

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Family Ministry 2024-2025

Family Ministry Guild	
Clergy: The Rev. Cate Anthony, Children's ministry The Rev. Will Stanley, Vicar Staff: The Rev. Abby Kocher, Children's ministry Caroline Harris, Youth Ministry Diana Chou, Associate Director of Music Brent te Velde, Director of Music Chloe Bash, Nursery Coordinator	Children: Valerie Abbott Katherine Farley Mary Lewis Scott Mates Diane Del Bueno Lacy Briney Adele Caputo Youth: Brandy Singleton Greta Kidd Tony Anthony Brandon Spalding Ashley Tunner

Sunday Worship Beginning September 8th
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 a.m. Palmer Hall Service 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:30 p.m. Celtic Service 8:00 p.m. Compline

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered during the 10:10 am formation hour on Sunday mornings during the program year.
- Youth Bible Study also meets during this time in Room 4. We gather in community and fellowship, enjoy breakfast treats, and engage in a devotion.
- Youth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in the small fellowship hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We start by eating supper as a group before breaking off into middle and high school small groups.
- Nursery is available during all regular Sunday worship services. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 5:00 7:00 pm during the program year 9:30-11:30 & 5:00-7:00 during the summer.
- Choristers meet on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

August 2024

Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Baptisms in Main Church

Wednesday, August 28

5:00-6:00 p.m. [Chorister Information Session, Choir Room](#)

Sunday, September 1

Last Sunday of Summer Schedule

Wednesday, September 45:00 p.m. [First Chorister Rehearsal](#)
6:00-6:45 p.m. [Chorister Welcome Picnic](#)**Thursday, September 5**5:15-7:00 p.m. [Ministry Night & September Family Ministry Guild Meeting](#)**Sunday, September 8****Rally Sunday**9:00 a.m. [Palmer Hall Resumes](#)
10:10-11:00 a.m. No Sunday Morning Formation
[Catechesis: Come and See for Parents](#)
12:30-1:15 p.m. [Confirmation Info Session #1, Small Fellowship Hall](#)
(Parents and students required to attend one of two offered)**Friday, September 13**5:00-7:00 p.m. [Family Ministry Welcome Back Party](#)**Sunday, September 15**10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
6:30-8:00 p.m. [Youth Group Kick-Off, Small Fellowship Hall](#)**Wednesday, September 17**6:30-7:15 p.m. [Confirmation Info Session #2, Small Fellowship Hall](#)
(Parents and students required to attend one of two offered)**Sunday, September 22**9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)
10:10- 11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
11:15 a.m. Baptisms in Main Church

October 2024

Sunday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)
 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Youth groups, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Tuesday, October 8

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. [October Family Ministry Guild Meeting](#)

Sunday, October 13

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)

Saturday, October 19

Out of the Darkness (Suicide Prevention Walk), Byrd Park

Sunday, October 20

- 9:00 a.m. Baptisms in Main Church
[Choristers sing in main church](#)
 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
 6:30-8:00p.m. [Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
[Youth groups, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Sunday, October 27

- 10:10- 11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Confirmation Session #1, Chapter 1: Baptism and Confirmation-Beginnings, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

November 2024

Sunday, November 3

- 9:00 a.m. Baptisms in Palmer Hall
 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
 11:15 a.m. Baptisms in Main Church
 5:30 p.m. Baptisms in Celtic
 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Youth groups, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Sunday, November 10

- 9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)
 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Children and Youth Outreach](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Confirmation Session #2, Chapter 8: Navigating the Church:
 From Parish to Dioceses to Nation with guests, Monica and
 Heidi, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Tuesday, November 12

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. [November Family Ministry Guild Meeting](#)

Sunday, November 10-17**Week of Compassion****Sunday, November 17**

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
 6:30-8:00p.m. [Youth groups: Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Sunday, November 24

- 9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in main church](#)
 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)

December 2024

Sunday, December 1

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Advent Fair](#)
No morning formation
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Youth Groups, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Wednesday, December 4

- 5:00 p.m. [Choristers Christkindlmarket Caroling](#)
6:30-7:00 p.m. [Choristers Christmas Party](#)

Tuesday, December 10

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. [December Family Ministry Guild Meeting](#)

Sunday, December 8

- 9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)
10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Confirmation Session #3 Chapter 2: The Bible: Stories about Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Sunday, December 15

- 9:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
10:10-11:00 a.m. Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Holiday Light Tour](#)

Thursday, December 19

- 5:00- 6:00 p.m. [Live Nativity](#)

Friday, December 20

- 5:00- 6:00 p.m. [Live Nativity Rain Date](#)

Saturday, December 21

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Youth Pageant Rehearsal**

Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. **Last Palmer Hall service of 2024**
No Sunday Morning Formation

11:15 a.m. **Youth Christmas Pageant**
Choristers sing in main church

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

2:00 p.m. **Choristers sing in main church**

2:00 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m. **Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 29

9:00 a.m. **No Palmer Hall Service**

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. **Holy Eucharist**

10:10-11:00 a.m. **No Sunday Morning Formation**

January 2025

Sunday, January 5

No Sunday Morning Formation

Wednesday, January 8

5:00-6:00 p.m. [Chorister Rehearsals Resume](#)

Thursday, January 9

5:30-7:00 p.m. [Ministry Night & January Family Ministry Guild Meeting](#)

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)
 10:10-11:00 a.m. Morning Formation Resumes
[Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Confirmation Session #4 Chapter 3: Knowing Our History, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Sunday, January 19

10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)
 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Youth groups, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Sunday, January 26

9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in main church](#)
 10:10- 11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
[Deepening Grace: Sacraments for Children and Parents](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible Study, Room 4](#)

February 2025

Sunday, February 2

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
[Deepening Grace: Sacraments for Children and Parents](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible study; Room 4](#)
- 6:30- 8:00 p.m. [Confirmation Session #5 Chapter 4: Faith-What Do We Believe?, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Tuesday, February 11

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. [February Family Ministry Guild Meeting](#)

Sunday, February 9

- 9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)
- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
[Deepening Grace: Sacraments for Children and Parents](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
- 1:30 p.m. [Youth meet at St. Stephen's to travel to Bowlero](#)
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. [Super Bowling at Bowlero \(families of children ages 0 through 5th grade meet at Bowlero at 2 p.m.\)](#)
- 4:30 p.m. [Youth return to St. Stephen's for pick-up](#)

Sunday, February 16

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible study, Room 4](#)

Sunday, February 23

- 10:10- 11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible study, Room 4](#)
- 12:00-4:00 p.m. [Deepening Grace: Sacraments for Children and Parents Retreat](#)

March 2025

Sunday, March 2

- 9:00 a.m. [Deepening Grace: Sacraments for Children and Parents](#)
[Recognition and Reception of Communion in Main Church](#)
[Choristers sing in Main Church](#)
- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible study; Room 4](#)
- 11:15 a.m. Baptisms in main church
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Youth groups, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Tuesday, March 4**Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras**

- 5:30 p.m. [Pancake Supper, Fellowship Hall](#)
- 6:30 p.m. [Burning of the Palms, Courtyard](#)

Wednesday, March 5**Ash Wednesday**

- 7:30 a.m., Noon, 5:30 p.m. [Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes](#)
- 5:30 p.m. [No Wonderful Wednesday supper](#)

Sunday, March 9**Lent I**

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible study, Room 4](#)

Tuesday, March 18

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. [March Family Ministry Guild Meeting](#)

Sunday, March 16**Lent II**

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible study, Room 4](#)
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Youth groups, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Sunday, March 23

Lent III

- 9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)
- 10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible study, Room 4](#)
[Confirmation Session #6, Chapter 5: Worship-Responding to God's Blessings, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Sunday, March 31

Lent IV

- 10:10-11:00 a.m. No regular Sunday Morning Formation due to Spring Break, but intergenerational outreach activity instead!

April 2025

Sunday, April 6**Lent V**

- 9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)
 10:00-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)
 Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
[Youth Bible study; Room 4](#)
 6:30-8:00 p.m. [Youth groups, Small Fellowship Hall](#)

Tuesday, April 8

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. [April Family Ministry Guild Meeting](#)

Sunday, April 13**Palm Sunday**

- 7:30 a.m. No Morning Formation
 9: a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite One
 Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
 11:15 a.m. Palmer Hall and main church participants gather at Three
 5:30 p.m. Chopt Road for festive procession
 8 p.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
 Celtic Evensong and Communion
 Compline

Thursday, April 17**Maundy Thursday**

- Nursery Offered
 5:30 p.m. Agape Meal and Foot Washing
 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday: Liturgy and Stripping of the Altar
 followed by all-night vigil

Friday, April 18**Good Friday**

- Noon The Liturgy for Good Friday
 Nursery Offered

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Sunday, April 20

Easter Day
9:00 a.m. No Sunday morning formation
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. **Choristers sing in Palmer Hall**
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. **Easter Egg Hunt** (youth helpers)
8:00 p.m. Celtic Evensong and Communion
Compline

Thursday, April 24

5:15-7:00 p.m. **PROPOSED Ministry Night & (May) Family Ministry Guild Meeting (Tentative)**

Saturday, April 26

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Confirmation Retreat Location TBD**

Sunday, April 27

10:10- 11:00 a.m. **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**
Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14
Youth Bible study; Room 4

Tuesday, April 29

6:00- 7:30 p.m. **Sacred Pause for High School Seniors and Their Parents**

May 2025

Saturday, May 3

9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. [Final Youth Group: Kings Dominion Trip](#)

Sunday, May 4

9:00 a.m. [Choristers sing in Palmer Hall](#)

10:10-11:00 a.m. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)

Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14

[Youth Bible study, Room 4](#)

9:00 and 11:15 a.m. [High School Senior Recognition \(time, service TBA\)](#)

Sunday, May 11

9:00 a.m. [Chorister Recognition in main church](#)

10:10-11:00 a.m. **Last Sunday morning formation**

[Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#)

Many Parents, One Vine, Room 14

[Youth Bible study, Room 4](#)

Wednesday, May 14

5:00-7:00 p.m. [End-of-year chorister picnic](#)

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Last Palmer Hall of the program year

9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. No Sunday Morning Formation

Bishop's visit with Confirmation for youth and adults in the Main Church

Sunday, May 25

8:00 a.m., 10 a.m., 5:30 p.m., Summer worship schedule begins

8:00 p.m. No Palmer Hall service

No Sunday Morning Formation

June 2025

**Youth Mission Outreach
Opportunity Domestic or
Local (June or July)**

**Vacation Bible School
TBD**

July 2025

**Youth Mission Outreach
Opportunity Domestic or
Local (June or July)**

**Vacation Bible School
TBD**

August 2025
