

The Witness



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
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East Haddam, Connecticut

March

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Not only is it a good idea to have a will, it is a Christian duty (BCP, p-445). In that light, the Stewardship Committee has created a brochure as a guide. They can be found under the bell pull.

-The Stewardship Committee

Genesis 49

Jacob's Last Words to His Sons

¹ Then Jacob called together all his sons and said, "Gather around me, and I will tell you what will happen to each of you in the days to come."

...

²⁸ These are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said as he told his sons good-bye. He blessed each one with an appropriate message.

Semper Fidelis ~ Always Faithful

"Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

*Here is a trustworthy saying:
If we died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him.
If we disown him, he will also disown us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself."
(2 Timothy 2:3-4, 11-13)*



Thank You, Bud!

Since the late 1930's, Bud Hall has been a regular parishioner at St. Stephen's. We don't know how he has done it all these years (must be the Marine training), but he has greeted us every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. with a hug, started the coffee with a special pot for the choir, set the communion table, ushered, and probably many more tasks than I know.

He has now decided to sit down in a pew and let some of us "young folks" take over. How can we ever thank him enough? Keep giving him those HUGS!!!

God Bless You, Bud Hall.

With sincere appreciation,
Gerry, Gordon, and your friends at St. Stephen's

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>7:00 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal		
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<i>The Last Sunday After the Epiphany</i> 6	7	8	9 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10	11	12
<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 <u>7:30 pm</u> Imposition of Ashes	<u>7:00 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal		
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<i>The First Sunday in Lent</i> 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<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> Vestry	<u>7:30 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>7:00 pm</u> Staff Meeting <u>8:00 pm</u> AA Meeting	<u>7:00 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal		
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<i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i> 20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>The Annunciation</i>	26
<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	<u>7:00 pm</u> Choir Rehearsal		
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<i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i> 27	28					
<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					

campaign has still not achieved its target. All involved continue to pursue the stated financial objectives.

Your Wardens are actively interviewing candidates referred to us by the Office of Transition Ministry at our diocese's Hartford headquarters. We would anticipate coming to some interim resolution by Eastertide, though this is by no means certain.

Strategically, our search committee whose members we elected at our Annual Meeting January 30th will convene at the end of February with a counselor referred to us by the diocese, and the committee will immerse itself in the possibly protracted search process. Your wardens will serve on the committee as liaisons to the Vestry, none of whose members are to be involved in the search process until its very conclusion in the calling of a new minister.

More specifics will follow in future "Witness" editions, but we count ourselves fortunate indeed that the Holy Spirit is alive and functioning at St. Stephen's as this is written.

Thanks be to God.

Is God with us at St. Stephens?

In I Corinthians, Chapter 1, vs. 4-8, Paul says that we give thanks to Him because of the grace he has given us through Christ Jesus and we have not failed to receive a single blessing. He will keep us firm to the end as long as we trust in him.

We're going along during this transition time fairly well with God's gifts.

Faithfully,
Gordon Cobleigh & Gerry Piccola
Co-Wardens

From the Wardens

As this is written in late February we are pleased to report that our ministry moves along with the restrained pace brought on by an unusually harsh winter. This said, attendance at our two services continues at a level customarily achieved in winter.

Our vitality has been enhanced by the connectedness with us all made by our medium-term "supply" priest The Rev. Catharine Randall. Her ministry abetted by our Deacon The Rev. Dianne Warley has given us the reality of continuity with the ministry of The Rev. Rachel Thomas. We feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as a result, and we count ourselves fortunate and comforted to be attended by these three.

Our Christian Education program continues to be vital with the work of Lynda Hickey. Lynda reminds us she still would like more volunteers for the Christian Ed programs, and with this reminder we hope that some might offer their services.

The music program is alive under Wendy Hummel's aegis. The work she does with our choirs, especially the youth, is outstanding. And the texture and voice blending of the adult choir is astounding.

Despite our best efforts, the stewardship campaign and the capital improvement campaigns shared time frames this winter. Stewardship pledges were off modestly on a year-to-year basis, and the capital

2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16

Romans 4:13-18

Luke 2:41-52

March 25—The Annunciation

Psalm 45 or Cantic 3 or 15

Isaiah 7:10-14

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

Lectionary Texts

March 6—The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

Psalm 2 or 99

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

March 13—The First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 20—The Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 121

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 27—The Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 95

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Lectionary Texts—Special Feast Days

March 9—Ash Wednesday

Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 19—St. Joseph

Psalm 89:1-29 or 89:1-4, 26-29

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Vestry Highlights

Please see April issue for January, February & March highlights.

Thank you for your patience.

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Rotation Schedule

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	Lay				Chalice	Prayers of	Altar	Coffee		After Service
	Ushers	Readers	Lectors	Acolytes	Bearers	the People	Guild*	Hour	Nursery	Prayer
3/6	Glenn Brielmann	Kathy Faye	Peter Gilsenan	Samantha Homar	Dianne Warley	Gerry Piccola	D. Duncan Jane Burtis	Schott, Johnson, Morgan-Brown	C & M Cavrell	Kathy Faye
3/13	Phil Piccola	Gordon Cobleigh	Kerri Willis	Connor Johnson	Maggie Shepherd	Glenn Brielmann	Liz Garofalo	Klinck, Faye & Hickey	Marci Marciniec	Cindy Holle
3/20	Kendall Knox	Dave Hass	Matt Budzik	Brittany Yackovetsky	Gordon Cobleigh	Barbara Hass	Nancy Giesey	Anderson & Sawyer	Andrew Lavigne	Evelyn Morgen
3/27	Liz Garofalo	Evelyn Morgen	Ann DiFiglia	Michael Homar	Dennis Whitty	Dave Hass	N & L Iacovelli	Knox & DiFiglia	Amanda Lisitano	Bonnie Yackovetsky
4/3	Dennis Corriveau	Dianne Warley	Peter Gilsenan	Stephanie Yackovetsky	Dan Holle	Ann DiFiglia	D. Duncan Jane Burtis	Garofalo, Drew & Homar	C & M Cavrell	Liz Garofalo
4/10	Glenn Brielmann	Jim Meyer	Kerri Willis	Edwin Homar	Dianne Warley	Wendy Hummel	Liz Garofalo	Johnson & Hoover	Marci Marciniec	Liz Johnson
4/17	Phil Piccola	Kathy Faye	Matt Budzik	Erin Holle	Maggie Shepherd	Dianne Warley	Nancy Giesey	Guptill, Iarusso, Dedman & Moore	Andrew Lavigne	Kathy Faye
4/24	Kendall Knox	Gordon Cobleigh	Ann DiFiglia	Samantha Homar	Gordon Cobleigh	Liz Johnson	N & L Iacovelli	Brielmann, Marciniec & Lisitano	Amanda Lisitano	Cindy Holle

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



God Bless,
Lynda Hickey

Hello everyone –

I am happy to report that the toys that the children have donated have been turned over to the consignment shop and we have received a check for \$30.00. This amount will be given to the East Haddam fuel bank in the name of the children of St. Stephen's to help defray the cost of heating oil for families in need. Although the amount may not be large, the children that have donated their gently used toys and books will experience how they were able to make a difference and help others. I hope to continue to find ways to show the children how to give of themselves – even when it's not very easy to do! Thank you to all of you who encouraged your children to participate!

The visit to Chestelm was very well received! I am so very proud of the youth class and the younger children for everything they did to spread their light – from making valentine crafts, to singing & performing skits, magic tricks and dancing – it definitely reached many people that day. They are hoping that we will make a return visit sometime soon! Thank you to parents for taking the extra time out of your busy schedules to bring your child to the nursing home to participate – I hope that both you and your child felt the Holy Spirit working inside them.

Upcoming dates to save:

March 9th – Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
April 8th – Family Game Night & Scavenger Hunt, 6:30pm
April 17th – Palm Sunday
April 22nd – Good Friday
April 24th – Easter Sunday – No Classes – Service at 10am

Please let me know if you are interested in attending the Good Friday service on the 22nd at 6pm. If there are enough parents that would be interested, I will hold a class/service for the children while the parents are in Church. The Good Friday service is done completely by the youth class – Please consider attending to show your support for them.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at st.stephenchildren@att.net

LAS Forum & Fun Series

The LAS (Lady's Aid Society) Forum & Fun Series had their 4th forum & some fun night on Feb. 18th thanks to Sensei Paul Longo, Instructor and Partner at USA Kempo in Essex. Paul was recommended by Kathy Faye after Gerry Piccola suggested adding a “self-defense” night to the series. This series seems to be blessed with an energy and life of its own! It just keeps sprouting new ideas and programs! We may be running out of dates, but do let any LAS lady know if you have an idea for a forum or fun night.

We had a small but engaged group of ladies for “self-defense” and we learned some helpful tactics for getting out of difficult situations.

Next up...

March 17, 2011*—7pm—Praying in Color

Join Lynne Meyer, a passionate parishioner who has embraced this beautiful art of prayer, watch a workshop DVD on “Praying in Color” by Sybil MacBeth and learn how to pray in color.

April/Spring 2011—Naturopathy or Origami

Stay tuned for updates on these two possibilities.

May 19, 2011—7pm—Women and Church

Join Bishop Laura Aberns for a discussion on “Women and Church.” How has the place of women in the church changed since women's ordination? Has it? Bishop Aberns is an enthusiastic and wise woman of God who will listen and speak from her experience as a woman, priest and now bishop in the Episcopal Church.

*Note return to Thursday

Thanks to all who are organizing, hosting, suggesting and inspiring notions; and attending this “Forum & Fun” series! It's very fun! Join us for the next one! And—it's not just for Ladies; it's just hosted by their Aid Society.

Gwen Pond



Connecticut Commission
on Culture & Tourism

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

“Raising the Roof: Building an Ark for our Age.”

Will you join other members of our parish who have made personal commitments to help fund the long-delayed and much-needed renovations and repairs to the Church and Parish House?

It is time for your decision.

Please fill out the pledge card that you recently received in the mail and send it back to St. Stephen's. Or, you might want to place your pledge card in the offering plate during an upcoming service.

Your gift will make a huge difference. It will allow us to meet our goal, and it will permit the repairs to begin later this spring.

The Campaign Steering Committee (Gordon Cobleigh, George Giesey, Mary Ellen Klinck, Anna Ruth Masters, Gerry Piccola, and Fred Weissbach) thanks you for your consideration and your support.

Harvest House

Harvest House is marching right along with a wish for an early spring! Due to the weather and relocation of some of our regular guests our numbers have been down but phone orders are about the same. Eric Holle continues to supply fresh Erin Eggs to our guest who look forward to them each week. We have added two new hosts to our Harvest House Family that have committed to serving four times a year. Please welcome The Knights of Columbus from St. Bridget of Kildare in Moodus and The Sanctuary of Shepardfields on Bogel Road in East Haddam.

Just a reminder to all that Harvest House serves a fresh hot meal every Sunday 5~6 PM to anybody who comes in for a meal, companionship, and easy conversation. Stop by if you've never been here to share a meal with us.

Many Thanks to all of our volunteers who make Harvest House what it is.

Cindy Di Nino
Meal Site Coordinator

Our Story (Money MATTERS)

The saga continues...

The extent to which the colonists' lives were influenced by what we would today consider silly or irrational is staggering. Their lives were informed by a firm belief in evil forces that stalked them daily. The devil, witches, and magic were, in some colonists' minds, real and terrifying. To the colonists', Machimoodus was real.

Another type of trouble started early for the settlers of East Haddam. Between 1649 and 1662, various native chiefs gave or sold the lands in East Haddam in such a fashion that controversies arose even before the first settlements began. This was common in America's early stages of colonization. In 1649, Weekwash, the Nehantic sachem, bequeathed the land of East Haddam to Robert Chapman of Saybrook. In 1652, Capt. John Cullick was granted Lord's Island, which was immediately challenged by Chapman. In 1658, Seanan, a sachem living in Wethersfield, gave the land along the Salmon River to Richard Lord with the permission of Uncas, the Mohegan sachem. Finally, on May 13, 1662, members of the Wangunk tribe sold all the land that is now Haddam and East Haddam to the proprietors of the 30 Mile Plantation for thirty coats. This land sale included property claimed by Chapman, Cullick, and Lord. It was not until about 1685 that the General Assembly of Connecticut Colony settled the ownership controversies.

Twenty-eight people settled the 30 Mile Plantation on the west side of the Connecticut River and called their colony Haddam, after Haddam, England. About six years later, James Wells, Daniel Brainerd (later spelled Brainard), and George Gates were appointed to survey the land called Machamoodus, and to lay out highways there. Between 1670 and 1671, two highways were laid out; the first one was called Creek Row, about 1/4 mile east of the Salmon River, the second, or "Great Highway," about 1/4 mile east of Creek Row. This road is now called Town Street. The land between the highways and river was called First Division Land—the future home of St. Stephen's. The original owners of these lands lived in Haddam and sold these properties without ever having seen them.

The Stewardship Committee

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Psalm 51

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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