



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt and lives are changed!

May 28, 2021

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday, May 30, 2021 is **TRINITY SUNDAY**, and we will have two services of **HOLY EUCHARIST**.

The 9 A.M. livestream/indoor worship will be in the Nave, and the outdoor worship will be at 11:00 A.M. in the Grove.



Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year and celebrates "the one and equal glory" of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, "in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being".

NEXT WEEK: The outdoor service moves to 9 a.m., and the indoor/livestream service will be at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

We look forward to seeing you on our Sunday Evening **Social Hour at 5 p.m.**

[Join Sunday Social Hour](#)

Zoom Credentials:

Meeting ID: 829 7991 8885
Passcode: 799322



MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 31, 2021 in recognition of Memorial Day.



PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

Marcia & Tim Illingworth
Brenda Irwin
Horia & Shafik Iskander
Anne Parks Johnson
Happy & Ed Johnson

Please include these people in your prayers.

CHANGES COMING IN JUNE!

Starting **Sunday, June 6, 2021**, there will be two important changes regarding restrictions for the Sunday services:

OUTDOOR SERVICE CHANGES

A new time: The outdoor service will move to the kinder, cooler 9 a.m. hour. **IF you are vaccinated, masks will be optional.** Please keep in mind that a number of people will still prefer wearing their masks, so please continue to maintain distancing while outside.

INDOOR SERVICE CHANGES

Reservations will no longer be required to attend the indoor worship! In other words, beginning June 6th, you can simply show up for indoor church! **BUT, for the month of June, masks will be required for indoor worship.** We will also continue to block off every other pew which will limit capacity and help maintain physical distancing. With that said, you may simply show up at **11 a.m., the new time for the indoor worship and livestream.** Since we will not be checking anyone in beginning in June, the front (red) doors of the church will be open in addition to the ramp and office entrances.



EFM GRADUATES

ADAM BALLINTOY & BONNIE BAUTZ

Congratulations to Adam Ballintoy and Bonnie Bautz upon the successful completion of four years of Education for Ministry! We are tremendously proud of your dedicated study and accomplishment!



THE SPEED OF TRUST

Bishop Brian Cole has released a [reconciling thought](#) about COVID-19 and masking guidelines that you might enjoy. Here is a brief part of his message:

"I would invite you to reflect on the passage from Romans 12, particularly as it relates to the gift of encouragement. This is both an encouraging time and a time to be encouragers of others as we move forward at 'the speed of trust.'



Even with this hopeful threshold in our response to the COVID pandemic, we will be living in the aftermath of this pandemic for a long time to come. Our COVID page on the Diocesan website will be adding resources to support grief work and those living with mental health challenges, many of which we will only begin to see as we find ourselves more and more in front of each other in real time and space." ~ *Bishop Brian Cole*



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LIVESTREAM CONCERT

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Emma Whitten next week and present a livestream organ recital for our parish on **Friday, June 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**



A native of Tennessee, Dr.

Whitten holds a Doctoral of Musical Arts in Organ Performance from Arizona State University and is represented by Seven Eight Artists. Emma's programs are engaging and diverse, drawing from a repertoire spanning eight centuries of organ music!

Emma resides in Oceanside California, where she maintains a busy studio, but is no stranger to St Stephen's. Her parents reside in Wartburg, TN, and her sister Cathy sings in the parish choir. You can read more about Emma on her website at www.emmawhitten.com.

Tune into our [YouTube Channel](#) at 6.30pm on Friday, June 4th for a livestreamed program. In order to abide by the current COVID-19 policies within our parish, the concert will have a small private audience limited to guests of the artist only.

Our music program at St. Stephen's is supported by both the parish budget and donations given to the Music Memorials Fund. Please contact the Director of Music, [Simon Ballintoy](#), for more information on how this fund benefits our music program. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

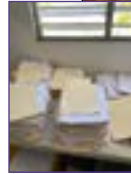
FINDING JOY IN SCRIPTURE

"Even if the fig tree does not bloom and the vines have no grapes, even if the olive tree fails to produce and the fields yield no food, even if the sheep pen is empty and the stalls have no cattle—even then, I will be happy with the Lord. I will truly find joy in God, who saves me."

-Habakkuk 3:17-18

OUTREACH IN HAITI

This past week, a wire transfer was initiated to the bank account that Dr. Wilkine and nurse Ginose use in the medical clinic in Jacmel, Haiti. Dr. Wilkine has returned to the States again but has arranged for another doctor to work as Ginose needs. Wilkine and Ginose have had the new doctor working at the Clinic for 2 weeks prior. Much needs attention, we will look forward to increased stability and safety in the country. In March and April 2021, the clinic saw 283 patients for a variety of illnesses.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we gear up to resume services with our families, we find ourselves in need of volunteers for the Nursery. Sharon Thomas, our Nursery Coordinator, has relied on a stable of 7-8 rotating volunteers to fulfill the additional adult requirement in child care situations. At this time we have ONLY 2 volunteers scheduled to return. Sharon takes care of the nitty gritty (e.g., diapers), and so the Sunday volunteers are left with the truly enjoyable task of simply playing with our little ones. Please consider this opportunity for stewardship - not of giving money, but giving your time and heart to our youngest parishioners. Let Nancy Anderson know when you're ready. 482-3285 or nanderson124@gmail.com.



CAMP CLEARFORK

Time is drawing near for St. Stephen's parishioners to conduct reading camp at Clearfork in Claiborne County. The yearly summer camp is held to provide summer fun and games as well as reading assistance and receiving books to take home. Music, art, plays, science, math, writing and money have all been worked into previous camp programs. Most importantly, a true bond has been formed between the campers, their parents and guardians and the SS volunteers from our church who go to camp to help. Many other parishioners help at home by getting things ready to go to camp. Our first campers are now in high school. Many still have connections by letters or texts from us or they still receive a gift book from a former volunteer. One camper who will be a senior sends letters to the church. If you are willing to be a part of this meaningful camp **Wednesday to Friday, July 7 - July 9, 2021**, please call Carol Gardner at 865-385-7584 if you would like to help.

