

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Kathy and Lin Hoffman to the glory of God, in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Do You Need Prayer? You are invited to ask for prayers this morning or call for a wider prayer through our Prayer Chain. Contact Roger Hartman (703-425-7268, rogerhartman47@gmail.com), Rue Nunnally (703-323-7244), or email prayerchain@ststephensfairfax.org if you are interested or in need of the Prayer Chain.

Support in Times of Need and Other Difficulties: Care is offered through the Stephen Ministry, which has trained caregivers, and the Shepherd Ministry, a network of St. Stephen's neighbors caring for one another. Contact Kevin Maisel (703-866-9548, kmaisel2000@gmail.com) or Nancy Dubiell (703-395-5932, ndubiell@yahoo.com) for the Stephen Ministry, or the Church Office for the Shepherd Ministry.

If You or Someone You Meet Is in Need: We know that people in our church and community are in financial need. One way we try to help is through the Emergency Assistance Fund. If you or someone you encounter is in financial need, please be in touch with the office to set up an appointment for prayer, and, if we can, financial assistance. This suggestion may also help if someone in need approaches you in our parking lot and you think St. Stephen's can help.

A Service of Healing: In the aftermath of General Conference, this service is offered for those in need of God's healing in any aspect of their lives on Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to come meditate on the Word of God, find strength and comfort from traditional hymns, receive anointing with oil and Holy Communion, and remember God's love and promise of wholeness and peace in the community of faith. Childcare provided.

Interim Bishop for Virginia Conference: The Rev. Tom Berlin, co-chair of the Committee on Episcopacy, shared that Bishop Peter (Pete) D. Weaver will begin his duties as interim bishop of the Virginia Conference effective March 7, 2019. Please continue to be in prayer for Bishop Lewis. Bishop Lewis will be on a six-month medical leave. For more information, visit www.vaumc.org/pages/news/2019vanews/2019vanews_bishopmedicalleave

Church Council Meeting: At the Church Council meeting scheduled for March 27 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room, we will consider a request from our Church & Society Committee. They propose that the congregation be offered an anonymous survey of our feelings with respect to the recent decisions of the special General Conference in St. Louis. As always, all from the congregation are welcome to attend Church Council meetings.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday 24

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (S)
9:30 AM Cherub Choir (C42)
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship (S)
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Children's Choir (FS)
11:00 AM Classic Worship Service (S)
4:30 PM Mustard Seed Productions (S)
5:30 PM Youth Group (M30/M9/FH/M18-20/M16/C40/C41/K)
6:30 PM Evening Chapel: A Youth Led Worship Service (WC)
7:00 PM 40 Things Lenten Study (C58)

Monday 25

9:15 AM Where Moms Connect (C40)
9:30 AM UMW Board Meeting (C40)
12:00 PM Preschool (WC)
6:45 PM Orchestra (S)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir (M10)
7:30 PM Mighty Peals of Joy (M9)

Tuesday 26

9:00 AM Jean Taylor (M8)
9:30 AM Maranatha Singers (M10)
11:00 AM Staff Meeting (M5)
7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 1131 (M9/M18/20/FH/FHH)
7:00 PM Source Band (S)
7:30 PM Boy Scout Patriot District Committee (M18/20)
7:30 PM Disciple Bible Study-Old Testament (M8)

Wednesday 27

6:30 AM Coffeemen Community Group (Peet's)
6:30 AM Youth Breakfast Study (King's Park McDonald's)
9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study (M8)
10:00 AM Creative Hearts/Creative Hands (M9)
7:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 1131 (M9/M16/M18-20/K/FH)
7:30 PM Church Council (FS)
8:30 PM Youth Free Wings & Bible Study (M30)

Thursday 28

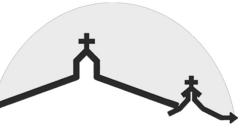
11:30 AM Rainbow Rock Group (FH)
5:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 1186 (FS)
7:00 PM Bits & Pieces (M10)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 1131 Committee (M9)
7:00 PM ESOL Class (C59)
7:00 PM Grace Ministries Praise Band (WC)
7:00 PM The Daniel Plan Lenten Study (M9)
7:30 PM Healing Service (S)
7:45 PM Mostly Men Choir (M10)

Friday 29

11:30 AM Rainbow Rock Group (FH)

Saturday 30

St. Stephen's



United Methodist Church

8:30 AM Traditional
11:00 AM Classic
9:45 AM Contemporary
6:30 PM Evening Chapel

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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

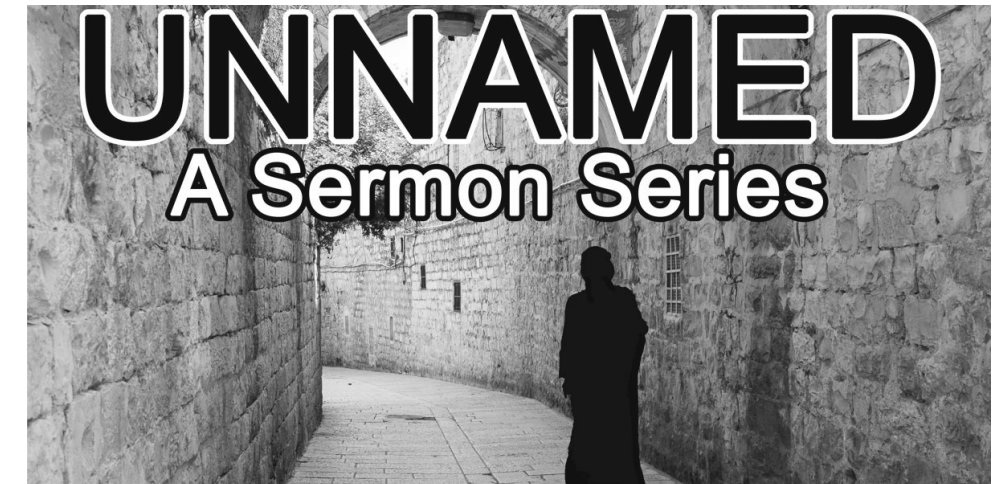
VISION STATEMENT

- **Receive** Christ as the key to life, awake and alive, growing in knowledge and love of God.
- **Reflect** Christ as the catalyst for community, inclusive and engaged, igniting mission and service for all.
- **Relay** Christ as the call for a new generation, convinced and committed, sharing faith and hope with others.

March 24, 2019

9:45 am

Third Sunday in Lent



Welcome to St. Stephen's UMC! We are so glad you joined us today for worship. Please feel free to stop by the **Welcome Desk** for a free gift and the **Welcome Center** either before or after worship for a cup of coffee and light refreshments.

Our **Nursery (C46)** and **Cry Room (M4, near the Sound Booth)** are available during all worship services. The nursery is open to all infants and toddlers and is staffed by our loving and professional nursery attendants.

11:00 am **Godly Play** (PreK - 2nd grade) is available after the **Children's Moment** in the 11 am service. Parents may pick up their child(ren) after worship directly from Room C43.

9:45 am **Sunday School** for all toddlers, children, teens, and adults.

Specific room locations are available at the Welcome Desk.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available upon request. Please ask an usher for assistance. **American Sign Language (ASL)** interpretation is offered at 9:45 am service. First few rows in front of the pulpit are reserved for those who need the interpretation.

Christian Stewardship is putting faith into action...

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Giving for Operations and Mission Needs
Gifts for the week of March 17, 2019: \$ 24,617

Attendance for March 17, 2019

8:30 100 9:45 121 11:00 146 6:30 45



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LAY VISITOR: Curt Silvers OFFICE STAFF: Jay Evans
WELCOME CENTER: Sharing and Caring Class

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Mark Mrini

Senior Pastor

Rev. Drew Colby

Associate Pastor for Youth, Young Adults, and Outreach

Rev. Jiyeon Kim

Associate Pastor for Children and First Impressions

Tammy Lydon

Director of Music Ministries

Please visit our website, ststephensfairfax.org, for our full staff list and contact information.

The Source

Fourth 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

Worship today will include the following elements:

Welcome and Announcements

Baptism and Welcoming New Members

Praise and Worship

Source Band

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Praise and Worship

Message

Pastor

Scripture

Offering

Dismissal with Blessing

Today's Music May Include:

Nobody Loves Me Like You

Thrive

I Stand Amazed

God So Loved

Garden

Stand In Your Love

Notes from Tammy:

In today's 11:00 worship service, the St. Stephen's Orchestra will play a Medley on Faith. The songs in this medley are: "The Prayer," "You Raise Me Up," and "To Where You Are." Each song reflects on a different search: for grace, for strength, and for faith, respectively.

TELL ME MORE

For more information about or to RSVP for a particular ministry or announcement, write the corresponding number on your Connect Card. Please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship if you have any questions. One of our members will be happy to help and give you a small token of our appreciation if this is your first time with us!

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| (1) Starting Point/I'm New Here! | (6) Outreach/Service Ministries |
| (2) Children's Ministries | (7) Hospitality/Food Ministries |
| (3) Youth Ministries | (8) Prayer/Support Ministries |
| (4) Young Adult Ministries | (9) Adult Learning and Small Groups |
| (5) Music Ministries | (10) Communications and Media |

CONNECT

(21) Young Adult Meet-Ups: Join us for happy hour at Oh George every 1st Tuesday at 6 pm and brunch at the Ravensworth Anita's every 3rd Sunday at 12:15 pm.

(24) Let's Get Together: All infants, toddlers, and parents are invited to have fun and build up relationships with others on Sunday, March 31, 12:15-1:15 pm in the Fireside Room. Activities include a light lunch, information/wisdom sharing, encouragement, & fellowship among parents. Infants and toddlers are staying in the same space for the entire time, and making their church friends. Childcare available. RSVP encouraged!

Women's Weekend Retreat, April 26 – 28: The "Taste and See" Women's Weekend Retreat will be held at the beautiful Hilton Garden Hotel offering wonderful amenities located only 1.5 hours away in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The weekend promises to be full of good food, fellowship, and fun. The program is focused on a special Psalm: "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). For more information contact Debbie Eshelman (703-560-3112) or Kathy Hennemuth (703-239-2871). The registration forms are on the UMW Bulletin Board and on the Women's Weekend Retreat poster in the Gathering Place. The registration deadline is April 5.

GROW

We offer a variety of Sunday School classes for both children and adults. Please visit the Welcome Desk for more information about our current classes.



(30) Sunday School Spotlight: The "Sharing & Caring Class" is currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why, Exploring the Apostles' Creed*. Beginning March 10, we will begin the study of *The Case for Easter: A Journalist Investigates the Evidence for the Resurrection* by Lee Strobel. Join us in C41.

(31) St. Stephen's Summer Camps: We have 4 amazing camps available this summer:
1: M&M Mini VBS, for 4 year-olds through rising First Graders, June 17-18.
2. Roar VBS, for 5 year-olds through rising 6th graders, July 8 - July 12.
3. Music Theater Camp, for rising 3rd through 8th graders, July 22-26, July 28.
4. FUNDamentals Sports Camp, for 5 year-olds through rising 6th graders (AM Session) and/or rising 2nd graders through rising 6th graders (PM session).

(33) Prayer School: Pastor Drew recommends this one-day workshop offered by Brian Zahnd, one of Pastor Drew's favorite preachers and authors. Come to learn a history of prayer, and tips on joining with 5,000 years or more of Judeo-Christian tradition in developing a daily habit of prayer. March 30, 9 am - 4 pm at Annandale UMC.

SERVE

(41) Opportunity to Serve: The Outreach Committee is seeking points of contact/ministry liaisons for our relationships with DC Christian Ministries and Rising Hope UMC. This is an important (but not very time-consuming) role that helps St. Stephen's support and connect with those who are serving God and our brothers and sisters in need in our community.

(42) Phoenix Rising: Phoenix Rising is approaching on March 28 & 29! We are calling families, youth and singles to join us for an hour of making sandwiches on March 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Join us for conversation as we drive and deliver sandwiches on March 29. Donations of Lance Crackers, Box Juices or Individually Wrapped Cookies appreciated.

(44) Helping Hands is a Virginia Conference Children's Mission Event for rising 4th-6th graders, parents & adult leaders June 26-27 hosted by St. Paul's UMC in Staunton, VA. Join us for an exciting two day mission experience for children offered to all member churches of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Come and learn about Mission Opportunities and the importance of being a Caring Christian. The cost is only \$36 per person.

Filled Easter Egg Donation Needed: As we invite children to come enjoy the Easter Eggstravaganza, we ask for your help to donate filled plastic Easter eggs. Guidelines are available on the rack in the Gathering Place. Some empty plastic eggs are also available for your convenience. Donations will be received until Sunday, April 14 in the Gathering Place.



Youth Events

Evening Chapel Sundays at 6:30 pm
Wednesday Free Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 am
Wings Wednesday at 8:30 pm

March Series: Jesus' March of Madness: 5 times Jesus got mad, and what they mean.
March 24: Trap-sketball
March 31: Dunk-sketball

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