



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

October 12, 2018

Adult Forum

Join us at 10:00 a.m. this Sunday in the Parish Hall. The topic will be Parker Palmer Introduction. Brett Sigmon will facilitate. Don't miss it!

Diocesan Convention

If anyone is interested in being considered to be a delegate or an alternate to the February 8-9, 2019, Diocesan convention, please give your name to Vicki by November 11. Vestry will select three delegates and three alternates at their November 13 meeting.

Sermon

This Sunday in Mark, we have the gospel about the rich young man who went away grieving because he couldn't do the one thing needed. It is my deepest faith that the God who approached the rich young man that day still approaches you, and calls you – in your need, asking you to do what is very unique for you that God asks of you. What is the one thing for you today that is needful? What irritates you or challenges you about the gospel and about the teaching that flows from the Bible? It contains so many irritations. Make God first place in your life. Lay aside a proportion of your income each week for the work of the church. Keep the commandments. Make every Sunday worship a commitment, and don't let anything get in the way. What is one thing that holds you back? It may have nothing to do with anything I can list. What will God tell you?

Fr. Minter

Military List

Every so often it is a good thing to refresh our lists used for prayer at St. Stephen's. It has been a long time since we asked families in the parish to let us know if you would like us to keep on our prayer list the name of your loved one. The Liturgics Committee joins me in recommending that we update our list every quarter of the year. Please let Vicki know if you would like your loved one to remain on the list by calling or emailing. That way we can have fresh information and requests by Sunday, October 21. (We have extended one week.)

Pledge Card

We all know the story in Mark 12:41-45 about Jesus and the poor widow. A crowd is gathered, and people are putting their offerings into the temple treasury. Many rich people throw in large amounts. But the poor widow that arrives only puts in two small copper coins worth a few cents.

Jesus calls out his disciples and reminds them that the poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. The rich gave out of their wealth, but the widow who had nothing gave everything she had.

Whether you are "rich" or "poor," please consider making a pledge and thankfully giving what you can on Stewardship Sunday, October 21. You can also make pledges electronically by going to the home page: <http://ststephensor.org/> and pressing the pledge button and sending the appropriate information. This sends an email to our Pledge@stephensor.net mailbox.

Thank you for supporting St. Stephen's Stewardship efforts,

Judy DiGregorio, Stewardship Committee

Grounds Work Day

**Saturday, October 13,
9-12 Noon**



All are welcome, regardless of gardening expertise. For questions, contact Courtney Manrod or Brent Sigmon.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for St. Stephen's is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 2018, following the 10:00 a.m. service.

There will only be one service that Sunday.

Currently the names submitted are:

Nancy Anderson; Barbara Bovee; Judy DiGregorio; Jon Heischman Jo Kelley

Pastoral Care

JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR Kathie Shearer; Brent Sigmon & Nancy Carow; Carolyn & Wesley Singer; Dorothy Skinner; Al & Carol Skyberg

Please add these names to your prayer list.

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill