

First-Wednesday Service of Healing and Hope with The Holy Eucharist

On December 2, the 5:30 PM midweek service will be the Holy Eucharist (instead of Evening Prayer). The service will include a litany of healing, anointing, and communion around the holy table.

Annual Parish Meeting REPORTS for 2009 and BUDGET requisitions for 2010, are due from ministry coordinators, committee chairs, and program leaders **BY DECEMBER 20**. Preparation for the church's annual meeting report gets underway mid-December so it will be ready for the meeting on January 24. Reports and budget requests may be brought to the church office or e-mailed (ststephens@sbcglobal.net).

Newsletter deadline is the **10th** of each month for entries in the next issue.

Vestry will convene December 14 at 5:30 PM for their regular meeting (the 2nd Monday this month instead of 3rd).

Stuff 'n' Fold is Tuesday, December 22, at 10:30 AM to prepare the January newsletter for mailing. (Note: This date is a change from the usual last-Thursday schedule for Stuff 'n' Fold.)

2010 pledges are still welcome following the November 22nd Celebration Sunday Ingathering. **100% participation** in return of **pledge cards** is requested by the vestry so that they may prepare the 2010 budget based on information on returned cards. Cards are in pewracks, the narthex, and the office-area foyer.

The Search Committee for a Rector for St. Stephen's has been meeting regularly and is moving ahead with the initial tasks involved in the search process. If you know a priest that you would like to have the committee consider, now would be the appropriate time to make this suggestion. Please make your recommendation to Louise Cummins, chair of the search committee. Her phone number is 799-7812 or you may email her at louise.cummins@gmail.com.

Thank you,

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Nominations of people to fill vestry vacancies and for delegates to the annual diocesan convention may be made **in writing** to the Nominating committee of the vestry. This committee is made up of the outgoing vestry members: Barbara Arrington, Charlotte Burt, Britt Pharris, Phil Rapstine. Nominations must be received by the committee by **January 3**. Vestry personnel serve 3-year terms. Convention delegates serve two years, attending deanery meetings as well as the annual diocesan convention (usually the last weekend in October). Persons being nominated for vestry or delegates must have been a member of the parish for at least 6 months..

Next month and beyond . . .

- January 3** Sunday School resumes
- January 6** Wednesday schedule resumes:
5:30 PM Midweek service
7:00 PM Choir rehearsal
- January 24** Annual Parish Meeting, after 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist



BLESSING THE ACOLYTES' NEW ROBES