



ST. STEPHEN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEFIELD

*Belonging
with purpose*

May 19, 2019

Today at St. Stephen's

The Week Ahead

Last day of Church School

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:00 am Outreach Breakfast (RH)

9:00 am Mary Brewster Meeting (D)

9:50 am Church School (RH)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:15 Pancake Breakfast—Outreach

3:00 pm Grace2Go (RH)

4:00 pm Mindful Kids (D)

5:30 pm Alpha Course (B&C)

7:00 pm Safe Rides Board (D)

Monday, May 20

7:00 am AA (WEB)

9:30 am Music Together (B&C)

5:30 pm Playhouse Rehearsal (RH)

8:00 pm AA Men's Group

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 am AA (WEB)

11:00 am Staff Meeting (D)

1:00 pm CODA (WEB)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (RH,B&C)

8:00 pm Recovery Bible Study (WEB)

Wednesday, May 22

7:00 am AA (WEB)

7:00 pm Safe Rides Board (B&C)

7:30 pm AA (WEB)

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

7:00 am AA (WEB)

9:30 am Music Together (B&C)

Friday, May 24

Office Closed

7:00 am AA (WEB)

9:00 am Daily Bread

Saturday, May 25

9:00 am Ridgefield Playhouse (B&C)

10:00 am Co-Dependency Group

7:00 pm AA (WEB)

Sunday, May 26

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:15 Coffee Hour (Volunteers)

*Please note: We are a busy campus!
Kindly refer to our online calendar
for the full meeting schedule.

www.ststephensridgefield.org

All requests for meeting space should
be made through Ginny Fitzpatrick
at 203-438-3789 or email: gfitzpatrick@ststephens-ridgefield.org

Our Mission: Embracing and living God's commandment to love our neighbors
- through worship, stewardship and service to others.

TODAY Nutmeg 2019 Let Your Voice Be Heard! We invite you to brainstorm and vote at: <https://www.tricider.com/brainstorming/3JaVCK17Rjh>
You've heard that change is in the air for one of our church's most long-standing traditions. Now tell us your ideas and thoughts on what Nutmeg 2019 should look, feel, or sound like. Tricider is a social voting tool that puts collaboration literally in your hands. Your Vestry and Rector want to hear from you. Give it a "tri" right now!

Community Pancake Breakfast! The Outreach Committee will host a free community pancake breakfast in Rectors Hall. Proceeds benefit the "BeFregle Foundation", a non-profit organization focused on the rescue, rehabilitation & placement of beagles used in lab testing. Let's be good stewards of all of God's creations and help give these dogs a second chance at life! Not a dog person (although what's not to love about beagles), no worries ... Just come join us for great fellowship and enjoy pancakes!

SAVE THE DATE

Memorial Day BBQ—May 27 before, during and after the parade. This is the main fundraiser for the high school HOPE trip. Help send our teens on the road to repair homes of families in need and enjoy some great food as well!

See our website under the "You're Invited" tab to volunteer!

Bingo and Pot-Luck! Join us on Friday, *June 7th* in Rector's Hall at 7 pm for an evening of food, fun and fellowship for the adult members of the parish. Bring a prize for Bingo, what you want to drink, and either a dessert or an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Pat Carlson at: patriciajcarlson11@gmail.com

Retreat on Forgiveness The women of the parish are invited. Sponsored by The Mary Brewster Fund on Saturday, *June 1st*, 10am - 2 pm in North Hall. Our facilitator is Anne Beatty—retired School Psychologist, former teacher and graduate of Yale Divinity. There will be time for individual and spiritual reflection. God promises to meet us in any practice or meditation or ritual of forgiveness...IF Asked. We will explore the process and the practice and consider the heavy burden we carry by not forgiving. Coffee and lunch provided. Numbers are limited so please RSVP to (Denise Loeber- deniseloerber@hotmail.com)

Please pray for our Confirmands: Jack Badeer, Addy Blandford, Anna Bradley, Ryan Bradley, Abby Breitenbach, Emily Brown, Trip Dulecki, Sean Gabello, Conor Kain, Ingrid Karlson, Eliza Morris, Ian Nolan, Eric Pereira, Karina Rao, Ava Rodgers

A Summer Book Club for St. Stephen's- *The Path* Take advantage of a more leisurely routine this summer by joining in the All-Parish Summer Book Club. "*The Path* offers readers a clear and easy-to-read introduction to the grand story of the Bible, using excerpts from the New Revised Standard Version." It's perfect for the beach or the train or the airport...anywhere you find yourself wanting to spend some time in a good book. At only 300 pages and in paperback, it's easy to stuff in your bag. Keep your eye out for purchasing info.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE-starting in June & thru August ONE HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE ONLY- at 9AM.

To our 2019 Pledgers: we are so thankful for your generosity and we ask that you pick up your copy of "Strength For The Journey" in the Narthex as you leave today as a token of our gratitude and appreciation.

From the desk of Suzanne Perlman...

Last time I talked about standing up for ourselves. And some of the reasons why it is hard to do. Especially the need to say "no". It can be hard to get the word out. We exaggerate how badly people will react to no. Those who request often assume that rejection is pretty likely. It is best to set a personal priority and policy to be able to say no. For example, if someone asks you for money, it will be easier and less hurtful to make it impersonal, as in, "I don't lend money to anyone as a rule". If saying no is not something you do often, it is hard to start. Here's how to start. Practice--when you know you need to turn down a boss, neighbor, or friend, or family member, rehearse it in advance. The more you have it in your head, the easier it is to say it out loud. Stay calm--to keep your stance firm. Think of others--in efforts to keep up appearances and making others happy, and being nice, we can lose our own true selves, and develop resentments which spoil relationships. When we become comfortable in saying no, and keeping our boundaries, and being true to ourselves, and truly generous in our "yeses", we like ourselves better. As always, I am available, call me at 203.834.2497
Suzanne Perlman, Parish Counselor

MISSION NEWS

Little Pantry Please continue to help out the Little Pantry with cleaning supplies and personal care items. Thank you for your generosity.

Association of Religious Communities The ARC welcome basket information is on the bulletin board in North Hall and also on a poster in the laundry basket in the Narthex.

The next **Change the World** is going to the **Morning Glory**—our new breakfast meal served once a month at the Dorothy Day Shelter in Danbury. It is sponsored by Catholic Charities and many churches and groups are involved. When one dropped out, Linda Hutchings was able to step in with St. Stephen's the fourth Monday of the month. Cooking of the main egg course is on Sunday at our church and then a small group meets at 6 AM in the parking lot by the WEB and we carpool (parking is tough) to Danbury and help with the serving, dish-washing and organizing until about 9 AM...The people who come are so grateful for the food and a warm place to stay for a while. We feed up to about 75 or 80. Any questions or if you would like to help, Email Linda Hutchings lilpep@aol.com or give Ginny a call.

Laundry Love starting in Danbury. Stay tuned for more info...

Readings for next week

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Worship Assistants

Celebrant: The Rev. Whitney Altopp

Minister of Music: Scott Toperzer; **Organist:** Arno Steinig

Eucharistic Ministers: (8) Sarah Blandford (10) Anne Gilson, Frances Kimball

Lector: (8) Bruce Lombardi (10) Peter Bachmann

Hospitality Ministers: (8) Sue Gould (10)

Acolytes: (8) Abby Morris, Eliza Morris
(10) RC Baldwin, Ava Rodgers, Jack Baldwin

Coffee Hour: (10) Beagle Breakfast

Ushers: (8) Chris Mueller (10) Josephine Franzese, Jonathan Taylor, Karin Fallon, John Vignoli

Altar Guild: Tara Filaski, Pat Bennett, Erika Hagan, Lauren Van Meter

St. Stephen's Vestry

Senior Warden: Jack Herr **Junior Warden:** Tara Filaski

Treasurer: Tom Figgatt **Asst. Treasurer:** Stephen Schroppe

Clerk: Karin Fallon

Class of '20: Lori Seibert, Stef Karlson, Jack Vaughan

Class of '21: Chris Fallon, Nina Newman, Sue McKnight

Class of '22: Rob Baldwin, Jonathan Taylor, Sarah Blandford

Prayers for...

KNOWN ILL OR CONFINED: Lynn, Frank, Anne, Ross, Paddy, Eve, Robert, Gordon, Joel, Harriet, Justine, Ron, Tracey, Deborah, John.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS: Steve, Seton, Rick, Janet, Rose, Jan, Katerina, Rachel, Heather, Ted, Paul, Peg, Ellie, Roseann, Joy, Norman, Don, Karen, Amy, Dorothy, Matthew, Jack, Arthur, Peter, Judy, Wynne, Sarah, Kathy, Sonny, Fred, Judith, Erika, Vicky, Marlene, Nick, Riley, Tyler, JD, Drew, Henry, Mark, Marcia, Lissa, Teresa, Sylvia, Tony, Joanne, Patti, Sandra, Donna, Chauncey, Greg, Sam, Maude, Abby, Erich, Remo, Hagen, Joe, Kristen, Keaton, Diane, Barbara, Sheryl, Betty, Annaliese, Guy, Anne, Albert, Jimmy, Isaac, David, Liza, Mira, Wendy, Meg, Catherine, Hill, Stephanie, Connor, Jessica, Susan, Carol, Ed, Marty, Charlie, Mort, Duke, Sarah, Patty, Marge, Kathryn, Theresa, Phyllis, Robertson, Juan, Richard, Christina, Sr. Jeana, Randi, Mary, Duff, Sue, Dottie, Phillip, John, Sean, Ellen, Will, Martin, Barnabas, Hanna, Donald, Elena, Elizabeth, Richie, Chris, Edmund, Chip, Jessie, Valerie, Ray, Laura, Jeannette, Lans, Pam, Ryan, Rose family, Julie, Susan, Anna, Sally, Jo, Tom, Liz, Brian, Jennifer, Mike, Lizzie, Lois, Gene, Joyce, Jude, Sharon, Claire, Dan, Chris, Brittany, Nancy, Joan, Richard, Bruce, Audrey, Jim, Jane, Schuyler, Geri.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Steven VanMeter, Nick Sims, Chris Case, Dylan Brown, Nathan Hadley, Paul Ryder, Adam Jenkins, Conor Nuelle, Ryan Nuland.

If you are visiting us for the first time—welcome! Please fill out Visitor card—which may be found in the pew rack.

Feel free to stop by Coffee Hour after the 10 am service and on First Sundays after the 8 am service.

Child care for is available in our Nursery for both services.

St. Stephen's has something for everyone!