



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

November 2, 2018

Adult Forum

Coming to Adult Forum on November 4th will be Samuel DuMond from Haiti. Samuel worked with us closely on our last two trips especially with the eye clinic. He lives in the area where we do most of our work and will provide an update on the clinic and the community. Plan to join us at 10:00 am.



Stewardship

The 2019 pledge drive is still in progress. The Finance Committee will continue working on the 2019 budget. Pledge data provide >95% of the information of what next year's receipts are expected to be. If you have not already turned in your pledge card, please do so.

It is also possible to make pledges electronically; simply go to our home page <http://ststephensor.org/>, press the pledge button, and send the appropriate information. This sends an email to our Pledge@ststephensor.net mailbox and you are finished.

Sermon

In the eleventh chapter of John, we have the story of how two sisters of Bethany met Jesus after their brother, Lazarus, had died. The first sister, Mary, said: *If you had been here, my brother would not have died.* Not long after that, Jesus went to the dead man's tomb, which had a stone for a door. Jesus said, *take away the stone.* Ever since then, Christians have been believing and rolling away the stones. When someone thought they couldn't do something new for the Lord, or for society, or for the church, there was always someone who believed and the people of St. Stephen's rolled away the stone. St. Stephen's is a testament to rolling away stones. On this All Saints' Sunday, come reflect with me about the power of believing this gospel, and how Jesus said, "did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God." Fr. Minter

All Saints' Sunday

November 4

Loved ones who have passed away will be remembered this Sunday.

EYF

EYF This Sunday will meet right after church for Chopped! We will have a competition to see who can make the best baked good with a required ingredient. Lunch will be provided. Pick up is at 3:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Contact Caroline Wood – youthminister@ststephensor.org.

Pastoral Care

JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR Laura Christy & Robert Thurman; Jeff, Robin, Delaney & Blair Thurston; Jim & Marcia Todkill; Chap & Emily Toomer; Kimberly Toy, Joshua, Sarah, Catherine, Houston.

Please add these names to your prayer list.



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.

Thanksgiving Day Lunch



The sign-up sheet for the St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Day luncheon is now posted outside the secretary's door and ready for you! **On Sundays, the sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall.** Picture yourself with your church family and friends in the midst of some really yummy food. We may even sing "Over the River and through the Wood". (Pilgrim attire is optional.)

Special Movie Night

Thanksgiving is near and to help us enjoy it an appropriate film, "Plymouth Adventure", will be shown starring Spencer Tracey and Gene Tierney. The film is enjoyable and is a reasonable Hollywood representation of the Mayflower's voyage and the pilgrims' first year in the New World. It will be in the Parish Hall on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 pm. **WARNING:** This film does not have captions. Sorry. Look forward to seeing everyone. Those wearing Pilgrim attire will get their choice of seating and an extra scoop of popcorn.

