



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

"THE EPISTLE"

September 2025

Message from the Senior Warden:

I am honored to be serving as Senior Warden for Saint Stephen's again. The Mission Committee appointed me to finish Joe Lupia's term after he resigned due to medical concerns. I wish to thank Joe and Robin for their service to Saint Stephen's. Robin stepped in as Secretary for a period and did an Epistle for us. All was excellent work, and we all owe her a thank you.

As everyone knows, Fr. Mark retired, and we are without a priest. Fr. Charles Davis Senior held mass for us on Sunday September 7th.. His wife Roselyn accompanied him, and everyone enjoyed getting to know them. Fr. Charles will be back on October 12th and again November 9th. I hope to be able to convince him to come as often as he can. They were wholeheartedly welcomed by the entire congregation. A BIG thank you to Fr. Charles and Roselyn for coming to Saint Stephen's. We are all looking forward to your next visit.

In the Mission Committee Meeting we discussed the Epistle, website, weekly bulletin and Secretary. We need someone to take over those responsibilities. Regina Paquette has offered to assume all of these items for the Church. Brenda McGrew, who faithfully executed those tasks, has had to give up her job. A thank you to Brenda for all she has done for Saint Stephen's, and another thank you to Regina for accepting the new roll. Those jobs require a lot of work and having someone willing to devote their time to fulfilling them is a blessing for all of us. Please thank Brenda for all her work and Regina for dedicating her talents to her new ministry.

Chanee Battle has taken the lead for Morning Prayer on Sundays and does an excellent job with the service. We have had good attendance at most services since the retirement of Fr. Mark. Fr. Charles agreed to bless some hosts so that we could have communion during some of the Morning Prayer services. We will now be able to have communion while we are without a priest. As everyone knows the host is the body and blood of our Savior and the wine is not a necessity and some people elect to not receive the wine. Our Eucharistic Ministers will be distributing Communion when available. Thank you Chanee for taking charge of Morning Prayer. From time to time she will need help, and I am sure our other Eucharistic Ministers will be there to help.

We are in the process of improving church security. The lock system will be changing from key locks to combination locks. Once the changeover is complete keys will no longer be needed. All members of the Mission Committee will have the combination. The same combination will operate all locks. Anyone who needs entry can call any Mission Committee member to obtain the combination. All Mission Committee members have their phone numbers in the Church Directory. My phone number is 803-260-1226.

Finally, thank you Fr. Mark and Barbara for all you have done over the years. We will miss you.



“FALL INTO FELLOWSHIP “

With St. Stephen's Monthly Fun Night

Anyone interested in joining a monthly evening of fellowship?

Activities to include -Dinner out and/or Game Night

If you are interested call or text Regina Paquette at 910-638-2492

And a planning meeting will be set to select time and date for monthly get togethers.



Month of September Birthday's

Chanee Battle - September 14th and Joe Lupia- September 9th

Happy Anniversary!

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Tom and Kathleen Harwood September 4th

Jim and Brenda McGrew September 8th