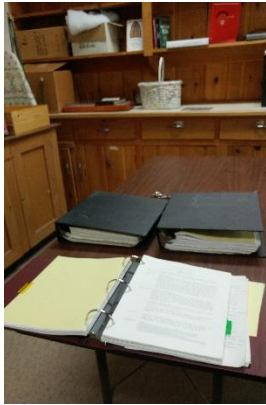


Secretarial Report – submitted by Maryanne Lovell

Once the weather improves, I hope to catchup with all I have learned in my first year as Secretary and move forward with existing duties and take on more so that I can be a bigger assist in our church office. Thank you, everyone, for all you each do for St. Stephen's and for our community.

We've begun a recycling program for our office, kitchen and preschool. We hope this year to phase out the purchase and use of polystyrofoam coffee cups.



Additional volunteers are always welcome and many projects take a minimum of time, but really are so very helpful, so please speak up and let us know what volunteer opportunities you would like to try. Mike Durgan has stepped in to help with the vast amounts of historic paperwork, some of it valuable and some of it simply overdue for recycling. He is filling a much needed role of archivist, finding the gems in our various storage places and organizing them. This is a much needed ministry and we are very grateful to Mike, for it is a huge job much neglected.



Coffee hours and altar flowers are made possible through loving volunteers and your donations. Please sign up on the sheets provided on the table in the Parish Hall.

Sunday School Report - submitted by Beth Bigelow

Sunday school at Saint Stephens began in the month of September. Approximately seven children attend our Sunday school. Classes are held on the first Sunday of the month and are being taught by Beth Bigelow, Jessica Anderson, Karen Zimmer, Terry McQuisten, Heather Palmer Johnson, and Lexie Johnson.

It was decided to use the new curriculum entitled "Kids Sunday School Place". This offers creative Children's Ministry resources for Grade school and Preschool.

Once again, the annual pumpkin and house auction. The events will be donated basket program. We support for our



Sunday School held their Christmas gingerbread money raised from these to our church's bountiful appreciate our members children's auction.

Music Report – submitted by Hannah Violette

The music of St. Stephen's remains a strong and vital ministry. If you come early enough on a Sunday morning - "early enough" being 8:45 - you can hear beautiful piano music to accompany your personal contemplation and preparation for worship. With choir numbers dwindling, and a variety of personal scheduling conflicts, it was decided to use the choir in an "occasional" capacity, with rehearsals being scheduled to fit the pre-selected presentation dates, rather than having an ongoing rehearsal schedule. This change was welcomed by all. Choir remains open to anyone who wishes to participate; please contact Hannah at hannahv1204@charter.net or (541)403-4618 for more information.

St. Stephen's Preschool PreK - submitted by Karen Zimmer



The 2016-2017 school year is the second year St. Stephen's has offered preschool. Our hours are from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We charge \$75 a month and have nine students enrolled. We comply with Oregon immunization policies via the Baker County Health Department. We are a recorded program with ODE for two years and must go through this process again for the 2017-18 year. We have had the good fortune to have enough wonderful volunteers (who have background checks) to keep the program running smoothly.



Newsletter Report – submitted by Charlene Chase

Thank you to all who provided articles, photos, and information for the newsletter these past several years. I have appreciated your support and kind words. Because of a pending situation in my family resulting in my being out of town for an extended period of time, Aletha has graciously agreed to take over the newsletter until further notice. Please continue to provide submissions to the monthly newsletter in a timely manner so this task does not cause too much of a burden for her.

