



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
307 LONGTOWN ROAD
RIDGEWAY, SC 29130
THE EPISTLE
July 2026

From the Senior Warden

The ramp that leads into the cemetery has been in need of repair or removal. The Mission committee decided to remove the ramp but wanted a contractor's opinion before doing so. Linda Frye, our Junior Warden found a competent contractor to look at the ramp. I happened to be at the church when he came to look at the project with Linda. The costs to rebuild the structure, to code, would have been far more than the church would want to pay. After listening to his analysis Linda and I decided to take the ramp down. I notified the Mission Committee of our decision. Linda did a great job in finding someone who was a professional and provided a good analysis of the ramp project. The ramp has been removed, and we will not use the door from the church hall to the cemetery until we have rails installed on the stairs. We will put a sign on the door closing it for the time being. Now that the Vicarage projects are finished, we are planning a workday in September to move all of the items currently stored in the Church Hall closet and classrooms to the Vicarage. We will designate one room for storage of said items. More information will be coming next month.

Save the date: Our monthly Saint Stephen's night out will be on Thursday July 16th at 6PM. The Retreat on lake Wateree at 83 Doe Run Lane has been chosen as the restaurant of choice. Please let me know if you will be coming no later than Tuesday July 14th so I can solidify the reservations with the restaurant. Reservations for larger groups are harder to get at The Retreat so the number coming will be important to know. Walk ins may not be able to be seated so please be sure to let me know by then. My cell is 803-260-1226. If I don't answer just leave a message and I will call back to confirm your reservation. You can also let me know at church.

PRIEST SCHEDULE

July 5 Fr. Arthur Turfa
July 12 Morning Prayer
July 19 Fr. Charles Davis, Sr
July 26 Morning Prayer

SAVE THE DATE

The next St. Stephen's Night Out is Thursday, July 16, 6:00 pm, at the Retreat on Lake Wateree.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jonathan Kimble 7/03
Jimmy Leaphart 7/15
Serena Hunter 7/21
Debbie Day 7/29

HOMEcoming, AUGUST 2

Please put August 2 on your calendar for St. Stephen's Homing celebration! We look forward to current members of St. Stephen's as well as former members coming to help us celebrate!

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The food bank collection is the first Sunday of each month. Any nonperishable food item is welcomed. Also, the Winnsboro Food Bank accepts checks. You can drop off food items and any checks (in an envelope) in the church hall in the box on the table against the wall.

FLOWERS

Please consider signing up for bringing altar flowers. We love the beautiful flowers at the altar. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway to the fellowship hall.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The first Sunday after Labor Day, St. Stephen's will be offering a Sunday School class at 9:00 am. Chanee Battle is leading this class. More information will be published in the next newsletter.

FALL CLEANUP FOR CHURCH ROOMS

On Saturday, September 19, 10:00, St. Stephen's will have a clean-up day for the rooms in the church. Please join us that day as we tidy-up spaces.