



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL
CATHEDRAL & SCHOOL
OCTOBER 4, 2026, AT 10:15 A.M.
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
— PROPER 22

Welcome to your Cathedral!

St. Stephen's Mission Statement:

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

(At the sound of the bell, please stand and turn to face the processional cross.)

Opening Hymn

Earth and all stars

Hymnal 412

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **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 in Excelsis

Hymnal S-277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y 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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Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Reader: The **First Reading** is from the **Book of Isaiah** [5:1-7].

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of

hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

Qui regis Israel

BCP 703

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right hand has planted.

Reader: The **Second Reading** is from the **Letter of Paul to the Philippians** [3:4b-14].

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405, v. 1&2

Celebrant: The **Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** according to **Matthew** [21:33-46].

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405, v.3&4

Sermon

The Very Rev. Joshua Saxe

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Celebrant: Let us stand and profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: 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 worshipped 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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence.)*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world; especially our president, our governor, and our mayor. We pray for all who serve in public trust and give thanks for leaders who pursue justice with courage and humility, and we ask your Spirit to move mightily wherever your people cry out for freedom. We pray for those serving our country: **Blythe, John, Tyler, and Kenny.** God, in your mercy,

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey and Kevin, our Bishops; Josh, our Dean; and for all bishops and other ministers. We pray for our companions in ministry — in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil; in the Diocese of the Susquehanna, Christ Church (Reading) and St. James (Muncy); and in the Diocese of Kajo Keji, St. Mark Ajio Parish — and for the families of our own parish, especially Barbara Gutekunst and her daughter, Elizabeth; Susan and Joe Haimovich; Dawn Hamaty; Robert Gardner and Shawn Paulk; and Br. Clayton DewAndre.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember those who suffer and those in any kind of trouble. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: **Jayne, Anthony, Lois, Sharon, Rick, Barbara, Deborah, Tessa, Rick, Susan, Camille, Crawford, Maydell, Anastasia, Nate, Ed, Glenn, Erica, Sharon, Cindy, Freya, Rosanne, Gerry, Susan, Rob, Ann, Gwen, Tel, Lizzie, Judith, Roy, Susanne, Barry, Claire, Fred, Charles, Nelson, Stephanie, Chris, Sharyn, Rachel, Judith, Rich, Dolores, Lane, Mike, Cindy, Marty, Rosemary, Tom, and Dean.** *(Silence.)*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. especially for those who have given to support for our worship in this space. The Communion Elements are given to the Glory of God. The Cathedral Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Koch, mother of Richard, on her birthday. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(Silence.)*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, [especially...], that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence.)*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Confession of Sin

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

(Silence may be kept.)

People: 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 our Savior 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 the grace of 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 Anthem

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Traditional

Featuring young singers from St. Stephen's Cathedral and School

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v.3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

(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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

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

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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



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(The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues...)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(The Celebrant continues...)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S-147



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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,

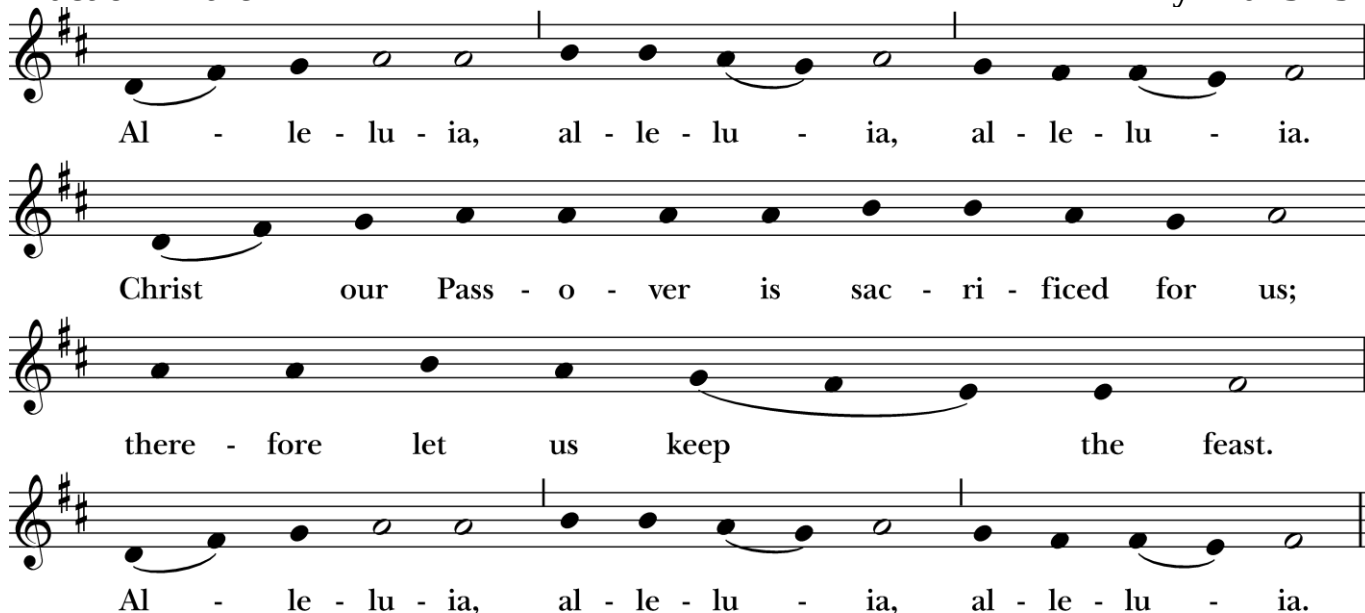
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154



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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

People: **May we become what we receive.**

(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 non-alcoholic wine. 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.

Communion Hymn

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord

Hymnal 406

(After Communion, the Celebrant says...)

Let us pray.

All: Eternal Giver of love and life: you have nourished us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Now send us into the world with the power of your Spirit, to preach your redeeming love, to do your justice, and to act with courage, in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal 400; v.1-4, 7

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

A Blessing of the Animals will take place immediately following the service in the Bishop's Garden.

Lectors: Noelle Augustine, Magnolia Thompson

Prayers of the People: Christopher Orchard

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Blakistone, Betty MacLaughlin, Caroline Robelen

Acolyte: Caroline Robelen, Camellia Thompson

Parking Attendant: John Dernbach

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, Rick Bair, Barbara, Deborah Blakistone, Tessa Blenman, Rick Breach, Susan Brubaker, Camille, Crawford, Maydell DuBose, Anastasia Dunaway, Nate Ebeling, Ed, Glenn Elliott, Erica, Sharon Farley, Cindy Fleming, Freya, Rosanne Fritz, Gerry Fritz, Susan Garber, Rob Gardner, Ann Garst, Gwen Gilroy, Tel Gilroy, Lizzie Gutekunst, Judith Hoyt, Roy Knupp, Susanne Knupp, Barry Konkle, Claire Miggins, Fred Miller, Charles Montgomery, Nelson, Stephanie Pasenelli, Chris Penny, Sharyn Peterson, Rachel, Judith Rauch, Rich, Dolores Rizzuto, Lane Schultz, Mike Shaffer, Cindy Shortall, Marty Shortall, Rosemary Snyder, Tom, 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. — Contemplative Eucharist (Nave)

9 a.m. — Adult Forum (Bishop's Parlor)

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

11:15 a.m. — Coffee Hour

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

Sundays (second and fourth)

10:15 a.m. — Kids Sunday Formation (various classrooms)

Mondays-Saturdays

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

Mondays-Fridays

9 p.m. — Compline (dial-in via Zoom)

Mondays

6:45 p.m. — Monday Bible Study (via Zoom)

Wednesdays

Noon — Noonday Prayer (Nave and live on Facebook)

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

7 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursdays

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

Thursdays (second and fourth)

7 p.m. — "Going Deeper" Book Study (Bamboo Room)

- **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:

Sunday, Oct. 4

11:30 a.m. — Blessing of the Animals (Bishop's Garden)

11:30 a.m. — Bicentennial Mug Sale (Cloister)

Wednesday, Oct. 7

7 p.m. — Cathedral Book Club (via Zoom)

Thursday, Oct. 8

5:30 p.m. — Finance Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

7 p.m. — "Going Deeper" Book Study (Bamboo Room)

Saturday, Oct. 10

8:45 a.m. — Men's Breakfast (Front Street Diner)

5 p.m. — Celtic Eucharist (Nave)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS TODAY: Dean Josh invites all to bring their leashed or crated pets, photos of pets, or stuffed animals to a special Pet Blessing — in honor of St. Francis of Assisi — **following this morning's service** in the Bishop's Garden. During the blessing, we'll thank God for the animals in our lives, ask for their protection and health, and pray that we may always be gentle caretakers of God's creation.

BICENTENNIAL MUGS HAVE ARRIVED: Hot coffee, hot chocolate, hot soup! The Bicentennial mugs are here! You can purchase yours **after this morning's service** in the Cloister. The price is \$15, with all money raised going to this year's celebration's cost so that St. Stephen's operating budget is not touched. See Anne Yellott for more information.

BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCES NEXT READ: Our Cathedral Book Club's new selection is "Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood" by Trevor Noah. The club next meets **Wednesday, Oct. 7**, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. For the Zoom link, email Bart Carpenter at a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

'GOING DEEPER' DISCUSSING NEW BOOK: "Going Deeper: Living the Abundant Life" is meeting person this fall on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. On **Thursday, Oct. 8**, at 7 p.m. in the Bamboo Room, the group will the prologue and Chapters 1-28 of "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. (The rest of the book will be discussed **Thursday, Oct. 22**.) Enter at the Cloister door; light refreshments will be provided. This is the first novel we have discussed since the book group formed in 2020. Please join us and bring a friend.

OCTOBER MEN'S BREAKFAST IS NEXT WEEKEND: Calling all men of St. Stephen's! You're invited to attend breakfast at 8:45 a.m. on **Saturday, Oct. 10**, at the Front Street Diner, 4003 N. Front St., Harrisburg. Join us for food and fellowship! Contact Rick Breach at rabreach@comcast.net for more info.

DON'T MISS THE MINISTRY FAIR: On **Sunday, Oct. 11**, right after the 10:15 a.m. liturgy, something wonderful will be happening in our Bishop's Garden. It's our St. Stephen's Ministry Fair — a joyful, intentional gathering where we, as a church family, pause to learn more about our mission and ministries and to do something profoundly spiritual and deeply practical: explore how we each fit into this amazing journey God is leading us on here at St. Stephen's. For more information, contact Br. Clayton at afriarsministry@outlook.com.

PLAY READERS REHEARSAL REMINDER: Readers for the “What Does It Mean?” play must attend one of two preliminary rehearsals on **Sunday, Oct. 11, or Sunday, Oct. 25**, and the dress rehearsal on **Sunday, Nov. 8**. Rehearsals will be held in the Nave following 10:15 a.m. worship.

YOUNG ADULTS MEETUP SCHEDULED: The next Young Adults Meetup will take place **Tuesday, Oct. 13**, at 6:30 p.m. at Troegs Brewery, 200 Hersheypark Drive in Hershey. The theology/Bible topic discussion is to be determined. For more information, contact Ezra Thrush at et6882@gmail.com or (717) 830-6279.

‘MOVING OUR MINISTRY FORWARD’ ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN: As we joyously embark on the campaign to raise the funds St. Stephen’s will need in 2027, the Annual Pledge Campaign Team hopes you will plan to be at church on **Saturday, Oct. 17, or Sunday, Oct. 18**, for our Ingathering Weekend. With Dean Joshua Saxe newly with us, this will be your chance to make a financial commitment to St. Stephen’s for 2027. Along with vibrant worship services, pledge cards will be available those days. Please prayerfully consider your gift to St. Stephen’s — and then come to church that weekend and make a pledge. Questions? Please contact Howard Dana, our pledge campaign chair, at howarddana@aol.com.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL EVENT: The celebration of St. Stephen’s Bicentennial continues **Sunday, Nov. 1**, with a choral Evensong service in the Sanctuary at 4 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, retired bishop of the former Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, will be our guest preacher. Following the service, all are invited to a commemorative celebration and reception Overlook Mansion (the Harrisburg Civic Club), located at 612 N. Front Street. The two-hour event will feature a seated hors d’oeuvre reception and program celebrating St. Stephen’s 200-year heritage. Supervised children’s activities and supper will be available in the mansion’s River Room. There is no charge to attend the Overlook Mansion activities; however, seating is limited. RSVP to the church office at aebeling@ststep.org or (717) 236-4059.

ATTEND ‘WHAT DOES IT MEAN?’ DRAMATIC READING: All are invited to the Rev. Fred Miller’s play, “What Does It Mean?” on **Sunday, Nov. 15**, at 3 p.m. in the Nave. The dramatic reading features dozens of St. Stephen’s members. Monetary donations will be received at the performance to help feed SSES students in need.

FOYER GROUPS RETURNING: Exciting news — we are re-starting the Foyer Groups at St Stephen’s! Small groups are formed to provide an opportunity for new and old members of St. Stephen’s to get to know each other. Generally, groups meet monthly and share a meal together. If you’d like to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or in the Bishop’s Parlor. For more information, contact Marcy Nechemias at mn1q@yahoo.com or (845) 518-3251.

FEED IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS: We continue the appeal for red and green lentil beans and rice for Church World Service Harrisburg's food pantry. Place donation items in the white basket located inside the Cloister door.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The family of Hazel Trauffer wishes to thank you for the awesome support that we received from you during our time here and during our bereavement. We feel blessed to have had you guiding us through the Memorial Service and Repast. Our sister could not have chosen a better congregation to join with in worship and sharing the Gospel.

We are asking God to bless you in return for the thoughtfulness you have shown.

*With grateful thanks,
the Scott family*

Thank you to Debora Braxton, Roberta Penny, Gina Kahoe, Becky Lawson, Richard Koch, John Sivley, and Frank Kahoe, who volunteered on September 25 to help pack 200 emergency food boxes for senior citizens at the Central PA Food Bank.

Future opportunities to volunteer include Friday afternoon on December 4 and Saturday morning on January 9. If interested, please contact me at pennyhouse@msn.com or (717) 379-9592.

~Greg Penny

BICENTENNIAL: 1826-2026

DEEP ROOTS, STRONG FUTURE

REFLECTIONS ON ST. STEPHEN'S HISTORY

from Debbie Robelen, Cathedral Archivist & Bicentennial Committee Member

Honorary Canons

Since the Middle Ages, it has been a custom of the Church to honor certain people with the title of Cathedral Canon. At first, the title applied only to those who served on the bishop's staff; later, to those who worked in a Cathedral's ministries and lived together in the Cathedral close (within the Cathedral walls or enclosure). Even later yet, the title was given to those who were honored for special service to the Church, even if not performed on the Cathedral close.

"Residential Canons" are part of the permanent staff of the Cathedral and are responsible for its services and ministries. "Honorary Canons" have other employment, but are entitled to special honor in the Cathedral and the Church. (In large English cathedrals, they have a reserved seat or "stall" in the sanctuary, and both kinds of canons are addressed as "Canon" in writing or speaking.)

Currently, 51 individuals are listed as Honorary Canons of St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral. At their bishop's request, the following individuals, familiar to many in our Cathedral family, accepted the role of Honorary Canon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral: the Rev. Canon Anthony Alexander (2021), Canon Patricia Cameron (1991), the Rev. Canon Frederick Miller (2014), the Rev. Canon William F. Murphey (1991), and Canon Mary Grace Shearer (2008).

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