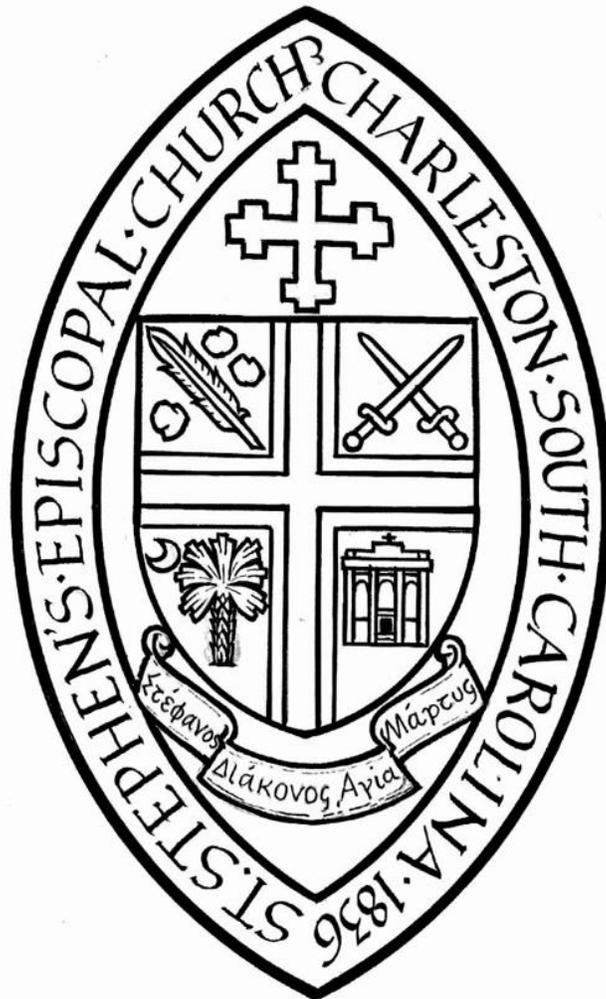


St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
In the City of Charleston, South Carolina



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022
11:00 a.m.

*We welcome you to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
a house of prayer for all people.*

The Reverend Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker, Rector
The Reverend Laura Rezac, Associate Rector
The Reverend Courtney Davis-Shoemaker, Assistant Priest
The Reverend Greg Smith, Deacon
Wayne Helmly, Organist & Choirmaster

PRELUDE: Danza Rustica
Prelude on "Morning Has Broken"
Caprice

Louri Gritchetchkine
A. Royce Eckhardt
Maurice Green

OPENING HYMN 197

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no longer, death, appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Savior giving.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he has gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says

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.**

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON:



PSALM TONE:



Antiphon

14 The Lord is my [strength and] my song, *
and he has become [my] salvation.

15 There is a sound of exul-[tation] and victory *
in the [tents of] the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the [Lord] has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! ...
the right hand of the [Lord] has triumphed!”

17 I shall not [die] but live, *
and declare the [works of] the Lord.

Antiphon

18 The Lord has [punished] me sorely, *
but he did not hand me [over] to death.

19 Open for me the [gates] of righteousness; *
I will enter them; ... I will offer [thanks to] the
Lord.

20 “This is the [gate of] the Lord; *
he who is [righteous] may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you [for] you answered me *
and have become [my] salvation.

Antiphon

22 The same stone which the [builders] rejected *
has become the [chief] cornerstone.

23 This is the [Lord’s] doing, *
and it is marvelous [in] our eyes.

24 On this day the [Lord] has acted; *
we will re-[joiice and] be glad in it.

25 Hosannah [Lord] hosannah! *
Lord send us [now] success.

Antiphon

26 Blest is he who comes in the [name of] the Lord; *
we bless you from the [house of] the Lord.

27 God is the Lord; ... he has [shined] upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the [horns
of] the altar.

28 “You are my God and [I] will thank you; *
you are my God and [I will] exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the Lord for [he] is good; *
his mercy en-[dures] for ever.

Antiphon

SECOND READING: *Revelation 1:4-8*

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

HYMN 199

We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, 'My Lord and God!'

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

GOSPEL: *John 20: 19-31*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my

hand in his side, I will not believe.”²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Adam J. Shoemaker

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Form IV*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect followed by our Bicentennial Prayer.

God of all times and seasons: we give you thanks for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the resurrection faith and commitment that have sustained and strengthened St. Stephen's for the last 200 years. As we look ahead, may the Spirit continue to guide and enable us to respond in ways old and new to the urgency of the Gospel, to our call to be a "house of prayer for all," and to bear witness to the breadth and depth of your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. In this season in which we are especially mindful of the need to keep everyone healthy, we invite you to pass the peace in the Eastern tradition (by clasping your hands in prayer, bowing to your neighbor, and saying, "Peace be with you.").

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

The Priest offers an Offertory Sentence.

OFFERTORY: "This Joyful Eastertide"

arr. Vernon Hoyle

*This joyful Eastertide,
away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.*

*Refrain:
Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now is Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.
Refrain*

*My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.
Refrain*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION *Hymn 193, vs 5*

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

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.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 your Son 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:

Celebrant and People

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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:

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

...Come to this table you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who come to this sacrament often, and you who have not come for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invited us to meet him here... (Invitation, Iona Abbey, Scotland)

To the left of the Altar, you will notice a Prayer Station kneeler. During communion, you are welcome to come forward and ask for general prayer or a specific need with one of the St. Stephen's Prayer Team members.

Communion will be offered in two kinds, wine by intinction at the altar rail.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Officiant concludes with the Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 432

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along!
For love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE: Christ is Alive (Truro)

arr. Jason Payne

The worship is over. Now the service begins.

*The Flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Sylvia Franke
in Thanksgiving for her new, healthy granddaughter Lilian Claire Dana.*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

The Reverend Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker (Celebrant & Preacher)
The Reverend Gregory L. Smith (Deacon)
Wayne Helmly (Choirmaster & Organist)
Anne-Marie Doyon (Verger)
Vicki Anthos (Lector)
Nicole Watts (Eucharistic Minister)
Diane Aghapour (Crucifer)
Madison Wade (Torch Bearer)
Lucca Held (Torch Bearer)
Team #1 (Usher Team)
Vicki Anthos & Sylvia Franke (Flower Designers)

A NOTE ABOUT TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

During today's liturgy, we will hear from the Gospel of John which has in history been read anti-Semitically. As we hear the words, "The Jews," we need to hold fast to the context of the story. We can substitute in our minds "some Jewish authorities" or "some leaders of the synagogue" or "some religious leaders." The Jewish people and their leadership, as well as their religious traditions, were complex and diverse in Jesus' time, and still are. Furthermore, both Jesus' followers and enemies were complex and diverse as well. Blanket statements about "The Jews," (or any group for that matter) particularly in the service of a hostile agenda or one that seeks to harm, marginalize, or disempower, are to be rejected.

LISTENING PROCESS REPORT: TODAY

Today, following the 11am service

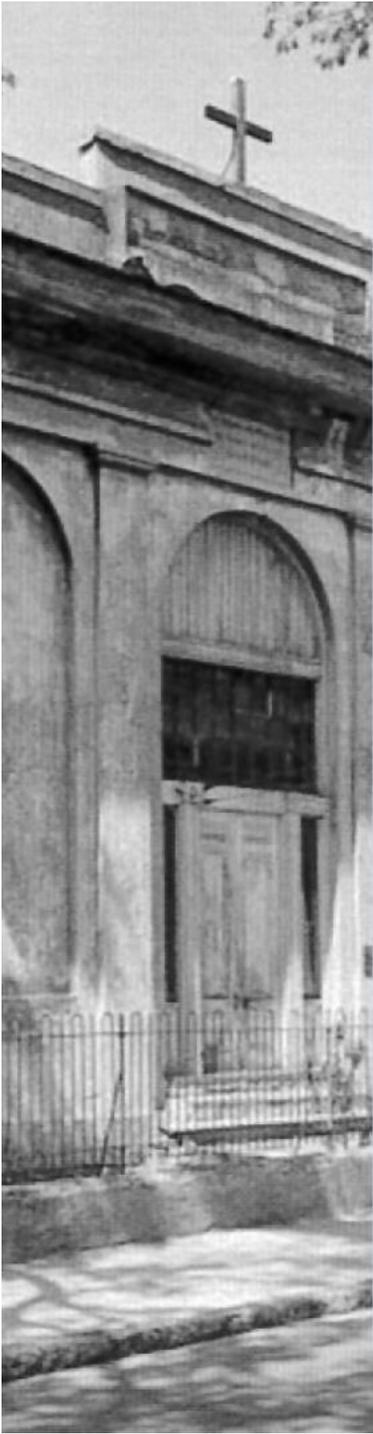
All are welcome to a parish meeting today following the 11am service in the church to hear the results of our two-month long parish listening process! Please come to hear about the feedback your vestry has received and what the next steps in this process will look like. For those unable to come in-person on the 24th, a Zoom meeting will be offered on **April 28** at 6pm. Contact our Parish Office at arucker@ststephenschs.com for the link. We will also share our listening process results in writing following these two public meetings.

FREE PARKING FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

Free parking is available in The Gaillard Center Parking Garage (a short walk from the church at 33 Alexander Street) each Sunday for up to three hours. Simply hold onto your worship bulletin from St. Stephen's and on your way out, after inserting your ticket, you will see a red light to scan the barcode you see below.

If you have any issues, press the black assistance button located on the front of the machine in the upper right-hand corner. This will put you in touch with a real person.





BICENTENNIAL ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATION

SUNDAY, MAY 1 AT 5PM
ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JOIN US IN THE CHURCH FOR A BICENTENNIAL ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATION ON ST. STEPHEN'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY, FOLLOWING OUR "3 SARAH'S" LECTURE IN MARCH.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT EDUCATIONAL EVENT, FACILITATED BY OUR RECTOR AND DEACON GREG SMITH, FOCUSED ON THE MANY YEARS ST. STEPHEN'S WAS A VIBRANT BLACK PARISH OF THE DIOCESE. THERE WILL BE A SLIDE PRESENTATION AS WELL AS REMEMBRANCES SHARED BY SOME OF OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN PARISHIONERS. A LIGHT RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE EVENT ON THE LAWN, WEATHER PERMITTING.

EMMA WATSON BBQ & FUNDRAISER

Join us on **May 15** after our 11am worship service for our Emma Watson BBQ & Fundraiser!
An online silent auction will also be taking place.

If you would like to attend the BBQ, or can't attend but would like to donate, please contact our Parish Office at arucker@ststephenschs.com for further instructions. (Adults: \$20, Children 6-12: \$5, Children 5 and under: FREE) All proceeds support community outreach and youth programs at St. Stephen's. Please contact the office **BEFORE** sending in any payment.