of our parish. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Marjorie Fickling, Treasurer

ACOLYTES

SEPTEMBER 6 Crucifer: Hayes Gerrard
Torch Bearers: Drew Grice
John Grice
Flag Bearers: Cam Gerrard
Zachary Lulay

SEPTEMBER 13 Crucifer: Jeff Bland
Torch Bearers: Lucy Bland
Will Fickling
Flag Bearers: Noah MacDonald
Jackson Harris

SEPTEMBER 20 Crucifer: TBA
Torch Bearers:
Flag Bearers:

SEPTEMBER 27 Crucifer: Catherine Freemon
Torch Bearers: Anne Stuart Freemon
Cady Stanley
Flag Bearers: David Gurley
Ben Stuber

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman– Peggy Musser.....919-778-7458
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Sally Pope.....919-736-7316
Alice Royal.....919-222-6686
Glenda Futch.....919-583-0588
Nancy Headen.....919-734-0716

USHERS - Ed & Lee Borden

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

SEPTEMBER 6.....Lee & Geoff Hulse
SEPTEMBER 13.....Karen & Steve Mzyk
SEPTEMBER 20.....Glenda & Ed Futch
SEPTEMBER 27Jan & Bob Cagle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 6
8:00 a.m. Doris Thompson
10:00 a.m. Kyle Saylor
Tom Brown

SEPTEMBER 13
8:00 a.m. Sally Pope
11:00 a.m. Aimee Barnes
Ray Harris

SEPTEMBER 20
8:00 a.m. Allan Pedersen
11:00 a.m. Claiborne Smith
Beth Saylor

SEPTEMBER 27
8:00 a.m. Michael Headen
11:00 a.m. Margie Clark
Adam Livengood

Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD)

SEPTEMBER 6 - Geoff Hulse
SEPTEMBER 13 - Margie Clark
SEPTEMBER 20 - Allan Pedersen
SEPTEMBER 27 - Stuart Freemon

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 am Men's Bible Study	2 Noon HE 3 pm Boys & Girls Club	3 Noon Bible Study	4	5
6 8 & 10 am Holy Eucharist	7 Labor Day Church Office closed	8 7 am Men's Bible Study 6 pm St. Hilda's Picnic in the Garth	9 Noon HE	10 Noon Bible Study 2-6 Red Cross Blood Drive	11	12
13 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist Breakfast 9-9:45 Sunday school starts 10 am 4 -5:30 Parish Skating Party 4-5:30 Youth confirmation class 5:30-7 pm EYC	14	15 7 am Men's Bible Study	16 Noon HE 5:30 pm Pizza party for children's choir 7 pm Adult choir practice	17 Noon Bible Study	18	19 9-2 pm Parish yard clean-up
20 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist Farmworkers Festival No EYC	21 6 pm Vestry Meeting	22 7 am Men's Bible Study	23 Noon HE 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & schola nova 7 Adult choir	24 Noon Bible Study	25	26
27 8 & 11 am Holy Eucharist 4-5:30 Youth confirmation class 5:30-7 pm EYC	28	29 7 am Men's Bible Study	30 Noon HE 5:15 Cherub choir 5:45 Junior & schola nova 7 Adult choir			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pete Mitchell.....09-01	Martie Saylor.....09-13
Thomas Gurley.....09-02	Doris Thompson.....09-15
Ed Futch.....09-03	Lisa Grice.....09-16
Katherine Wolfe.....09-03	Betsy Neese.....09-16
Kim Larson.....09-04	Wes Morrison.....09-17
Robert Chandler.....09-05	Betsy Toomey.....09-17
Kathy Harris.....09-06	Lyn Lewis.....09-18
Mattie Stitt.....09-06	Kenny Dunn.....09-19
Jim Northington.....09-09	Katherine MacDonald.....09-20
Randy Anderson.....09-13	Sarah Boyd.....09-25
Louis Foy IV.....09-13	McKee Lewis.....09-29
Margueritte Pennington.....09-13	Ben Stuber.....09-30