

The Witness

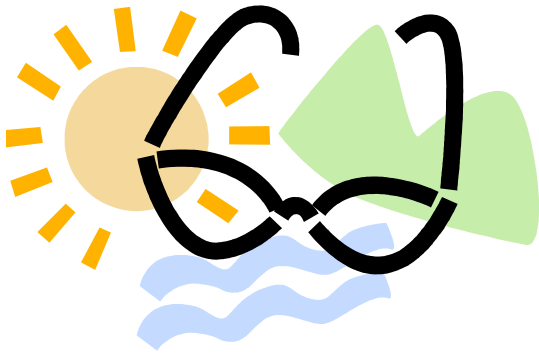


St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
East Haddam, Connecticut

June-July 2011

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June 19th

Summer Worship Hours!
8 a.m. Morning Prayer &
Communion
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

We're Still Looking For Altar Guild Replacements!

If you are interested in this ministry,
please contact Liz Garofalo or
Nancy Giesey.

St. Stephen's Welcomes Interim Minister

The Rev. David C. Parachini was born and raised in Philadelphia the eldest son of two independent school teachers and the grand son of an Episcopal Priest. He completed his undergraduate studies in sociology and criminology at the University of Pennsylvania where he met Mary Anne Vickery whom he married in 1965. Father Parachini completed his theological studies at Huron University College of the University of Western Ontario in London. He did additional graduate work at Andover-Newton Theological School and at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Following his ordination to the Priesthood in 1969, he became a member of the staff at Grace Episcopal Church in Newton, Massachusetts. In addition to his parish responsibilities, he was also employed in a variety of positions in health and human services serving on the staff of the Division of Drug Rehabilitation of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Regional Director for the Massachusetts Office for Children and Director of the Inter-Agency Planning Project for the Secretaries of Human Services and Education.

Father Parachini has served parishes in Massachusetts, Minnesota and Connecticut. He served on Diocesan staffs in both Minnesota and Connecticut and was the Assistant Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Father Parachini has also held a variety of secular positions in health and human services administration in both Massachusetts and Minnesota. He has also had extensive administrative experience in the non-profit sector serving health, human services and education agencies in a variety of capacities.

For the last ten years, Father Parachini has been the Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Windsor, Connecticut a position from which he retired on May 1, 2011. Father Parachini and his wife live in Northford (a part of the town of North Branford). Mary Anne retired from teaching last year although she continues to serve as a special education consultant. They have one child, a daughter, who lives with her husband outside of Boston. They just became grandparents for the first time when their daughter and son-in-law welcomed a son into their lives on June 6.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting	2	3	4
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5 <i>Seventh Sunday after Easter</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:45 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting			Private Party (Parish Hall)
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12 <i>The Day of Pentecost</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:45 am</u> Last Day of Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>After Worship:</u> Church Picnic! <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga <u>7:30 pm</u> Vestry	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting			
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19 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:30 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting			Wedding
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26 <i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>	27	28	29	30		
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:30 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>4-6 pm</u> Capital Campaign Thank You Celebration <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					VBS Registrations Due!	
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<i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:30 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting			
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<i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:30 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga <u>7:30 pm</u> Vestry	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting			
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<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:30 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting			Private Party (Parish Hall)
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<i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:30 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House	<u>6:00 pm</u> Yoga	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting			
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<i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>						
31						
<u>8:00 am</u> Morning Prayer & Communion <u>9:30 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>5:00 pm</u> Harvest House						

Lectionary Texts

June 5—Seventh Sunday after Easter

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
 Acts 1:6-14
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

June 12—The Day of Pentecost

Psalm 104:25-35, 37
 Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

June 19—Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or Canticle 13
 Genesis 1:1—2:4a
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

June 26—Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 13
 Genesis 22:1-14
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

July 3—Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 45:11-18
 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:105-112
 Genesis 25:19-34
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 or Canticle: A Song of God's
 Strength in Mercy
 Genesis 28:10-19a
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
 Genesis 29:15-28
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 17:1-7, 16
 Genesis 32:22-31
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

Vestry Minutes

April 11th, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer/reflection - Lead by Gerry Piccola

Presentation of the Kitchen Upgrade

Cindy DiNino joined us to provide an update on the kitchen renovation. The bids were received from Classic

Kitchen Supplies and Squires. All bids came in around \$30,000.

Cindy indicated she is having a really hard time getting contractors to respond. Ultimately we will need another \$15,000 to complete the project. Need 3 to 4 different contractors to do the different areas of work.

Review of March Minutes: Motion accepted unanimously and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Pledges were down for the month. \$1,872 below budget. Year to date \$3,288 below budgeted amount. Fundraisers lacking plus gifts and donations are lacking. Budgeted Receipts: \$4,715 for capital campaign. Glenn Brielmann motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Kathy Faye seconded. With no further discussion the motion was accepted unanimously and carried.

Further Financial Matters: Denny requested that we withdraw \$10,000 from the UBS fund to make our Diocesan pledge. This plus what is currently in the checking should get us caught up. Motion made by Madeline Fazzino to take the \$10,000 from the UBS fund to pay as much of the Diocesan pledge/insurance premiums as possible. Maggie Shepherd seconded.

Capital Improvement - Contractor bid process
 Pre-bid walk through was conducted; 18 contractors showed up. We are opening the bids received on 4/21 at 2pm. All bids must be in by then. The bids actually go to the architects off where they will be opened. WE have to do our own due diligence coming up with the lowest, quality bid. Denny to ask the architect to do his due diligence as well and then discuss. Hope is to start construction June 1st.

Capital Campaign: Total pledged is \$193,000.

Search Committee – focus groups: The Search Committee will be conducting a series of Focus groups with the different missions at St. Stephen's. Facilities, Youth, Music, outreach etc. The committee will be reaching out to each of these areas to find out in a small group setting what they would look for/toward in a new priest.

Search Process - Interim priest: We received 4 resumes to consider. We've set up 2 interviews set up 4/14 & 4/16.

Departure of The Rev. Dr. Catherine Randall

Catherine's last service will us will be Easter. She will continue to be available as a supply priest.

Updates from previous meetings:

Nathan Hale School House Contract –

Gerry/Gordon/Patty to review our obligations.

Acolyte Training – The Rev. Dianne Warley has talked with Bonnie. Dianne will start training after Easter. We are down to three (3) acolytes right now. We need to start recruiting. Need to be at least 10 years of age.

Handicap Pew and Sound System update – still work to be done.

Adjournment: Kathy Faye motioned to adjourn 9:30; seconded by Madeline Fazzino. Motioned approved unanimously and carried.

Compline led by Evelyn Morgen.

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Vestry:
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 Evelyn Morgen
 Lloyd Neudecker
 Madeline Fazzino
 Tanya Knox
 Andy Lavigne
 Maggie Shepherd
 Kathy Faye
 Glenn Brielmann

Rotation Schedule

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	Ushers	Lay Readers	Lectors	Acolytes	Chalice Bearers	Prayers of the People	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Nursery	After Service Prayer
6/5	Liz Garofalo	Gordon Cobleigh	Kerri Willis	Michael Homar	Dianne Warley	Wendy Hummel	D. Duncan Jane Burtis	Johnson & Hoover	Amanda Lisitano	Evelyn Morgen
6/12	Dennis Corriveau	Dave Hass	Matt Budzik	Edwin Homar	Maggie Shepherd	Liz Johnson	Liz Garofalo	Guptill, Iarusso, Dedman & Moore	C & M Cavrell	Liz Garofalo
6/19	Glenn Brielmann	Evelyn Morgen	Ann DiFiglia	Erin Holle	Dennis Whitty	Chick Grillo	Nancy Giesey	Brielmann, Marciniac & Lisitano	Andrew Lavigne	Liz Johnson
6/26	Phil Piccola	Dianne Warley	Peter Gilsenan	Samantha Homar	Dan Holle	Glenn Brielmann		Schott, Johnson, Morgan-Brown	Amanda Lisitano	Kathy Faye
7/3	Kendall Knox	Jim Meyer	Kerri Willis	Connor Johnson	Dianne Warley	Gerry Piccola	Debby Duncan/ Jane Burtis	Klinck, Faye & Hickey	C & M Cavrell	Cindy Holle
7/10	Liz Garofalo	Kathy Faye	Matt Budzik	Michael Homar	Maggie Shepherd	Dave Hass	Liz Garofalo	Anderson & Sawyer	Andrew Lavigne	Evelyn Morgen
7/17	Dennis Corriveau	Gordon Cobleigh	Ann DiFiglia	Edwin Homar	Dennis Whitty	Ann DiFiglia	Nancy Giesey	Knox & DiFiglia	Amanda Lisitano	Liz Garofalo
7/24	Glenn Brielmann	Dave Hass	Peter Gilsenan	Erin Holle	Dan Holle	Wendy Hummel		Garofalo, Drew & Homar	C & M Cavrell	Liz Johnson
7/31	Phil Piccola	Evelyn Morgen	Kerri Willis	Samantha Homar	Dianne Warley	Liz Johnson	Terry Tovey	Johnson & Hoover	Andrew Lavigne	Kathy Faye

Ushers Glenn Brielmann Phil Piccola Kendall Knox Liz Garofalo Dennis Corriveau (8:00 AM) Patty Kloo	Lectors Peter Gilsenan Kerri Willis Matt Budzik Ann DiFiglia	Chalice Bearers Dianne Warley Maggie Shepherd Dennis Whitty Dan Holle	Altar Guild Debby Duncan /Jane Burtis Liz Garofalo Nancy Giesey Terry Tovey (5 th wk) After 8am cleanup Rachel Schott (2x) Maggie Shepherd Terry Tovey (5 th wk) After 10am cleanup Debby Duncan Evelyn Morgen Maggie Shepherd Ann DiFiglia Terry Tovey (5 th wk) Laundry Barbara Hass	Prayers of the People Barbara Hass Dave Hass Ann DiFiglia Wendy Hummel Liz Johnson Chick Grillo Gerry Piccola Glenn Brielmann	Coffee Hour Maureen Johnson Priscilla Hoover Anne Guptill & Ed Iarusso The Dedmans Ruth Moore Marsha Brielmann Marci Marciniac Amanda Lisitano W. Morgan-Brown Rachel Schott Liz Johnson Kathy Klinck The Fayses Lynda Hickey The Andersons The Sawyers	The Knoxs Ann & Frank DiFiglia Liz Garofalo Jay Drew Lisa Homar Nursery Carl & Melissa Cavrell Andrew Lavigne Amanda Lisitano After Service Prayer Liz Garofalo Liz Johnson Kathy Faye Cindy Holle Evelyn Morgen
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St. Stephen's Children



Greetings –

Wow – June already! The time goes by so very quickly. Our last day of church school will be June 12th. There will be classes that day and then our church picnic will be held following the service. Please sign up to help out with food or activities – feel free to contact me with any questions.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who have helped to run our church school. I pray that all of you know how much you are appreciated. The time and dedication you give to the children of St. Stephen's is truly a gift. I would like to extend special thanks to Liz Garofalo & Bill Faye for their many years of dedication to the youth. Both of you have made have made our church a very warm, welcoming place where our youth feel very comfortable discussing their many questions about their faith. That is a truly wonderful thing and I can't thank you enough.

I would also like to extend special thanks to Wendy Hummel for all her work with the angel choir. It is such a joyful noise to hear the voices of the children! Thank you for all you do!

On June 5th, the children and youth will be adding plants to the garden after the service. It would be great if everyone could bring a plant to add (any type of flower) – The garden was such a wonderful source of food for Harvest House last fall and we hope for an even larger harvest this fall!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. STEPHEN'S!!

We will hold our very first VBS program August 1st – 5th. Many volunteers will be needed. Please see the VBS sign up chart on the bulletin board. It will be an **evening program** from 6:00-8:00pm. Registration forms are available in the parish hall and on the parish website: www.ststeves.org. Please return them by July 1st. This program is designed for children ages 5 to 10 years old but it is open to all.

I would like to meet with any parents/parishioners to discuss future plans for curriculum and classroom structures for the fall. Anyone that is interested in offering their input please let me know ASAP!

Teachers, Teachers, Teachers!!!—I will be putting together schedules for the classes over the next month. If anyone wants to get a jump on the dates they would be available to help out with any of the classes please let me know. I will be looking for teachers for the youth class and the youth group as well – If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact me.

I pray for a safe summer for all the children, youth and their families!

God Bless –

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The Story of St. Stephen's

The First Anglican (after the American Revolution, it was called Episcopal) service on record in East Haddam was held on May 21, 1750, by the Rev. Ebenezer Punderson. He followed in the footsteps of Samuel Seabury Senior. The Rev. Mr. Seabury was a Harvard graduate but was troubled by doubts about Puritan ordination, had gone to England to be ordained as an Anglican minister, and returned to New London to plant the seeds of Anglicanism in Eastern Connecticut. The tireless Seabury was all over Eastern Connecticut from New London and North Groton to Norwich, Windham and Tolland. Inspired by the Rev. Mr. Seabury, Punderson was also ordained in England, and by 1734, started his roving ministry, traveling hundreds miles a year under miserable conditions. In addition, services were held by the Rev. Mr. Graves and the Rev. Mr. S. Peters. Graves, who alienated some colleagues by sympathizing with evangelists, planted Anglicanism between New London and Middletown.

Congregational ministers wrathfully wrote him stating that he had no rights to be in their towns. He replied that no threats would scare him away from his duty. During all his travels, he received only one barrel of flour for expenses.

The Rev. Mr. Peters, a native son and graduate of Yale, visited both sides of the Connecticut River, to Taunton, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. In one year, he rode at least two thousand miles, gave nearly one hundred weekday lectures for practically no reward except a present from the pleased and grateful Society for Propagating the Gospel (SPG). The SPG was founded in England to minister to British colonists. It was from this Society that the Connecticut roving ministers came. When the roving ministers were not present, Mr. Asa Beebe of Millington was the lay Leader. He was appointed in 1766 and held services in both East Haddam and Middle Haddam.

The Stewardship Committee



Connecticut Commission
on Culture & Tourism

Capital Campaign Update:

St. Stephen's Campaign Victory Party

As a way of saying thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to help fund the renovations and repairs to the Church that will begin later this summer, the Campaign Steering Committee will be holding a victory party at the home of Mary Ellen Klinck on Sunday, June 26, from 4 to 6 pm. Mary Ellen's house is located at 2 Broom Road which is the street between the Hillside Sweet Shoppe and the Antique Shop. Since parking is limited, we are asking those who are able to park at the Church and walk to the party. In case of stormy weather, we will reschedule the party for later in the summer.

Therefore, as God's *chosen people*,
holy and *dearly loved*,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and
patience. *Bear with each other* and
forgive one another if any of you
has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13, NIV (emphasis added)

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“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this:
God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

When the people heard this,
they were *cut to the heart*
and said to Peter and the other apostles,
“Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied,
“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the *gift* of the Holy Spirit. The *promise* is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 2:36-39, NIV (emphasis added)