



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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October 2016

St. Stephen's Beacon

*From the Desk of
Rev. Karen Crawford*

Perhaps you have noticed the bulletin board by the Sunday School class that has a VERY LARGE question mark on it. On the first day back to school Jonnelle Farver, our Sunday School teacher, asked the children, "What is church to you and how does it make you feel. What do you like and enjoy about it?" After church I was presented with a card which answered these questions and I would like to share it with you.

"I love church. Church is the Best thing that has ever happened to me. I love to go up to eat the Bread and I love to hear the Bell that rings. I love the songs. I love to talk about God and going to Sunday School."

Children have a wonderful way of expressing themselves in simple but eloquent ways which often causes adults to pause and ponder and then ask themselves the same question. So it is with this thoughtful card. How would you answer Jonnelle's questions? What is it that brings you to church each Sunday and what do you love?

Fall begins the new program year and like any "new year" it is a time to reflect on the past and think about what we loved and would like to do again and what might need to go the way of a bad idea and be dropped. The beginning of a "new year" also gives us an opportunity to try something different and dream big. Are you bubbling over with an

exciting idea that you would "love" for the church to try? Many of us traveled this summer and visited other churches. Perhaps you thought, "I wonder if that might work at St. Stephen's?" Is there a book you would love to discuss with others or a new service such as morning prayer? Both your rector and vestry want to hear your ideas.

The new year beckons you to try something new. Do you love to sing? Don't save it for the shower, join the choir! Are you the host or hostess with the "mostess"? Consider the role of usher. A smile that greets folks at the door and invites them to worship is so important. Have you considered serving as a reader, litanist or chalice bearer? Praying for each other and the greater community both in church and in your own private space is a gift of love you give each day. Please consider joining the prayer team. Soon we will be seeking new leadership for our vestry as we bid farewell to the class of 2016. Do you feel called to share your love for this church by leading it into the new year as a member of the vestry?

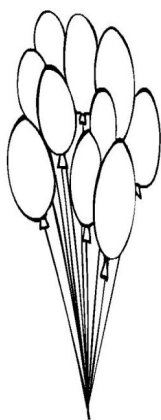
What is most important is your presence on Sunday to worship God and give thanks, to experience God's healing presence and begin the new week spiritually renewed and refreshed, and to come together in community to support one another. Come, eat the bread, raise your voice in song, and talk to God this Sunday!

PRAY

164th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa

Friday, Oct. 28th and Saturday, Oct. 29th

Downtown Des Moines Marriott at 700 Grand Avenue
Keynote Speaker: Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer



October Birthdays

3rd John Shehan, 8th Paul Koeppen,
18th Cindy Gray, 24th Marcy Helms,
30th Jennifer Mehmen

October Anniversaries

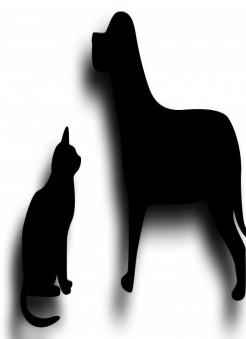
2nd Janice & Craig Carpenter,
7th Terry & Cindy Gray,
10th Steve & Michelle Adams,
12th Ann & Bill Adams,
17th Jim & Meredith Tracy,
20th Ron & Marcy Helms,
26th Jack & Kathy Trotter

*From your St. Stephen's Church family
we wish you all a "Happy Birthday"
and a "Blessed Anniversary".*

**Sunday, Oct. 9th
is St. Francis Sunday.**

**We will have a
Blessing of the
Animal's Service
at 4 PM in the
Courtyard.**

We are collecting donations for the JARL such as cat litter, wet cat food, peanut butter, laundry soap, dish soap., fabuloso, paper towels, odoban and fabric softener—these items are an immediate need. They can always use cat toys, raw hides for dogs, cat or dog treats. Thank you!



OCTOBER DONATIONS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Paper products & diapers and always in need of spaghetti sauce.



HUNGER WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

Registration at 1:30 pm

Walk at 2 pm

starts at the Court House

Ending hunger one step at a time.

**Vestry meets
Sunday, Oct. 9
at 11:30 am
in the undercroft.**



**Wednesday
Evening Prayer
at 5:15 PM
led by
Deacon
Merle Smith**





HALLOWEEN BEGGARS NIGHT

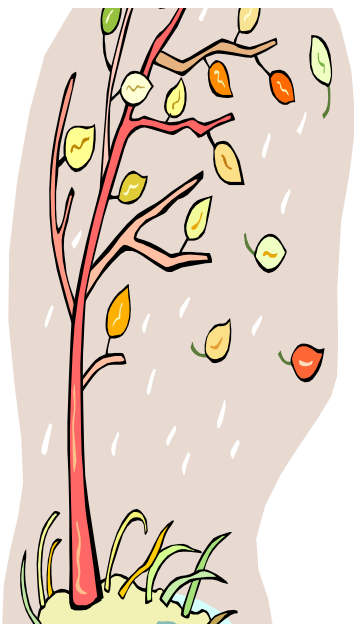


Start serving at 5 PM

Join us in the front yard of the church! St. Stephen's will be serving hot dogs and chips to help fill the tummies of beggars and parents before trick-or-treating. All are welcome throughout Newton.

St. Stephen's Vestry 2016

Rev. Karen Crawford
 Rev. Merle Smith
 Steve Halstead (Sr. Warden)
 Jim Tracy (Jr. Warden)
 Rita Baker (Clerk)
 Barry Hurto
 Carol Kramer
 Christopher Templeton
 Jonnelle Farver
 Nancy Henderson
 Kathy Trotter



CURRENT FINANCIALS

	<u>AUGUST 2016</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Income	\$ 2,904.40	\$94,933.29
Expenses	\$14,639.04	\$92,210.35
Difference	\$11,735.54	\$ 2,722.94

LITURGICAL ROSTER

Oct.2 (20th Pent., Proper 22)

8 am Layreader/Chalice: Jim & Meredith Tracy
10 am Layreader/Chalice: Rita B. Layreader: Barry H.
 Petitioner: Jason M.
 Ushers: Winonah M. & Ron H.
 Counters: David G. & Paul K.

Oct. 9 (21st Pent., Proper 23 & Healing Litany)

8 am Layreader/Chalice: Steve H.
10 am Layreader/Chalice: Steve H. Layreader: Winonah M.
 Petitioner: Steve H.
 Ushers: David & Hazel G.
 Counters: Mary H. & Meredith T.

Oct. 16 (22nd Pent, Proper 24)

8 am Layreader/Chalice: Kathy T.
10 am Layreader/Chalice: David G. Layreader: Terry G.
 Petitioner: Carol K.
 Ushers: Paul & Kay K.
 Counters:

Oct. 23 (23rd Pent., Proper 25)

8 am Layreader/Chalice: Jim & Meredith Tracy
10 am Layreader/Chalice: Rita B. Layreader: Larry H.
 Petitioner: Shannon K.
 Ushers: Winonah M. & Ron H.
 Counters: Lorraine W. & Janice C.

Oct. 30 (24th Pent., Proper 26)

8 am Layreader/Chalice: Kathy T.
10 am Layreader/Chalice: David G. Layreader: Phyllis F.
 Petitioner: Winonah M.
 Ushers: David & Hazel G.
 Counters: David G. & Paul K.

Nov. 6 (All Saints Sunday)

8 am Layreader/Chalice: Jim & Meredith Tracy
10 am Layreader/Chalice: Rita B. Layreader: Barry H.
 Petitioner: Jason M.
 Ushers: Paul & Kay K.
 Counters: Lorraine W. & Janice C.

Nov. 13 (Christ the King Sunday)

8 am Layreader/Chalice: Steve H.
10 am Layreader/Chalice: Steve H. Layreader: Winonah M.
 Petitioner: Larry H.
 Ushers: Winonah M. & Ron H.
 Counters: Mary H. & Meredith T.

We are in need of ushers and counters, if interested see Rev. Karen or Deacon Merle Smith

If you are unable to be here the Sunday you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a substitute or switch. Please

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223 East Fourth Street North
Newton, Iowa 50208

*Our Vision: "To be the hands,
feet and face of God"*



*It is
Harvest
Time*



Daily Lectionary Reading

Proper 22 Week of the Sunday closest to October 2 Monday
Hosea 14:1-9 Acts 22:30--23:11 Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday Micah 1:1-9 Acts 23:12-24 Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday Micah 2:1-13 Acts 23:23-35 Luke 7:18-35

Thursday Micah 3:1-8 Acts 24:1-23 Luke 7:36-50

Friday Micah 3:9--4:5 Acts 24:24--25:12 Luke 8:1-15

Saturday Micah 5:1-4, 10-15 Acts 25:13-27 Luke 8:16-25

Proper 23 Week of the Sunday closest to October 9

Monday Jer. 36:11-26 1 Cor. 13:(1-3)4-13 Matt. 10:5-15

Tuesday Jer. 36:27--37:2 1 Cor. 14:1-12 Matt. 10:16-23

Wednesday Jer. 37:3-21 1 Cor. 14:13-25 Matt. 10:24-33

Thursday Jer. 38:1-13 1 Cor. 14:26-33a, 37-40 Matt. 10:34-42

Friday Jer. 38:14-28 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Matt. 11:1-6

Saturday 2 Kings 25:8-12, 22-26 1 Cor. 15:12-29 Matt. 11:7-15

Proper 24 Week of the Sunday closest to October 16

Monday Jer. 44:1-14 1 Cor. 15:30-41 Matt. 11:16-24

Tuesday Lam. 1:1-5(6-9)10-12 1 Cor. 15:41-50 Matt. 11:25-30

Wednesday Lam. 2:8-15 1 Cor. 15:51-58 Matt. 12:1-14

Thursday Ezra 1:1-11 1 Cor. 16:1-9 Matt. 12:15-21

Friday Ezra 3:1-13 1 Cor. 16:10-24 Matt. 12:22-32

Saturday Ezra 4:7, 11-24 Philemon 1-24 Matt. 12:33-42

Proper 25 Week of the Sunday closest to October 23

Monday Zech. 1:7-17 Rev. 1:4-20 Matt. 12:43-50

Tuesday Ezra 5:1-17 Rev. 4:1-11 Matt. 13:1-9

Wednesday Ezra 6:1-22 Rev. 5:1-10 Matt. 13:10-17

Thursday Neh. 1:1-11 Rev. 5:11--6:11 Matt. 13:18-23

Friday Neh. 2:1-20 Rev. 6:12--7:4 Matt. 13:24-30

Saturday Neh. 4:1-23 Rev. 7:(4-8)9-17 Matt. 13:31-55



Help Support The Body Shop

*Did you know that Newton High School has a body shop?
This is a place where students in need of personal care and hygiene
may come and get products such as deodorant, body wash, razors,
shampoo/conditioner for free.*

St. Stephen's Women's Group is sponsoring a drive during the month
of October to help stock their shelves.

The most needed products are:

- *Deodorant for girls and boys
- *Shampoo and conditioner for girls and boys
- *Body wash, and combs
- *Body spray for both boys and girls are one of the most requested. They love brand name stuff, don't use bar soap, and don't take trial sizes.



*If you would like to contribute to the Body Shop bring your donations to
church and place them in the big blue buckets in the Sanctuary. Thank you
for caring for our students in Newton!*

