



## Life Splatters!

By Beth Fultz, *Director of Christian Education*

New England glistened during my visit with eldest daughter Emily and her family in Massachusetts over the New Year holidays. Trees everywhere complimented the architecture of every Cape Cod and Colonial home, business and apartment. Slow law abiding drivers paced themselves on two lane roads going at best 45 mph; I was in heaven and at peace swallowing the sites, smells and family as if feeding my senses full for another 9 months before I embark on the adventure again.



It was my turn to be the caretaker of 3 1/2 year old Kayli for a week instead of her other grandmother whose watch extends through the year. I was there to feed, dress, play with Kayli and take her to Extra Steps Pediatric Therapies so she could work on speech and feeding deficits. Born with nystagmus, an eye condition that causes her eyes to jiggle, and feeding issues and a speech impairment meant that she had occupation therapies scheduled through the week and I would be the transporter! Don't think that these problems inhibit her cognitive or physical activities. She's fearless and crazy smart. The feeding tube challenge is improving as food is now introduced into her diet as she has is increasing her taste buds trying all sorts of bite sized snacks. Part of the therapy includes playing with food as a toddler might in a high chair. Dutifully, I allowed the food finger painting to happen one morning with pudding, snacks, milk, and formula. However, when Kayli didn't appreciate her breakfast anymore, there was an abrupt theatrical throwing of all nutrition off the table and onto the floor SMASHED in crime scene splatter fashion. My reaction was not exemplary full of "no, no, no's!!" in loud tones, but in time the dogs and I cleaned each drop. I learned that her parents and the therapists readily accept the splattering with laughter and use encouragement with Kayli to make other choices. It was a learning moment for me.

The occupational therapists use play as an important element in their therapy as it helps open the channels of trust and encourages under-used muscle movement and brain functions that help with growth and maturity in children as they conquer their deficits. I've always thought that St. Stephen needed lots of child's play in church, Sunday School, Christmas Eve, Easter, VBS and all events in between. By the way, our Christmas Eve Family Service this year at St. Stephen was indeed full of play and entertainment and charming chaos. Thanks to all for that experience as I loved it! Chickens, goats, sheep, donkeys and untamed wind, kids and families wound all around the lawn as we experienced Christ's birth in a unique way.



I miss Kayli, Emily and Steven and wish I could have stayed longer; however the grandkids in my own home might have objected. Many of you have family far away. How does the thread of love make its way across the vast distance and still impress and emote in a way that reassures our families that love is solid, unshakeable, and permanent? Perfection isn't necessary for love. Kayli certainly pushed those boundaries that food flipping morning; and my reaction was imperfect, too. I hope she forgives my lack of understanding in that moment. God loves me and you and creation; there is no boundary nor imperfection that separates us from that love. Romans 8:31—39 is one of my favorite passages in all of the Bible—NOTHING can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus...and nothing can separate my love for Kayli or Payten or DJ or Kennedi or my daughters or husband (yes, even that guy).



Love and encouragement bring trust and growth and understanding. We are living in extremely trying times. May LOVE be unceasing even when life splatters all around us!





### Day School Registration Opens for 2022-2023

Registration for next school year opens for church members on 1/17!

The Day School operates on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30-2:30. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Lauren Ferguson ([DaySchool@ststephenpresbyterian.com](mailto:DaySchool@ststephenpresbyterian.com)). Registration will open to waitlisted families on 1/24 and then to the public on 2/1, so be sure to act fast if you are interested!

Enrollment Link: <https://schools.procareconnect.com/register/05075e48-2c31-4487-a946-93425c50d43e>

### PARISH HEALTH NEWS by Lynn Wilson, Parish Nurse

The CDC now recommends that adolescents age 12-17 years old should receive a booster shot FIVE months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series. Boosters are now available for everyone 12 and older.

The CDC has updated COVID-19 isolation and quarantine recommendations with shorter isolation (for asymptomatic and mildly ill people), and quarantine periods of five days, followed by continued masking for an additional five days. You can end isolation after five full days IF you are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms have improved. With the shorter isolation and quarantine periods, it is critical that people continue to wear multilayer masks and take additional precautions for five days after leaving isolation or quarantine.

The use of KN-95 masks are highly recommended over cloth masks for better protection!

### Sack Lunches Continue In 2022!

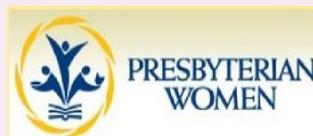


The Sack Lunch Mission for PNS continues in 2022. We ask that all sandwich makers deliver their sandwiches to the church by Tuesday January 18th. We will set up bags and begin sacking lunch items on Thursday January 20th at 1 p.m. and final sacking and delivery will be on Friday January 21st at 8 a.m. We still need a few volunteers to help with the sacking. If you would like to participate please contact

Mike Tyson [mike\\_tyson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike_tyson@sbcglobal.net) or Matt Loynachan at [matt.loynachan@tx.rr.com](mailto:matt.loynachan@tx.rr.com).

CLICK ON THE LINK TO VOLUNTEER:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b44a9ae28a57-pnsjanuary>

Through December of 2021, SSPC has delivered over 35,000 sack lunches to the Presbyterian Night Shelter. The latest wave of Covid has increased the need for lunches. We appreciate your support of this important mission.



### Monday, January 17, 2022

L.O.T.E. - Evening Bible Study and Pot Luck Supper  
At the home of Tammy Hille  
Call for directions - (682) 365-3295



### Become a Member of St. Stephen Sunday, January 23

Those who wish to inquire about membership or who are ready to join the St. Stephen church family, are invited to meet with Rev. Ritsch and Session members on **January 23, after the 11:00 service.** Come to the Parish Hall (at the south end of the Education Bldg.) We look forward to meeting you!

### Organist Ethan Gainer in Concert



On Sunday, January 23 at 7:00 pm, Concerts at St. Stephen presents organist, Ethan Gainer, in a concert featuring works by French composer Marcel Dupré, in recognition of the 50th anniversary year of Dupré's passing. A reception will follow in the narthex.

**January Birthdays**

Marian Smith	1
Susan Cox	1
Jim Scott	1
Andy Menking	1
Eric Cox	2
Courtney Mullins	3
Fred Kelly	4
Donna Wood	4
Emory Hinckley	4
Jack Hunnicutt	7
Till Meyn	7
Sam Montee	8
Morgan Polly	8
Bob Watson	9
Judy Cox	9
Meghan Mueller	12
Anne Bourland	14
Patricia Aura	15
Dean Johnson	15
Jennifer Cox	15
Pegie Frazier	16
Jeff Monte	16
Julie Bollman	16
Addison Hinckley	16
Becca Dehn	20
Stuart Thomas	22
George McGown Jr.	22
Grey William McGown	22
Keith Dykes	23
Julia Crocker	23
Carter Van Amburgh	23
Claire Collins	24
Chris Fershtand	24
Corbett Nichter	24
James Wilson	24
Nicci Kennedy	24
Carol Ann Vretta	25
Sidney Keith	24
Rick Gollahon	26
David Andrews	27
Patricia Sprinkel	27
Art Clayton	27
Margaret Hash	28
Laura Meyn	30
Sharon Foster	31

**Prayer Requests**

**Current Needs**

Max Jackson	Husband of Barbara Clinkscales
Ben Thedford	Maria Andrade's grandson
Bryan Bogle	Troop 17 Scout Master
Rick Larmour	Brother of Bill Larmour
Russell Smith	Nephew of Jim Smith
Ray Smith	Brother of Jim Smith
Pegie Frazier	Member
Misty Harris	Friend of SSPC
Carol Steen	Member
Dean Johnson	Member
Mike Witt	Member

**Members with Long-Term Needs**

Luis Andrade	Mimi Andrews
Beezie Cooper	Wanda Gill & Dwane Cash
Margaret & Henry Hash	Dale Henderson
Bee Ingalls	Natalie Hubbard
Booty Jones	Jim Mallory
Kitty Mitchell	Melissa Philips
Jody Wasson	

**Family & Friends with Long-Term Needs**

Cathy Ngeny	Daughter of Kitty Mitchell
Jolene Wasson	Mother of Jody Wasson
Grace Wright	Friend of SSPC
Lynette Larmour	Mother of Bill Larmour
Carolyn Cleveland	Sister-in-law of Barbara Finch
Sandra Wheeler	Sister of Darlene Myatt
David Covault	Relation of Barbara Clinkscales

**PARISHIONERS ASK:**

**Why does St. Stephen want my emergency contact information?**

**EXAMPLE 1:** If you should have a medical emergency while you are at church, and you are unable to tell the administrative staff whom to call, we would be able to communicate with your family member, friend, or neighbor that you have had a medical emergency, and which hospital facility you are being transferred to.

**EXAMPLE 2:** You live alone, and attend church functions on a regular basis, but we have not seen you in weeks. If the church staff are unable to reach you by phone to find out if you are ok, what friend or family member can we call that would be able to do a wellness check on you?

Your emergency contact information will be stored in the church office computer, and will be kept confidential. If you would like to add a emergency contact information of a family member, friend, or neighbor, contact Anne Barrett at 817-927-8411, or Lynn Wilson, Parish Nurse at 817-793-8147.

## Meet Some of the New Officers!

### TRUSTEES

**George Bristol** joined St. Stephen in 2013. This will be his first term as a Trustee, but he has previously served as an Elder and has been a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, chaired the Stewardship Committee, and is presently serving on the Capital Campaign.

**Sharon LeMond** joined St. Stephen in 1968. She is returning as a Trustees having previously served in that position. She has also been an Elder, a Sunday School teacher, and was instrumental in the formation of the St. Stephen Day School and the church Docents Guild.

**Carol Stalcup** has been a member of St. Stephen since 1986. She is returning to the Board of Trustees for her 4th term and has served as an elder for three terms. She previously served for many years as a youth group sponsor and Sunday School teacher. She has been active in numerous Presbytery functions including presentations and retreats.

### DEACONS

**Robby Fultz** moved to Texas from Roanoke, VA In 1971. He attended East Texas State before transferring to Baylor where he met his sweet wife Beth and received his BA. He was a firefighter in Garland for 36 years, retiring in 2016. Beth and Robby have three daughters Emily (husband Steve), Ellen and Felicia, and are blessed with four grandchildren: Kennedi DJ , Payten, and Kayli. He joined St. Stephen and moved to Fort Worth in 2005 when Beth became our DCE, and couldn't be happier with our church. SSPC is ceaseless in pursuit of the truth of God's Kingdom, worship of God, study, mission and building a loving community. Something special is going on here. Robby has served as a deacon twice. Over the years he's been involved with Sunday School, Wednesday Bible Study, Mission and Property committees, youth, RITI, PNS and SCAC. He tries to avail myself for projects with the Tuesday Guys, and Eduardo and Dexter."

**Peggy Harwood** grew up in Austin, graduating from Paschal High School. She joined in St. Stephen in 2008 after retiring from a career in government service with the General Land Office in Austin, and NOAA, BLM and USDA Forest Service in the Washington D.C. area. She loves getting together with her grown twin daughters and two grandsons, trying new restaurants with friends, singing in the choir, Wednesday Bible Study, going to concerts and plays, history, science shows and science fiction. She has served as an Elder both here and in her church in D.C., where her pastor is a good friend of Fritz's. She visited our church after reading on the website about vibrant faith community, outstanding music program and many mission opportunities.

### Harriet Moore

My family moved to Fort Worth when I was eight years old. I graduated from Paschal High School and The University of North Texas, majoring in education. I retired in June 2019 after a total of 45 years. My career included teaching preschool through third grade. My last assignment was teaching kindergarten at Trinity Valley School for 34 years, earning the title of faculty emeritus. My passion has been teaching children to be life long learners. Sam and I have been blessed with two married daughters who have added grandchildren to our lives - Tinsley, Hunter, Ginny, Grace and Haley bring us joy! My hobbies include travel, reading, gardening, flower arranging and tap dancing! I am a third generation Presbyterian and a member of St. Stephen for 65 years. My mother loved the church on the hill, so we joined St. Stephen, where I was raised in the church, confirmed, and sang in the graded choirs. For years, my church friends and I watched the sanctuary slowly become a reality. Sam and I were married by Bill Jablonski and our two daughters, Courtney and Kate, were baptized and confirmed here. St. Stephen is sacred to me and I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as a deacon.

I have served SSPC as an elder for two terms, moderating the Christian Education committee, chairing VBS and Advent Saturday, Church Wide Nominating, teaching Sunday School for countless years and being a member of the St. Swithun Bell Choir. I served on the search committees for Beth Fultz, Mitchell Crawford, and Jordan Smith.

**Marshall Ray** has been married to Charlotte for 53 years. They have one daughter, Kendall, and two grandchildren. He grew up in Mineral Wells, moved to Fort Worth in 1970, and graduated from Texas Wesleyan with a degree in Chemistry. He founded Southwest Fluids Products, Inc. in 1977, which manufactures water and wastewater treatment equipment. Having been ordained as an elder serving on Session, Marshall now joins the Board of Deacons. As a member of the Disciples of Christ church for nearly 40 years, he served multiple terms as an ordained Elder and Deacon. The Rays have a cabin on Colorado they visit every chance they can where Marshall enjoys trout fishing in the mountains.

***Meet more new officers in the next issue of Sentinel!***

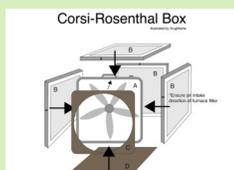


### Youth Fellowship 5—8 p.m. Sundays

Our Youth have made suggestions about how to accomplish a July 23—31, 2022 Youth Mission Trip to our yet unknown destination. As soon as Covid numbers are lessened, Beth will reach out for answers to their ideas.

**January 16**—MASKED, we will watch a movie and play games at Ed. Building Entrance with door ajar to provide ventilation. We will find a safe way to eat during our fun.

**January 23**—**SCIENCE PROJECT** for church use. Make low cost Corsi-Rosenthal air cleaners made out of a box fan and air filters as suggested by our own Brandy Joliff



Scott!! <https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/diy-air-purifier-reduce-spread-airborne-virus-particles-how-to-build-it/287-51073bac-8dca-4de7-87b9-55cf1219ff5b>

**January 30**—Stuff Valentine Boxes for our Collegians. Color and provide a goofy present with candies and silly stuff. Parish Hall.



**February 13**—Souper Bowl of Caring outreach in worship! Using the homonym, we challenge our Congregation to support the Tarrant Area Food Bank by predicting the Souper Bowl Winner with their donations that Sunday. Donations may also be made online to Souper Bowl of Caring!

Visiting House of Prayer and Praise, Dexter Wilborn's church, for our Understanding Other Denominations and Other Religions project *is postponed until February 27.*

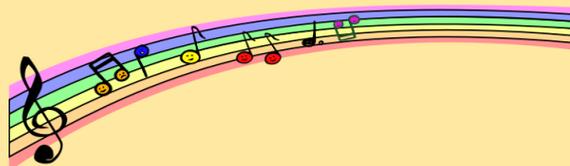
### St. Stephen Presbyterian Youth!

Words cannot express the gratitude and love in our hearts Burkley and I have for your kind gesture! We are deeply touched and so appreciative you supported us during such a devastating event. Your donation enabled us to get back on the road in a safe car and your beautiful and bright card with thoughtful encouragements bring a smile to us every day and remind us of all that is good and giving and loving at St. Stephen Presbyterian!



Love and thanks,  
Page Burkhalter and Burkley Massey!

**Children's Choir Resumes Hmmm,**  
...We might HOLD OFF for a few more weeks to see if Omicron reduces its Grip on us!



### Wednesday Afternoons 5—5:45 p.m. in PH

Please remain masked through rehearsals. Snacks, music theory, play, masked singing, and instruments are also part of Children's Choir. Hope you'll consider coming when it is safe to participate.

### Annual Valentine Box Stuffing Sunday, January 30 5 p.m.



This Benefits our Collegians, Grad Students, Military, and Medical Personnel on the Front Lines of Covid.  
*From the Youth and Children of St. Stephen.*

Youth Fellowship will fill our Valentine Boxes with candies, small school supplies, cookies and wrapped snacks for all our collegians, post-graduate students, seminary students, medical personnel, and those in the military. We will be masked in Parish Hall while stuffing the boxes.

#### YOU CAN HELP US BY:

- Providing Addresses to All Who Qualify
- \* Baking Snacks then Wrap them for 30 boxes.
- \* Provide Simple Snacks pre-packaged.
- \* Need Packable School Supplies
- \* Need Novelty Items for additional fun.
- \* **Need by Sunday Afternoon, 5 p.m., Feb. 1**

Help us fill over 30 Valentine Boxes to loved ones. *Thank You!*



### Searchers Class Upcoming Classes

Charlotte Ray is quickly lining up excellent speakers for winter and spring 2022 for the Adult Sunday School class which feeds on gaining new information from the experts recruited! Class meets in the Eastminster Room with socially distanced seating from 9:45—10:45 a.m. on Sundays.

**January 9 –February 13** the class will have the pleasure of hearing **Dr. Patricia Duncan** from the TCU Religion Department on “Early Christianity in Rome.” That’s six weeks of uncovering her knowledge!



After that we have lined up new member, **Dean Johnson**, to speak on Church Architecture; **Cathy Corder** on a unusual topic of her choice; and **Anne Frey**, TCU professor in the English Department. What a line up so far!

Interested in joining the class? Come on in, MASKED, and sit at your pleasure. Have more questions? Contact Charlotte Ray, Searchers Class Speaker Coordinator by email: [char4204ray@gmail.com](mailto:char4204ray@gmail.com).

### Trinity Adult Bible Sunday School Class Wrestles with Samson and Delilah!

The Old Testament, as teacher Angela Springfield claims, offers classic conflicts that have modern day applications. Samson, a strict Nazirite who follows the prescription for goodness and strength, falls cataclysmically under the spell of his Philistine wife, Delilah. Come discuss the nuances and dramatic fall of Samson and how it manages to relate stories of modern times and our lives.

There are still more stories in the book of Judges to discover before we trek to other literature.



The Trinity Class meets in the sunny Northminster Class above the Chapel of the Holy Trinity every Sunday morning from 9:30—10:30 a.m. You’ll meet a loyal following of the class! **Be Masked!**

### Thank you notes from Christmas Time!

“Dear St. Stephen Presbyterian Church and Beth Fultz,



On behalf of the Fort Worth Out Patient Clinic patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of gift bags and gift cards. It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events. Thank you for your continued support, Sincerely, Bobbie Kay Scoggins, **VA Department of Veterans Affairs**”

“Dear Beth— *Our family LOVED the children & family service last night (Christmas Eve). Thank you for your creativity, direction and very hard work that made it possible. Here’s hoping it will be a repeat part of a Christmas celebration for years to com.*

Some of the things we LOVED:

- Casual outdoors setting.
- Live animals
- Large number of participants
- Varied ways to participate
- Time of day
- Focus on the meaning of Christmas. Ashley asked, “Where’s Baby Jesus?” and there he was! **Nancy Ricker**



*(Nancy, the Christian Education Committee suggested this new kind of Christmas Eve celebration. Wasn’t it so fun and meaningful?! Beth)*

### Faith On Tap Back Soon

#### CE Meeting to Suggest our 2022 Possibilities!

The Christian Education Committee will regroup this weekend and start up our slate of ideas for the Faith on Tap outdoor Study group. We will set a date in hopes that the Omicron variant is destroyed with Samson-like strength of vaccinations and cures! We’ll also be scheduling Lenten, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday Picnics and Donkeys, Easter activities, too. Vacation Bible School and Music Day Camp, Garage Sale and Youth Mission Trip soon. Stay tuned.

## January 16 - February 5, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16 8:30 am Worship and Communion 9:45 am Sunday School 10:15 am Sanctuary Choir 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>17</b> Martin Luther King Day <i>Office Closed</i> <i>School Closed</i> 4:30 pm Communications via Zoom 6:30 pm LOTE <i>at the home of Tammy Hille</i>	18 Noon Finance Cmte Eastminster 1:15 pm Knitting Guild Card Ministry Eastminster	19 9:30 am Day School Noon <i>Bible Study Resumes</i> via Zoom 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	20 7:00 am Morning Prayers Chapel 7:30 am Breakfast Parish Hall 6:30 pm Handbells	21 5:00 pm Samaritan House supper service <i>Committee TBD</i>	22
23 8:30 am Worship and Communion 9:45 am Sunday School 10:15 am Sanctuary Choir 11:00 am Worship <i>Ordination and Installation of Officers</i> 12:15 pm Receive New Members Parish Hall 5:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm CONCERT <i>Ethan Gainer, Organist</i> <i>The Music of Marcel Dupré</i>	24 9:30 am Day School 1:30 pm Staff meeting	25 1:00 pm Knitting Guild Eastminster 7:00 pm SESSION via Zoom	26 9:30 am Day School Noon Bible Study via Zoom 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	27 7:00 am Morning Prayers Chapel 7:30 am Breakfast Parish Hall 6:30 pm Handbells	28 11:00 am 4th Friday Book Group	29 8 am - 5 pm Troop 17 Adult Leadership Training Eastminster
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