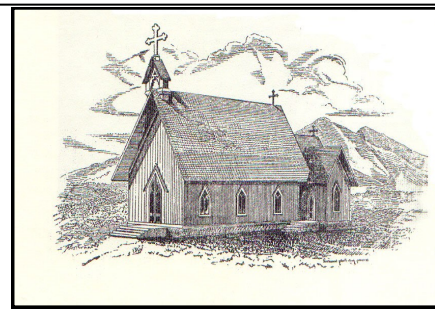




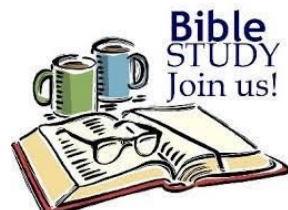
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The Vicar's Moment... by the Rev. Taylor B. Clark



Good morning, I am so pleased to reiterate what we have done these past couple of months and what we can look forward to in November and December.

We have had a fantastic opportunity for ministry in September and October. I think that the striking and unforgettable service, September 23rd for Barbara's Prowell's life and service to St. Stephen's and Baker City allowed us to 'remember' her lifelong faithful service and dedication to us all. May she rest in peace and joy for a life well lived in the service of our Lord.

At the end of those dog days of Summer about 30 of us found ourselves picking up spuds for the Salvation Army, September 29th. We gathered the most potatoes ever with 730 lbs. donated. Not bad for a couple of hours of work. Thanks to Joel and Beth Bigelow, we finished the morning off with pizza, watermelon, and our beverage of choice.

Early October brought our Pumpkin Auction. The naked pumpkins were all artistically smeared, daubed, spattered, and be-dazzled for our bidding. The kid's ingenuity and imagination blew us away. We received from our generous family and friends over \$3200 that will go toward Christmas dinner baskets to local hungry families and help with our Sunday School activities and our youth group. After the auction we remembered St. Francis' day with the blessing of the pets. It reminded us all of our valued relationship with creation and all that we care for.

Convention was a fantastic opportunity for us to look at our behaviors, feelings and thoughts to better embrace our relationship with our indigenous brothers and sisters. This process of learning and practicing a new paradigm of being with each other comes with joy and sorrow. We feel joy in community with each other but also, as we remember the past, we must come to the table with our hands open asking for forgiveness and healing for all.

The distinctive and unique, one and only Episcopossums will be tuning up and practicing for services on 11/26- and 12/31. Be there. Be prepared to sing out and praise God.

November 1st, we celebrate All Saints, followed by our Consecration Sunday, November 12th. Christ the King, our last Sunday in this common time is 11/26. With the first Sunday in Advent December 3, we begin our focus on Christ's coming as a baby and his Second Coming when he takes us unto himself. There will be the longest night service December 21st, celebrated with the Methodists and Presbyterians. We are still firming up the particulars. Keep tuned. Christmas Eve will have three services. The regularly scheduled service at 9:00 a.m. will be morning prayer with Aletha leading. The family service at 6:00 p.m. as well as the Midnight Mass at 11:30 p.m. will have Eucharist. We will have no service Christmas Day.

So, there you have it. This looks to be a continuation of our opportunities for ministry to each other and beyond. Please be mindful for those who need our support, love, and prayers. In Christ's name and to his glory,
 Amen



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Our Sesquicentennial year draws to an end.

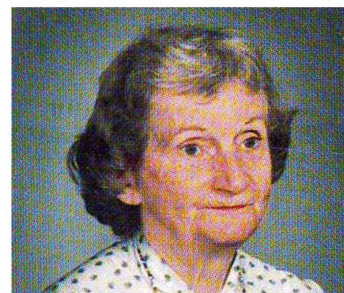
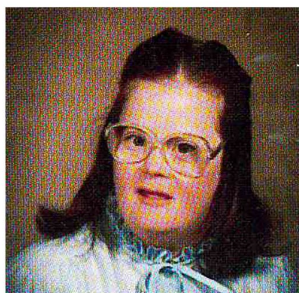
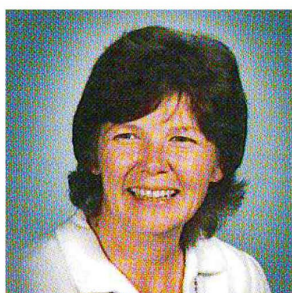


A perennial Memorial Garden was planted outside of the St. Stephen's Wing Entrance in honor of Barbara Prowell this fall. There are still plant spaces available if you have some perennials in your garden that you would like to contribute. We will be ordering a Memorial Plaque soon.

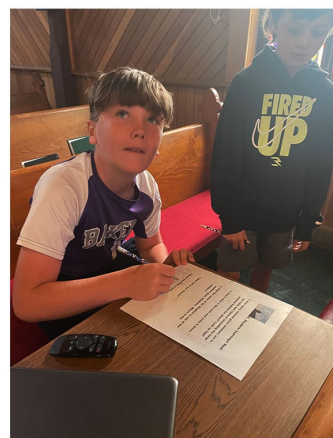


Mary Anderson, brought us some of her Mom's vintage St. Stephen's Mementos. We will have them in the Fireside Room this Consecration Sunday. Be sure and check them out.

Here's a sampling of some of the photos I found glancing through the publications. Recognize anyone?



Sue Richard teaches the history of St. Stephen's to our St. Stephen's Future.





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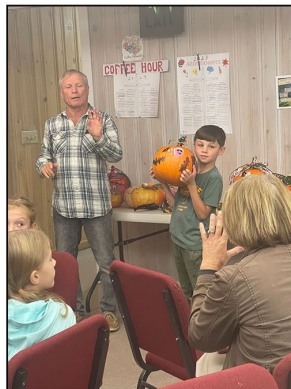
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2023 GREAT PUMPKIN AUCTION

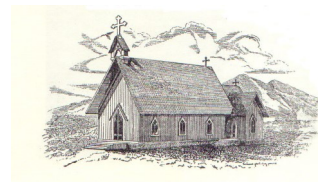


THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES! IT WAS A GREAT YEAR!

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November 5	Holy Eucharist II @ 9:00 a.m.	All Saints Day
November 12	Holy Eucharist II @ 9:00 a.m. Consecration Sunday	Pentecost 24
November 19	Holy Eucharist II @ 9:00 a.m.	Pentecost 25
November 26	Morning Prayer II @ 9:00 a.m.	Pentecost 26
December 3	Holy Eucharist II @ 9:00 a.m.	Advent 1
December 10	Morning Prayer II @ 9:00 a.m.	Advent 2
December 17	Holy Eucharist II @ 9:00 a.m.	Advent 3
December 24	Morning Prayer @ 9:00 a.m.	Advent 4
December 24	Holy Eucharist II @ 6:00 p.m. Family Service	Christmas Eve
December 24	Holy Eucharist II @ 11:30 p.m. Midnight Service	Christmas Eve
December 31	Morning Prayer II @ 9:00 a.m.	1st Sunday after Christmas