

Dates to Remember :

- November 3 10:00 Intergenerational Sunday School; 11:00 Celebration of the Feast of All Saints Day and dedications, 12:00 Parish wide picture and potluck lunch.
- November 6 8:30 Morning Prayer
- November 10 UTO Ingathering during 11:00 am Worship service
- November 12 9:00 Bingo at Indywood; 10:00 Inreach meeting
- November 13 8:30 Morning Prayer
- November 17 Stewardship Sunday
- November 18 3:30 Outreach meeting; 5:00 Vestry meeting
- November 20 8:30 Morning Prayer
- November 24 6:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at First Methodist Church
- November 28 Happy Thanksgiving. Church office closed.
- December 1 9:30 Advent Wreath making
- December 8 5:00 Children's Christmas Program at First Presbyterian Church
- December 11 3:30 ECW Heart and Home Series at home of Mary Chandler Neal.

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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.
Sunday School-9:30, Coffee Hour-10:30, Worship-11:00



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November 2019

Vestry

- David Fisher, Senior Warden
- Raymond Woo, Junior Warden
- Debbie Allen
- Susan Allen
- Stan Berry
- Jimmy Clayton
- Lynn Eastland
- Richard Noble

Why We Celebrate Saints

All Saints Day reminds us Christians that we have a really big family! We all are members of a family that includes those who are seen and unseen, the living and the dead.

By the power of Jesus' resurrection, the entire family of God enjoys eternal life and lives in communion with God forever. At every celebration of Holy Eucharist, we acknowledge our belief that we worship alongside all of the saints who have gone before us.

It is right to give thanks for the saints in light. As our catechism tells us, "we are bound together with all of the saints in one holy communion by sacrament, prayer, and praise".

All Saints' Day is a day of celebration that is both particular and universal. We remember the dearly departed members of our larger family who have been saints to us; whose witness in our lives helped to make us the people we are today. We also rejoice and give thanks for all of the saints in light who are being made perfect by the power of the resurrection.

I am looking forward to our All Saints' Day celebrations this year which will be held on Sunday, November 3rd. We have some special things planned, and there will be something for everyone!

We will begin at 10am on Sunday, November 3rd for a formation and fellowship time for all ages. We invite you to bring a picture of a person who was a saint in your life. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 11am, take a parish-wide photo, and finally enjoy a potluck lunch afterward in the parish hall. Please feel free to invite friends or family to this celebration!

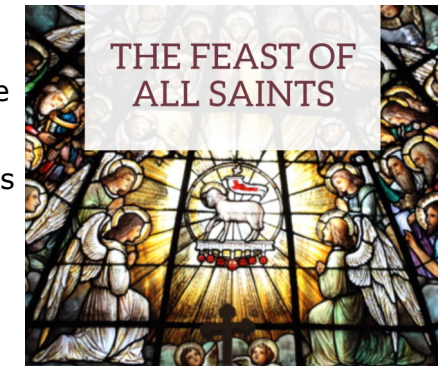
Inside this newsletter, you will find a list of the saints of St. Stephen's who will be honored in a special way on All Saints' Day. These individuals have gone to glory in recent years and have had a real impact on the life of our community. Your vestry has been hard at work to act as good stewards of the parish memorial fund in working on projects that have enhanced our life together. It will be a wonderful thing to dedicate the projects to the glory of God and in loving memory of these saints.

One final reason we celebrate the saints is for our own encouragement. We, the saints still striving, are inspired to persevere in our own day as we remember the faith and courage of those who've gone before us.

Friends, may you be blessed with the continued nourishment you need to follow Christ in our daily lives!

God Bless You,

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUNDAY MORNINGS

ALL AGES WELCOMED TO THE PARISH HALL!

November 3rd, 10am: All Saints' Day Formation and Fun, bring a picture of a loved one who was a saint in your life

December 1st, 9:30am: Advent Wreath Making, bring greens from your yard

ADULT STUDY 9:30am on Nov. 10, 17, 24

Transformative Bible Study on the Prophets

YOUTH 9:30am on Nov. 24

Youth will meet in your classrooms this day

STEWARDSHIP SEASON IS HERE!

Rebecca Barrett and Tom Gresham are our stewardship chairs this year. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, please call the church office.

Stewardship Sunday will be Sunday, November 17th. We will have an ingathering for 2020 pledge cards during the offertory. Time and Talent Surveys will be available this day.

Inreach News

The next Inreach meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 10:00 am. If you have an update, please give to an Inreach committee member or the church office prior to meeting.

OUTREACH NEWS

MEETING UPDATES: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18 at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

RUMMAGE SALE

Have rummage? ECW will host a sale in late spring of 2020. Any questions, contact Laurie Noble or church office.

**Memorial Dedications
All Saint's Day 2019**



**Sunday, November 3
at 11:00 am**

Renovation to Entrance of Church and Sacristy

Mary Anne Allen
Bubba Ely
Ann Hopkins Gresham

Redecoration of the Counseling Room at the Early Building

Shirley Allen
Marge Brophy
Dollie Clark
Betty Early
Eleanor Failing
Doris Perkins
Mary Speer

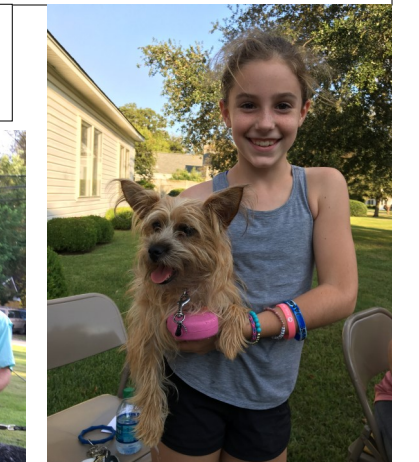
New Books of Common Prayer

Ann McAllister Anderson
Betty Blair Allen Daniels
Pauline Fisher Handrehan
Don Houseman
James Hutcherson
Freddy Labella
Joey Lee
Kavanaugh Elizabeth Lee
Charles Andrew Scott
Mary Claire Simmons
Kathleen Taylor Sturtevant
Charles and Joan Veazey
Betty Jo Pittman Vincent
Marjorie Jane Magruder Watkins

Highlights from October

ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2019

All creatures of our God and King were welcomed again!



ECW FUN

Marcella Simmons graciously hosted an event on October 28th at the Simmons home in Leland. We had a great turn-out, an inspiring program by the Rev. Carrie Duncan, and a good time of fellowship.



WELCOME FRIENDS!

It was a great joy to welcome a group of visitors from Raspberry United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 20th. If you look closely, you will see the familiar face of Leunice Jernigan. Mrs. Jernigan has served as our wonderful housekeeper for many years.

This was a good reminder to us to keep inviting folks to church! It is a such a joy to gather to celebrate the love of Christ with friends, new and old.

