

Upcoming JANUARY Events: Mark your calendar today!

Pre-Annual Meeting Budget Conversations!

St Stephen's parishioners are heartily encouraged to come to any one of these 3 opportunities to sit with the Treasurers and Rector and talk about the budget for 2017. Come walk through the details so we are ready for Annual Meeting (Feb 12).

Conversations will be held following the 8am service on Jan 8th, and following the 10am service on Jan 22 & 29. We plan to meet in the Sears room, but will announce the location each morning. **Join Us!**

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Let's warm up the winter with a Chili CookOff!

Wednesday, Jan 25, @ 6 pm, in the Dining Room.

Yes, there will be Fabulous Cash & Prizes, as we offer our brightest and best chili concoctions for an evening of fun!

- Will the winner be from Zion or St Stephen's?
- What varieties will appear? Chicken? Veggie? Texas? The sky is the limit!
- How's about that cornbread?
- Wait till you see the TROPHY!!!

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Chemo Pilgrim, An 18 Week Journey of Healing and Holiness

Many of you have heard me refer to the book I've been writing, since I had non-Hodgkins lymphoma in 2012 (a year before I came to St Stephen's). Well, the book, Chemo Pilgrim, will finally be published on February 14th, 2017! As a first-time author, it's exciting and terrifying, all at once. I'll gladly donate a few copies to the church library, or it is available for pre-order on both the publisher's website (<https://www.churchpublishing.org/chemopilgrim>) or from Amazon. I am also hoping to make it available as an Audible book as well. "Book Launch" events are planned for Burlington, VT, New London, NH, and nearby at The Bookstore, in Lenox.

Perhaps, if there's interest, I can set an evening aside in early March, to answer questions or just talk about my experience going on pilgrimages while I was undergoing chemo. In any event, I am glad of your prayers at this exciting time.

~~Cricket