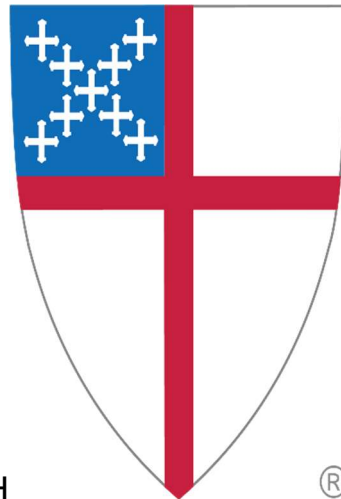




ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“THE EPISTLE “

OCTOBER. 2025

**Message from the Senior Warden:**

Happy October! Another month has gone by, and we are quickly moving toward the Holidays. To make sure everyone knows detailed below is the current schedule for the priests who will be with us to conduct our communion services.

October 5<sup>th</sup>- Father Arthur

October 12<sup>th</sup>- Father Charles

November 9<sup>th</sup>- Father Charles

November 16<sup>th</sup>- Father Arthur

November 30<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday in Advent) Fr. Arthur

December 7<sup>th</sup>- Father Arthur

I hope we will have good attendance at these services as well as the Morning Prayer services in between.

The lock project is complete. We now have combination locks for entry to the church hall. If you have a key or keys, they will not be needed and can be disposed of as they will no longer work. All members of the Mission Committee have the combination, and should anyone need entry they can call any one of the members or me. My cell phone number is 803-260-1226.

**Pig on the Ridge** is coming. Saint Stephen's has, for many years, served at the Festival as part of our outreach program. We have helped with the rides, helped with the sale of barbecue, etc.. Once again, I hope we will be able to take that on as an outreach project to help the community. We will put a sign-up list in the hall for anyone willing to help out. This year Pig on the Ridge will be held on Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. For our work Saint Stephen's usually gets a share of the proceeds from the festival to be used for outreach purposes. If you can find the time, please sign up.

I will be doing my best to continue to find priests to serve the church. The list is not robust and getting someone is a hit and miss process. Everyone will be updated on our website as additional people and/or dates are secured.

A big thank you goes out to Regina Paquette for taking over the position of Secretary for the Mission Committee and Webmaster for Saint Stephen's Website. A lot of work has gone into the creation of the new site. I will leave the details of everything concerning it to her.

I hope everyone has a great October!

### **Message From the Treasurer:**

I am honored to have been selected to serve our congregation as your Treasurer. St. Stephen's is in a good financial position, due to the longstanding stewardship of its members. It is incumbent on our current congregation to maintain our beautiful and historic facilities, our community outreach, and to grow our congregation. We need to continue with God's ministry with our financial support.

Please, note the attached “2026 **PLEDGE CARD**” for your prayerful review and commitment for the coming year by **November 01, 2025**. This will enable us to develop and implement our 2026 year’s budget.

In His service,

*Phil Frye,*

*Treasurer*



FALL INTO FELLOWSHIP -**October 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** We can enjoy breaking bread around the table and sharing time together. Location: Lizard Ticket at 711 University Drive, Blythewood, S.C. 29016 – THE STRENGTH OF ANY CHURCH FAMILY is members sharing time together. Let’s all embrace this opportunity.



**CELEBRATING**

**EVENTS**



**MONTH OF OCTOBER,2025**

**Sue Leaphart- October 30th**

**Friends of the Church - Karen Quinn - October 8 th**

**Sieglende Thomas- October 15 th**



**MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025**

**Jim and Sue Leaphart - October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Rene and Regina Paquette- October 28th**