



# The St. Stephen's Senior Newsletter

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church — Edina, Minnesota

## **GREETINGS TO OUR BELOVED SENIOR MEMBERS!**

We are pleased to provide a report on the St. Stephen's annual meeting held in January in case you were unable to attend. Also included is an interview with our new Sr. Warden for 2020, **Cathy Cella**. Congratulations, Cathy!

And, it's official! We will have a new bishop who will succeed retiring bishop Brian Prior. The newly elected bishop will be consecrated in June. You may read about this elsewhere, but we want to ensure everyone hears the news. It's not every day Episcopalians of Minnesota get a new bishop.

As we anticipate the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday is less than three weeks away), we are reminded that "alleluia", the joyous, celebratory word that means "Praise God", is omitted during the season of Lent. So, if you like singing "alleluia", come join us February 23, the Sunday *before* Ash Wednesday. Clark Duhrkopf assures me we will sing *many* alleluias!

During Lent there are also new opportunities to learn. Wednesday evenings during Lent you are invited to come for supper and stay to participate in *Lenten Learning: Life Transformed – the Way of Love in Lent*.

And finally, Saturday, April 4 Bishop Brian Prior will be here to conduct a Lenten retreat. Watch for details.

**Happy Easter to you all!**

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## **REMINDER...**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 8**



Set your clock ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 7.

If you forget, you will arrive at 10 am for the 9 am service, *but in time for coffee and conversation in the Commons Room!*



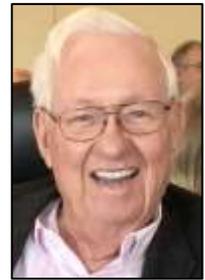
### CONGRATULATIONS TO MYKE BREHM

Our best wishes to Myke Brehm, who celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday December 16. Although she was christened Mabel, her father always wanted a boy, so she became Myke but with a unique spelling.

Myke moved here from Grand Rapids, MI, as a bride after her marriage to Edward Brehm and they joined St. Stephen's when they moved into the neighborhood. They moved to Colonial Church when their children were teens, then later returned to St. Stephen's.

Myke says she has been blessed with good health all her life. She has outlived two husbands, Edward and her second husband, David Gerrish. Myke began playing golf at age ten and continued playing all her life. And today she begins each day in the swimming pool at Friendship Village, where she has lived the past year.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOHN MacLENNAN!



Best Wishes to John, who turned 90 on December 30. John spent his working life as a mining engineer and entrepreneur. If you have any question about mining silver, just ask John.

He joined St. Stephen's when he married Claire Christopher in 1950 and throughout the years, he has held virtually every volunteer position at St. Stephen's including serving as Senior Warden in 1977. He and Claire enjoyed travel and golf for 66 years until her death in 2016.

John stays busy where he lives at Aurora on France Senior Center and still goes to his office nearly every day.



### MISSION TRIP TO BELIZE

Fr. Tom Cook, Jim Bizal and seven other members went to Belize in January. They spent a week at Holy Cross Anglican School helping to finish *House of Grace*, (see photo above). This new building is a welcoming space designed for clergy they hope will come for extended visits or sabbaticals to lead regular worship. Our team poured a concrete landing at the base of the steps, primed and painted bathrooms and hallways and installed a shower.

Since Holy Cross is built over a lagoon, the team also literally moved one HUGE dirt pile to fill standing water under *House of Grace*.

Thanks for all the hard work!

**IN REMEMBRANCE...**

**WILLIAM (BILL) PERKINS**, age 90, died on January 16, 2020. Former member of St. Stephen's. Memorial service January 25 at the Church of the Assumption.

**NANCY NORDQUIST**, age 88. Former member of St. Stephen's. Memorial service at St. Stephen's December 22, 2019.




The team upon arrival.



Moving dirt, and more dirt...

# SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

**12:00 Noon in the  
Gathering Space**

**SPEAKER: JAY HAAPALA  
AARP Fraud Watch Expert**

Financial crimes including scams, identity theft and consumer fraud are the most frequently attempted crimes every day in the United States. Millions of Americans are losing billions of dollars to new scams and still others that may seem like the "oldest trick in the book." Technology has made it easier for criminals to access personal information and financial accounts from anywhere in the world. These criminals know how to "cover their tracks" and most investigations lead to dead ends, meaning the best way to prevent these crimes is for consumers and professionals to understand how they work.

Mr. Haapala is Associate State Director of Community Engagement with AARP Minnesota and leads the state's Fraud Watch Network, which serves to educate consumers about fraud, scams and identity theft.

He and AARP Fraud Fighter volunteers have met with over 800 community groups across the state, law enforcement officials and fraud investigators, learning how people are being targeted right here in Minnesota. He has worked and served in the Minnesota nonprofit sector for 20 years building volunteer programs, and now is doing the same to build a network of fraud fighter volunteers with AARP.



The presentation is based on analysis of undercover FBI recordings of con artists in action, consumer protection laws and reports from crime victims. Bring any questions you may have about scams, identity theft, credit card fraud, cyber security and online safety, investment fraud, consumer protections, abuse within families and more. Information is the best tool to help us all protect our own savings.

**THIS NOTICE IS GOING OUT WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE LUNCHEON, SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW BEFORE YOU FORGET!**

The cost of the luncheon is \$12 per person. Mail a check (payable to St. Stephen's Church) in the enclosed envelope or drop it off in the church office. Please write "Senior Fellowship Luncheon" on the memo line. Last day to make a reservation is Monday, March 16. (Your check is your reservation.)

The menu for the luncheon will be escalloped potatoes with ham, pea and cheese salad, assorted rolls, and assorted bars for dessert. There will also be gluten-free rolls and bars.



# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH **COMMUNITY UNITY SUNDAYS**

Join us in the Commons Room after the 9:00 a.m. service for refreshments and to meet someone you may not have met before.



## FEBRUARY 25 **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

The Martyrs Men's group is hosting a traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Gathering Space the night before Lent begins. There is no cost, but a free will offering is appreciated.



## SATURDAY, MARCH 7 **WOMEN IN FELLOWSHIP**

Join women of all generations to exchange ideas and grow together spiritually. Continental breakfast begins at 8:30 am in the Commons Room and the program begins at 9:00. Join us in fellowship as we greet old friends, make new ones and generally refresh our spirits and bodies.



## FRIDAY, MARCH 13 **FISH FRY AND BINGO**

Join us at our **fifth annual** Fish Fry and Bingo Night. Come enjoy a great fish dinner and buy as many tickets for Bingo as you can manage. This popular event fills up quickly so plan to buy your tickets early.



## **TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE**

This service is held the second Friday of the month, September through May, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

It is a service of contemplation and prayer with reflective music.



## SUNDAY, MAY 3 at 2:00 p.m. **SPECIAL CHOIR CONCERT**

Here is the chance to hear what our choir will have performed at Carnegie Hall in New York two weeks earlier. Our parish choir with full orchestra will perform "*Magnificat*" by Kim André Arnesen. "*Magnificat*" is a song of praise about one of the Bible's greatest wonders: the angel Gabriel visiting Mary with the message that she will be the mother of God's son.



## **ST. STEPHEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Our book club meets every month on the second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the library. All book lovers are welcome to come and discuss the current selection. Please join us!

- February 11 "*The Other Wes Moore*" by Wes Moore
- March 10 "*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*" by Gail Honeyman
- April 14 "*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*" by Christy Lefteri



# LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**ASH WEDNESDAY** There are four services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.

7:00 a.m. — in the Chapel

12 Noon — in the Chancel

5:30 p.m. — in the Chapel, a service especially welcoming for young children.

**6:00 p.m. — Community Supper – Come enjoy a simple supper of soup and bread.**

7:00 p.m. — in the Nave



**SUNDAYS IN LENT** will be **Prayer Book Sundays** using various Eucharistic Prayers and exploration of the Book of Common Prayer in worship.

Additionally, the Rev. Nancy Brantingham will host a Sunday morning Forum March 8 on the Book of Common Prayer for those who want to learn more of this treasure of our faith tradition.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS DURING LENT

6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Learning: **"Life Transformed - the Way of Love in Lent"** — Join members and friends of St. Stephen's Church for an evening meal, fellowship and learning. Through a series of short videos featuring contemporary ministries and our Presiding Bishop, we will explore a direct and uplifting set of practices to form a more Jesus-centered life.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

## A WAY INTO HOLY WEEK WITH BISHOP PRIOR

This event begins at 9 a.m. and is the last opportunity to attend a retreat with Bishop Brian Prior. Watch for more details to come.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**MONDAY, APRIL 6** — 12 noon Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7** — 12 noon Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 (Tenebrae Service)**

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 9 AT 7 P.M.**

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10**

6:00 a.m. Good Friday Prayer Vigil in the Chapel

7:00 a.m. Morning prayer with reserved sacrament

12 Noon Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

5:30 p.m. Children's Service - Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

**HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 11**

9:00 a.m. Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday

7:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

**EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 12**

9:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir

*(Easter egg hunt between morning services)*

11:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

## OUR NEW SENIOR WARDEN: CATHY CELLA

The Senior Warden for 2020 began her term at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26. Every year we interview the new leader of the Vestry to introduce him or her to the congregation.



### **BACKGROUND:**

I grew up on Sunnyside Road in Edina, went to the Wooddale School carnivals, learned to skate on the homemade "rink" on Minnehaha Creek, but worshiped at Our Lady of Grace. I graduated from the "old" Edina High School, went to college at St. Olaf (although I was neither Norwegian nor Lutheran) and graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School. I am the oldest of six children and am the only one who didn't attend both a Catholic high school and college.

### **FAMILY:**

John Ellingboe and I met in law school and will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May. We have four grown children all of whom were baptized and confirmed at St. Stephen's. Our oldest daughter, Mary, was just married at St. Stephen's by Father Tom and we have two amazing, adorable grandchildren.

### **CAREER:**

I was a trial lawyer at a Minneapolis/St. Paul law firm for almost twenty years. (Fun fact: Rick Massopust and I were partners together at that firm.) When I retired, I realized that having too much time on my hands was dangerous and began looking for volunteer opportunities. I have been on the boards of and active with many Episcopal organizations including serving as Treasurer of the Episcopal House of Prayer and on the Finance Committee and as a Trustee of the Episcopal Diocese and am currently on the board of Sheltering Arms. I've been very active with the Edina Public Schools, and spent eight years on the Edina School Board. I am currently finishing a three-year term as Chair of Edina Give and Go, a nonprofit that provides grants to individual Edina students who do not have the financial resources to pay for extracurricular academic, athletic and arts opportunities. I am also on the board of the League of Women Voters of Edina and help staff the Absentee Ballot office for the City of Edina during election cycles.

### **INVOLVEMENT AT ST. STEPHEN'S:**

John and I joined St. Stephen's the year after we were married - a nice Italian Catholic girl and Norwegian Lutheran boy looking for a place to worship together and share our faith with our children. Because we've been at the church for so many years, I've had the opportunity to be on the Vestry and just about every committee at least once and sometimes more. I'm also a Verger and just joined the Altar Guild, a wonderful group of women who seem to have a lot of fun! But the ministry at St. Stephen's that is dearest to my heart are my years serving as a Confirmation leader and a TEC adult. When we had only been at this church a short time, Gary Dietz used his combination of sweet talk and arm twisting to convince me to teach Confirmation. I've done it every year since. Many people know me as a no nonsense, "let's get things done" person. Why do I find joy in teaching Confirmation? Because it lets me focus on the relational aspect of our community. I love developing relationships with our youth, helping them build a community together and finding their relationship with God.

### **HOPES FOR ST. STEPHEN'S:**

I would like us to focus on three areas this year:

1. **Stewardship of Finances** so that we have the resources to meet our aspirations of who we want to be as a community. I want to be sure we can hire a new Youth Minister to ensure St. Stephen's is the same wonderful place for our youth today as it was for my children as well as continue to offer all of the other programs that keep us coming back each week.
2. **Stewardship of Place**, Larry Smith's apt term, for our responsibility to care for the beautiful, but aging building we live in. We need to continue to work on the HVAC system (no more puddles or buckets) and potentially replace our failing creek wall.
3. And finally, my personal focus, **Stewardship of People**, so that we don't just say "All are welcome" but we make sure that everyone knows they can have a role in our worship if they want one, has a place to share their skills and their time if that's what they feel called to do and has a group or smaller community within our church that they feel connected to and supported by.

That's a lot of talk about Stewardship, but as Senior Warden, I am your Steward, charged with caring for St. Stephen's and all our resources so that we can do the mission God is calling us to do.

I am always available to listen if you have thoughts or hopes about St. Stephen's to share; you can reach me by email at: [SrWarden@StStephens.com](mailto:SrWarden@StStephens.com) or at call me at home at 952-829-5302.



# ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

*The Bylaws of the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr state that at the Annual Meeting the "Executive Committee, on behalf of the Vestry, shall present a full, accurate and faithful written statement of the conditions and activities of the parish as a body Politic."*

## **THE STATE OF THE PARISH**

As a parish, we continue to grow and evolve. Last year some things were unchanged and some changed. The Bash After Dark was led by younger leaders bringing new ideas and enthusiasm. A New Advent Retreat was held to which both adults and youth were invited. One of the highlights of the year was the completion of the renovated Commons Room. What began as a dream at the beginning of the year, seeded by several generous gifts, soon morphed into a full-fledged construction project. The final result is a beautiful, warm and inviting place to gather for fellowship, worship and education for many years to come.

One unexpected challenge had to do with staffing. We began 2019 with a full staff of ten individuals for the first time in years, but through unexpected circumstances, lost the services of our Sexton and Minister of Youth. Members of the congregation stepped up to lead the various youth programs and a dedicated group of volunteers, along with the Properties Committee, came forward to cover the responsibilities of the Sexton. We will be looking for a new Youth Minister soon and we welcome our new Sexton, Chance Richie, who has already contributed so much in his new ministry.

## **FISCAL UPDATE**

We ended the year with a modest surplus. Income was in line with the budget, but expenses were less primarily due to having open positions during the year. However, going forward, some expenses that we have little control over are increasing, such as health care. The 2020 Operating Budget takes into account hiring a full time Youth Minister, a 2% COLA for existing staff, and inflationary increases in medical insurance and necessary buildings and equipment expenses.

Treasurer, Chas McKhann, said that next year is still a work in process. Not all pledge cards have been received for 2020 and he encouraged anyone who forgot to send one in, to do so as soon as possible.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT and ELECTIONS**

For the year 2020 the members present unanimously elected the Senior Warden, Cathy Cella; Junior Warden, Jim Korslund; Treasurer, Chas McKhann and Clerk, Jody Hennen; four Vestry at Large members: David Cooper, Judy Edin, Paul Scoggin and Rachel Reeves; Returning Vestry member, Susan Dowd and Vestry Youth member, Gabby Bizal. All new members to the Standing Committees were also unanimously elected.



## **OUR THANKS TO SENIOR WARDEN, RICK MASSOPUST**

Junior Warden, Cathy Cella, thanked Rick for his guidance and countless hours leading the Vestry as Senior Warden in 2019. She presented him with a print of his favorite prayer, which Amelia Arthur frequently reads at the end of most services. It reads, *"Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord."*

## **RECTORS CUP**

Fr. Tom announced the recipient of the Rector's Cup presented annually to someone who in a behind-the-scenes way contributed to the ongoing life of the parish. This year it was awarded to all those who serve ministering those at the end of life — members of the altar guild, music ministry, ushers, vergers, acolytes and funeral reception committee. Instead of awarding a "Rector's cup" this year, recipients will be invited to a "Rector's BBQ" hosted by Fr. Tom to be held sometime when the weather is warmer!

## ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN: A QUIET AND HUMBLE MINISTRY

***I call upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God; incline thy ear to me, hear my words. (Psalm 17:6)***

Is the act of prayer something you engage in at a regular time each day? Or do you find yourself praying off and on throughout your day? Prayer is an act of faith and trust. It is an essential part of your relationship with God. For people of faith, it is also integral to their relationships with others.

Did you know that St. Stephen's has a ministry that prays for others? It's the **PRAYER CHAIN**, and it's solely devoted to intercessory prayer.

**Here's how it works:** When someone requests prayer for a special need, Prayer Chain members receive the request. They add that plea for prayer to their own personal prayers. They're like a small, quiet army of "prayer warriors" who respond by asking God to "*incline thy ear to me*" and hear these prayers. It's a humble ministry, one that holds deep meaning for those committed to praying for the needs of others.



Besides the traditional ways of requesting prayer (calling the church office or filling out prayer request cards in the pews) St. Stephen's has recently added a NEW way: using the church's website [www.ststephens.com](http://www.ststephens.com). It's so easy. Simply go to the website's home page, look across the top line of choices, and click on **Prayer Request**. Up pops a short form with just a few questions. Once you type in your prayer request, click **Submit**, and it immediately goes to Tom Cook and Amelia Arthur, as well as to Prayer Chain coordinators Lynn Torney and Susan Dowd. Lynn and Susan will send the request promptly via e-mail to all members of the Prayer Chain. This allows for speedy communication of prayer needs *and* an equally speedy response by Prayer Chain members.

Regardless of how prayer requests are communicated to St. Stephen's, everyone who requests prayer has the option of having that request read aloud during the Prayers of the People at worship services OR keeping the request confidential (i.e. not read aloud). If you want your request kept confidential, the prayer request is known only to the clergy and Prayer Chain members.

Many prayer requests are related to health and healing – for a successful surgery, recovery from an accident, strength during chemotherapy, the safe birth of a baby. Others are prayers of thanksgiving – for successful completion of medical treatment, a school or job accomplishment, for a reconciliation. Prayer Chain members pray for all these special requests and more.

The Prayer Chain isn't new, but it has recently transitioned to new leadership. For the past five years, Linda Bracken has faithfully and capably led this ministry. Last fall, Lynn and Susan assumed co-leadership of it. They agree that working with this ministry is a great privilege, one they want to carry out with sensitivity and love, just as Linda did for such a long time.

Now that you know how to request prayer and how the Prayer Chain responds to those requests, do **YOU** have a heart for being a Prayer Chain member? Does intercessory prayer deepen your own faith? The Prayer Chain has about 25 members at present, but more are always welcome. There can never be too many people working together in prayer!

**If this sounds like something you'd like to learn more about**, contact Lynn Torney ([ltorney@comcast.net](mailto:ltorney@comcast.net) or 952-884-1277) or Susan Dowd ([misssusan01@hotmail.com](mailto:misssusan01@hotmail.com) or 612-825-4445) for more information.

## ***A NEW BISHOP HAS BEEN CHOSEN!***

**THE VERY REV. CRAIG LOYA** was elected during the 162<sup>nd</sup> convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECMN) held in St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis, MN on January 25, 2020. He will be consecrated on June 6, 2020.



### ***WHEN ASKED HOW HIS FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS DESCRIBE HIM, HE RESPONDED:***

"I've heard a few friends say that 'with Craig, what you see is what you get,' which to me means they see me as a person who is transparent and trustworthy. I strive to be the same person in every part of my life: at home, in the congregation, with friends, or in any other situation. I am also regularly described by people who know and love me as enthusiastic, joyful, warm, and present.

One of the descriptions that means the most to me, though, is when people point out that I am quick to laugh, and in particular quick to laugh at myself. My family plays a large role in helping me keep laughter and joy, two important signs of the Holy Spirit's presence, at the center of my life."



### ***HERE IS HIS BIOGRAPHY:***

"I grew up in North Platte, Nebraska, on the edge of the beautiful Nebraska Sandhills. I graduated from Hastings College, and while studying religion and literature there, I fell in love with the Episcopal Church through the embrace I received from the congregation at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral.

After college, I attended Yale Divinity School, with the intention of pursuing an academic career in theology. In those years, I received two extraordinary and unexpected gifts: I met my wife Melissa, and I was invited to serve as a summer intern with the Episcopal Church on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. It was in the experience of encountering Jesus in a culture other than my own, and relying on the hospitality of others, that I most clearly heard a call to the life and work of a priest.

After seminary, I was ordained and served as pastor of four congregations on the Rosebud Mission. While Melissa was completing a PhD in Hebrew Bible at Boston College, I served two interim positions in Massachusetts before being called to help start an innovative model for ministry with college students in the Diocese of Kansas, and later served as Canon to the Ordinary.

In 2013, I became Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Omaha, and it has been a joy to serve during a time of renewed growth, vitality, and connection to our neighborhood and city.

Our greatest source of joy these days is our two young children, Mari and Asa."



## THE INESTIMABLE VALUE OF TIME AND TALENT

According to the Independent Sector, a national membership organization for the charitable community, the latest value of a volunteer hour is \$25.43 – up 3% from 2018. This dollar amount is calculated annually in April and will undoubtedly rise again based on 2019 figures.

Independent Sector also estimates that “about 63 million Americans volunteer about 8 billion hours of their time, talent, and effort to improve and strengthen their communities each year. At \$25.43 per hour, Americans are contributing approximately \$203.4 billion to our nation through nonprofit organizations of all types.” Wow!

Volunteer hours are like gold dust to nonprofit organizations. While nonprofits use financial contributions to run their organizations, pay staff, and promote their mission, they rely most on volunteers to do the real work of serving people in need.

Outreach partner Bridging, for which we recently held a blanket drive, is a perfect example. Since its inception in 1987, more than 300,000 people in 95,000 households have gotten help from Bridging to furnish their homes. Today, Bridging has 5,000 volunteers who give more than 75,000 hours of their time annually to carry out founder Fran Heitzman’s mission. When Mr. Heitzman passed away just a few weeks ago at age 94, his personal mantra was cited in the many articles and stories celebrating his life and mission. **“When good people get together to do good things, then good things happen,”** he’d say. He truly recognized the tremendous contributions made by Bridging volunteers over the past 33 years.

It is the privilege of the Outreach Committee to direct financial assistance to our grant partners and the individuals they serve. In 2019 alone, Outreach distributed nearly \$120,000 in grant money to groups in our four service areas – Homelessness, Hunger, Seniors and Youth. We were able to make some very sizeable grants due to a significant carryover of funds from 2018, combined with the annual disbursement from the St. Stephen’s fund, and the generosity of St. Stephen’s parishioners during the Bash After Dark in both 2018 and 2019.

But since we were so effective at making grants in 2019, and have a few multi-year responsibilities to consider as well, the amount of money available for grants in 2020 will be less. That’s not a bad thing! It just makes it more important to consider other ways to be of service to our existing Outreach partners, and to new groups that approach us for help.

Fortunately, because of the efforts of St. Stephen’s parishioners who serve as liaisons with partner organizations, we are extremely well-positioned to make a difference in ways that don’t require an outlay of cash.

***If you are interested in volunteering your time or talent to one of our Outreach partners in 2020***, there are many organizations we support. Go to the St. Stephen’s web site for a description of their mission, and a contact name for each. On the main page click on “Minister - Serve Others - Outreach Ministries.”

The type of volunteer opportunities is endless – office work, food preparation and meal service, building and painting, sorting and packing – you name it! There are opportunities to sign on for a long-term commitment, or to sign up for just a few hours.



# DECEMBER SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

*"If you cannot teach me to fly, teach me to sing."  
J. M. Barrie. Peter Pan*

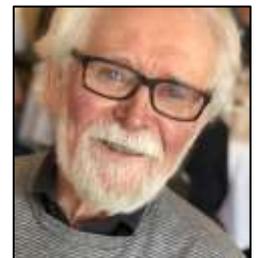
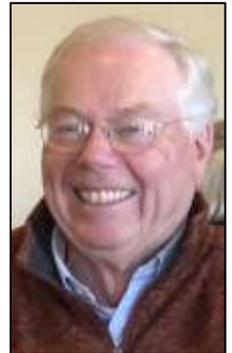


*Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a large amount of gratitude.  
A. A. Milne*

Our entertainers, Clark Duhrkopf and Bryon Wilson, were joined by our clergy, Tom Cook and Amelia Arthur.



In addition to the music, Julie Bolton, center right, read Christmas works by William Shakespeare, Thomas Hardy, Geoffrey Hill, Macrina Weiderkehr, Ann Weems and W.H. Auden.



As this was our Christmas luncheon, the napkins were, of course, folded as Christmas trees!



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*CHRISTMAS 2019 AT ST. STEPHEN'S*

