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Sizzling Summer Sets Stage for September

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry challenges Episcopalians to “Join the Jesus Movement.” At St. Stephen’s, our mission goals draw us into knowing and showing the love and justice of Jesus.

This summer, our care of our human, physical, and financial resources saw us covered with scaffolding as we worked to complete exterior chancel restoration and eliminate leaks in the chancel and sacristy hall. We also employed 25 teens and young adults in meaningful jobs, which we funded through an array of church and secular grants. To further support cash flow and give us a chance to party together, the Big Money Raffle netted over \$11,000 to support church programs, and all the “losers” had a fine time dining and dancing the night away.

To nurture the congregation, we maintained Sunday morning and Thursday noon worship, and Wednesday evening Bible Study and Thursday Tea & Talk as we added deep dives into faith and formation. A dozen young people attended Barbara C. Harris Camp; five teens explored the legacy of slavery and racism as they followed the Underground Railroad; seven attended our Young Adult Exploring Faith Retreat at Emery House, which culminated with Kevin Neil’s baptism on August 13; and 16 women participated in our Women’s Retreat at Adelynrood. Through ECCO’s implicit bias training and Race Dialogue Dinners, we found a place to take our pain, anger, and helplessness in the face of racial violence and injustice. Bonnie Bishop brought our “intentional conversations about race” into the light of the New York Times Magazine noting, “The national conversation will succeed best when it is, in fact, a crazy quilt of many, many local conversations.”

Our Christ-like hospitality to Children, Youth, and Young Adults filled the building from Monday through Friday. 115 registered campers at Kids in Community and 51 in Summer Learning at St. Stephen’s brought energy and action into our space from 8am until 6pm during July and early August. The 25 teens and young adults on staff developed important work skills as they engaged in vocational discernment. Program Assistant Asdrubal Gomez told the Vestry that his work with KIC has persuaded him to return to North Shore to finish his early childhood education degree.

No doubt, we deepened community engagement just by being outside with workers crawling all over the roof, KIC campers on the Common, joyful Saturday evening Communion on the Common, and workers in our Community Gardens. When many volunteers disappear from My Brother’s Table in the summer, our Table Team stayed strong the 4th Sunday of every month. On Fridays, the Pantry provided well-loaded bags of basics, which the Food Project often supplemented with fresh produce. And we joined with ECCO to host two hot and crowded Essex County Sheriff Forums welcoming 10 of the 13 candidates in the September 8 Primary.

As we turn to September, KIC Music provides free afterschool education Monday through Thursday afternoons; Church School offers an innovative, new, theme-based formation program on Sunday mornings; and youth and young adult groups return to regular gathering. The Vestry moves into pledge and budget mode so that we can keep our lights shining. Bible Study wraps up its study of Revelation and begins at the beginning with Genesis. And ECCO continues work on race and criminal justice reform as we engage the County Sheriff election by Getting Out The Vote (GOTV), and continue race dialogue events. **Join the Jesus Movement at St. Stephen’s where God’s mission gets lived out in the world!**

Jane⁺

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Dear Friends,

The cycle of seasons is built into our church life. The year is divided into different liturgical seasons like Advent and Lent. Our Sunday readings are divided into seasons that allow us to hear a large portion of the Bible throughout the year. Our sacraments are divided into seasons representing different parts of our life: baptism, Eucharist, marriage, burial. Through these many ways the church helps us organize time so it is more meaningful and more manageable.

The life of the church community also moves through different seasons. There will be times when the pews are full and there's an abundance of resources. There will also be times when the pews are empty and there's a lack of resources. There will also be times when the community is stuck in the middle. The challenge, in any season, is to respond to how God's power is present in the good times and bad. It requires having a short memory and having the courage to look forward without being blind to what is right in front of you.

This past spring and summer a committed group of Church School teachers and parents have been meeting to discern what God is asking of us during this season. We have looked back to the "good times" of Church School when the rooms were bursting with children and youth. But we haven't stopped there. While we are saddened by present realities we have discovered new energy as we plan for the upcoming year. We began by clarifying specific goals for the St. Stephen's Church program:

1. Create community for our children and youth while teaching important skills through Christian lenses
2. Provide structure for our children and youth to create a "Rule of Life" based on scripture, prayer and community engagement
3. Facilitate community building among adults through more involvement in the Church School program.

As we prayed with these goals and looked at our classroom structure and curriculum it became clear that we needed to adjust the programming for elementary aged children (grades 1-5). In order to work the wide age gap and different learning styles we decided to use a Rotational Model curriculum. In this model, the children spent one month learning about a specific theme through different workshops. For example in October the theme will be "Stewardship." Each Sunday in October grades 1-6 will explore the responsibilities of being good stewards but using different methods. On the first Sunday the children will explore the theme with the whole congregation for *Living Word Worship*. On the second Sunday Vicky Harris-Provost will teach a lesson using food and nutrition. On the third Sunday Paul Whitcomb will lead the children in art/craft activity. On the fourth Sunday a teacher will direct the children in a simplified Bible Study. Each month the theme will change but the schedule will remain the same.

We trust that this new format will help us meet the goals for our elementary aged children as our current formats work for the other ages. As we adjust to the change we hope that you will bring your youth to experience this new curriculum. Plus our Church School team looks forward to meeting children and youth on registration after church on Sunday, September 11 and 18. Church School will begin on September 18 with children and youth writing their community covenant.

If you have questions or ideas please speak with Rev. Sarah, Paul Whitcomb, Keri Whitcomb, Lucinda McClain, or Teka Lumumba.

Peace,



A VIEW FROM BEYOND THE PEW

This will be a brief report on the OASIS Youth Group's trip to follow parts of the Underground Railroad. Three adult mentors and five teens departed St. Stephens on Sunday afternoon, August 7th travelling to Princeton, New Jersey. We stayed at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Princeton. Our first day was devoted to visiting Ellis Island where we explored the first place European immigrants landed and processed into America.

That evening we met with some of the Trinity youth over pizza, talked about our forthcoming journey, did some art exercises, and watched the movie "Prince of Egypt". Early Tuesday morning we continued our journey towards Philadelphia and Elkin Pennsylvania. We visited a mansion that was one of the stations on the under ground railroad, and learned all about Harriet Tubman who brought many passengers there, and other citizens, blacks and whites, who assisted the runaways on their journey to safety and freedom. In Elkin we visited an Episcopal church that had a tunnel in the undercroft that runaways used to avoid capture.

Wednesday evening found us at Memorial Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland. We were met and fed by the Rector, Rev. Grey and his family. Rev. Grey filled us in on what was happening in Baltimore and gave a brief history of Memorial Church.

Thursday morning we set out for the Delmarva Peninsula and the birth place of Harriet Tubman and the main and busiest routes of the railroad. We visited many sites and were taught many facts by all the people who gladly met with us. By this point what we had experienced began to come into focus and everyone became electrified about the whole journey.

Friday we stayed in Baltimore, visited the Reggie Lewis Museum on the civil rights movement, and continued to learn more about the Afro-American experience in America. We also visited a museum at Wayne State University Friday evening and met with two leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement. Our youth, now enlightened on the subject, asked some astute and deep questions on the problems facing Baltimore and America.

This report is my observations of the journey, but later this fall the full team will meet the parish and share their experiences and field any questions you may have.

In closing, I want to thank St. Stephens for helping us make this experience possible, and I want to thank all my fellow pilgrims on the journey who inspired me to seek out more about the racial issues that continue to plague a nation pledging that

"ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL".

Prayerfully yours;
Neil M. O'Donnell

STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

VESTRY SUMMARY. Beings stewards of our resources occupied leadership this summer dealing with substantial cost over-runs with Chancel Restoration Phase II. Beyond thoughtfully engaging how we cover operating and capital expenses now and in the future, leadership also is grappling with new state and Diocesan requirements for financial reporting and audits. The Vestry has begun the Mutual Ministry Review process to assess lay and ordained leadership's alignment with our mission. In July, the Vestry approved the purchase and installation of a Peace Pole, and received an update on the installation and dedication (August 13) of the Holy Water fonts. Vestry also prepared for the Big Money Raffle, and our annual August Clean Up/ Clear Out Week (many thanks to those who endured the heat and came to clean!). In August, the Vestry heard program reviews for KIC (Asdrubal Gomez) and Summer Learning (Micheal Brown). Vestry also met with Dan Bell and voted to recommend him for Candidacy for Priesthood; next year Dan will serve as Protestant Chaplain at Tufts University while he interns at St. Paul's Malden.

NO MORE SCAFFOLDING; NO MORE LEAKS. With fingers crossed and much we prayer, we have concluded stage II of Chancel Restoration and believe that we have sealed the exterior of the chancel and sacristy hall. The nor'easters and hurricanes will tell. In September, we move on to Chancel Window Restoration thanks to a memorial donation.

BIG MONEY RAFFLE SUCCESS. The Big Money Raffle Drawing Party on July 31 was a great success as well as lots of fun. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to BMR organizers Heather Collis Puro and Carolyn Hoy. They, in turn, would like to thank everyone who bought and sold tickets, all the donors of door prizes, Dan Collis Puro for his work on the computer system that kept everyone updated on the progress of the drawing, Tim Potter for keeping the music going, Ginny Fuller and Bob Dixon for greeting guests directing them to their tables and answering questions, and the Port Hole Pub for the great food and use of the function room. Special thanks goes to our MC, Steve Switzer, for keeping the crowd entertained, even when we didn't have a winning ticket. He kept us laughing anyway! Winners: \$5000.00 Susan McCaslin (who gifted us back \$1,000); \$1000.00 Chris Walter; \$750.00 Pam Alleyne; \$500.00 Virginia Fuller; and \$250.00 the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers.

IF IT'S SEPTEMBER, THE FAIR IS COMING! Our Annual Harvest Fair will come to St. Stephen's on Saturday, November 19. The Fair Leadership Team seeks new members to help them involve, inspire, and coordinate. **Please come to a brief Fair Organizing Meeting in the Library on Sunday, September 11 at 11:45.** We hope every member of the congregation will contribute to the Fair in some way☺ **In September, we need your help soliciting donations and recruiting crafters.** Crafter registration forms, and solicitation letters and forms for donations and ads in the program book are available in the Galahad Area and by email from the office (ststephens@ststephenslynn.org). By September 18, cards will be available with suggestions of new places to solicit or for phone or face-to-face follow up with previous donors. And, please ask business owners you know as well as friends and family because the personal touch always is most effective. In addition, everyone is encouraged to bring in donations of New Gifts and new items that could be used for raffles, auctions, and baskets. Balancing the St. Stephen's budget depends on successful fundraisers. Please help our Fair succeed in fun and fund raising.

JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING ON SEPTEMBER 25

Join us as we Celebrate our Participation in the Jesus Movement

THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Guest Preacher at 8:00 & 10:00: Althea Smith

St. Stephen's Ministerial Assistant 2009-10

Althea declares: "I am child of God trying to do God's work, leaning on my brother Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit." She has worked as a community health nurse for more than four decades. Beginning her career in Lynn in 1973, she has served communities from Boston to New York to Vermont to Western Massachusetts and back again.

Baptisms at 10:00am

Homecoming Lunch at Noon

Lunch is free but advance reservation is required

WELCOME DIOCESAN INTERN EMILY SHELTON. Hello, everyone! My name is Emily Shelton, and I am so excited to be the new Life Together Intern with St. Stephen's. I am originally from Salem, Virginia, a small town in the Blue Ridge Mountains. In my free time, I enjoy going for runs, baking bread, gardening, and drinking coffee. In May, I graduated from the University of Virginia with degrees in English and Religious Studies (with a focus on Christian Theology and Tibetan Buddhism). While I have always had a heart for service, it was during my time at UVA that I began to see how that connects with faith. This led me to the Life Together Program and then, miraculously, to St. Stephen's. During my first visit, I could immediately tell that this is a vibrant, welcoming, and passionate church, full of amazing people. I cannot wait to learn from this community about the intersection of faith and justice and to hopefully have some fun along the way.

NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISMS ON HOMECOMING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25. As we celebrate the Feast of Stephen and the life of our parish, we welcome new members into the church through Baptism. If you or anyone you know would like to be baptized, please complete a baptism registration form no later than Sunday, September 18 and join us for the Baptism Preparation Class on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30. For more information, please speak with the clergy.

SEPTEMBER FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. KNIT CLUB: All levels of knitters and crocheters are encouraged to join the spirited fellowship of the Knit Club in the Galahad Area on Tuesday evenings at 6:30—Contact, Debbie Potter. **BIBLE STUDY** continues on Wednesdays at 6:30 as we finish up the Revelation of John; on September 21, we'll return to Genesis and "*In the Beginning...*" **TEA & TALK ABOUT FAITH** continues on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 as we read and discuss short, spiritual reflections.

HEALING PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE TEAMS MEETS SEPTEMBER 8. The Pastoral Care and Healing Prayer Teams will gather at 10:30am on Thursday, September 8 for check-in and planning for the year.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE. On Sunday, September 11, our Adult Choir returns to lead singing in worship at 10:00am. The Choir gathers every Saturday morning at 10:00am to rehearse. Rehearsals resume on Saturday, September 10. This Fall, we will continue monthly “Gospel Sundays”, which we began with great success in August. New members are always welcome to join the choir every Sunday or for particular Sundays or seasons. St. Augustine said that those who sing “pray twice.” Deepen your prayer through song and gladden our worship by joining the St. Stephen’s Choir!

WOMEN’S GROUP MEETS SEPTEMBER 11 AT 12:30. Following the Fair meeting on September 11, the Women’s Group will meet for lunch and conversation. With 16 women attending the August 26-27 retreat at Adelynrood, we will share some of the faith practices and experiences of the retreat as we invite all women into planning activities and events for the Fall.

ST. STEPHEN’S TIFFANY WINDOWS IN ESSEX COUNTY TRAILS & SAILS. On Saturday, September 17, the church will be open from 10 am to 3:30 pm for visitors to take a tour of our 41 Tiffany windows as part of Essex Heritage Trails and Sails Weekends. Encourage your friends to come and see the oldest ecclesiastical Tiffany windows in the world. Our hosts will be Chris Trahan, Irene Axelrod, Marilyn and Rick Cloran, and Sally Gosselin. The last two weekends in September are two Trails and Sails weekends when people can take advantage of free visits to 150 places such as museums, walking trails, and boat trips in Essex County. Some places are not open at any other time. On September 17, Lynn has a number of opportunities including walking tours of Lynn’s National Historic Sites starting at St. Stephen’s at 1 pm, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Museum (12–3pm), and Lynn Woods Walk (11am to noon). There are events in Lynn on other days: History Tours of Pine Grove Cemetery, Photography Walk, and Lynn Museum tour. Some sites are limited to a certain number of people. For the complete list go to www.essexheritage.org/ts/events. Marilyn Cloran

FROM THE KISWAHILI DESK. This summer, many members of the Kiswahili Congregation traveled home to Kenya to renew ties and introduce children to family and friends across the ocean. Here in Massachusetts, we continued spirited worship. Our Annual Worship and Picnic at Salem Willows refreshed the community. In the Annual Kenyan Anglican Choir Competition, we enjoyed wonderful fellowship, and were proud to finish 2nd in the Folk Dance category. Given travel and work schedules, few young people made it to Barbara Harris Camp this summer, which was disappointing. All summer, we prayed for the recovery of Father George who suffered a stroke in early June. On August 21 the congregation and many family and friends gathered with great joy to celebrate and bless Fr. George and his wife Ann on their 50th wedding anniversary.

DIOCESAN TRAININGS PROVIDE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING.

September 10 (9-1), St. Paul’s Cathedral, Boston, will host a Diocesan Stewardship Workshop. October 1, the Diocesan Resource Day will offer dozens of workshops for our education and enlightenment. Vestry members and others can sign up in the Galahad Area. October is also the MCAN (Massachusetts Communities Action Network) training day for those who want a deeper involvement in faith-based activism.

HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN OUR MINISTRIES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE? Whenever we baptize, we promise to do everything in our power to support these people in their life in Christ. Our mission imperatives challenge us to show Christ-like hospitality to children, youth, and young adults. Living into these commitments requires that adults teach church school, serve as mentors with our high school youth programs, prepare meals for our teen groups, help train acolytes and maintain their robes, drive young people to events, and help out with KIC After-School Music. It also requires adults faithfully bringing children and youth to our formation ministries. Talk to Rev. Sarah today about how and where you might serve.

AT KIC, ALL LIVES MATTER. On August 5, Kids In Community celebrated the end of its twelfth summer at St. Stephen's. Over 90 kids attended (115 registered) KIC camp each day, where they got to play games, read with volunteers, and learn art, engineering, bucket drumming, and yoga. Our field trips were especially exciting this year, as campers visited places old and new alike: the Franklin Park Zoo, the New England Aquarium Salem Willows, the Brookline Puppet Showplace Theatre, and the Institute of Contemporary Art. On the last day of KIC, kids shared their gifts in an enormous talent show that featured everything from step to magic tricks.

KIC hired a fantastic staff of 21 teens and young adults, including three from St. Stephen's. Teen mentors and campers were supported by a robust group of adult volunteers. Volunteers offered hospitality to families on the first day, read with children, and managed breakfast, lunch, and snack time throughout camp. St. Stephen's volunteers joined us for Week One (and beyond), while teams from the UU Church of Greater Lynn, St. Michael's Marblehead, and St. Andrew's Marblehead each came for a week. KIC was made possible this year through financial support from the Sears Family Fund, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Marblehead, Amelia Peabody Foundation, Old Neighborhood, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, First Jobs, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn. Audrey Gutfreund

SUMMER LEARNING MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN'S LIVES. Summer Learning wrapped up year two celebrating the hard work of students and staff over its 4-week cycle. 51 elementary school students enrolled and, despite the heat, more than 40 attended daily throughout the 4 weeks. They enjoyed cool summer treats before going off to centers to work on math, reading, writing and phonics to sharpen their academic skills for the upcoming school year. They read with and to their leader making predictions and questioning the author to clarify comprehension. They wrote to demonstrate understanding of story elements in addition to penmanship practice. They added three whole numbers and laughed at the strategies to help them attack problems successfully. They had a lot of sweet fun as little architects building structures (for the future) with marshmallows and toothpicks. They looked forward to nibbling on their constructions once they brought them home and their admiration of the design wore off. They practiced their individual group chants during week 1, debuted on week 2, and eagerly performed them each day at free choice time. With this short snapshot, we hope you are able to capture how hard the students worked and why we had to celebrate with their favorite foods: pizza, watermelon, freshly made snow cone, ice-cream and, of course, water. Hooray for the SL team, its supporters and a successful year! Micheal Brown

YOUTH RETURN FROM SUMMER LEARNING TRIP ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.

From August 7-13 five teens and three adults travelled through New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland with visits at multiple historic sites on the Underground Railroad. During the first part of the week we were graciously housed at Trinity Church in Princeton, NJ sharing dinner and art with their youth group. We began our visits with a tour of the Ellis Island Museum to look at how many immigrants chose to come to America, unlike Africans who were kidnapped and brought here against their will. We were able to see spaces that were stations on the Underground Railroad including: the Peter Mott house, the Belmont Mansion and St. Paul's Church in Elkins Park. While in Maryland, Memorial Church in Baltimore gave us space and lots of food! We learned challenging history through driving the Harriet Tubman Byway and visiting the Reginald F. Lewis Museum for Maryland African American History and Culture. Also The Rev. Grey Maggiano (Rector at Memorial Church) invited two leaders from Baltimore's Black Lives Matter team to speak with us and answer our questions. We ended the week with a day of creating art and music to reflect on the many ways this trip woke us up to our nation's history. The team looks forward to sharing more with the congregation at the 8 and 10am services on October 16.

**CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 11 & 18
CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18 AT 9:45AM**

Team-led Classes for Nursery through Grade 12 using Bible-Based Thematic Curriculum
Come engage Scripture through conversation, drama, music, art, and cooking

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 6:45-8:00. The class will look at how we put our faith into action. Please invite your sponsors to join us and make sure you receive your homework from Rev. Sarah and get it done before the 2nd.

BE YOU MEETS EVERY TUESDAY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6. We've all enjoyed a break after hosting Lynn's First Lynn Youth Pride Event as well as a Pride Memorial for the victims of the mass shooting at Pulse Night Club. Now it's time to start up again as we look toward a new year with new joys and new challenges. The group meets every Tuesday 3:30-5:30 to have real conversation about life. See Rev. Sarah or Jason with questions.

OASIS MEETS 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAYS 6:30-9. OASIS is back from the Underground Railroad Learning Trip and energized by time away for rest and relaxation. On September 9th we will welcome back new and returning members with an intense UNO competition. Come see if you can beat Jason, Mr. Neil, Emily, or Rev. Sarah at this fast-paced, crazy game. Then on September 23 come explore how you can participate in this year's national and local elections. As always dinner and conversation included.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES. There will be training for acolytes on Sunday, October 2 from 12pm-2pm. Acolyte teams assist in leading worship by processing in with the choir, distributing collection plates, and assisting in the preparation of the altar for Communion. Our High School aged Acolytes who serve regularly and attend the training will be invited to participate in the National Acolyte Festival in Washington, D.C on October 8-9. Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions.

YOUNG ADULTS PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER BEACH PICNIC. YAs are polling people for a date for a Fall Kick-Off Picnic at Salem Willows or another appealing beach location. We'll also be organizing GOTV events at North Shore and Salem State as well as joining in ECCO's neighborhood canvassing. On October 11, we will resume 2nd Tuesday dinners at the church.

KIC MUSIC CONTINUES IN SEPTEMBER WITH 4 DAYS OF AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT. KIC Music begins on Monday, September 12. This after school program focuses on learning to make and read music, while also having fun and working together in a group. All kids are in percussion ensemble and receive group piano lessons. KIC Music is open to children in grades 1-5, and runs from 2:00 to 6:00 pm on Monday-Thursday afternoons whenever school is in session. In addition to music, children will do a variety of enrichment activities and homework. Registration is limited; forms are available in the office and Galahad area.

KIC MUSIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! If you are an adult interested in assisting with the KIC after school music program, we can use your help! Most jobs are not music related; we need helpers for snacks, homework, and fun activities. Please contact KIC Director Audrey Gutfreund if you're interested in volunteering.

DEEPENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HELP THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY. Volunteer at the Pantry on Fridays: 3-4pm (closed September 2). Help the St. Mary's-Community Pantry on Saturday, September 3: 7-11am. Serve at My Brother's Table Sunday, September 25: 1-4pm—or bring a dessert to share.

ECCO RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM & TURNS OUT THE VOTE. Currently, 12 men and 1 woman are running to serve as Essex County Sheriff. **Please VOTE in the THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Primary.** On Thursday, October 6, ECCO will host a Candidates' Forum at St. Stephen's with the remaining Republican, Democrat, and Independent candidates. **On September 12 (7-8:30pm), ECCO will provide Get Out the Vote (GOTV) training that highlights the importance of criminal justice reform.** Every Thursday at 6pm beginning September 15, ECCO will launch GOTV Teams from St. Stephen's. Please mark your calendars now for one or more Thursday evenings in the community to Get Out The Vote. The General Election is Tuesday, November 8. Make sure you are registered!

ST. STEPHEN'S-ST. ANDREW'S BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAMS GATHER SEPTEMBER 26. Thursday the 26th at 6:30, everyone is invited to join the Beloved Community Team at St. Andrew's Marblehead to reflect on a summer of "living with our eyes open to race." This summer has confronted us with abundant images of racial tension, injustice, and violence. It also has provided abundant opportunities for conversation and reflection. Please join "The Nucleus" as we share a meal and discuss how we might deepen and extend our conversations about race and building interracial community. Please bring a side, salad, dessert, or beverage to share. And sign up in the Galahad Area if you need or can provide a ride.

NORTH SHORE DEANERY MEETS SEPTEMBER 20 AT ST. ANDREW'S. All delegates and interested others are invited to the Deanery Assembly on the 20th from 6 to 8pm to learn about the Diocesan Leadership Development Initiative. The presentation will include our St. Stephen's- Gordon College LDI Team, and will get us thinking about 2017 LDI projects.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SERVICES 8 & 10am Worship in English 10am Worship in Kiswahili				1 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	2 6:30-8pm Confirmation Class	3 8:15am St. Mary's Food Pantry
4	5 LABOR DAY Office Closed 8pm AA	6 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6:30pm Knitters' Group 7pm NA	7 6:30pm Bible Study	8 VOTE IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS 10:30am Pastoral Care and Healing Prayer Team Mtg. Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk	9 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9:30pm OASIS	10 9-1pm Stewardship Workshop at the Cathedral 10am Choir Rehearsal
11 Church School Registration 11:45am Fair Meeting 12:30pm Women's Group Lunch	12 7pm ECCO Get Out The Vote Training, 8pm AA	13 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6:30pm Knitters' Group 7pm NA	14 6:30pm Bible Study	15 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea and Talk 6pm ECCO GOTV	16 3-4pm Food Pantry	17 10am Choir Rehearsal 10am-3:30pm Trails and Sails at St. Stephen's Church
18 First Sunday of Church School. 12:15pm Vestry Meeting	19 8pm AA	20 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6pm NS Deanery Assembly at St. Andrew's, Marblehead 6:30pm Knitters' Group 6:30pm Baptism Preparation 7pm NA	21 6:30pm Bible Study of Genesis	22 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 6pm ECCO GOTV	23 3-4pm Food Pantry 6:30-9:30pm OASIS	24 10am Choir Rehearsal
25 HOME COMING with Althea Smith 1-4pm My Brother's Table	26 6:30 Beloved Community Team at St. Andrew's 8pm AA	27 3:30-5:30pm Be You 6:30pm Knitters' Group 7pm NA	28 6:30pm Bible Study	29 Noon Eucharist & Healing Prayers 1pm Tea & Talk 6pm ECCO GOTV	30 3-4pm Food Pantry	OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:45am - 2:45pm