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## **We, who are many, are one body in Christ**

June 22 I arrive in Salt Lake City, Utah to join more than 800 clergy and lay Deputies and over 300 active and resigned Bishops for the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The General Convention meets every three years in a bicameral (House of Deputies with up to 4 priests & deacons and 4 lay leaders from each Diocese, and House of Bishops) legislature to do the organizational work of our church.

As stated on the very informative General Convention website, "The work of General Convention includes adopting legislation of concern to the Church; amending the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution, and the Canons of the Church; adopting a triennial budget for The Episcopal Church; and electing candidates to offices, boards and other committees. This work is undertaken in support of the mission and ministry of the Church, and with prayerful gratitude and spiritual discernment."

The primary issues confronting this General Convention will be: the organizational structure of the Episcopal Church emerging from the TREC (Reimagining the Episcopal Church) Report, the Report on Marriage (including gender neutral trial liturgies), and socially responsible investing and divesting (fossil fuels/ renewable energy & Israel/ Palestine). As Vice Chair of the Committee on Social Justice and US Policy, I will spend much of my time with resolutions concerning domestic poverty & wealth inequality, mass incarceration & criminal justice reform, police procedures & racial inequities, public education & school partnerships, and gun violence.

During Convention, the House of Bishops will elect their new presiding officer and the House of Deputies will confirm the election of our new Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop serves a 9-year term representing the Episcopal Church within our church and in the broader Anglican Communion and world. The candidates for Presiding Bishop are the Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal (Southern Ohio), the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry (North Carolina), the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas (Connecticut), and the Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith (Southwest Florida). Video presentations by the candidates are available on the General Convention website. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor.

The Episcopal Church is a profoundly democratic church. We elect our bishops in each Diocese, and we elect those clergy and lay leaders who will represent us as Deputies in the General Convention. The General Convention through its legislation and budget establishes the priorities for our church for the next three years. The General Convention as a whole—not the Presiding Bishop or any other Bishop—speaks for our church.

As I anticipate the gathering of the Church in Salt Lake, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Paul's letter to the Roman's speaks to me. He wrote, "we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us." Please pray for the Deputies and Bishops, as we gather from June 22 until July 3, that we might use our various gifts for the good of God's kingdom.

Jane<sup>+</sup>

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace; and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3.1-8*

Dear Friends,

This year my family has many reasons to celebrate: I was ordained a priest in January, my parents celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays in May, and my sister will give birth to a baby girl in September. Ordinations, birthdays and births...a year full of parties and cakes! Yet, at the same time this is a year of sorrow as well: my aunt was diagnosed with cancer (yet again), we observed the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my grandfather's death, and my cousin is very close to failing his senior year in high school. As the above quotation from Ecclesiastes points out, there is a time for everything. A time for celebrating and a time for mourning.

These dual states of being are mirrored in our communal life at St. Stephen's. On June 7<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the graduation of our seniors, Zach Zimiroski and Erik Whitcomb, the end of the Church School year and the Kick-Off of the Big Money Raffle. But on June 14<sup>th</sup> we will feel the sorrow of saying goodbye to our Life Together intern, Dan Bell. On a weekly basis, we continue to feel the sorrow of the many names on our prayer lists who are sick and/or who are struggling with life. Every Sunday the lists are longer and longer.

So how do we hold together these two opposing forces? How do we include in our lives "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance"? One way is to remember and trust that God is deeply present in all times and places. Through the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God actively chose and chooses to be in the whole world. As God he/she could have decided to separate from the world, to build an impenetrable barrier. But as our scripture and worship can attest that's not how God operates.

In fact we are the ones who chose to separate from God. We put up walls, consciously and sub-consciously to keep God out of our lives. For me this choice often revolves around what sort of time or season I'm experiencing. When there's dancing, laughing, and celebrating it's easy to feel God's presence. In these moments the joy is interwoven with God's presence. But when there's weeping, mourning, and tearing, God is either absent or worse a purveyor of punishment. For self-protection I build up a high wall to keep God out of my life.

In the Gospels Jesus teaches that humans don't possess the power to inhibit or limit God. We try with all our energy to exclude God from our lives but it's not possible. God can't be separated from us, just as we can't be separated from the oxygen in our lungs or the blood in our veins. God is in every season, whether we are celebrating or mourning, laugh or crying, dancing or falling.

May you find and be found by God this season,

*Sarah*

## Many Doors, Many Keys: Reflecting on Two Years as Diocesan Intern

By Dan Bell

The first time I stepped foot into St. Stephen's was in late August 2013. I arrived in Lynn after a long day on the road from Long Island and I got to church late (or on time, according to "St. Stephen's time!"). I was tired and feeling a bit stressed as I walked into the building and was greeted by Rev. Jane. She gave me a quick tour and I remember feeling somewhat overwhelmed by all of the doors St. Stephen's has!

Beyond one door, leading into the parish office, I saw a man sitting at a desk, dressed in a postal uniform (Neil O'Donnell, I would soon find out). I learned that he wasn't just a mailman taking an afternoon break but a committed parishioner and youth group leader. I shared that I was a graduate of Gordon College and Neil told me that a few years ago several Gordon students, some of them gay, used to attend St. Stephen's, having found it to be a safe and affirming Christian community. As someone who was still becoming comfortable as an "out" gay Christian, I found his words reassuring. In sharing about those Gordon students, Neil offered me a "key" of welcome and acceptance, which has allowed me to work on unlocking my own insecurities and bringing my whole self to my work and ministry.

Another early memory I have from starting off at St. Stephen's was my first meeting with Jason Cruz. We met at RAW Arts- me holding a pen and paper, ready to take diligent notes about our youth programs, as Jason sat with me creating some cool-looking piece of art. He counseled me to just be myself, pointing out that children and youth would see right through anything fake. It's no coincidence that Jason suggested the name *BE YOU* for our new LGBTQ+ high school group, which I've been thrilled to see get off the ground. He's taught me that I don't need to know about the latest video games or YouTube videos to work well with young people. I just need to be real- about myself, about this crazy world we live in, and about the God I believe in. Jason, and so many of you at St. Stephen's, have given me another key- being real, honest, and vulnerable- that I try to use daily to unlock my heart and give myself more fully to God's call.



I've encountered many "doors" while working at St. Stephen's, and sometimes the key I've needed to get through them hasn't always been apparent. I opened the door (literally) to dozens of grieving teens and adults the morning of Good Friday 2014, and they began streaming in to mourn and celebrate the life of a high school student who had just been shot to death. I was dumbfounded and immediately went into "to-do" mode as a way to ease my anxieties (setting up chairs, etc.) as Jason, Bonnie, and Jane held the space for them. Afterwards I realized that the best thing I could have offered them were the same things that had been given to me- care and welcome, realism and the risk of vulnerability.

It is with these keys, held in hands committed to the Gospel of love and justice, that I have been able to walk through some amazing doors while at St. Stephen's. As I walk through the doors of St. Stephen's one last time as Diocesan Intern this month, I am grateful for all of the ways this community has prepared me in my journey towards the Priesthood and, more importantly, in my journey to become a more whole and God-filled human being. Many more doors await me in the future, and it's a huge blessing to know that St. Stephen's has given me the keys I'll need to get through them. Thank you all for sharing Christ's love with me during my time at St. Stephen's! I look forward to seeing you all many more times after I return to Boston this fall to work at Mass. General as a hospital chaplain. Have a wonderful summer!

## **St. Stephen's Beloved Community Team**

**"We are moving toward Beloved Community by building solidarity across differences, starting with race"**

Back in December, 2014 a group of St. Stephen's members attended the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) workshop in Beverly. When we got to the workshop the majority of us didn't know what to expect. We found out at the beginning of the workshop that the LDI mission was:

*"To awaken the Church and enable it to live into its true vocation of social justice, reconciliation, and the transformation of individuals, communities, and the larger world through the power of the Spirit of Christ."*

There were 3 other churches that attended the workshop that day and we all were asked by the LDI coaches what was a troubling issue(s) in our parishes. The parishes discussed among each other what issue was most troubling. At first we discussed the fact that although we are one church in the body of Christ we have two separate services on Sunday: the Kiswahili worship and English speaking worship service. We discerned that we first need to work on building relationships across the differences and divisions in our English-speaking community. The St. Stephen's group realized that we needed the training that LDI offered. LDI is a six month training course which focuses on learning to:

- Practice 1:1 relationship-building skills,
- Establish clear shared purpose, norms, and roles
- Develop project timelines with measurable goals that align with the teams' motivating visions.

With the training from LDI our Beloved Community Team has put together a group of individuals that are passionate about having open discussion about race and racism. We know this is a difficult subject to discuss especially in light of the black men who have recently been shot and killed by police officers. This is why it was so important to have our team, and the whole congregation, commissioned to do this holy work. As team member Helen Patmon points out this work is only possible by the grace of God:

*"When we were commissioned, I adamantly insisted we add "with God's help" after each refrain. Truly this is challenging work. The stories are painful. The hearts and minds are wounded. Yet, through each I hear a resilience that has brought each person through. Each seems to be following a path of goodness and the desire to do the right thing and to be a good and solid person. For me this work has been and continues to challenge my faith and my vision. However, I have no doubt that this is the work of God. As the people of God, it would seem, then we should be about doing God's work. We are just beginning and have no illusions that this work needs to be firmly grounded in the will of God. All in all we are seeking to move toward the beloved community of God. So come to us with your stories. Come to us with just sharing a moment. A moment when difference or race or privilege has crossed paths with your life. So when you see one of us, grab us and tell us, "I have something I want to tell you." I for one will welcome you and cherish you. We will have an event in the near future and I hope to see you all."*

Our team has decided our first step is to conduct 1:1 conversations/storytelling around race/racism that has directly affected the church member or someone they know or have witnessed. This undertaking is going to be a long process and we may feel uncomfortable and fearful of expressing our feelings.

Through these discussions our church community can move towards breaking down the walls of fear, intolerance, indifference, misperception, stereotypes and complacency that are the characteristics of racism or racist tendencies.

Let's all step out on faith and pray for God's guidance on this very difficult undertaking.

God Bless,

Liz Fortes (Team Leader), Pam Alleyne, Helen Patmon, Emily Sherwood, Joyce Wallace and Rev. Sarah

## STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

**NURTURING AND MENTORING VOCATIONS IS THE WORK WE DO.** Walking through the door of St. Stephen's the first time, it was immediately clear that this is a special place. While serving as a director of Kids in Community, I encountered a Christ-centered community committed to living Christ's mission in the world. This community helped change my life, offering me a new direction. Here with the help of Jane, a Discernment Committee and many parishioners, I was able to explore the way I am called by God to live out my baptismal vows. Three years ago, I became a postulant for the priesthood. Although the formation process has called me to new ministries away from St. Stephen's, the lessons I have learned here will support me throughout my ministry. On June 6 I will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate in preparation to become a Priest. I will then serve as Curate at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton. **I invite you all to join me, either physically or in prayer, at the Ordination Service on Saturday, June 6 at 10:30 am at Emmanuel Church in Boston.** Thank you all for your support over the years. Aileen (Ryder) DiBenedetto

**VESTRY UPDATE. May 17:** reviewed financials—still need to address 2015 excess costs of winter & 2016 budget gap; approved 2014 Parochial Report; reflection from Dan Bell on 2 years as our Diocesan Intern; discussion of building projects (floor & gutter repair being covered by insurance); report on grants in progress for 2015 (Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Grant for cupola and sacristy & hall roof restoration, Mission Hub with Salem, Beverly & Gloucester for KIC Afterschool Music-- rec'd, Congregational Development for Kids' Choir, & formation-- adults & children, House of Mercy for Parents' Group—rec'd partial, Amelia Peabody Foundation for youth work-- rec'd, and First Jobs, Sears Family, UU-- rec'd, Old Neighborhood, Sending Serving-- rec'd for KIC); discussed July 17-18 Vestry- Leadership Retreat at SSJE; ushering update; discussed needs for Big Money Raffle—Kick Off June 7; Drawing Party July 26.

**PRE-PAY YOUR PLEDGE FOR THE SUMMER!** Pledge payments are running close to 100%, which is essential for our operating budget. Rather than falling behind this summer, think about pre-paying your pledge in June. We count on complete pledge payment from everyone. If life has changed and you would like to adjust your pledge up or down, please contact Treasurer Heather Collis Puro.

**BIG MONEY RAFFLE KICK-OFF JUNE 7.** On Sunday, June 7, **\$100 Big Money Raffle tickets go on sale.** Tickets can be sold to individuals or groups of up to 10 people. We need everyone selling tickets because this fundraiser works only if all 210 tickets are sold. Last year tickets sold out; buy your tickets soon so that you and your family and friends have the chance to win! As a bonus this year, there will be a special prize drawing on Sunday, July 19 for everyone who sells a BMR ticket—one chance for each ticket sold! **On Sunday, July 26, we will gather at the Porthole Pub for dinner, dancing, and the Big Money Raffle drawing.** Winners will receive a grand prize of \$5,000, and other cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250. And, of course there will be door prizes. But, RSVPs are required for the dinner! To get involved or to get your tickets, talk to BMR Leaders Heather Collis Puro and Carolyn Hoy.

**MANY THANKS TO BRUCE BEECROFT AND THE CHOIR AS SUMMER BEGINS.** Our last Sunday for Adult Choir led music on Sunday mornings is Sunday, June 7. Please thank them for their faithful participation in the choir for Saturday morning rehearsals, Sunday morning worship, and special holy days. While we need our choir to grow, we surely have been blessed by the faithful few who sing week after week. During the summer, choir members and other members of the congregation will provide offertory or communion anthems. If individuals or groups would like to practice and offer an anthem, Bruce Beecroft is eager to work with you. Please speak with him as soon as possible!

**INTERESTED IN A LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY BAPTISM?** In response to several requests for a summer baptism date, the clergy are exploring options and considering schedules. While we know that no date will accommodate the needs of all families, we would like to hear from families interested in summer baptism. Please speak with the clergy by June 7 because we will be setting the date soon. Our next scheduled baptisms will be at Homecoming on September 27.

## **NURTURING THE CONGREGATION**

**HEALING PRAYER TEAM MEETS THURSDAY, JUNE 4.** On Thursday, June 5 at 10:30, the Healing Prayer and Pastoral Care Teams will meet for check-in and discussion of Gerald May's Addiction and Grace Chapters 1 & 2.

**SUMMER COOK-OUTS BEGIN JUNE 14 WITH A CHANCE TO CELEBRATE DAN.** As we launch our Summer Cook-Outs, we will have a chance to thank Dan Bell for his two years with us as our Diocesan Intern. As Dan heads to Mass General for a year as a hospital chaplain, the good news is that he will stay connected as a member of St. Stephen's. We are his sponsoring parish in his journey toward priesthood and he will worship and work with us as much as the folks at 138 Tremont allow. Mark your calendar now for lunch at St. Stephen's on Second Sundays-- June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13. This is a great chance to bring family members and friends to church with you. We provide grillables and you bring salad, chips, or dessert. Each month a different ministry group will join Neil in hosting the cook-out.

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN.** June begins with Sunday celebrations but once we reach June 21, we need weekly hosts to set up, clean up, and bring some light snacks for us to enjoy after worship at 10:00. We also could use volunteers to help with set up and clean up on June 7 and 14. Please talk with the clergy if you can help Sunday hospitality run smoothly this summer.

**BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM CONTINUES COLLECTING STORIES.** The St. Stephen's Beloved Community Team is wrapping up the training year with the Leadership Development Initiative but will continue the work of story-collecting throughout the summer. Partnering with ECCO, the team will host small house meetings for informal gatherings to reflect on the effects of racism and privilege. ECCO will host the first meeting on Thursday, June 18 at 7pm. EVERYONE is invited to attend. Don't think you have a story to share? Come, listen and discern your role in this holy work.

**SUMMER FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES. BIBLE STUDY:** Journey with Jesus and the disciples as we study Mark's Gospel on Wednesdays at 6:30. **TEA AND TALK ABOUT FAITH** continues on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 as we come together to read and discuss short, spiritual reflections. We also are working with some of our ECCO partners to organize a study program prompted by Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia in September and his teachings on social and economic justice. Please let the clergy know if you might be interested in joining this **ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUP**.

**VOLUNTEER AT KIC THIS SUMMER.** We still need adult volunteers to: **Read aloud to children each morning; Teach a special craft or talent; Make and help pass out snacks at mid-morning; Pack lunches on Thursdays before field trips; Serve meals....** If you would like to help with KIC, please contact Audrey Gutfreund, KIC Director, at 617-4353325 or [audrey.gutfreund@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.gutfreund@gmail.com).

**KENYAN ANGLICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL AT LYNN CLASSICAL JUNE 28.** On June 28 from 3:00 to 6:00 our Kiswahili Congregation will host hundreds of Kenyan Anglicans at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Festival. The Festival has grown in size and expectation since we began it, and the entire congregation is asked to turn out in support of our Kiswahili Congregation.

## **HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**CHURCH SCHOOL WRAPS UP AND GRADUATION CELEBRATION JUNE 7!** The last day of Church School classes is June 7<sup>th</sup>. We all will have an opportunity to thank our teachers for their faithful work this year sharing their faith with our young people. Long time acolytes and key youth leaders Erik Whitcomb and Zach Zimiroski will offer our sermon during 10:00 worship as we celebrate all those who are graduating this Spring. **If you or someone in your family is completing a degree or certificate program this spring, please call the office or sign up in the Galahad Area.** In addition, we will award St. Stephen's Scholarships for higher education on June 7. (Applications are due in the office by Sunday, May 31.)

**KIDS' CHOIR MAINTAINS MOMENTUM IN THE SUMMER.** Juliana Davis hopes to keep Kids' Choir going during the summer months so that momentum and learning continue to grow. New and continuing choir members and parents are asked to talk with Juliana by rehearsal on June 6 so that vacations can be checked, and rehearsal and performance schedules set.

**COME HEAR KIC MUSIC KIDS PERFORM!** The KIC Music After School participants have been working hard on drumming and singing techniques, and they are excited to show off their talent in a concert on Sunday, June 7 at 3:30 pm in Lawrence Hall. Come see them make music with everything from their voices to conga drums, from their feet to boxes of tic tacs. The performance will be followed by an ice cream social. You can also register for KIC Summer Camp at the event.

**REGISTER NOW FOR KIDS IN COMMUNITY CAMP.** Registration forms for KIC Summer Camp are available in the office and Galahad area. Any child who has completed 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade is eligible for camp. KIC starts on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and runs for four weeks, Monday-Friday, from 8:30-2:00. Campers can look forward to days filled with art, music, drama, mad science, games, field trips, and more! Spaces fill on a first come first served basis; don't miss your chance!

**BCH SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE PAST DUE.** BCH Camp begins June 28 and runs through August 2; some weeks are already full. This year many outdoor adventure opportunities exist as well as specialty camps. There also is a 2-week camp option. BCH remains committed to making Camp accessible for all young people who want to attend. For a 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader to go to the Camp—parents must complete registration forms, physician signed health forms, and clergy-signed scholarship request forms. In addition, if a family cannot pay at least 1/3 (\$200) of the cost for a week, the Camp requests a note explaining the need for extra financial assistance. Although the campership deadline has passed, we will still work with families to get any child who wants to attend BCH into a week of camp.

**SIGN UP FOR BCH FAMILY CAMP JUNE 25-28!** For families with children too young for BCH Summer Camp who would like a weekend of fun and faith at the Camp, sign up now for Family Camp. St. Stephen's and the Diocese want to make Family Camp affordable for families in the parish. Please talk with the Rector as soon as possible if your family would like to go to Camp.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP CELEBRATES SUMMER ON SUNDAY JUNE 21 NOON-2.** Jason Cruz will lead all youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in an outdoor art project to beautify our parking lot. Please wear or bring clothing for painting! Lunch will be provided. Also, middle schoolers are encouraged to join our team at My Brother's Table on Sunday, June 28.

**OASIS MEETS FRIDAYS JUNE 12 & 26 AT 6:30.** Friday, June 12 at 6:30 will be our first training for the OASIS Film Institute. Paulina Cruz, OFI Director, will lead us in a workshop on the language of film. This training is open to all high school youth and **REQUIRED** for OFI participants. On June 26 we'll be celebrating our seniors as we welcome new 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders into the group.

**OASIS FILM INSTITUTE APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 7; PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 12.** This summer youth ages 14-18 are invited to apply to participate in the OASIS Film Institute, August 2-7. With training in film and personal narratives participants will create a short documentary film around the theme, "Our Lives Matter." **Applications to participate in the OASIS Film Institute are available in the Galahad Area and are due to Rev. Sarah by Sunday, June 7.** The first session will be on Friday, June 12 6:30-9 and focus on the language of film. The next meeting will be Sunday, July 26.

**BE YOU ATTENDS MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH PRIDE.** On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, seven teens traveled with Dan Bell, Rev. Sarah, and Marta Akim (Lynn Tech's Gay-Straight Alliance advisor) to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Massachusetts Youth Pride Festival & March, the oldest youth-led, adult-supported LGBTQ Youth Pride celebration in the country. The group joined hundreds of young people from around Massachusetts on a march around the Boston Common, carrying signs and shouting chants in support of LGBTQ equality. For teens who often face bullying at school and rejection at home because of their gender and/or sexual identity, the event was an awesome opportunity to celebrate being the beloved people God created them to be. **BE YOU continues meeting in June (Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30) through the 23<sup>rd</sup>,** before taking a break for summer vacation. **All high school students are welcome!**



**YOUNG ADULTS FINISH STRONG WITH GATHERINGS IN MAY & JUNE.** Before summer hits, young adults are finding opportunities to meet, eat, and check in on life with each other. In May, they joined the ECCO Assembly at First Church in Swampscott to bring their bodies and voices to the table as folks gathered to discuss pressing issues facing our nation and local communities. They got to share and listen as people talked about racial profiling by the police, mass incarceration, immigrant rights, and increasing state revenue for critical public programs. Two weeks later, on Memorial Day, young adults got treated to another chance to gather as they enjoyed a Chinese Buffet to celebrate the end of the school year, caught up with each other, and shared thoughts and feelings about why their lives matter in a world that often says the opposite is true. **THE FINAL Y.A. DINNER AND DAN CELEBRATION WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE 16th AT 6:30! All 18-25 year olds are welcome for a fun food event to wrap up the year!**

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP GOES TO "DINNER CHURCH" THIS SPRING.** On May 17th, Hazel Johnson returned to her home at St. Stephen's to speak at Contemporary Worship. Inspired by an idea called "dinner church," we gathered for a meal and conversation in the midst of worship. As we sat in small groups for dinner, we had the chance to reflect on Hazel's message about finding courage in a world filled with fear. We then joined in a time of prayer and Holy Communion before closing with dessert and fellowship. As always, Juliana and her Berklee band offered songs of praise and worship. **On Sunday, June 14th, Leveille McClain will reflect on "Coming of age and finding God's call in life."** Scripture, upbeat music, and powerful reflections make Contemporary Worship a great way to encounter God in a new and lively way. Please join us on the 14th at 6:30 as we gather to be fed in mind, body, and spirit. *If you would like to contribute food or help lead or plan our Contemporary Worship in June, please talk with Dan Bell!*

## **DEEPENING COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**

**ECCO IS ON THE MOVE BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY.** Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 we want major St. Stephen's turn out for ECCO's Story Telling Workshop. Members of our LDI Team will help lead this ECCO event as we gather our community's stories about race, class, and privilege. **Come to the ECCO Sunset Cruise on Sunday, June 21;** tickets cost \$40 (or whatever you can pay) and are available from the clergy. During the cruise the ECCO community will bid farewell to Executive Director Daniel Lesser, who is leaving ECCO to attend graduate school. Also, there is an **ECCO Retreat July 16-18**, which we hope several St. Stephen's leaders will be able to attend.

**EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 9.** We have ten seats for ECM's June 9 dinner and meeting. In addition to honoring various individuals and ministry groups, we will have the pleasure of hearing keynote speaker Sr. Simone Campbell, organizer of the "Nuns on the Bus" tours calling national attention to issues of peace and justice. Donations to Rector's Discretionary Fund of \$40 (or whatever you can pay) are appreciated.

**MY BROTHER'S TABLE NEEDS YOU JUNE 28.** Sunday, June 28 we serve lunch at MBT. Please join the serving team from 1:00-4:00 or, if you ca't come on Sunday, please bring desserts we can share with those who come to eat.

**June 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8&10am Worship in English 10am Worship in Kiswahili	<b>2</b> 3:30-5:30pm Be You 4:15pm Tuesday with the Monks 7pm NA	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>4</b> 10:30am Healing Prayer & Pastoral Care Teams Mtg. Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 6-9pm LDI Dinner, Chestnut Hill	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am Choir Rehearsal Noon-2pm Kids' Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Aileen DiBenedetto's Ordination At Emmanuel, Boston	
<b>7</b> Church School Graduation and Celebration of Seniors BMR Kick-Off ASIS Film Institute Applications Due 3:30pm KIC After School Concert & Ice Cream Social	<b>8</b> 2:00-6:00pm KIC Afterschool Music Program 6:30-8pm Beloved Community Team Meeting 8pm AA	<b>9</b> 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6-9pm Episcopal City Mission Dinner 7pm NA	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>11</b> Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	<b>12</b> 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS Film Institute: Language of Film	<b>13</b> Noon-2pm Kids' Choir Rehearsal
<b>14</b> Dan Bell's Last Sunday Noon Celebration Cookout 6:30pm Contemporary Worship	<b>15</b> 8pm AA	<b>16</b> 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6:30pm YA Dinner 7pm NA	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>18</b> Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 7pm ECCO Story Collecting Workshop	<b>19</b> 3-4pm Food Pantry	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Noon-2pm Middle School Art with Jason 12:15pm Vestry Meeting 6-9pm ECCO Sunset Cruise	<b>22</b> General Convention Begins in Salt Lake 6/22- 7/3 8pm AA	<b>23</b> 3:30-5:30pm Be You 7pm NA	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>25</b> Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	<b>26</b> 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm OASIS	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 1-4pm My Brother's Table	<b>29</b> 8pm AA	<b>30</b> 7pm NA				Parish Office Hours * Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm

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