

The
ST. STEPHEN'S SENIOR NEWSLETTER
FALL 2022
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church — Edina, Minnesota

DEAR BELOVED MEMBERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S!

As the Newsletter goes to print, the pumpkins have been cleared away, the leaves have mostly fallen from the trees and we are looking forward to Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. Inside you will find programs and services from November through the annual meeting at the end of January. Mark your calendars if you are in town. If you are slipping away to a warmer part of the country, we will miss you. But staying or departing, we hope you enjoy reminiscing about the **programs and services** that brought us together these past few months such as the pig roast.

When you see **Andy Myers**, the new director of the Creekside Ringers, (but not new to St. Stephen's), congratulate him on joining the musical staff and after you read about him, ask him about his skill playing Star Wars board games!

We have a few photos from the **Isle of Iona**, Scotland, where Tom Cook led a pilgrimage last summer. We hope it gives you a "wee view" of that beautiful, tiny island.

In the meantime, the Senior Ministry Committee wishes you all:

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Connie Brekken
Editor

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

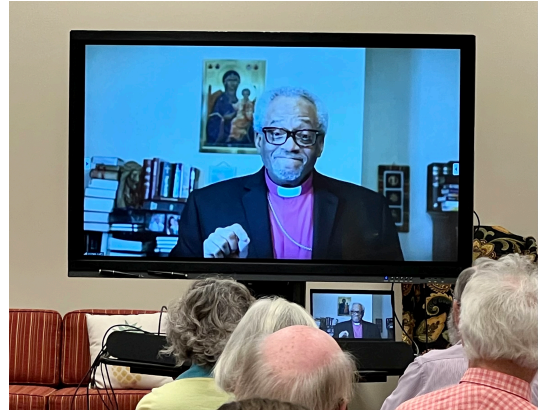
September 15, 2022

About 40 people gathered to listen to Bishop Michael Curry speak on “Faith and the Way of Love: Finding Hope in Troubled Times.” We watched a video of a lecture he gave on February 1, 2022, at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN as part of their Faith & Life Lecture Series.



Connie Field welcoming Bishop Curry!

“I value the friend who for me finds time on his calendar, but I cherish the friend who for me does not consult his calendar.”
Robert Brault



“People who love to eat are always the best people.”
Julia Child



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

12:00 to 12:30 Social time with cash bar
12:30 PM Lunch

Edina Country Club
(Valet Parking Provided)



Join us for our annual Christmas luncheon with musical entertainment by St. Stephen's own

**CLARK DUHRKOPF and
BRYON WILSON**

singing Christmas carols,
old and new,
with perhaps a surprise or two.



Make your reservation now! Cost is \$35.00 per person.

- To make a reservation mail your 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, November 28. (Your check is your reservation.)
- The menu will be beef stroganoff, steamed asparagus, peppercorn salad, and chocolate or vanilla cupcakes for dessert. **The vegetarian option** is butternut squash ravioli, the house salad and cupcakes for dessert. Please indicate when you make your reservation if you want the vegetarian option. Also, please include any dietary restrictions.
- **New this year...**there will be a table in the hallway to sign in when you arrive. Vegetarians and those with special dietary needs should pick up their table marker when they sign in.
- We love to have you come to our luncheons, but PLEASE make a reservation. We need to provide sufficient reservations with the country club for this annual event!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

NOVEMBER thru JANUARY

MARRIAGE OF MIRANDA LYNN WARD & HANS STADEM - Sunday, November 20

During the 10:15 AM service, Miranda Lynn Ward and Hans Stadem will exchange their Marriage Vows in a ceremony incorporated within the Holy Eucharist. Following the service they will host the church in a special fellowship hour with a toast to mark their wedding day with friends and family, including their family of St. Stephen's Church. All members of this faith community are invited and encouraged to share this day with Miranda and Hans.

PRAYER & PIE GATHERING - Tuesday, November 22, 7 PM

Join us on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving for a casual time of Prayer followed by a pie social!



ADVENT WREATHMAKING - Sunday, November 27 at 11:30 AM

Gather together as a community for our annual Advent Wreath Making event following the 10:15 worship service to decorate your wreath while enjoying fellowship and our Hot Cocoa Bar!

DIANE TREMAINE KOGLE CONCERT - Friday, December 2 at 7:30 PM

You are invited to come to a concert from Ms. Kogle, a local cellist and frequent guest musician with our parish. She will play pieces from her new recording, "Overflow: A Legacy Project."

TAIZÉ WORSHIP - Friday, December 9 at 7 PM

Worship follows the Taizé tradition including reflective music and chants, readings, and a time of silence for quiet prayer.



ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 18 at 4 PM

Traditional service with readings of the Lessons and singing traditional carols and hymns. Music from Diane Tremaine and the Lyric String Quartet, Parish Choir and other instrumentalists.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE Tuesday, December 20 at 7 PM

This is a service of *Hope and Remembrance* designed for people who might find this Christmas a challenge from prior Christmases because of the death of a loved one, a broken marriage, a loss of a job, addiction, or a spouse or child serving in the military. It is a beautiful and moving service where candlelight, music and the Eucharist play a significant role.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE, Saturday, December 24

- 2 PM Family service including the Christmas pageant
- 5 PM Holy Eucharist with hymns and carols with the parish choir and instrumentalists.
- 8 PM. Holy Eucharist with the parish choir and instrumentalists.
- 11 PM Traditional candlelit service with Holy Eucharist and harp and soloists.



CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, December 25 (only one service)

10:15 a.m. An informal service with Holy Eucharist and music.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Sunday, January 1, 2023 (only one service) at 10:15 a.m.

THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - Thursday-Friday Nov. 24 & 25.

In case of emergency, call the church office, then press 2 to leave a message.

ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

There will be one morning service at 10:15 at which the annual meeting will begin. Lunch and the balance of the meeting will be held across the street at the Edina Country Club.

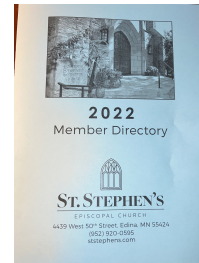
IT IS TIME TO UPDATE THE CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY.

That means **YOU** if...

...you are *new* to St. Stephen's or,

...you are not new but your contact information has *changed*,

If you want to **add** a photo or you want to **replace** a photo, contact Molly Reichard at mreichard@ststephens.com or 952-920-0595. She can help.



IT'S STEWARDSHIP TIME. If you have not made your pledge for 2023, please respond to the communication you received or if you have questions, call Nancy Wood in the office at 952-920-0595. Your generous and sustained pledge makes the ministries of our church possible. Please give as you are able.

THE 2022 BASH ANOTHER SUCCESS! Contributors and auction bidders raised in excess of \$50,000 for Outreach at the Bash in October. One hundred percent of the money raised goes to support non-profits that address **housing, hunger, youth and senior needs**. Congratulations to cochairs Amanda Ward and Hans Stadem for the successful planning, organizing and execution of this important event!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Bruce Hanson, age 62, son of Joan Hanson. Died July 18, 2022. Memorial Service held Saturday, Sept. 10 at St. Stephen's.



ST. STEPHEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our book club meets the **second Tuesday of every month** at 1:30 p.m.

Since Covid we have "met" virtually via Zoom so you can join the discussion from wherever you happen to be. Going forward, we will schedule some hybrid meetings where you can join us in person at the church **or** via Zoom — your choice.

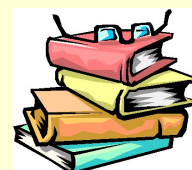
All are welcome. **If you wish to join the discussion**, contact Marillene Allen at mamallen0@gmail.com.

The books we will read over the next three months are:

Dec. 13: **"A Thousand Mornings"** by Mary Oliver

Jan 10: **"Fly Girl"** by Ann Hood

Feb. 14: **"A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy who Helped Win World War II"**



ANDY MYERS

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CREEKSIDE RINGERS

Andy's connection with St. Stephen's began 15 years ago when he began playing with the Gospel Choir every other Sunday. That led to more Sundays and special events and in September 2022 he accepted the position of Director of the Creekside Ringers handbell choir.

If asked, he says he plays "percussion" which is a family of thousands of instruments. His favorites are the marimba and the drum set, but he also plays vibraphone, glockenspiel, timpani, and various shakers. He modestly says he is a mediocre player of the piano, ukulele and guitar. And if you listen closely, he plays the wind chimes once per service! He also has a wonderful, eclectic taste in music as you will read. Welcome Andy!



Tell us about yourself.

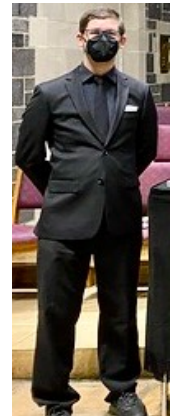
I grew up in Plymouth and went to Wayzata public schools before attending Augsburg College in Minneapolis, where I graduated with a Bachelors of Music Performance in Percussion and a Bachelors of Arts in Music Business. My wife Betsy and I live in Columbia Heights with our six year old black lab/boxer mix named Holly.

You obviously don't work a typical 9 to 5 job. What else do you do?

I teach private percussion lessons and a youth rock ensemble at St. Joseph's School of Music in St. Paul, and at Breck I'm a substitute teacher plus I teach after school percussion lessons and a "Junkyard Percussion" class using bucket drums, spoons, paper bags, and tin cans. I've also taught at MacPhail Center for Music and played in ensembles — rock and jazz bands — plus musical theater at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, the Guthrie Theater, the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra, and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

This is how we usually see Andy from the pews. A masked man half hidden behind the organ.

Above is the talented musician unmasked!



Do you have a favorite musical genre or composer?

I have many! I like Keiko Abe, Steve Reich, Satie, JS Bach, 1930s-50s jazz standards, old Disney tunes, and drone/experimental music. I also love to listen to Igor Stravinsky, Beethoven, Prokofiev, Sibelius, Phillip Glass, Felt Kuti and Yoko Kanno; ensembles such as Happy Apple, Converge, Against Me!, The Locust, Lucero, and Tortoise.

Clark Duhrkopf says you are very good at finding local musicians to play at St. Stephen's events. How do you make those connections?

The Twin Cities local music community has many talented players, but it's also a small world. I have met and developed friendships or professional relationships with a wide swath of local musicians through ensembles I've played with or schools I've taught at. And if I still can't find someone I know for a specific event, I can usually get a recommendation from my colleagues for someone new.

What do you do in your spare time?

I like to compose and arrange music with or for friends or occasionally for the church. I also like to play or develop board games. Last March I went to a board game convention in Chicago with a friend who has created his own board game. We taught people to play it so when it is available for purchase next year, we hope they will want to buy it because they had a good experience with an early version. In May I was hired by an events company to attend Star Wars Celebration 2022 (the annual global Star Wars convention) in Anaheim, California. My work there was to teach people how to play Star Wars board games.

CELEBRATING LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS ON 60 YEARS!

Don and Judy LeWin celebrated their **60th wedding anniversary** by renewing their vows at home with family and friends last September with Tom Cook presiding. They were married at St Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis on August 25, 1962, by her father, Philip McNairy, who was Suffragan Bishop of Minnesota at the time. Their marriage counseling, however, was conducted by Bernie Hummel at St. Stephen's because, as Judy said, there was *no way* her father was going to conduct their marriage counseling!

Don and Judy met at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, NY, where her father was Dean, and where Don was an acolyte. After their wedding the couple settled in Buffalo where Don was enrolled in medical school. They eventually moved to Minnesota where they had

family and where Don was recruited as a retinal specialist. They have lived in Edina ever since where they raised three children who were all confirmed and attended Tech at St. Stephen's.

Best wishes for many more happy years!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MADRIENNE LARSON!

Best wishes to Madrienne who turned 90 on September 26. Madrienne Johnston graduated from what was then called Northrop Collegiate School for girls in Minneapolis. Her yearbook said she had a "laugh that's going to get her into trouble someday." Madrienne still has that warm, wonderful laugh. Before Northrop she attended grade school at Wooddale School, where she met her future husband, Dick Larson. She began attending St. Stephen's as a child when her father built a home at Sunnyside and Brownedale that later became a rectory for priests at St. Stephen's. She was confirmed at St. Stephen's and she and Dick were married there in 1954.

After their marriage Madrienne settled into the role of homemaker raising their four children. But she did not continue in the expectations of her generation. When her youngest child was ten, Madrienne's father, Harry Johnston, died. As the only child, she stepped into the role of president and owner of her father's steel culvert company and ran it successfully for 22 years. Her husband, Dick, was very supportive in her decision and she learned quickly from experienced people around her. She knew many of the employees already because as a child she was allowed to run around the office and had learned to do some of the filing as a teenager. Among other things, her father had taught her how to box and how to change a tire!

Today Madrienne and Dick's home address is Friendship Village, but they spend the colder months in Arizona and some of the summer at a cabin near Mille Lacs Lake that they have owned for 40 years. Many more happy returns, Madrienne!



MARION AND BILL HUNTER MEMORIAL STONE

The late Marion and Bill Hunter were remembered on Sunday, October 2, when a memorial stone was dedicated in the Meditation Garden. The Hunters were founding members of St. Stephen's. Bill served on the Vestry from 1939 to 1941 and as Clerk of the Vestry in 1941. Marion was the first treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary Guild ministries of the parish. Through the generosity of their daughters, Adele and Diane (right), this memorial will be a perpetual sign and thanksgiving for Bill and Marion's lives.



LIFE AT ST. STEPHEN'S

ANNUAL WELCOME BACK PICNIC AND PIG ROAST - September 7



Finally! Together, again!



One of the pitmasters with his signature hat!



Christy and Jimmy (and Missy) were successfully dunked, more than once!



Clark and Andy provided the musical entertainment as we enjoyed BBQ, cole slaw, chips and dessert.

FALL PARISH BRUNCH (aka Omelette Fest) - September 18

Personal omelets were hand-crafted by chef and parishioner, Matt Griak (with his son beside him, learning his craft).



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - October 2 All Creatures Great and Small!



THE ISLE OF IONA, SCOTLAND

The Isle of Iona has been a Celtic spiritual center since the time of St. Columba, an Irish monk, who founded a monastery there in 573 and brought Christianity to Scotland. Tom Cook led 23 members of St. Stephen's on a pilgrimage there in the summer of 2022.

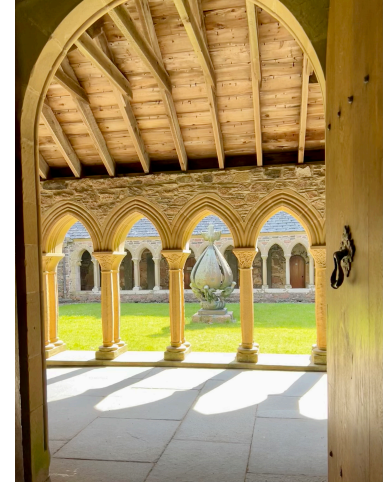


THE IONA ABBEY

The current structure was built in the 1200s on the site of Columba's original monastery's foundations by the Benedictine order after numerous attacks by Viking raiders. Extensive restoration began in 1938.



ST. MARTIN'S CROSS stands just outside the Abbey. It has stood undisturbed and undamaged since the 8th century.



THE ABBEY CLOISTER

At the heart of the abbey complex, monastic life revolved around the cloister. It linked the church with the rest of the buildings and its covered walkways provided a quiet place for contemplation.



THE BISHOP'S HOUSE (built in 1894) is a retreat house for the Scottish Episcopal Church. There are rooms for 23 guests, plus a chapel, kitchen, library and lounge. This is where they stayed and had their meals.



THE LIBRARY, a space for reading or quiet time.



THE LOUNGE where the group met at six before dinner to reflect on their day.



Hiking on the island.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

We continue our series on the stained glass windows in the sanctuary featuring two windows that have an overall theme of **TEMPTATION.**

LEFT WINDOW

*The theme of this window is
CHRISTIAN TEMPTATION*

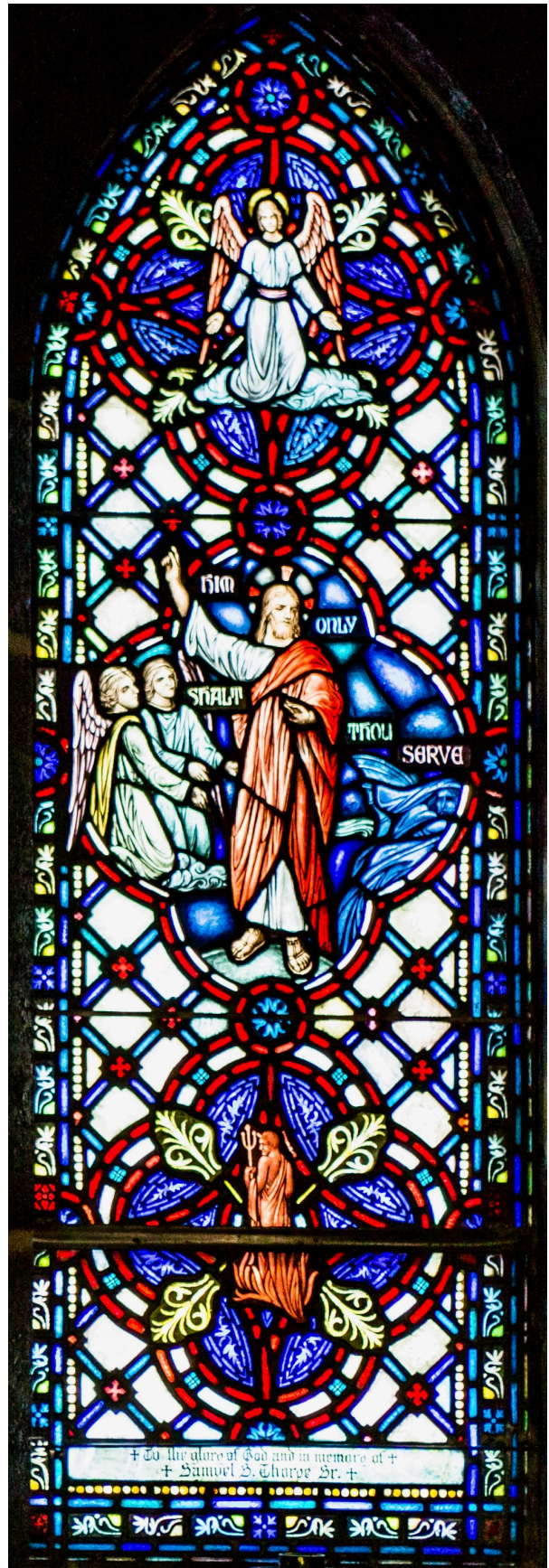
The top panel shows **An angel** symbolizing "goodness."

The middle panel shows Christ with angels with the words, "*Him only shalt thou serve.*"

The bottom panel shows **Satan** symbolizing "evil."

The dedication at the bottom of the window reads:

***To the Glory of God and in memory of
Samuel S. Thorpe.***



An interesting feature of the sanctuary windows is that they were designed in pairs.

One window depicts a Biblical story and its counterpart window shows an application of the theme in our life today.

These two windows can be seen on the left side of the nave.

RIGHT WINDOW

*The application on this window is **THE STORY OF ADAM & EVE**. The same forces of goodness and evil are with us today.*

The top panel shows **An angel** symbolizing "goodness."

The middle panel shows **Adam & Eve**.

Heavenly virtues: fear of God; wisdom, piety, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge.

Deadly sins and vices: pride, avarice, lust, anger, sloth, gluttony, envy.

The bottom panel shows **Satan** symbolizing "evil."

The dedication at the bottom of the window reads:

***To the Glory of God and in memory of
Margaret Andrus Thorpe.***



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What do we learn from hippopotamuses?

That it's impossible to reduce weight by eating greens and salads and walking.



I accidentally wore a red shirt to Target today and, long story short, I'm covering for Debbie this weekend.



WAIT...WHAT IS THE MESSAGE??

