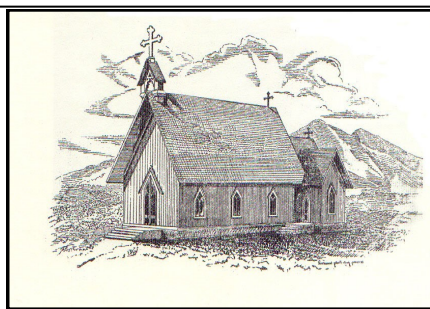




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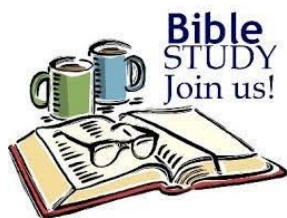
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Fridays at 11:00 am

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The Vicar's Moment...

by the Rev. Taylor B. Clark



While musing about these past two months, I become even more aware and impressed with the stamina and willingness of all at St. Stephen's to engage and complete projects that we are working on. In these last two months we have started using acolytes in The Eucharist. Thanks to Beth who set this up with the support of Molly and Aletha. Our acolytes are Ellie, Parker, and Joel. Besides learning to work in tandem as acolytes, they also learned what a knight, bishop and queen are and how they move because we are also learning chess and eating pizza. I am not sure that we could have picked three better young people to pilot this program. They are engaged with this project and involved with the church. All three are smart and insightful. The next youth gathering is January 12th. As we say, "Come see!" All are welcome.

As the body of Christ, we are continuing to build on the success in our varied undertaking. We provided instructed tours of the church during the open house in early December. Next year we will have gingerbread! Yum!

Bible Study is ongoing this Advent and into Christmas season, with Max Lucado presenting an Advent and Christmas message called, "He came near" which focuses on the story of the incarnation, from the angel with Mary, to Jesus' naming.

What a blessed Christmas it has been! Thanks to you, we had several successful new services. This year participated in the joint ecumenical service at the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Cyndi Wunder. Our first service was the 'longest night' on Dec. 21. The members of the Presbyterian Church then came to St. Stephen's to jointly celebrate Evening Prayer Christmas evening. We also had a midnight service this year. It included all those rich expressions that you expect on Christmas eve. Next year we will try to increase folks' awareness of those services by advertising more extensively throughout the community.

This year coming up, 2023, is the year of our 150-year jubilee. What can we do to commemorate that throughout the community?

One of the ways some of us are anticipating is an ecumenical gathering in the park for bluegrass music and joint interrelationships between the various denominations. What about a Eucharist in the park? What about a booth at the Miners Jubilee? What do you want to do? How can we become a more cohesive Body of Christ this coming year?

God has richly blessed us. As we say, "Let us go forth in the power of the spirit." And then, with gratitude, our response can only be, "Thanks be to God!"

Come see! In Christ, Taylor

Lighting of the Advent Candles by Church Families



McQuistens Week 1



Andersons Week 2



Charpilloz/Roys Week 3



Crowells Week 4

Advent Bible Study



Every Friday during Advent at 11:00 am in the Fireside Room church friends gathered to watch the Max Lucado Advent Series. Then there was a discussion about what each one saw in the symbolism of the images that he presented.

CHURCH FAMILY PICTURES



Crossroads Navity Scenes
made from recycled material

Building a Clock Tower
Nativity Scene



Hazel Crowell's
Nativity Scene



Sunday School Activity;
Making Advent Wreaths
for Church family Homes

Monthly Mens Breakfast
on the First Sunday of
every month, which is
also Sunday School
Sunday.

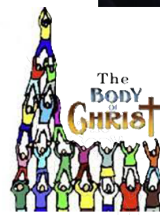
On this Sunday the kids
made gingerbread
houses to take home for
Christmas.



In the Fireside Room
making gingerbread
houses.



The Crowell girls are waiting for the rest of
the Sunday School kids to set up
Christmas Food Baskets for 7 families in the
community. The Sunday School Kids will
then deliver the baskets to the families.

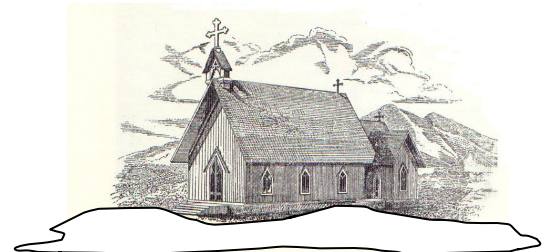


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 Please join us Sundays at 9 AM.
 We miss you when you are not here.*



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*Bible study
 Sundays @ 7:30 AM &
 Tuesdays @ 4 PM @
 Little Pig*



Jan 1	Morning Prayer II @ 9 am	Holy Name
Jan 8	VESTRY 7:30 am – Holy Eucharist II @ 9 am	Epiphany 1
Jan 15	Morning Prayer II @ 9 am	Epiphany 2
Jan 22	Holy Eucharist II @ 9 am ANNUAL MEETING	Epiphany 3
Jan 29	Morning Prayer II @ 9 am	Epiphany 4
Feb 5	Holy Eucharist II @ 9 am	Epiphany 5
Feb 12	Morning Prayer II @ 9 am	Epiphany 6
Feb 19	Holy Eucharist II @ 9 am	Epiphany 7
Feb 26	Morning Prayer II @ 9 am	Lent 1