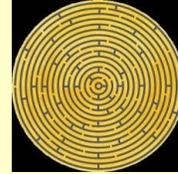


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This Week in Worship New Year's Eve

December 31, 2017

One morning service: 10:00 a.m.
A Service of Peace: Thoughts and Prayers



The Labyrinth will be available beginning December 29, at our one morning worship service at 10:00 on December 31, and will remain in place through January 2.



Care and Prayer Team Joint Meeting

DATE: Sunday, January 7th, 2018

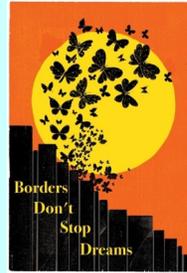
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Please RSVP by Wednesday January 3rd

If you signed up to be on either team for 2018, please make an effort to attend this first meeting of the year. If you missed signing up but would like to be on either team, you are welcome to come. **Call the Church Office (321-4988) or email rgray1108@att.net by Wednesday, January 3rd so that Sharon can make plans for lunch.** See you then as we look forward to a new year of caring.

In gratitude for your service,
Sharon Gray

Peace Roundtable: Borders Don't Stop Dreams



Mark your calendars for Sunday Jan 21 for our Peace Roundtable focusing on Immigration.

The Adult Education and Immigration Committees are hosting this educational and action focused event. There will be TWO combined Sunday classes on January 14 and 21 with special guest speakers from Dream Act OK and immigration lawyer, Robyn Hopkins. More information about the event and speakers to come.

Please start signing up to bring a meal item for our potluck dinner to kick off the roundtable. Sign up sheets are by the main office or you can email hannahssumc@gmail.com.

Life Happenings

December 24th, 2017

We celebrate...Barbara Holtzclaw's joy of recovering from back surgery and having family move to Norman * these visitors being present in worship: Jackie Farley's sister-in-law; Sam Eller; all those who had family visit over the holidays * Barb Drommond's recovery from a broken wrist and her gratitude for St. Stephen's prayers * those who came to sing carols * Nancy von Barga's new grandson, Otto, born to Erich and Rebecca on Christmas Day*

Our prayers are with...Ella Pantalone as she heals from surgery and treatment * Alta Chilson who had hip replacement surgery on Dec. 21 * Rita Pettit as she prepares for surgery on January 8th * Barb Drommond who fell and broke her wrist which is fractured in two places but was able to be in worship *Cheryl Dills who had knee replacement surgery on last Tuesday * Anne Taylor's granddaughter who is recovering from brain surgery in Detroit and traveled back home to North Carolina * Marilyn Korhonen as she recovers from foot surgery* those who are unable to be in worship: Maureen Bynum, Alta and Darrell Chilson, C.F. and Nelwyn Moore, David and Emily White * those in assisted living: Gwen Woods, Paula Grove, Don Schmidt, Bob Johns *

This Week at St. Stephen's

Thursday, December 28:

- 6:00 Emotions Anonymous—Room 6
- 6:00 Buddhist Meditation — Room 10
- 7:00 NYSH — Lyle Hall

Friday, December 29:

- 6:00 Debtors Anonymous — Room 12

Saturday, December 30:

- 11:00 Acts NA — Room 11

Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve, One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m., No Sunday School

- 6:00 Meditation — Room 11

Monday, January 1: New Year's Day Church Office will be closed

- 6:00 Emotions Anonymous — Room 6
- 7:00 AI Anon — Room 11

Tuesday, January 2:

- 6:00 Debtors Anonymous — Room 6

Wednesday, January 3:

- 2:30 Sacred Journey — Room 12
- 6:00 Fellowship of the Ringers — Sanctuary
- 7:00 Choir — Sanctuary



From Jeannie's Desk....

This Sunday, December 31, 10:00 am
Prepare your hearts and spirits for stepping into the new year.

Our New Year's Day service last year was so well-received that we are doing something similar this year for December 31. We will have a service of prayer, meditation, and thought. The labyrinth will be out for walking meditations. There will be stations to bring to focus our prayers for the world, for people we love, and others. There will be helpful ways to think about what matters deeply to us. There will be beautiful, meditative and thought-provoking music.

Be in worship here this week, and you will be glad you were! There will be one service, at 10:00 am, and no Sunday School.



Youth News There is no youth or Sunday School this Sunday Dec 31.

Youth Sunday School and evening youth group will resume on Sunday Jan 7.

A new Youth Dinner sign-up sheet has been posted outside the main office. Please sign up to bring dinner for our hungry youth one Sunday in Jan-March. Thank you for supporting St. Stephen's Youth!!