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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH · JUNE 2011

St. Stephen's is called to be a place where all God's people enjoy and value each other. Through liturgy, education, fellowship and mutual support, we discover the biblical story revealed in our lives and extend that by faith and example to the community.

The Reverend J. David Perdue, *Rector* | The Rev. Jean Pearson Scott, *Priest in Residence*
Larry Douglas, *Organist/Administrative Assistant* | Terry Garrett, *Choir Director* | Charles Dickerson, *Bookkeeper*

The Rector's Reflections . . .

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!! THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!!

Those words remain our song of praise as the Great 50 Days of Easter continue toward the Day of Pentecost, and what a refreshing joy it is to hear them and share them with you each Sunday of Easter. It is the proclamation of these words that bring us the gift of resurrection each day of our lives.

What a gift of resurrection we have had this spring and Easter season! Our Holy Week and Easter services have been magnificent thanks to the hard work and dedication of all those who devotedly work "behind the scenes" to insure that everything runs smoothly. The flowers, the altar, the music; all have been above and beyond my expectations for my first Easter with you at St. Stephen's. Thank you for that great gift and for your astounding presence and support through a very demanding time of preparation and worship.

And what blessings have been ours thus far this Easter in the welcoming of two new children of God as we baptized Emma and Elle Condra during our Easter service! Welcome, girls, to the family of God! Then, the following Wednesday of Easter week, what a joy to have Bishop Scott Mayer with us as he confirmed eight new members of the Episcopal Church and St. Stephen's! We welcome and embrace you all as new members of the family of St. Stephen's.

Even as the joy of all these blessings resound through our hearts and minds there are other words and sounds that call our attention, for the anticipation of summer beckons us into her time of relaxation, journeys, family time and enjoyment. I know that many of you have second homes or places of respite that you enjoy in the months of summer either alone or with family. I have to confess that I am a little envious. I will have to ask forgiveness for that weakness on my part. Many will be away for vacations, family gatherings, weekend outings and various other activities which the months of summer offer us. I guess what I am saying is that, in general summer is a "slow time" for the parish church. Attendance is usually lower, activities are fewer and less active and it becomes a time of calm "regrouping" for the active fall which rapidly approaches.

I want to wish you all a very happy, active, fun, restorative and SAFE summer as you travel and go about your lives. We all need that time of relaxation and restoration of body, mind and spirit. What I want to remind you of and leave for you to think about as you begin your summer is again the words we proclaim during the season of Easter: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!" These words which bring us the spirit of resurrection of new life every day of our lives, should not be left at home on the shelf during our days of summer relaxation and fun. Take the living, resurrected Lord with you this summer wherever you go. Have a quiet devotional time as you sit on the porch and watch the sun setting into the nearby waters, visit a local church and see how they live the joy of Easter, and continue to pray for your home parish as you are away. Remember...God never takes a vacation away from you; you should also include him in yours.

Blessings and prayers for a safe, peaceful and sacred summer...however you enjoy it. I love you all.....

Father David +



Inside . . .

Ingathering of the
United Thank Offering

Vacation Bible School

2011 Camp Dates

Spring Fling Photos

PARISH REGISTER, 2011

Transfer in April

Susan Pollard to St. Stephen's
from St. Paul's-on-the-Plains (Lubbock)

Burial in March

Mary Sylva Jarrott Anderson

Confirmations in April

Michael Byrne • Merinda Condra

Stacie and Brent Croom • Penny Dennison

Kent Mings • Tammy Willis • Thomas Wolf

Vestry

Brit Pharris, *Senior Warden*

Claire Cowden, Shirley Edwards, Tim Foster, Judy Halla,

Jo Moore, Phil Rapstine, Jan Rigsby, Seth Crouch,

Leigh McPhaul, Matt Willis, Stephani Windham

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SUNDAY (*indicates nursery, childcare)

8:00 A.M.Holy Eucharist

* 9:15 A.M.Adult Class

* 9:45 A.M.Choir warm-up (fall - spring)

*10:15 A.M.Sunday School
ages 3 - 8th grade (fall - spring)

*10:30 A.M.Holy Eucharist

12:00 NOON ...Coffee Hour

MONDAY through THURSDAY

8:30 A.M.Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY

5:30 P.M.Holy Eucharist w/ Service
of Healing

6:30 P.M.Choir rehearsal (fall - spring)

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