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Reflecting Marla Hooch, S.B.

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If you are a movie buff, you might recognize Marla Hooch, the second basewoman for the Rockford Peaches from the movie, “A League of Her Own”, directed by Penny Marshall in 1992. It’s a classic filled with humor and flawed characters who unite for a successful first season of women’s baseball. This was a fictional account of the formation of the All American Girls Baseball League during World War II when men were scarce and women were in abundance to play baseball. The movie stars Tom Hanks as the drunken Baseball Coach, Geena Davis, Madonna, Rosie O’Donnell, Megan Cavanagh, as Marla, and a host of other women actresses along with David Strathairn, as the general manager of the League.

The story begins with recruitment of the women from all over the USA to form a four team league for women’s baseball. First recruited are the beautiful sisters Geena Davis and Lori Petty in the dairy region of Oregon. Next, Jon Lovitz, the baseball scout heads to Colorado with the new recruits to check out Marla Hooch. Due to the rain, we see Marla batting every pitch over the bleachers and breaking all the windows in the local gymnasium. The new girl recruits are impressed, but the scout doesn’t want Marla due to her lack of grace and beauty! The new recruits refuse to continue on if Marla is not chosen. The Scout capitulates and off to Chicago go all for the making of the eventual women’s teams and the antics ensue.

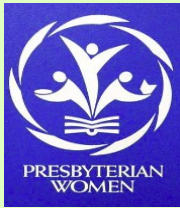
Besides learning to slide in the required blouse and skirt uniforms, the girls must endure etiquette and beauty classes. Everyone passes muster but Marla—who only excels on the ball field. As publicity is generated for the team members pouring coffee or catching a ball, awkward Marla is only picture in the outfield, waving far away. Tom Hanks plays “Jimmie Dugan”, their drunken team manager. “There’s NO Crying in Baseball”, is his famous and often quoted line in the movie. One I repeat a lot in various situations. The AAGBL games are poorly attended at first and mocked by the few spectators who venture to see this new twist on the sport. As the girls’ achievements continue and promotions of the players is spread through the then media outlets, their attendance improves by World Series time, the stands are full.

St. Stephen is currently like the Rockford Peaches team in the All American Girls Baseball League. Worship services are currently sparsely attended - as we all decide WHEN we are comfortable returning in person in a post Pandemic time. Players—church staff, liturgists, choir members, ushers, sound guys, and streaming tech gurus await your return. Our team is really good and it features such awesome players as Pastor Fritz Ritsch and Organist Jordan Smith. Even I am a player—sometimes singing and every Sunday leading Children’s Church Godly Play time. I’m a pretty good singer who, like Marla Hooch, has some odd ungraceful and unconscious hand movements while I praise God with my big voice. (reference YouTube worship June 13, 2021, for some laughter!)

It’s time to up our game and get some congregants in the stands, I mean pews. Consider—when you are comfortable—that you can go to the store and to sports events and eat in a restaurant and worship God in person. St. Stephen could use the encouragement and the excitement. The Team Members and Committees are upping their game too, bringing Vacation Bible School to the premises. Game Night and Comedy Night should be loads of fun. The Youth Mission Trip is a blast - though it’s an away game!! The Youth Garage Sale is also a good venue for exploration of historical stuff and meeting and greeting people. Sunday School will begin in full in mid-August.

Support your local team! There’s No Crying in Baseball; but it’s allowed here in our Sanctuary! Anytime!

Presbyterian Women Install New Officers for 2021-2022



Left to right:

Tammy Hille, Cynthia Walker, Marilyn Jones, Peggy Kennedy, Babs Sloan, Marilyn Andress, Carol Steen, Mary Howington, Charlotte Ray, Gladys Dike, Susan Thompson, and Jane Hawkins.



SSPC Ushers Need YOU!

No doubt you have been greeted by a smiling usher at the narthex doors, ready to hold the door open for you and offer you a bulletin. As we resume the familiar rhythms of in-person worship, our ushers will continue to play an important role in greeting and welcoming new and longtime members as well as prospective members.

Perhaps you have even thought that you would like to be an usher. Well, here's your chance! As an usher you are not only able to greet and welcome parishioners, but you also are able to have a "behind the scenes" look at our worship services.

Going forward, ushers will serve on eight teams, meaning that you are only scheduled to serve six times a year, plus a few special services. Prior to each Sunday that you are scheduled to usher, you will receive an email reminder from the church office. Learning on the job is probably easiest, although we plan to hold a training session in the autumn. You only have to be at the church at 10:30 (9:30 during the summer) each Sunday you usher and you may sit in the nave shortly after the service begins so you don't miss the opportunity to worship with your family and friends. If you can't serve on a given Sunday, you may feel free to substitute with someone on a different team.

If you are interested in becoming an usher please contact Roger Davis at jrdavis384@gmail.com or the church office.

It's Sunday Morning – Do You Know Where Your Name Badge Is?

As we return to worship and prepare to welcome visitors, it would be helpful for everyone to start wearing their name badge again so we can properly greet each other. Name badges are kept in a basket on the center table in the Narthex so please stop by and pick yours up – and remember to return it after the service.

If you took your badge home or put it in your car, please try to find it. If your badge is lost, call the church office and we will order a new one for you.

SUMMER SUNDAYS**NEW WORSHIP TIME****10:00 AM!****NOW THROUGH AUGUST 8**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, company, food and love! And a special thank you to the Deacons! This is a hard time right now and we appreciate everything. The flowers were gorgeous. Thank you for all the support.

Marianne Hash & Margaret Hash

**These Days
Prayers for Daily Meditation**

The Summer issue is now available. Pick up a copy on Sunday from the book rack located in the Narthex or call the church office (817) 927-8411.



Thanks to all who participated in the Carter Blood Drive last Friday. Including neighbors and friends of St. Stephen, we were able to donate 25 units of blood, meeting our goal to help sustain our local blood supply!

Please mark your calendars NOW for our next blood drive - **Friday & Saturday, October 15 & 16**, and spread the word among friends & family! If you have questions would like additional information, please contact Mike Tyson or Lynn Wilson.

**YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE!**

A huge thank you to all who contributed to Habitat for Humanity's Build-A-Home program in 2021. To date, fund raiser donations received to support the construction of Tameka Black's house in the Como community generated **\$850**. Better yet, when merged with Mission Committee funds designated for Trinity Habitat, St. Stephen's overall dollar amount increased to **\$2,350!**

An employee of John Peter Smith Hospital, Tameka is investing 200 *sweat-equity hours* in place of a down payment. She will pay a 30-year affordable mortgage and property taxes with house payments helping future Habitat families.

After living in a small efficiency apartment with neighbors who are inconsiderate of one another and growing concern over personal safety issues, Tameka looks forward to moving back to the neighborhood her daughter grew up in and where her father still lives. She welcomes the opportunity to become part of a community *where everyone comes together and helps each other during times of need.*



When reflecting on this experience, Tameka expresses heartfelt appreciation:

"Habitat was the best way for me to purchase a home because not only is it affordable, but it also provides me the opportunity to take part in building the home I will own and live in. My daughter and her family can stay with me when they come to visit, and my grandson will have plenty of space to play when he stays with me. I am very thankful to Habitat for partnering with me to help make this possible and thank all of you for your help."



PNS Sack Lunch Mission

In March, St. Stephen celebrated its one year anniversary of providing weekly sack lunches to Presbyterian Night Shelter during the pandemic— a total of over 30,000 meals! At that time, we commenced deliveries of approximately 400 sack lunches per month. Through May, we have delivered over 1,200 meals under our monthly project, and expect to deliver another 400 next week. **Thank you to all our volunteers who continue to help feed our friends at PNS!**

We welcome all to participate in this important mission! **We still have volunteer slots open for our delivery of lunches on July 20th** — including PBJ makers, shoppers for applesauce, cookies & chips, as well as sack setup and final assembly. Please go to our Sign-Up Genius page <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b44a9ae28a57-pnsjuly>, or contact Matt Loynachan (matt.loynachan@tx.rr.com), Mike Tyson (mike_tyson@sbcglobal.net), or Cynthia Walker (ckwalk315@gmail.com) for more information on how you can participate.

Food Items Needed

- ♦ Applesauce cups - 4 oz
- ♦ Cookies (Nabisco, Keebler, etc) left in original packaging, unopened.
- ♦ Chips (Doritos, Cheetos, or similar) in individual packages of approx. 1 oz.

Shoppers! Keep your receipts for reimbursement.



2021 Flower Calendar

Next Sunday, the 2021 flower calendar will again be posted in the narthex. Now that we are returning to regular worship services, we hope you will consider placing flowers in the chancel on Sundays to honor the memory of a loved one, a birthday, anniversary, or in gratitude for special blessings you have received. Your name and occasion will be printed in the bulletin. After worship, take the flowers home or donate them to the Visitation Team who will use it to make smaller arrangements for delivery to members who are in need of some cheer.

Contact Tammy Hille (682)-365-3295 for open dates.

Prayer Requests

Current Needs

Phil & Sue Overton	Parents of Todd Overton
Kelsey Johnson	Granddaughter-in-law of Peggy & Craig Bender
Family of Jane Rushford	Friend of Barbara Clinkscales
Melissa Philips	Member
Gwen Hibbett	Member
Margaret Hash	Member
Wanda Gill	Member
Marian Morse	Mother of Wendy Larmour
Phillip Paglialonga	Friend of SSPC
Grace Wright	Friend of SSPC
Jody Wasson	Member

Members with Long-Term Needs

Luis Andrade	Craig Bender
Beezie Cooper	Pat Culp
Henry Hash	Dale Henderson
Natalie Hubbard	Bee Ingalls
Jim Mallory	Barbara Rinker
Ethel Sanderson	

Family & Friends with Long-Term Needs

Lynette Larmour	Mother of Bill Larmour
Sally Navarro	Friend of Kurt & Sue Anderson
Carolyn Cleveland	Sister-in-law of Barbara Finch
Sandra Wheeler	Sister of Darlene Myatt
Madison King	Grandson of Booty Jones

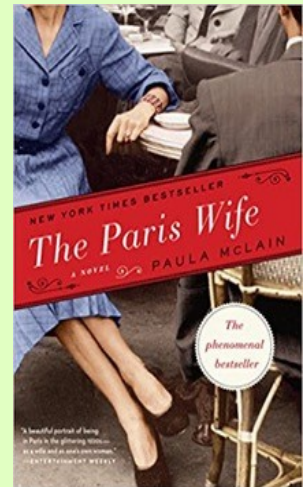
4th FRIDAY BOOK GROUP MEETS JUNE 25, 2021

Reviewer: Nancy Ricker

Book: *The Paris Wife*

Author: Paula McLain

The Paris Wife was written by Paula McLain and captures the volatile relationship between Ernest Hemingway and his first wife Hadley Richardson. Set primarily in Jazz age Paris, the novel showcases the glittering hard-drinking fast-living free-loving lives of the writers and artists who befriend the young Hemingways. A heart breaking betrayal of love and loyalty forces Hadley to examine her own priorities when her role as wife mother and friend becomes more challenging.



Questions, or to be added to the email list: Sharon LeMond, 817 -253-0990 sharonlemond@me.com.

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Christian Education Sunday School & More

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Game Night for Adults, Teens and Kids

Sunday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.



Kids Activities on Playground!
Nursery Supervision!
Adult and Teen Table Games in
Parish Hall.
Be Masked! But Be Ready for
Snacks and Drinks Also!
Get out of the Heat! Create Fellowship!

Sponsored by the Fellowship and Christian Education
Committees

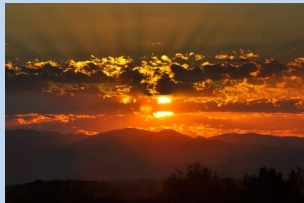


Beer & Comedy Night
August 8th, 6:30 p.m.!

Bring Kids for Supervised
Play on the Back Playground or for Inside Movies!

The Christian Education Committee and Fellowship Committee s seeking out ways to get people out and into their comfort zone at church. One of those ways is a Comedy Night scheduled, August 8, 6 p.m. It will again be led by Ellen Fultz, daughter of Robby and Beth Fultz. She and her crew are excited about creating comedy again here at St. Stephen. Could be out of doors if weather is tolerable; or indoors in Parish Hall! Lots of fun! More Sunday evenings are in the idea stages and hopeful in the mix soon.

Searchers Class Continues Sunday School Speakers via GoToMeeting for the Summer!



@8:30—9:15

Each Sunday.

Charlotte Ray, Class Coordinator!

June 20 and 27
July 4
July 11 and 18

David Reed on Atonement!
NO Sunday School
Dr. Newell Williams

School Supplies for Kid's in Need! Due August 8!



Kathy Dodson from Presbyterian Children's Home and Services is requesting Back Packs full of school supplies for 18 children in the Burleson, Mansfield, Birdville, and Legacy Charter and Itasca School Districts! She has given us the appropriate school supply list for each. Can you adopt a school kid in need? Charlotte Ray and Beth Fultz are heading these efforts!

1 Kindergartener
2 Fourth Graders
1 Seventh Grader
2 Tenth Graders

2 First Graders
3 Fifth Graders
1 Eighth Grader
1 Eleventh Grader

1 Third Grader
2 Sixth Graders
2 Ninth Grader

The Youth Garage Sale is Happening!

Roger Davis and Court Fryman and a host of others are helping Beth Fultz and the Youth organize the YOUTH Garage Sale. All hands will be needed to sort and price the donations that come in! The Garage Sale will have safety in mind with required masking, sanitizer everywhere, and other health protocols. The Youth will not be able to pick up donations this year; we apologize for that.

HELP US SAVE MONEY!

Hold your items until August 1 and bring them directly to Parish Hall. Otherwise, we must pay movers to bring donated items up from the basement to Parish Hall for the sale.

Set Up August 1—4

SALE— August 5 & 6, 9am—5pm
August 7, 9am—Noon
(Thursday—Saturday)

Donation Guidelines:

NO ADULT CLOTHING; we have plenty!
NO BROKEN FURNITURE OR MACHINES. Bring Electronics THAT WORK!
WE LOVE Tools & Appliances THAT WORK!
CLEAN Furniture & Household items.
Musical Instruments - Kid's Toys - Outdoor Stuff.

Special Wednesday Night!
Wine & Pre-Sale for Church
Members!
6—8 p.m., August 4!
\$10 at the door!

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Christian Education Children & Youth

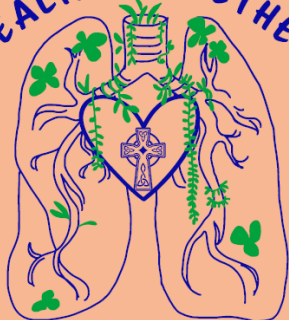
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HEALING TOGETHER



St. Stephen Presbyterian Church
VBS 2021

Vacation Bible School

**FINAL CALL for
VOLUNTEERS!**

**July 28—July 2,
2021**

**Indoors—Masked;
Outdoors—No Masks!**

***Security Morning and / or Afternoon.** Be our eyes and look out for the kids' safety making sure that kids are inside or in fenced areas. Watching out for first aid needs or assistance with any slight chaotic times. **Inside and occasional trips outside.**

Registration	Laurie Sandefur, Pat Aura
Music	Youth of St. Stephen
Principal	Teri Robles
Recreation	Beth Fultz
Acts of Kindness	Ellen Beal, Candace Gates
Bible Story	Grace Kim
Science	Tammy Hille
Crafts	Karyn & Lynette Attanasio
Snacks	Becca Dehn
Security	Kurt Anderson & Matt Loynachan & Jennifer Doneski

Youth Helpers

Becca Dehn, Elizabeth & Katherine & Sara Walters, Easton & Everett Sapp, Sydney Robertson, Vendie Endres, Madeleine & Elena Gil, Chloe & Joy Harris, Aiden & Jacob & Vivian Carpenter, Violet Ervin, Sophia Wayne, Lilah St. Peter, Duke Denman, Elizabeth Gamez, and Kate Trammell!

**Thank You to all
the Volunteers!!!!!!**

Youth Mission Trip - The Stars at Night ... Deep in the Heart of Grandview, TX! July 25—July 31



Only an hour away, we are again assisting Methodist Justice Ministry this summer and helping abused families in Johnson County building playgrounds and painting some homes for a few families in stress.



**Goal
\$14,000**

At night, we'll be at the sprawling ranch home of Dr. Kate Colquitt and counting the stars at night! Thank you, Marilyn Jones for finding a star gazer to help us understand the stars we'll be seeing at night.

WE Need all the youth available and adults to help build, paint and supervise at night:



1 Cook Needed: plus 3 Adult Building Supervisors!
Can we count on you?
Play Games, Swim, and look at Stars Every Night!

Our financial goal to cover costs of supplies, food, and stuff is **\$14,000**. We are **already at \$6,000**.

Can you take stock in our Youth Mission Trip? We'll write a post card from Grandview and invite you to our Stockholders' Outdoor Dinner! Help us reach our financial goal and /or participate on the trip. Thank you for supporting us!

**Youth Mandatory VBS
Training, 5—8 p.m.
Sunday, June 27!**

June 20 - July 10, 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20 FATHER'S DAY 8:30 am Searchers Class <i>via GoToMeeting</i> 9:15 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 5:00 PM Youth Group	21 1:30 pm Staff meeting Eastminster	22 8:00 am PNS fill sacks and deliver Parish Hall 1:00 pm Knitting Guild 7:00 pm SESSION <i>via Zoom</i> 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Scout Lodge	23 Noon Bible Study <i>via Zoom</i>	24 7:00 am Morning Prayers <i>online</i> 8:00 am After Prayers Breakfast Gang <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 pm Small Group Worship <i>via Zoom</i>	25 Noon 4th Friday Book Group <i>via Zoom</i>	26
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27 8:30 am Searchers Class <i>via GoToMeeting</i> 9:15 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Worship • Receive New Members 5:00 pm Youth Group Mandatory VBS training for all youth!	28 1:30 pm Staff meeting Eastminster 	29 1:00 pm Knitting Guild 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Scout Lodge	30 Noon Bible Study <i>via Zoom</i>	JULY 1 7:00 am Morning Prayers <i>online</i> 8:00 am After Prayers Breakfast Gang <i>via Zoom</i> 6:00 pm Small Group Worship <i>via Zoom</i>	2 6:00 pm Rehearsal	3 4:00 pm Wedding
Jordan Smith - Vacation				VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 9 am- 5 pm		
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