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Practicing Peace

On Christmas Eve we heard the prophecy of Isaiah: *"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* And, the angels proclaimed, *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"* Peace is the word when Jesus came to earth to dwell among us. In the Beatitudes Jesus announced, *"Blessed are the peacemakers."* Again, as the time of his death drew near, his word to his disciples was peace: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."* And, when the resurrected Christ appeared to his followers, his first words to them were, *"Peace be with you."*

From beginning to end, Jesus called us to the life, the work, the practice of peace. Yet, peace seems an impossible reality in our world. Among our friends and families, resentments and past hurts divide us from those we once loved; sharp words, cold shoulders, and murmurs behind the back undermine the peace of our households. Our neighbors and pew mates live in Lynn because they fled war, civil strife, and crushing poverty in their homelands. Whether from Central America, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Africa, or Eastern Europe, they came seeking peace. In neighborhoods across our country, gun violence and mass incarceration leave young, black men frustrated and fearful; they see no path to a peaceful future. Recent terrorist attacks have rocked our sense of peace as bombs exploded in Paris and Islamic extremists gunned down innocent people in San Bernardino, California.

A few months ago I met Sarah Jawaid, who works with ECCO's sister organization LAVoice. This week I received an email from her asking for my support. Sarah, who is a US-born Muslim, wrote, *"My husband keeps telling me to buy pepper spray and carry a whistle – to be careful with my surroundings. I've talked with my mom about wearing a beanie in public instead of a hijab when she doesn't feel safe, and I check in with my Muslim girlfriends to make sure they feel supported. The hate-filled election season coupled with the attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, CA, make this a challenging time for Muslims in America. In the past month, a Sikh temple and 6 mosques have been vandalized in southern California. On Thanksgiving, a taxi driver in Pittsburgh, PA was shot in his own cab for being Muslim. A restaurant owned by Somali refugees was firebombed in North Dakota, and women wearing hijabs have been assaulted across our country. Yet, I know that fearful rhetoric does not reflect any of our faith values."*

The Sunday after the Paris attacks, we closed our worship by singing, *"Let there be peace on earth."* The song reminds us that God's desire for us is peace and that peace begins with each one of us. With every step, look, gesture, word, and prayer, we have the opportunity to practice peace in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and church. The heavenly vision of peace on earth may feel a long way away but each of us can help tip the universe by mindfully and intentionally practicing peace.

In reality and not just symbolically, may we stand with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who insisted, *"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."*

Jane⁺

If you don't believe I've been redeemed/God's a-going to trouble the water/Just follow me to the Jordan's stream/God's a-going to trouble the water

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, January 10th the church will celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This year we read about this baptism as written in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus was around 30 years old when he arrived at the Jordan River where his cousin, John the Baptist, was baptizing the people who came forward. Luke doesn't include any details about the actual baptisms—what did John say, were there baptismal promises, how was the water blessed? After Jesus' baptism, the whole earth rejoices: "the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'" (Luke 3:21-22) With his baptism and the descent of the Holy Spirit Jesus now begins his public ministry.

Although I don't remember my own baptism, I have participated in many baptisms, often singing that wonderful hymn, "Wade in the Water." While on my trip to the Holy Land I visited the Jordan River and was surprised to see a small, dirty brown river slowly winding through the landscape. Surrounded by tall reeds scattered with trash, it wasn't the sparkling blue water I had so often imagined. I certainly felt no desire "to wade in the water."

Fortunately the sacrament of baptism doesn't require crystal, clear water. For our baptisms we use ordinary Lynn city water. On January 10 this water will include a small portion of water from the Jordan River. When combined these waters hold our identities as Christians in the past, present and future. The river water carries the memory of Jesus, the Lynn water represents who we are today, and when blessed together they fill us with God's grace to begin our life in Christ.



At this month's baptism, and at all baptisms, let us wade in the water. The water may not be perfect but then neither are we. The Good News of the Gospels is that with God this doesn't matter. God troubles the ordinary water to make it extraordinary and thus to make us extraordinary.

Peace,

Sarah

Called to Serve

I have been a member of St. Stephen's Church all my life. Many of those years I was involved as a Sunday school teacher, youth group advisor, Eucharistic Minister, Building Committee, Finance Committee and so forth. In years past, I served on the Vestry and one year became Treasurer at a very difficult time for St Stephens. At another time, I filled in for clerk, and have served as Junior and Senior warden. And now, here I am again as your Senior Warden. When I look back and think about all of these leadership roles and the work we have done together, I do feel that being on the Vestry and serving as an officer is a privilege. As a Vestry member, you work with others to determine how we implement St. Stephen's mission goals and live into God's plan for us here in Lynn. The vestry is the vessel of God (thank you SMT) for St Stephen's. Think and pray about whether God might be calling you to serve. Become a part of this wonderful satisfying ministry.

REPORT ON RESTORATION. I am sure you have noticed that the scaffolding is up on the Blossom street side of the building. November 24th Chris Trahan, Harry Jackson and I met with the rest of the construction team for the kickoff construction meeting. The other members of the team are Jeff Shaw, Dunham & Sweeny Architects; Michael Gnazzo, Cenaxo LLC Construction Company; Ross Dekel from Massachusetts Historical Commission. Mark Seddon from Cenaxo is the project Manager for the winter phase.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission approved a fifty thousand dollar reimbursable grant for St Stephen's. One hundred thousand dollars came from a grant from the Diocesan Closed Church Fund and one hundred thousand from the Yvonne and Earl Wing bequest.

There are many steps that must be taken to follow the procedure required by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). Once the contract with MHC was signed by the Secretary of State, the contract with Cenaxo could be executed. All contracts and building permit signed the scaffolding was put in place.

The project is split into a 3-4 week winter phase for the Belfry/Cupola (slate and metal work) and an 8 week spring phase for the sacristy roof, masonry chimney and knee wall. Regular project meetings will be held every Tuesday. The initial phase will be looking for any unusual places that might cause water problems in the sacristy area. The rest of the work will be done in the spring.

Marilyn & Rick Cloran have graciously volunteered to take all the required project photography.

The next phase of restoration has begun!



Virginia Fuller
Senior Warden

STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

VESTRY SUMMARY: DECEMBER 13. The Vestry met with Carol and Louis Rodrigue's about a gift in Bill Rodrigue's memory, reviewed financials, discussed the 2016 budget, received a report from the Stewardship Ministry Team, reviewed on-going repair and restoration projects, and discussed recruiting candidates for Vestry, Deanery, and Diocesan Convention.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM PLANS PLEDGE FOLLOW UP. As we reach toward our pledge goal of \$133,000, the Stewardship Ministry Team and Vestry thank all those who have pledged for 2016. Already 81 households have pledged \$103,039. Pledge envelopes and thank you Episcopal Church calendars are available in the Galahad Area; please call the office if you would like your envelopes mailed to you. Even as we move toward our pledge goal, the Vestry conversation about income made clear that we actually need to surpass our goal if we hope to fund the ministry envisioned when leaders discussed the expense side of the 2016 budget. Please help St. Stephen's continue to care for and be vessels of God's love and care.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE? Our Parish, Deanery, and Diocese need leaders and the good news is that the leaders we need are sitting in our pews. Please think, pray, and talk to **Nominating Committee members Bob Dixon, Conrad Squires, and Joyce Wallace** as you reflect on whether God might be calling you to serve. Although nominations can be made at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 7, the Nominating Committee hopes to publish in the Annual Report a full slate of candidates for Junior & Senior Warden, Treasurer, Clerk, and Vestry (three 3-year terms) as well as Deanery (5 delegates) and Diocesan Convention (2 delegates & 2 alternates). **The deadline for nominations is Sunday, January 24.**

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCH FEBRUARY 7, 2016 AT NOON. Mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, February 7 at noon. **(We promise to eat and meet quickly so that we do not interfere with any possible Super Bowl prayers and parties.)** Episcopal governance requires the participation of our members in our Annual Meeting. The Episcopal Church defines members as communicants who contribute financially to the parish. We hope to have Annual Reports available by Sunday, January 31. Of course, timely completion of the Annual Report depends on **all ministry team leaders submitting Annual Reports by Friday, January 15.** Please sign up in the Galahad Area to let us know what you will contribute to the potluck.

ST. STEPHEN'S WINS "TRAILS & SAILS" PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD. Our Tiffany Windows Tour received one of five People's Choice Awards presented by the Essex Heritage Trust for 2015. There were 150 events during the two Essex Heritage "Trails and Sails" weekends-- all free of charge. On Saturday, September 20, St. Stephen's welcomed more than 70 people to see our church and windows. The tour started with Rick Cloran giving a presentation on the details of the windows using enlarged photographs of some of the sections. He also discussed the different types of processes used to give the different effects. Irene Axelrod continued with the history of the parish and the Mudge family. People then toured the church, where the windows shown in all their glory on a beautiful sunny day, and the Mudge graves in the Garth. Sally Gosselin greeted people at registration. It was an excellent opportunity to showcase our treasures. People marveled that there was such a place in Lynn. Marilyn Cloran

NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISMS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 10; PREPARATION CLASS JANUARY 5. Our Book of Common Prayer defines Baptism as *"the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God."* (pg. 858) This sacrament, when we affirm that we belong to God, requires thoughtful preparation for both the candidate and their family. **The next baptism service will be on The Feast of the Baptism of Christ on January 10 at 10:00am;** attendance at the preparation class on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 is mandatory. Please complete registration forms by Sunday, January 3 if you are interested and speak with the clergy if you have any questions.

TUESDAY JANUARY 5 AT THE MONASTERY. Celebrate the Eve of the Epiphany with the monks in Cambridge. On Tuesday, January 5, we will join the SSJE Brothers for worship and supper at the Monastery. Sign up is required but everyone is encouraged to join us. Cars leave St. Stephen's at 4:15 and return about 8:00.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 6. During the season of Epiphany our bible study will use the Diocesan "Epiphany Papers," which follow the Sunday lectionary and focus on how God calls us into mission. We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 to read the Bible and discuss what it means for us as people of faith. Join us and bring your questions!

HEALING PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEET JANUARY 7. The Healing Prayer and Pastoral Care Teams will meet at 10:30 on Thursday, January 7th. Our discussion will focus on Part II (chapters 3-5) of Lay Pastoral Care Giving.

JOIN THE MONKS ON JANUARY 16 FOR "INNER SILENCE IN A WORLD OF NOISE." If we have a group that seeks silence in the midst of noise, we will head into the Monastery to learn from the Brothers. Please sign up no later than Sunday, January 10. Cars will leave the church at 7:45am and return by 1:30.

LDI-MISSION HUB INVITATION FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. On Saturday, January 23 from 9:00-5:00 the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) will launch its 2016 cohort with training on **Foundations of Collaborative Leadership**. LDI comprises a group of ordained and lay people committed to empowering us all to be the leaders God so desperately needs us to be. Through our baptismal covenant, we all are called to be leaders so please sign up for this great learning and leading opportunity! Part of the training will be to discern how we can bring the Good News to our community. In addition, we are discerning how we might work together with St. Andrew's, Marblehead, in the leadership work of the LDI.

ADULTS INTERESTED IN CONFIRMATION/ RECEPTION, TALK WITH THE CLERGY NOW! During Lent, we will begin Adult Confirmation Conversations in collaboration with the young people's Confirmation Class, which will begin January 29. The adults will continue their preparation with a retreat weekend in the spring or summer. Confirmation for the North Shore Deanery will be with Bishop Gayle Harris on Saturday, September 24.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTOR'S

80 Ocean Street, Lynn

JANUARY 10, 2:00-5:00

**Come Celebrate Epiphany or the Patriots' Play-off Bye
All generations are welcome for fellowship, food, and football!
No sign up required! Come for a few minutes or several hours!**

WORDS OF THANKS. St. Stephen's depends on a world of volunteers who go above and beyond reasonable expectations getting the work of the parish done. Our busy December, calls forth many thank yous. **Thank you to our Wardens who have served tirelessly through an incredibly busy year;** in visible and invisible ways our Wardens are stewards of our common life carrying the formal responsibilities of leading the Board of a half million dollar non-profit blessed with a historic buildings, and the less formal work of nurturing our life as a community of Christians. **Thank you to the Treasurer's Office Team and the Finance Committee;** the work of managing St. Stephen's finances is complicated and demanding but somehow we manage to squeeze pennies hard enough and track money closely enough that we have enough to do the work God has given us to do and the capacity to report on finances in transparent ways. **Thank you to our office helpers;** without office volunteers, we would not have newsletters, bulletins, reminder calls, and a host of other pieces of communication. **Thank you to the Fair Leadership Team for raising almost \$15,000 this year;** while a small crew works tirelessly for months to make the Fair happen, many step up offering donations, selling raffles, baking tasty treats, working on Fair Day, and shopping at the Fair. **Thank you to all the teens and adults who contributed to making CPPK a success this year;** logistically, financially, and physically it takes an army to raise money, collect wish lists, shop, organize bags, and distribute Christmas presents to 200 children but we pulled it off again this year. **Thank you to our Pantry Team for providing scores of holiday meals as well as weekly grocery bags for more than 100 individuals and families.** We depend on all who donate food as well as those who organize, bag, distribute, and show hospitality to all who come. **Thank you to everyone who contributed to our glorious Christmas celebrations;** from the most unruly sheep in the Pageant to Eucharistic ministers, Healing Prayer Team members, choristers, readers, ushers, decorators, cleaners, office helpers, altar guild, flower deliverers, photographers, and everyone who joined us to sing, pray and give thanks for the birth of Christ. **And thank you to the staff during this busy time of year!**

LOOKING TOWARD LENT. Again this year, we hope to offer by email, on our website, and on paper daily Lenten Reflections written by members of the parish. The clergy and other eager editors will encourage, collect, edit, scribe... whatever it takes to encourage you to offer a 100 word story of your life as a disciple because all of us are called to engage God's mission.

LENT COMES EARLY THIS YEAR—ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 10! Epiphany season shortens and lengthens depending on the date of Easter, which is confusingly set in relationship to the full moon and vernal equinox. Mark your calendars for Shrove Tuesday/ Mardi Gras fun on February 9; Easter is March 27; start praying now for a snow-free Easter!

HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AND FUN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT! At our 5:30 Christmas Eve service our sanctuary was graced with sheep, angels, and the Holy Family at the St. Stephen's Christmas Pageant. Thank you to all the helping hands who provided snacks, organized costumes, co-led rehearsals, and corralled lost sheep!

KIC MUSIC MIN-CONCERT AND COMMUNITY DINNER. The first Family Dinner of 2016 kicks off on Wednesday, January 13th, 6:00-8:00pm. We'll start with a mini-concert offered by the KIC Music Ensemble and then move on to dinner, which the kids help prepare. Come enjoy fellowship while we eat, talk, and play together. All ages are welcome. For KIC Music registration or more information, call Audrey Gutfreund, KIC Director, at 617-435-3325.

OASIS: FRIDAYS, JANUARY 8TH AND 22ND, 6:30-9:00. Our OASIS community youth group is open to all youth grades 9-12. This month we will begin planning for an OASIS summer mission trip. This will be a weeklong service trip to bring our love and talents to an underserved community outside of New England. Any youth wishing to go on the trip need to fully participate in required the planning, fundraising and community building. See Jason Cruz or Rev. Sarah with more questions.

BE YOU LGBTQ YOUTH GROUP TUESDAYS, 3:30-5:30. Our newest youth group continues to grow in commitment and faith. This fall BE YOU participated in CPPK and created inspirational art for the hallway outside the church offices. In January they will begin planning a Lynn Youth Pride event. As of now there are Youth Pride events in Boston and Salem and the BE YOU youth understand the need to have a similar event in Lynn. The group will also take part in the planning and fundraising for the OASIS summer mission trip. BE YOU is open all high school students who identify as LGBTQ and their allies.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT AT BCH CAMP FEBRUARY 5-7. Join young people (grades 9-12) and adults from across the diocese for a weekend of games, song, discovery, and inspiration. Organized and led by the Diocesan Youth Council, the retreat is designed to give high school students a chance to get off the treadmill of and get in touch with themselves, their peers, and their Loving Creator. The retreat fills up quickly so please see Rev. Sarah before January 10 to sign up! The retreat costs \$125; we ask a family contribution of at least \$40 but cost should not be a reason to skip the retreat. Just talk to the clergy!

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS FRIDAY, JANUARY 29! The St. Stephen's Confirmation Class for 2016 will hold its first session on Friday, January 29 6:30-8. During Lent the class will meet every Wednesday (February 17-23) for food, instruction and worship. After Lent, the class will meet 6:30-8 on the first Friday of every month. The class will focus on how we understand the Christian faith in relation to our daily lives. The North Shore Deanery Confirmation service will be on Saturday, September 24, 2016. The class is open to all 8th graders. Please see the clergy with any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 6:30-9. Each month our Middle School Group (grades 6-8) invites a parishioner to share their time and talent. This month Heather Collis-Puro will lead the group in learning more about fiber arts. If you have a special gift or talent you would like to share with our youth please speak to Jason Cruz or Rev. Sarah.

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY GATHERS JANUARY 12. All 18-25 year olds are encouraged to come to our January YA Dinner at 6:00 on Tuesday, January 12. As we eat a tasty meal, we'll reflect on the year past and make New Year's resolutions for ourselves and for the group.

DEEPENING COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

CPPK TOY DRIVE WRAPS UP ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR. Thanks to the efforts of the OASIS youth group, BE YOU LGBTQ youth group, and our dedicated adult leaders at St. Stephen's, we had another awesome year for CPPK (Christmas Presents Project for Kids)! This year we gave out gifts to nearly two hundred underserved children in the Lynn community. For at least fifteen years now, CPPK has been providing opportunities for St. Stephen's youth to learn the importance of sharing their time and talents in service of families in our community who could use some help during the holidays. They did so this year not only by collecting names, shopping, and giving out presents, but also by creating "MAGNI-ficent" scroll readers with words from Marianne Williamson and inspirational pins designed by our Youth Minister Jason Cruz. A huge "thank you" to Susan Rosevear, Bonnie Bishop, Judi Jones, Kendra Zimiroski, Kent and Sandy Wittrup Harry Jackson, Helen Patmon, Lucinda McClain, Linda Midland, Shanel Anderson, Neil O'Donnell, Irene Axelrod, parents and families, and everyone who donated and bought art to make CPPK 2015 a success! Also, a "shout out" to Joe Brown for bringing holiday cheer on distribution day by dressing as Santa!

ECCO UPDATE. With the New Year upon us we are called to re-commit ourselves to embodying God's kingdom for the world! Last month St. Stephen's received the ECCO's Beloved Community Award for our work in that campaign. We now need to keep this momentum going as we and ECCO discern our next steps. Please speak with the clergy if you hope to get involved. And, pay attention to meeting announced weekly in the bulletin.

HONOR DR. KING DURING MLK WEEKEND. Saturday, January 16 attend the Lynn MLK brunch featuring presentations and entertainment by elders (First Church Swampscott). **Our parish MLK celebration with special music featuring some of the participants in our after-school program KIC Music will be on January 18 at 10:00.** Monday, there will be a Lynn Community Clean-up in the morning and the annual MLK lunch; please speak with the Rector if you would like to attend the lunch.

SERVE AT THE TABLE JANUARY 24. Our team serves at My Brother's Table the third Sunday of every month. While we have a faithful core group, we could use some new MBT Team members to learn the ropes, meet the people, and lend a helping hand. Try out the Table on Sunday, January 24 from 1:00 to 4:00. If you can't help on Sundays, please donate a dessert, or help our clothes drive for winter coats and gloves, and new socks. To all those who have already contributed to the Warm Clothes Drive, many thanks!

ST. STEPHEN'S MULTI-SERVICE PANTRY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Pantry leader Sally Gosselin describes, "The bags are brimming with abundant, nutritious meat, fresh fruit and veggies, milk, eggs, bread, and canned goods." She also highlights the many volunteers from the congregation and community who organize and distribute food, give out Christmas gifts, offer books for children, provide free clothes, and show hospitality at our Friday afternoon food pantry. With the closing of several other pantries in the city, the need for our pantry has increased and we are stepping up in style. Sally's suggestions for a New Year's Resolution: make a monthly contribution to the Pantry; all contributions are welcome but canned tuna and chicken, beef stew, and spaghetti sauce are always good choices. Or come volunteer at the Pantry. Talk to Sally, Harry Jackson, or Neil O'Donnell if you want to volunteer.

EMERGENCY PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS JANUARY 2. The first Saturday of each month, the Boston Food Bank works with volunteers from all the community groups addressing hunger in Lynn to supply groceries to several hundred people. Volunteers are needed at St. Mary's beginning at 7am on Saturday, January 2. Harry Jackson and others from the St. Stephen's Pantry Team have been among the volunteers but more helping hands are needed.

NORTH SHORE DEANERY LEARNS ABOUT THE HOLY LAND. Rev. Sarah and several of the other North Shore pilgrims will talk about how we, as Massachusetts Episcopalians, can engage the Holy Land. All are welcome at the Deanery Assembly, which will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:00 at St. Peter's in Beverly.

DIOCESAN MISSION PLANNING PROCESS BEGINS WITH LISTENING. As Bishop Gates settles into being our Bishop, he has initiated a Mission Strategy Process. Mission Listening Sessions are being held across the Diocese in January and February. We will arrange rides to the Wednesday, January 20th session at 7:00pm in Andover. The planning group also promises to organize a North Shore listening session, which we will publicize when we know the day and time. Please plan to attend the mission listening sessions so that the voice of our urban congregations can be heard.

**GOD WILLING AND THE PEOPLE CONSENTING
THE RT. REV. ALAN M. GATES
WILL ORDAIN
THE REV. AILEEN RYDER DIBENEDETTO
TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 10:00
AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, ACTON
YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED**

SIGN UP TO ATTEND AILEEN'S ORDINATION. Bishop Gates has moved priestly ordinations from Boston to the parish in which the new priest will serve. Aileen would very much enjoy having her sponsoring community of St. Stephen's with her as Bishop Alan ordains her as a priest. Please let us know whether you plan to attend and whether you need or can offer a ride. Cars will leave St. Stephen's at 8:30am to allow time for getting lost in the woods. Rev. Jane will be the preacher as we ordain Aileen.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR 2015 GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Florence Alboth	John S. McLean	Audrey Shute Hoy
Richard Alboth	James F. & Marie Byrne	Phoebe Shute
Leslie Wood	Diane E. Byrne	Ernest Shute
Nicole Wood	Alice E. Byrne	Barbara E. Shute
Hugh F. Leahy	Henry J. & Jane B. Livermore	Dorothy Shute Merryman
Sarah A. Leahy		Marjorie Shute Messinger
Patricia A. Leahy	The Rev. & Mrs. Albert J. Chafe	Mark T. Shute
		Mary A. Thomas
The Rev. Robert & Lois Anderson, Jr.	The Rev. Virginia & Dr. Charles Davidson	Martha Penney
		Solomon Penney
Ruth & Hanford Berry	The Rev. Robert Derr	Bruce Yates
Ina P. Chandler		Robert E. Hoy
Lorraine Ford	Robert & Doris Dixon	Robert J. Hoy
	Henry & Mary Morgan	Dianne R. Hoy
Charles W. & Florence M. Bradley	Emma Morgan Butler	Christina Grant
Clarence & Rev. Rubie Potter	Albert Morgan	John Grant, Sr.
Ellen M. Bradley	Violet Morgan Donarchie	James B. Grant
Edward J. Bradley		Daniel Homan
Ralph & Fairy Mae Alcorn	Valentine Sr. & Muriel D'Orazio	
Gregory Alcorn		Francis N. Haley
Cheryl Ann Gilchrist	Marion G. Eastwood	Grace S. Haley
	Arthur F. Eastwood, Jr.	
Hilda Brown	Evelyn M. Williams	Gladys L. Haywood
	Mabel A. Saulnier	Arnold C. Haywood
George S. Burkholder	Daniel & Sarah Ferguson	Clarence, Julia, Thomas & Dorothy Callaway
Dorothy L. Robinson	Bernard & Sarah Gilligan	George & Christalia Jackson & Family
William S. Robinson, Sr.	Ella & Joe Messina	
Shawn Robinson	Johanna & Maurice Mulcahy	The Rev. Richard A. Hennigar
Eric Burkholder	Daniel Mulcahy	William & Sarah Bragg
	Josie Newman	
Anna & Thomas Butler	Avis & Kenneth Ferguson	Alice & Alvan P. Hicks
Alice & James McCaul	Sandra Ferguson Conway	Alvan W. Hicks, Jr.
Jacqueline & Ralph Butler	Anna Ferguson	Rachel Crowley
Neville Samson	Bernice Ferguson	Anne & Norman Reid
Deanne Lomerson	Beatrice & Vincent Messina	The Crowley Family
Evelyn & Edward Klokcin	Kenneth Lewis, Sr.	Gladys & Ray Messenger
Robert McCaul		Carole & Ernst Voigt
Marjorie & Henry Aylward	Shirley E. Foster	Charles & Anna Cloran
Florence Laura	Laura Glover	
Barbara Ronan	Ralph Eaton	Patricia M. Jackson
	Paul Foster	Shirley H. Biggs
James D. & Margaret J. Byrne		Hubert & Myrtle Jackson
Charles & Margaret B. McFarlane	Mary Catherine Gannon	Hubert Jackson, Jr
Harold T. & Jane Snow		Robert C. Jackson
John E & Beatrice Byrne	Vera & John Grant	
Beatrice Byrne Faus	Flora Shute	Dorothy Kay-McLaughlin
John & Matilda C. McFarlane	William Shute	Judith Kay
Janet McLean	Norman Grant	Paul Bartlett
Cynthia A. McFarlane	Flora Shute Devlin	John Elton

Charles Femia
Lucille Foster
Irene Sherwood Gilroy
Claire Jackson
Bill Jackson
Barbara Keating
Phyllis Kellom
Herbert Kellom
Kathleen Lehw
Leslie Lougee
Joan Lules
Jane Marquis
Patricia McGovern
Charles McLaughlin
Kathleen McLaughlin
Richard McLaughlin
Jessica Prieto
Robert E. Ross Jr.
Robert E. Ross, Sr.
Ken Shannahan
Lorraine Shannahan
The Rev. Edward Sherwood
Edward Sherwood, Jr.
Esther Howland Sherwood
John Walsh
Mary Walsh
Phillip Walsh

The Rev. Dr. William Lawson

Ernest J. & Esther G. Livermore
Perley & Marguerite G. McIntire
Donald B. & Taimie Livermore
Wilbur J. & Marge Livermore
Dorothy M. Livermore
Stella Fox

John & Helen Morris
John & Mary Morris
Carl & Albertina Fischer

Carl A. Fischer
Matthew Clifton

Alfred & Ann Nottingham
John & Louise Cantrell
Bertram & Jeanette Nottingham
Thomas Roberts
Pamela Marcin

Robert Pedro

William J. Rodrigue
Kenneth & Carolyn Paige
Gail Paige Carlson & Cliff
Carlson
Victoria "Clara" Kwitkowska &
Josef Kwiatkowski

The Rev. Edgar Romig

Robert Savage
Dorothy Savage
Diane Savage Thatcher

Jeanette Scrimshire
Wayne R. Phillips
Donald L. Phillips
Marjorie L. Phillips

The Sheppard Family
Edith Stead

Andrew J. & "Mac" Florence
Squires
R. Keith & Jean Bishop

Gene Stevens
Bill & Jane Manly
Norman Van Gulden

Stanley Elwin Thomas

Arthur & Mildred Thorne

Roy E. Tidestrand
Seth, Bella J. & Myrtle Hahn
Florence Comeau
Alfred Hahn
Ruth McMahan
Arthur Hahn
Janet Morrow
Selina Tirenty

Marlene Tinkham
Elsie Loring
Corinne Surette
Gladys Reneghan
Marjorie Reid
Midge Day

Ruth Milne Twohig
Jane Twohig Perrin

John Wallace
Darryl Wallace
Kendall Chrysostom
Khary Chrysostom

Rose Yakoobian
Joseph Yakoobian
Col. George Ghazarosian
Nazareth Ghazarosian
Martin Ghazarosian

In Thanksgiving for
The Life and Ministry of St.
Stephen's Parish
both Past and Present

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 8 & 10am Worship in English 10am Worship in Kiswahili	Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:45am - 2:45pm				HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
3 Post 10am Worship Fund Raising Meeting	4 2-6pm KIC Music 7-9pm North Shore Mission Hub 8pm AA	5 3:30-5:30pm Be You 4:15pm Tuesday with the Monks 6:30pm Knitters' Club 6:30pm Baptismal Prep Class 7pm NA	6 Epiphany 2-6pm KIC Music 6:30pm Bible Study	7 10:30am Pastoral Care & Healing Prayer Teams Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 6:45-8pm Beloved Community Team Meeting	8 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	9 9-10:30am Sewing Club 10am Choir Rehearsal
10 Baptism of Christ 10am Holy Baptism 2-5pm Open House at The Rector's	11 2-6pm KIC Music 8pm AA	12 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6pm YA Dinner 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	13 2-6pm KIC Music 6pm KIC Family Dinner 6:30pm Bible Study	14 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	15 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm Middle School Group	16 9-noon SSJE Workshop 9-10:30am Sewing Club
17 10am MLK Observance 12:15pm Vestry Meeting 2-4pm NS Coalition for the Homeless, First Church, Swampscott	18 The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED Lynn MLK Observance 8pm AA	19 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6:30pm Knitters' Club 7pm NA	20 2-6pm KIC Music 6:30pm Bible Study 7pm Diocesan Mission Hearing, Andover	21 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	22 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	23 9-5pm LDI Training Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill 9-10:30am Sewing Club 10am Choir Rehearsal
24 1-4pm My Brother's Table	25 2-6pm KIC Music 8pm AA	26 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6pm NS Deanery, Engaging The Holy Land 7pm NA	27 2-6pm KIC Music 6:30pm Bible Study	28 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	29 3-4pm Food Pantry	30 9-10:30am Sewing Club 10am Choir Rehearsal 10am Aileen Ryder DiBenedetto Ordination, Acton
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