Sunday, November 11, 2018
-- the Church’s weekly schedule & announcements edited for Website

Sunday
8:00 Service
9:00 Adult Education, Upper Meeting Room
9:00 Choir Practice
10:30 Service
10:30 Godly Play, Upper Meeting Room
7:15 Al Anon, Parish Hall

Monday
9:00 Community Lunch, Parish Hall
9:00 Sandwich Makers
5:00 Finance Committee, Upper Meeting Room
5:00 Neighbor's Together, Parish Hall
6:30 Amaryllis, Upper Meeting Room

Tuesday
7:30 12 Step Spirituality Group, Upper Meeting Room

Wednesday
12:05 Noon Eucharist, Chapel
1:30 Al Anon, Upper Meeting Room

Thursday
11:15 Holy Eucharist at the Residences
10:30 Holy Eucharist at EastView
4:00 Meditation, Upper Meeting Room
4:30 Speak Up, Parish Hall
7:30 AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Friday
7:30 12 Step Spirituality Group, Upper Meeting Room

Saturday
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Monday Community Lunch Coordinator: Winky Thomas
Monday Bag Lunch Coordinators: Ann Demong & Holly Stabler
Submissions for the Thursday Email and Sunday Take-Home Notes: Please email your submissions to Annemarie at ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com, by Tuesday afternoon, for that week’s email and take home. Thank you!

Directory Updates Needed! Please send any changes to your contact information (address, phone number, email address…) to ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com so we can have an up to date directory before the holidays!

Our Annual Campaign is in full swing. We’re in a count-down to our In-Gathering Sunday on November 18. Please mark your calendars: We will have one service, starting at 10:00 am, with childcare provided. This will be a special service, as we express our gratitude to God by returning a portion of our financial abundance for God’s work among us. Your generosity supports our ministries to each other, to our community, and to the world. Please bring your Giving Goal Cards to the service, where they will be blessed. The cards that have already been mailed in or dropped off will be added as well. Additional packets are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary if you need one. If you didn’t receive a packet by mail, please notify Annemarie so that we can update our mailing list. After the service, we’ll feast together at a celebratory pot-luck brunch.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Sundays, 9 am, in the Upper Meeting Room

"INTRODUCTION TO PAUL," by Jay Parini, Nov 11: Jay will offer the first of two adult education meetings on St. Paul. The first will be a general introduction to Paul with ideas that appear in his forthcoming book coming this spring, The Damascus Road, a novel about Paul. There will be ample room for questions and discussions.

The second session, December 9, we’ll look at the Letter to the Galatians.

“ORIGEN OF ALEXANDRIA,” presented by Jim Pugh, Sunday Nov 18 and Sunday, Dec 2: Origen (185 - 254) was the most important theologian and biblical scholar of the early Greek church. He wrote thousands of treatises and set forth a theological system which made Christianity intellectually respectable for the Gentiles of the Greco-Roman world. His ascetic ideals were seminal in the development of monasticism and his biblical commentaries were translated and borrowed by theologians in the East and the West.

On Nov 18, we will look at the life, works, theology, and influence of Origen. A reading by Henry Chadwick, an historian of the early church, will be provided in advance.

On Dec 2, we will consider excerpts from Contra Celsum, Origen’s vindication of Christianity against pagan attack.

** The profile for the 11th Bishop of Vermont is available at https://www.bishopsearchvt.org/. The deadline for applications and nominations is Friday, November 16.
• **Photo Release Form.** Photographs of members of the parish and their families (including minor children) are increasingly used in newsletters, Web sites, and other digital media. The Episcopal Church in Vermont considers it good practice to have permission for posting anyone's image, especially when there are children in the photo. Photo release forms will be available from Annemarie for you to complete, sign, and leave in the box located on the table in the hallway outside the office. Please fill out the form if your photograph, or the photograph of your child under 18, is being used in one of St Stephen's printed or digital publications, or if you are willing to have your image used in parish publications.

CROP HUNGER WALK UPDATE:
Dear Recruiters,
It is with great JOY we share the results of our 2018 CROP Hunger Walk. You raised a total of $26,665!! Our little committee stands in awe and deep appreciation of you and your walkers! This total includes the children and their parents of St. Ambrose Catholic Church who walked around Bristol during church school the morning of our walk. Thanks to all of you for making this once again a banner year for Addison County!

Warmest Regards, Patty Hallam and Ellen McKay

JOIN THE USHERS! Are you looking for a way to get more involved at Saint Stephen’s? Consider joining our team of ushers. Ushers help out at the 10:30 service about once every six weeks (more often at Christmas and Easter seasons.) We arrive early to greet parishioners, help guide people through the service, and then do a quick clean up afterwards. We’ll provide training (it’s easy)! It’s also a great way to get to know some of those people whose faces you recognize but whose names you never knew or can’t remember! Interested? Email Joe McVeigh joe@joemcveigh.org

On November 18th, The Rev. Catherine Nichols will be Celebrant and The Rev. Christopher Hogin will be our Preacher. Here is Christopher’s Biography: Born and raised in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, The Reverend Christopher Hogin has led a varied career. Graduating from The University of Tennessee in 1995, and then The University of Tennessee College of Law in 1999, he spent the next ten years in a variety of professions, including a United State Senate Capitol Hill staffer, operations manager of The Red Cross, and a practicing attorney specializing in corporate antitrust law. In 2010, at the age of 38, he heeded the call to holy orders and attended Duke University School of Divinity. Ordained in 2013, he spent the next three years serving as associate rector at St. Michael’s Church in Raleigh, NC. Currently, he is back home serving as associate rector for pastoral care at The Episcopal Church of The Ascension in Knoxville, Tennessee. A single father, he spends most of his free time raising his three-year-old son, John Michael. They enjoy singing, playing chase, and exploring the world.

Our Noon Eucharist on Wednesday, Nov. 14th will be Celebrated by The Rev. Christopher Hogin! The service starts at 12:05 p.m., we hope to see you!
The St. Stephen’s Meditation Group invites you to join us for a quiet day in Advent, the season of hope and expectation. Brother Aidan Owen of Holy Cross Monastery will lead us. The theme for this Advent retreat will be "Coming Out of the Wilderness." Brother Aidan writes that “this meditative Advent retreat will find us steeped in just ten verses of the Song of Songs (8:5-14). We will savor the images in these lush verses, allowing those images to touch us at the heart-level, and hopefully finding in them a pathway through the wilderness and to the Beloved. The retreat will include four contemplative talks and several periods of silent meditation. We hope this retreat will help us to prepare the way within for the coming of the Lord.” The retreat will be Saturday, December 8, from 9 to 3 at Winky Thomas’s home in Middlebury. There will be a silent potluck lunch. There are sign-up sheets (for attendance and potluck contributions) on the back table in the church. Participants are asked to donate $20 per person to help cover costs. If finances are a concern, please don’t let that stop you from coming and donate what you can. No prior meditation experience is needed—just a willingness to try out a day of quiet prayer and reflection. If you have questions, please talk to Glenn or Sharon.

The Howard Gospel Choir will be returning to the Town Hall Theater on Sunday, November 11 for two performances, 2 PM and 7 PM. Tickets are already on sale at the THT Box Office or on their website: http://www.townhalltheater.org/calendar-and-tickets/ Individual tickets are $25 each; Group tickets at $20 a piece may only be purchased by phone at 802 382-9222 or in person at the THT Box Office (Mon-sat, noon – 5 pm). For either form of ticket a $2 fee is added for the preservation fund for the Town Hall Theater. ** Wednesday, November 14th: "Sorry to Bother You", a film by Boots Riley, sponsored by Middlebury Showing Up for Racial Justice. Middlebury Marquis at 4pm and 7pm. Suggested, optional donation is $10.

Pastoral Care: Please contact Jessica, Mary or Annemarie if you have pastoral care needs. Jessica Hoagland (388-9012, hoagland.j@comcast.net), pastoral lay ministry coordinator; Mary McGuire (802-598-1895 or 388-6740, mary.c.mcguire10@gmail.com), Senior Warden; or Annemarie Deering, in the office (388-7200, ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com).