



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

October 6, 2017

## Adult Forum

This Sunday we will try to answer the question – Still Talking Race Relations in 2017? There are several items posted in the Google Groups inbox for you to view before Sunday. (see link below) It would be very helpful if you have a chance to read through the Unlearning Racism Conversation Guide. There are some questions in it that we will try to answer together. The article by Gary Dorrien is especially helpful to connect us to a multitude of interfaith organizations that lead in empowering the marginalized. Please be sure to read that one. We will start the hour with a short message from the Presiding Bishop about “becoming beloved community.” The full video is about 45 minutes and we will have time for only a short intro. If you want to view the entire webcast, use the same link to the Google Groups. It is waiting there for you. Come on Sunday and let us know your thoughts.

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ststephensadultforum>

## Adult Bible Class



The Adult Bible Class continues this week in the Book of Acts with a review of what happened on the day of Pentecost—the day the Holy Spirit arrived. We hope to see you there at 10 a.m.

## Pastoral Care

**JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR** Brent Sigmon & Nancy Carow, Jay Sigmon-Carow; Carolyn & Wesley Singer; Dorothy Skinner; Al & Carol Skyberg.

*Please add these names to your prayer list.*

## Ministry Opportunity

Our Appalachian Outreach continues this fall. Dora Marmon is providing music and art appreciation classes for the children at Clairfield Elementary School. They have never had this experience. Dora needs an assistant to drive and to help with the (very well-behaved) children. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office or you can call Dora Marmon, 291-8800 or Cameron Ellis, 414-5742. Help is needed on Fridays, 8:00 to 4:30, on these dates – October 12, 27; November 3, 10, 17; and December 1. Please take a day and be Christ to these children.

## Stewardship

**The Point Is This:** *the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion.* 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NRSV)



## Daughters of King

The St. Agnes Chapter of Daughters of the King (DOK) invite the women of St Stephen's to a Fall Fellowship on Tuesday, October 31. We will meet and worship together at the 11:30 service in the Chapel and afterwards enjoy a catered lunch in the Parish Hall. A 15-minute informational program from the national office of DOK will be presented to explain the mission of Daughters of the King. Those interested in learning about DOK are asked to RSVP to Peggy Volk at [865-387-2069](tel:865-387-2069) by October 24. Come, join us and learn about this vital part of the life of St. Stephen's parish!

## Parents Night Out (PNO)

St. Stephen's PNO ministry is in need of...CHILDREN!!!! Every third Friday night of the month we have a group of willing caregivers waiting for your children to come visit with them. Childcare is provided from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. No reservations are necessary. Call Karen Yearwood, 216-6880. questions.



## Annual Parish Meeting

The annual **Parish Meeting is set for October 22, 2017. Only one service that day at 10 am.** The 2018 Vestry will be elected at that time. Four seats are available. At this time there are four confirmed, strong candidates. Nominations will close on midnight, October 7, two weeks before the meeting.

## Happening #74

If you have a child in high school please consider encouraging them to go to Happening. Happening exists as a tool to help young people explore their individual faith. The weekend focuses on asking questions rather than doling out prescribed answers. Through honest and open discussion, Happening aims to send participants back home stronger, more invested, and more energized in their faith, ready to carry on in ministry with their peers at home and at church. Please speak to Fr. Lovett to get your child registered for this youth – led event.

## Sermon

Join us this Sunday morning at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. The Rev. Kay Reynolds will bring us the homily.



## Cursillo

We are currently updating our list of those who have attended a Cursillo weekend. Please send Jim Anderson your name, email address and your ETEC weekend number to [allworld1950@gmail.com](mailto:allworld1950@gmail.com)

## Coffee Crew

Adolf and Carol King were in charge of providing coffee for our fellowship time on Sunday morning during the month of September. Joy Mull has volunteered for the month of October. December remains unclaimed. All the materials are in the kitchen. It just requires your effort to set up the coffee and tea pots. The list is on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Be the first to claim that remaining month.



## Christ & Community

In the northeast corner of the parish hall you will find the new "Christ & Community" Action Table. Each week there will be resources to help understand the issue under discussion in the Adult Forum. Our goal is to offer background on each issue and support a space for dialog (and perhaps dissent). One major issue we are gathering information on is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), to help anyone interested delve deeper than the evening news can. We welcome your input; if you see a relevant article, send it to the office and we'll add it to our library. If you are interested in working with St. Stephen's leaders on this program, please let us know in the office.

## Quiet Consideration

New Song is the contemporary service from 9 to 10 in the Parish Hall. Several people arrive early for coffee and conversation before the adult forum. However, the voices of those early arrivals carry down the hall, and impact the last 10 minutes of the service. Please come early and consider gathering in the Hospitality area, by the office, visiting with the other early birds as you wait for that final hymn and prayer. Thank you for your consideration!

## EYF—Grades 5-12

Will not meet this week.