



St Stephen's E-News

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Calendar for the Week

September 17, 2023 - Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

There will be only ONE service on Sunday -

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist to be held in the Nave. The 10:00 service will be live-streamed. The bulletin for the service can be downloaded [here](#).

NOTE: Christian Education classes will meet as usual.

September 19, 2023 - Holy Eucharist + Healing Service - 11:30 AM

Helpful Links

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[News and Events from the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee](#)

To request after-hours assistance please call the church's landline, 865-483-8497, and follow the voice prompts to "Pastoral Emergency" (Option 2).

The church's office hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Offices are closed on Fridays and weekends.

Please email articles, announcements, and photos for future E-News to editor@ststephensor.org.
| Our deadline is Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
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Parish Life Events

Sunday, September 17, 2023 -

One Service at 10:00 AM - Followed by Free Ice Cream!



ICE CREAM, ICE CREAM, ICE CREAM!!!

We will admit ... it is partially a bribe for you to be HERE this Sunday for a very important purpose. We are taking the initial steps to create our long-needed updated parish directory. At the 10 AM service, we will ask you to fill out a census form for yourself (and for children in your household if there are any).

After the 10 AM service, we are looking forward to enjoying the wonderful cold treats from one of our local ice cream shops, Lolli and Bobo's. Their truck will be parked out by the grove to serve a FREE single scoop--in a cup or cone. Non-dairy options will be available as well.

A reminder ... there will be only one service at 10 AM. If you know you cannot be there, we will be running the census forms the following week as well. For those who cannot physically attend, the office will reach out to you and get your information. It is vitally important that EVERYONE be included in our directory and with information that is accurate.

Thank you for helping us with this very important task. Looking forward to seeing you with a sweet treat on Sunday!

Peace,
Fr. Bailey

FYI...If you want more than one scoop, it will only cost \$2.00.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 - Tex-Mex Potluck

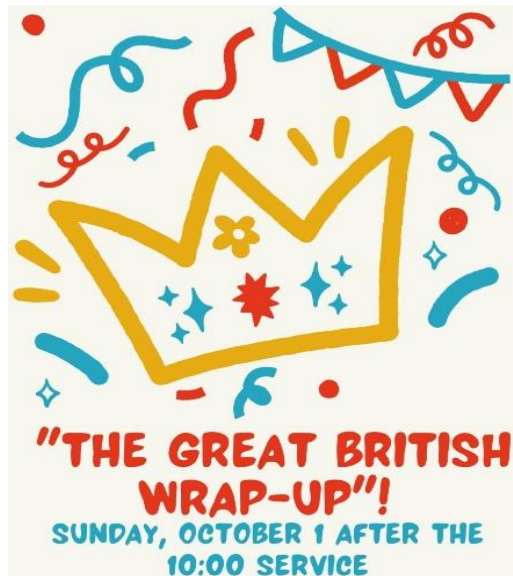


Don't miss this event! Parish Life and Outreach have put together an incredible night of fellowship, dining, and sharing. It all starts in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Earlier this year, the parish donated the Lenten Mite Box offerings to Fr. Mike Wallens and the Rio Grande Borderline Ministries (RGBM). The RGBM works in partnership with Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) to provide humanitarian support to vulnerable people in our border communities, and to provide support to our men and women working in U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- 5:30 PM - Potluck
 - Please bring your favorite Tex-Mex dish. Parish Life will provide drinks and desserts.
- 6:00 PM - Presentation by Outreach
 - Zoom call with Fr. Mike Wallen, who spearheads the RGBM.
 - Presentation about our new project to serve our Hispanic neighbors in Anderson County - with Emily Doane and Olivia Cox, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Oak Ridge, TN

Sunday, October 1, 2023 - Tea Party!



This is not just "another event"!! It's a "royal occasion" - very appropriate in the Episcopal church, as our origins are based in the planting of the Anglican Church in the United States.

On Sunday, October 1, we will present our own interpretation of a proper English tea. Come join us as Simon and the St. Stephen's Choir share with us their stories and photos of their recent trip to London.

We do need a few more tea pots and are seeking volunteers to assist in making tea sandwiches, scones, a tea loaf, or sticky toffee pudding.

So, if you have a teapot to loan, or are willing to help, please contact Leah Bailey: lbailey667@comcast.net.

Sunday, October 29, 2023 - It's A Gourd



It's not too early to start thinking about all things pumpkin - and our Parish Life ministry already has a head start. Stay tuned for more information.

Education Ministry

News from Christian Education

Last Sunday, our Christian Ed students had a wonderful afternoon on Norris Lake. Captain Ben Shassere ferried us on his pontoon boat to the perfect cove for all to swim and enjoy a plethora of water games. Play included chicken fights, pool noodles, snorkeling, fishing, floaties, etc. As Owen S. commented, "This is the most fun ever with our church friends!"



Huge ***Thank you!*** to Ben for sharing his boat with us. Thank you to Adam Cavender and Craig Brent for helping with transportation and helping as play captains. Christian Ed looks forward to Spring 2024 for our next Norris Lake outing.

Every Sunday - Adult Formation Series

Animate: Bible

Imaginatively explore central topics of Christianity.



Join us as we imaginatively explore central topics of Christianity. We are meeting after the 10:00 AM Service in the Pollard Room

In each Animate: Bible session, we will view a video which blends live action with animations to provide thought-provoking perspectives, and beckons discussions.

In this class, we will:

- Focus on building authentic conversation about God.
- Engage in personal reflection on faith learnings and prayer.
- Gain perspectives on canon, history, testaments, gospels, genre, interpretation, and grace from seven Christian thought leaders.

To learn more about this exciting way to explore the Bible – visit the Animate: Bible website.

Every Sunday - Lectionary Bible Study

Our lectionary Bible study is back as well! This Bible study is held in the Pollard Room starting at about 9:00 a.m., just after the 7:45 service and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Each week we take a deep dive in the gospel passage for the week. Join us in a conversation to enlighten our understanding of the Gospel and the message of the good news of Christ.

NOTE: The Bible study will still be held this week, starting at 9:00 a.m. and prior to the single service at 10:00 AM.

Every Sunday - Children's Sunday School



Our Episcopalian Children's Curriculum meets upstairs on the church level:

- Kids in grades 1-3 will meet in Room 202.
- Kids in grades 4-6 will meet in Room 204
- Kids in grades 6-8 will meet in Room 209


Reminder: All Sunday School Parents need to complete the registration and photo release forms. Both are available in the classrooms.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Burchfield, Christian Education at 865-661-9413, or email Sherry at mommaburch@gmail.com.

This Week's Loose Offering

This week's loose plate offering will go to the Family Resource Center.

Sunday, September 17, 2023 - An Evening of Music



Amadeus Chamber Ensemble

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Selections from *Stabat Mater* & *Messa Solenne*

Sunday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Soloists:
Rochelle Bard · Diana Salesky · Aaron Short · Stephen Morscheck

Conductor: Howard Skinner *Concertmaster:* Miroslav Hristov

Amadeus Chamber Ensemble Choir & Orchestra

Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

FREE ADMISSION *One-hour program; no intermission.*

The Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knoxville, TN, is a vibrant community that works to spread the message of Christ. This fall, the Cathedral Concert Series is pleased to present Amadeus Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Howard Skinner, performing selection from *Stabat Mater* & *Messa Solenne* by composer Gioachino Rossini.

Admission is free - tickets are required. To get tickets and learn more about this event, please visit the website: [**Cathedral Concert Series**](#)

Ministry Updates

Support our Blessing Box - This Week's Request: Canned Fruit

This week, we ask the parish for donations of canned fruit.

If you bring a few items, please feel free to place them directly in the Blessing Box. If you bring multiple items, we ask that you drop it off inside the church. We try to ensure that the Box remains stocked throughout the week.

Of course, we welcome any donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries. Donated items may be placed in the bins located in the Narthex and Hospitality Room, or directly in the Blessing Box.

Family Quiet Room - Room 209

We want to invite families with infants and babies to know that we have a quiet room just down the hall from the main church. It's a lovely space for families who may need to tend to babies or need a quiet moment!

Daughters of the King - Reflecting God's Love

The Order of the Daughters of the King is made up of Christian women, both lay and ordained, at different stages of our Christian journey. Our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

There are no special spiritual attributes needed to become a Daughter of the King – only a sincere desire to draw nearer to God, and to help others do the same.

- We meet on the second Sunday of each month following the 10 am service (approximately 11:45 am-1:00 pm) in the Chapel. Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 8, 2023 (No September meeting).
- All women of the parish are welcome and invited to attend these meetings.

Save the Date! Saturday, November 18, 2023, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Fr. Ashton Sims will lead a Quiet Afternoon and mini retreat in preparation for Advent. All are welcome. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Wednesday Night Suppers - New This Fall

This fall Adult Formation will be hosting a Wednesday Night supper with adult classes and activities for kids. The evening will start at 5pm with promises that everyone will be on their way home at 6:30pm. More information soon!

Ongoing Church Events

Tuesday Bible Study - Pollard Room, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The Tuesday Bible Study continues Prayer, a guided study by Tim Keller
For more information email james.rousey@aol.com.

Wednesday Men's Group - 8:30 AM

The Men's Group meets every Wednesday in the Pollard Room.

Thursday Contemplative Prayer (Zoom) - On Hiatus

The Contemplative Prayer Group will resume this week on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 4:00 PM, to continue its discipline of silent contemplative prayer.

If you'd like to join us, feel free to call/text us (Steve Herbes: 865.250.9123; Liz Herbes: 865.228.2537)