

June 14, 2024

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SERVICES

SUN 7:45 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I
SUN 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II
Live streamed on YouTube
TUE 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I and
Healing Service in St. Alban's Chapel

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

The Office Is CLOSED On June 19th
Clearfork Learning Camp – July 8th – 12th

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

- Sunday · Coffee, Treats, Fellowship
Parish Hall – Post 7:45 AM Service
- Sunday · Lemonade in the Grove
After the 10:00 AM Service
- Tuesday · Bible Study
Pollard Room 10:00 AM
- Wednesday · Men's Group
Pollard Room 8:30 AM
- Thursday · Contemplative Prayer
Via Zoom 4:00 PM

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

The **Tuesday Bible Study** is continuing the study of Ephesians. Anyone can join anytime...Tuesdays, 10am in the Library.



SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT - OAK RIDGE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

St. Stephen's, along with all community churches, are invited to join the Oak Ridge Juneteenth Freedom Day Festival this Saturday, June 15 from noon to 6. The festival is sponsored by Oak Valley Baptist Church and will be held at the Old Scarborough School on Hampton Road (near Oak Valley Baptist). There will be activities for kids, live Gospel and R&B music, and occasional presentations by various speakers. Please come and celebrate with our neighbors as we commemorate this pivotal day in American history.



Blessing Box Requested Items

This week's requested items are: **cleaning supplies.**

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SERVICE TIME CHANGES!!

The Vestry has been looking at a proposal from Fr. Bailey and results from the Envisioning Committee survey to alter our service times to 8 and 10:30 with Christian formation happening between the services. We want to give a couple of more weeks of conversation with parishioners about this change before we enact this change. If there are no major objections, we will look at making this change sometime in July. Please do not hesitate to reach out to him at rector@ststephensor.org or his cell 865-323-1417 if you would like to ask questions, offer input, etc.



June's Loose Offering Recipient is: The Blossom Center

The Blossom Center is a nonprofit organization that provides working families childcare that is affordable, safe, and academically oriented. They are the only center whose hours are from 5 AM to 6 PM, enabling many low-income parents to work. They are located at the previous site of Royce Baptist Church on Robertsville Road across from Willowbrook School.



The Priest is In

Have a question you have always wanted to ask? Is something on your heart? Good news, the priest is in! This Sunday will mark the beginning of a fun, new project in which, once a month, one of your priests will be available for coffee, conversation, and questions during St. Stephen's coffee hour following the 10am service. Perhaps there is a point of theology or Scripture about which you have always wondered, or perhaps you are curious about the men behind the collar. Well, this will be your opportunity to ask! For this session of The Priest is In on Trinity Sunday, Father Ashton will be in attendance.



Clearfork Camp

The Clearfork Camp Committee is busy preparing for the 2024 camp, July 8-12. Our theme this year is Stewardship. One of the days our focus is stewardship of the environment. We plan to do crafts with empty plastic water and soda bottles of all sizes and ask for your donations. Please leave the bottles in the Clearfork box on the floor of the Mailroom, across from the Nursery. We are also asking for donations of healthy snacks, for example, peanut butter crackers, beef jerky, fruit roll ups and other fruity snacks, etc. And, as always, we need volunteers to help with activities and supervision. For more information, contact Cameron Ellis, 865-414-7542 or r.c.ellis@comcast.net



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NEXT PARISH POTLUCK WILL BE JUNE 23rd! THAT'S NEXT WEEK!

Mark your calendars...our next monthly Parish Potluck will be on June 23rd after the 10:00 service and will have a Tex-Mex theme. Please bring the fixings for a Taco Bar, an enchilada casserole, rice, beans, or any of your favorite sides. In order to have enough food for everyone, double what you would need to feed your own family!

Parish Life will provide the beverages, paper goods and silverware. Please plan to join your parish family as we share a meal together.



As American As... Pie! Returns In July!

Pie bakers, break out those recipes and get ready for the second "As American As... Pie" event on July 7th. Last year we had 17 bakers, and we would like to have even more. Contact Parish Life Chair Leah Bailey (lbailey667@comcast.net) to volunteer to make a pie.



Hospitality

Beginning in June, Beth Bailey will be assuming the leadership of the hospitality ministry and coordinating our volunteers. We want to extend our thanks to Barbara Steele who has been heading up this ministry for the last five years. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Beth Bailey. Her email is baileydb1@comcast.net



Our exceptional **Sherry Burchfield** has decided to step down from her role as Christian Education Director at the end of this school year. In this role for the past four years, Sherry has been a devoted advocate and servant for our youngest parishioners and their families. Her generous contributions yielded positive impacts that will, quite literally, last a lifetime. Thank you so very much, Sherry, we sincerely appreciate you!



Do you have news for an upcoming issue of The St. Stephens's Messenger (e-News)?

Please send fully edited articles with all pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s), and contact information, to editor@ststephensor.org by **NOON** on Wednesday. *Content for The Messenger is determined in consultation with clergy and staff.*