



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt, lives are changed!

January 12, 2018

## Adult Forum

On January 21, we will begin a four-week study on Rowan Williams' Being Christian. The books are on their way. You will want to read and be ready to discuss. He covers the basics of baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and prayer. Kindle edition is available.

## Deacon John

Our beloved Deacon has been in the hospital in Missouri with some complicating illnesses. As of the writing of this article the family reports that he is now "wide-awake and feeling significantly better. I'm thinking he'll be out of the hospital tomorrow and on to rehab." Please keep the Deacon in your prayers.

## Fasting

On May 18, 2017, the presiding bishops of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America issued a joint statement inviting all to fast on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month until December, 2018. This is to raise our awareness of hunger in this nation of plenty. You can view the video announcement by Bishop Curry here. <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/such-time-call-prayer-fasting-and-advocacy>

We welcome all who will to join in this fast. Watch this column for information about a corporate fast beginning in January.

## EYF

Will meet and have lunch at the reception for Bill Dickey. Following the reception we will convene in the Youth Room and watch a movie. Pick-up is 3:00 p.m.



## This Sunday



### Bill Dickey's Reception

Celebration of Bill Dickey's 40 years of service to St.

Stephen's is this Sunday. There will be only one service at 10:00 a.m. with an agape to follow.

If possible, please bring food ready to serve.

## Schedule

**Sunday, January 14,**  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
*(One service only)*

**Monday, January 15**  
Office Closed

**Sunday, January 21 & 28**  
7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist

## Please Use Caution



# Ice watch

® Please use extra care when going up or coming down the exterior steps and also on the walkways during wintry mix conditions.

## BOOKS

Fr. Lovett's books are still here through the weekend. Take any you may want. On the 15<sup>th</sup> those remaining go to the library for disposal.

## Lenten Devotionals

This year we will not produce the in-house devotional. Instead we will use the Forward Day By Day for our readings during lent.

## Sermon

In the first three chapters of 1 Samuel we recall the story of Hannah who was childless and prayed to the Lord to be given a male child. She would then set that child before the Lord. So, Samuel lives at the temple and serves Eli the priest. This Sunday we hear the call of Samuel to become a prophet. We also hear Jesus calling his first disciples. We called Bill Dickey forty years ago to be our Sexton. Might there be a theme going here? Come Sunday and see. Fr. Lovett

## Quiet Day

*The Daughters of the King will have a Quiet Day led by Fr. Minter on Saturday, February 17, 9-12 p.m. at St. Stephen's. Weather permitting it will begin with a labyrinth walk followed by warm refreshments. It will then continue with activities planned by Fr. Minter until noon. At that time those wishing to continue in fellowship are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat in the parish hall. Drinks will be provided.*

*This day is open to all men and women of the parish so won't you join the Daughters of the King in beginning a prayerful Lent with a Quiet Day? You may RSVP to Deborah Clary, [dpclary3@aol.com](mailto:dpclary3@aol.com), 865-567-1091 by February 9th.*

## Pastoral Care

**JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR** Jim & Nancy Anderson, Peggy Babineau; Matt & Leah Bailey; Derek, Liz, Noah Baker, Jacob Anthony, Gabe Ledford; Jo Ann Baker.

*Please add these names to your prayer list.*