

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



“THE EPISTLE” DECEMBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:

Good news about Christmas Eve. We have a priest, Fr. Richard Crozier who will conduct the service for us. Fr. Crozier does not feel comfortable driving at night and, with that in mind, we are changing the service time from 10:30 PM to 3:30 PM. I have had some of our parishioners mention that driving at night is becoming more difficult. I agree with them and am finding it more to my liking to drive in the daylight hours. The change will necessitate some additional planning and as the plans are finalized information will be sent out to everyone.

The Annual Meeting was well attended. The Secretary certified that we had a quorum and the meeting was held.

This year Sue Leaphart and Karen Siegling will be rotating off of the Mission Committee on December 31st. A big thank you to both Sue and Karen for all the work and things they have accomplished over the last couple of years. Debbie Day and Linda Frye were elected to the Mission Committee by acclamation. The new Delegates to Convention are Phil and Linda Frye with the alternates being Debbie Day and Chanee Battle. Thank you to Debbie, Linda, Phil, and Chanee for their dedication. Tom Harwood was elected Senior Warden and Linda Frye Junior warden.

Thank you to Phil and Linda Frye for attending the 2025 Diocesan Convention as our delegates. From their account it was a spirited convention.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Home Alone Bags for Thanksgiving. We have one more Bag endeavor for Christmas. The Christmas Home Alone bags need be ready by Sunday 12/20. This is a good outreach project and thank you, in advance, for everyone who will contribute and work on the project. As soon as we know what we need to put in the bags a list will be published.

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER:

Please note the 2026 Pledge Cards are on the table next to the organ for your prayerful review and completion. If are going to pledge this year please try to complete the form and give it to the Treasurer before year end.

Christmas Poinsettia order forms are on the table at the back of the church. This year they are \$13.80. The flowers will be available on a first come first serv basis.

SAVE THE DATE:

December 6, 2025: Church clean up day. Please arrive by 10AM and we will conclude by 12PM. Bring rags, dustmops and dusters with long handles if you have them. Lunch has been cancelled as we will stop at noon and people will want to go home.

December 11, 2025: Fall for Fellowship Dinner. The dinner will be at the Windmill Restaurant at 9145 Longtown Road, Ridgeway. We plan on meeting at 6PM. To be able to give them a headcount please let Tom Harwood know if planning to attend, no later than noon December 9th. Email is tharwood@truvista.net and cell is 803-260-1226. If I don't answer, leave a message

Dining pricing averages between \$10 to \$20 per person

December 13, 2025: Greening of the Church. We will begin at 10AM and hope to be through by Noon.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Linda Frye – December 29th

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARYS:

Eleanor and Jim Parrish – December 21st