



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

January 29, 2021

3 Epiphany

Psalm 111

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

SUNDAY WORSHIP & SOCIAL TIME

It's the fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, and we will have **ONE** service of **Morning Prayer, January 31, 2021, at 9 a.m.**

Our livestream is at 9 a.m. on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/ststephensor. Call 865-498-6483 to listen to the service, if you do not have a computer.

Join the Zoom meetings: go to Zoom.us, and Join a Meeting with the credentials below.

Morning Coffee Hour at 10 a.m.

Morning Meeting ID: 848 0379 6165
Password: 609987

Evening Social Hour is at 5 p.m..

Evening Meeting ID: 816 4332 4827
Password: 999944

EYF

EYF will meet from 12-2 for a craft and homework day! We will be painting and doing other fun, relaxing crafts! Not into crafting? Bring some homework to work on! We hope to see you there!

Caroline Wood,
Youth Minister
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PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

Nancy Bischoff
Steven & Elizabeth Botica
Brian & Barbara Bovee
Mike & Roni Boyd

Please include these people in your prayers.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

St Stephen's Outreach Committee encourages you to participate in the **United Way Food Pantry Program**. This is NOT a part of our own St. Stephen's Food Basket Program, whose first 2021 distribution will be in March.

Local pantries are extremely low in basics such as **mac**



& cheese, soups, canned meats, diapers, feminine products and baby wipes.

Donations are accepted now through January 31, 2021 at First United Methodist Church, Vienna Road entrance, Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to noon.

The United Way coordinates distribution to local Pantries. Thanks for your consideration.
John Murphy, Outreach Committee Chair

2021 DIRECTORY

Our 2021 Parish Directory is currently being updated! If you have a new mailing address, landline phone number, mobile phone number, or email address, please send that information to Elizabeth at secretary@ststephensor.org. We update the Parish Directory throughout the year.

If you have an unlisted phone number that you do NOT wish to publish in the Parish Directory, we also maintain a Staff Directory which includes private contact information.

Please help us keep in contact with you by letting us know if your updated contact information. Thank you!

CALENDAR UPDATE

Our Online Calendar now features Altar Flowers and Ambry Candle sign-ups! Please visit our website and click on the Calendar to see open Sundays! The links to sign up for Altar Flowers and the Ambry Candle are in the weekly email.

ECUMENICAL STOREHOUSE

In January, Ecumenical Storehouse has been turning down some donations and handling others with the guys who regularly come to the Storehouse during the week, plus a few other helpers. Because the Storehouse is so full, we anticipate that we won't be picking up a lot in February. The Storehouse has created 4 Teams of several churches each to take a week each month to manage the ES. St. Stephen's is part of Team 2 which will help the second week of each month. We also know that some volunteers don't feel comfortable doing any pickups right now because of COVID, but again we want to get people assigned to teams for helping later.

Roger Johnson with the help of Outreach will be asking for parishioners who can help either now or later after the Pandemic ceases. The current hours have been reduced during the pandemic.

As one of the team leaders for Team 2 (First Baptist, First Christian) Roger will coordinate communication with Team 2 members. We believe we can function with 2-4 volunteers weekly for now. Later, some teams may want to do pickups on weekdays but we are scheduling Saturday pickups for February, unless a large donor needs other arrangements.

Roger Johnson, Outreach Team

Take-Away Containers

We are looking for some box-style take away containers - and we'd like to get about 90.

They are available at Dollar Tree sometimes, but we're really trying to recycle and avoid more and more Ziploc bags. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, we need the bottoms and lids! Thank you!

Sherry Burchfield, Christian Education Team

