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ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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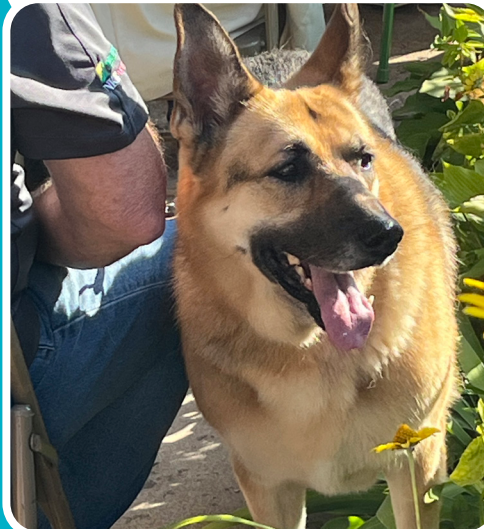
PHOTO: (l to r) Valerie, Jamie & Allison at UP State Fairgrounds

ALLISON ADVOCATES FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AT THE 'SAVE THE SILENCE' WALK

A SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK is an event that raises awareness and funds for suicide prevention, mental health education, and support for those affected by suicide.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, **Allison Hurley** from our Vestry attended the **"End the Silence Walk"** sponsored by **Delta County Suicide Prevention Task Force** made us proud and gave an impromptu speech at the Walk at UP State Fairgrounds. We are advocating for another suicide prevention class sponsored by **Soul Shop** at St. Stephen's. Her speech moved seven people to sign up. Thanks, Allison!

WE HAD 5 DOGS AT THE BLESSING OF THE PETS & CREATION SERVICE AND 'MANDY' UNDERSTOOD.



"Mandy" the German Shepherd

THIS YEAR THE REV. 'MO' TRIMM combined our **Creation Outdoor Service** with the **Blessing of the Pets** for a well attended and enthusiastic Service on Sept. 14th. 'Fergie', 'Gg', 'Jack', 'Mandy' and 'Stella' all got their individual blessings for the year and totally stole the limelight with their good behavior and intelligence, but they inadvertently forgot to sign the guest book, so hopefully I have spelled all their names correctly.



The Blessing of the Pet's Service on 9/14 with the Rev. Mo Trimm

ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY

OCTOBER Worship Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 AM
WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT 11 AM

SUNDAY, OCT. 5TH
MORNING PRAYER
Service Leader, Jena Young

SUNDAY, OCT. 12TH
RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE
Service Leader, Karen Ettenhofer

SUNDAY, OCT. 19ST
PENTECOST EUCHARIST SERVICE
Our Missioner, the Rev. 'Mo' Trimm

SUNDAY, OCT. 26TH
PENTECOST EUCHARIST SERVICE
the Rev. Paula Marvic

EVERY WEDNESDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE
IS HELD AT 11 AM IN THE CHAPEL
with The Rev. Paula Marvic

THANK YOU FOR VISITING US!

It was SO good to see both of you! Pictured (left) is Sue Hurley who was with us on 9/21 and (right) Sue Johns (daughter of the late Leila & Ben Johns) on 9/7.



AUTUMN ANNOUNCEMENTS

WED. OCT. 1ST 12:30 PM COVENANT GROUP meets

WED. OCT 8th at @ Noon OUTREACH & MST meet

SUN OCT. 12TH (after service) St. Stephen's will hold their ANNUAL MEETING and all are invited to attend.

SUN OCT. 12TH 5:00 PM a CLASSICAL PIANO CONCERT will be given in the nave by Lani, reception follows. The public is invited.

WED. OCT. 15TH 12:15 PM
12:30 PM COVENANT GROUP meets

WED. OCTOBER 15, 2025 10:00 AM FEEDING AMERICA WEST MICHIGAN'S MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be held at: SALVATION ARMY ESCANABA, 3001 5TH AVE. S., ESCANABA, MI 49829. DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION.

EVERY Mon/Tues./Thurs./Fri. FREE LUNCHES can be found also at the Salvation Army in Escanaba from 12 to 1pm. Donations are accepted.

EVERY Monday, Wednesday, and Friday A FOOD PANTRY is also available at SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SERVICE CENTER, from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Address is: 115 8th St N, Escanaba, MI 49829

EVERY Monday and Friday ESCANABA SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: 210 S Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, MI 49829. Open from 1 PM to 4 PM.

FRIDAY OCT. 17th the first day of 129TH CONVENTION at 6:30 PM CONVENTION REGISTRATION AT ST. STEPHEN'S 7:00 PM AN UNCONVENTIONAL EUCHARIST SERVICE AT ST. STEPHEN'S IN CANTERBURY HALL
For more info go to: www.upepiscopal.org

WED OCT 22nd 12:30 PM ORGANIZATIONAL VESTRY MEETING WITH COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE FOLLOWING

FRI. OCT 31st usually 5 to 7 pm (we will follow the city) TRUNK OR TREAT, this year called "TRICK OR TREAT" will be held at St. Stephen's at 4pm. We are in desperate need of candy because last year the turnout was large. Help us out, pls. it's embarrassing to run out!



PHOTO: Fran Ziegler

THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

**A merry heart
doeth good like
a medicine.**

~
Proverbs 17:22, KJV Bible

Fran Ziegler has been appointed by the Vestry to resume her work with the **Sunshine Committee** that has been dormant since 2008, when she originally took over this committee from the late Virginia Shomin.

This committee is a very old committee that has gone on for eons at St. Stephen's, whose function is to provide "Sunshine" usually in the form of greeting cards to the ill, those who have birthdays and those who have lost family members and are grieving.

Some-
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this committee got lost during covid & because of the escalating price of postage, never regained its former importance until now. Fran says *"I've missed being in touch with everyone and I'm looking forward to be able to reach out and share good news with people again."*

The
Sun-
shine
committee
is scheduled
to launch again
this October and
if you have a request
for someone who is in
need of receiving a card, you are asked to send an email to St. Stephen's (ststephens68@outlook.com) with **"For Sunshine Committee"** or **"Fran Z."** in the header of the email and the office will notify Fran to send out a card. Thank you so much Fran for your ministry!

Thank You, THANK YOU!



to the **YOUNG FAMILY** who donated a much needed new club cadet snow machine to St. Stephen's. Pictured above Ron & Jena Young. We all love you!

LOTS OF MUSIC THIS MONTH & EXCITING NEW NEWS

LET'S BEGIN with that once again, St. Stephen's has an organ to accompany Service, not that it will solely be used, because your music director, **Lani**, is probably about as much of a pianist as anyone ever was, but for sure it is a great feeling and a relief to have the organ working again. On 9/21 we had the organ repairer, **Phil Stapert**, share a service with **Lani** so we could all hear his excellent work! **Phil** is also a traveling organist and plays also for **St. John's**



Phil Stapert, organist and repairer (left) & Snr. Warden Jon Flath (right).

Episcopal in Negaunee. We are thankful those directly involved for their meticulous attention to the music at **St. Stephen's** because it would be so sad, if the organ had to

THE 2025 EPISCOPAL CONVENTION

THE THEME OF OUR 2025 CONVENTION is **Hope & Healing: Engaging Indigenous Cosmologies & the Gospel in Action**. The convention this year is in partnership with the *Episcopal Divinity School*, where for those of you who know **Lydia Bucklin**, she is now their dean.

Pls. be clear that you can register on the site upepiscopal.org and all the docs are also available there. The convention doesn't begin in Escanaba, this year, but at the Terrace Bay Inn in Gladstone from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

It is a day long **Hope & Healing** Workshop with **Sarah Augustine** and **Sheri Hostetler**, co-founders of the *Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery* and authors of *So We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis*.

After that, the convention is held **St. Stephen's** for an evening session where if you join you will create a non-traditional liturgy together and celebrate Eucharist together in Canterbury Hall. The convention then will start the next day, **Sat. Oct. 18th at Bay Col-**

lege 2001 N Lincoln Road, Escanaba at 8:30 am with refreshment and the more traditional meeting will begin at 9am with Bishop's address, nominations, elections, reports and proposed budgets etc. with the convention itself ending at 2:15pm however, at 2:30 a seminar on mutual ministry is offered for visitors.

I hope if you are curious you will have the courage to try it out and go and see what it is about. When I have attended, I have never had a bad time and it has always been interesting. ♦

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be silent for the remainder of its life in our church, sort of a sign of decaying faith and now we can feel so much the opposite, that we are growing and even able to accommodate our congregation with both a pianist and an organist, for a service monthly, because **Phil** has agreed to stay on with us as a help to develop our music at St. Stephen's. ■

ABOUT LANI'S CONCERT

THE REV. MO ASKED me at our communication's meeting on 9/24 what my concert was about and if it had a theme, and I replied that yes, it did and I know what it is, but I wouldn't be able to communicate it in the program notes for the concert because they were only about the music and there wasn't enough space etc. or time for *me* and like so many things we all talk about, it just sort of wafted gently out the window....

LET ME MAKE SURE you have the basics: I am **Lani**, who doubles as your newsletter editor, but I also am a pianist and usually more formal if I play a concert so the poster and program

will say "**Leonore Hall**" who is the same person as "**Lani**". I would love for you all to enjoy the concert and it will be held: **at 5PM on Sunday, Oct. 12th in the Nave at St. Stephen's. Afterwards will be a Short Reception.**

THE THEME OF THE CONCERT is, about being old now and looking back at your childhood and understanding what it was. As you may know, I grew up in Escanaba, so my music exposure was probably somewhat short-sighted, as I am now learning, from doing this recital. We didn't have internet in those days, so for ex., most of the music that I'll be performing, such as **Debussy: Children's Corner Suite**, which is an awesome set of pieces, I 'pecked at' when I was a child, but didn't know it wasn't written for children!! Nor did anyone else. So I thought there was something wrong with me because I couldn't play it very well! That's why it was so **hard** to play!!

THE LIST GOES ON....I feel so fortunate now that I don't have to struggle, at least, with piano, as I did then! It has taken me until age 70 to realize that and after not performing

for a good 20 years, I had to go back into myself and do these investigative realizations via learning this recital. I don't think it was on anyone's agenda, including my own, for me to do this, but, sometimes '*you gotta do the work*' to discover anything worthwhile about yourself. Life is a creative process for all of us.

THIS RECITAL IS FREE for the public and sponsored by St. Stephen's Outreach committee. There will be a free will offering and it will go to them and help them bring more cultural events involving St. Stephen's to our community. ♫



Leonore Hall, pianist AKA "Lani"