

The Guide

A Newsletter of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

June 2023



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Reflections from your Rector (Interim)

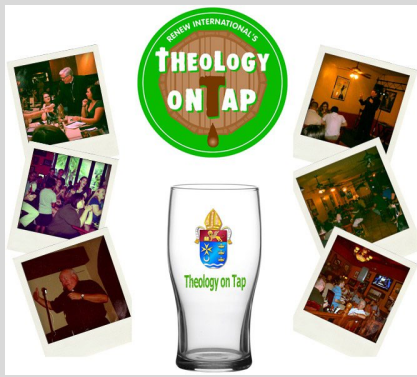


After Pentecost we enter a church season of green, just like the outside world. And just like the outside world, we will grow and change and even bear fruit, the fruit of our discipleship to Jesus our Christ. In the coming months we will hear stories in our weekly worship about the original disciples; this year the stories will come from Matthew (see bible study announcement). We will be invited to consider what we as followers of Jesus might do to continue in the way of love. Discipleship is a discipline of love, not romantic love of course but love as compassion, respect, justice and dignity for all people. And this love that we have is given to us freely by God. Through Jesus we saw how it works in real life and finally in the end, we saw that love conquers even death. Am I telling you to love everyone? You bet I am! That doesn't mean putting up with bad behavior (as a famous frog once said, "It's not easy being green!") but it does mean allowing everyone the dignity and respect they inherently deserve as God's beloveds. This summer cultivate your loving response to the world in a whole bunch of ways; pray for people willy nilly, help when and where you can, shower a smile on folks you may not know, and the list goes on. Let the Son shine through you this summer. Let's go green with LOVE!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Colin Jepson
on his high school graduation.
Special prayers for you as you begin
the next adventure of life.





Theology on Tap

Thursday, June 15, 5:30 p.m.
at Kinkaider's

*Interesting voices,
Good company,
Lively conversation*

Leaving Church Book Group

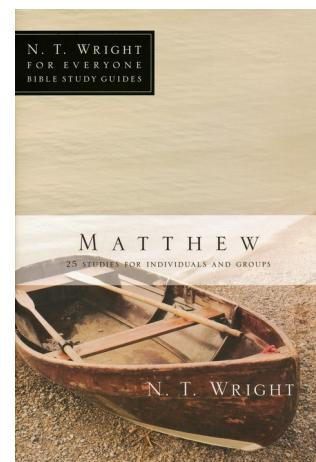


Fridays at 10 a.m. in the church office area

Take a more personal look at faith as we explore the spiritual memoir of Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor. One of the premier preachers in the Episcopal Church and a professor of religion, This story of her faith is all about her own life in a parish as their priest and how she grew in her calling as a beloved of God. Taylor writes exquisitely and in the plain spoken, heartfelt words of her thoughts, feelings and prayers. Get a behind the scenes look at church and get to know one of the most brilliant authors in the Episcopal Church.

New Bible Study Starting this Weekend

Starting the first Saturday in June, we are switching it up in our bible study. Using N. T. Wright's book, *Matthew for Everyone*, we will read, learn and inwardly digest (to paraphrase a prayer) the entire gospel for this year. Each week we will take a small portion of both the gospel and the book and explore the meanings and pearls available to us in this gospel. You are welcome to join in person or on zoom. If you're interested in "zooming in" please let Rev. Susanna know so she can send out the necessary invitation to you.



Save the Date - June 11

Farewell to Lynne Nuss Celebration



Join us as we send our parish secretary off to her retirement with a festive lunch. We will provide the chicken; you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Lunch will be after our worship.

Make a Call, Send a Card, Say a Prayer

On Our Prayer Lists

Those in need of healing or for other concerns: Don, Jayda, Nancy, Russell, Hayden, Sandra, Dan O'Hare, Elliot, Daina, Joalie, Corrine, Rene, Hunter, Mike and Donna, Cindy, Laney, Don, Mike, Terri, Derek, Jaclyn, Stan, Liesa, Dow, Ana, Jim, Karen, Nancy

Homebound: Lloyd, Melba and Paul Kunzelman, Sue, and Donna

*Prayer requests can be emailed to Donna at dowesm@yahoo.com
The prayer lists are printed in the bulletin weekly and monthly in The Guide. If you would like to add a name (or remove a name) from the prayer list or add birthdays and anniversaries, please call the church office at 308-382-4961 or email Lynne.*

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Courtney Berg - June 3
Dan Govier - June 7
Jenny Dobbins - June 8
Paul Fischer - June 10
David Stoddard - June 19
Fred Roeser - June 20
Mike Smith - June 20
Tanner Cook - June 22
Bob Dobbins - June 27

Anniversary Congrats to:

Dave & Nancy Huston - June 2
David & Cathi Swift - June 2
Rod & Sue Clement - June 3
Sean & Jenny Cook - June 18
Mike & Cris McElroy - June 21
George & Fran Wheat - June 23

How Can YOU Connect with St. Stephen's?

Worship Services

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Christian Education

Book Group, Friday mornings, 10 a.m.
Bible Study, Saturday mornings, 9 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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