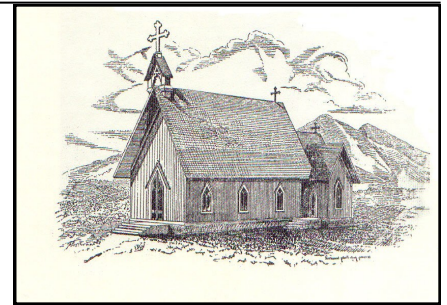




# The Voice of St. Stephen's

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## *the Vicar's Moment...*

*by the Rev. Taylor B. Clark*



### Welcome to another Vicar's Corner.

This week, we have entered the season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday, yumm, and Ash Wednesday, with our 'outward and visible sign of Christ' on our foreheads, have brought us into the season.

Lent is 40 days for us to deepen our faith connection with God and our relationship with others. Lent has a special place in my heart because, as we probe and explore our faith more fully through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are drawn closer to our Lord. It is also during Lent that we are commended to be purposeful in our reading of religious books, in watching Christ-centered movies and TV, and in sharing our faith more intentionally with those we meet this season. Lent gives us these 40 days to focus our hearts, souls, and minds on walking together with Jesus as he sets his face toward Jerusalem and our redemption.

Our Lenten season lasts until Easter, which falls on April 5th. Between now and Easter, we will gather for weekly Wednesday Compline and soup suppers, celebrate Palm Sunday, participate in Maundy Thursday with foot washing, and observe Good Friday with the Stations of the Cross.

Our Easter celebrations begin with the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening and continue with the Easter Sunday morning service. This will be a busy time to connect with God, each other, and those with whom we need to reconcile. All of this leads us to Him. On Easter Eve and Easter morning, we will be embraced by the miracle of his resurrection. Until then, may we open our hearts, heads, and hope, leading us to follow him to Golgotha, the grave, and ultimately to his resurrection and ours.

In Christ, Taylor

### Bible Study Fridays

@ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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# Holy Week Services



**Maundy Thursday**

**April 2nd**



**Good Friday**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Noon & 6pm**

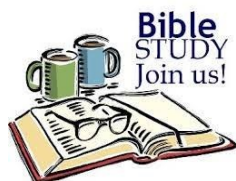


**Great Vigil**

**April 4th**

**Bible Study Every Friday at 11am in the Fireside Room.**

We study the upcoming Sunday's lessons, which can be found online at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



**Special Event—March 13th 1p.m—Everyone is Welcome!**

Deacon Linda Hale from St. Peters will join us for Bible Study and afterwards at 1 pm she will share how to make & use Anglican Prayer Beads.



**Soup Suppers ~ Every Wednesday evening during Lent.**

5:30 pm Compline in the Chapel

6:00 pm Soup & fellowship in the Parish Hall

**Ascension School Summer Camp**

**~ Registration Now Open ~**



**Discovery Camp— June 28th = 30th—Preschool—2nd Grade**

**with an accompanying Adult**

**Beginner's Camp ~ July 12th—16 ~ for 3rd -5th Graders**

**Middle School Camp ~ July 5th—12th ~ 6th & 7th grade**

**Intermediate Camp ~ July 19—24 ~ 8th & 9th grader**

**Senior High Camp ~ June 21-27 ~ 10th grade – graduated Seniors**

**Contact Beth Bigelow 541-377-8635**

*You're Invited*

*90th Birthday Party  
~ Guest of Honor is Sandy Pryse ~  
Saturday March 14th 1-3pm*

*At the home of Fred & Cammy Warner  
2108 Main Street*



### ***Everything you wanted to know about the Parochial Report...***

Every year, every Parish in the United State is asked to fill out a form of statistical data and narrative history, which is then gathered into an annual portrait of The Episcopal Church USA. What we fill out online is then forwarded to our own Diocese of Eastern Oregon so they can see what activities each parish has engaged in throughout the year. The statistical data on our worship life, including special services of Baptism, Consecration, Weddings, Burial, and Daily Offices during the Liturgical Year, such as Ash Wednesday and evening Compline services during Lent, are all written down by our Vicar, Taylor, in the Service Register. These are then added up for the report. The report also includes comprehensive financial data.

Other statistical data include how many of our regular parishioners are baptized (in any Christian denomination, once is for all time) and how many are confirmed in The Episcopal Church (one denomination of The Christian Church) anywhere in the country and at any time in their life.

For those who are baptized or confirmed here at St. Stephens we have you in our Parish Record, which the Archivist keeps. But for those who have come from other places, we really don't know who is baptized and/or confirmed. I have made educated guesses over the years, but I would really like for our statistics as accurate as possible. To do this we would like to send out a small survey. If you wish to remain anonymous, that is fine, it will still help our statistics. If not, we would gladly record you in the permanent history logbook of St. Stephen's Parish, Baker City.

Here is one narrative piece we sent this year, exemplifying our Congregation.

Our Youth Program has active acolyte program serving in rotating worship services; has planned and conducted a Morning Prayer with homilies for Congregation; plans outing, such as ski days; makes Christmas baskets to be distributed to needy families, paid for by decorated Hallowe'en pumpkins for auction, raising over \$2,000; sending our youth and some their friends to week-long Diocesan camping experience; joining adults and bringing friends for fall potato gleaning, donating 1400 pounds of potatoes to Salvation Army this year; and monthly meeting with pizza, music, crafts, games, and learning to play bluegrass.

*by Aletha Bonebrake, Treasurer*

# Parish Life....



"Caring for all God's creatures, our Neighbors, Our Children, Each Other and In Christ Jesus, the Stranger at our Door"

## Ski Party at Anthony Lakes



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January 25th



## Olympic Games



# Parish Life....

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



## Epiphany Sunday School



## March 2026—St. Stephen's Worship Schedule

Date	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Time	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.
Sunday	2 Lent	3 Lent	4 Lent	5 Lent	Palm Sunday
Service	Holy Eucharist II	Morning Prayer II	Holy Eucharist II	Morning Prayer II	Holy Eucharist II
Celebrant Sermon	Rev. Taylor Clark Rev. Taylor Clark	Molly Larsen	Rev. Taylor Clark Rev. Taylor Clark	Betty Palmer	Rev. Taylor Clark Rev. Taylor Clark
Worship Leader	Molly Larsen	Molly Larsen	Molly? Beth?	Cammy Warner	Molly Larsen
Head Acolyte	Molly Larsen	No Acolyte	Molly Larsen	No acolyte	Molly Larsen
Acolyte	Weston, Paker, Clair, Lane	No Acolytes		No acolytes	
Prayers/People	Nick Tayer	Betty Palmer	Marylee Bates	Vicki Kerr	Aletha Bonebrake
Lector/Greeter	Nancy Rorick	Vicki Kerr	Sue Richard	Rob Palmer	Joel Bigelow
Music	L. Sappington	L. Sappington	L. Sappington	Episcopossums	L. Sappington
Altar Guild	Nancy Rorick	Betty Palmer	Sue Richard	Patti Pickard	Beth Bigelow

## April 2026—St. Stephen's Worship Schedule

Date	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Time	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.
Sunday	Easter Day	2 Easter	3 Easter	4 Easter
Service	Holy Eucharist II	Morning Prayer II	Holy Eucharist II	Morning Prayer II
Celebrant Sermon	Rev. Taylor Clark Rev. Taylor Clark	Molly Larsen	Rev. Taylor Clark Rev. Taylor Clark	Betty Palmer
Worship Leader	Molly Larsen	Molly Larsen	Molly Larsen	Cammy Warner
Head Acolyte	Molly Larsen	N/A	Molly Larsen	N/A
Acolyte		N/A		N/A
Prayers /People	Vicki Kerr	Joel Bigelow	Nancy Rorick	Betty Palmer
Lector/Greeter	Marylee Bates	Sue Richard	Courtney Crowell	Rob Palmer
Music	Lindianne Sappington	Lindianne Sappington	Lindianne Sappington	Episcopossums
Altar Guild	Vicki Kerr	Nancy Rorick	Sue Richard	Betty Palmer

## March Birthdays

Mar 14: Taylor Clark  
 Sandy Pryse  
 Joel Richardson

Mar 27: Jack Wilson

Mar 29: Fred Zimmer

Mar 30: Aletha Bonebrake

Mar 31: Grant Johnson  
 Fred Warner, Jr.



## April Birthdays

Feb. 5 Jessica Anderson

Feb. 5 Joel Anderson

Feb. 7 Molly Larsen

Feb. 11 Jim Tomlinson

Feb. 12 Meredith Wilson

Feb/ 13 Mark Johnson

### March Coffee Hour Hosts

Mar 1 Church Potluck

Mar 8 The Tayers

Mar 15 The Palmers

Mar 22 Sue Richard



### April Coffee Hour Hosts

Apr 5 Church Potluck

Apr 12

Apr 19

Apr 26 Sheehys



## Prayer Chain Warriors



If you would like to have your name removed from or added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

♥ Beth Bigelow	856-3334	♥ Vicki Kerr	910-5946
♥ Rev. Aletha Bonebrake	519-6776	♥ The Rev. Taylor. Clark	519-7454
♥ Sue Richard	519-7227	♥ Nancy Rorick	519-3644
♥ Betty Palmer	523-4043	♥ Carol Harley	360-921-4141

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### March 2026

Mar 1	Holy Eucharist II	2 Lent
Mar 8	Morning Prayer	3 Lent
Mar 15	Holy Eucharist II	4 Lent
Mar 22	Morning Prayer	5 Lent
Mar 29	Holy Eucharist II	Palm Sunday

### April 2026

Apr 5	Holy Eucharist II	Easter Day
Apr 12	Morning Prayer II	2 Easter
Apr 19	Holy Eucharist II	3 Easter
Apr 26	Morning Prayer II	4 Easter