



# St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt, lives are changed!

July 6, 2018

## Baptism

"Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God." (BCP, 858) At the time of baptism the question is asked of all in attendance, "Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?" Your response is a resounding, "We will." Come this Sunday to the 10 a.m. service where we will baptize and welcome into the family of God Asher Matthew Berven and Emma Sophia Sanchez Ihli. This is the beginning of the Christian life for these two infants. You will want to be a part of giving them this great start on their journey.

## Movie Night

"*I'd Climb the Highest Mountain*" is about a dedicated circuit preacher and his new wife in the north Georgia mountains in the early 20th century. It stars [Susan Hayward](#) and [William Lundigan](#) with [Rory Calhoun](#). The wife, Mary, is a city girl who knows little about her husband's work but weathers the rough times with him and comes to love it.

Come out Thursday, **July 12 at 6pm** to the Parish Hall and treat yourself to a great movie and fellowship. Be sure to bring a friend; we'll bring the popcorn.



**NOTE: Remember that on Thursday, July 5 at 6 pm we will be seeing the movie "Brian's Song".**

## Sermon

"The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe the good news." The message of the kingdom is so important that Mark's gospel immediately thrusts us into the stories of Jesus ministry. Mark's story moves with lightning speed to the cross and an empty tomb to proclaim that the kingdom of God has come near. This kingdom is both a present and a future reality, it is already here but not yet fully realized, it is hidden and revealed, it waits for personal discovery and appears out of nowhere. You enter the kingdom of God not by your effort but by faith that Jesus is Lord over your life and savior of your soul. The kingdom is near because it is within our reach through faith and comes fully when Christ returns. It is experienced in the hearts and minds of those whose lives are held captive by the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Want to learn more? Pastor Damos

## A Special Person

Mary Lou Yoder took over a ministry that Edgar Darden had done for many years. Now, Mary Lou has moved to Pawley's Island, SC, and says it is too long a commute to come back for it. She was the one who would ensure that the pew racks were always stocked with sharp pencils, prayer cards, "special offering" envelopes, welcome invitations, and other forms of paper for personal notes. If you have noticed, there have been times when there is nothing in any of the pew racks on a row. She would come at her leisure and drop in and do this silent ministry. If that might fit for what you are looking for, just drop by the office and get your instructions.

## Outreach



### Camp Clearfork

We've had a week off from Camp due to the Independence Day holiday. Thursday, July 12, we will be back. We need VOLUNTEERS to help with art, music, independent reading, games, serving meals, and just being a presence for these young children. We still need snack bags to send home with them at the end of the day. If you can read, you can be a volunteer. You will be blessed. We go up on July 12, 19, and 26. We even need help packing our supplies before we go. Please call the church office to let us know you are able.

### Can you donate plastic bottles???

We need 16 oz plastic bottles with caps for a craft we will be doing at camp. Please remove the paper from all the bottles. We also need newspapers. Bring your donated items to the Resource Room across the hall from the Treasurer's office by July 10th.



## Art Work

This summer we are featuring art by three parishioners in the Parish



Hall. Browse as you enjoy breakfast. Cards and framed photos are by Ron Keyser; shared art by Nancy Carow and a variety of paintings are by Fay Martin who has been painting for 70 years! Ron's work is marked for sale. Speak to Fay and Nancy if you are interested in some of their pieces.

## Pastoral Care

**JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR** Ed Krieg; Jim & Jeanne Kring; Paul & Jennifer Kruzic, Nate & Jonathan; Carey Land, Olivia; Gene & Carol Ann Lane.

*Please add these names to your prayer*