

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Charleston, SC

"A House of Prayer for All People"



Parish Profile

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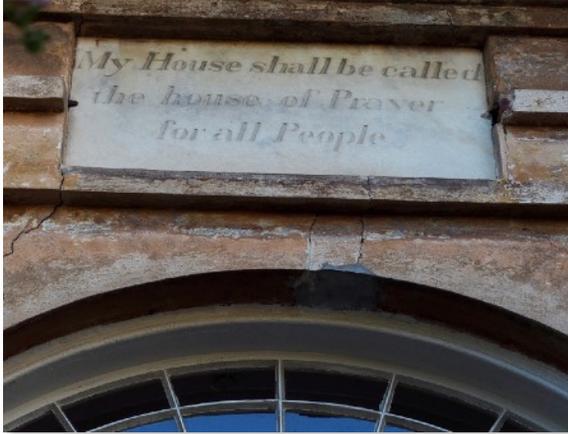


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INTRODUCTION

"I love the intimacy of St. Stephen's. I love that it's all-accepting and that it feels like family." - comment from a Parishioner.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC is searching for a new Rector to lead our parish to an exciting future. St. Stephen's is a warm and welcoming church with an interesting history from its beginnings as a sanctuary for all people, regardless of position in society - a tradition that continues to this day. Above our entrance is an inscription from Isaiah 56:7, "My House shall be called the house of Prayer for all People." The members of St. Stephen's embrace these words and their spirit of welcome and inclusiveness. In our search for a new Rector, St. Stephen's seeks to preserve our identity while embracing new opportunities to extend God's love through the

teachings of Jesus Christ to those in need in the greater community. This parish profile has been created to describe who we are, our history, current status, and the proposed future of our church.

CONGREGATION

"I have an impression that in this Church, St. Stephen's, there is truly a presence of God here and that is shown through the love of each individual there. The way we worship, the way we pray together, and the way we see each other's lives." - comment from a Parishioner.

Who We Are

For more than 190 years, St. Stephen's has been a beacon of integration, acceptance and diversity. Our church is inclusive and welcoming with a congregation that is diverse with respect to age, marital status, race, and sexual preference. St. Stephen's is an oasis of calm and spirituality. It provides simplicity of worship that's rich with traditional liturgy, soaring music, and lively fellowship.

St. Stephen's mission statement is posted on a plaque outside the church and may best summarize how our members feel about their Church.



"To be a mission-oriented, integrated church in which Lay and Clergy alike give of their time, talent and treasure to enable us to be a Community of Christ, Community of Caring, [and] Community of Inclusion."

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If asked how to best describe St. Stephen's, however, most members would likely simply paraphrase Isaiah and say, "St. Stephen's is a House of Prayer for All People."

Overall, St. Stephen's offers a dynamic, caring congregation that expects strong leadership dedicated to the liturgical and music traditions of the congregation. It has a keen awareness of the challenges it faces and strives to meet them as it grows and matures.

PARISH LIFE

"What brought us to St. Stephen's and the reason we love it so much is the welcome we received on our very first day. We had visited many Episcopal churches in Charleston and liked them but not nearly as much as St. Stephen's which was very warm and inviting and we felt it from the very first day." - comment from a Parishioner.

It is often said by visitors that they have experienced a feeling of warmth and welcome at St. Stephen's such as they have not often felt at other churches. Being a relatively small parish, St. Stephen's is a place where the members know each other well, and the various aspects of Parish Life provide opportunities for building the bonds of community and fellowship across our membership.



At St. Stephen's there are many occasions to participate in parish life, and perhaps the first and most loved is our Tea Time, which follows the 11:00 am worship service most Sundays. Tea Time is hosted by different volunteers each week, who provide an assortment of sweet and savory treats, in addition to tea, coffee and lemonade. Hosts can be individuals, couples,

groups of friends or committees. Tea Time provides an important opportunity for socializing within the parish, as well as introducing new members and guests to the St. Stephen's family.

Another popular Parish Life activity at St. Stephen's is Foyer Groups. These are small dinner groups of church members, formed each year, that meet monthly or on another schedule determined by the group. Each group can do whatever it likes, and there are no strict rules to follow. Participants

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always say how much they love this type of fellowship, and that meeting regularly over the duration of a year provides the opportunity to get to know each other more in depth.



Another activity enjoyed by the Ladies of St. Stephen's is a monthly Potluck Supper.. These are held on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday night, ten months of each year, in the homes of parish members who volunteer to serve as hostess. The hostess provides the location, and usually a main dish, with everyone else bringing an appetizer, side dish, salad or desert. Potluck Supper Tuesdays are always highly anticipated and well attended.

Every October close to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of the Animals is held in the garden of St. Stephen's. Animals of all kinds are welcome, which in years past have included not only dogs and cats, but several horses, a goat, birds, and much loved stuffed animal "pets" also! Photos of beloved pets no longer with us receive blessings as well. Friends and neighbors of St. Stephen's are invited, and everyone joins the choir in singing "All Creatures Great and Small". Refreshments for pets and their humans are served, the animals receive priestly blessings and St. Francis medals for their collars, and a good time is had by all!



The Welcome and New Member Committee is an integral part of the church, promoting the development of a healthy parish life as it welcomes visitors and helps integrate new members into the life of the parish. The committee members set up Welcome Tables at the front gate entrance before the Sunday 11:00 a.m. service to greet members and newcomers alike. Welcome Gift bags are given to visitors, and all visitors who fill out a Pew Information Card receive a hand written welcome note from a member of the committee. New Member Receptions are held at least every six months for all new members and they are given a

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gift of a personalized name tag from the Parish. This committee has also introduced the Shepherd Ministry, in which an individual or couple is assigned to each new member to act as their Shepherd and assist them in becoming comfortable in their new parish.

WORSHIP

"Coming to church each Sunday is truly my inspiration for the week. Its the chance to really kind of experience the holy spirit alive and well through the parishioners, the love, the camaraderie, the spirituality - its just home. It truly is a church for all people." - comment from a Parishioner

Services

Holy Eucharist services are normally held three times each weekend. The Saturday evening service at 6:00 p.m. is an intimate and more casual service with limited music, often accompanied by a parishioner on guitar. The sermons are provided by lay preachers



Exchanging the Peace

and there is a wine and cheese social gathering afterward. On Sundays there is an 8:00 a.m. service with no music for the early risers. The best attended service of the weekend is at 11:00 a.m. complete with choir, organ, piano, and frequent guest musicians. Average weekend attendance for all services is 144 worshippers.

Worship services are supported by Altar and Flower Guilds, Usher Teams, Lectors, Lay Readers, and Intercessors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and a Healing Prayer Ministry.

Saturday:

6:00 p.m. evening service.

A more casual service with lay preachers and limited music.

Refreshments served following service.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist service. Rite II with sermon (no music).

11:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist service. Choir, Organ and Sermon
Sunday School 1st and 3rd Sunday
Nursery Available every Sunday
Tea Time social gathering following service on most Sundays.



Music

St. Stephen's is very proud of our music program. We have an excellent Organist/Music Director, Wayne Helmly, and choir who enhance the worship experience for the 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist worship service. The St. Stephen's Choir and Blues Ensemble offered a blues evensong during Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's visit to Charleston in April of 2016. An enthusiastic Bishop Curry literally stopped the service to praise the choir and musicians, telling the congregation that this was the music he wanted at his funeral. In an extraordinary gesture, Bishop Curry broke out of the concluding recession, climbed into the choir loft, and personally thanked the musicians along with our organist/choirmaster.

At St. Stephen's, the most important musical voice in our corporate worship is the congregation. We are a singing congregation. All of our music offerings strive to enhance our prayers, especially the sung prayer of those assembled at "The House of Prayer for all People." Our music is firmly grounded in the shared song of all of God's people gathered, and we strive to honor our heritage and look to the future.

Frequently used words to describe music at St. Stephen's are "eclectic," "moving," and "catholic". Our embrace of

diversity is evident in our musical selections. A typical Sunday service might involve singing a traditional hymn from our rich Anglican musical heritage, a contemporary praise song, a plain or Anglican chanted psalm, traditional American choral music, rocking African-American gospel music, meditative piano music leading us into the Eucharist, and listening to Widor's "Toccata" from his Fifth Organ Symphony played as a postlude by our organist-choirmaster.

The cornerstone of our music is the 25+ member St. Stephen's Choir. Singers of all sorts, from professionals to those who sing mostly in the shower, fill our ranks. In addition to choral evensongs, like the one for our Presiding Bishop, they lead an annual Christmas Lessons and Carols service, and served as the choir for the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina's LGBT: On the Side of History program in 2015, which featured compositions of LGBT composers.

At our weekly Saturday at Six Eucharist, guitarists and vocalists frequently provide music for worship. This is a more quiet, meditative service than our 11 a.m. Eucharist, perfect for music from the Taizé tradition.

In addition to our choir, we are fortunate to have some of the finest musicians in the Charleston area as frequent guest vocal and instrumental soloists. We have our own string-quartet-in-residence comprised of Charleston Symphony musicians. Our many recurring guests have become



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a part of our extended parish family. They return again and again because of the warm hospitality of our people and the exceptional acoustics of our church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"St. Stephen's is a church for all people, straight, gay, black, white. It's a wonderful accepting, loving church." - comment from a Parishioner.

- Sunday school classes for children grades K - 5 are offered during the 11 a.m. Service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month
- A Nursery is available every Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study is a time for prayer, lessons for the upcoming Sunday and sharing general spiritual concerns of the parish
- Wednesday Noonday Biblical Lecture is a lecture series about the Bible from a scholarly perspective.
- Rector's Confirmation Preparation Classes



MISSION

St. Stephen's has been a long time faithful supporter of various community and faith based organizations in the world outside of our parish. Our Mission Committee's purpose is to share our congregation's strong belief in assisting organizations that help others help themselves, as well as those that provide comfort and safety to many who desperately need it. Some of our current and former mission partners include:

- Summer camps and college preparation for youth in need
- Volunteer/financial support for:
 - The Association for the Blind - Refocus Program
 - Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy
 - Magdalene House of Charleston
 - One Eighty Place
 - Charleston Area Senior Citizens
 - Florence Crittenton Programs
 - Province IV Kanuga HIV/AIDS Retreat
 - Hollings Cancer Center



Charleston Gay Pride Parade

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- Star Gospel Mission
- Water Missions International
- The Global Episcopal Relief and Development organization.

Other activities enthusiastically supported by the congregation include:



- Annual Charleston Pride Festival: full participation, community outreach and Christian education.
- Our annual St. Stephen's Barbecue combined with a silent auction is held in the churchyard each spring to raise money for mission activities supporting children.
- We have recently begun a partnership with a local elementary school that is located a mile from St. Stephens, in an economically underprivileged section of town. Our goals are to provide assistance through volunteering as Reading Partners and Lunch Buddies to 5th graders and to support teachers in their classroom activities.

RESOURCES

Staff

In addition to our Interim Rector, Father William Coyne, our staff consists of a full time Administrator, Amanda Rucker; a Verger, Anne Marie Doyon; a Music and Choir Director, Wayne Helmly; and two Nursery Assistants.

Vestry

St. Stephen's has a twelve member vestry elected for three year terms. Four members are rotated off each year and four new members are elected at our annual parish meeting. Vestry members serve on or chair various church committees. Our Senior and Junior Wardens are elected each year by the vestry at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting. We also have a Treasurer who is a non-voting member of the vestry.



Church Administrator, Amanda Rucker (left), and Verger, Anne Marie Doyon. (right)

Finances

From 2012 through 2014 St. Stephen's experienced a 16% increase in giving. Expectations for the future were very positive. Then in 2015, the year our previous Rector retired, the church lost several of its major supporters and we experienced an 11% decrease in giving. In 2016 we are on a financial track that show revenues increasing but still below the level of 2014. Our 2017 forecast expects this growth to continue, reaching 95% of the actual revenues for 2014. In addition, the church has improved its cash flow by paying off its outstanding mortgage on both the Rectory and a loan for a handicap ramp.

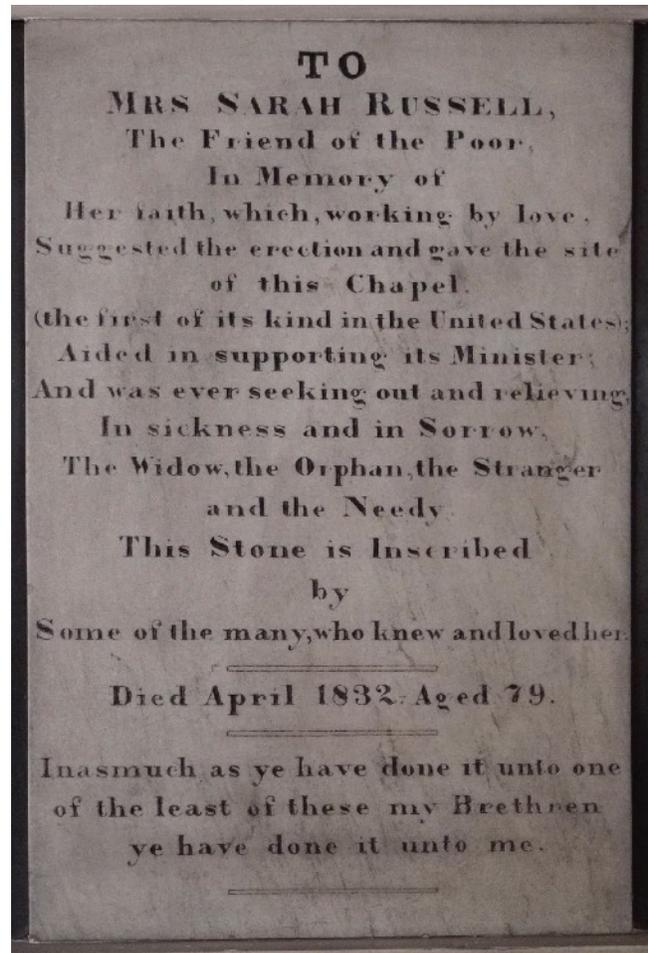
The church has experienced an increase in new membership for the past two years. We attribute this to a very active Welcome Committee formed in 2015. Members of the committee staff a welcome table in front of the Church before our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service. Guests are offered name tags, given welcome bags and each new worshiper receives a handwritten note within days of their visit. All are invited to the after-service Tea Time where they are made to feel welcome by all our parishioners. In 2015 there were 17 Episcopalians who transferred to St Stephen's. In the first six months of 2016, there have been 18 Episcopalians who transferred their membership to St Stephen's and three individuals from other denominations who joined for a total of 21 new members. Our expectation is that the membership of the church will continue to grow, creating an increase in pledges over the next several years.

HISTORY

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church holds a unique place in the history of the American Episcopal Church as the first place of worship in the country where pews were not rented or sold, but free to all comers. The congregation, organized in 1822 under the auspices of the Charleston Female Domestic Missionary Society, met for the first two years in a rented room. In 1824, a small church was erected on Guignard Street. That building burned in the great fire of 1835, and a year later, the present structure on Anson Street was erected, being consecrated on November 24, 1836.

The Three Sarahs

Sarah Hopton Russell, wife of Nathaniel Russell, one of Charleston's richest merchants, was instrumental in the establishment of St. Stephen's. An early advocate for the underprivileged, she helped organize the Ladies' Benevolent Society,



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which provided home health care to the poor, and she led the Charleston Female Domestic Missionary Society. It was she who donated the church's property on Guignard Street, and she worked tirelessly for the church.

Her daughter, Sarah, who married Theodore Dehon, second Bishop of South Carolina, worked with her mother in supporting St. Stephen's, continuing with this work after her mother's death in 1832. Also active in the Charleston Female Domestic Missionary Society and involved with St. Stephen's was Sarah Rutledge, daughter of Edward Rutledge, signer of the Declaration of Independence and Governor of South Carolina. She founded a Church Home for the education of destitute girls, and proceeds from her cookbook, *The Carolina Housewife*, went to St. Stephen's and the poor of the city. Known as "The Three Sarahs," these women are memorialized on marble tablets that hang on the north wall of the present church building. As women dedicated to philanthropy and religious education for all, they insisted that no one would be turned away from St. Stephen's, regardless of race or condition or position. Sarah Russell's tablet reads, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Early records indicate that the congregation was an integrated mix of whites and African Americans, both free men and slaves.

Modern History

In 1923, an African American Methodist minister and his congregation joined the Episcopal Church and were given St. Stephen's as their place of worship where they continued to worship for the next 65 years. In 1987, the congregation agreed to open its doors to whites as well as African Americans. The Biblical phrase that adorns the church doorway, "My house shall be called the house of prayer for all people," came alive as the congregation re-integrated.

Much of the responsibility of the church's work was put into the hands of lay people. A mission orientation was established which emphasized social justice, reconciliation and local, national and international outreach. In 1993, when priest-in-charge Reverend Alanson B. Houghton retired, the mission of St. Stephen's was continued under the direction of four retired or non-parochial priests comprising a Clergy Committee that led the church until 1996 when an interim Vicar was appointed by the Bishop.



Since its early days, St. Stephen's has been dedicated to serving the community. Besides a place of worship, it has housed on its property an orphanage, library, mission, parochial school, and kindergarten. Caring about and assisting others within the church and well beyond remain important to the congregation.

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In 1892, the Reverend George Frederic Degen, City Missionary and priest at St. Stephen's, wrote of the church, "***The poor will be always welcome, and so will the rich, for St. Stephen's will know no distinction of persons. All are welcome who come not to criticize but to worship God.***" This tradition of warm, open, and accepting hospitality continues today.

PARISH FUTURE

A number of questions in our parish survey (described in more detail in the Appendix) were designed to answer the key questions, "Where do we want to go from here?" and "What characteristics do we seek in a new Rector." The following charts summarize the answers to these questions and provide focus as we begin our search for a new Rector:

Top Three Priorities for the Future

- Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
- Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life.
- Expand outreach ministries that provide direct support to those living on the margins of society.

Critical Abilities for Our Next Rector

- Preaching - Capacity to inspire and connect people to God's word.
- Strategic Leadership - Capacity to cast a vision and lead the Church toward realization of the vision.
- Pastoral Care - Capacity to engage people empathetically and care for persons in times of need.
- Change Management - Capacity to lead a church through a significant and necessary period of change.

Challenges

Although growing our youth programs has been a priority for several years, we are challenged by the shortage of classrooms and room to expand. Several families have joined our Parish only to move their membership to Grace Church Cathedral with its larger congregation, facilities, and thriving youth program. We would like fresh ideas for attracting and retaining young families.

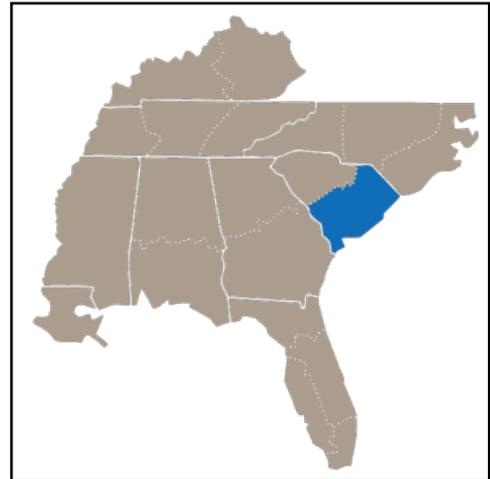
The parking in the Ansonborough neighborhood, where St. Stephen's is located, requires residential parking permits for parking longer than one hour. On Sundays the parking is not enforced until one o'clock, so Sunday services are not impacted, although nearby parking is limited. Activities lasting longer than an hour during the week, however, run the risk of participants receiving tickets. At present we have out an agreement with parking enforcement. A weekly schedule of church meetings and activities is sent to the city and tickets are not issued during these times. As residents of the neighborhood our Rector and family receive neighborhood parking permits.

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Our pledge income is on the rise but is still below that needed to fund a full time rector. We are optimistic that our congregation will rise to the challenge and are exploring other options for improving our financial health. The fall pledge campaign is underway and we will know the extent of its success by the end of the year.

OUR DIOCESE

Our diocese, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, encompasses 24 counties in the eastern portion of the state. After the split in the diocese in 2012, The Right Reverend Charles G. vonRosenberg, retired bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee was appointed as bishop provisional. Our diocese now includes 31 parishes, missions, and worshipping communities that have worked together over the last four years to find alternative worship locations and form mission churches where necessary. We are proud of the hard work and progress in rebuilding the diocese as The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and are hopeful that, in time, we might achieve reconciliation with our former members. In September 2016, Bishop vonRosenberg re-retired and The Right Reverend Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams III was elected and installed as our next bishop provisional. For more information about our diocese, please visit www.episcopalchurchsc.org.



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ST. STEPHEN'S CAMPUS AND BUILDINGS

"It's a joyful church." - comment from a Parishioner.



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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has been placed on the National Registry of Historical Places by the United States Department of Interior.

There are three buildings on the St. Stephen's campus: The sanctuary located at 67 Anson Street that was built in 1836; the Office, built in 1990; and 54 Society Street, the Rectory, built in 1840. An extension behind the Rectory is used for Sunday School and additional offices. In addition, the campus includes a memorial garden and columbarium, which was installed in 2013.

The sanctuary has a capacity of 250 people, including the balconies. In addition to the sacristy and a bathroom on the ground floor, there is a choir loft with organ and piano upstairs. A handicap accessible door and ramp are available on the north side of the church. The sanctuary was damaged by Hurricane Hugo in 1989, and repair/restoration included the addition of a large arched window in the chancel that overlooks the garden in the rear of the churchyard. As the church was "free" when built, there were no pews original to the sanctuary. The current pews downstairs were donated sometime in the 1870's by another Episcopal church that was being renovated.

The Office was configured for rector and administrator office and meeting space. It also houses the robing room for choir and service participants.

54 Society Street was obtained by the church in 1997 and provides our Rector and family comfortable accommodations in the heart of the desirable Ansonborough neighborhood. This property abuts the church property located around the corner, forming an "L" shaped campus. The house is three-stories, with an attached two-story dependency on the rear. The Rectory occupies approximately 2215 sq. ft. on the second and third floors and includes a kitchen, living area, three bedrooms, and three and a half bathrooms. The ground floor and its kitchen serve as our Parish Hall, known as Stephen's Hall, and is used today for Sunday Tea Times, Women's Bible Study and other church gatherings. The Sunday School and nursery are located on the ground floor of the dependency, and the second floor houses office space for our verger, as well as storage for records,



St. Stephen's Rectory
54 Society Street

Altar and Flower Guilds, and other ministries.

CHARLESTON



In 2016 Travel and Leisure magazine rated Charleston the number 1 travel destination in the world. This follows the designation of Charleston as the *Number 1 City in the US* for 4 years in a row (2010-2014) by readers of Conde Nast Traveler magazine. What locals know is that Charleston isn't just a great place to visit, it's a wonderful place to call home. Charleston is a city steeped in history with roots stretching back to birth of our country. A walk through the historic district will bring you near to homes and buildings dating back to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Pass by buildings designed by well-known Charlestonians, E.B. White and Robert Mills, designer of the Washington Monument. Known as the "Holy City," our church spires and steeples soar to the heavens, an unblemished skyline.

Charleston is a city that loves the arts, with two fantastic Art Museums and literally hundreds of galleries. 2016 marked the 40th year of our very own Spoleto Festival USA, an annual 17 day visual & performing arts festival that brings Charleston alive with music, theater, and dance in May and June. Charleston boasts the largest residential orchestra in the state as well as several music venues that bring well-known performers to Charleston regularly.

In March Charleston hosts the Annual BB&T Wine & Food Festival when the most famous chefs from around the world come to Charleston and make it their home-away-from-home for the weekend. Charleston features many renowned restaurants that take advantage of the ample available local produce and seafood available from our farmers and fishermen. After dinner you can stroll along the cobblestone streets admiring the sunset over the beautiful harbor from one of the many parks within walking distance of St. Stephen's church.

While the quaint cobblestone streets are appealing, nothing can compare to the ancient beauty of the oldest living thing east of the Mississippi River - the Angel Oak. This massive oak tree has grown for more than 500 years on Johns Island, one of our many Sea Islands. The Sea Islands are

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places of great natural beauty and make fun getaways for family picnics and canoe or kayaks trips. A quick drive will bring you to the Francis Marion National Forest and the ACE Basin- a great place for hiking and birdwatching.

The climate in Charleston is suited for year-round outdoor activity; while we do have hot summers we often enjoy very mild winters. Where else can you swim in the ocean in November and December? Charleston has some beautiful beaches both for families and watersports enthusiasts. One of the best surf spots on the East Coast is Folly Beach, a staple for local surfers. If you prefer a more casual, family beach, Sullivan's Island or Beachwalker County Park are great spots.



Angel Oak on nearby John's Island

Charleston has great neighborhoods, on and off the peninsula, with wonderful playgrounds and parks. The downtown area is a true community with restaurants, shops, grocery stores, and schools all within walking or biking distance. We have several renowned charter schools including Charleston County School of the Arts, ranked number two in the state and Charleston County Academic Magnet High School, rated number one in the state & number eight in the US, according to US News and World Report.

All of these things make Charleston a wonderful city but the people are what really make Charleston special. Why do so many Snowbirds and Buckeyes move to Charleston...the same reason that many Charlestonians never leave. We are a great city because of the people who live here...kind and gracious...thoughtful and considerate...understanding and forgiving. The kind of place where people still open the door for you, where strangers say "Good Morning." The kind of place where ALL people come together to worship. When tragedy struck Charleston on June 17, 2015 and nine people at prayer in Emmanuel AME Church were struck down, the victims' families responded with forgiveness - a nearly unheard-of response to a mass tragedy in today's times. The Charleston community responded not by rioting but with a Unity Chain of 15,000 people spanning the Charleston Harbor. Charleston is truly a special place, a magical place, a great place to live, a great place to raise a family, a great place to retire, a great place to call home.

CONCLUSION

"The main reason that I came to St. Stephen's was that the sign above the door says a church for all people and I found out very quickly that that sign is not just a sign but is the true meaning of the church." - comment from a Parishioner.

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St. Stephen's is a welcoming and inclusive parish in the heart of the beautiful and historic city of Charleston, SC. Just as Bishop Curry is encouraging all Episcopalians to grow in the direction of God's Dream – we at St. Stephen's are embracing the mission and vision of being a 21st century incarnation of a House of Prayer for All People. And in this parish, "all" means "all". We believe God's love embraces all persons equally, no matter their gender, race, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, or religious background.

We will welcome you when you come to be with us – and we will search for you in Charleston, the Lowcountry and wherever you are...because that is what Jesus is doing.

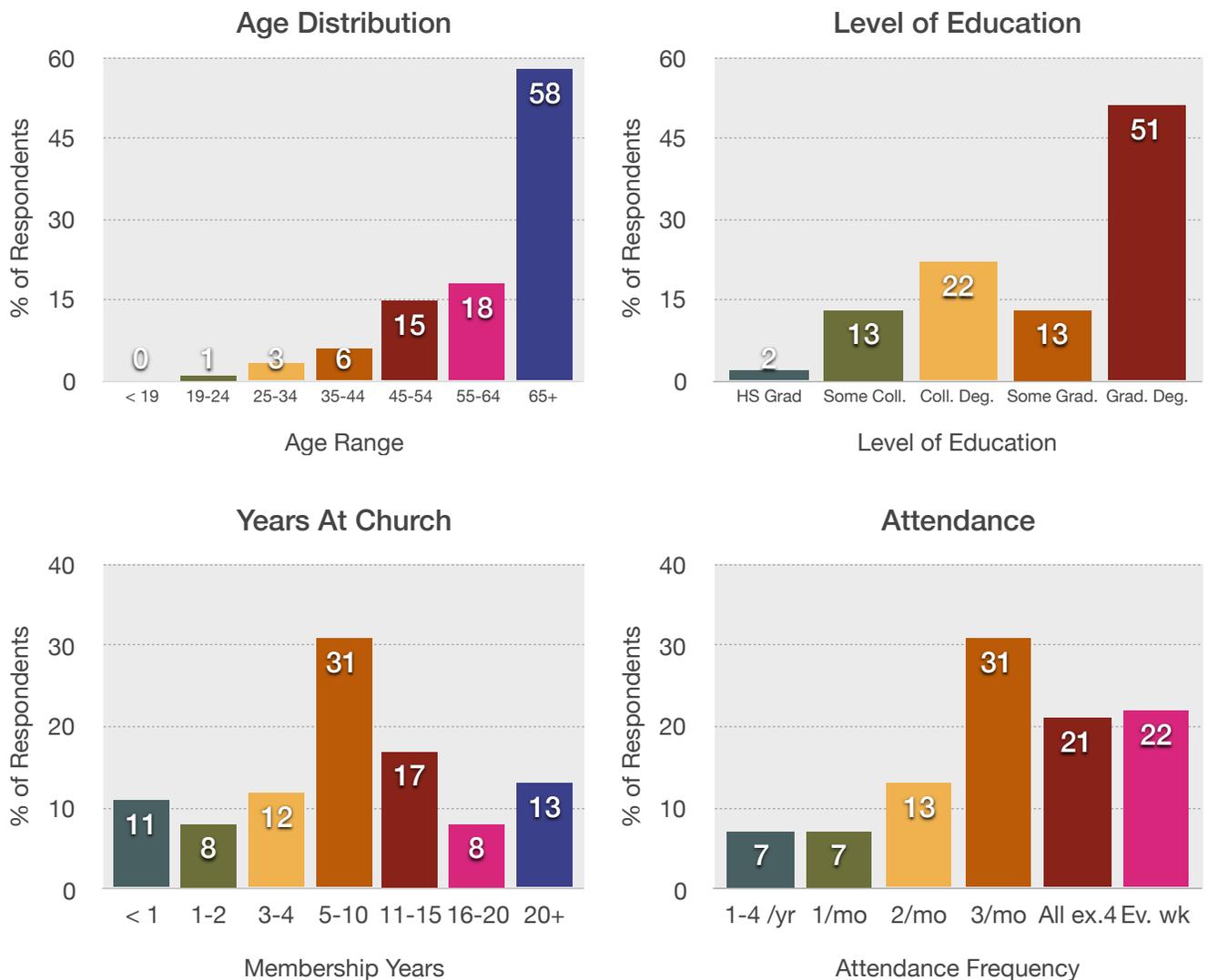
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Survey Results

In preparation for this document and our upcoming search for a new Rector, the Vestry hired Holy Cow! Consulting to conduct a parish survey. A list of 266 active members and communicants was identified to participate in the survey which took place over a three week period in May, 2016. The surveys were conducted on-line and with paper forms for those who requested them.

There were 165 returned surveys for a response rate of 62% or 115% of our average weekend church attendance. This was considered a very good response rate by Holy Cow! Consulting who provided a detailed analysis of the results. Overall the results were very positive with no identified aspect of the church in need of urgent action.

One of our goals for the survey was to better understand who we are as a parish. The following demographic information based on the survey responses provide an overview of our congregation:



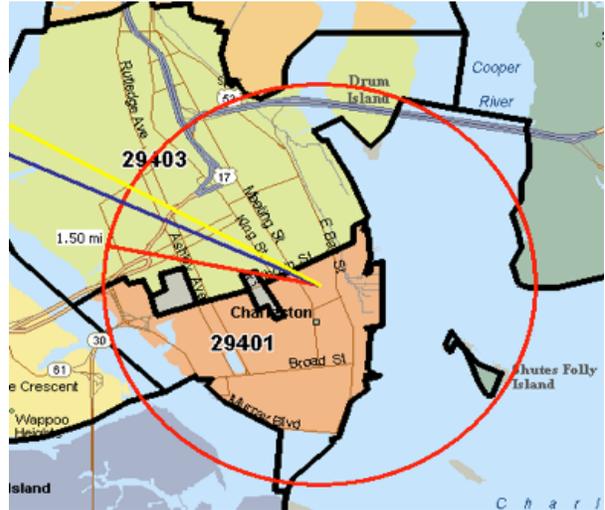
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Where We Live

The Parishioners of St. Stephen's Episcopal church live in 29 Zip Codes that comprise the city of Charleston and surrounding communities. The Parishioners live within a 34 mile radius of St Stephens, however the vast majority of Parishioners live a great deal closer to the church as can be seen below:



Where we live.



33% of Parishioners live within 1.5 miles of St Stevens.



48% of Parishioners live within six miles of St. Stephen's.



86% of Parishioners live within an 11 mile radius of St. Stephen's.