

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Tom Bradley & Sandra Gregory to the glory of God and in honor of our son Bryan, on his birthday.

New Members & Baptism: We welcome Jeremy and Esther Lee who joined as members of our congregation last Sunday, February 17, 2019. We are also pleased to announce that Elizabeth, Rebekah and David Lee, their children were baptized last Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. service. Please congratulate the Lee family!

General Conference Info Sessions: A called General Conference of the United Methodist Church will convene February 23- 26 to address the recommendations of The Commission on a Way Forward. St. Stephen's will hold two sessions to provide detailed information on the results: 3/7 in the Fireside Room at 7:30 pm and 3/14 in M18/20 at 2 pm. In addition, the Alexandria District will hold an info session on 3/13.

Praying our Way Forward: UMCPrays.org: Every United Methodist is invited to:

- Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24 hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid afternoon. That fast does not have to be from food but could be from social media, emails or another daily activity.
- Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for 4 minutes from 2:23 to 2:26 am or pm or at another time. This is because the Special Session of the General Conference will be held February 23 through February 26.
- Pray using a weekly calendar that is posted on UMCPrays.org. The calendar will list a unique cluster of names each week which will balance United States bishops and delegates with Central Conference bishops and delegates. It will also include other individuals whose work is important to the General Conference session.

Do You Need Prayer? You are invited to ask for prayers this morning or call for a wider prayer through our Prayer Chain. Contact Roger Hartman (703-425-7268, rogerhartman47@gmail.com), Rue Nunnally (703-323-7244), or email prayerchain@ststephensfairfax.org if you are interested or in need of the Prayer Chain.

Support in Times of Need and Other Difficulties: Care is offered through the Stephen Ministry which has specially trained caregivers and the Shepherd Ministry, which is a network of St. Stephen's neighbors caring for one another. Contact Kevin Maisel (703-866-9548, kmaisel2000@gmail.com) or Nancy Dubiell (703-395-5932, ndubiell@yahoo.com) for the Stephen Ministry, or the Church Office for the Shepherd Ministry.

If You or Someone You Meet Is in Need: We know that people in our church and community are in financial need. One way we try to help is through the Emergency Assistance Fund. If you or someone you encounter is in financial need, please be in touch with the office to set up an appointment for prayer, and, if we can, financial assistance. This suggestion may also help if someone in need approaches you in our parking lot and you think St. Stephen's can help.

Funeral Announcement

A Memorial Service for Jerry (Jay) White will be held at 1 pm on February 27 at the Old Post Chapel at Ft. Myer.

Christian Stewardship is putting faith into action...

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Giving for Operations and Mission Needs
Gifts for the week of February 17, 2019: \$20,899

Attendance for February 17, 2019
8:30 83 9:45 128 11:00 197 6:30 42



Scan here to give.

LAY VISITOR: Dan Cochran OFFICE STAFF: Jenn Kelleher
WELCOME CENTER: Joy Class & Children's Sunday School

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday 24

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (S)
9:30 AM Cherub Choir (C42)
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship (S)
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Children's Choir (FS)
11:00 AM Classic Worship Service (S)
4:30 PM Mustard Seed Productions (S)
5:30 PM Youth Group (M30/M9/FH/M18-20/M16/C40/C41/K)
6:30 PM Evening Chapel: A Youth Led Worship Service (WC)

Monday 25

9:15 AM Where Moms Connect (C40)
6:45 PM Orchestra (S)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir (M10)
7:30 PM Mighty Peals of Joy (M9)

Tuesday 26

9:30 AM Maranatha Singers (M10)
11:00 AM Staff Meeting (M5)
1:30 PM Preschool Extended Day (FS/M18-20/WC)
7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 1131 (M9/M18/20/FH/FHH)
7:00 PM Source Band (S)
7:30 PM Boy Scout Patriot District Committee (M18/20)
7:30 PM Disciple Bible Study-Old Testament (M8)

Wednesday 27

6:30 AM Coffeemen Community Group (Peet's)
6:30 AM Youth Breakfast Study (King's Park McDonald's)
9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study (M8)
10:00 AM Creative Hearts/Creative Hands (M9)
12:30 PM Preschool Extended Day (FS/M18-29/WC)
7:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 1131 (M9/M16/M18-20/K/FH)
7:30 PM Church Council (C41)
8:30 PM Youth Free Wings & Bible Study (M30)

Thursday 28

5:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 1186 (FS)
7:00 PM Bits & Pieces (M10)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 1131 Committee (M9)
7:00 PM ESOL Class (C59)
7:00 PM Grace Ministries Praise Band (S)
7:45 PM Mostly Men Choir (M10)

Friday March 1

5:00 PM First Fridays - Green Groceries (FH/FHH)

Saturday 2

8:30 AM Preschool Family Photos (C45)
10:00 AM Great Salvation Christian Fellowship, Choir (FS)

Friday Medley Results:

“You May Be Right” by Billy Joel, “I Got it Bad and That Ain't Good” by Duke Ellington
“Dancing Queen” by Abba, “Last Friday Night” by Katy Perry
“Crocodile Rock” by Elton John, “Reminiscing” by The Little River Band

Weekly Medley Champions:

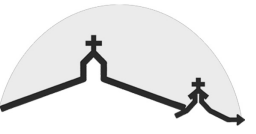
Monday: Sandra Williams (5 points)
Tuesday: Mike Frutchey (6 points)
Wednesday: Dave Thompson, James Hawethourne (8 points each)
Thursday: Dave Thompson (3 points)
Friday: Lorac Lawton, Nancy Jaynes, and the Kepplers (9 points each)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Mark Mrini Senior Pastor
Rev. Drew Colby Associate Pastor for Youth, Young Adults, and Outreach
Rev. Jiyeon Kim Associate Pastor for Children and First Impressions
Tammy Lydon Director of Music Ministries

Please visit our website, ststephensfairfax.org, for our full staff list and contact information.

St. Stephen's



United Methodist Church

8:30 AM Traditional 9:45 AM Contemporary
11:00 AM Classic 6:30 PM Evening Chapel

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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

VISION STATEMENT

- Receive** Christ as the key to life, awake and alive, growing in knowledge and love of God.
- Reflect** Christ as the catalyst for community, inclusive and engaged, igniting mission and service for all.
- Relay** Christ as the call for a new generation, convinced and committed, sharing faith and hope with others.

February 24, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome to St. Stephen's UMC! We are so glad you joined us today for worship. Please feel free to stop by the **Welcome Desk** for a free gift and the **Welcome Center** either before or after worship for a cup of coffee and light refreshments.

Our **Nursery (C46)** and **Cry Room (M4, near the Sound Booth)** are available during all worship services. The nursery is open to all infants and toddlers and is staffed by our loving and professional nursery attendants.

11:00 am **Godly Play** (PreK - 2nd grade) is available after the **Children's Moment** in the 11 am service. Parents may pick up their child(ren) after worship directly from Room C43.

9:45 am **Sunday School** for all toddlers, children, teens, and adults.

Specific room locations are available at the Welcome Desk.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available upon request. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Order of Worship

February 24, 2019

8:30 and 11:00 am

Welcome to worship! Please use the time during the Prelude for quiet meditation and prayer.

The sounding of the chimes signals the beginning of our service.

Lines marked with an * indicate the congregation may stand. Bold text may be read or sung in unison.

PRELUDE		Tammy Lydon, Organ
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Susan Fofi (8:30)
One: Then sings my soul,		Susan Fofi (11:00)
All: my savior God to thee,		
One: how great thou art!		
All: How great thou art. Let us worship God!		
*PROCESSIONAL	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Purple Hymnal 77
*OPENING PRAYER		Purple Hymnal 466
Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my Life, and revive me from death. Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds. Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of thy love. Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there. For thou alone art my King and my Lord. Amen.		
*PASSING THE PEACE		
WORSHIP IN SONG (8:30)		
	<i>O Spirit of the Living God</i> (vs. 1)	Purple Hymnal 539
	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i> (vs. 1)	Purple Hymnal 540
	<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i> (vs. 1)	Purple Hymnal 544
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Drew
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)		Kate Theodore
ANTHEM (8:30)	Come, Let Us Sing	Maranatha Singers
PRAYER CHORUS	<i>Jesus, Remember Me</i> (sing twice)	Purple Hymnal 488
PASTORAL PRAYER		Pastor Drew
THE LORD'S PRAYER		Purple Hymnal 895
*HYMN (8:30)	<i>Precious Name</i>	Purple Hymnal 536
MESSAGE	Listen	Pastor Mark
SCRIPTURE	Acts 2:1-21	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Purple Hymnal 883
OFFERTORY	<i>A Prayer</i> <i>As the Deer</i>	Tammy Lydon, piano (8:30) Orchestra (11:00)
*DOXOLOGY		Purple Hymnal 95
*RECESSIONAL	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Purple Hymnal 451
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		Tammy Lydon, Organ

TELL ME MORE

For more information about or to RSVP for a particular ministry or announcement, write the corresponding number on your Connect Card. Please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship if you have any questions. One of our members will be happy to help and give you a small token of our appreciation if this is your first time with us!

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| (1) Starting Point/I'm New Here! | (6) Outreach/Service Ministries |
| (2) Children's Ministries | (7) Hospitality/Food Ministries |
| (3) Youth Ministries | (8) Prayer/Support Ministries |
| (4) Young Adult Ministries | (9) Adult Learning and Small Groups |
| (5) Music Ministries | (10) Communications and Media |

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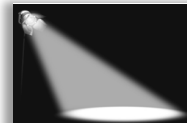
(21) Young Adult Meet-Ups: Join us for happy hour at Oh George every 1st Tuesday at 6 pm and brunch at the Ravensworth Anita's every 3rd Sunday at 12:15 pm.

(24) Let's Get Together: All infants, toddlers, and parents are invited to have fun and build up relationships with others on Sunday, March 31, 12:15-1:15 pm in the Fireside Room. Activities include a light lunch, information/wisdom sharing, encouragement, & fellowship among parents. Infants and toddlers are staying in the same space for the entire time, and making their church friends. Childcare available. RSVP encouraged!

(25) Pancakes & Ashes: Everyone is invited to enjoy a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), March 5, at 5:30 pm. Supper is hosted by our youth in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 7. Free-will donations will be accepted for the Youth Mission Trips. In addition, from 6 - 7 pm, Lent activity stations, devotions & crafts will be available for all ages to help focus us more fully on following Jesus during Lent. To top the evening off, join us for a worship service at 7 featuring the youth band. Come enjoy Food, Family, Friends and Faith at St. Stephen's! Childcare available.

GROW

We offer a variety of Sunday School classes for both children and adults. Please visit the Welcome Desk for more information about our current classes.



(30) Sunday School Spotlight: The "Sharing & Caring Class" is currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why, Exploring the Apostles' Creed*. Beginning March 10, we will begin the study of *The Case for Easter: A Journalist Investigates the Evidence for the Resurrection* by Lee Strobel. Join us in C41.

Ash Wednesday Services and Lunch: Join us Ash Wednesday, March 6 for one (or both) of two special services. We will have a noon service, followed by a lunch at 12:30 as well as a 7 pm service.

(31) St. Stephen's Summer Camps: We'll have 4 amazing camps available this summer: M&M Mini VBS, for 4 year-olds through rising First Graders, June 17-18. Roar VBS, for 5 year-olds through rising 6th graders, July 8 - July 12, Music Theater Camp, for rising 3rd through 8th graders, July 22-26, performance July 28, and FUNdamentals Sports Camp, for 5 year-olds through rising 6th graders (AM Session) and/or 8 year-olds through rising 6th graders (PM session). More details online!

Youth
ministry

Youth Events
Evening Chapel Sundays at 6:30 pm
Wednesday Free Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 am
Wings Wednesday at 8:30 pm

February Series: "Jesus, its Cold Outside: Jesus as the Way in from the cold."
FEBRUARY 24 - Indoor Biathlon (skiin' and shootin')
March Series: "Jesus' March of Madness:
5 times Jesus got mad, and what they mean."

(Follow us on Instagram @saintstephensyouth)

(32) Courage Quest: We invite 3rd through 6th graders and at least one parent/guardian to join us on an overnight retreat March 23-24, 2019 to explore what it means to live courageously for Christ. More details online!

(33) Prayer School: Pastor Drew recommends this one-day workshop offered by Brian Zahnd, one of Pastor Drew's favorite preachers and authors. Come to learn a history of prayer, and tips on joining with 5,000 years or more of Judeo-Christian tradition in developing a daily habit of prayer. March 30, 9 am-4 pm at Annandale UMC

(34) Family Bible Games: 1st and 2nd graders and at least one parent are invited to have fun and build up great family relationships while learning about God and the Bible. This will be held on Sunday, March 10 from 12:15 until 1:15 pm in the Fireside Room. Activities include a light lunch, family games, and music. Childcare is available for younger or older siblings. RSVP encouraged!

(35) The Daniel Plan lenten study, a Christ-centered approach to healthy living, is offered Thursday nights at 7pm starting March 7. This is a six-session video-based small group study.

(36) The Old Testament Comes to St. Stephen's: Join us Tuesdays at 7:30 pm as we continue our Intro to the Old Testament Study (using the Disciple Fast Track Series) taught by Pastor Mark and Bill Tirre. This is also a great time for newcomers to join! Childcare available.

(37) Men's Retreat (one day) Pastor Drew will be the speaker for a one-day retreat for Men at Burke UMC, right down the road. March 16, 9 am-3 pm. The cost is \$20.

The Spiritually Vibrant Household - Free Webinar! New research from Barna shows that whatever form a household may take—from nuclear families to roommate contexts—spiritually vibrant households share many common traits. Feb. 26, 2 pm. See barna.com for more.

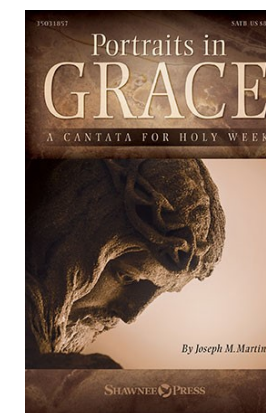
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(41) First Fridays/Green Groceries: Join us Friday, March 1 from 4 to 6 pm for our monthly distribution of fresh produce to our neighbors in need.

(42) Food for Hungry Elementary Kids: We're partnering with Little Run Elementary (1.4 miles away) to give food for the weekend to the 30 kids at their school who need it. We need your help buying the groceries. Please consider writing 42 on your Connect Card if you're willing to go shopping for us this week. We'll reimburse you!

Update on Manger Ministry: Thank you for your Christmas Eve offering to the Manger Ministry, which focuses on helping our neighbors in need become more independent through housing. Your generous contributions of over \$40,000 support:

- Homestretch: Support for two families to have housing and support services. The family heads of household are in job training or educational programs as part of a two-year program with the goal of employment and self-sustainment.
- New Hope Housing: Support to individuals who have been chronically homeless and are now in New Hope's Gartlan House, a permanent supportive house that houses and supports 6 to 8 formerly homeless men.
- Emergency requests for housing-related assistance.



Portraits in Grace is a musical gallery of faith displaying the life, ministry and passion of Jesus. Through scripture, narration and song, the backdrop is created for the reflections of the Lenten season.

We are looking for singers and narrators to be a part of this Palm/Passion Sunday musical celebration. No experience is necessary; we'll help you learn!

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please contact Tammy Lydon at music@ststephensfairfax.org for more information.