### 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
- **1:00** John Graham Board Meeting, Upper Meeting Room
- **6:30** Amaryllis, Upper Meeting Room

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

### Wednesday
- **12:05** Noon Eucharist or Prayer, Chapel
- **1:30** Al Anon, Upper Meeting Room

### Thursday
- **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

### Sunday, October 21st and Sunday, 28th:
"The Man Born to Be King," led by Meg Fitch, Sarah Horton and John McWilliams

During WWII, Dorothy Sayers, a significant theologian of the early 20th century, wrote a series of radio plays for the BBC on the life of Jesus. At the time, they were revolutionary, because she portrayed saints as regular people.

We will start with an introduction and scriptural background of the play, "A Certain Nobleman." Then we will take parts and do dramatic readings.

On Oct 21, we will perform Scene 1 about the wedding at Cana. On Sunday, Oct 28, we will perform Scene 2 about the cleansing of the Temple.

The play will be available in hard copy as well as on the St. Stephen's website, by clicking on the URL above. It's not necessary to read the play ahead of time.

### Sunday, November 4:
"Día de los Muertos" with Julia Alvarez

Come and learn about the Day of the Dead and make an altar the way it's done in Latin America. Children are welcome! Bring a picture (or pictures) of loved ones you are missing, and/or a beloved object or food which that person loved, or votive candles, flowers—whatever you feel the loved one might enjoy.

If you can, watch the movie, "Coco," a Walt Disney animation about a boy who crosses into the after-life to meet his ancestors. It's available on Amazon and Netflix-- or come to the Fun Friday potluck on Nov 2 and watch it then. The film is for children and adults.

**The Vestry has interviewed another very strong candidate for our interim position that we are extremely interested in. But he is in the beginning stages of conversations with other communities, and we respect his need to do his own discernment, so we remain in God's hands, on God's time. We expect to know more in 4-6 weeks, and in the meantime will continue to interview candidates as they arise. Feel free to share your concerns and questions with any of the Vestry members, and please join us as we actively trust God's will and God's timing. We continue to be extremely thankful for our parish family priests - Catherine, Diane, Sarah, and Larry. Each of these gifted people is sharing their time and talents, and the Vestry voted last night to offer them honoraria for their services at the monthly retirement homes and support with pastoral care.**

--Mary McGuire, Senior Warden
Special Offering to support Cuban Clergy. The Diocese of Cuba was received back into the Episcopal Church at last summer’s General Convention. This fall, the wider Church is raising funds to support pensions for clergy in Cuba. The government of Cuba does not recognize clergy work as employment, so Cuban clergy are not covered by the state pension system. The Diocese of Vermont is asking parishes to receive a special offering for this purpose on Sunday, October 21. The offering at the Diocesan Convention will be designated for the same purpose. Checks should be made payable to “Episcopal Diocese of Vermont,” with a notation of “Cuban Pension Offering.” May God bless those whose lives in retirement will be eased by this offering.

Upcoming Baptism: At the 10:30am service on October 28th we will baptize Rebecca Mitchell and Andrew Demshuk’s son Archie!

All Saints Day Weekend Celebration: On Friday Nov 2nd at 5:30pm we will have a potluck dinner and show the Academy Award winning Walt Disney animated film "Coco" about a boy's adventure as he learns about the "Day of the Dead" traditions and his ancestors. A wonderful film for children and adults! Parents with young children are invited to bring the family and NOT EXPECTED to bring a dish. Always plenty for all!

On Sunday, at adult ed we will continue the family experience by creating an alter for our own family and friends who have passed away. Bring photos and memorabilia for the altar we will create. (Led by Julia Alvarez)

PARKING: Are you having difficulty finding a parking spot on Sunday mornings? Tired of arriving halfway through the first lesson? One of the closest available locations is an open secret: the parking lot in back of the National Bank of Middlebury right across the street. Formerly we could access this parking lot from Printer's Alley, but that is now closed. However, you can drive the back way into the Marble Works and approach the parking lot from below. Just go to the southeast corner near the Round Robin thrift shop, then drive right on past all that intimidating construction equipment. There are more than 20 spaces available there on weekends, and most are going begging. Then it's a short walk to church! Just plan a few extra minutes for the drive through the Marble Works to get there.

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: jmcveigh@gmail.org

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).

** 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.

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.

We have two boxes of spent candles in the sacristy. If anyone wants them contact Rex Stratton, 758-9280. If not, they are going to be tossed!

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.

We respond to storms in the United States and U.S. territories through our U.S. Disaster Program. Through our partnerships with Episcopal dioceses, we offer resources and training to help people prepare for disasters and provide emergency support so vulnerable people can make a sustained recovery after the storm. The benefit of our partnership with Episcopal churches is that these congregations are already deeply integrated within their communities. In other words, the Episcopal Church is there before responders arrive and will remain long after the news cameras have gone. You can help provide critical relief to affected communities by donating to our Hurricane Relief Fund. To donate and read the latest updates, visit https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.