



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL
CATHEDRAL & SCHOOL
JULY 5, 2026, AT 10:15 A.M.
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
PROPER 10

We are delighted to welcome you today; thank you for the gift of your participation and prayers. If you are new to St. Stephen's, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy.

We are a diverse community of Christians welcoming all into the Episcopal tradition, seeking and sharing God's grace with our lips and in our lives.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Reader: The **First Reading** is from **Book of Isaiah** [55:10-13].

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to

the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 65:9-14

Te decet hymnus

BCP 673

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Reader: The **Second Reading** is from the **Letter of Paul to the Romans** [8:1-11].

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

(Please sing three times.)

Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS 115

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,".

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

The second system of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.".

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

The third system of the hymn continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.".

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

The fourth system of the hymn concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.".

Words: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

Music: Daniel Iverson

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Celebrant: The **Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** according to **Matthew** [13:1-9, 18-23].

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Br. Clayton DewAndre, BSG

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic

Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Creator God, by the mercies of your son, Jesus, compel us to turn our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying:

People: **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Leader: Jesus, we remember this day our story and our parish family; we pray for our school and all our mission and ministry. We remember especially Derrick Clemmer and Amy Esh and their children, Tyler, Madelyn, Aidan and Roland; Robert Colman; Penny Weidner; and D. Lee Martin. We pray together,

People: **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Leader: Son of God, Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of our nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of our country might live in unity and peace. We pray for those who are presently serving in our military: **Blythe, John, Tyler, and Kenny**. We pray together,

People: **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Leader: Light of the World, we pray for the Church, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Audrey and Kevin, our bishops. We remember with gratitude our companions in ministry: in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; in the Diocese of the Susquehanna, All Saints Church (Lehighton) and St. John's (Lancaster); and in the Diocese of Kajo Keji, St. Paul Pamoju Parish. We also pray for St. Stephen's Episcopal School, its students, faculty, staff, and board. We pray together,

People: **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Leader: Lord, empower us to bless one another. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. The Communion Elements are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill and Marguerite Davis, Marion and Norman Elliott, and Mary and George Forbes by Jim and Ann Elliott and children; in celebration of the 12th wedding anniversary of Rob Gardner and Shawn Paulk; and in memory of David Messner by his family. The Cathedral Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Kate and Nate Godfrey by Betty MacLaughlin. We pray for our vestry's call for a new Dean. We pray together,

People: **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Leader: Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to go among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, that we might live like you,

crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint.
We pray together,

People: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Leader: Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and rest in your grace. May all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together,

People: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Leader: For all who are crushed in spirit; for the fearful, the lonely, and the unloved, and for all who are sick or in any need, remembering especially: **Jayne, Anthony, Lois, Sharon, Robert, Barbara, Tessa, Debora, Rick, Susan, Camille, Tony, Corinna, Crawford, Marcia, Rose, Anastasia, Nate, Ed, Glenn, Erica, Rosanne, Gerry, Susan, Rob, Ann, Gwen, Tel, Jennifer, Lizzie, Collin, Jerry, Juan, Roy, Susanne, Barry, Claire, Fred, Charles, Kaitlin, Nelson, Chris, Sharyn, Judith, Ray, Rich, Dolores, Lane, Mike, Cindy, Marty, Rosemary, and Dean**, that they may find healing and hope in God's promises. We pray together,

People: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into life as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence may be kept.)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace *(All stand.)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is
(Requested by Br. Howard Dana.)

Hymnal 645

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death, he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love, which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

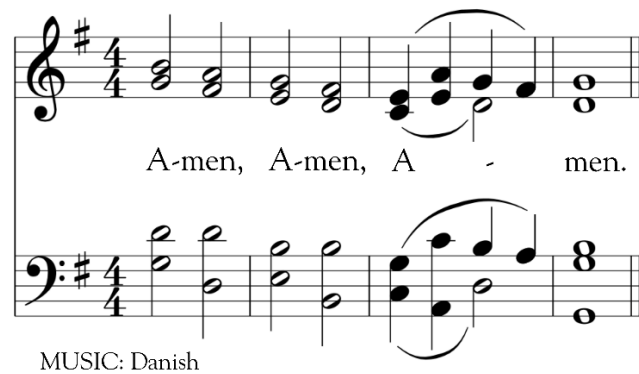
We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his

Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-156

Christ our

Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for

us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. Then you will have the choice of wine from a common cup or a personal chalice. Once at the rail you will be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available) and

then offered wine by a lay server. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine or consecrated apple juice. Anyone may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest. The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. (Amen.)

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

BOS 17

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Hymnal 505

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lectors: Rosemary Adusei, Judy Clemmer

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Betty MacLaughlin, Helen Delano

Parking Attendant: John Sivley

Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann and Jim Elliott

Please take this bulletin with you and share it with your siblings-in-Christ.

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Please remember in your prayers those who have requested our intercession: Jayne Abrams, Anthony Alexander, Lois Anderson, Sharon Arnold, Barbara, Tessa Blenman, Debora Braxton, Rick Breach, Susan Brubaker, Camille, Tony Campisi, Corinna, Crawford, Rose Davis, Anastasia Dunaway, Nate Ebeling, Ed, Glenn Elliott, Erica, Rosanne Fritz, Gerry Fritz, Susan Garber, Rob Gardner, Ann Garst, Gwen Gilroy, Tel Gilroy, Eddie Grill, Jennifer Grill, Lizzie Gutekunst, Collin Hennessy, Jerry, Juan, Roy Knupp, Susanne Knupp, Barry Konkle, Claire Miggins, Fred Miller, Charles Montgomery, Kaitlin Montgomery, Nelson, Chris Penny, Sharyn Peterson, Judith Rauch, Ray, Rich, Dolores Rizzuto, Lane Schultz, Mike Shaffer, Cindy Shortall, Marty Shortall, Rosemary Snyder, and Dean Wanderer.

Please remember those who are serving our country: Blythe, John, Tyler, and Kenny.

IT'S HAPPENING AT ST. STEPHEN'S

EVERY WEEK:

Saturdays

5 p.m. — Holy Eucharist (Nave)

Sundays

8 a.m. — Holy Eucharist (Nave; no music)

10:15 a.m. — Holy Eucharist (Nave and live on Facebook)

11:15 a.m. — Coffee Hour

1 p.m. — Warming/Cooling Shelter (Undercroft)

Mondays-Saturdays

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

Mondays-Fridays

9 p.m. — Compline (dial-in via Zoom)

Wednesdays

Noon — Noonday Prayer with Brother Clayton (Nave and live on Facebook)

12:30 p.m. — Lunch or Later Food Ministry (outside Cathedral)

Thursdays

12:10 p.m. — Eucharist with Healing (Nave)

- **Morning Prayer** can be accessed via our Facebook page.

- **Compline (Ancient Night Prayer)** can be accessed by calling

(301) 715-8592, tapping in Meeting ID 473-817-2249, and pressing the pound (#) sign.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, July 14

6 p.m. — Property Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

Thursday, July 16

Office closed for alarm system work

6:30 p.m. — Vestry Meeting (Bamboo Room)

Friday, July 17

Office closed for alarm system work

‘CHRISTMAS IN JULY’ SET FOR NEXT WEEK: On **Sunday, July 19**, we will gather at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral at 10:15 a.m. for a special liturgy of Christmas hymns, scripture, and sacrament — a mid-year celebration of the gift that changed everything! As we give thanks for Christ, who was born to dwell among us and bring healing, peace, and unity, we are inviting you to support our St. Stephen's Episcopal School through the end of August. Please pick an ornament (or two) from the tree and purchase that item to fulfill a need at the school. Donations can be dropped off under the tree or delivered to the school office.

YOUNG ADULTS HEADED TO THE BALLPARK: Our Young Adults group will meet **Tuesday, July 21**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisburg Senators game on City Island. Tickets are \$5 per person. Contact Ezra Thrush at [et6882@gmail](mailto:et6882@gmail.com) or (717) 830-6279 for more information.

CELEBRATING PRIDE IN JULY: Harrisburg and St. Stephen's celebrate Pride a little differently than the rest of the world. We are unique! Please join us for the following:

■ **Pride Festival of Central PA (Saturday, July 25)** — St. Stephen's will be represented in collaboration with other Episcopal parishes with a booth at the Pride Festival. The festival takes place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Soldiers Grove, immediately behind the Capitol building. Drop by and visit!

■ **Pride Service (Saturday, July 25)** — Our 5 p.m. worship service at the Cathedral will open our doors with radical love and inclusion to all who might visit us. Our worship service will be centered on prayer, Scripture, preaching, music, and the Eucharist. The main difference is that the service intentionally celebrates God's love for LGBTQ+ people and affirms their full place in the life of the church. We affirm that all people are created in God's image and called into relationship with Christ. For those who have experienced rejection by churches in the past, we hope our Pride service can be a significant spiritual moment.

■ **Pride Sunday (Sunday, July 26)** — Elements from the Saturday night service will be used during our regular Sunday morning services at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Our focus will not be on politics, but on issues of justice and equality, coming as they do from our Baptismal Covenant. We hope you will attend simply because it is our regular church service and because Pride Sunday is an important Sunday in the church year.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVING OTHERS THIS SUMMER: The Community Connections Committee has a number of ways for you to get involved this summer. Here's how to do it:

■ **Neighborhood Fun Day (Saturday, Aug. 8)** — Help make snow cones for children during the community's festival at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Harrisburg. We need volunteers to serve two-hour shifts between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

■ **Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven (August; date TBD)** — Volunteers needed to host the center's male residents during a Saturday afternoon of bowling. You do not need to bowl, but just encourage the men to enjoy the outing.

■ **Art Association of Harrisburg's Gallery Walk (Sunday, Sept. 13)** — Become a docent at Riverfront Gallery (in the Cloister hallway) by welcoming visitors along the walking tour's route. No expertise is needed.

For more information, contact Gerry Garber at (717) 798-1301 or phillies75@comcast.net.

ATTEND THE CONTEMPLATIVE ICON RETREAT: A three-day contemplative writing icon retreat focusing on St. Mary, Undoer of Knots, will be hosted by St. Stephen's from **Thursday, Aug. 13, through Saturday, Aug. 15**. All supplies and meals will be

provided; cost is \$150 per person. Please register on the Diocese website. For more information, contact the Rev. Anjel Scarborough at rector@allsaints38.com or the Rev. Ginger Bennett at therevbennett@gmail.com.

SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY EARTHQUAKES IN VENEZUELA: In June, two strong earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela in rapid succession. Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with local partners as they provide critical relief today and assess their community needs. The International Disaster Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. Please visit www.episcopalrelief.org to donate and get more information.

HELP WANTED AT SHELTER FOR WOMEN & NON-BINARY PEOPLE:

Community Connections wants your help to welcome our unhoused neighbors into the Undercroft on Sunday afternoons. We provide them with a safe and restful place for a few hours off the city's streets. You will set up the snack/drink table, sign in visitors, and serve as a host; there is no cooking or food preparation involved. Volunteers reserve a two-hour shift (12:30 to 2:30 p.m. or 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.) each month. It is time well spent serving God's children. Contact Kathy Yorkievitz at kyorkievitz@gmail.com or Gerry Garber at phillies75@comcast.net for more details.

FEED IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS: The appeal for donations of red/green lentil beans and rice for Church World Service Harrisburg's food pantry has exceeded *500 bags* since last November. Thank you! Continue placing bags of lentils and rice in the white basket inside the Cloister's door.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEER TUTORS: Our school is seeking volunteers who can give one to two hours a week to assist students who are struggling with either reading or math. SSES has a reading and math specialist who is fantastic, but she is paid by the state to come to us for only a very limited number of hours and is unable to help all the students who are struggling. We can't have that continue — these are our kids. Our specialist will give you the tools you need to help. Please contact the school office at (717) 238-8590 or email Mother Dee at dshaffer@sseschool.org for more information. Join us in making a difference in the lives of our students!

BICENTENNIAL: 1826-2026

DEEP ROOTS, STRONG FUTURE

REFLECTIONS ON ST. STEPHEN'S HISTORY

from Debbie Robelen, Cathedral Archivist & Bicentennial Committee Member

Florence Houck Hildrup (1863-1947) was a philanthropist and active member of St. Stephen's. In 1928, she donated the Mercer tile floor that still exists in the Cathedral.

Henry Chapman Mercer, of Bucks County, founded the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, which specialized in handmade ceramic tiles. A small team of artisans hand-pressed wet clay into plaster molds; no two pieces were exactly alike.

Prior to making St. Stephen's floor, in 1903, Mercer was commissioned to provide pavement tiles for the new Capitol Building in Harrisburg. Those tiles were placed on every floor and depict scenes of Native Americans, Pennsylvania history, the state's plants and animals, and other subjects.

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