

# St. Stephen's Herald

✦ *St. Stephen's Episcopal Church serves Christ as an inclusive, progressive community where peace, social justice and faith converge in our worship and urban ministries.* ✦

November 2017

Sunday Worship 10 AM – Communion with Music

## Our Discernment Process Continues

A letter was sent this past week to all current parishioners, summarizing the results of the meeting on Oct 29. We'll meet once again to continue the discussion this Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, after the service. Please **bring your letter** (and any notes you may have made). We'll just have a few extra copies on hand.

Watch your classic mail / e-mail for more communications as we work our way through this discernment. We will definitely gather again on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December, the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Fare Thee Well

November 5<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday that Pastor Matthew will be with us. Demands on his time from the South Wedge Mission, and family, have brought him to this change. We are grateful for the time we spent walking and learning together.

## Please Welcome Sandy!

The Rev. Sandy Cordingley will be our long-term Supply Clergy beginning Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you have a pastoral concern, please contact our deacon, the Rev. Lynne McNulty at 585-328-4494 or [lmcnult2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lmcnult2@rochester.rr.com). The wardens, Bonnie Hallman-Dye (585-975-9227) and David Morse (585-328-8422), should be contacted with any parish concerns.

## November 5<sup>th</sup> is the First Sunday

On the first Sunday each month, any loose cash in the offering plate goes into the priest's discretionary account to help those from the neighborhood who come to the church for help. Please be generous if you are able.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

St. Stephen's will provide a Thanksgiving meal to 30 families in SW Rochester. We are collecting items for the baskets every Sunday. SWEM



is providing chickens and some fresh produce from Foodlink for free.

**The congregations will need to provide the rest of the food.** Below is a list of needed items. Please be generous! Food donations can be placed in the box in the back of the church!

**OR – Give Money!** Pressed for time? Shopping for a complete basket costs about \$30.

## The Thanksgiving Basket List –

*Clip N Shop! Bring any item any week.  
Qty is per basket.*

- Instant Mashed Potatoes (plain, not flavored)  
two 6 oz or one 15 oz boxes
- Boxed Stuffing two 6 oz or one 12 oz
- Gravy – 2 cans/jars
- Sweet Potatoes / Yams - 2 lg cans
- Canned Fruit - 2 lg or 4 sm
- Canned Vegetables - 6 per Basket peas, corn & carrots
- Jellied Cranberry Sauce
- Cake Mix & Frosting
- Optional – Tea / Instant Coffee / Hot Chocolate mix
- Treats – dinner mints, chocolates...



## Sunday Supper

Looking ahead to the Holidays, we will be giving out personal care items for SSSS Christmas gifts this year. We are looking for donations of full size items: soap, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and facial tissue.

We continue to need juice boxes for the kids bags (they haven't been available through Foodlink lately). And always -- Recycle your plastic shopping bags with us!

## Remaining Schedule for 2017 SSSS:

- November 19th and 26th
- December 17th (Christmas Party) and 24th\*\*

\*\* NOTE: Christmas Eve meal will be from 12-1PM  
There will NOT be a meal on Dec.31<sup>st</sup>

## Regularly Scheduled Parish Activities

Holy Eucharist: Sundays @ SS	10:00 AM
Mindful Meditation: Tuesdays @ SS	7:00 PM
Weekday Eucharist: Tues. & Thurs. @ TS	12:05 PM
The Sewing Work Shop: Saturdays @ SS	10 AM-2 PM
St. Stephen's Sunday Supper @ SS	1:00-2 PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	

## Prayers for Our Parish Neighborhood and Community

### Please keep these people in your daily prayers:

Elsie Glendenning, Rose, Jim Fallesen, Shelia Morse, Jim Ahearn and family Jason Mills, Joan Gardner, Lynne & Brian McNulty, Kathy Robinson, Doris Schrader, Dennis Price, Maelee Bowman, The Sullivan family, Tom Bohrer, Kathy Clarke, Karen Witkowicz, Debbie Bonomo, Rachael Bisson, Karen Prave, Elizabeth Robinson, Michelle Flowers; Amber Worthington, Beverly Kluge, Virginia Rockwell, Joe and Jessie & family, Mary Cleary, Jesse Alston, and Kristen Kinsella

**Those serving in our armed forces:** Joseph Scheidt, Jason Brown, & Jeff Fallesen.

**Those Celebrating Birthdays** Stella Wang (11/1), Rosemund Ibezim (11/6), Tim Burrows (11/12), Mary-Ellen Lederhouse (11/13), Shada Ramsahai (11/14), Kyle Tingling (11/23), William Drayton (11/30) **and those celebrating Anniversaries** Tom Bohrer & Mitzie Collins (11/22).

### Readings for Sunday, November 5

Pentecost 22 / Proper 26

- 1: Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43  
2: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 G: Matthew 3:1-12

### Readings for Sunday, November 12

Pentecost 23 / Proper 27

- 1: Solomon 6:12-16 Psalm 70  
2: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 G: Matthew 25:1-13

### Readings for Sunday, November 19

Pentecost 24 / Proper 28

- 1: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 Psalm 90: 1-8, (9-11), 12  
2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 G: Matthew 25:14-30

### Readings for Sunday, November 26

Christ the King

- 1: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a  
2: Ephesians 1:15-23 G: Matthew 25:31-46

## Who's Up... in November

The Ministry Schedule is on the website,  
or refer to the copy that was in the mail.

*Drop Off on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> !!!*

### And... SWEM Christmas Baskets

Churches, organizations, businesses, and just plain folks from all over the southwest side of greater Rochester have been participating in the SWEM Christmas Basket project for years. The basket list is printed below, clip it out to tuck in with your grocery list. "Baskets" (decorate a box or use a laundry basket) **must be dropped off** at the Montgomery Neighborhood Center, 10 Cady St., on two Sundays: December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 2 pm.

If you are able, consider putting together a basket yourself, or ask a friend to share, or do it as a family. Your generosity will touch many lives this Christmas.

Please provide your basket 'reservation' to SWEM: call Karen at 235-4494 or e-mail [SWEM.services1@gmail.com](mailto:SWEM.services1@gmail.com)

### *Clip-N-Shop...*

#### SWEM Christmas Basket Shopping List

Canned Fruit Cocktail or any fruit: 1 lg or 2 sm  
Condensed Soup - 2 cans any flavor  
Instant Mashed Potatoes (plain, not flavored)  
size - 2: 6 oz or 1: 15 oz boxes  
Sweet Potatoes / Yams - 1 large or 2 sm cans  
Boxed Stuffing  
9 Canned Veg: 3 each: peas, corn, or carrots, etc.  
Jellied Cranberry 'Sauce'  
Gravy - 2  
Cake Mix & Frosting OR Brownie Mix OR  
Pie Filling & Crust Mix  
Jello - any flavor

#### Optional:

Sm instant coffee / tea bags / hot choc mix  
Box of hot roll mix or cornbread  
Candies, mints, or other treats, holiday napkins & tableware.

**Plus \$10** for a Chicken, Eggs & Margarine  
Please send a check made out to SWEM, and **hand it to a person** when you drop off your basket - **do not leave it in the basket!**

*Do Not Include any Perishable items! Baskets are un-refrigerated for over 1 week before delivery.*