ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

The Newsletter of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg PA July 2020

This past month we buried Don Albitz. During the course of his illness I had a blessed opportunity to speak with him and learn about his life-long dedication to and love for Saint Stephen's. After his death, prior to the funeral liturgy we had for him here, I was able to sit for the better part of an afternoon with Don's wife Barb and his daughter Beth. It was inspiring to hear about Don having stayed so close to our parish and being so generous with his time to support it. Don told me that his grandmother belonged to Saint Stephen and that from his earliest childhood memories, through the entire span of his life, and up until his most recent memories, our parish has been a big part of his life. During the days between Don's death and our funeral liturgy for him, several members of Saint Stephen shared with me their fond memories of Don. They all discussed how we worked hard in many different areas to support the church and how kind he was. We have been richly blessed. So what can we do to take up the mantle of where Don left off? What can we do to help fill in where Don was, driving people to church, helping with the building maintenance and being a regular attendee for worhship?

What we must do is prayerfully reflect on where God is asking each of us to respond to a life so grounded in the life of Saint Stephen's. There are good reasons why we can't always be present for worship. There are good reasons why we need to be cautious, both for our wellness and for our finances during the combined economic and health crises that this global pandemic has forced upon us. What is reasonable and how can we bless Saint Stephen's with what we can offer from among the gifts, talents and other blessings God has given us? This is a question that might be important in our prayers and preparations as we pray for the wisdom and grace to rise to the occasion of our connection to this parish family. We must each reflect on what is best and what generous steps we can take to prepare ourselves for a return to some of the previous ways of being together as a parish family.

Father Chuck

Food of the Month:
July 2020
RICE and BEANS

IMPORTANT NEWS

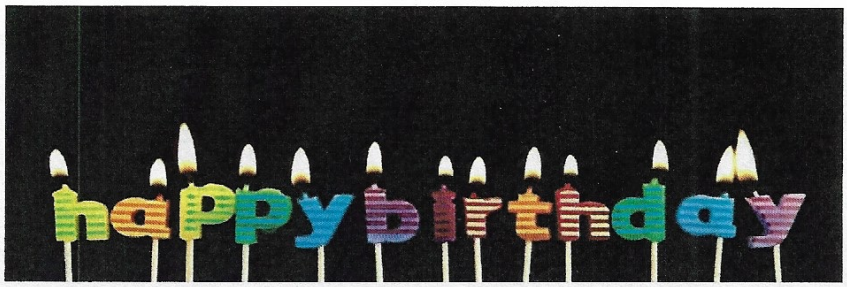
A very Special Thank You to Ms. Melanie Mills For the donation of a Baby Grand piano For our Sanctuary

MISSION OF THE MONTH

JULY 2020

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FOR KELLY SCHOOL



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Sunderman-july 6, Krystal Abitz-July 9, Kathy Mulligan-July 18
Pam Sovich-July 19, Tameka Thompson-July21, Janet Haston-July 24
Cathie Sunderman-July 25, Karen Teulle-July 31

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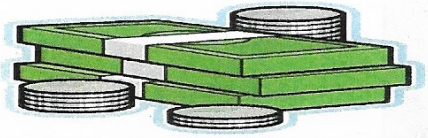
Please remember to bring your pledge up to date if possible



How do we as Episcopalians live out our faith as Christians? Come find out!

Thursday Discipleship 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Learning from the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer

AN APPRECIATION

The Rev. Canon Richard W. Davies 1927-2020

The Rev. Richard Davies, one of the most senior priests in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, died peacefully on May 7th. As a youngster he was an altar server at St. Stephen's in Wilkinsburg.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 4- INDEPENDENCE DAY . JULY 15- TAX DAY

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

YOUR SUNDAY MORNING LITURGY

HAS RESUMED

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER CYCLE BOOKS

Please join us in praying for the members and committees of

St. Stephens

You can pick up a copy at the main door and chapel door.

2020 PRAYER