

**Dates to Remember :**

- April 3 Lenten Luncheon at noon at First United Methodist Church. Speaker Rev. Giulianna Gray
- April 8 10:00 am Inreach meeting
- April 9 9:00 am Bingo at Indywood
- April 10 Lenten Luncheon at noon at St. Stephen's. Speaker Rev. Trey Skaggs
- April 11 12pm Mission Mississippi at Delta Missions
- April 14- April 21st: Holy Week - See calendar for full worship schedule
- April 15 3:30 pm Outreach meeting; 5:00 pm Vestry meeting
- April 17 Lenten Luncheon at noon at First United Methodist Church. Speaker Rev. Herron Wilson
- April 18 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday service at St. Stephen's
- April 19 Noon Good Friday service at St. Stephen's
- April 21 Easter Sunday. 10:00 am Easter Morning Brunch, Egg Hunt, & Flowering of the Cross, 11:00 am Worship Service
- April 27 Diocesan Altar Guild Meeting at Calvary in Cleveland, Mississippi from 9am- 2pm

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

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*St. Stephen's Mission is to be a growing Christian family,  
led by the Holy Spirit,*

*and united as we love God and love our neighbors.*

**Our Sunday Schedule:**

**9:30 Sunday School    10:30 Coffee Hour    11:00 Worship**



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**Vestry**

David Fisher, Senior Warden

Raymond Woo, Junior Warden

Debbie Allen

Susan Allen

Stan Berry

Jimmy Clayton

Lynn Eastland

Richard Noble

**Holy Week Shows Us the Way**

First the living.

Then the dying.

Then the rising.

During Holy Week each year, the church invites us to walk in the way of the cross. Accepting the invitation, we discover anew that the way of the cross truly is the way of life and peace.



You will notice we will be gathering for a lot of prayer and worship this month. The Holy Week liturgies stand out in the calendar. They trace Jesus' last days and honor his life, death, and resurrection in particular ways.

- Palm Sunday, we celebrate how fully our king lived. We start our morning in the courtyard with the liturgy of palms.
- Maundy Thursday, we gather in the evening and remember Jesus' last night with his disciples. Jesus' parting gifts were gifts of love. With his own hands, Jesus blessed, broke, and gave gifts of bread and wine. Jesus then kneeled at his friends' feet and washed every tired foot.
- Good Friday, we gather at noon, the hour Jesus hung upon the cross. We open our eyes to acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering. Resisting the temptation to look away, we kneel and pray at the foot of the cross.
- Easter morning, we are people looking for a miracle. We rejoice together as we hear the glorious proclamation that death has been overcome, and Jesus Christ is truly alive!

I hope you will look closely at our calendar this month and plan to join us for worship. I believe prayer offers graceful guidance toward that peace for which our souls are longing.

I look forward to sharing time with you this month at the foot of the cross. Truly, there is no better place to be.

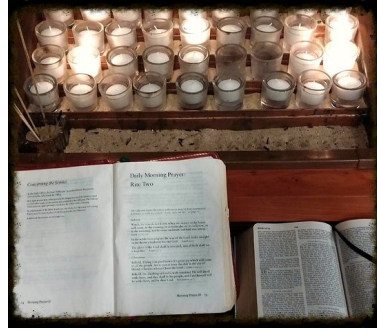
God's Peace to You, Giulianna+



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Adult Formation: We will have adult formation every Sunday in April, with the exception of Easter Sunday.

On April 7th and April 14th, our sessions will be "Praying with Scripture", and Rev. Gray will teach the ancient method of Lectio Divina. All who are interested in deepening their prayer lives will enjoy this!



Children's Formation: Please let us Elizabeth Veazey know when your children will be in town during the month of April.

## ECW Announcements

### ECW Mystery Get-Away Day

On TUESDAY May 7th from 10:30am-1pm (NOTE: this an updated time and date), all women are invited to a fun surprise day!

Please sign up for our lunch by April 30th in the Church office. For more information, call Susan Allen

## Special Sign-Ups

Palm Sunday Passion We need many readers for the Passion Narrative for our 11am Worship on Palm Sunday. Sign-ups will be at the church on Sunday, April 7th or call the church office if you can take a part.

### Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in thanksgiving for a particular blessing or in honor of a loved one, please sign up in the Narthex by April 17th. You may bring your own lily or call Indianola Floral Design to order by the 17th. White paper with gold ribbon.



## INREACH NEWS

Our Inreach committee serves the church through the ministry of prayer and presence.

All parishioners are invited to join us. The next Inreach meeting will be Monday, April 8 at 10:00 am. In advance of this meeting, please submit prayer list updates to the church office.

For a complete St. Stephen's Prayer list, please pick one up each month in the Narthex.

## OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach will meet on Monday, April 15 at 3:30 pm. Please let Pam Woo or the church office know if you are unable to attend.



Our church is collecting 200 boxes of tuna helper for the Indianola Food Pantry. Please turn them into the Parish Hall.

## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The counseling room in the Early Building has been beautifully renovated. This has been made possible by generous donations given through the years to our memorial fund, by Mary Steele Lawler's dedication and hard work, and even the talents of youngest artists. You are invited to come and see!



## Lenten Luncheon Series Update

We have heard nothing but positive comments about our Lenten Lunch series. It has been a joy to partner with our Methodist brothers and sisters this year.



The Rev. Brandt Dick, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville was guest speaker on March 13th



The Rev. Phoebe Roaf, Bishop- Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of West TN, spoke on March 27th.

Many thanks to our hosts for your gracious hospitality. We are mid-way through the series, and we hope you will join us for remaining gatherings.

## Just the Girls!

Coffee hour is more fun with friends. Pictured are Francesca Gray, Walker Neal, Fran and Mae Veazey. It was very special that Mae turned 10 this Sunday! Coffee hour is nearly every Sunday this Spring. Join us!



## Wednesday, April 3-

Lenten Luncheon at noon at First United Methodist Church. Speaker will be Rev. Julianna Gray.

**Wednesday, April 10-** Lenten Luncheon at noon at St. Stephen's. Speaker

will be Rev. Trey Skaggs, Pastor at First Methodist Indianola, Hosting are: Susan Allen, Donna Jones, Laurie Noble, Pam Woo

**Sunday, April 14-** Palm Sunday 11am Worship at St. Stephen's

**Wednesday, April 17-**Lenten Luncheon at noon at First United Methodist Church. Speaker will be Rev. Herron Wilson.

**Thursday, April 18-** Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 at St. Stephen's

**Friday, April 19** -Good Friday service at noon at St. Stephen's.

## Something New on Easter Sunday! April 21

Starting at 10:00 am on Easter Morning, we will celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection with Brunch, an Egg Hunt, & Flowering of the Cross. The only thing you are asked to bring with you are a few blooms from your yard as we flower our Easter Cross together!

Hostesses are Victoria Abraham and Mary Steele Lawler.

