



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

February 26, 2021

1 Lent

Psalm 22:22-30

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

It's the second Sunday in Lent, and we will have a traditional Rite I service of Morning Prayer, **February 28, 2021**, livestreamed at 9 a.m. on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/ststephensor

SUNDAY SOCIAL TIME & ADULT FORUM

Morning Coffee Hour & Adult Forum from 10 to 11:30 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



Our Adult Forum returns in Lent, where we will examine how we can engage in **constructive dialogue** and where God may be purposefully leading us, both individually and collectively.

Live classes will be held in combination with our Coffee Hour (10:00 to 11:30) on Sundays: February 28, and March 7 and 14, 2021. Recordings will be posted later to the St. Stephen's YouTube channel.

Please use the Coffee Hour Zoom meeting ID and password to join the forum!
Courtney Manrod

PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

Mark and Diane Cooper
Mary Cooper, Lilly and Vivian
Robbie Cordani,
Dustin and Stacy Cox, Thomas and Matthew

Please include these people in your prayers.

WOMEN'S INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

All are invited to the program "**A Failed Policy: A Conversation about Tennessee's Death Penalty**" on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 11 a.m. Reverend Stacy Rector, Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, is the speaker. Hosted by Women's Interfaith Dialogue. Contact wid.logsdon@gmail.com for a Zoom link by Sunday, February 28, 2021.

EYF

I hope y'all are getting to enjoy this sunshine!
On Sunday from 12-2 p.m., we will be playing more "It's in the Bag!" Bring your game face because I am ready to win this time!
~ *Caroline Wood, Youth Minister*

FOOD BASKET DISTRIBUTION



One of our most impactful outreach ministries is our quarterly distribution of food baskets to needy individuals and families in the greater Oak Ridge community. During the pandemic, your Outreach Committee has been distributing Aldi gift cards in lieu of distributing baskets of non-perishable food items. This has made it much easier, albeit more costly, to continue to provide this much-needed assistance to the increasing numbers of struggling people.

Our next gift card distribution is March 13, 2021. While a fraction of the money supporting this comes from the operating budget, the **MAJORITY** of the ministry is supported through **OFFERINGS** and **CONTRIBUTIONS** from parishioners. Many of you make special charitable donations during Lent; this would be a wonderful way to support an in-house ministry that is making a tremendous difference in our local area.

If you would like to donate, you have two options:

- Mail a check to the parish (212 N. Tulane Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830). Please specify **FOOD BASKETS** on the memo of your check
- Go and make an online donation on our website, www.ststephensor.org. Go to the "Online Giving" tab on the right side. Fill out the form and make sure under "Fund" to specify **FOOD BASKETS**

FAREWELL, CAROLINE!



This Sunday is the last day for our youth minister **Caroline Wood** as she departs just up the road in Knoxville to her new position as the Diocesan Youth Coordinator. While the youth will be saying goodbye to her on Sunday, the pandemic has kept us from throwing a parish-wide farewell for her. But for those of you who would like to send her well wishes or gifts, you may send them to her at the Diocesan House. Please send them to Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee, 814 Episcopal School Way, Knoxville, TN 37932. We wish Caroline well but very much look forward to seeing her around still at St. Stephen's when she comes to worship with us and to encourage our deeper participation in the ministry of the diocese.



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LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

REVELATION

Join Fr. Bailey this Lent as he explores this eccentric and marvelous book of the Bible. During Lent, we will publish videos Monday through Friday on our YouTube channel that will take you through the entire book, explaining its meaning and relevance to how God calls us to live today.



*"Light of the World" (1851-53)
William Holdman Hunt (1827-1910)*

COMPLINE IN LENT

Join us at 8 p.m. for Compline on Thursdays evenings, from February 18 through March 19, 2021 over Zoom. Parishioners can also call in using the phone number 646-558-8656, if they are not comfortable using Zoom.

Meeting ID: 849 3089 6869

Password: 716671

