

GIFTS and MEMORIALS

This is a ministry to facilitate the collection, application, and acknowledgement of gifts to the church that are made apart from pledges and loose offerings. These gifts may be in monetary or material form with their desired use either designated or not. These gifts are often in the form of memorials to an individual or individuals. Contributions to specially designated funds, such as Flowers, Aumbry Candles, Rector's Discretionary Fund, etc., are not recorded or acknowledged by the Gifts & Memorials Committee.

The Committee maintains a "Wish List" of projects and improvements that have been suggested and have received Vestry approval.

GIFTS and MEMORIALS NEEDS and WISH LIST, 2019

This 2019 Parish Gifts and Memorials Wish List is for the benefit of parishioners and friends of St. Stephens. The Vestry has approved the following listing of furnishings, equipment, and facility improvements that would be welcomed and appropriate additions to enhance our worship and ministry activities. The list is a result of input from other St. Stephen's committees and individuals who reviewed and updated our parish needs.

If you have any questions about the list or are interested in making special gift or memorial, please contact the church office or Deborah Clary, Chair of the Gifts and Memorials Committee.

- ALTAR GUILD: Traveling holy oil stock, Cost: \$200 for silver plate; \$545 for sterling silver.
- ALTAR GUILD: New cushions for needlepoint kneelers.
- ALTAR GUILD: Replacement of some pew cushions.
- CHAPEL: Carpet in Chapel.
- CHAPEL: Add thermostats to fan coil.
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM): Scholarships for one person/ one year to attend. EFM is a program directed by the University of the South to enable the student to think theologically about the events that influence their lives. Cost: \$375
- FRONT MAIN ENTRANCE: Upgrade exterior stairs leading to the main sanctuary doors. Adding a removable center rail for ease of getting caskets in and out of the church.
- HOSPITALITY: Replacement of desk and cabinets, possibly custom built, Suggested upgrade of phone to include caller ID.
- KITCHEN: Commercial grade electric convection oven on a cart for use during large parish and catered meals, Estimate from: Strategic of Knoxville; Baker's Pride, Cyclone series, Model COC-E1, single.

- KITCHEN: Disposal and lift pump for new kitchen sink: Deeper sink did not leave room for a disposal to discharge existing drain by gravity. Would require a lift pump.
- KITCHEN: Revamp the coffee service with an enlarged Bunn system that is plumbed for water.
- NAVE: Programmable thermostat.
- NAVE: Control for lighting in the Nave.
- NAVE: Wall banners.
- NURSERY: Some new toys.
- OFFICE WING and POLLARD ROOM: Convert fluorescent fixtures to LED, Cost: ~\$800 for Parish Hall, ~\$800 for office wing and Pollard Room.
- RECTOR'S OFFICE: New desk
- OUTDOOR CHURCH SIGNS: Need repainting.
- PARISH HALL: New flooring and ceiling, walls painted, blinds replaced.
- PARKING AREAS: Repave the west side parking area.
- POLLARD ROOM: New paint, new blinds, two new sofas.

PLANNED GIVING FUNDS

To Help Support the Programs of the Church in the Present or Long Term Future.

The gifts we make to either of our two Endowments (below) are evidence of our concern and desire to support St. Stephen's ministries long into the future. These "gifts that keep on giving" will help bring later generations into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Many folks like to think of such gifts as continuing their annual "pledges" for years to come. Gifts can be made in the form of cash, securities, real estate, bequests in Wills, or other forms. Through such gifts you can have the joy of giving, and maybe achieve some tax advantages. For more information, you may in confidence, contact the G&M Chair, Deborah Clary or Vice Chair for Planned Gifts, Merry Keyser, or other members of the Gifts & Memorials Committee.

ST. STEPHEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND:

(Established 1981) Interest income may be spent from time to time by the Vestry without restriction .

THE HERITAGE FUND:

(Established 1998) Interest income may be spent ONLY for the support of new and expanded ministries beyond the scope of the annual operating program budget as the Vestry may from time to time decide.

GIFTS and MEMORIALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Deborah Clary, Chair
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