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KINDNESS IN ACTION

HEROIC TASK BY EPISCOPAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On April 24, 2022 a glorious band from the Episcopal Youth Fellowship (EYF) visited my home. Kathy, my eldest daughter, had realized what a monumental task it was for me to get rid of magnolia leaves, and she has allergies to rotting leaves, so she got in touch with Craig Brent of EYF and asked for help. Craig readily agreed to rescue me.

Yesterday 3 adults and 4 students arrived, armed with shovels, rakes, a leaf blower and a tarpaulin. They worked tirelessly and cheerfully until my yard was restored to heavenly beauty. I would like to thank them all - Craig Brent, Rachel Kirk, Chuck Kirk, Vivian Cooper, Chloe Kirk, Arwyn Welch, Chi Kirk - for their great kindness, and thanks to the world for having such good people in it.

Love to all,

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WE'RE ALL PENGUINS

One of my favorite films is the 2005 documentary **March of the Penguins**, which chronicles the heroic and harrowing journey that emperor penguins make amid subfreezing temperatures and violent snowstorms at the South Pole to mate. I've always remembered the vivid image of thousands of penguins huddling together to keep warm. On the periphery of the huddle, penguins endure wind chills that reach -60° Celsius (-76° Fahrenheit), providing a wind break and The center of a penguin huddle, a form of social thermoregulation, can reach temperatures of up to 37° Celsius (98.6° Fahrenheit). It's so warm that the center penguins keep moving through the huddle so that they don't overheat, while penguins on the outside move inward to get warm.

This particular image reminds me very much of how our social interactions function in a faith community. When there is one who is sick and needs help, they are moved to the center of the community, and held up through prayer and material support of everyone around them. We come together in an automatic response to care for one another in a stunning display of love, and it's completely first nature to us!



Most of the time, I feel like a penguin on the edge of the huddle, providing shelter and strength to others. It brings me joy to take care of you all! However, now is one of the times that I feel like I can move a little towards the center and be cared for by St. Stephen's.

All that being said, I will be having "extensive midfoot reconstruction" surgery on my right foot on May 25, 2022. I will be out of the office, starting Wednesday, May 25, 2022, and coming back to work...I'm not entirely sure when yet! It could be in early July, but nothing is certain. The key to healing is elevation and staying off my foot. I will be in a splint for 8-10 days, and then in a hard cast for 6 weeks. Since this is my right foot, I will not be driving for a while. Once I am in the cast, I *may* be able to resume work for St. Stephen's, and that may involve working from home for several weeks. I simply don't know yet. My overall recovery time is highly dependent on a variety of factors, but based on previous surgical experience, keeping my foot elevated to reduce swelling is absolutely crucial. God willing, this brief medical hiatus will be brief and my recovery swift.

I am tremendously grateful to be a part of this community! There is not a week that goes by where someone will express their gratitude for the work that I do as the Parish Secretary. I am in the fortunate position where I don't think of what I do as a "job"; it is a joyous thing to do the work that God has called me to do. And yet, even if I am not here, the spirit and momentum and worship will continue. I like to think that I am keeping the wheels of God's work running smoothly!

In the meantime, I am working with Fr. Bailey, Fr. Ashton, Simon and many other volunteers, planning how we'll get "all the things" done. If you would like to know more about what's happening at St. Stephen's, please don't hesitate to call the church to talk to someone! We have volunteers who answer the phones and can provide a friendly voice for a nice chat!

Thank you for your understanding, patience and prayers during my recovery. I trust that "all will be well"!

Elizabeth Pack, Parish Secretary

OUTREACH CORNER

St Stephen's has had a Food Basket Ministry for many years, and in the last several years, have served 31 families, individuals, and groups with Food baskets (or gift cards) four times per year. Liz Herbes and Mary Anne Morse recently visited Food Pantries and Food Services in Oak Ridge to understand how Outreach could best serve the needs of the community. The committee thought that this would adjust the contents of the Food Baskets. Instead, it showed that because there are multiple food banks and free meals in the area, Food Baskets are no longer needed but that nonfood items which cannot be bought with SNAP and emergency food supplies should be our mission.

So, the Food Basket Ministry is going to morph into the **Food Ministry** and, for now, have two main focuses: **nonfood collection and emergency food bags.**

Non-food items being collected are:

- toothpaste
- bath soap
- laundry detergent
- dish soap
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- shampoo and conditioner
- trash bags

Emergency food items include:

- peanut butter
- Saltines
- soup, stew, spaghettiOs
- canned fruit
- canned chicken, canned tuna
- granola bars
- cheese crackers

Please continue supporting this ministry at St Stephen's by buying items on the list when you shop, making monetary donations, and supporting us in prayer.

~Mary Jeanne French

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

The Gifts & Memorials Committee wants to be sure that any **material donations and/or gifts** are appropriate and support the operations and missions of St. Stephen's.

Therefore, a Gifts & Memorials sub-committee has been established to preview and screen all potential material donations given to the church.

If you have an item you think is needed or would be useful to the church please contact one of the Gifts & Memorials committee members listed below who can answer any questions you may have regarding your donation.

The existing [relevant policy is C-10, Section II F.](#)

"Refers to the Material Gifts Sub-Committee for determination (of) all material gifts intended for use in the church such as furnishings, equipment, art, etc. provided:

That the gift is an item consistent with the décor and use of such items within Episcopal Churches,

That the acceptance does not increase the operating expenses of the Parish (for instance a vehicle). If that is the case, Vestry approval is required.

Note: Material gifts in some cases may be offered to heads of Parish committees and programs such as gifts of books to the Library, donations to the Archives, to the Kitchen, to Christian Education, etc. They may be accepted by them provided they meet these criteria and will not increase the operating cost of the church. If an acknowledgment or registry in the Gifts and Memorials registers is desired, Gifts and Memorials should be notified."

~ Dan DiGregorio, Chair

GIFTS & MEMORIALS SUB-COMMITTEE

- Barb Bovee
- Barbara Neill
- Barbara Steele
- Deborah Clary

Celebrations

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/4 Walter Carow
3/5 Nancy Carow
3/7 Bill Molony
3/8 Chloe Kirk
Elizabeth Carter
3/9 Ted Swilley
3/11 Dominic Giuliano
3/12 Jim Anderson
3/13 Gay Marie Logsdon
Virginia Jones
John Storey
3/14 Linda Hagaman
3/15 Jim Kring
3/18 Ed LaRose
3/20 Susan Meredith
3/21 Joy Fournier
3/22 Molly Justice
3/24 Jonathan Heischman
3/26 Judy Kidd
3/27 Daryl Yearwood
3/29 Pete Peterson
3/30 David Caldwell
3/31 Ross Mol

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Caroline Swilley
4/2 Chris Kirk
4/6 Margaret Baldauf
Gavin Madgett
4/7 Marcia Todkill
4/9 Bob Hightower
4/11 Noah Baker
Carole Mol
4/12 Vicky White
4/13 Sherry Burchfield
4/14 Jack Campbell
David Parker
4/15 Carol Slusher
4/16 Mary Anne Morse
4/17 Carey Land
4/18 Lill Hise
4/20 Fay Martin
Irma Brown
4/21 Lynn Giuliano
Bailey Norman
4/25 Don Nalls
4/26 Drew Shane
Jean Bardorf
4/30 Nancy Anderson
Jacob Berven

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Tucker Reed
Gary Grubb
5/2 Kay Brookshire
Kathy Chippendale
Carolyn Singer
5/3 Chip Pennoyer
5/4 Bob Bardorf
5/6 Cyril Meredith, III
5/8 Teddy Dantzler
5/9 Cameron Ellis
5/11 Asher Berven
5/12 Robert Giuliano
Delaney Thurston
5/13 Ashley Hillis
5/15 Ada LaRose
5/16 Heather Hartman
5/18 Tailen DiGregorio
5/19 Lisa Plante
5/20 Lilly Cooper
Jeff Thurston
5/21 Scott Chippendale
5/22 Lou Volk
5/23 Gary Morris
5/24 Steve Damos
5/25 Dan Tuxbury
Jonathan Kruzic
5/26 Margaret DeVan
Vivian Cooper
Liam LaRose
5/27 Roger Johnson
5/28 Emma Sofia Sanchez Ihli
Emma Ellis
5/29 Elizabeth Pack
5/31 Autumn Ihli

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/1 Jamey Kennedy & Allan Reiss
3/16 Judy & Dan DiGregorio
Virginia & Charles Jones
3/25 Katherine & Gary Grubb
3/30 Stella & Bill Schramm
3/31 Bonnie & Mike Bautz

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/1 Kay Brookshire & Tom Beehan
4/9 Peggy & Lou Volk
4/11 Frances & Jim Hodges
4/14 Carol & Walt Gardner
4/18 Beth & Ed Stickle

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/5 Susan & Don Nalls
5/8 Mary & Wayne Rhoades
5/11 Olivia & John Cox
Nancy & David Caldwell
5/14 Jenny & Cyril Meredith, III
5/19 Ashley & Brad Hillis
5/22 Happy & Ed Johnson
Diane & Donny Sams
5/29 Mary Ellen & Eph Klots
Emily & Matthew Doane

