



# THE WITNESS

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIEST



In the early dawn of geologic time, over the course of several epochs, magma cooling on the bottom of the sea floor bubbled up and cycled over, until it gave birth to what is known today as the British Isles of Northern Europe. At some point during this long course of geologic development, magma emerged from the earth's crust to form volcanoes that would give further shape to the rocky and mountainous islands that arise along the western coast of Scotland. Finally, millions of years later, erosion at the conclusion of the Ice Age would give the final finishing touch to a landscape as enchanting as it is beautiful. Today, two island chains, made up of numerous islets and skerries, form what is called, the Outer and Inner Hebrides. Along this archipelago, wind from the southwest, arising from low pressure systems deep in the Atlantic, bring a steady diet of rolling fog, rain, and sea spray across rocky inlets. On the south end of the Inner Hebrides, just off the island of Mull, the wind tossed Atlantic beats upon a small island called Iona. It is here that in the sixth century, an Irish abbot name Columba — missionary to the Gaels & Picts — ascended the brow of a hill to bow in worship and to bless the land.

Columba was an Irish monastic, advanced in letters and well versed in Irish politics. There are many legends surrounding his person. In one legend, he is said to have slayed a mysterious “water beast.” But apart from fairytales, he is perhaps most revered for his establishment of an abbey at Iona. Upon his arrival at Iona, he is said to have prophesied that the place of Iona would become a place of pilgrimage to which many would pay homage: not only Kings, but also spiritual pilgrims both near and far. The abbey that Columba established at Iona would in time become renowned, not only for its serene location as a place of learning, worship, and monastic life, but also as a center for the spread of Christianity to the Scots and Picts. Today, the abbey established by Columba is occupied by the Iona Community, an ecumenical group of men and women of different religious backgrounds. The Iona community has become a place of pilgrimage and worship, with its own liturgy and publishing group focused on various spiritual topics and themes.

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### ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION

Together we will... Sing Out, in worship to God, Reach Out, in service to others, Cry Out, with others in time of need, Find Out, about our faith, and Laugh Out Loud, together...All in the name of Jesus Christ.

### ST. STEPHEN'S CORE PILLARS

- DOING CHRIST'S WORK IN THE COMMUNITY
- A NUTURING AND ACCEPTING FAMILY
- A GOOD LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- TRADITION WITH A DIFFERENCE
- MULTIGENERATIONAL AND DIVERSE

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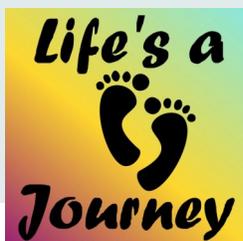


### AROUND THE DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN

Are you looking for ways to advance your knowledge of our Episcopal Church, the Bible or your own faith? Our diocese offers numerous classes that are free and easy to attend. Through The Whitaker Institute you can access many videos that cover over 130 topics to choose from.

To use, simply register your interest and you will receive an email back with enrollment instructions. Start at [www.edomi.org/whitaker/onlineschool](http://www.edomi.org/whitaker/onlineschool) then follow the page instructions. It's free! It's easy to use!

Once you've reviewed a course, let this editor or Ken Fuhr, adult faith chairperson, know what you enjoyed or didn't enjoy about it so it can be shared with others. Learning is a life-long process as we travel this journey together.



### St. Stephen's & Rise Against Hunger

Have you heard about the Rise Against Hunger initiative? We are seeking to create an Outreach Program capable of involving St. Stephen's members and the local community to package meals to send to the impoverished around the world. We will invite everyone from the local community to assemble with us, in our parish hall, to package 10,000 meals in a one-day event.

We have a strong tradition for hands-on outreach at St. Stephen's. In addition to financial support to local charities; prior to COVID, we hosted homeless clients through the South Oakland Shelter/Lighthouse effort (SOS). COVID changed how SOS is managed, making it no longer a viable option for us. Partnering with Rise Against Hunger provides an opportunity to engage in a new and meaningful outreach effort that not only provides a hands-on experience for our members but potentially the broader community as well.

Begun in 1998, Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is committed to providing nutrition and resources for the world's most vulnerable populations, while engaging and inspiring volunteers around the globe to take action. Today, RAH is an international hunger relief organization that is leading a global movement to end hunger by nourishing lives, empowering communities, and responding to emergencies. In partnership with groups like St. Stephen's, nutritious meals are packaged and distributed to the needy around the world through a network of international partners. Other services create sustainable solutions to hunger and provide agriculture training, business skills, and more to create and sustain food in impoverished communities.

We want this Outreach event at St. Stephen's to be a fun, educational, high-energy, turn-key way to engage our community in hands-on service. RAH brings all the equipment, ingredients, and organizational staffing to host an impactful, easy service project! According to the RAH plan, about 50 volunteers can package 10,152 (minimum meal goal) in 1.5-2 hours at a total cost to St. Stephen's and local groups of about \$4,600 donation (give or take a bit). We already have a \$500 donation from one of the local Lions Clubs!

The products that make up packages may look like simple bags of rice and soy, but RAH meals represent the hopes and dreams of millions of people around the world. These meals provide beneficiaries in critical need with essential nutritional components that help combat malnutrition. Packaged by our volunteers, as well as schools, clinics, and vocational training programs, the meals are shipped and distributed by RAH to help break the cycle of poverty and create happy, healthy futures.

As a host, we will need to provide:

- The volunteers – the goal is to have about 50 people participate
- A place to hold the event – our parish hall

Funds enough to cover the costs of the raw materials, transportation, etc. -- About \$4,600

The anticipated timeline:

- We have set the date for the event – **Saturday, September 24, 2022. Mark your calendars!**
- Rise Against Hunger provides a document that outlines all these details and will create online registration pages for the event.
- On the day of the event a Rise Against Hunger facilitator will arrive with all supplies needed for the event and will lead the event from setup, to educating the volunteers on their mission and vision, to getting the meals and equipment back to their warehouse in preparation for shipment.

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# OUR PARISH CELEBRATES

## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE

Bob Baker	6/3	Audrey Brokenshire	7/29
Iris Hespenheide	6/3	Kay Novak	7/30
Pauleen Ottenhoff	6/7	<b>AUGUST</b>	
Brady Dengler	6/5	Robert Brokenshire	8/2
Mary Jane Kerr	6/7	Liz Sinkovich	8/3
Evan DeCiantis	6/9	Olivia DeCiantis	8/4
Hannah DeCiantis	6/9	Sharon Sands	8/7
Brendan Gerard	6/9	Paul McClendon	8/8
John Morley	6/12	Geoff Walter	8/9
Michael McQuiston	6/14	Jan Hopper	8/11
Cathy O'Brien	6/15	Linda Lambert	8/11
Rachel Rich	6/16	Melissa Duggan	8/13
Keegan Dengler	6/17	Joe Hopper	8/14
Judy McClendon	6/25	Emmett Duggan	8/16
Kamsi Ezeugwa	6/18	Helen Giles	8/21
Connie Jose	6/26	Richard Kenefic II	8/21
Connor Duggan	6/27	Quinn O'Neill	8/21
Liz Golding	6/27	Byron Converse	8/22
Garret Fragnoli	6/30	Joan Knapp	8/25
Paul Kish	6/30	Ami O'Neill	8/26

### JULY

Erinma Ezeugwa	7/3	Kathryn Hassel	8/27
Norah O'Neill	7/5	Bob Westbury	8/29
Vickie Saylor	7/6	Jon Burrell	8/30
Joey Pennington	7/6	Cathryn Hardy	8/31
Luca Perod	7/8		
Madeleine Duggan	7/9		
Darrel Middlewood	7/9		
Kathy DeCiantis	7/10		
Adrian Brokenshire	7/11		
Jim McQuiston	7/17		
Peter Oswald	7/18		
Kathy Davis	7/19		
Alex Ezeugwa	7/20		
Brian Ingersoll	7/22		
Chloe Ingersoll	7/26		
Daniel Gerard	7/26		
Pema O'Neill	7/26		
Carol Jantz	7/28		



## SUMMER ANNIVERSARIES

### IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

<b>KATIE &amp; MIKE SOBOLEWSKI</b>	<b>6/2</b>
<b>KATHY &amp; COLIN DAVIS</b>	<b>6/11</b>
<b>KRISTI &amp; DAVE GRUBB</b>	<b>6/12</b>
<b>DONNA &amp; BOB BROKENSHERE</b>	<b>6/18</b>
<b>PEGGY &amp; GEORGE KLEMPAY</b>	<b>6/19</b>
<b>MELISSA &amp; PAUL HARDY</b>	<b>6/24</b>
<b>GINNY &amp; LEE BENNETT</b>	<b>6/26</b>
<b>ALICIA &amp; BOB BAKER</b>	<b>6/27</b>
<b>JILL &amp; DAVE STEIN</b>	<b>6/30</b>
<b>DARYLLN &amp; PETER OSWALD</b>	<b>7/4</b>
<b>ERIN &amp; MIKE BROKENSHERE</b>	<b>7/8</b>
<b>DONNA &amp; ROD JOHNSON</b>	<b>7/11</b>
<b>CONNIE &amp; SANDY JOSE</b>	<b>7/12</b>
<b>BARB &amp; RICK SPINA</b>	<b>7/15</b>
<b>CORRINE &amp; STEVE FRAGNOLI</b>	<b>7/21</b>
<b>PATRICIA &amp; JOSEPH PRZESLAWSKI</b>	<b>7/21</b>
<b>DODIE &amp; WILLIAM WAUN</b>	<b>7/25</b>
<b>ERINMA &amp; ALEX EZEUGWA</b>	<b>8/3</b>
<b>HELEN &amp; ALAN GILES</b>	<b>8/24</b>
<b>CHERYL &amp; GEOFF WALTER</b>	<b>8/25</b>
<b>MARDI &amp; JIM MAXWELL</b>	<b>8/28</b>
<b>CATHY &amp; BOB HOFFMAN</b>	<b>8/31</b>



### Attention Kroger Shoppers!!!

All participants in the Kroger Community rewards program will need to enroll or re-enroll to continue earning rewards for the St. Stephen's Outreach Ministry.

Please help support the St. Stephen's Outreach Ministry without any cost to you. Each year St. Stephen's receives several hundred dollars from the Kroger Community Rewards program which in turn helps support the Outreach programming. It's fast, it's easy and all you have to do is choose St. Stephen's Episcopal Church as your non-profit organization of choice when shopping at Kroger.

Simply go online to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), sign in to your account and designate **82604** (St. Stephen's) as the recipient.

Click Enroll and you'll be set for the May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 year of Kroger Community Rewards.

On the one hand, the origin of Celtic spirituality is traceable to certain geographic differences in catholic religious practice in Northern Europe, while on the other, it is traceable to certain romantic views of pre-reformation Celtic people. The divergence with the Roman Church on the date of Easter and other historic differences in religious practice, certainly helped to distinguish Christianity as it was practiced in Ireland and Britain in the early medieval period from the Roman Church as it existed in other localities. However, the idea of a Celtic Christianity as a particular spirituality distinct from the Roman Church also developed out of a certain romanticism about geographic and religious difference. In the wake of the English Reformation, the Romantic Movement of the 19th century, as well as later developments, Celtic Christianity would come to be defined by inner spirituality over and against what was pejoratively considered rational and authoritarian forms of western religious practice. Consequently, some would come to say that Celtic Christianity had a greater appreciation for the role of women and that Celtic religious practice was more in tune with the rhythms of nature and the relational nature of God. However, the idea that Celtic people embodied a more authentic spirituality devoid of the rational pitfalls of western Christianity is a romantic one. While such romantic views of Celtic people may be anachronistic, they do not detract from the fact that many themes in Celtic spirituality are in fact traceable to monastic life and monastic spirituality.

Today, Celtic spirituality is defined by its focus on contemplation, an aspect of Christian prayer and spirituality that most commonly arises from a monastic form of life. A contemplative life is a life that is oriented toward a life of prayer in contrast to rational knowledge. Another distinguishing feature of Celtic spirituality, traceable to monastic life, is a view of the spiritual life as something sacramental, relational, and communal. Here, our sacramental life, that is our encounter with Christ in the sacraments, extends to the world more generally as nature itself becomes the theater for religious practice and encounter with God. This by consequence underscores the relational nature of God. Just as the Triune God is a community of persons united in one essence, so we as persons baptized into Christ are invited into relationship and into community with each other. In these ways, themes in Celtic spirituality are traceable to monastic forms of Christian practice. The history of monastic religious practice at the heart of Celtic spirituality then, opens for us a way of life oriented toward relationship, mystery, vulnerability, and hospitality.

At 6pm on Sunday, August 28th, we at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will host a Celtic Evensong & Holy Eucharist that will be based upon worship in the Celtic tradition from the Iona Community. This liturgy will incorporate Celtic hymnody, music, and liturgy. It will seek to take up themes in Celtic spirituality by creating a contemplative liturgy that allows for prayer and meditation. The service will include candlelight, contemplative music, and Holy Eucharist. I hope you will mark your calendar and join us for this most special service in the Celtic tradition.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Brian Albert +*

### SENIOR WARDEN'S THOUGHTS (CONTINUED FROM PG 2)

When the meals ship, Rise Against Hunger will share the name of the country to which the packages are traveling and identify the distribution partner who will ensure that the meals are nourishing lives.

Are you up for the challenge? With your hands-on involvement and donations, we can, not only take a stand against world hunger, but provide an opportunity for our community to engage in hands-on involvement in helping make our world a better place – a place without hunger.

Peace,

Dave Stein, Senior Warden

Outreach Chair

# AUCTION UPDATE AND THANK YOU TO A BELOVED COMMUNITY!

BY DON & JACKIE INGERSOLL

## **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for a Successful Youth Auction**

Thanks to the many hands that made St. Stephen's auction an enormous success. Thanks to:

Ami O'Neill and her crew, Kassidy, Norah, and Lachlan who prepared a fantastic Mexican feast.

Scott Armstrong our auctioneer extraordinaire who was always encouraging the audience to bid just a little more.

Evan DeCiantis and Christina for setting up the bar and being the bartenders.

Corinne Fragnoli who priced all the silent auction items.

Kim, Tony, and Peter Burean who created the program listing items for live auction, did the Power Point presentation of items, kept track of the bid winners, and collected and accounted for the payments.

The Youth who decorated, worked in the kitchen, did the clean up and helped with the live auction.

Crafting Kindness who donated many articles for auction and for sale, among them a quilt with a fishing theme. Shown on the quilt was a fishing vest that everyone thought was reminiscent of the one Fr. Johnathan Sams regularly wore. Long story short: A decision to give the quilt to him moved so many hearts that \$850 was raised, far more than quilts usually go for at our auctions. Fr. Jonathan was absolutely delighted!

And last, but not least, the parishioners who attended, donated, and bid to make this one of the most successful auctions ever.

### **Some facts and figures:**

The auction took in \$7,235, less expenses, we netted \$6,700.

The items donated by the youth (yard work, artwork, baked good items) generated \$1,215.

Jonathan's Quilt donations-\$850.

Because of your generosity, we were able to pay for our mission trip to Puerto Rico and still have a few dollars left in the account to cover any unexpected things that can pop up when traveling.

Thank you all again. St. Stephen's parishioners are awesome!!!



Fr. Jonathan with quilt, fishing vest and sandals!

**VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS**  
BY DON INGERSOLL, CLERK

Keeping you informed is a Vestry goal. We always have many near and long-term balls in the air. Here are snippets about a few.

- Supported Fr. Brian's plans for testing two new worship services: a Celtic service with music on some Sunday evenings, and a mid-day Eucharist on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Watch for kickoff details.
- Endorsed Fr. Brian's plan to hold a "Platinum" recognition service for parishioners 80 and better, which will be followed by a luncheon.
- Decided to create a committee to explore long-term opportunities for growing St. Stephens and the role a capital campaign might play in reaching our goals.
- Took steps to strengthen our safety and health while at Church by deciding to lock our back door during services [as recommended by law enforcement], and to arrange for training in CPR and use of our defibrillator. More measures are being explored.

Started setting up procedures for ensuring we comply with the recently updated "Safe Church" program of the National Episcopal Church. Members and staff whose roles put them in contact with kids or vulnerable adults will be required to periodically take online training; and in some cases, background checks will also be required. Anyone can volunteer for the training as we all have some interaction with vulnerable folks.

- Acknowledged a \$2,677 rebate from the Diocese of Michigan [1 month's tithe] arising from its 2021 operating fund surplus due to the pandemic and continuing to use cost saving measures such as virtual meetings. These funds will be held in reserve until later in the year when our needs and priorities will be clearer.
- Received an update on our plans for conducting a fundraiser/food packaging "Rise Against Hunger" event on September 24<sup>th</sup> to support starving people around the world. We will be seeking supplemental donations and helping hands from outside people and groups.
- Approved sending welcoming post cards to folks who move into selected Troy and Bloomfield Hills zip codes. Names and addresses will be obtained from the cities.
- Heard reports on and helped coordinate and find additional resources for our many missions and activities [auction, picnic, Puerto Rico Mission Trip, etc.].
- Certified the audit of our 2021 books [including the Endowment Fund's].

Have an idea? See a need? Want to help with something? Let any vestry member know. We need you. We are better when we all work together.

**Vestry meets the 4th Tuesday of the month**



**WANT TO GET THE WITNESS FASTER THAN SNAIL MAIL, AND HELP DEFRAY COSTS AT ST. STEPHEN'S?**

Please contact Ami in the office and have her add you to the growing email list. You will receive the Witness in an electronic (pdf) format, so it is more like a page by page instead of booklet form as it is when it is published. The good news is that you save the parish money in postage, you receive it faster, you can save it on your computer to review over the two months it covers, AND if you think the print is too tiny you can make it bigger on your screen! A win, win for all!





## A VIEW FROM THE PEW: SHOULD THE CHILDREN BE IN CHURCH? BY JIM CARNAGIE

We have all been in church when a little voice begins to whimper in the back. We feel a bit uncomfortable not only for the parents of the voice but for the voice as well. It is tough sitting there. We have all been in church when a small voice cries out “Amen!” or begins to sing. Those are lighter moments for most all to enjoy. We have all known someone at some time to mutter “take that child out. We have a nursery.”

However, what does the Bible say about children in church? Deuteronomy 31:12 says: “*Assemble the people---men, women, and children---so that they may hear and learn.*” Jesus said in Luke 18:16: “*Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them...*”

We at St Stephen’s had, before Covid, children activity bags with which a child could be occupied. But, is a child sitting in church, coloring a page or reading a book getting any benefit from being there?

Karol and I have three daughters. Two received religious teaching from Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Episcopal churches. They were “born again” into Baptist churches as young adults. Our oldest, her husband and children spent 6 years in Nicaragua, teaching and worshipping. We are immensely proud of them. Our youngest child, Elyse, is a “cradle to NOW” Episcopalian. She was in the second pew when she was one week old, and still is today.

As a third grader, we discovered that Elyse was dyslexic and could not read. She received special ed for the problem. One day she came home from school and announced that she got an “A” on a spelling test. I, being proud that I studied with her, asked if she studied the morning of the test. Without hesitation she replied “No, I prayed.”

Skip ahead to the next grade, in a parent-teacher conference, her teacher marveled about a classroom incident when she asked the class if they knew the name of the president. Elyse had shot up her hand and answered “Bill.” When the teacher asked her how she was so sure, Elyse replied “because every Sunday we pray for Bill our president and John our governor.”

More? Junior year in high school, Elyse came home and told us that they had a class during which they explored the things they wanted to do with their lives and what education they needed to accomplish their goals. “What did you learn?” I asked. She replied. “I learned that I either had to become a priest or a lawyer, and religion is a bit too political for me.” She is a lawyer today.

Let the children come to church.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Long Term Prayer Concerns:

As of 6/19/2022: Meghan Armstrong, Georgianna Badalow, Mary Bandsuch, Virginia Bennett, Mary Bishop, Tom Borowski, Steve Brokenshire, Marge & Bob Coughenour, Colin Davis, Jim Elwarner, Jane Essian, Ron Goetzke, Sherry Hyrkas, Greyson Ingersoll, Kenneth Ingersoll, Beverly Jackson, Robert Jackson, Denise Latkowski, Rick Lowery, Michael Monterosso, Phyllis Monterosso, Kenny Nelson, Kay Novak, Sharon Pruitt, Tara Riley, Zoey Rose, Sallie Salanty, Diane Staudacher, Aggie Thompson, Jerry Thorp, Ron Viergege, Sophie Wasik, Jane Wellman, Inge Wojas, Jerome Wojas, Julie Wojas, Ed Yates

### Military List:

Ian L’Hommedieu, Stephen L’Hommedieu, Jim Sands, Kyle Rogowski, Nathan Cremeans, Gordon Bagley, & Capt. John Zimmer

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

6/5/2022	Jon Burrell Jim Carnagie & Karol Sprague
6/12/2022	Barbara Cavendish Ed, Elaine & Amy Church
6/19/2022	Byron Converse Colin & Kathy Davis
6/26/2022	Ed& Kathy DeCiantis Olivia DeCiantis
7/3/2022	Caroline & Donovan Dengler Brady & Keegan  Melissa & Daniel Duggan Madeleine, Connor & Emmett
7/10/2022	Jay & Emily Edwards Jan & Dave Eldon
7/17/2022	Marilyn & James Elwarner Alex & Erinma Ezeugwa Kamsi & Kachi
7/24/2022	Sarah & Brian Fanning Margaret Fielder
7/31/2022	Nancy Fisher Corinne & Steve Fragnoli Garret
8/7/2022	Kris & Ken Fuhr Tammy & Daniel Gerard Katelyn, Andrew, Brendan & Emily
8/14/2022	Marilyn Gilbert Helen & Alan Giles
8/21/2022	Liz Golding Joanne Gondert
8/28/2022	Sue Gore Bonnie Gross

## A BIT OF HUMOR TO LIGHTEN THE DAY

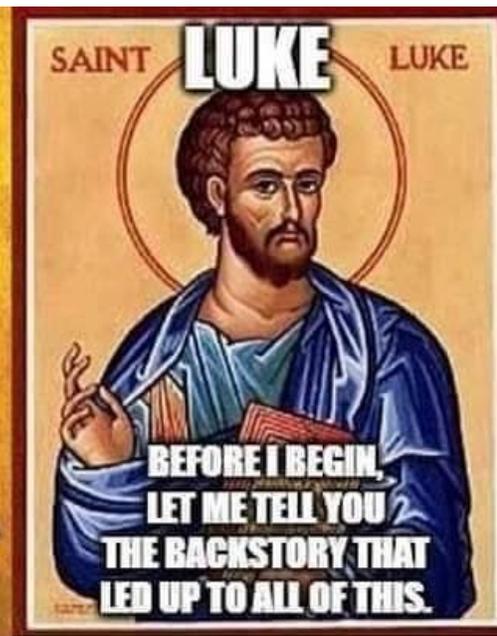
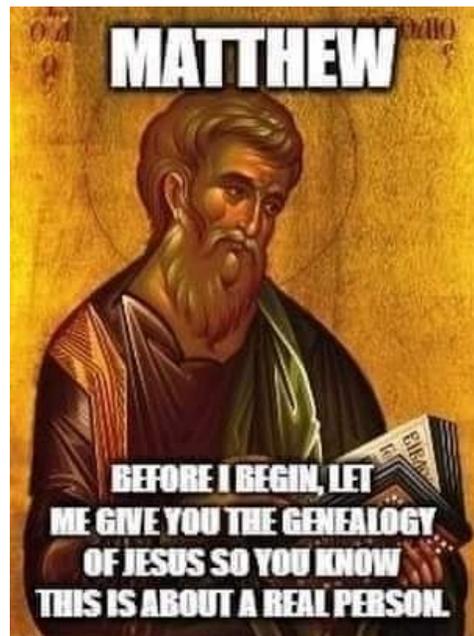
THE YOUTH GROUP DECIDES TO PREPARE THE SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



*Fortunately for those attending the Auction this year, our youth rock at preparing a Mexican Fiesta!*

*"I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me... they're cramming for their final exam."*

George Carlin



## FROM THE KITCHEN OF “FEEDING THE FLOCK”

Back again with recipes from the 80s St. Stephen’s Cookbook. Here are two for Summer. I had to laugh when I saw that the first recipe in the book was from Alice Brandon. I can picture her bringing this to a church social gathering for sure. The second recipe, I am told, is the best church picnic dish.

### **Black Caviar Pie** by Alice Brandon page 1

Empty 1 jar (2-3 oz) black lumpfish or caviar into a fine strainer. Rinse with cool water.

Spread mustard eggs (see below) smoothly in a 10” round or flat dish. Top with 1 c chopped green onions and 1 jar (2oz) sliced pimentos, drained. Cover, chill about 1 hour. Blend until smooth 2 packages (3oz) cream cheese and 1/3 cup sour cream. Spoon over onions, Chill another hour or until the next day. Just before serving spoon the caviar into the center of the sour cream. Serve with crackers.

Mustard eggs: In processor combine 6 hard-cooked eggs with 1/3 c butter, 2 tsp Dijon mustard and 2 tsp white wine vinegar and salt to taste. Process until smooth.

### **Pork ‘N Beans** by Denise Pope pg. 188

1 large can Pork ‘N Beans

1 small can Pork ‘N Beans

1 can butter beans

1 can kidney beans

1/2 to 1 lb hamburger

Onions and celery chopped

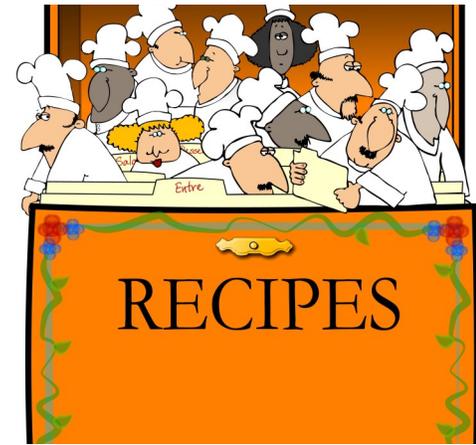
1/2 lb bacon

1/2 to 1 c catsup

1/2 c white sugar

1/2 to 1 c brown sugar

Mix all beans, sugars and catsup together. Brown hamburger, bacon, onions and celery together. Add two mixtures together and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



*Do you have a favorite recipe to share, send it to [witness@ststephenstroy.org](mailto:witness@ststephenstroy.org) Everyone enjoys a new or old dish. Looking for Fall favorites for next issue.*



## A BRIEF HISTORY ON FATHER'S DAY BY DAVE STEIN

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Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. Americans resisted the holiday during the first few decades, perceiving it as just an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother's Day, and newspapers frequently featured cynical and sarcastic attacks and jokes. By the mid-1980s Father's Day was widely observed and had become a commercial success.

In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September, and is not a public holiday. The Father's Day Council of Victoria annually recognizes fathers in the Father of the Year Award. Russia also celebrates differently than other parts of the world. Russia continues the USSR tradition of celebrating Defender of the Fatherland Day instead of Father's Day. It is usually called "Men's Day" and considered the Russian equivalent of Father's Day.

In Brazil, Father's Day is celebrated 3 months after Mother's Day. The date was selected in honor of St. Joachim, the patron saint of fathers and grandfathers. It is not an official holiday, but it is widely observed and typically involves spending time with and giving gifts to one's father.

In Germany, Father's Day is always celebrated on Ascension Day, which is a federal holiday. Regionally, it is also called Men's Day, or Gentlemen's Day. It is tradition for groups of males (young and old but usually excluding pre-teenage boys) to do a hiking tour with one or more smaller wagons, pulled by manpower (this is fun?). In the wagons are wine or beer and traditional regional food (ah, now it makes sense!)

In Spain and Italy, according to the Roman Catholic tradition, fathers are celebrated on Saint Joseph's Day, March 19. In Italy it is not a public holiday. In Spain it is celebrated in some regions as a public holiday.

In the Philippines, like many countries, Father's Day is not an official holiday, but it is widely observed on the 3rd Sunday of June. Most Filipinos born in the 1960s and 1970s did not celebrate Father's Day, but Filipinos now follow this tradition and other American holidays, due to the influence of the United States through television and the internet.

In India, Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June and is not a public holiday. Father's Day is not an Indian tradition, though in the Vedas, a father has always been given an extremely high status held in supreme veneration and next only to God.

## CRAFTING KINDNESS UPDATE BY JILL STEIN

Dear Crafters,

Happy June! Carol and I thank each of you who helped create beautiful pillowcases that were taken to Wellspring Lutheran Services. The pillowcases were distributed to the youth residents in their care.

We are presently making shirt-savers or bibs (pictured below) to distribute to American House, Avalon and a few other assisted living facilities that appreciate these donations. The seniors have asked for these senior shirt-savers or dignity scarves as they are so very useful. It is summer, and we will have bib kits available at St. Stephen's to continue sewing over the summer months. Many have already sewn some bibs and they are great. Reach out to Jill or Carol and we will make sure a kit is available for you over the summertime.

Let's all enjoy the summer months ahead. We will meet again in the fall to craft and sew together. May you all have enough sun, warmth and rest until we meet again this fall. God Bless!

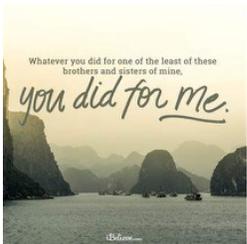
In appreciation,  
Jill Stein and Carol Koenig



## OUTREACH NEEDS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 12 Volunteers to serve lunch at Crossroads in Detroit on Sunday, **June 26th** from 7:30AM until 1PM. Car pool from church parking lot is an option. Let Dave Stein know if you are interested.
- 5-6 Volunteers for the RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on Monday, **July 18th**. Let Dave Stein know if you can help out.
- Food items and paper products (TP) for Lighthouse always!



## A MEDITATION TO PONDER ON FROM ST. AUGUSTINE

LET OUR LIVES BE GOOD

Bad times! Troublesome times! This is what people are saying. Let our lives be good and the times will be good. For we make our own times. Such as we are, such are the times.

What can we do? Maybe we cannot convert masses of people to a good life. But let the few who do hear live well. Let the few who live well endure the many who live badly.— sermon 30,8

Prayer:

O Truth, light of my heart, let not my shadows speak to me. Let me not be my own life, for I lived badly on my own power and was deadly to myself. In You, however, I live again. It is You Who speak and converse with me.—Confessions 12,10

Excerpts from Augustine Day by Day for July 4 pg 101







## GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES



### **Margaret O'Neill: Class of 2022 Hope College**

I just graduated with a BA from Hope College (Holland, MI). I double majored in Neuroscience and Classical Studies with a minor in Psychology. Basically, I really like the brain and ancient languages. I am proud to say that I made the Dean's List all eight semesters (summa cum laude), am part of Psy Chi (a psychology honors society), and received a Sigma Xi award (research and scholarship).

Throughout my four years, I was a full-time student and worked part time for the college in a variety of jobs (dining services, physical plant, biology department, tutoring). I was a member of the Hope College Orchestra for three years, where I played cello. I also joined a Brazilian Drumming Ensemble this past semester. Additionally, I dabbled in yoga and multicultural student organizations. During my senior year, I did a capstone conducting research on cortical response and somatosensation (i.e., brain activity and touch).

While these last few years have been a whirlwind, I can honestly say that they have been amazing. Although I have now experienced just about every possible mode of teaching and learning, I have loved learning about so many different topics (shout out to liberal arts).

I am currently employed and working remotely for the University of Michigan Emergency Medicine Department. I am a Clinical Subjects Associate, which just means that I follow-up with previously recruited subjects and make sure they remember to participate in our study. I plan on working with U of M for the next year or so, and then looking at graduate school in either neuro or psych.

### **Garret Fragnoli: Class of 2022 Hope College**

Garret Fragnoli graduated *cum laude* from Hope College on May 8th, 2022, with a Bachelor of Arts in both Business and Psychology. He was a four-year member of the Men's Lacrosse team where he was a part of two MIAA tournament championships and earned All MIAA 2nd team honors his senior season. He also worked as a tour guide for the Office of Admissions for three years. In addition to his role in admissions, he also served as the *Recruit Liaison* for the Men's Lacrosse team. Upon graduating Garret is pursuing full time employment in business through Sales and Marketing or Human Resource related positions in the Detroit area.



## WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS



### David Burean– New Eagle Scout

David recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. For his project, he constructed a fence around a 100-year-old red brick catch basin and designed and installed the historical sign. The basin, discovered during road construction in 2020, was installed on the Polly Ann Trail in Oxford.

*Congratulations, David!*



### 2022 MEMORIAL DAY 4 MILE RUN/2 MILE WALK

This annual event is sponsored by the Beverly Hills Lions Club of which several parishioners of St. Stephens are members. Some of our youngest in the parish also participated. Here are Emmett & Tristan Thiel and Caleb & Ethan Sobolewski with their grandfather, Roy Waters, demonstrating that you are never too young to join a good cause. This Memorial Day activity was organized by the Lions Club of Beverly Hills to raise money for Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester.

*Very proud of you boys!*

### ***PUERTO RICO HERE THEY COME!***

In July, Father Brian, Evan DeCiantis, Scott Armstrong, Ami O'Neill, Jackie Ingersoll, Peter and David Burean, Greyson and Chloe Ingersoll, Norah and Kassidy O'Neill, Max Burean, and Chase Gunther will journey on a mission trip. It is wonderful that this group will be able to work with the Diocese of Puerto Rico in Ponce repairing and painting houses and gardening. Puerto Rico has dealt with significant infrastructure issues due to the last hurricanes. They will also get to see the rainforest and tour Old San Juan.

Father Brian blessed our group on Youth Sunday. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures in the Fall Witness. God bless and keep you all safe, and walk every step of the way with you as you bring light to those in need.





## GETTING TO KNOW....OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 2022



**LACHLAN O'NEILL**

Lachlan O'Neill, class of 2022 graduate, Troy High. At an early age, Lachlan had a passion for Japanese studies. She was first introduced to Japanese culture through the movie, *The Last Samurai*. The idea of a whole different lifestyle fascinated her and filled her with wonder. Throughout the course of middle school, Lachlan shifted her interests toward Japanese history, and she continued to explore that curiosity through research. Lachlan started the first Japanese Club at Troy High in her freshman year. From that moment forward, she was heavily involved in Japanese extracurriculars--from being president of the school's club to participating in college-level events. Her favorite experience was her participation in a program that allowed high schoolers to talk live to students from Japan through Zoom.

Lachlan is a kind-hearted young woman filled with ambition. Her family has given her so much love and support, she hopes it will only grow in the future. Lachlan will miss all the random, fun, and unforgettable moments with her family when she is away at college.

Lachlan O'Neill plans to attend Oakland University in the fall of 2022 and hopes to study abroad in the coming years. She is excited to begin college and cannot wait to see what the future holds. Lachlan would like to thank St. Stephen's for the many opportunities for her to grow in love and faith. She feels that she has the courage to face the future with the foundation provided by both her family and church community.

"If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed." ~David Viscott



**DAVID BUREAN**

David Burean attended Oxford Schools for his entire school career. He has always been extremely driven and strives to excel in everything he does.

He has been active at St. Stephen's, serving as an acolyte for the last 10 years and volunteering extensively. David has been a part of Scouts since first grade and earned his Eagle Scout rank in March.

David loves school and never misses an opportunity to get involved. He has been part of the Marching and Jazz Bands all 4 years and a member of the Swim team for 3 years. He co-founded the Jazz Combo with a group of fellow musicians and was a part of the Pit Orchestra for the musical *Newsies* this spring.

David has also been continually active in National Honor Society and has volunteered for many community activities and projects. He is a top student who has challenged himself with several AP & IB classes during high school and has maintained over a 4.1 GPA even while having so much on his plate. He achieved the honor of being a Top Scholar, which means he is in the top twenty-five students out of his class of almost 400.

In his free time, David enjoys playing and competing in board game competitions and video game tournaments. He loves traveling to unfamiliar places and learning about other cultures. David also loves learning how to play different musical instruments. His main instruments are the piano and trumpet, but he has recently taken up the French horn, soprano saxophone, and bass guitar.

David will be attending Purdue University in the fall to study Actuarial Science and Statistics. He is looking forward to the next chapter in his life. He has been fortunate to grow up in this caring church community that has given him such a strong foundation on which to build future success!

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Weekly Opportunities**

Eucharist Service Rite I on Sunday at 8 am

Choral Eucharist Service Rite II on Sunday at 10 am

Live Stream of Sunday 10 am on St. Stephen's Private Facebook page and YouTube Channel

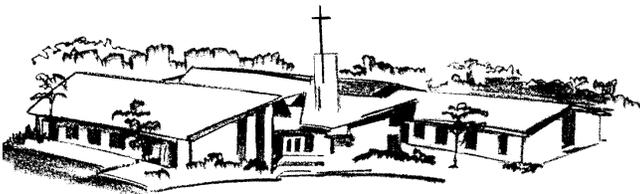
Men's Bible Study-Friday's 9 AM at Leo's Coney Island on Opdyke Rd

The QR Code (right) will take you to our Website, just take a picture of it with your phone or use a QR reader app. See Kris Fuhr if you need assistance doing this.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- \* July 4th to July 8th Office closed for Green Week
- \* July 5th to 11th Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
- \* July 18th Blood Drive
- \* August 17th Platinum Recognition Service and Luncheon
- \* August 28th 6PM Celtic Evensong & Eucharist Service
- \* **September 24, 2022 Saturday Rise Against Hunger Day**
- \* Coming in the Fall, Wednesday weekday services TBA



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