

# The Ambassador

September 2017

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

*A vital, eclectic Episcopal congregation  
committed to the ministry of all the baptized.*

good bye  
**SUMMER**  
hello  
**AUTUMN**

### From Fr. Jamie

As hard it is to admit it, summer is gone. There's a bit of nip in the air in the mornings.

We now turn our attention to Fall. A change of season means renewal and a hopeful looking forward. This Fall certainly has a lot to offer all of us at St. Stephen's. It will be a busy autumn, but busy is a good thing. Busy for us means vitality and doing the work we have been called to do.

We look forward into our future with a sense of wonderment at how God continues to work in our individual lives and in our collective life throughout all the seasons here at St. Stephen's. Each season brings new opportunities for ministry and service to God and one another. It is a very good time to be here at St. Stephen's.

Please know as you prepare for Fall and all the events that are happening in your life that my prayers for you continue on a daily basis. Please remember me in your prayers as well.

*Fr. Jamie+*

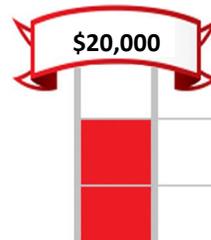
### Great Plains Food Bank – September 30

Another opportunity to package food at the Great Plains Food Bank is coming up at the end of September. We are scheduled for Saturday, September 30 from 10 a.m. – Noon. We need at least 12 volunteers, but they can accommodate up to 20 at one time. If you are interested in participating and are available, please mark your calendars and put your name on the sign-up sheet in the undercroft. This is a great opportunity to help address hunger in our part of the world, as well as a good time for fellowship with others from our congregation.



### John Anderson Ordination Update

**Deacons Called To Serve** John Anderson met with the Commission on Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota on Friday, August 18, at Gethsemane Cathedral. The next day he was accepted as a Postulant for Holy Orders. John is currently pursuing a calling to serve as a vocation Deacon.



### Capital Campaign Launch

Sunday, September 10, marks the start of the St. Stephen's Capital Campaign – our first in more than 20 years. The Vestry has established a goal of \$20,000 to fund a variety of pressing needs, including replacement of the undercroft windows, much-needed new carpet in the rectory, a new water meter shut-off, and an upgrade to the church's electrical service. The Capital Campaign committee (Beth Demmons, Mike Morrissey, Amy Phillips, and Leo Wilking) has plans for a number of fundraising events, including a direct mail appeal, a Jumble/Book sale on October 7, a silent auction featuring donations from parishioners, and an "indulgence drop bucket" into which you can drop the money you have saved from going without a Starbucks coffee, a family dinner at a restaurant, or a trip to the movies. The progress of the campaign will be tracked on a "fundraising thermometer" in the undercroft. Please prayerfully consider the needs of our church and make a contribution.

# Sunday, September 10

**Established**  
**1956**

## Dedication Sunday

Dedication Sunday will be Sunday, September 10. Please join us as we celebrate our 61st year of ministry.

A potluck will follow the Eucharist, so please plan on bringing something delicious to share.



## Welcome New Members

On Dedication Sunday, September 10, we will welcome any new members who would

like to be recognized. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Stephen's and would like to be recognized as a new member, please contact Fr. Jamie .



## Blessing of Backpacks

On Sunday, September 10, we will bless backpacks once again. Please come and have your backpacks blessed during the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist.



## Children's Chapel Begins

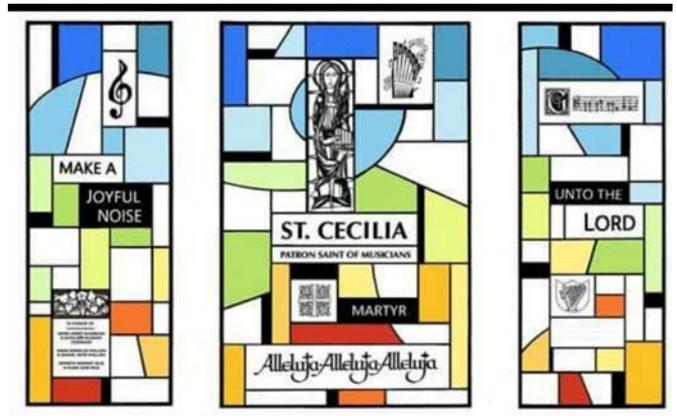
Children's Chapel will start up again on September 10. We will commission and bless Children's

Chapel students, leaders, and helpers on that Sunday.

St. Stephen's is in need of 2-3 additional Children's Chapel leaders. This is a wonderful ministry in the church and the children enjoy it. A Children's Chapel Assistant helps each leader, and the church has a nice selection of materials for this relaxed but important activity. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Amy Phillips ([kaphillip@gmail.com](mailto:kaphillip@gmail.com)) or Mike Morrissey ([mikemorrissey1@mac.com](mailto:mikemorrissey1@mac.com)).

## Window Dedication

On Dedication Sunday, September 10, we will be dedicating and blessing our fourth stained glass window. The window commemorates St. Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, and will honor our long-time music ministry at St. Stephen's.



## Blessing of Pets

Join us on Sunday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m. as we celebrate our animal companions and honor St. Francis of Assisi with a service of Blessing of Pets. We will gather in front of the church for the service.



## Saying Goodbye to the Stewarts

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Jan and Mike Stewart on Sunday, August 27. They moved to Pittsburgh on August 30.



## Adult Education & Spiritual Formation Sessions

The Vestry's Education Committee (Mike Morrissey and Amy Phillips) is planning monthly adult education/spiritual formation sessions for the coming months. These one-hour sessions are relaxed conversations open to anyone who would like to chat with other members of St. Stephen's about particular topics as chosen by the facilitators. No previous knowledge of the topic is necessary! The sessions will take place on designated dates at approximately 12:45 p.m. in the church office (lower level). The first session will be October 15.

**October 15, 12:45 p.m.** -- "The Communication Skills of Jesus." Participants will look at the ways in which Jesus interacted with people, and how we can model our own interactions on Jesus'. Please bring a Bible! John Anderson is the facilitator.

If you are interested in facilitating a session, please contact Mike Morrissey ([mikemorrissey1@mac.com](mailto:mikemorrissey1@mac.com)) or Amy Phillips ([kaphillip@gmail.com](mailto:kaphillip@gmail.com)).



## Pride 2017

Thank you all for making St. Stephen's presence at FM Pride in the Park today a strong one. I was not counting but we had a steady stream of people at our table all afternoon. (Thanks, William, for setting us up with the beading project. It was a very good idea.) Our gentle witness is important to the LGBTQ community and to the St. Stephen's family.

God's Peace,  
Steve Bolduc



Steve Bolduc speaking with visitors at the St. Stephen's table at Pride in the Park.



Sandy Holbrook, Donna Clark, William Weightman and Scott McLawhorn at Pride in the Park.

## St. Stephen's Diversity Audit October 29

Our own Darcy Corbitt-Hall developed a Diversity Audit for institutions to explore how their processes, procedures, and policies might unintentionally undermine a stated commitment to diversity and inclusion. On Sunday, October 29, 12:45 p.m., Steve Bolduc will introduce and review the audit tool and also formulate a plan for conducting the audit and then following up on the results. If you would like to help implement the audit or are just interested in learning.



## Sundaes on Sunday

St. Stephen's served up 58 sundaes and raised \$400 for the Pride Collective and Community Center at the 5th Annual Sundaes on Sunday event on August 20. Thanks to the many volunteers who set up and took down tents, tables, and chairs and served up ice cream and toppings: John Baird, Steve Bolduc, Lavonne Marrubio, Mike and Susan Morrissey, Amy Phillips and Dan Rice, the Sando family, Mike and Jan Stewart, the Tackling family, and Leo Wilking.



Steve Bolduc speaking with visitors at the St. Stephen's table at Pride in the Park.

## Around St. Stephen's



**Maxwell Jane Bartholomay-Bereth** was baptized at her home on Saturday, August 26.



**Katie Sando and Kristofer Sando** did great jobs on their first Sunday as acolytes.



**Geraldine Parsley and Jason Olson** were married at Dead Colt Creek south of Lisbon, ND on Saturday, August 19. Fr. Jamie officiated at the service.



**Deanna Berend Ragan** celebrated her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 15

**LOOK  
What's  
New!**

The deadline for articles for the Ambassador is the last Monday of the month for the upcoming month. The deadline for the October Ambassador is **Monday, September 25.**



### Have Gently Worn Clothing to Share?

The Vestry has been informed of a local group in downtown Fargo in need of clothing to give men and women trying to find new or better employment. Open Doors 65 works closely with families and individuals trying to get on their feet or improve their situation. Staff provide fellowship, information, counsel, and encouragement to individuals. They carefully inventory the clothing they have available. Each person is accompanied to the clothing area and dressing rooms and assisted in finding the type of clothing they need in the correct size. Right now the most urgent need is for men's clothing. Please bring clothing to the church and, for the time being, put bags of clothing in the corner next to the Great Plains barrel or hand it on the coat rack in that corner. Vestry will deliver the donations to Open Doors 65.

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## Schedule of Ministries at St. Stephen's for September-October

Schedule	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	
Acolyte		N. Demmons	Meister	Holbrook	
Altar Guild		Phillips/ Bolduc	Nylander	Phillips/Bolduc	
Worship Ldr/EM		Anderson	Baird	Holbrook	
Lector		Nylander	Clark	DuFault	
Usher		Bolduc	Anderson	Hill	
		Clark	Pitzel	Nylander	
Euch. Visitor		Clark	Weightman	Holbrook	
Coffee		Demmons	Clark	Marubbio	
		Holbrook	Templeton	Wilson	
Cleaning		Marubbio	Marubbio	Clark	
Children's Chapel		Leader: Clark Assist: Templeton	Leader: Morrissey Assist: Weightman	Leader: Rice Assist: Wilking	
Schedule	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Acolyte	Katie Sando	Kristofer Sando	N. Demmons	Anderson	Meister
Altar Guild	Hauan	Hauan	Holbrook	Holbrook	Marubbio
Worship Ldr/EM	Wilking	Weightman	Anderson	Baird	J. Sando
Lector	Hill	Holbrook	McMullen	Morrissey	Nylander
Usher	Phillips	Wilson	P. Sando	Bolduc	Anderson
	Rice	Wilking	Kristofer Sando	Clark	Pltzel
Euch. Visitor	Baird	Clark	Anderson	Holbrook	Weightman
Coffee	Morrissey	Sando	Tackling	POTLUCK	Andersons
Cleaning	Clark	Holbrook	Holbrook	Bolduc	Bolduc
Children's Chapel	Leader: Bolduc Assist: Holbrook	Leader: Gelinske Assist: Gelinske	Leader: Clark Assist: McMullen	Leader: Morrissey Assist: S. Tackling	Leader: Rice Assist: Holbrook

\*Communion is available for those who are unable to attend Sunday worship. Please call the church to request communion after the Sunday service.

\*\*If you are unavailable to serve on a date when you are assigned, please find a substitute and let James ([evensong2@gmail.com](mailto:evensong2@gmail.com)) now who the substitute will be as early as possible so he can include the correct names in the bulletins.